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**ASSIGNMENT; Question: in not more than three
pages discuss the tactics employed in
counterinsurgency operations.**

DEFINITION OF COUNTER INSURGENCY :

Counterinsurgency is those military, paramilitary, economic, psychological and civil actions taken by a government to defeat an insurgency . In a counterinsurgency, Host Nation forces and partners operate to defeat armed resistance, reduce passive opposition, and establish or reestablish the legitimacy of the Host Nation's government . Counterinsurgency may be a proactive approach involving all elements of national power; even right down to the tactical level. COIN operations strive to realize unity of effort amongst many joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational organizations. COIN includes tactical planning; intelligence development and analysis; training; materiel, technical, organizational assistance; advice; infrastructure development; tactical-level operations; and knowledge engagement.

Tactics Employed in counter insurgency operations:

Population control:

With reference to tactics, the terms "drain the water" or "drain the swamp" involves the forced relocation of the population ("water") to show the rebels or insurgents ("fish"). In other words, relocation deprives the aforementioned of the support, cover, and resources of the local population.

Oil spot:

The oil spot approach is that the concentration of counter-insurgent forces into an expanding, secured zone. The origins of the expression is to be found in its initial use by Marshal Hubert Lyautey(Marshal Hubert Lyautey. 1900), the most theoretician of French colonial warfare and counter-insurgency strategy. The oil spot approach was later one among the justifications given within the Pentagon Papers for the Strategic Hamlet Program.

Cordon and search:

Cordon and search may be a military tactic, one among the essential counter-insurgency operations during which a neighborhood is cordoned off and premises are looked for weapons or insurgents. Other related operations are "Cordon and knock" and "Cordon and kick". "Cordon and search" is a component of latest doctrine called Stability and Support Operations or SASO. It is a way used where there's no hard intelligence of weapons within the house and thus is a smaller amount intense than a traditional house search. It is used in urban neighborhoods. The purpose of the mission is to look a house with as little inconvenience to the resident family as possible.

Air operations:

Air power can play a crucial role in counter-insurgency, capable of completing a good range of operations:

- Transportation in support of combatants and civilians alike, including casualty evacuations;
- Intelligence gathering, surveillance, and reconnaissance;
- Psychological operations, through leaflet drops, loudspeakers, and radio broadcasts;
- Air-to-ground attack against 'soft' targets.

Public diplomacy & information operations :

In General David Petraeus' Counterinsurgency Field Manual, one among the various tactics described to assist win in counterinsurgency warfare involves the utilization of public diplomacy through military means. Counterinsurgency is effective when it's integrated "into a comprehensive strategy employing all instruments of national

power," including public diplomacy. The goal of COIN operations is to render the insurgents as ineffective and non-influential, by having strong and secure relations with the population of the host nation. An understanding of the host nation and therefore the environment that the COIN operations will happen in is important .

Ethics may be a common public diplomacy aspect that's emphasized in COIN warfare. Insurgents win their war by attacking internal will and therefore the international opposition. In order to combat these tactics the counterinsurgency operations got to treat their prisoners and detainees humanely.

Public diplomacy in information operations can only be achieved by an entire understanding of the culture it's operating in. Counterinsurgency operations must be ready to perceive the planet from the locals ' perspective. To develop a comprehensive cultural picture counterinsurgency efforts should invest in employing "media consultants, finance and business experts, psychologists, organizational network analysts, and students from a good range of disciplines. Most importantly, counterinsurgency efforts got to be ready to understand why the local population is drawn into the insurgent ideology, like what aspects are appealing and the way insurgents use information to draw their followers into the ideology. Counterinsurgency communication efforts need a baseline understanding of values, attitudes, and perceptions of the people within the area of operations to conduct successful public diplomacy to defeat the enemy. Developing information and communication strategies involve providing a legitimate alternate ideology, improving security and economic opportunity, and strengthening family ties outside of the insurgency.

Conducting public diplomacy through relaying information and communicating with the general public during a counterinsurgency is most successful when a conversation can happen between the counterinsurgency team and therefore the local population of the area of operation. Building rapport with the public. Understanding and influencing

the cognitive dimension of the local population is important to winning counterinsurgency warfare.

Public diplomacy is particularly important as modern insurgents are more easily ready to gain support through a spread of sources, both local and transnational, because of advances in increased communication and globalization. Consequently, modern counter-insurgency requires attention to be focused on an insurgency's ecosystem from the national to the local level, so as to deprive the insurgency of support and stop future insurgent groups from forming.

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