

National Security Policy 2030: Internal and External Challenges

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Abstract

Sri Lanka has been gaining a lot more attention from the great powers USA, China, and India due to its geopolitical location. It has been caught in the power rivalry of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Therefore, it is crucially important for Sri Lanka to have a national security policy to address security threats with reference to the present context. This paper examines the importance of having a new national security policy in Sri Lanka and its effectiveness by referring to the drafted national security document for 2030. The research was done using qualitative data by collecting data through books, articles, journals referring to the library, and online articles and journals through websites. The analysis looks at official papers, modernization strategies, capabilities, and strategic alliances. This study examines whether the drafted strategic goals, aims and potential ramifications of the National Security Policy would be effective by 2030. It further examines how the policy affects regional security dynamics and the efficiency of cooperative and strategic alliances. The need to address internal threats, strengthen infrastructure resilience, and promote collaboration between stakeholders is crucial. Diplomatic engagement, cooperative foreign policies, and integrating non-traditional security concerns are also essential. Continuous assessment, foresight, and adaptation are crucial for a safer, more secure world. The research will be beneficial for policymakers, analysts, and academics in understanding Sri Lanka's national security and how it fits with the changing regional security environment. This paper concludes with suggestions to improve the national security policy by the government through military dialogues and diplomacy.

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