

Post Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam Threat in Sri Lanka; Change in *Modus Operandi*

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Abstract

This paper discusses the ongoing threat posed by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and its supporters, following its defeat in Sri Lanka's civil war in 2009. The paper explores the LTTE's new tactics, including the use of online falsehoods, lobbying, law making, and litigation. In recent years, the LTTE has been actively engaging in political lobbying, both domestically and internationally, to advance its separatist agenda. Additionally, the LTTE has made use of online platforms to spread propaganda, disinformation, and fake news to further its cause. This shift in the modus operandi by the LTTE reflects a broader trend towards non-violent activism and the use of modern communication technologies. The study intends to highlight the fact that LTTE has changed the conventional war tactic mode, therefore Sri Lanka should take measure to protect the country and its national security from LTTE's new modus operandi. Through qualitative research methods, including a literature review, expert interviews, and case studies, the paper highlights the need for Sri Lanka and the international community to address this threat seriously. The research findings reveal that the LTTE's supporters have shifted their tactics to spread propaganda and misinformation, lobby governments and international organizations, and engage in law making and litigation to challenge Sri Lanka's sovereignty. The paper recommends a comprehensive approach that includes countering online falsehoods through public awareness campaigns, combating lobbying efforts through engagement with governments and international organizations, and defending against legal challenges through legal means. The paper concludes that the LTTE's change in modus operandi presents a significant threat to Sri Lanka's stability and sovereignty and emphasizes the need for Sri Lanka to remain vigilant and take action to counter this threat effectively.

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