

Summary in English

The subject of the research are operations and Special Operation Forces in the state security policy in the second decade of the 21st century. Special operations (activities) are specific secret form and means of country fight accomplished by selected military and/or civil formations/troops/teams/units characterised by specific features and qualities which distinguish them from regular, conventional (typical for military forces and other entities) ones. Special Operation Forces have been defined as formations/troops/military units, paramilitary, civil or the compilation of the previous mentioned, intended, prepared and equipped for conducting (Special Operations Forces) individually or in cooperation with other executors.

The main issue which is researched was the attempt to find the answer to the question: what (current and new) Special operations are possible and what functions can Special Operation Forces serve in the state security policy in the 21st century. Findings of new solutions for operations and Special Operation Forces were considered particularly important. After identification of possible special operations one will be able to answer the question: what should the main direction of Polish special operations be in the context of maintaining The Republic of Poland sovereignty in the near future? The frame of reference are civilizational challenges in the time frame of 20 years since now (2023). The chances and threats for the existence and development of Polish state have been introduced on the basis of challenges. The capability of Polish Special Operation Forces have been identified and described for each chance and threat. The structural and functional features, which have impact on new abilities of Polish Special Operation Forces have been analysed.

The thesis has a prognostic character and focuses on practical solutions. In the research, special attention has been paid to endurance of state and community, critical infrastructure and the system of national security management.

The thesis was based on available internal and foreign bibliography and long-term Author's personal observations and expert research of the subject conducted in the United States Special Operations Command (US SOCOM).