

New Strategic Policies on Sri Lanka's Maritime Security Threats: An Analytical Perspective

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Maritime security is a comprehensive and multifaceted term, essentially referring to peace and security at naval borders. The primary focus of this study was to identify the current maritime security issues in Sri Lanka. It provides an empirical contribution to the formulation of domestic policy for Sri Lanka. The primary objective of the research is to identify the maritime strategic problems related to Sri Lanka and to identify the strategic entry policies for it. There are challenges and threats to Sri Lanka's maritime security. The research problem of this study is what are the maritime security problems and what are the strategic access policies that can be given to them. The qualitative research methodology was used primarily for this research. In evaluating this study, it will use several basic methods to achieve the objectives of the study. This study will use secondary data for the qualitative study method. According to that study, it was revealed that there are many unique problems in Sri Lanka. There are many conventional and non-conventional maritime threats. Maritime terrorism, climate change, environmental degradation, the unregulated exploitation of marine resources, illegal trafficking (arms, drugs) is also challenges Sri Lanka is facing today. And through this research, two policies were identified that can identify maritime security problems, namely geographic strategic planning and political strategic planning. Both the above strategic policies were identified through the study as factors to identify and control maritime security threats.

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