

cases early insurgency indicators will be found in the rural areas where the subversive insurgents are concentrating their initial efforts.

During the development of a subversive insurgency, some of the first indicators of latent or incipient insurgency will appear in the rural areas. While some of these indicators are rather obvious, some are not. For the sake of simplicity, these indicators of insurgency have been placed into the four categories of population, propaganda, commodity, and environmental indicators.

#### Population Indicators.

##### ■ GENERAL ACTIVITY.

- Identification of insurgents, their supporters, and sympathizers who suddenly appear in, or move out of, an area.
- New faces in the community.
- Unusual gatherings among the population.
- Disruption of normal social patterns.

##### ■ INSURGENT-PROMOTED ACTIVITIES.

- Refusal of peasants to pay rent, taxes, or loan payments or unusual difficulty in their collection.
- Trend of hostility on the part of the local population toward government forces.
- Occurrence of actions previously considered taboo by the populace.
- Disappearance of the population from or avoidance by the people of certain areas.
- Unexplained disappearance or dislocation of young people.

##### ■ ACTIVITY AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

- Strangers attempting to join local security forces.
- Reports of the people being approached for purposes of intelligence recruitment.
- Unusual short absences of government employees.
- Failure of police and informant nets to report properly.
- Growth of general hostility toward the government.
- Unexplained destruction or loss of government identification papers or passports and increased forgeries thereof.