

ABSTRACT

Title The Concept of Operations to Overcome the Insurgency Groups in the Southern Provinces: Case Study; BRN Co-ordinate.

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This research aims to develop the concept of operations to overcome the insurgency groups in the Southern Provinces of Thailand, focusing on the BRN Co-ordinate. The research collects and studies information directly related to the strategy and tactics of the BRN Co-ordinate, who uses terrorism as an effective tool to create violent incidents, including unsafe to lives and properties of the people in the area. The information is then analyzed to identify Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threats, which will be used to determine a proposed strategic concept of operations to overcome the BRN Co-ordinate.

The research finds that the 1st strategy of Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) of "develop understanding", which is consistent with HM the King's strategy of "To understand-To reach-To develop". This strategy, which is also follow the policy of heart and mind for peace, is the factor of success in making people understand and bring home ones that have different opinions. This is due to the facts that problems incurring in the Southern Provinces are concerned with the thought and beliefs of the people, whose are mostly Muslims with Malaya culture and are cultivated and instilled nationalism ideology of Malaya Pattani to believe that Muslims must jihad to bring back the state of Pattani. The BRN Co-ordinate uses terrorism to create violence, expands participation of people to have the ability to fight with the government, and escalates the violence by using the death of about 5000 people in the southern provinces as a human rights condition to attract United Nations and Organization of Islamic Cooperation to resolve problems between Thailand and the insurgency groups. This research designates the concepts and factors that lead to a success in defeating the BRN Co-ordinate.