

SECTION I CONCEPTS

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Military Plans and Operational Areas

Area Coordination Center

GENERAL

This chapter provides guidance for employing the separate brigade and divisional brigade in counterinsurgency operations.

Counterinsurgency operations are governed by national and intermediate level IDAD plans.

This section introduces brigade operations as part of the larger IDAD effort. Military operations against guerrilla forces are part of an overall strategy which also includes economic, social, and political programs. Defeat of an insurgent threat requires destruction of guerrilla forces AND operation of successful economic, social, and political programs.

MILITARY PLANS AND OPERATIONAL AREAS

The use of armed forces in counterinsurgency operations is primarily to provide enough internal security to enable the host country to initiate IDAD programs and pursue national objectives. These objectives are the basis for planning mutually supporting military, social, political, and economic programs.

The brigade operations are governed by the national military plan and by guidance of intermediate military headquarters.

The national military plan provides the brigade its overall operational instructions to include the manner and extent of tactical operations (in both strike campaigns and consolidation campaigns) and intelligence, psychological, populace and resources control, civil affairs, and advisory assistance operations.

Brigade plans must extend these operational instructions to subordinate units, insuring that unit commanders have sufficient operational guidance to support the overall mission of the brigade.