

## **Ineffective border security and role of entrenched migrants networks - focus on 'sulu intrusion' into Sabah, East Malaysia,**

### **Abstract**

The Sabah borders milieu has been described as porous. Intrusion of about 200 armed Filipinos, followers of Jamalul Kiram III, the self-proclaimed Sultan of Sulu into Lahad Datu, Sabah, East Malaysia on 12th February 2013 have been viewed as a threat to the Malaysian' security. It changed the Malaysian government' security and enforcement strategies in dealing with the cross-border migration and other cross-border activities (such as cross-border kidnapping, smuggling and other criminal activities) between the Southern Philippines and Sabah, East Malaysia. This paper will also provide an insight and a critical assessment of the Malaysia' borderlands security strategies.