A component of national defence consisting in measures and activities to counter dangerous situations caused by

a. natural disaster;
b. national or international crisis;
c. armed conflict [1].

These measures and activities are intended to regulate the functioning of the central and peripheral organization of telecommunications, transport, the economy, and energy resources. They also deal with the psychological aspects of such situations, maintenance of public order [2] (where appropriate by the assumption of civilian powers by the military authorities), protection of the civilian population [3], etc.

See Military service [4]; Religious personnel [5]; Loss of protection [6]; Precautions against the effect of attacks [7];
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