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**QUESTION**

**In not more than 3 pages, discuss the tactics employed in counter-insurgency operation.**

**What is Insurgency?**  
Insurgency could be seen as the violent means or measure(which include civil disobedience against the government )undertaken by a certain group of people with the aim of resource and human control.

**What is counter insurgency?**  
Counter insurgency could be seen as all political, economic, military, paramilitary, psychological, and civic actions that can be taken by a government to defeat an insurgency. Counter insurgency operations include supporting a Host Nation’s military, paramilitary, political, economic, psychological, and civic actions taken to defeat an insurgency.   
The main objective of Counter Insurgency operations is to render the insurgents as an ineffective one, by having strong relations with the population of the host.  
A counterinsurgency is won by using strategic communications and [information operations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_warfare" \o "Information warfare) properly. A counterinsurgency is a competition of ideas, ideologies,etc

-**Tactics employed in counter insurgency operation.**

### **Public diplomacy**

One of the tactics used to win in counterinsurgency warfare is the use of [public diplomacy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_diplomacy" \o "Public diplomacy) through military ways. Counterinsurgency could be productive when it is racially balanced into a comprehensive strategy employing all instruments of national power, including public diplomacy. Public diplomacy in Counter insurgency operation warfare is only effective when there is a clear understanding of the culture and population at hand. One of the widest elements mandatory for defeating an insurgency involves understanding the public masses, how they interact with the insurgents, how they interact with [non-government organizations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-government_organizations" \o "Non-government organizations) in the area, and how they view the counterinsurgency operations personally.

[Ethics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethics" \o "Ethics) is a well known public diplomacy aspect that is emphasized in Counter insurgency operation . Insurgents will win their battle by attacking internal will and the international opposition. In order to combat these tactics the counterinsurgency operations need to treat their prisoners and detainees humanely and according to values and principles.. By doing this, Counter insurgency operations show the host nation's population that they can be relied on and that they are concerned about the well being of the population, this will ensure success in the warfare.

### **SECURING OF OIL BASE**

This tactic deals with focusing military forces on oil base or oil spot like pipelines where insurgents target for destruction.

The oil spot aspect or approach is seen as the engrossing of armed military officers at oil locations e.g Refineries. Pipelines. Etc . The concentration of these armed military officials at oil spots would help to reduce or stop the insurgents from vandalizing public property including the extortion of oil unlawfully.  
 **SURVELLIANCE**  
Tactic include searching areas mostly cordoned off and also searching for weapons or insurgents at hide outs.. This technique is used where there is no hard intelligence of weapons at homes and therefore is less serious than a normal house search. It is used in mostly urban neighborhoods. The purpose of this is to search a house with as little inconvenience to the resident family as possible.  
Also the use of Air Surveillance in intelligence gathering In surveillance, and reconnaissance.

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