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ABSTRACT

The study emphasizes the effect of surveillance capabilities to achieve regional maritime security. Researcher's effort is to identify the present capabilities against the current and future trends in maritime security and its effect. Research questions were formulated in order to identify the present maritime challenges, existing capabilities within the area of responsibility and its impact to the surveillance capabilities on regional maritime security. In addition, using of airpower for the maritime security domain was also question during the interviews. The key objectives covered the present challenges, existing capabilities, technological involvement, best method to enhance the maritime security in the region and the impact of surveillance capabilities on regional maritime security. Data gathered through the literature and the semi structured interviews conducted from the executives of commercial maritime organizations, SLN, SLCG and SLAF. The same was analysed in a thematic platform and were coded according to the purpose. Conclusions were formulated by the findings of literature review and data analysis. Key challenges for the regional maritime security were identified in the form of security and social issues. Last but not least, the contributors believed that the effect of surveillance capabilities would enhance the regional maritime security whereas SLN, SLCG should involve in routing maritime surveillance and reconnaissance whilst SLAF responsibility is to fill the gaps or to assistance to overcome the limitations.

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