

## **Irregular Maritime Boundary Crossing in-between India and Sri Lanka since Year 2000 onward**

PKGB Palanage<sup>1</sup> and LSU de Silva<sup>1#</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka

#sashinikavinda@gmail.com

### **Abstract**

Sri Lanka and India are two neighboring states which are having long relationship in all diplomatic aspects such as Social, Political, Economic and Cultural. Indian Ocean area majority part extend in between these two nations. Therefore, when it comes to the fishery industry people in Northern and Eastern part of Sri Lanka as well as South Indian people are the main portion among two nations use this valuable sea assert. In this study, Researchers sought determine how this territorial maritime boundary has been crossed by the both countries in irregular manner and emphasize briefly recorded incident which were illegally crossed sea boarder from year 2000 onward. Bilateral agreements and diplomatic precaution have taken in resent past to control the issue as well as develop the relationship between both countries. Naval forces and coastal guard in both counties are continuously conducting series of actions in order to minimize the illegal entrance to neighboring each two maritime boundary areas. Moreover some qualitative recommended suggestions are discussed in the paper to control and eliminate this existing threat. This paper takes form of qualitative research has extracted via both primary sources, statements and secondary sources, websites, books, government records, journal and articles.

**Keywords:** *Indian Ocean, Territorial Sea Area, Bilateral Agreements*