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### **ABSTRACT**

The Sri Lankan Army is one eminent military force in the world, and they played a significant role during the period of Humanitarian Operation to prevent Sri Lanka from Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). One major problem which is faced by the Sri Lanka Army within and after the Humanitarian Operations is Absent Without Leave (AWOL) soldiers. Some AWOL soldiers engaged illegal activities, and those activities are unswervingly affected to the goodwill of the Sri Lanka Army. This research study mainly focuses to identify the behavioural pattern of AWOL soldiers in order to analyse its impact on the image of the Sri Lanka Army. Three independent variables; emotional behaviour and social behaviour and one dependent variable; impact on the image of the Sri Lanka Army are considered to accomplish the purpose of this research study. Mainly two samples are considered for this study which are AWOL soldiers and the civilians. Those samples are geographically narrow down to Kelaniya Police Division, and respectively 20 respondents were taken from each sample using structured questionnaire. The gathered data were analysed via SPSS 20 using both quantitative and qualitative statistical techniques. The findings of this research study indicated that there is a significant relationship between the personal behavioural pattern of AWOL soldiers in the society and its impacts on the image of the Sri Lanka Army. In order to resolve this matter, a proper monitoring system for monitor AWOL soldiers and introduce the psychological counselling for the trains of the soldiers will be more reliable recommendations.

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