

## **Small Team as a Successful Strategy Used in the Battle Against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam**

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### **Abstract**

Sri Lanka military have used many war strategies to win the war against Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). The fourth stage of the war, which erupted under the cause of securing humanitarian needs against LTTE, Sri Lanka Army have used different strategies, tactics, techniques and employed procedures to achieve their targets in the battlefield. The infantry regiments of Sri Lanka army played leading role adopting those strategies more effectively against the terrorism. These new methods worked efficiently on attacking and advancing their capabilities in the battlefield, while incurring massive defeats for terrorists. This research extends to broadly discuss “Small Team” as one of the success strategies used to win the war against LTTE in Sri Lanka. The composition of the Small Team consists with Navigation, Gunnery/Demolition, Communication and Medical experts as a unit. This research elaborates the concept of Small Team as Strategy and analyzed the its impacts to win the fourth Elam War. This research used qualitative research approach to explain the strategy and author used first hand experiences of military officers through interviews, questionnaires, and other military related secondary data for this research. The most of the sectors in Sri Lanka is going with reform process, Sri Lanka military reform also taken top priorities. In this backdrop, modernization of Sri Lanka military while enhancing its capabilities will help to protect and provide its national security as key concern of the country national security.

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