

# Achieving National Security and Sustainability of Sri Lanka in Integration of Role of Lawfare and Warfare for Contemporary Armed Operations

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The aim of this paper is to present an Integration of Role of Lawfare and Warfare for Contemporary Armed Operations and then its recalibrating concepts that can cater to Sri Lankan Armed Forces to achieve the National Security and Sustainability of Sri Lanka. Contemporary Armed Operations are not solely waged on the raw battlefield yet in multi-dimensions, such as Lawfare: the legal arena that caters or substitutes in other dynamics of the warfare. In a modern law-rich framework, with a richness of legal rules, military strategists must foresee the possibilities of legal argumentation. The study was conducted in a qualitative approach by reviewing 74 research papers by meta-synthesis method followed by Meta - Thematic Synthesis and Critical Interpretive Analysis. The results recognised the Integration of Role of Lawfare and Warfare based on complementary findings: Strategic Denial/ Victory, Operational Denial, Material Denial, Power of the Lawfare. It reveals that the Lawfare can be used in place of warfare when it can compel specified behaviour at a lower cost beyond kinetic warfare, even when would be ineffectual. This paper analyses various concepts and develops novel interpretations, future scopes of significance as the practical application that is vital to build a Lawfare component would be strategically integrated warfare in command structures to achieve preferred results.

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