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ABSTRACT

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Energy security is a critical factor for every country in the world to maintain its nation. Affordable, cheap energy is essential to economic growth and survival, to every nation's livelihood. Crude oil is one of the world's main sources of energy, generated only by a few countries, especially in the Middle East. However, geopolitical struggles and crisis in the Middle East is direct effects on the world crude oil production and supply. The political uncertainty in the Middle East change day by day and cold war between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is significant due to their political, ideological and religious differences. Today 43 % of primary energy requirement of Sri Lanka is depend on the petroleum. Moreover hydro carbon base electricity production is center part of the nation's electricity demand and consumption. It is widely believe and researcher has found escalation or crisis between Iran and Saudi Arabia has direct effects to Sri Lankan energy security. Sri Lanka needed to take adequate measures to ensure her energy security in case of the crisis between Iran and Saudi Arabia where nation is still failed to identify and failing to forecast the necessary measures. This research has examine importance of energy security and where the Sri Lanka has failing to do and what are the solutions it must need to implement in case of Saudi Arabia, Iran power struggle. The empirical evidence shows that Sri Lanka energy security has effects and influences in crisis situation of Islamic Kingdom Saudi Arabia and Islamic Republic of Iran. However, this study found and reveal the Sri Lankan energy security can lead to detrimental influence on National Security of country.

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