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### **ABSTRACT**

There is no denial that the technological development in the last two hundred years has had an impact in the society unmatched with history before then. The social changes brought out by the technological advancement got its tempo even faster when internet was introduced in the world. The social changes seen by this introduction of Internet and social media lately has been for good as well as for worse in some cases. It is well tested fact that the new threats and vulnerabilities emerged beyond the territorial boundaries which has become an uncontrollable factor for any develop country. As a third world country Sri Lanka started a new era with the end of thirty years war. But it does not mean that Sri Lanka don't have enemies or threats any more. The role of intelligence comes at high priority in this scenario. But it is reasonable to say that focusing to international threats is utmost important due to its' nature of spreading ideas through different means like social media, internet, web sites etc. Especially with the transformation of society in to modern values behaviors and living patterns, the traditional way of information collection have become less effective. The human intelligence sources and technical intelligence sources must be evaluated in this changed environment. Especially important of identifying the gap between IT related activities and capability of absorbing filtered information to intelligence agency has discussed in this thesis. A combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches were adopted for this research. Necessary primary and secondary data were collected through distributed questionnaire amongst the sample, interviews of experienced officers of Military Intelligence Corps and literature survey. The technical intelligence and liberty of society seem to be always overlapped. Therefore further studies on new technologies related to intelligence and its' application in the society has to be conducted.

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