

Dark September of Ceylon Children: A Sociological Analysis based on News Paper Report

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Abstract

Sociologist's concern relating to children's development is increasing. In Sri Lanka too, pioneer activities related to the welfare of children comparatively give satisfaction. Also, Sri Lanka is often described a progressive indicators of human development and poised to bring about post- conflict reconciliation. Anyhow, since recent times, excessive reports of child abuse incidents are being increasingly recorded. Shockingly, it is reported that much of the child abuse crimes are committed by close relatives. According to media report, as far as the Sri Lankan children are concerned, September 2015 is described as the "Dark period ". More and more disastrous incidents have been uncounted by our children in this phase of period. This study draws on a qualitative desk study with a competition of material from the existing printed media materials on child abuse. This study was based on secondary data sources. Source of the study was limited to September 01 –September 30, published Tamil, English Dailies and Weekly editions. The main Research method content analysis Techniques was applied. Daily news reports of News Papers, Police Log corner, Crime Watch corner Research articles, columns, etc. were selected for study. Main Themes for analysis were place of incident, Socio-economic characteristics of perpetrators, social settings of victim children, typology of child abuse and main causes of child abuse, ways and means to reduce, that are remedial measures were selected and discussed. These will be described in the detailed Research article.

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