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Is the German 'Blitzkrieg' Military Strategy a Feasible Tactic in Modern Day Warfare?

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The 'Blitzkrieg' strategy was a well-formulated approach to rapid victory through the swift and simultaneous movement of multiple armoured, mechanical and infantry divisions during the Second World War. The research delves into the very principles of the Blitzkrieg strategy and attempts to discuss the feasibility of this military tactic in modern warfare environments. The research utilises the work of various experts in military strategy and operational art, as well as through primary approaches to persons of military status. The overall purpose of this study is to effectively conclude and recommend developments that can be made to the traditional Blitzkrieg strategy for the adaptation and improvisation of this tactic into modern warfare. The content of this paper also provides a comprehensive analysis of the operational doctrine of the Blitzkrieg strategy and the various developments that this strategy has been transformed through. The research also attempts to provide reasonable ground to make comparative stances of this strategy used in modern warfare including the Gulf War and the Israeli 6-day War. Moreover, the paper discusses the issues that have emerged in the utilisation of this strategy in unconventional warfare, including crises with guerrilla fighters and resistance groups, including operations in the Sri Lankan civil war against the LTTE terrorist force. The study reveals that multiple developments have been made to the traditional Blitzkrieg strategy in modern day warfare and tactical recommendations have also been provided throughout the paper, including armour defensive capabilities, terrain compatibility and historically accurate tactics to achieve air superiority.

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