

Abstract

This thesis deals with the position of Special Forces of the Czech Republic within the army and the potential need to invest in their further development. Along with that, the thesis compares special units in the Czech Republic with Belgium and Portugal. The work is based on literature and scholarly articles based not only on theories of war and conflict. It shows the role of special forces within the conventional army and in asymmetric conflicts and then compares special forces in the Czech Republic with those in European countries with similar facilities and capabilities. The work answers 2 questions, the first question is what are the advantages and disadvantages of the special forces in different strategic environments and the second question is, if it would be advantageous to strengthen the development of special forces at the expense of conventional forces. Despite the extensive topic of the thesis, both questions are partially answered.