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ABSTRACT

The main aim of this study was to find out the influence of post conflict activities on social recognition of an individual soldier. The main objective of this study was to identify the impact of post conflict role of Sri Lanka Army on the social recognition of an individual soldier. To collect data for this qualitative research, the researcher used semi structured interviews with a sample of twenty five interviewees. This method enabled the researcher to grasp the social perceptions on social recognition of soldiers. By analyzing the literature, the researcher has found the activities performed by soldiers in post conflict period. The researcher also has developed the conceptual framework by reviewing relevant literature in combination with theoretical aspects of social recognition. The researcher found most appropriate interviewees in the sample population by using purposive sampling method. Thematic analysis method, QDA minor lite software and manual method were used to analyze the primary data derived from strategic level, operational and tactical level commanders directly involved in post conflict activities, soldiers, ex-servicemen and professionals in various fields.

The researcher's findings reveal that soldiers did not receive much positive impact on post conflict activities even though these activities were being successful. Further research findings reveal causes for decrease of social recognition of soldiers. Based on these findings the researcher was also able to suggest recommendations to increase the decreasing social recognition of Army soldiers. Finally the researcher has been able to build up a theory on social recognition of soldiers in post conflict period.