

Institute of National Security Studies

Round Table Discussion

on

“IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL STABILITY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY OF SRI LANKA”

Press Release

Institute of National Security Studies (INSS) organized a Round Table Discussion under the theme, “Importance of Political Stability for National Security of Sri Lanka” on Friday, 07th June 2022 from 1400 hrs –1530 hrs (IST) via Zoom. This event was graced by two eminent speakers, Dr. Prathiba Mahanamahewa, Attorney- at-Law/Arbitrator in Sri Lanka and Jamaica, Rector Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo and Mr. Malinda Seneviratne, Senior Political Analyst and Director/CEO, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Training Institute. The event was moderated by Rear Admiral Dimuthu Gunawardene, RWP**, RSP, VSV, USP, ns&wc, psc, hdmc Acting Director General and Director (Communications and Publications) at INSS.

First speaker Dr. Prathiba Mahanamahewa initiating the discourse emphasized that the political stability goes hand in hand with economic security and ultimately the security of both ensures the national security. Therefore, he discussed further about the importance of political stability and the factors that affect the same. Mismanagement of resources, absence of timely decisions and corruption were identified as main bottlenecks for the political instability. Further he mentioned that a stable political system in a country will automatically restore the national security and suggested a new constitution will be a good hope for Sri Lanka to maintain political stability within the country, taking the current developments of the country into consideration.

Mr. Malinda Seneviratne was the second speaker of the session and he emphasized more on the external threats that is affecting the country’s political stability. This mainly included the threat emanating from the LTTE diaspora abroad and how their acts and influences could create chaos, making the country unstable. He identified the factor of discrimination based on ethnicity, religion is a vital for political instability and the country must unify in order to go in the direction of a political stability.

Subsequent to the presentations, the moderator initiated a meaningful Q and A session and many participants commented and raised questions creating a productive discourse on political stability. The discussion then ended in the hope of conducting another fruitful session in the future.