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Role of the military nurse in disaster management: Insurgency

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issaster is adverse condition that can lead to loss of lives and properties. Management is the organization of resources and responsibilities for dealing with all humanitarian aspect of emergencies. In short are the preparedness, response and recovery to lessen the impact of disaster. Natural disasters are disasters that occur naturally for example; heavy rains, fire out breaks, earthquake, land/snow slides, floods and famine. Manmade disasters are disasters caused by man such as accidents, air crashes, nuclear installations, nuclear reactions, careless handling of chemicals and weapons, conventional military warfare and road traffic accidents. Other disasters are also caused by civil wars, communal conflicts, terrorist attacks by group armed men/ campaign. Types of terrorist attack are hostage taking, sporadic firing, Hijacking, Suicide bombing, Assassination. Roles of the military nurse includes: the nurse must be well trained professionally and militarily to enable her/he to assume the following roles especially when dealing with the terrorist group or the insurgents, she must act as a medical personnel by treating all the wounded or the sick taken as hostages, act as an intelligent personnel by ensuring she/he is alert and observe what is going on around her/he with caution, act as a mediator between the authorities and the terrorists. She/he must be neutral to enable her/ him succeed in releasing the hostages or transferring the injured or sick to the hospital, must be able to communicate with the authorities without giving any positive sign to the terrorists, the nurse must be able to identify the terrorists with any sign or mark on the terrorist, the nurse must be able to identify the types of weapons used by these armed groups such as rifles, pistons or any other harmful weapons. Methods of evacuating the casualties are: all trained disaster nurses must be able to evacuate the casualties from the scene of the attack or disaster for onward movement to the hospital via the ambulance or aircraft.

Biography

Hajara Bashari began her career as a non-commissioned officer in 1986. She rose to become the first Hausa Muslim woman from a core Northern state to reach the rank of Wing Commander, equivalent to Lieutenant Colonel in the Army.

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