In pre-modern times traditional warfare was endemic. The methods of conducting war are first discussed. Illustrations from local books on warfare show barefoot soldiers without helmet or armour. Magic appears the chief method for individual protection. The principles of magic protection are discussed and illustrated from indigenous handbooks and samples of amulets and other sacralized objects.

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