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IN NOT LESS THAN THREE PAGES, DISCUSS THE TACTICS THAT ARE EMPLOYED IN COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS

WHAT IS COUNTER INSURGENCY

Counter insurgency according to the United States military is defined as the combination of measures undertaken by government and their multi-national support parties to defeat an insurgent. Counter insurgency is the use of all elements of a nation’s power, including not only combined arms operations but also psychological, political, economic, intelligence and also diplomatic operations to defeat an insurgency. According to the United States Department of State defines counter insurgency as the comprehensive civilian and military efforts taken to simultaneously defeat and contain insurgency and address its root causes.

Insurgency is the rebellion against a constituted authority by an unorganized group that is not recognized by law. Now counter insurgency is when the recognized military body comes up with various steps to overthrow this unrecognized groups who are taking away their stabilized government away from them. Counter insurgency makes use of all instruments of national power to integrate and synchronize the political, security, legal, economic, development and psychological activities carried out by nations and their allies to create a holistic approach aimed at weakening the insurgent while simultaneously bolstering a government of legitimate enough in the eyes of the citizens. Counter insurgency should be designed to simultaneously protect the population from insurgent violence strengthen the legitimacy and capacity of government institutions to govern responsibly and marginalize insurgents politically, socially and economically. Counter insurgency is a holistic approach embarked upon by government forces and their multi-national partners, sponsors to contain, diminish or to eliminate an insurgency. Insurgency requires more than one tactics to stop insurgency.

The tactical consideration to counter insurgency is group from the `TERRAIN and then the TROOPS.

TERRAIN – the terrain plays a key role in counter insurgency operations. Insurgencies are fought either in urban or a rural terrain, each with its own characteristics. Insurgency thrive in an urban environment.the operation against urban insurgents vary from operations designed to control the population to operations that involve seeking out and killing or capturingng the insurgent, in these areas the counter insurgency forces may have to emphasize intelligence and police operations to counter clandestine organizational, intelligence, logistics, and terrorist activities. The counter insurgent forces must do the following;

* Maintain a constant,forward presence with the population.
* Acquiring and disseminating accurate intelligience at all times
* Avoid overaection of to insurgent activities
* Controlling access to weapons in the nation
* Preventing riots, protest and other large population incidents.
* Protecting industries and public service from attack and sabotage.

All urban operations require careful planning and coordination, particularly those operations involving application of force, ie establish civil security, establish civil control and so on.

STRIKE OPERATION

Strike operations are short duration (generally one day to several weeks) offensive, tactical operation conducted in contested or insurgent controlled urban or rural areas to find, fix and destroy insurgent forces. Small, highly mobile combat forces operate in dispersed formation to locate and fix the insurgents. Upon locating the insurgents, commanders direct their forces to attack, pursue and destroy them. If contact is lost the units resume aggressive patrolling to establish contact and destroy insurgent forces before they can rest, recognize, and resume operations. Strike operations seek to destroy insurgent forces and base areas, isolate insurgent forces from their support and interdict insurgent infiltration routes and lines of communications. Strike forces are organized as self-sufficient task forces capable of operating in areas remote from logistical bases. Strike operations can also be used as a means to encourage reconcilable insurgents ton the negotiation table, strike operations are conducted to

* Harass the insurgent to prevent the buildup of personel and logical resources.
* Destroy the insurgent force and its base complexes.
* Demonstrate government resolve and gamer support from the populace in the local area
* Set the conditions to to expand clear hold build operation.

POPULACE AND RESOURCE CONTROL OPERATIONS

Populace and resource control operation are government actions to protect the populace and its material resources from insurgents to deny insurgents access to deny the insurgents access to the populace and material resources and to identify and eliminate the insurgents,their organization their activities and influence while doing so. The objective of populace and resources control is to assist in preserving or re-establishing a state of law order within an area or entire nation.

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