



Communal Militia and the National Army

Integration Failure and Security Sector Chaos

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Communal Militia and the National Army: Integration Failure and Security Sector Chaos with a focused emphasis on Gambia within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a policy brief that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *National Army Integration, Army Integration Failure, Security Sector Chaos, Communal Militia, National Army, Army Integration*

Article Highlights

- Integration failures stem from conflicting institutional logics between formal military structures and communal loyalties.
- The Gambian case reveals how unaddressed historical grievances undermine security sector reform.
- Chaos manifests as parallel command structures, resource competition, and weakened state authority.
- Effective reform requires addressing both technical capacity and deep-seated political settlements.

Core Analytical Focus

This article examines the institutional mechanisms and political dynamics behind integration failure, using The Gambia as a critical case study of security sector reform challenges in post-conflict African states.

This analysis foregrounds African institutional contexts while contributing to broader political science debates on security governance.

Executive Summary

The executive summary of Communal Militia and the National Army: Integration Failure and Security Sector Chaos examines Communal Militia and the National Army: Integration Failure and Security Sector Chaos in relation to Gambia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science (Bouteska et al., 2024). This section is written as a approximately 358 to 550 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary (Mujeyi et al., 2021). Analytically, the section addresses write the section in a publication-ready way and keep it aligned to the article argument (Nicholson et al., 2021).

Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Communal Militia and the National Army: Integration Failure and Security Sector Chaos; keep the section specific to Gambia; connect it to the wider article (Nkiaka et al., 2021). In the context of Gambia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary (Bouteska et al., 2024). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Introduction, so it preserves continuity across the article (Nicholson et al., 2021).

The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Summary of core findings on communal militia and

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for Gambia
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to communal militia and
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Political Science
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Gambia context.

Introduction

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Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Communal Militia and the National Army: Integration Failure and Security Sector Chaos; explain why it matters in Gambia; define the article objective; preview the structure. In the context of Gambia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary(Nkiaka et al., 2021). Key scholarship informing this section includes Impacts of the changing climate on agricultural productivity and food security: Evidence from Ethiopia), The impact of climate smart agriculture on household welfare in smallholder integrated crop–livestock farming systems: evidence from Zimbabwe), Food security outcomes in agricultural systems models: Current status and recommended improvements).

This section follows Executive Summary and leads into Key Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Key Findings

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Policy Implications

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Recommendations

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Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Communal Militia and the National Army: Integration Failure and Security Sector Chaos; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Gambia; suggest a next step. In the context of Gambia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Impacts of the changing climate on agricultural productivity and food security: Evidence from Ethiopia), The impact of climate smart agriculture on household welfare in smallholder integrated crop–livestock farming systems: evidence

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This section follows Recommendations and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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