

- Many of the insurgents do not wear distinctive uniforms. At times, some may appear dressed in government uniforms. Insurgents cannot always be distinguished from government supporters or neutrals even when they are conducting overt operations.
- External support may be provided to the insurgents, both overtly and covertly. Nations or groups supporting the insurgents may provide sanctuaries where insurgent forces may establish base areas.
- Paramilitary forces may assume increased responsibilities.
- No military “frontline” exists where continuous contact can be maintained.
- Insurgents typically do not hold territory. They may disperse and avoid combat at the appearance of a stronger force.

SECTION II BASE DEFENSE

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MISSIONS, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Base defense consists of both normal and emergency local military measures taken to nullify or reduce the effectiveness of enemy attacks or sabotage. Base defense is conducted to insure the continued effectiveness of its facilities and units to fulfill their missions.

GENERAL. The commander of an area or a subarea that contains a base is responsible for its overall defense against enemy forces. The base commander, however, is responsible for its local defense; he must have under his operational control all forces, regardless of branch of service, that are assigned to the base primarily for its defense. Forces assigned to the base for other primary purposes will also assist in local defense during an attack. Each commander of forces located at a base is responsible for - -

- Participating in preparation of base defense plans.