



Ministry of Defence

# Denial of alleged firing on fishermen in Palk Bay

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Coast Guard vessel on patrol off IMBL in the Palk Bay was routinely investigating fishing boat namely 'Jehovah Jireh' Regn' No. IND-TN-09-MM-221 at 1440 hours on November 13, 2017 while engaged in pair trawling, which is not permitted in the waters of Tamil Nadu.

On sighting the approaching Coast Guard ship, the fishing boat 'Jehovah Jireh' fled away from the scene leaving its nets behind in the water and did not stop despite repeated caution by the Coast Guard ship. During the chase, the boat had also rammed into the Coast Guard ship. After a chase of 50 minutes, the boat was finally stopped and investigated and also cautioned by the Coast Guard ship to stop for checks whenever called upon by the Coast Guard.

The stopping of the fishing boat 'Jehovah Jireh' and subsequent investigations were carried out in a peaceful manner as per the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Indian Coast Guard. There was no use of force or any firing by the Indian Coast Guard.

The attributability of injury and/or bruises, if any, on the fishermen of the fishing boat 'Jehovah Jireh' by the Coast Guard are wholly denied as the investigations were undertaken in a peaceful manner as per the SOP.

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