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This thesis aims at studying the role in politics of the Thai military especially in the case of the establishment of Samackeetham party by the National Peace Keeping Council (NPKC). The study makes use of documents in descriptive and analytical method plus interview. The findings are as follows :

1. Increasing political awareness among public is not a factor leading to establishment of a political party by the military but their determination to confirm their political role leads them to establish the Samackeetham party and to make their role more legitimate; thus the result does not confirm the hypothesis.

2. Lack of political legitimacy of the military does not contribute to the failure of the Samackeetham party . It is the lack of financial support from the military and the conflict within the party that leads to the transform of the Samackeetham party to Terdtai party, the result of this study does not confirm the hypothesis.