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## FUTURE NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS OF SRI LANKA: WITH REFERENCE TO TERRORISM

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National security is the most important phenomenon in the context of governance for a country. As a country, recently Sri Lanka defeated LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) terrorist group and ensured the national security of Sri Lanka. Even though Sri Lanka defeated them, the threat of terrorism still has the possibility for existence. The study is focused "to identify the future national security concerns of Sri Lanka in the context of f terrorism". Methodology that have used for the study, is characterized by qualitative and descriptive analysis method while using both primary and secondary data. Purposely selected sample of 150 people in the fields of government, academic, military and other professionals have been used for the study. According to the study, as future national security concerns in the context of terrorism are identified as, possibility of re-emergence of LTTE terrorist activities, influences of LTTE Tamil Diaspora, cyber terrorism against Sri Lanka, and the threat of emergence of other terrorist extremist groups. As per the primary data, the most pressing security concerns are identified as possibility of re-emergence of LTTE terrorist activities and threat of emergence of other terrorist extremist groups. To ensure the national security, Sri Lanka should have a strong security policy along with cooperation of all citizens of the country and at the same time, mutual cooperation with the regional powers would be an advantage in strengthening the security of Sri Lanka.

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