

Military Police

The military police is a special police force composed of armed forces personnel assigned to police duties (soldiers assigned to police duties within the armed forces).

According to the law, the military police is a service that polices the military itself.

The main duties of the military police are:

- Ensuring discipline and order in military properties and maintaining discipline and order among military personnel in public;
- Acting as a police agency during criminal proceedings concerning crimes committed by military personnel and during investigations of offences committed by the military;
- Searching for military personnel and property belonging to armed forces;
- Participation in the protection of weapons, ammunition, and explosives;
- Participation in the protection of classified materials;
- Supervision over security of military vehicles and controlling them while they are moving on public roads;
- Supervision over training of military drivers;
- Supervision over technical condition and qualifications of military vehicles;
- Escorts of military convoys;
- Protection and escorts of designated persons (president, government members, selected law-makers, diplomats, flag officers);
- Keeping records and statistics necessary for the fulfilment of its duties.

The responsibilities of the military police are specified as follows. The military police is authorized to deal with military personnel in active service; persons in military properties and areas where military activities are performed; persons committing a crime or offence against military personnel; and persons committing a crime or offence against military property.

Even the international missions of armed forces are often supported by the military police. The military police section of a peacekeeping contingent is usually subordinated directly to the contingent commander. It provides police services in support of the contingent and its members. It also detects and documents criminal activity and investigates traffic accidents. It informs the commander and main representatives of the ministry of defence and the general staff about the unit's security situation.

Organizational structure of military police retains a sufficient measure of independence and has a direct link to other entities and institutions that take part or are involved in criminal proceedings.

Based on an assessment of existing risks, it is reasonable to assume that requirements (especially quantitative) placed upon the military police in connection with providing support to armed forces will continue to grow.