

Doctrinal definitions

Civil information – Information developed from data with relation to civil areas, structures, capabilities, organization, people and events within the civil component of the commander's OE that can be fused or processed to increase Defense Department/interagency/intergovernmental organizations/NGOs/indigenous populations and institutions' situational awareness, situational understanding or situational dominance. (FM 3-57)

CIM – Process whereby civil information is collected, entered into a central database and internally fused with the supported element, higher headquarters, other U.S. government and Defense Department agencies to ensure the timely availability of information for analysis and the widest possible dissemination of the raw and analyzed civil information to military and nonmilitary partners throughout the area of operations. (FM 3-57)

Civil reconnaissance – A targeted, planned and coordinated observation and evaluation of specific civil aspects of the environment. Civil reconnaissance focuses specifically on the civil component, the elements of which are best represented by the mnemonic ASCOPE (areas, structures, capabilities, organizations, people and events). Civil reconnaissance can be conducted by civil affairs or by other forces as required. (FM 3-57)

Reconnaissance – (Defense Department) A mission undertaken to obtain, by visual observation or other detection methods, information about the activities and resources of an enemy or adversary or to secure data, concerning the meteorological, hydrographic or geographic characteristics of a particular area. (Joint Publication 2-0) See Army Doctrinal Reference Publication 3-90, FM 3-90-2 and Army Training Publication (ATP) 3-55.6.