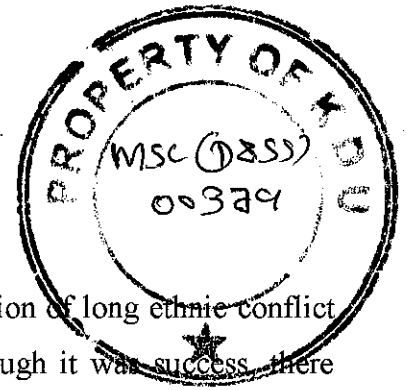


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ABSTRACT



1. Recently, Sri Lanka has been victorious in the completion of long ethnic conflict which fought between state armed forces and LTTE. Though it was successful, there were allegations against SL Armed Forces for violation of Human Rights during the conflict. However, Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) has implemented various replies as response to those allegations. Even though resolving actions have taken by the GoSL, there are some allegations are being continuing against the SL Armed forces and governments at present as well.

2. In this background, the aim of this study is to analyse the reasons for such allegation whilst studying the role of armed forces during an armed conflict. Accordingly, the researcher conducted the study to find out the solution through qualitative approach. The roles of the armed forces were investigated by analysing the protection of Human Rights of Non-combatants in perspective of International Human Rights Law (IHRL), since most of the allegations were addressed on such area. As such, feedbacks of the actions of SL armed forces were gathered by ground force Officers those who actively involved in the conflict and experienced on handling Non-combatants. Thus, the researcher conducted empirical analysis using the data collected from the sample and made recommendations based on the findings of the study.

**Key words:** Human Rights, Human Rights Law, Allegations, Non-combatants

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