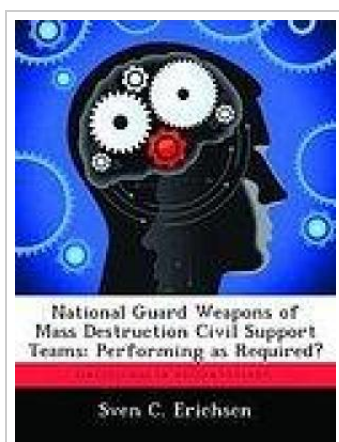




National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams: Performing as Required?

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