

SECURITY FORCES IN NATION BUILDING: ETHICS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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ABSTRACT:

The aim of this study is to identify how civil-military cooperation will enhance through ethics and social responsibility of security forces during nation building. The study uses a descriptive research using quantitative and qualitative methods. The primary phase is data gathering using questionnaires and interviews and conducts an empirical review of the literature relevant for the study in identifying the main concepts of the theoretical framework. This study answers two main problems of the research: (1) to what extent does military ethics have a positive effect on the civil community during nation building; and (2) how civil-military cooperation causes social responsibility of security forces to improve economic and social conditions of civil community during nation-building activities. In achieving its objective, the study tests the hypotheses H1 and H2, a quantitative data analysis using data collected from a simple random sampling and a qualitative data analysis using purposive sampling methods respectively. This study defines nation building as any program, project, or activity undertaken by a nation's security forces in ensuring not only the survival of the nation-states but likewise its development. Military Ethics and social responsibility roles of security forces is discussed in relation to examples from the United States military, Sri Lankan post-conflict re-integration of civilian communities and reconciliation programs conducted by the security forces. Moreover, the importance of civil-military cooperation is identified as a vital role of security forces (SF) during nation building in order to enhance social and economic conditions of the society. Hence, the security forces are an important property of nation building, with their military ethics and social responsibility values in up bringing the nation with the fullest cooperation of the civilian society of the country. The results of this study show that there is a positive effect to the civilian society by the SF. Further nation-building enhances civil-military cooperation. This study can be a critique for other researches to clarify the benefits and other implications of SF involvement in nation building.

Key words: Nation Building, Security Forces, Military Ethics, Social Responsibility, CIMIC, Social And Economic Conditions, Civilians' Belief.