

COMPLAINTS SUMMARY LIST OF THE PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for January 2008

PCCSL/01/01/2008: Mr. Bandusena Athapathu - A problem in his office. Informed complainant that complaint does not fall within the purview of the Code of Professional Practice. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/02/01/2008: Mr. S. M. D. A. Ajith Nalin – Lankadeepa: *kelaniye wishramika nikethanaye apachara kriya wishramakainta idana*. Waiting for right of reply from complainant. Reminded complainant no response. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/03/01/2008: Mr. S. M. D. A. Ajith Nalin vs Dinamina: *hoda hoda sellam eliwenayameta*. Waiting for right of reply from complainant. Reminded complainant no response. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/04/01/2008: Mr. Tharaka Nanayakkara – This relates to a personal problem and does not fall within purview of the Code of Professional Practice. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/05/01/2008: Mrs. Lalani Priyangani vs Divaina: *guhawa marukalada yaka esemaya*. Complaint Form forwarded to complainant. Waiting for receipt of Complaint Form. Reminded complainant no response. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/06/01/2008: Mrs. I. C. Indrani vs Divaina: *ane apoi bila bala thaggagath babaga cheichar*. Complaint Form sent to complainant. Waiting for receipt of Complaint Form. Reminded complainant no response. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/07/01/2008: Mrs. P. V. Lalith Jayanthi vs A personal problem connected to accommodation. Informed complainant that complaint does not fall within purview of the Code of Professional Practice. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/08/01/2008: Mr. Piyasena Senavirathna vs Divaina: The complaint is against the Provincial News Editor and had been sent to the Press Council two years ago. The complaint is over two years old and as a result it does not fall within the purview of the Code of Professional Practice. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/09/01/2008: Mr. Ariyawansa – Not against a newspaper: The complaint is against the government servants housing program. Informed complainant that complaint does not fall within the purview of the Code of Professional Practice. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/10/01/2008: Mr. Gamini Weerasinghe vs Sunday Observer: *Bishop de Chickera goes of God's rails*. Complaint forwarded to editor. Editor refuses to accede to PCCSL request but asks for complainant to send complaint direct to him. Request conveyed to complainant. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 10

RESOLVED: 00

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 05

OUT OF MANDATE: 04

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 10

Tamil: 00
English: 00

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Complaints Summary List (CSL) for February 2008

PCCSL/01/02/2008: Mr. Rohitha Lal Kumara: Refers to most newspapers. Writes letter criticizing foreign employment agencies. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the Code of Professional Practice. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/02/02/2008: Mr. Tharaka Warapitiya: Refers to most newspapers. Complainant gives his opinion on a published story. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the Code of Professional Practice. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/03/02/2008: Mr. W. Kalum Seneviratne vs Lakbima – *Galle palathpalana ayathana pradaneen thunakgana vinaya pareekshana*. Awaiting the return of Complaint Form. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/04/02/2008: Mr. W. Kalum Seneviratne vs The Island – SP CM refers bribery cases to SLFP Hq. Awaiting the return of Complaint Form. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/05/02/2008: Mr. Rohitha Lal Kumara: Refers to most newspapers – Complainant complaint's about former employer. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the Code of Professional Practice. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/06/02/2008: Dr. Danister L. Perera: Divaina (daily) – 'Right of Reply' published by editor, Divaina. **RESOLVED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 06
RESOLVED: 01
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 02
OUT OF MANDATE: 03
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 05
Tamil: 00
English: 01

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Complaints Summary List (CSL) for March 2008

PCCSL/01/03/2008: Mr. H. M. Wasantha Herath vs *Irida Lankadeepa: dayata kirula pradarshanaye guruvarayek rookada natala*. Copy of 'right of reply' sent to PCCSL and to editor. Editor publishers 'right of reply.' **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/02/03/2008: Mr. U. K. P. Kumaranayake vs *Lakbima daily: kithul pani saha hakuru karmanthaya atharamang navatheda*. Complaint does not fall into the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/03/03/2008: Mr. Prasitha Kumara Walgama vs *Lankadeepa daily: pihiyen ana miniseku maruwata viththikaruta danduwama*. Complainant requested to send 'right of reply.' Material for complaint been collected before forwarding to editor. No necessity for "right of reply," complainant agrees. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/04/03/2008: Ms. Rosanna Flamer-Caldera Vs *The Island: Treating alternative forms of sexual expression*. Copy of 'right of reply' sent to PCCSL and to editor. Spoke to editor and he obliged by publishing 'right of reply.' **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/05/03/2008: Rev. Rohan D. S. Ekanayake vs Divaina daily: thrastha veerodi jathika viyaparayen virodhatha. This is a headline for a photograph. 'Copy of 'right of reply' sent to PCCSL and to editor. Spoke to editor and he obliged by publishing the 'right of reply.' **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/06/03/2008: Mr. S. P. Weerasekera Vs Dinamina: *baudhaya prabodhaya nava magakata yomu kala Olcott Dharmapala gatuma*. Complaint forwarded to editor. Right of reply published March 25 and April 08 in two parts. **RESOLVED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 06
RESOLVED: 05
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 00
OUT OF MANDATE: 01
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 05
Tamil: 00
English: 01

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for April 2008

PCCSL/01/04/2008: Mr. Nimal Devasinghe vs Lanka: "koti bomba riyakai kurunagaladi allu rathu double cabriye hitiye police riyadurek." The complainant is asking for compensation from the editor of the newspaper for wrongful publication. PCCSL explained the PCCSL process in resolving complaints. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/02/04/2008: Mr. Jayasiri Rathnagoda vs Lankadeepa daily: Called PCCSL to find out how complaints are resolved. Explained PCCSL process and faxed him a complaint form. Called and reminded him to send complaint, he said that he will be sending the complaint to the PCCSL. Not received. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/03/04/2008: Mr. Mohammed Razeen vs Divaina daily: Article 01 - "koriyaven pituvahal kara evu sri lankikayata apa," Article 02 - "koti ha sambandatha pavathvu police parikshaka galu muvadoradi janapathi gathanayata oththu dela, Article 03 - "kotin samaga sambandakam pa police parikshaka arthika murarmasthana rasak thorathuru labadila, Article 04 - "dina hatharak vayasathi bilinda rupayal lakshayakata alevi karala." Four articles using the word "Muslim National." Spoke to the editor and told him to desist from this type of reporting since it is a violation of the Code. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/04/04/2008: Mr. S. Wijeratne vs Dinamina: "koti hiren nidahas vu vasiyanta atharamagadi kotingenma vedi." Proper investigations should be carried out in order to give a balanced view rather than carry the correct story the following day. Spoke to editor. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/05/04/2008: Mr. W. Ellapolla vs Divaina weekly: "duppath apata aiy me lesa thalanne." This is the headline of the story which had two gory pictures of bleeding injured dead infants. Spoke to editor not to carry these pictures as it is harmful to the readers. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/06/04/2008: IP. Anura Randeniya, OIC Horana Police Station. Called PCCSL to learn about PCCSL process, faxed him a Complaint Form on April 09. Called him twice over, he promised to send complaint. Not received. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/07/04/2008: Mr. S. K. Rajapakse vs Irudina weekly: "colomba janavasam idamak kunukollayata atha yatin baddata dela." The "Right of Reply" was sent direct to the newspaper. PCCSL contacted the editor and we await their response. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/08/04/2008: Mr. M. A. Ajantha Perera vs Silumina: "rajakale suddan maikala ape angampora." Complaint Form received but incomplete. Request made to send other details. Await further details of article. Not received. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/09/04/2008: Mr. Kumara Chapabandara, Chief Editor Nidahas newspaper vs Ravaya: "sandakada pahanaka katayam opala geethayak dha?" He has sent a clarification to the Ravaya with a copy to the PCCSL. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 09
RESOLVED: 02
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 03
OUT OF MANDATE: 03
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 09
Tamil: 00
English: 00

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Complaints Summary List (CSL) for May 2008

PCCSL/01/05/2008: Mr. Senaka Weeraratna vs Lakkimaneews: "*Efforts to resurrect Berlin Buddhist Temple.*" Complaint received May 06. "Right of Reply" sent on May 09. "Right of reply" published on May 18. Complainant not satisfactory as inaccuracies and misconceptions persist. New "Right of Reply" to be received from complainant. Forwarded to editor June 16. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/02/05/2008: Mr. Sepala Amarasinghe vs Divaina daily: "*thakkadi dennek saha prashna pathara horakamak.*" Await more information from complainant. Not received. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/03/05/2008: Mr. Arjuna Ranawana and Mr. Jagath Wallawatte, Chairman, National Child Protection Authority vs The Island: "*Old King Cole.*" Complaint received via e-mail on May 16. Editor meanwhile has already carried the clarification before complaint is registered. Clarification carried on page one of The Island on May 16. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/04/05/2008: Mr. M. M. N. D. Bandara vs Divaina daily: "*viduhalpathi-adyapana paripalana purappadu nopiravimen gatalu rasak.*" Complaint received May 05. Await further details from complainant. Not received. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/05/05/2008: Commander D. K. P. Dassanayaka vs Sunday Leader: "*Karannagoda's sonar story and the invincible blast.*" Complaint received on May 22. "Right of Reply" forwarded to Editor on May 28. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/06/05/2008: Dr. D. C. Peris vs Divaina weekly: "*adaraniya anji.*" Complaint received on May 27 and found to be incomplete. Complainant requested on May 28 to send completed Complaint Form. Sent to editor and reminded several times, published "Right of Reply" February 01, 2009. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/07/05/2008: Dr. Nihal Abeysinghe vs Divaina daily: "*hib prashnaya bayanakai.*" Complaint received on May 27. "Right of Reply" sent is inadequate. Requested complainant to send clearer "Right of Reply." **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/08/05/2008: Brig. V. U. B. Nanayakkara vs Daily Mirror: "*Brutal assault: Police struggle for clues.*" Complaint received on May 27. "Right of Reply" sent by Military spokesman to Editor, Daily Mirror and copy to PCCSL. "Right of Reply" carried on May 28. Complainant not satisfied with clarification published on May 28 titled: "*Reporters note to Army spokesman.*" Fresh complaint made to PCCSL on May 29. "Right of Reply" sent by Military spokesman to Editor, Daily Mirror and copy to PCCSL on May 29. Daily Mirror publishers "Right of Reply" on May 30. **RESOLVED**

Position of complaints received

TOTAL RECEIVED: 08
RESOLVED: 03
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 03
OUT OF MANDATE: 00
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 02

Language
Sinhala: 04
Tamil: 00
English: 04

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Complaints Summary List (CSL) for June 2008

PCCSL/01/06/2008: Secretary, Senior Citizens Organisation vs Lankadeepa daily: "*pistholayen palamu vedilla thiyaddi ukuwa bima ada vatuna, ae ekkama thavath vedi 2 kak oluwata thabuwa.*" Complaint Form posted but returned unopened stating that the address is incorrect, unable to contact complainant. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/02/06/2008: Mr. Gunapala vs Divaina daily: Complainant telephoned PCCSL inquiring about how to make a complaint since he wanted to make a complaint. Complaint process explained. Await receipt of Complaint Form not received at August 18, 2008. Sent reminder August 26. Not received. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/03/06/2008: Ms. Shiran Gerald Wickremesinghe vs Divaina daily: "*sivadaru mava lindata pana diva nasagena.*" Received completed Complaint Form on June 11. Editor contacted with "Right of Reply." "Right of Reply" carried on June 16. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/04/06/2008: Dr. H. H. R. Samarasinghe vs Daily Mirror: "*Drugs, Doctors and Dinners.*" Complaint Form faxed on June 19. Spoke to Registrar on June 25. Received completed Complaint Form on July 18. On further study of complaint found that the headline in question was not a violation of the Code. After writing to the Editor informed complainant. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/05/06/2008: Dr. H. H. R. Samarasinghe vs Sunday Times: "*Doctors and corruption?*" Complaint Form faxed on June 19. Spoke to Registrar on June 25. Received completed Complaint Form on July 18. On further study of complaint found that the headline in question was not a violation of the Code. After writing to the Editor informed complainant. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/06/06/2008: Internews vs Divaina weekly and other Sinhala language weeklies. Complaint against inaccurate publicity against the organisation, complainant process explained. Complaint Form handed over to complainant. Complainant wished to hold on to his complaint for a fortnight before proceeding with it. Complainant when contacted by PCCSL said that he prefers the inquiry be dismissed. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/07/06/2008: Mr. Kumaranayake vs Vidusara: Complainant about photograph showing Ovaries and Fallopian Tube of a woman to illustrate article on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS). Complainant said photograph is of an indecent nature. Explained to complainant that it was a science article and what was pictured was not indecent. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/08/06/2008: Mr. W. Kalum Senevirathna, Mayor of Galle vs Divaina: "*galla nagaradipathi puttuwe arawul diggasseyi.*" Complaint Form received June 17. The complaint is against an article which was published expressing views of the public and some Councillors of the Municipal Council of Galle. The complaint does not violate the Code. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/09/06/2008: Mr. W. Kalum Senevirathna, Mayor of Galle vs Lankadeepa: "*nayakayen idiriye athsan kala givisuma kadala: poronduwa vdiyata galla nagaradhipathi asvi na.*" Complaint Form received on June 11. The complaint is against an article which was published expressing views of the public and some Councillors of the Municipal Council of Galle. The complaint does not violate the Code. **RESOLVED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 09
RESOLVED: 06
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 03
OUT OF MANDATE: 00
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 07
Tamil: 00
English: 02

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for July 2008

PCCSL/01/07/2008: Mr.A.A.S.Attapattu vs *The Island*: “Vicious hand deprives Sumana B.M.V. U-13 title.” Complainant faxed complaint. Complaint Form and letter requesting details of complaint sent on July 14. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. As at August 18 no reply received. Sent reminder Sept 03, 2008. Not received. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/02/07/2008: Mr.M.Darmajith Punarjiwa vs *Irida Divaina*: “ingrasi sinhabahu natyayata lalitha sarathchandragen virodayak: suppa devi bandit queen kenek karala!” Complaint Form and letter requesting details of complaint sent on July 14. PCCSL finds that they cannot proceed in the inquiry since it is sub-judice. Explain position to complainant who is not willing to accept that position. After much explanation, complainant agrees. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/03/07/2008: Mr.K.K.Gunapala vs *Divaina*: “bentota pradeshiya lekam karyalaye keruwava.” Complaint Form and letter requesting details of complaint sent on July 14. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. As at August 18 no reply received. Reminder sent. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/04/07/2008: Mr. G.P.N.M.Abeysekera vs *Lakbima*: “kirinda pradeshiya lekam samurdilabin ravatala.” Complaint Form and letter requesting details of complaint sent on July 14. Received completed Complaint Form and forwarded to Editor on August 12. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/05/07/2008: Mr. W. M. Jayantha Wickremanayake vs *Ravaya*: “dushtha viduhalpathivarunta ihala puttu.” Await receipt of Complaint Form and relevant documents pertaining to the complaint. Complaint wanted time to send the Right of reply since he was abroad. It was received on December 15 and published on December 28. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/06/07/2008: Mr.L.T.Kiringoda vs *Sunday Island*: “OPA in turmoil as Elmore Perera rules against move to remove him.” Copy of complaint forwarded to PCCSL. PCCSL explains process to complainant and faxes Complaint Form. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. Complaint Form not received as at August 18. Reminder sent. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/07/07/2008: Mr.L.T.Kiringoda vs *The Island*: “Open letter to General Secretary OPA.” Copy of complaint forwarded to PCCSL. PCCSL explains process to complainant and faxes Complaint Form. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. Complaint Form not received as at August 18. Reminder sent. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/08/07/2008: Mr.K.K.Gunapala vs *Silumina*: “pradeshiya lekam karyalaye gembar.” Complaint Form and letter requesting details of complaint sent on July 14. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. Complaint Form not received as at August 18. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/09/07/2008: Mr.V.P.J.C.Wijayapathirathna vs *Irida Divaina*: “dharmishta vahana ganudenu!” Complaint Form and letter requesting details of complaint sent on July 25. Complaint is about an article sent for publication and not published. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the Code. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/10/07/2008: Mrs.G.A.Sujatha Piyaseeli, Principal WP/KE/Baptist Vidyalaya, Kadawatha vs *Lankadeepa*: “Viduhalpathiniya sisun apasu harava yavanna haduvayi Kadawatha Baptist viduhale habayak.” Complaint Form and letter requesting details of complaint sent on July 25. Received completed Complaint Form and forwarded to Editor on August 04. “Right of Reply” published July 12. **RESOLVED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 10
RESOLVED: 03
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 05
OUT OF MANDATE: 01

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 07

Tamil: 00

English: 03

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Complaints Summary List (CSL) for August 2008

PCCSL/01/08/2008: Mr. M. A. B. Daya Senarath. He did not complain against any specific newspaper. His complaint was that he was requested to cover an event without any proper identification which resulted in a confrontation with journalists at the Uva Provincial Council meeting. Complainant was informed that the complaint did not fall within purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/02/08/2008: Director, Women and Children Bureau, Ampara vs Daily Mirror. "...what branches grow in this stony rubbish." The Complainant required more information about the child that was written about. Complaint was informed that the complaint did not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/03/08/2008: Mr. Tharaka Warapitiya, Secretary, Sri Lanka Rationalist Association vs Irida Lankadeepa. The Complainant refers to an article written about a vedamahataya. He wanted more information about the vedamahataya. Complaint was informed that the complaint did not fall within purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 03

RESOLVED: 00

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 00

OUT OF MANDATE: 03

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 02

Tamil: 00

English: 01

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Complaints Summary List (CSL) for September 2008

PCCSL/01/09/2008: Mr. Kasun Weerakoddy vs Lankadeepa: "sirasa madyavedin thideneku maha pardi paharadima camera udura ganithi." The complaint is a case before courts. The PCCSL consulted the Dispute Resolution Council who said that the PCCSL is unable to proceed in this matter until after the court verdict is given. Sub-judice. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/02/09/2008: Mr. Kasun Weerakoddy vs Daily Mirror: "Unruly medical students attack journalists." The complaint is a case before courts. The PCCSL consulted the Dispute Resolution Council who said that the PCCSL is unable to proceed in this matter until after the court verdict is given. Sub-judice. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/03/09/2008: Mr. Kasun Weerakoddy vs The Sunday Times: "Journalists work in climate of fear." The complaint is a case before courts. The PCCSL consulted the Dispute Resolution Council who said that the PCCSL is unable to proceed in this matter until after the court verdict is given. Sub-judice. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/04/09/2008: Mr. Kasun Weerakoddy vs Lankadeepa: "NSSL condemns medical students attack on journalists." The complaint is a case before courts. The PCCSL consulted the Dispute Resolution Council who said that the PCCSL is unable to proceed in this matter until after the court verdict is given. Sub-judice. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/05/09/2008: Mr. Kasun Weerakoddy vs Lankadeepa: "colomba vaidya sisun madyavedinta paharadethi." The complaint is a case before courts. The PCCSL consulted the Dispute Resolution Council who said that the PCCSL is unable to proceed in this matter until after the court verdict is given. Sub-judice. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/06/09/2008: Mr. Kasun Weerakoddy vs Divaina: "colomba vaidya vidyalaye sisuhu pirisak madyavedin dedenakuta paharadethi." The complaint is a case before courts. The PCCSL consulted the Dispute Resolution Council who said that the PCCSL is unable to proceed in this matter until after the court verdict is given. Sub-judice. ***SUB-JUDICE***

PCCSL/07/09/2008: Mr. Kasun Weerakoddy vs Ravaya: "vadiya sisuvoth madyavedinta pahara dethi." The complaint is a case before courts. The PCCSL consulted the Dispute Resolution Council who said that the PCCSL is unable to proceed in this matter until after the court verdict is given. Sub-judice. ***SUB-JUDICE***

PCCSL/08/09/2008: Mr. Kasun Weerakoddy vs Rivira: "saraswathiya pala giya vishvavidyalaya gini kanda." The complaint is a case before courts. The PCCSL consulted the Dispute Resolution Council who said that the PCCSL is unable to proceed in this matter until after the court verdict is given. Sub-judice. ***SUB-JUDICE***

PCCSL/09/09/2008: Mr. M. U. M. Moufeer vs Vara Ureykal weekly. An incorrect article published refers to the complainant. Complaint Form sent to the complainant calling for more details. ***COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED***

PCCSL/10/09/2008: Mr. Sritharan vs Virakesari weekly. Complainant complains about an article making reference to Pakistani President Zardani. Complaint does not fall within PCCSL process. ***OUT OF MANDATE***

PCCSL/11/09/2008: Mr. Tilak vs Divaina. Complainant made telephone inquiries from the PCCSL. The PCCSL explained the process and sent him a Complaint Form together with instructions on how to file a complaint. The PCCSL awaits receipt of the Complaint Form. ***COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED***

PCCSL/12/09/2008: Mr. D. H. Premasiri vs Sirasa TV: The complaint does not fall within the PCCSL process since it is a complaint made against a Television station - Outside PCCSL process. ***OUT OF MANDATE***

PCCSL/13/09/2008: Lt. Col. T. M. D. M. Tennakoon vs Lankadeepa: "yapanaya manava himikam niladhariya thidenek asvathi." An employee of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (Jaffna Branch) pointed out an incorrect news item against him and other employees. The news item said that due to security reasons employees of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (Jaffna Branch) have fled the area. The Army said that this was an incorrect report and seek a "right of reply." "Right of reply" published. ***RESOLVED***

PCCSL/14/09/2008: SSP Ranjith D. A. Gunasekera vs Siasa TV: The complaint does not fall within the PCCSL process since it is a complaint made against a Television station – Outside PCCSL process. ***OUT OF MANDATE***

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 14
RESOLVED: 01
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 02
OUT OF MANDATE: 03
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00
SUB-JUDICE: 08

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 09
Tamil: 02
English: 03

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Complaints Summary List (CSL) for October 2008

PCCSL/01/10/2008: Mr. Sumanadasa Ranatunga, General Manager, Kotapola Multipurpose Co-operative Society Limited, Waralla vs Lankadeepa: "dakune hondama samupaya beralapanathara." Written to complainant to furnish more details and to complete the Complaint Form and return to PCCSL. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. ***COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED***

PCCSL/02/10/2008: Mr. Jayantha C. Ratnayake, Secretary, Pradeshiya Sabha, Thanamavila vs Swarnavahini: Incorrect news item telecast during 8 pm news bulletin in Sinhala. Wrote to complainant stating complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL process. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/03/10/2008: Mr. Tharaka Warapitiya vs Lankadeepa: Articles pertaining to a Vedamahataya have been published and he does not agree with the articles. Complainant informed that complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL but advised him to send his story to the editor of the newspaper. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/04/10/2008: Mr. Tharaka Nanayakkara vs Divaina: Complainant sends fax that he has posted a complaint and awaits its outcome. Written to complainant that the complaint has still not been received also included a Complaint Form. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/05/10/2008: Prof. Harischandra Abeygunawardene, Vice Chancellor, Peradeniya University vs The Lanka: "sisun hasu kirimata melavu ginnata peradeniye sarasaviye lokko hasuvethi." Require more information from complainant also sent him a Complaint Form. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/06/10/2008: Mr. R. Udayakumara, Principal, Ragala Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, Hatton vs Thinakkural: "Parents worry about the standard of education of Ragala Tamil Maha Vidyalaya. Received completed Complaint Form. Complaint forwarded to editor October 27. "Right of Reply" published November 12. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/07/10/2008: Ms. Indumati Gunewardene vs Lankadeepa: "Nathandiya akkara 7ak idamak hora oppuvakin vikunna haduy 2kakata lakshaya bagin appa." This case was dismissed since it was sub-judice. The case was concluded on March 30, 2008. The complainant requested we take the matter up with the newspaper since the Court found in her favour. Complaint Form sent since it was recorded as a fresh complaint. Await receipt of Complaint Form. Received "Right of Reply." "Right of Reply" published in Provincial Edition. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/08/10/2008: Mr. Janaka Suraweera vs Sunday Times: "Good night, sweet Prince: And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." The complaint does not fall within the PCCSL process. The complaint is complaining against one of his articles not published in the newspaper. Sent the article to the editor and informed complainant. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/09/10/2008: SSP ranjith Gunasekera, Police Media Spokesman vs Rivira: "Kudalla Column." Complaint Form sent to complainant. Complaint Form not received. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 09
RESOLVED: 02
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 04
OUT OF MANDATE: 03
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00
SUB-JUDICE: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 07
Tamil: 01
English: 01

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PCCSL/01/11/2008: Dr. U. G. Karunaratne vs Lankadeepa: "akuressa rohale marana parikshana na. sirura matara rohalata gena yanna vela." Copy of right of reply forwarded to PCCSL. Newspaper publishers right of reply. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/02/11/2008: Mr. W. M. Robert Gunewardene vs irida Lankadeepa: "Alawa jathika pasale gatuma: vinaya palaka mese kiyayi." Right of reply published in newspaper. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/03/11/2008: Mr. K. S. Anil Dayasiri vs Wanduraba: Provincial newspaper. Telephone numbers of newspaper incorrect unable to contact editor however posted to editor. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/04/11/2008: Mr. Asela Perera vs *Daily Mirror*: Advertisement stating closing date of entries passed the day of publication. Misleading the public, await receipt of complaint form. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 04
RESOLVED: 02
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 01
OUT OF MANDATE: 00
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01
SUB-JUDICE: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 03
Tamil: 00
English: 01

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Complaints Summary List (CSL) for December 2008

PCCSL/01/12/2008: Dr. H. A. P. U. Gamage vs *Divaina*: "nosalkilla nisa vayer maruvima." Complaint forwarded to editor on December 09. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/02/12/2008: Mr. D. S. Kalubowila vs *Guruwaraya newspaper*: "vadayak vu maha amathige sinduva." The complaint is against an article appearing in a School newspaper that is not a registered newspaper. Therefore complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/03/12/2008: Mr. Dharmasiri Lankapeli, General Secretary of the Federation of Media Employees' Trade Union vs *Dinamina*. "thun laksha anu ata dahase mudal chekpatha gana sakayak." Complaint resolved outside the PCCSL process. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/04/12/2008: Mr. Sanath Balasooriya, President and Mr. Poddala Jayantha, General Secretary of the Sri Lanka Working Journalist Association vs *Dinamina*. "thun laksha anu ata dahase mudal chekpatha gana sakayak." Complaint resolved outside the PCCSL process. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/05/12/2008: Mr. A. E. Goonasintha vs *Sunday Leader*. An article written by Mr. Gamini Weerakoon in his column called Serendipity appearing in the Sunday Leader being defamatory of the complainant's father. The dates given are incorrect since such an article does not appear on those dates. Informed Mr. Goonasintha by telephone on December 29 of the mistake, he said he will get the correct date. Complaint forwarded to Mr. Gamini Weerakoon in the absence of Mr. Lasantha Wickramatunga since he was killed. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 05
RESOLVED: 02
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 00
OUT OF MANDATE: 01
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 02
SUB-JUDICE: 00
RECEIVED: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 04
Tamil: 00
English: 01

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