**Abstract:** Natural Disasters are quickly becoming the biggest threat to a state’s national security. These threats to security can come across all levels of society. Various disasters carry the ability to take lives, destroy environment and urban infrastructure, and spread an influx of diseases. Natural Disasters create an impact on both long term and short-term levels of security.

**Natural Disaster Effects**

Hurricanes, Droughts, and Fires all have the ability to directly affect a nation’s security on an economic level, energy level, environmental level, and a population’s safety level. However this is only one part of the effects that natural disasters have on a state.

**Threat Multiplier**

Natural disasters can be a threat multiplier since not only will a natural disaster create an impact at the physical level of the state and disrupt society on its own, but it also carries the ability to disrupt the sanctity of a nation if that nation is already in a vulnerable state of its own. Similar to a domino effect, adding on a natural disaster to a state that is already vulnerable acts similar to a spark to a gas coated piece of timber.

**Basic Needs:**

What do all humans need for a state or country to run securely:

- Food
- Water
- Shelter

**Somalia: Food Security**

- Drought created large scale famine
- Civil war
- Food scarcity created violent conflict for the quest of food
- Unemployment

**Syria:**

- Large, long-term drought caused civil unrest
- Tigris-Euphrates River hydro-political conflict
- Migration problems

**Disaster Resilience**

- **Food Security:** Disasters can destroy urban, agricultural, and fishing food sources so it is imperative for disaster resilience for nations to develop food security plans.
- **Coordination between local, state, and federal government regarding mitigation techniques**
- **Think outside of the box** – states must take into consideration the planning of both urban and agricultural sectors so all sectors can function at full capacity even when natural disasters strike.

**Conclusion**

Understanding the impact that disasters can bring, analysts can use this information to help understand how to create the best resilience system and mitigation techniques to prevent the impacts of natural disasters on state security.