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Kautilya's Concept of Internal Security and its Relevance in Counterinsurgency

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Abstract: Kautilya, also known as Chanakya, was an ancient Indian political strategist and economist who authored Arthashastra, a treatise on statecraft, economic policy, and military strategy. His insights on internal security remain highly relevant in contemporary counterinsurgency operations. This paper explores Kautilya's principles of internal security, their applicability in modern governance, and their implications for counterinsurgency measures. The study employs a qualitative analysis of primary and secondary sources to highlight the enduring significance of Kautilya's strategies in maintaining internal stability

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