

SECURITY SALON
TITLED

**UKRAINE CRISIS: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL IMPACT AND ITS CONSEQUENCES TO
NATIONAL SECURITY IN SRI LANKA**

Press Release

Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), the premier think tank on national security established under the Ministry of Defence organized a Security Salon on “Ukraine crisis: global and regional impact and its consequences to national security of Sri Lanka”. The Security Salon was held on Tuesday, 24th May 2022 from 1000hrs to 1130hrs (IST) via Zoom. The Chair of the event was Major General I H M N N Herath RSP USP psc, the Commandant, Defence Services Command and Staff College, who represented General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd.), WW, RWP, RSP, USP, ndc, psc, MPhil the Secretary, Ministry of Defence and State Ministry of Defence.. The Guest Speaker of the event was Dr. Harinda Vidanage, Head, Department of Strategic Studies, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. The event was moderated by Rear Admiral Dimuthu Gunawardena RWP**, RSP, VSV, USP, nswc, psc, hdmc, Actg. Director-General and Director (Communications and Publications) of the Institute of National Security Studies. The audience consisted of distinguished invitees from foreign missions in Sri Lanka, ministry officials, policymakers, academicians, researchers and representatives from Sri Lankan Armed Forces and Sri Lanka Police. The moderator of the event explained the cause root of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and its impacts on Russia, Ukraine as well as the entire world. He further classified the sanctions imposed by the international community on Russia due to their full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Subsequent to the introduction given by the moderator, the Guest Speaker Dr. Vidanage commenced his presentation. He explained traditional uncertainties, threats and vulnerabilities from the global perspective and pointed out that, COVID-19 created a huge threat to the world and it led to a breakdown of the global supply chain. Firstly, he focused to explain American intervention in countries’ democracy and politics the color revolution and the Russia-America relationship. He emphasized that the success of global governance depends on how global players interact. Then, he gave a clear explanation regarding the global and regional impact of the Ukraine crisis and demonstrated the food crisis, energy crisis, debt crisis and high inflation as the major effects of the crisis. Finally, he stated that a necessity of countries’ attention in crisis management, mapping more strategies in preventing the conflicts, and importance of security for cohesion and stability. (revise) Presenting the concluding remarks, the Chair of the event, Maj. Gen. Herath highlighted the importance of selecting this topic for today and explained challenges that emerged to the global economy resulting from the Ukraine crisis. He pointed out the increase of inflation (increase in commodity prices) and reduction of exports as the main impacts of the Ukraine crisis on South Asian countries. Finally, he explicated that due to the war situation, food, energy, and health securities had -adverse effects which threatens the national security of this nation.