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Together as the national security and national threat has been described above in a similar manner, both of the terms meet the same ends within the categorization aspect of what kind of threat or security initiatives in both shapes shall take form. It is being divided into two kinds of distinctive shaping forms, which are hard and soft security. It is being confirmed as of this study of security and threat corresponding between conventional and unconventional means of security into a stage that gives a glimpse of how the modern security threats shall be taken in action precisely (Fatić, 2002).

Aleksandar Fatić argues in the Journal for Labor and Social Affairs in Eastern Europe that hard and soft security in a distinctive manner requires special features that differ the terms of each other. Hard security, in the idea, responds to inner-state security to respond to external security threats, which requires a build-up of physical forces as the vocal element that deliberately causing physical damage. Soft security, on the other hand, responds to not external, but rather internal or trans-border threats that have no constitutive connections with inter-state relations that uses effective and preventive measuring management within the internal elements in the state against conflicts or confrontations by policy-based capacity power taken in action. By these elaborations, the study of the depth-based concept that has been characterizing hard security and width-based term that is being represented by soft security has been able to be differentiated. However, the writer of this paper will stress the use of soft security as the key driving concept in the paper.

The study of soft security and their categorization has been becoming one of the discussions and analyses conducted by scholars. The latest definition of security is indicated by non-military security concepts beyond the state-military parts that allowed a renewal space of critical thoughts based on the new concept within the term of soft security. In comparison to cooperative defense, soft security proponents marginalize the military solution to crack its hegemony and build a strategic room for expansion soft protection. The soft protection dimension offers a leeway to consider the rise of new insecurities that threaten individuals and state credibility. (Aldis and Herd, 2004).

The soft security context depicts the downturn in the supremacy of the state-military security concept and its replacement by contending thinking to expand the security concept. Through expanding the idea, the hard military option was reduced to just one of many overlapping defense industries and no longer a popular one. Adjacent security issues enhanced by environmental, societal and cultural threats have implied prominence due to conceptual exposures that have illustrated their compatibility to social and human security (Buzan, 1992). Another scholar namely Cohen made a model that indicates collaborative security as a template that enshrines the main idea of individual security within the interdependent and considerate concentric shields of mutual defense, collective defense and stability advancement that provide theoretical room for both hard and emerging soft security complexities to foster individual, not state, security (Cohen, 2001).

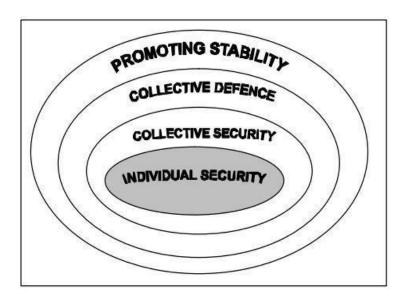


Figure 1: Cohen's co-operative security model

States on an ongoing basis will tend to keep struggling and striving to maintain their national security to deter away from the security threat that could put a state at risk. These activities conducted by the state are including dealing with the existence of the soft security threat that doesn't use physical harming weapons on their hands. The state will exercise its ability to perform its national power in handling these soft security threats by using a friendly way that still abides by the international law, so it would be considered as legal and justified. Some of the ways to deter these security threats that are being used by the state could be mentioned by using smart power forms; even it will be back again by using the power of negotiations and influences to win the game of persuasive bargaining offers against the subject of soft security threat. However, relying on the situation in the very end, the state shall be able to show any power to maintain its sovereignty to be in good shape by securing the subject of the threat itself.

Luckily, these soft security threats are often taken in hand by the state seriously. States are highly in favor to tackle their security threats in various interests and positions, which one of them is to make their authority in their ability to uphold their idea of political legitimacy to be always being recognized in a good term by the eyes of the international community. Some of the ways being taken by the government to minimize the movements of these government-considered threat actors are by the existence of an extradition treaty as the extending point after bilateral relations have been made by states.

The second key explanation would be elaborated by the existence of the extradition agreement. Extradition by essentially means that an individual accused of a crime who, at the behest of a government of which he or she is arrested, is sent home to that nation in which he or she has been tried for prosecution or imprisonment. In this case, one state transfers the individual to another state for the prosecution of a violation which a person is being suspected of. In the case of underinvestigation, under-trial, and convicted criminals, an extradition request for a suspect may be made after a bilateral relation between two states in the mutual understandings upon the interests brought up by two parties as a part of the step-by-step emerging establishment. In short explanation, extradition agreement, like the other agreement as well, is an international agreement that legally binding two states together in a pact that shall be adhered together.

The combinations of these concepts are important to elaborate on the position of Thailand which is being emphasized by its exposure to their interest in extraditing Yingluck Shinawatra from Serbia as the authorized state. Thailand as a state has its priority to secure its authority, power, and legitimacy to be capable of upholding its influence in international society. However, the existence of Yingluck Shinawatra that is considered notorious and risky for Thailand's authority becomes the trigger of why Thailand counted Yingluck Shinawatra as their national soft security threat since Yingluck is an actor that used her political and financial power to be protected as a citizen of Serbia. Yingluck Shinawatra is being considered by Thailand as a security threat since she used that power to be able in delegitimizing Thailand's political

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The hypothesis statement that could be taken from the study case and the theory explained above shall be stated as below,

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- b. Maintaining the justice as the essence of giving the rights for the Thai people towards government legitimacy.

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In this section, the writer of this paper tried to explain how the data and the explanation of the whole passages being collected together.

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existence of the new non-state actors that have the potential of leeway to the mass disruption that planners would have deemed impossible (Lindley-French, 2004).

These spoilers are being categorized and called as soft security threat forms, since by the fact that these actors aren't using physical power as a form of what they could use as their opportunity. These actors are using their power in unmeasured efforts, such as political power of influence or any bargaining positions that are being considered more in favor so that their masked interest is being favored in the winning position to be accommodated by the other party, or even the mediator. These soft security threats in the ones who can give their power in lobbying their target of their impressions will be able to weaken the state's influence as then the image of the state will be exposed in their incapability so that this way could be considered in the ways of how a state's authority could be delegitimized. This type of threat is also what the state should be aware of after actors with their capability in utilizing physical harming weapons, which are also actors with political and financial influence on their hands.

Together as the national security and national threat has been described above in a similar manner, both of the terms meet the same ends within the categorization aspect of what kind of threat or security initiatives in both shapes shall take form. It is being divided into two kinds of distinctive shaping forms, which are hard and soft security. It is being confirmed as of this study of security and threat corresponding between conventional and unconventional means of security into a stage that gives a glimpse of how the modern security threats shall be taken in action precisely (Fatić, 2002).

Aleksandar Fatić argues in the Journal for Labor and Social Affairs in Eastern Europe that hard and soft security in a distinctive manner requires special features that differ the terms of each other. Hard security, in the idea, responds to inner-state security to respond to external security threats, which requires a build-up of physical forces as the vocal element that deliberately causing physical damage. Soft security, on the other hand, responds to not external, but rather internal or trans-border threats that have no constitutive connections with inter-state relations that uses effective and preventive measuring management within the internal elements in the state against conflicts or confrontations by policy-based capacity power taken in action. By these elaborations, the study of the depth-based concept that has been characterizing hard security and width-based term that is being represented by soft security has been able to be differentiated. However, the writer of this paper will stress the use of soft security as the key driving concept in the paper.

The study of soft security and their categorization has been becoming one of the discussions and analyses conducted by scholars. The latest definition of security is indicated by non-military security concepts beyond the state-military parts that allowed a renewal space of critical thoughts based on the new concept within the term of soft security. In comparison to cooperative defense, soft security proponents marginalize the military solution to crack its hegemony and build a strategic room for expansion soft protection. The soft protection dimension offers a leeway to consider the rise of new insecurities that threaten individuals and state credibility. (Aldis and Herd, 2004).

The soft security context depicts the downturn in the supremacy of the state-military security concept and its replacement by contending thinking to expand the security concept. Through expanding the idea, the hard military option was reduced to just one of many overlapping defense industries and no longer a popular one. Adjacent security issues enhanced by environmental, societal and cultural threats have implied prominence due to conceptual exposures that have illustrated their compatibility to social and human security (Buzan, 1992). Another scholar namely Cohen made a model that indicates collaborative security as a template that enshrines the main idea of individual security within the interdependent and considerate concentric shields of mutual defense, collective defense and stability advancement that provide theoretical room for both hard and emerging soft security complexities to foster individual, not state, security (Cohen, 2001).

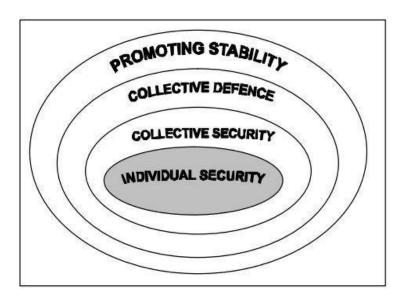


Figure 1: Cohen's co-operative security model

States on an ongoing basis will tend to keep struggling and striving to maintain their national security to deter away from the security threat that could put a state at risk. These activities conducted by the state are including dealing with the existence of the soft security threat that doesn't use physical harming weapons on their hands. The state will exercise its ability to perform its national power in handling these soft security threats by using a friendly way that still abides by the international law, so it would be considered as legal and justified. Some of the ways to deter these security threats that are being used by the state could be mentioned by using smart power forms; even it will be back again by using the power of negotiations and influences to win the game of persuasive bargaining offers against the subject of soft security threat. However, relying on the situation in the very end, the state shall be able to show any power to maintain its sovereignty to be in good shape by securing the subject of the threat itself.

Luckily, these soft security threats are often taken in hand by the state seriously. States are highly in favor to tackle their security threats in various interests and positions, which one of them is to make their authority in their ability to uphold their idea of political legitimacy to be always being recognized in a good term by the eyes of the international community. Some of the ways being taken by the government to minimize the movements of these government-considered threat actors are by the existence of an extradition treaty as the extending point after bilateral relations have been made by states.

The second key explanation would be elaborated by the existence of the extradition agreement. Extradition by essentially means that an individual accused of a crime who, at the behest of a government of which he or she is arrested, is sent home to that nation in which he or she has been tried for prosecution or imprisonment. In this case, one state transfers the individual to another state for the prosecution of a violation which a person is being suspected of. In the case of underinvestigation, under-trial, and convicted criminals, an extradition request for a suspect may be made after a bilateral relation between two states in the mutual understandings upon the interests brought up by two parties as a part of the step-by-step emerging establishment. In short explanation, extradition agreement, like the other agreement as well, is an international agreement that legally binding two states together in a pact that shall be adhered together.

The combinations of these concepts are important to elaborate on the position of Thailand which is being emphasized by its exposure to their interest in extraditing Yingluck Shinawatra from Serbia as the authorized state. Thailand as a state has its priority to secure its authority, power, and legitimacy to be capable of upholding its influence in international society. However, the existence of Yingluck Shinawatra that is considered notorious and risky for Thailand's authority becomes the trigger of why Thailand counted Yingluck Shinawatra as their national soft security threat since Yingluck is an actor that used her political and financial power to be protected as a citizen of Serbia. Yingluck Shinawatra is being considered by Thailand as a security threat since she used that power to be able in delegitimizing Thailand's political

influence in both domestic and international environments, especially in the Balkan region as the first region. Extraditing Yingluck Shinawatra through extradition treaty being made with Serbian government is important to Serbia to weaken Yingluck Shinawatra's influence to Serbian government as they could able to take Yingluck back to Thailand so that Thailand will be able in securing their national legitimacy in the eyes of the international community and being capable in upholding their influence while creating relations with the states in Balkan region by the same time.

## D. Hypothesis Statement

The hypothesis statement that could be taken from the study case and the theory explained above shall be stated as below,

Thai Government is highly in favor to extradite Yingluck Shinawatra from Serbia because of these interests of abilities that could be acquired to,

- c. Capturing their security threat who is currently trying to delegitimize the state while fleeing away as their capability being seen in International society,
- d. Maintaining the justice as the essence of giving the rights for the Thai people towards government legitimacy.

## G. Methodology

In this section, the writer of this paper tried to explain how the data and the explanation of the whole passages being collected together.

The writer of this paper used the qualitative method of literature review with the combinations of journals and theories to explain the news that brings up the study case of the paper. The literature reviews and library researches through articles, journals, books, and the latest news associated with the topic being presented in the paper. The supporting main theory is being explained to defend and arguments then being found with theoretical frameworks and then synchronizing them with facts.

The writer limited the case study timeline observation from 2013 by the general situation of Yingluck Shinawatra fled outside Thailand and received her title of a fugitive to the latest news in August 2019 by her status of Serbian citizenship granted by the Serbian government.

## **H.** Writing Structure

The writer of this paper will explain the study case in this paper will be sorted and elaborated by chapters with the topics stated below,

- f. The first chapter explained about the case study overview of Yingluck Shinawatra's case, Thailand's initiative to approach Serbia, and Serbia's general statement of rejection towards Thailand's request,
- g. The second chapter elaborated the in-depth profile of Yingluck Shinawatra and her political career as Thailand's subject of extradition cause,
- h. The third chapter described on the dynamics of Thai-Serbia diplomatic relationship that explains the situation on the field of status quo,
- The fourth chapter argued the reasons why Thailand is highly in favor to extradite Yingluck Shinawatra out from Serbia,
- j. And lastly, the fifth chapter concluded the analysis and gave a glimpse of the future framework of the extradition treaty establishment shall be conducted between Thailand and Serbia to bring Yingluck Shinawatra back to Thailand as well as terminating her Serbian citizenship.