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ABSTRACT

1. At the outset, the researcher would like to state that this study is based on the ideology of warfare during Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa kingdoms of Sri Lanka. As discussed, the warfare has become a common concept for entire world. The countries that exist today have been colonies of strong and wealthier nations for many decades before them being independent. This alone illustrates the fact that how much the warfare is attached to the mankind. The reasons for warfare, if explored, varies between civilian unrest, misconceptions, misunderstandings and greedy of power and wealth. With that comprehension, the foundation stone was laid to this research.

2. Unlike traditional researches, this research was based on a research preposition than that of research hypothesis. Due to that reason, this research made only use of secondary data due to lack of accessibility to historians or authors who recorded the history. As such, this research basically takes a different face and dissimilar approach.

3. Nevertheless, as of other researches, this was also subjected to a comprehensive literature review using various books, journals, periodicals, chronicles, paper articles and World Wide Web. Literature review was conducted with the intention of identifying different strategies, ideologies and threats that drive the kings of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa kingdoms to wage warfare in the past. With that understanding, the researcher formulated a research preposition “the ideology of warfare in Sri Lanka written in history was influenced by preferences of historians” to test the validity of the same. In identifying different ideologies, strategies and threats, the researcher employed a method of coding to deduce them from the literature review.

4. As described in the methodology chapter, the researcher identified a clear research gap which is the history of warfare in Sri Lanka has been written in favor of authors’ own preferences. Therefore, clear demarcation of the ideologies of kings of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa kingdoms in waging warfare was not possible. However, all measures have been taken to reduce the biasness by referring number of

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material documented by different scholars. Then in the analysis chapter, the identified strategies, ideologies and threats have been re-coded and grouped for better interpretation.

5. Later, a data analysis has been conducted using Microsoft excel software to formulate essential tables and charts. Adequate descriptions on identified ideologies, strategies and threats have been given wherever necessary to comfort the reader. Based on the results of analysis, the selected preposition of this research has been proven with significance. Finally, a valuable recommendations have been documented to be presented to the policy makers of Sri Lanka to avoid or minimize warfare in future.

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