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Hybrid Warfare in South America: Lessons from Iraq and the Middle East

Hybrid warfare represents a significant challenge in contemporary security studies, blending conventional military operations with irregular tactics, cyber warfare, propaganda, and economic coercion. This study examines the hybrid warfare strategies employed in Iraq and the Middle East, analyzing the role of state and non-state actors in shaping modern conflicts. Drawing parallels to South America, the paper explores the region's geopolitical vulnerabilities, the involvement of criminal organizations, and the increasing use of technology in asymmetric conflicts. The study highlights emerging threats and defense strategies applicable to South America by assessing these trends. The findings offer insights into policy recommendations for regional security cooperation, countering hybrid threats, and adapting military strategies to evolving security dynamics.

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