

PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

Annual Report 2014

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OBJECTIVE

To promote the Code of Professional Practice of The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka as a means towards promoting self-regulation in the print media while emphasizing its importance towards ethical reporting in building a socially responsible press; to resolve disputes between the print media and the public through conciliation, mediation, arbitration and to advocate for a more responsible media.

VISION

To provide an effective mechanism to readers in resolving complaints fast, free and fair and to promote good professional practices.

MISSION

To be the leader in Self-Regulation in Sri Lanka and the South Asia region.

Message from the Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka

The Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka (PCCSL) has been in existence since 2003, established on a recommendation of the Colombo Declaration of 1998.

At the core of our mission is our belief that only a free, independent, and accountable media can play a critical role in promoting good governance, by facilitating informed civic participation and debate, and strengthening government's transparency and accountability. Only then can the press truly be a cornerstone of the democratic edifice.

Self-regulation lies at the very centre of this, fostering the media's responsibility of providing accurate reports, thus enhancing the quality of the media. Moreover, this offers quality assurance and feedback to the public, and often is the swiftest and most efficient way to obtain justice in the event of factual errors or violation of rights.

The work at the Colombo Office has progressed smoothly. The publication of the 'Right to Reply' in many mainstream newspapers has in large measure helped to create public awareness of the PCCSL. Our office in Jaffna, established in 2013, has done well too. There is also more public awareness now, of the Editors' Code of Professional Practice. But there is more to be done.

The International Conference on Media Ethics held to commemorate our 10th anniversary, originally scheduled for November 2013, and postponed to January 2014 turned out to be a great success with participants from the region and speakers from around the world.

Unfortunately we ended our year on a sad note, when Mr. Sam Wijesinha, the first Chairman of the Dispute Resolution Council who resigned earlier on in the year, passed away in August. Mr. Wijesinha had done yeoman service during his tenure at the Council, giving it a stature that helped PCCSL to be recognized as an independent and effective institution.

We welcome Mr. Nihal Seneviratne, former Secretary General of Parliament who assumed the Chair of the Dispute Resolution Council and has already commenced Council hearings. We wish him well in implementing his duties.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I must acknowledge the contribution by our CEO, Mr. Sukumar Rockwood and his staff. The work implemented by them during this year is detailed within. Our grateful appreciation to all those who have given of their advice and time voluntarily and to all our donors without whom this work would not have been possible.

Kumar Nadesan

Chairman

Board of Directors PCCSL

Message from the Chairman of the Dispute Resolution Council (DRC)

It is indeed a pleasure for me to pen a few words for the Annual Report of the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka (PCCSL) outlining its work and the work done by the Dispute Resolution Council for the year 2014.

This year, I believe marks the 11th year of existence and like in previous years, the PCCSL has worked assiduously to uphold self regulation and strict adherence of the Editors' Code of Professional Practice. As in the earlier years, the PCCSL continued to build on the very positive growth achieved in the past. This year witnessed the successful holding of 37 meetings which was duly attended by 561 publishers, editors, sub editors and journalists participating from the province and city.

It is heartening to note that the independent self regulatory system has now been widely accepted by the vast majority of the registered newspapers. Of special significance was the successful hosting of the International Conference on 'Self Regulation and Ethical Reporting in January 2014. A galaxy of speakers attended the conference. Inaugurating was keynote speaker Prof. Savitri Goonesekere and a video address made by Judge Christopher Weeramantry. The event we are glad to report was sponsored by UNESCO along with the Embassies of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and America. A Report of the International Conference and a Souvenir to mark the event were published.

The Web Page – www.pccsl.lk – has been very successfully listed and with pleasure we note that since its inauguration on January 01, 2013, 6200 hits have been recorded.

It is noteworthy to report that the e-Newsletter continues to be published monthly and had nine issues in 2014. It has a readership of over 2500 people and continues to record useful information for journalists of what occurs in Sri Lanka and the outside world of journalism.

As regards the complaints received we note that the PCCSL received 291 complaints in all three languages. We record with pleasure that 192 complaints were resolved.

Finally a very special word of thanks is due to the totally dedicated staff of the PCCSL secretariat headed so ably by Mr. Sukumar Rockwood CEO without his leadership and the efforts of Mr. Kamal Liyanarachchi, Complaints Officer Sinhala Print and Promotion Officer and Mr. Ameen Hussain, Complaints Officer Tamil Print, this record of a successful performance would not have been possible.

Nihal Seneviratne
Chairman
Dispute Resolution Council
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Annual Review 2014

01. Introduction

The PCCSL is the outcome of the Colombo Declaration on Press Freedom and Social Responsibility of 1998, which followed an international seminar held in Colombo, organized by the Newspaper Society of Sri Lanka, The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka and the Free Media Movement in association with the Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association, the World Association of Newspapers, the Commonwealth Press Union, the International Press Institute, Article 19 and the Media Institute of Southern Africa. The Colombo Declaration was revisited in 2008.

The PCCSL is an independent, voluntary, self-regulatory mechanism set up by the newspaper industry of Sri Lanka, which comprises the Newspaper Society of Sri Lanka, The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka, the Free Media Movement and the Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association.

It works on the principles of conciliation, mediation and arbitration under the Arbitration Act No. 11 of 1995. It is modelled along the lines of similar Commissions in UK, Sweden and South Africa. The High Court of Colombo is empowered to enforce an arbitration award made under the Act in the event a newspaper fails to publish the decision of the Dispute Resolution Council of the PCCSL should a complainant wish to pursue a case where the editor is not abiding by the arbitral decision.

The Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka (PCCSL) celebrated its 10th anniversary on October 15, 2013. Although an International Conference to mark the event with 30 foreign delegates participating was planned for November 10-12, 2013, it was postponed due to a request made from the highest level of government as it was scheduled on the eve of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Colombo. The new dates of the International Conference were from January 13-15, 2014.

02. Executive summary

The Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka (PCCSL) continued building on the positive growth made in the previous year and successfully held 37 meetings attended by 561 publishers, editors, sub-editors, journalists and provincial journalists. During the meetings, the importance of self-regulation and the Code of Professional Practice were discussed along with the PCCSL process in resolving complaints.

The independent self-regulation system is widely accepted by a vast majority of the registered newspapers printed and published in the country.

The success of the PCCSL can be measured in many ways; the number of valid complaints received, i.e. complaints received within the PCCSL mandate have improved, although complainants remain sluggish in following up on their initial (informal) complaint. 2014 was the peak year in the 11-year history of the PCCSL.

The number of complaints resolved outside of the PCCSL process has shown progress. The increased number of corrections, clarifications, apologies and right of replies published by Sri Lankan newspapers without formally involving the PCCSL indicates that the advocacy work done by the Commission has made readers write direct to editors and have their 'Right of Readers' published outside the PCCSL process and the observing of violations of the Code which are reported to Editors to pay special care are positive and helps reach the objective of a professional media.

02.01. International Conference:

The Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka (PCCSL) to mark its 10th anniversary organised an International Conference 'Self-Regulation and Ethical Reporting'. The confab was inaugurated on Monday, January 13, 2014 at the Lakshman Kadirgamar Centre for Strategic Studies where the keynote speaker was Prof. Savitri Goonesekere, Professor Emeritus of Law and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo. A video of an address made by Judge Sri Lankabhimanya Christopher Gregory Weeramantry, Emeritus Professor of Monash University, Melbourne, Australia and former Judge of the International Court of Justice was played. Mr. Ian Beales, Secretary and Consultant

of the UK Editors' Code Committee, Ms. Iskra Panevaska, Advisor for Communication and Information for South Asia of United Nations Educational and Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and Mr. Kumar Nadesan, Chairman PCCSL also spoke.

The Rapporteur was Mr. Toby Mendel, Executive Director, Centre for Law and Democracy, Canada.

The event was sponsored by UNESCO along with the Embassies of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and America.

A Report of the International Conference and a souvenir to mark the event were also published.

The Seminar that followed was spread over eight sessions and was held from January 14 to 15, 2014 in the Auditorium of the Sri Lanka Press Institute. It covered seven topics with the recommendations and conclusion being the eighth. (Please see below for recommendations)

02.02. Gender issues:

Of the predominantly male-dominated editors, there are three women editors and quite a few women sub-editors, news editors, features editors and supplement editors. There is a great surge in the enrolment of young girls into the profession, but there are also a high percentage of women leaving the profession for more lucrative and less taxing employment in other, often related fields.

This year too there were a minimum of one or two women at journalist training workshops. In the provinces, women journalists are given the option of returning to their homes for the night during residential training workshops if they wish to do so. It was notable that the number of women present at civil society meetings had increased.

02.03. Web Page

The web page - www.pccsl.lk - continued to grow with 6200 hits recorded since it was inaugurated on January 01, 2013. The Web Page made it easier for complainants to learn more about the PCCSL, its activity, the Code of Professional Practice, the Colombo Declaration and how to make online complaints.

02.04. e-Newsletter

The e-newsletter published in 2014 is Volume: 04 and it is published monthly with 09 issues in 2014. It has a readership of over 2,500 people. It gives up-to-date useful information to journalists on what is happening in the world of journalism and the activities of the PCCSL.

02.05. PCCSL and RTI

The PCCSL assisted the SLPI to promote the Right To Information (RTI) through a book 'Right To Information: A Guide to Advocates' launched on November 03, 2014 at the BMICH. It was done in collaboration with UNESCO. Prior to the launch of the SLPI-UNESCO RTI book, the PCCSL assisted the SLPI to put out a cartoon booklet in three languages to be distributed among the public to create awareness. The PCCSL in collaboration with the SLPI took the RTI to the provinces. This programme was assisted by Mr. Kamal Liyanaarachchi and Mr. Ameen Hussain.

02.06. Meetings/Awareness Programmes

The PCCSL also made positive headway by meeting 283 members representing various sections of civil society at 24 meetings. In addition the PCCSL held a series of programmes with Zonal Directors of Education, Principals, teachers and students of Government Schools imparting practical knowledge of the PCCSL process especially as a socially responsible link between the editors and the public. This was done since the new school curriculum included "Media Studies" in which the PCCSL and the Editors' Code of Professional Practice are subjects at the General Certificate of Education Ordinary and Advanced Level examinations. During the school programme, 10 meetings were held for 615 students along with their teachers of Media Studies to familiarize them with the Code and the PCCSL process.

03. Recommendations following International Conference

Report by Mr. Toby Mendel, Law and Democracy, Canada – Rapporteur for International Conference on Self

03.01. Key Recommendations:

We, the participants at the Conference on Self Regulation and Ethical Reporting hosted by the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka from 13-15 January 2014 in Colombo, Sri Lanka,

Recalling the Responsibilities of Media Institutions and Personnel affirmed in the Colombo Declaration of 1998 as updated in 2008 and contained in the Voluntary Code of Professional Practice.

Recalling Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, guaranteeing freedom of expression;

Stressing that an independent professional media sector is essential to give effect in practice to the right to freedom of expression, to ensure transparency, accountability and participation as foundational elements of good governance and sustainable development and in order to truly reflect a multi-ethnic society;

Noting that an important element of a professional media environment is a strong self-regulatory system which can provide both redress in cases of unprofessional media conduct and support to the media to improve its level of professionalism;

Welcoming the important contribution made by the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka in providing a strong self-regulatory system in Sri Lanka to the benefit of both the media and the public at large;

Condemning attempts by some governments around the world to abuse the notion of self-regulation with a view to exerting control over the media;

03.02. Call on the Government of Sri Lanka:

To recognise and respect the important role played by the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka in the area of self-regulation and, as a result, to repeal the Press Council Act.

To respect the right of the media to operate independently of government and to refrain from taking any actions or measures that might undermine this independence.

To take effective action to prevent attacks against journalists and to launch serious investigations when such attacks do occur, so as to bring the perpetrators to justice.

To adopt, after consultation with interested stakeholders, a right to information law which conforms to international standards and which includes protection for whistleblowers.

To put in place rules limiting undue concentration of media ownership and cross-ownership.

To put an end to government control over the public media, including by transforming the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and the Independent Television Network into truly independent public service broadcasters and by taking appropriate measures to ensure that other public media can operate in the public interest and free of government control.

03.03. Call on the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka:

To take advantage of its 10th anniversary to take stock of its achievements and challenges over the last ten years, in particular by conducting a full review of the system of self-regulation in Sri Lanka, with specific attention, among other things, to the following issues:

- To ensure that the Code of Practice remains comprehensive, tight, strong and realistic, including by addressing the issue of conflicts of interest, keeping in mind that it is a regulatory code and not a more aspirational Code of Professional Practice, and that it is as identical as possible in English and the other local languages.
- To make membership more inclusive and to consider including more lay members on the Commission, perhaps

- up to two-thirds of all members, including the chair.
- To ensure that the Commission operates as transparently as possible, including by having an open process around appointments, by posting appointments and decisions online as soon as possible and by ensuring that hearings are open.
- To expand its mandate to include explicitly the power to conduct proactive investigations (as well as investigations in response to complaints).
- To continue to issue regulatory decisions in appropriate cases as well as to mediate disputes.
- To clarify and possibly expand the role of the Commission vis-à-vis electronic publications, and to look further into the possibility of bringing broadcasters within its remit.
- To ensure that it is effective in its coverage of the whole of the country and especially the Northern Province.

To make particular efforts to ensure that it is providing adequate services to local language media, for example by trying to expose these media to examples of quality publications, by establishing a journal on ethics, published in the local languages and by making available books and guidelines in the local languages.

To continue and even increase its advocacy in support of media freedom and the right of the media to self-regulate and to continue to stand firm against external pressure.

To continue to explore ways to find local sources of financial support for its operations.

To consider issuing a set of guidelines or indicators on the Code of Practice, ideally as a whole but at least to cover some of the more complex issues, such as how to apply the rule on privacy and, in particular, how to balance privacy and the wider public interest. This should be aimed at ensuring that the Code is accessible and understandable for the general public as well as media professionals.

To explore the possibility of playing a more regional role, for example in terms of training and sharing of experiences and views on key self-regulation issues, along the lines of the present conference.

03.04. Call on the media and key media players:

Owners: To minimise their role and the role of market considerations in terms of impact on the content of what is published (i.e. to respect editorial independence).

Journalists and Editors: To consider making a commitment not only to respect the Code of Practice but both to integrate the Code and promotion of professionalism more fully into their working practices and to commit to respect for basic human rights as guaranteed under international law and the Constitution of Sri Lanka. As part of this, consideration should be given to making respect for the Code a formal condition of employment for journalists.

All Media Practitioners: To make clear efforts to practise and ensure respect for freedom of the media, including by actively fulfilling the role of the media as the fourth estate and by avoiding 'docile' reporting.

03.05. Call on various other actors:

The Sri Lanka College of Journalism and other educational institutions: To continue to provide education and training on ethics at different levels – university, ongoing professional training and even in schools (in the form of media literacy) – and targeting different actors – journalists and students, but also editors, owners and Members of Parliament.

The international community: To continue to provide support to the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka, as well as the Sri Lanka Press Institute and the Sri Lanka College of Journalism.

Members of Parliament and the General Public: To support media freedom and measures to create a more media friendly society.

Various Stakeholders: To take measures to reduce the barriers between the different language media in the country, so as to reduce the current situation which could be described as each language media existing in 'different worlds'.

Various Stakeholders: To take measures to improve the working conditions for journalists including such things as remuneration and benefits, safety and professional independence.

04. Complaints

During the period under review (January to December 2014), the PCCSL received 291 complaints. The following is a breakdown of the complaints as against the different language newspapers.

- * Against the Sinhala language press: 167 complaints.
- * Against the Tamil language press: 47 complaints.
- * Against the English language press: 70 complaints.
- * Not against the print media: 07 complaints

The Sinhala language media comprises 38 per cent of the newspapers (07 dailies and 12 weeklies totalling: 19) published in the country. The Tamil media comprises 40 per cent of the newspapers (12 dailies, 08 weeklies, totalling: 20) published in the country. The English media comprises 22 per cent of the newspapers (05 dailies, 06 weeklies, totalling 11) published in the country.

Some newspapers still choose not to comply with the Rules and Procedures of the PCCSL.

Given below is the breakdown of the types of complaints received during the period under review:

04.01. Types of complaints received:

- * Resolved: 193 complaints of the valid complaints – 257.
- * Pending: 03 complaints.
- * Complainant did not proceed: 56 complaints.
- * Out of mandate: 20 complaints including not concerning newspapers.
- * No response from Editor: 06 complaints, (Maubima-01, Irida Divaina-01, Lanka-02, Dinamina-01 and Ceylon Today (Sunday Edition)-01).
- * Sub-judice: 13 complaints.
- * Total: 291 complaints

04.02. Complaints were received against the following newspapers:

- The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited: ANCL (Lake House) Newspapers: Daily News, Dinamina and Silumina.
- Wijeya Newspapers Limited: Daily Mirror, Lankadeepa daily, Ada, the Sunday Times and Irida Lankadeepa.
- Upali Newspapers Limited: The Island, Sunday Island, Divaina daily, and Irida Divaina.
- Lakbima Newspapers Limited: Lakbima daily, and Irida lakbima.
- Ravaya Publishers Limited: Ravaya.
- Leader Publications (Pvt) Limited: The Sunday Leader and Irudina.
- Mass Media Syndicate (Pvt) Limited: Sudar Oli and Uthayan (Jaffna Edition)
- Rivira Media Corporation (Pvt) Limited: The Nation, Rivira and Irida Rivira.
- Lanka Fast Publishers (Pvt) Ltd: Lanka
- Lanka Mass Publishers (Pvt) Ltd: Janarala
- Free Lanka Newspapers (Pvt) Limited: Nawamani
- Express Newspapers Ceylon Limited: Virakesari daily, Virakesari weekly, Metro News, Virakesari (Jaffna Edition), Suriyakanthi (up country) and Vidivelli.
- United Newspapers Limited: Thinakkural daily, Thinakkural weekly and Yarl Thinakkural (Jaffna Edition).
- Randiva Media Corporation (Pvt) Ltd.: Randiva weekly.
- Ceylon Newspapers (Pvt) Limited: Ceylon Today daily and weekly and Maubima daily and weekly.
- Vaauraiikal Publication (Eastern-based): Vaauraiikal

04.03. Other complaints:

The PCCSL also received a few complaints against non-payment of prize-money for crossword puzzles, purportedly misleading advertisements published in newspapers, advertorials, articles sent for publication that were not

published, as well as complaints against the electronic media. These were forwarded to the relevant authorities. There were also complaints of a personal nature which could not be addressed by the PCCSL.

04.04. Complaints resolved outside of the PCCSL process:

The PCCSL monitors the daily progress made by Editors in resolving complaints without involving the PCCSL and has observed that a total of 323 complaints have been resolved during the year with the publication of a clarification, correction/apology or Right of Reply. This includes 259 concerning Sinhala newspapers, 03 Tamil and 61 English.

05. Code Review

The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka (TEGOSL) in September 2013 appointed an eight-member Code Review Committee to review the Code of Professional Practice namely: Mr. Nihal Seneviratna, Mr. Sinha Ratnatunga, Dr. T. Thamilmaran, Mr. Manik de Silva, Mr. Javid Yusuf, Ms. Kishali Pinto Jayawardana, Prof. Tissa Kariyawasam and Dr. Tudor Weerasinghe.

The committee met on four occasions and submitted nine points for consideration to TEGOSL. The Committee studied the Code of 2008 and several other Codes during its deliberations.

Meanwhile the Guild also published a notice in the three language stream newspapers (Sinhala, Tamil and English) calling for submissions from the public. The recommendations received from the public totalled 13.

In January 2014 following the International Conference, it was decided to hold a meeting with members of TEGOSL and the Code Review Committee on the two reports along with Mr. Ian Beales, Secretary of the UK Code Committee. Mr. Beales studied all the submissions and after an active discussion between Code Review Committee members, The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka, the Newspaper Society of Sri Lanka, the Free Media Movement and the Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association a final report was prepared and changes made to the 2008 Code.

The 2014 revised version was adopted, printed and circulated in two formats – A5 folded in three and a pocket version. Both were printed in three languages: Sinhala, Tamil and English.

05. 01. Report following the Review of the Code: Sri Lanka's new media challenges:

Introduction

Despite political and economic pressures, Sri Lanka's press remains largely free and in control of its own destiny, with an established and functioning self-regulatory regime and other institutions. All have recently been put to the test in various ways. The Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka's tenth anniversary international conference had to be hastily re-scheduled in the face of Ministerial pressures. The independent Editors' Code of Practice is undergoing a review. The Sri Lanka Press Institute faces continuing financial challenges. The press is not alone in this within Sri Lanka's media community.

Broadcasters and the advertising industry also face closer political scrutiny.

Clearly, this creates challenges. But it also offers opportunities for a press that has emerged successfully from its most recent trials: unbowed, if not entirely unbloodied.

The test now is for these established press institutions to demonstrate that they are up for the new challenges – and continue to be fit for the purpose.

This short analysis of some of the recent highs and lows is intended to flag up some possible options that might help to keep the Sri Lankan press industry genuinely free and thriving for the next ten years.

05.02. The PCCSL international conference:

The conference, despite its false start, was successful on several levels. It proved that

Sri Lanka remains a forum for open discussion on the issues that should always concern a free press. It gave a platform to visitors from South-east Asian regional press regimes, wider international agencies and to domestic speakers to share concerns, experiences and challenges, which were often remarkably similar. Such an exchange

is always worthwhile: it raises the profile of press freedom – and keeps the spirit of the Colombo Declaration alive in the public consciousness.

Indeed, the postponement of the conference, due to the clash with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, demonstrated graphically the need for a high profile to be maintained. The postponement may not have wrecked the event, but it had a lasting detrimental effect. Without it, the conference would have had greater impact: it would have attracted a wider range of international speakers, adding to the level of debate and perhaps securing greater attendance.

Sri Lankan editors, for example, were often noticeably absent. That was a pity, as they would have been able to make a significant contribution by publicly challenging or endorsing the sentiments raised. Their absence could send an unfortunate message to international and domestic audiences and to prospective donor organisations, whose support is so vital in maintaining press freedom institutions. If editors are not prepared to defend journalism's corner, why should anyone else?

It is perhaps inevitable – and desirable in the interests of diversity – that a free press is rarely united, except in its belief in its right to be disunited. It is not a self-serving monolith. But there are times when a display of mutual interest, if not actually common purpose, is beneficial. If nothing else, a representative turn-out of working editors prevents events such as the conference from being dominated by academics, lawyers and even well-meaning sociologists and quangocrats with little knowledge of the actual business of journalism. They are, of course, all entitled to a view, but the balance between external observers and internal practitioners should be properly struck. There may be a lesson to be learned here: that responsible, ethical journalism can only operate at full throttle in a healthy commercial environment. Newspapers rarely achieve the true goals of campaigning journalism. So any future conference aiming to attract editors might do well to include sessions where ethical topics are combined with practical journalistic and commercial development workshops to help to deliver the economic stability many newspapers lack. It is a formula to attract editors that works elsewhere.

05.03: The Code Review and the PCCSL:

The Code Review process suggested that, while the Code of Practice had performed well over the years, updates and improvements were advisable to increase its focus and keep pace with technological developments. These are summarised in a separate report to The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka.

The review process also flagged up issues not necessarily intrinsic to the Code itself.

There appeared to be a general consensus that the Code worked better for the English language media than it did for the vernacular press. Indeed, this had apparently been demonstrated in a number of cases dealt with by the PCCSL.

One submission to the review suggested this was because the ethical culture of the English version of the Code did not readily translate into Sinhalese (and possibly Tamil), although there was no universal agreement on that. A lack of suitable education among some Sinhalese-language journalists was also advanced as a possible reason. It was also suggested, anecdotally, that vernacular language journalists might be pressurized by editors or publishers to ignore the Code.

It is impossible to be definitive on any of this without firm evidence. However, there is an obvious risk that the essential nuances of a Code founded in English could easily be lost on Sinhala and Tamil-speaking journalists, leaving them feeling marginalised, and thus reducing the Code's impact and relevance. Given the vernacular press's dominance in terms of public reach, this is a serious issue that should be urgently addressed.

It does suggest a need for the introduction of specific journalistic training in compliance with the Code in both Sinhala and Tamil. Training reliant on simultaneous translation from English – even at its best – cannot match direct delivery. My own limited experience of being translated into Sinhala or Tamil has not always been good. On one occasion, a detailed explanation of the finer points of the Code was randomly abbreviated by an interpreter, who clearly did not understand the issues. If that is happening on a wider scale, compliance with the Code will always be difficult to deliver.

There appears to be no firm evidence of vernacular journalists being urged to ignore the Code, but should that emerge, then the PCCSL might need to consider introducing a confidential whistle-blower hotline where journalists can report such cases, without fear of recrimination. The very existence of such a hotline could act as a deterrent and reassure journalists, publishers and the wider community that this was not an issue. The UK's new Independent Press Standards Organisation is introducing a similar system.

05.04. The Sri Lanka Press Institute and the College of Journalism:

Sri Lanka's post-war political and economic climate has brought both challenges and opportunities for the media. Regulation is again moving up government agendas, with statutory controls seen as a preferred option. This is nothing new for the press, which is why the independent PCCSL's survival after ten years is such an achievement. But now broadcasters and the advertising industry are also in the government's sights.

Both these industries could learn a lot from the PCCSL's and SLPI's experience. In terms of independent regulation, it has been the only game in town. It has its own regulatory Code. It has set up, through the College of Journalism, training schemes applicable to both print and broadcasting. In any new regulatory environment – whatever its legal basis – demand for such training will grow. The advertising industry will also need such training, and instruction in developing a code – or codes – of practice. The SLPI is uniquely placed to assist in both these areas.

It would, of course, have to adapt to a wider remit. It could become the Sri Lanka Media Institute and reconstitute its training and operational basis accordingly. The PCCSL would still remain within the framework as a freestanding independent press self-regulatory system. There would need to be new skill-sets added to those that already exist within the organisation, but the current administrative infrastructure and offices could be quickly adapted to the new role, bringing cost-sharing benefits, that might help to reduce reliance on overseas donors.

So a political challenge could become a genuine economic opportunity. It is, at the very least, worthy of consideration.

06. Rights of Readers

The "Rights of Readers" public notice was sent to all newspapers for publication. The following newspapers carried the public notice:

- The Wijeya Newspapers (Daily Mirror, the Sunday Times, Daily FT, Lankadeepa daily, Irida Lankadeepa and Ada),
- Express Newspapers (Virakesari daily/weekly, Metro News and Virakesari Jaffna),
- Mass Media Syndicate Newspapers (Sudar Oli daily/weekly),
- Upali Newspapers (on and off in The Island, monthly in Sunday Island and on and off in the Divaina daily),
- Leader publications (The Sunday Leader on and off and Irudina),
- Free Lanka Newspapers (Navamani),
- United Newspapers (Thinnakural weekly/daily and Yarl Thinnakural) and
- Lakbima Newspapers (Lakbima daily and Irida Lakbima).
- Rivira Media Corporation (The Nation)

The newspapers that have not carried the announcement are those published by the Lake House group, Upali Newspapers (Irida Divaina), Lanka Fast Publishers (Lanka), Rivira Media Corporation (Rivira) and Randiva Media Corporation (Pvt) Limited (Randiva).

The Ravaya newspaper publishes their own RoR.

07. Dispute Resolution Council

The Dispute Resolution Council (DRC) met on six occasions, once every two months. The Chairman of the 11-member Dispute Resolution Council was former Secretary General of Parliament and Ombudsman Mr. Sam Wijesinha. Mr. Wijesinha was appointed Emeritus Chairman in June 2014. His successor was Mr. Nihal Seneviratne, former Secretary General of Parliament. Mr. Wijesinha passed away on August 31, 2014.

The other members are; Dr. Devanesan Nesiiah, Mrs. Gnana Moonesinghe, Mr. Lucille Wijewardene, Mr. Javid

Yusuf, Mr. Dion Schoorman, Mr. Siri Ranasinghe, Mr. V. Thevaraj, Mr. Pramod de Silva, Ms. Vijita Fernando and Mr. Daya Lankapura.

08. Membership of PCCSL

Membership of the PCCSL stands at 49 as of December 31, 2014.

09. Awareness Programmes

09.01. PCCSL Promotion Campaign:

- The “Right of Reply” advertisement was published as a public service notice. Posters were displayed in newsrooms and public places where people meet.

09.02. Workshops/Seminars:

- Several presentations on the role of the PCCSL were held for members of the public in Colombo, Horana, Jaffna, Matara, Anuradhapura, Galle and Kayts Island. These programmes were well attended by principals of schools, teachers, government officials, military and police personnel, local government institutions, academics, doctors and the Directors of Education. They were eager to know more about the PCCSL and how it works.

09.03. Programmes with Schools:

The Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka is a component of Media Studies that is a subject taught in schools for the General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level and Advance Level examinations. PCCSL therefore conducts an awareness programme in schools about the PCCSL process and has visited schools in Colombo, Jaffna, Matara, Anuradhapura, Galle, Mawanella, Mannar and Batticaloa. Present at these meetings were also Zonal Directors of Education, Principals and teachers along with students.

09.04. All Island Essay Competition:

The annual All Island Essay Competition for 2013 for Grade 12/13 students organized by the PCCSL and the Ministry of Education was postponed and held in February 2014 due to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and the postponed International Conference held in January 2014.

10. AGM, Board meetings and PCCSL Secretariat

The PCCSL Board of Directors continued to meet once every month. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on July 15, 2014.

10.01. Board members:

Mr. Kumar Nadesan (Chairman, nominee of SLPI), Mr. Sinha Ratnatunga (Deputy Chairman, nominee of The Editors’ Guild of Sri Lanka), Mr. Nimal Welgama (nominee of the Newspaper Society of Sri Lanka), Ms. Seetha Ranjanee (nominee of the Free Media Movement), Mr. Manik de Silva (nominee of the SLPI), Mr. G. Koththigoda (nominee of the Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association) Mr. Siri Ranasinghe, Mr. M. N. Ameen and Mr. Sundara Nihathamani de Mel were elected by the general membership of the PCCSL. On the resignation of Mr. Koththigoda, Mr. Thaha Muzammil was appointed.

The PCCSL Secretariat would like to thank the CEO and staff of the Sri Lanka Press Institute (SLPI) for all assistance, the Chairman and the Board of Directors of the PCCSL and the Chairman and members of the Dispute Resolution Council for their invaluable support and advice at all times.

The Press Complaints of Commission is led by its Chief Executive Officer Sukumar Rockwood who is also the Complaints Officer – English Print Media, Mr. Kamal Liyanaarachchi, Complaints Officer – Sinhala Print Media and Promotions Officer and Mr. Ameen Hussain, Complaints Officer – Tamil Print Media.

Sukumar Rockwood

Chief Executive Officer

The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka



Code of Professional Practice



Accuracy

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Code of Professional Practice of The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka adopted by the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka

01. PREAMBLE

This code of practice, which is binding on newspaper publishing companies, Editors and their journalists and contributors both in print format and online, aims to ensure that the Sri Lankan press is free and responsible and sensitive to the needs and expectations of its readers, while maintaining the highest standards of journalism.

Those standards require newspapers to strive for accuracy and professional integrity, and to uphold the best traditions of investigative journalism in the public interest, unfettered by distorting commercialism or by improper pressure or by narrow self-interest, which conspires against press freedom. Newspapers and journalists, while free to hold and express their own strong opinions, should give due consideration to the views of others and endeavour to reflect social responsibility.

This code both protects the rights of the individual and upholds the public's right to know. It should be honoured not only to the letter but in the spirit – neither interpreted so narrowly as to compromise its commitment to respect the rights of the individual nor so broadly as to prevent publication in the public interest.

Editors should co-operate swiftly with the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka (PCCSL) in the resolution of complaints. Any publication judged to have breached the Code must print the adjudication in full and with due prominence, including a headline reference to the PCCSL.

02. ACCURATE REPORTING

- 2.1: The media must take all reasonable care not to publish inaccurate, misleading or distorting news, photographs and other images. Any significant digital manipulation of images should be labelled.
- 2.2: Every reasonable attempt should be made by editors and individual journalists to verify the accuracy of reports prior to publication. Where such verification is not practicable, that fact shall be stated in the report.
- 2.3: Editors and their staff, including external contributors, shall not publish material in such a way as to endorse any matter which they know or have reason to believe to be false or inaccurate.
- 2.4: Plagiarism must be avoided. Legitimate use of other people's work should be duly attributed.
- 2.5: The press must distinguish clearly between comment, conjecture and fact.

03. CORRECTIONS and APOLOGIES

- 3.1: Where it is recognized by the editor that a report was incorrect in a material respect, it should be corrected promptly and with due prominence and with an apology where appropriate, except where the correction or apology is against the wishes of the aggrieved party.

04. OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY

- 4.1: A fair and reasonable opportunity to reply should be given to individuals or organizations in respect of factually incorrect statements endangering their reputation, dignity, honour, feelings, privacy and office. The reply should be confined to the complainant's version of the facts and no longer than necessary to correct the alleged inaccuracy.

- 4.2: Newspapers or journalists who respond to a complainant's reply other than to apologize or regret the error, must then be prepared to offer the aggrieved party a fresh opportunity to reply.

05. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES

- 5.1: Every journalist has a moral obligation to protect confidential sources of information, until that source authorizes otherwise.

06. GENERAL REPORTING and WRITING

- 6.1: In dealing with social issues of a particularly shocking or emotionally painful nature – such as atrocity, violence, drug abuse, brutality, sadism, sexual salacity and obscenity – the press should take special care to present facts, opinions, photographs and graphics with due sensitivity and discretion, subject to its duty to publish in the public interest.
- 6.2: In reporting accounts of crime or criminal case, publications shall not, unless it is both legally permitted and in the public interest –
- i. Name victims of sex crimes
 - ii. Knowingly name any young person accused of a criminal offence who is below the age of 16 and who has no previous convictions
 - iii. Identify without consent relatives of a person accused or convicted of a crime
- 6.3: A journalist shall not knowingly or wilfully promote communal or religious discord or violence.
- 6.4: i. The press must avoid prejudicial or pejorative reference to a person's race, colour, religion, sex or to any physical or mental illness or disability.
- ii. It must avoid publishing details of a person's race, caste, religion, sexual orientation, physical or mental illness or disability unless these are directly relevant to the story.
- 6.5: When reporting suicide, care should be taken not to give excessive detail of the method used.

07. PRIVACY

- 7.1: The press shall exercise particular care to respect the private and family lives of individuals, their home, health and correspondence, including digital communications. Intrusions on this right to privacy without consent could be justified only by some over-riding public interest.
- 7.2: The use of long-lens or other cameras to photograph people without consent on private or public property where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy is unacceptable, unless in the public interest.
- 7.3: Particular care should be taken to ensure that in cases involving grief or shock, inquiries and approaches are handled with sensitivity and discretion.
- 7.4: Young people should be free to complete their school years without unnecessary intrusion. Publication of material concerning a child's private life would be acceptable only if there was some exceptional public interest other than the fame, notoriety or position of his or her family or guardian.
- 7.5: The restrictions on intruding into privacy are particularly relevant to inquiries about individuals in hospitals or similar institutions, unless it serves the public interest.

08. HARASSMENT and SUBTERFUGE

- 8.1: Journalists, including photo-journalists, must not seek to obtain information or pictures through intimidation or harassment or by misrepresentation or subterfuge. The use of long-lens cameras or listening devices, or interception of private or mobile telephone calls, e-mails or messages must also not be used unless this can be justified in the public interest and the material could not have been obtained by other means.

09. INTEGRITY

- 9.1: All journalists should act with integrity and honour in the performance of their work.
- 9.2: Conflicts of interest should be avoided. Journalists should inform their editor or responsible superior of any possible conflict, such as close personal connection with any story in which they are significantly engaged; or acceptance or offers of gifts that might compromise their integrity. If such conflict is unavoidable, it should normally be disclosed to the reader.
- 9.3: i. Even where the law does not prohibit it, journalists must not use for their own profit financial information they receive in advance of its general publication, nor should they pass such information for the profit of others.
ii. They must not write about shares or securities in whose performance they know that they or their close families have a significant financial interest, without disclosing the interest to the publisher, editor or financial editor.
- 9.4: Articles written for payment or other benefit from a commercial or other non-editorial source, such as in advertorials or promotions, should be clearly labelled as such. Payment should not be sought or accepted as a reward for including favourable – or excluding hostile – editorial material.

INTERPRETATION

- 1: Public Interest' means:
- i. Protecting democracy, good governance, freedom of expression, human rights and keeping the people informed of the actions of their elected representatives and government.
 - ii. This also includes, but is not confined to:
 - Detecting or exposing crime or the threat of crime.
 - Disclosing a person or organisation's failure or likely failure to comply with any legal obligation to which they are subject.
 - Disclosing a miscarriage of justice.
 - Raising or contributing to an important matter of public debate, including serious cases of impropriety, unethical conduct or incompetence concerning the public.
 - Disclosing concealment, or likely concealment, of any of the above.
 - Protecting public health and security and social, cultural and educational standards;
 - Protecting the public from being misled by some statement or action of an individual or organisation.

- 2: In any case where the public interest is involved, the Press Complaints Commission will be entitled to require a full explanation by the Editor and/or journalist demonstrating how the public interest was served.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

The provisions of this Code will also apply to the Online publications of the print media, where:

- The editor of the newspaper, magazine, or freestanding web publication is ultimately responsible for it and could reasonably have been expected both to exercise editorial control over it and apply the terms of the Code before publication.
- The material used has not been pre-edited to conform to the on-line or off-line standards of another media regulatory body.

REVIEW

The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka shall review the provisions of this Code from time to time, in consultation with a Code Committee comprising of members, and non-members appointed by the Guild.

The Code is supported by the following organizations:

- The Newspaper Society of Sri Lanka
- Free Media Movement
- Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association
- Sri Lanka Press Institute
- Sri Lanka College of Journalism
- Sri Lanka Tamil Media Alliance
- Sri Lanka Muslim Media Forum
- Federation of Media Employees Trade Union
- South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA) – Sri Lanka Chapter

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Activities of the PCCSL in 2014

Date	Target group	Venue	Total	Men	Women	S/T/E -Medium	Remarks
January							
Jan. 08, 2014	Journalists	In their office				S	Explained about the International Conference on Self Regulation and Ethical News Reporting
Jan. 09, 2014	Journalists	In their office				S	Explained about the International Conference on Self Regulation and Ethical News Reporting
Jan. 10, 2014	Journalists attending International Conference	SLPI Auditorium	09	04	05	S/T/E	Explained about the International Conference on Self Regulation and Ethical News Reporting
Jan. 17, 2014	Retired Flag-Rank Officers	Military Police, Headquarters, Colombo 05	15	15	00	E	Spoke about PCCSL's role in the complaint process and the Code as means of resolving complaints.
Jan. 23, 2014	Members of Ceylon Muslim Youth, Colombo 10.	CMY Headquarters, Colombo 10.	18	18	00	T	Explained complaint process. Several incorrect articles about Muslims appearing in Sinhala language newspapers. Discussed how to resolve them. Suggested calling Sinhala journalists and talking to them about the Muslim religion
Jan. 27, 2014	Dr. Pradeep Weerasinghe, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Mass Media Studies, University of Colombo, Horana	PCCSL	01	01	00	E	Self Regulation, Code and complaint procedure discussed. Possible collaboration with University.
Jan. 30, 2014	Teachers and school children attached to the Media Club, Al Azhar Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Hemmatagama, Mawanella	Hemmatagama	200	50	150	T	Presentation about PCCSL and importance of Media. Explained Code as an effective tool to protect readers interest.
February							
Feb. 06, 2014	Candidate for Masters, Kelaniya University	In PCCSL	01	01	00	S	Doing thesis including PCCSL. Explained process and Code.
Feb. 11, 2014	Journalists attached to Neth FM radio station	Neth FM Radio Station, Colombo 04.	18	14	04	S	Presentation about PCCSL and importance of Responsible journalism with Code.
Feb. 26, 2014	Police Spokesman, Police personnel, Communication/ NGO and Press Officers of Companies	SLPI Auditorium	10	08	02	S	Writing press releases and explained Code and PCCSL process.

March							
March 14, 2014	Journalists following workshop on Investigative Journalism conducted by Transparency International Sri Lanka	Beruwela Hotel	18	15	03	S	Introduced Code and explained PCCSL process in resolving complaints.
March 17, 2014	Jaffna journalists	PCCSL Office, Station Road, Jaffna	32	26	06	E/T	Introduced amended Code. Explained PCCSL process.
March 17, 2014	Mannar journalists	PCCSL Office, Jaffna	03	03	00	E/T	Introduced amended Code. Explained PCCSL process.
March 19, 2014	People of Jaffna	Green Grass Hotel, Jaffna and visits	40	35	05	E/T	Explained PCCSL process in resolving complaints. Code introduced.
April							
April 04, 2014	Mr. Ahmed Zahir, Mr. Al Rasheed and Mr. Madhuhath Adham, Maldives Media Council	Board Room SLPI	03	03	00	E	Inquired about setting up Press Club. Recapped work of PCCSL and the amended Code
April 22, 2014	Newsrooms/ editors: The Sunday Times, Daily Mirror, Daily FT, Ada, Lankadeepa, Irida Lankadeepa, new weekly Sinhala newspaper (Wijeya), Lakkima and Irida Lakkima	In Wijeya newspapers and Sumathi newspapers	30	20	10	S/E	Introduced new Code and explained changes.
April 23, 2014	Newsrooms/ editors: Virakesari daily, Virakesari weekly, Metro News, Thinakkural daily, Thinakkural weekly, Udayasooriyan, Sudar Oli daily, Sudar Oli weekly	In Virakesari, Thinakkural and Sudar Oli Newsrooms	16	14	02	E/T	Introduced new Code and explained changes.
April 23, 2014	Mr. Kumar Nadesan, MD, Virakesari, Dr. P. Kesavaraja, MD Thinakkural and Mr. S. P. Samy, Director, Thinakkural.	In their office	03	03	00	E/T	Introduced new Code and explained changes.
April 24, 2014	Newsroom/ editors: The Island, Sunday Island, Divaina, Irida Divaina, The Nation, Rivira daily/weekly	In their office	10	00	00	E/S	Introduced new Code and explained changes.

April 25, 2014	Mr. K. J. Joseph, Second Secretary (Education) Indian High Commission	In his office	01	01	00	E	Introduced PCCSL, self regulation and the Code
April 25, 2014	Newsroom/ editors: Ceylon Today daily/ weekly, Maubima daily/	In their office	10	05	05	E/S	Introduced new Code and explained changes.
April 28, 2014	Newsrooms/ editors: The Sunday Leader, Irurasa, Navamani, Ravaya	In their office	05	05	00	E/S	Introduced new Code and explained changes.
April 28, 2014	Leader CEO Ms. Shakuntala Perera	In her office	01	00	01	E	Introduced new Code and explained changes.
April 28, 2014	Navamani MD Mr. M. D. M. Rizvi	In his office	01	01	00	E	Introduced new Code and explained changes.
MAY							
May 06, 2014	Rivira Editor Sisira Paranathanthri and newsroom journalists	In Rivira Newsroom	35	20	15	S	Introduced new Code and explained changes. Ran through some examples.
May 07, 2014	Minister A. L. M. Athaula's Media Co-ordinator	In PCCSL Office	01	01	00	T	Introduced new Code and explained PCCSL process
May 08, 2014	SLPI-CCC Workshop – Media Strategies for the Corporate Sector	In SLPI	20	08	12	E	Introduced Code and explained PCCSL process. Effective tool to make complaints to resolve inaccuracies.
May 08, 2014	Mr. Duminda Guruge, Deputy News Editor, Dinamina and Reporter	In PCCSL Office	02	02	00	S	Introduced Code and explained PCCSL process
May 08, 2014	Mr. Kariyakarawana, Reporter, Sunday Observer	In PCCSL Office	01	01	00	S	Introduced Code and explained PCCSL process
May 09, 2014	Mr. Brennan Purter, American Journalist from Washington State, USA	In PCCSL Office	01	01	00	E	Introduced PCCSL and the Code.
May 17, 2014	AL School leavers (60) and teachers (10), Organised by Familian Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre, Mannar.	Mannar Familian Welfare Centre, Mannar	70	23	47	T	Introduced journalism, media's role and the PCCSL
May 28, 2014	Newsrooms: Uthayan, Yarl Thinakkural, Virakesari, Thinamurasu, Valampuri, Thinakkaran (advertising office) and Tamil Mirror	In their offices, Jaffna	12	09	03	E/T	Revised 2014 Code discussed. Explained new features.

May 29, 2014	Visit to dignitaries: NPC Governor, NPC Chief Minister, Director and Deputy Director Teaching Hospital Jaffna, Librarian, Government Agent, Jaffna, Security Forces Commander (North),	In their offices, Mannar	07	05	02	E/T	Explained PCCSL process and how to make a complaint, Explained Code.
May 30, 2014	Programme with Media Resource and Training Centre, Jaffna	MRTC, Jaffna	24	16	08	E/T	Write it right, PCCSL process, Code and its features.
May 30, 2014	Dean Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna and Director, Media Resource and Training Centre (MRTC)	In the Dean's office, Jaffna	02	02	00	E	About training of students of journalism on the Code and the PCCSL process.
JUNE							
June 03, 2014	Panel of Judges, Journalism Awards for Excellence 2013	SLPI Board Room	11	09	02	E	Introduced Code and spoke on the PCCSL process.
June 17, 2014	Mr. Paul Green, British Foreign Office, UK	British High Commission	01	01	00	E	Introduced Code and spoke on the PCCSL process.
June 24, 2014	SLCJ student meets	In PCCSL office	01	00	01	E	Introduced Code and spoke on the PCCSL process. Clarified issues concerning self regulation as opposed to regulation.
June 25, 2014	Mrs. Indrani Hewagama, CENWOR, Colombo	In PCCSL office	01	00	01	E	Introduced Code and spoke on the PCCSL process.
June 26, 2014	Policemen and officers. One Navy officer.	Public Library Auditorium Jaffna	54	54	00	S/T/E	Introduced Code and spoke on the PCCSL process.
June 28, 2014	Provincial Correspondents (Matara District)	Sarvodaya Centre, Matara	46	41	05	S	Explained changes in Code and spoke on the PCCSL process.
June 28, 2014	Additional District Secretary, Matara	Sarvodaya Centre, Matara	01	01	00	S	Explained Code of Professional Practice and PCCSL process.
JULY							
AUGUST							
Aug. 09, 2014	Students following Diploma in Journalism, University of Colombo	Journalism Unit, Faculty of Arts, Univ. of Colombo	19	17	02	T	Introduced Code and PCCSL process.

Aug. 23, 2014	Students of Journalism, Eastern University, Batticaloa	Media Unit, Faculty of Arts, Univ. of Batticaloa	20	12	08	T	Introduced Code and PCCSL process
Aug. 28, 2014	Virakesari: Publisher and editors. Thinakkural: Chief Editor and other two editors. Sudar Oli: Chief Editor and editor.	In their respective offices	10	10	00	T/E	Promote 2014 Code for publication. Discussed any issues they have.
SEPTEMBER							
Sept. 04, 2014	Invitees to launch of book 'Interviewing Techniques' in Sinhala	Raja Rata University, Auditorium, Anuradhapura	30			S	Used opportunity to talk on Code and PCCSL process.
Sept. 04, 2014	Address to students following 'Media Studies' Course in A/ Swarnapalli Balika Maha Vidyalaya, A/Rambewa Central College and A/Ashoka M. V.	Raja Rata University, Auditorium, Anuradhapura	91	14	77	S	Introduced Code and PCCSL process.
Sept. 10, 2014	Members of Mawanella Zahira Media Club	Mawanella Zahira National School, Mawanella					Introduced Code and PCCSL process.
OCTOBER							
Oct. 04, 2014	Provincial Journalists in Kandy (Sinhala)	Queens Hotel, Kandy	27	25	02	S	Introduced Code and PCCSL process.
Oct. 04, 2014	Provincial Journalists in Kandy (Tamil)	Queens Hotel, Kandy	36	36	00	T	Introduced Code and PCCSL process.
Oct. 07, 2014	Provincial Journalists in Galle	Hotel Aradhana, Galle	32	00	00	S	Introduced Code and PCCSL process.
Oct. 07, 2014	Citizens of Galle	Hotel Aradhana, Galle	12	10	02	S	Introduced Code and PCCSL process.
Oct. 17, 2014	Media Studies Students, Anuradhapura and Teachers (05)	Swarnapalli Balika Vidyalaya, Anuradhapura	22 05	06 03	160 02	S	Introduced Code and PCCSL process.
Oct. 17, 2014	Citizens, Anuradhapura	Miridiya Hotel, Anuradhapura	10	10	00	S	Explained PCCSL process in resolving complaints and Code.
Oct. 17, 2014	Provincial Journalists, Anuradhapura	Miridiya Hotel, Anuradhapura	38	37	01	S	Explained changes in Code 2014 and explained its usage for best practice.
Oct. 30, 2014	Colombo-based journalists	SLPI Auditorium, Colombo	11	10	01	S	Explained changes in Code 2014 and explained its usage for best practice.
Oct. 30, 2014	Colombo-based journalists	SLPI Auditorium, Colombo	08	04	04	T	Explained changes in Code 2014 and explained its usage for best practice.
NOVEMBER							
Nov. 17, 2014	Sub Editors and Desk Heads - Daily Ft	In Daily FT Editorial	06	02	04	E	Explained changes in Code 2014. Explained its usage for best practice. Discussed usage of ethical photographs, headlines and stories.

Nov. 19, 2014	Sub Editors and Desk Heads – The Sunday Times	In Wijeya Newspapers Auditorium	11	04	07	E	Explained changes in Code 2014. Explained its usage for best practice. Discussed usage of ethical photographs, headlines and stories.
Nov. 20, 2014	Sub Editors and Desk Heads – Lankadeepa (daily)	In Wijeya Newspapers Auditorium	17	17	00	S	Explained changes in Code 2014. Explained its usage for best practice. Discussed usage of ethical photographs, headlines and stories.
Nov. 20, 2014	Sub Editors and Desk Heads – Daily Mirror	In Wijeya Newspapers Auditorium	18	13	05	E	Explained changes in Code 2014. Explained its usage for best practice. Discussed usage of ethical photographs, headlines and stories.
Nov. 21, 2014	Sub Editors and Desk Heads – Ada	In Ada Editorial	22	18	04	S	Explained changes in Code 2014. Explained its usage for best practice. Discussed usage of ethical photographs, headlines and stories.
Nov. 22, 2014	Mr. T. Pradeepan, Station Master, Railway Station, Jaffna.	Railway Station, Jaffna	01	01	00	E	Gave PCCSL posters to display in Station, spoke about PCCSL process and Code.
Nov. 26, 2014	Mr. Bjorn Widmark and Mr. Jan Soja, Swedish students of Journalism	In Office	02	02	00	E	Explained PCCSL process, importance of Code and why it is important for journalists. Self regulation as opposed to Censorship.
Nov. 28, 2014	Rev. Paul and Pat Ainsworth, Link Officers, Diocese of West Yorkshire and Dales	In Colombo Diocese	02	01	01	E	Introduced PCCSL and the application of the Code in a bid to make journalists socially responsible.
DECEMBER							
Dec. 05, 2014	Jaffna newspapers	Green Grass Hotel, Jaffna	28	24	04	T	Explained Code and important features and explained PCCSL process in resolving complaints. Introduced RTI.
Dec. 05, 2014	Citizens of Jaffna	Green Grass Hotel, Jaffna	19	16	03	E/T/S	Introduced PCCSL process in resolving complaints and referred to Code for violations. Introduced RTI.
Dec. 06, 2014	Maj. Gen. Jagath Alwis, Security Forces Commander Jaffna and two officers	At Palaly SF Headquarters	03	03	00	E	Introduced PCCSL process in resolving complaints and Code for violations. Introduced RTI.
Dec. 06, 2014	Citizens of Kayts Island	In Church Hall, Kayts	20	14	06	E	Introduced PCCSL process in resolving complaints and Code for violations. Introduced RTI.
Dec. 17, 2014	Journalists of Engal Thesam weekly Tamil magazine	Just Media House, Colombo 03.	18	18	00	T	Explained Code and important features and explained PCCSL process in resolving complaints.

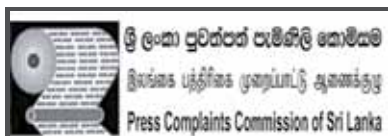
Dec. 17, 2014	Panel Discussion on Election Reporting. Panelists: Mahinda Deshapriya, Elections Commissioner along with Mr. Javid Yusuf, DRC member, Mr. Pramod de Silva, Business LK Magazine Editor, Mr. Malinda Seneviratne, The Nation Editor, Mr. Upendra Herath, News Director Hiru TV and Kamal was moderator.	Journalists	24	20	04	S/E	Spoke on balanced reporting on candidates among other things concerning voting, identity, impersonation, ballot papers.
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EDITORS' CODE OF PRACTICE

- ✓ **ACCURATE REPORTING**
Verify facts and report accurately
- ✓ **CORRECTIONS / APOLOGIES**
Correct promptly with due prominence
- ✓ **OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY**
Give space to genuine complaints
- ✓ **CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES**
Protect your sources
- ✓ **WRITING / USE OF PICTURES**
Be factual and use your discretion wisely
- ✓ **PRIVACY**
Respect the privacy of others
- ✓ **HARASSMENT / SUBTEFUGE**
Avoid intimidation and harassment
- ✓ **DIGNITY**
Maintain the profession's dignity



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Monthly Complaints Chart January to December 2014

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/01/2014	Jan. 07 2014	Dr. B. V. S. Hemantha Beneragama, Director, Medical Technology and Supplies, Ministry of Health, Colombo	Daily Mirror	Unable to reach complainant on the telephone. Two of the three contact numbers out of order. Third one always busy. Wrote to Complaint calling for Complainant Form and ROR Jan. 22, 2014. Called and left message. Resolved to the complainant's satisfaction by letter to PCCSL dated March 26, 2014.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 02/01/2014	Jan. 03, 2014	Mr. Duminda Ariyasinghe, Deputy Director BOI, Colombo	The Sunday Leader	Complainant met me in office with complaint. Explained process. Complaint Form signed and handed over with RoR. Spoke to Mr. Eswaran Ratnam and sent RoR on Jan. 22, 2014. RoR published Feb. 02, 2014	RESOLVED
PCCSL 03/01/2014	Jan. 10, 2014	Mr. J. H. A. Shahabdeen, Kandy	Metro News	Third party complaint. Incorrect information in court report where headline and text differ. As a reader he advises newspaper to be more vigilant. Forwarded to editor on Jan. 10 and spoke to editor.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 04/01/2014	Jan. 06, 2014	Mr. R. M. S. Sarath Kumara, Commissioner-General, Department for Registrations of Persons	Lakbima	Dec. 26, 2013 lead story on illegal identity card and Dec. 27 Editorial on same subject. Copy of complaint sent to editor received Jan. 06, 2014. Spoke to editor. Newspaper published Clarification and Apology in Editorial Jan. 10.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 05/01/2014	Jan. 17, 2014	Mr. K. M. Ghouse, Colombo 12	The Sunday Times	Complaint about numbering of Crossword puzzles confusing. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL. Forwarded to Editor for necessary action	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 06/01/2014	Jan. 16, 2014	Mr. P. L. Siriwardene, General Manager, Multi Purpose Cooperative Society Limited, Homagama.	Lankadeepa	Inaccurate report appearing on Jan. 10 re-the cooperative Society where a raid was conducted by a health inspector who found expired food items. The owner was fined by Court. The raid is correct but the story and the fine is incorrect. Called for ROR. Complaint Form received. Forwarded to editor Jan. 22. Clarification published Jan. 30, 2014.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 07/01/2014	Jan. 22, 2014	Dr. Devanesan Nesiah, Member Dispute Resolution Council, Colombo	Sunday Island	Mr. Malinda Seneviratne spoke to PCCSL about a court case involving him and Dr. Nesiah. Spoke to Dr. Nesiah about the case and coming to a solution. Forwarded Apology to the editor Jan. 22, 2014 and spoke to him. Dr. Nesiah has sued Mr. Seneviratne when he was a journalist freelancing for the Sunday Island. Mr. Seneviratne is presently editor of The Nation. Spoke to Mr. Seneviratne on several occasions. Mr. Seneviratne is consulting legal opinion since if clarification is published, Dr. Nesiah will continue the case. Case heard Jan. 23, 2015. Mr. Malinda Seneviratne agrees to carry RoR but with an amendment. Dr. Nesiah's Attorney looking into matter. Next date March 2014 for case. Mr. Malinda Seneviratne agreed to carry it before case. Spoke to Dr. Nesiah as well Jan 23. Draft Apology approved by court and two Attorneys, Complainant satisfied.	RESOLVED

PCCSL 08/01/2014	Jan. 22, 2014	Mr. S. P. Weerasekera, Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society, Colombo 11.	Dinamina	An incorrect story has been published in the newspaper of January 21, 2014. Since there is a pending court case informed complainant by letter on Jan. 23 that PCCSL is unable to proceed.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL 09/01/2014	Jan. 27, 2014	Mr. S. Kumaralingam, Retired Govt. Officer, Jaffna	Kalachchuvadu (Tamil monthly Magazine published in Chennai, India)	Article refers to a Professor from Berlin, Germany. Information inaccurate. Not concerning local newspaper. Out of mandate.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 10/01/2014	Jan. 28, 2014	Mrs. K. Amuthavathi, Jaffna	Y a r l Thinakkural	Third party complaint. Inaccurate story published Jan. 25 about her son escaping from the rehabilitation camp. Complainant said he left the camp and came home. Sent Complaint Form and called for RoR Jan. 29. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 11/01/2014	Jan. 29, 2014	Mr. S. P. Weerasekera, Chairman, Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society, Colombo 11.	Dinamina	An incorrect story has been published in the newspaper of January 09, 2014. Since there is a pending court case informed complainant by letter on Jan. 30 that PCCSL is unable to proceed.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL 12/01/2014	Jan. 29, 2014	Mr. J. K. Sepala Dassanayake, Vice Principal, Rippon Ladies College, Galle	Divaina	Article on Schools has made incorrect reference to the School. Complaint Form sent Jan. 31 and called for RoR. Incomplete RoR received Feb. 17. Spoke to complainant Feb. 17. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 13/01/2014	Jan. 29, 2014	Mr. K. C. Niroshan, Divisional Secretary, Moratuwa	Rivira	Inaccurate report published on Dec. 27 about the duties at the Divisional Secretariat. Sent Complaint Form and called for RoR Jan 31, 2014. Sent paper cuttings, Complaint Form and related documents but without RoR on February 21. Wrote Feb. 21 calling for RoR. March 05 complainant wrote to PCCSL stating that the matter was under inquiry at the Divisional Secretariat.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

Total No. of complaints	13 (S-06 T-03, E-04, not concerning newspaper - 00).
Resolved	06
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	02 (Not concerning newspaper – 00)
Sub-judice	02
Complainant did not proceed	03
Editor did not respond	00

February

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/02/2014	Feb. 02, 2014	Mr. I. M. Jameel, Principal, Deltota Muslim Central College, Kandy.	Sudar Oli (weekly)	Incorrect information in article on School jubilee celebration being divided into two political groups. Spoke to editor Feb. 02. RoR carried Feb. 03.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 02/02/2014	Feb. 06, 2014	Mr. Victorine Wickremasinghe, parent, St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10.	Sunday Island	Complaint came via email. Complaint is about an appreciation about the Principal of the said School sent twice for publication and not published. Complaint is not a violation of the Code nor is it a violation of the PCCSL process. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL. Informed complainant via email Feb. 07. Copied to editor for kind consideration.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 03/02/2014	Feb. 07, 2014	Dr. Angela de Silva, Nutrition Specialist and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. President Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka, Colombo 08.	Daily Mirror	Complaint received via email. Complaint is about reference to the Society in a derogatory manner in the Editorial of Jan. 27, 2014. Sent Complaint Form and Code. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 04/02/2014	Feb. 07, 2014	Mr. R. M. S. Sarath Kumara, Commissioner-General, Registration of Persons Department, Colombo 05.	Lanka	Complaint received Feb. 03. Wrote to complainant Feb. 07 and sent Complaint Form, also called for details of violation. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 05/02/2014	Feb. 07, 2014	Mr. Sumudu Adikari, Colombo	Silumina	Complaint received via email Feb. 03. It concerns a lady physician who claims to be an expert on Ayurveda when in actual fact she is not. He wants journalists to be careful when reporting especially when they do not know the subject, this makes the newspaper look ridiculous. He did not want a RoR but to explain to the editor about this lapse. Contacted editor and spoke to him.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 06/02/2014	Feb. 10, 2014	Mr. Upul Mallawaarachchi, Meettotamulla	Maubima	Complainant wanted to bring to the notice of the editor re-misuse of language (slang word). Informed editor by letter Feb. 10.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 07/02/2014	Feb 07, 2014	Rev. Migettuwaththe Sumiththa thero, Balapitiya	Ada	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL Feb. 07. Newspaper Published news item regarding Temple ownership. Complainant said that it is inaccurate. Spoke with complainant, said there is a court case. Spoke to editor. Clarification published Feb. 07.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 08/02/2014	Feb 07, 2014	Rev. Migettuwaththe Sumiththa thero, Balapitiya	Rivira	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL Feb. 07. Newspaper Published news item regarding Temple ownership. Complainant said that it is inaccurate. Spoke with complainant, said there is a court case.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL 09/02/2014	Feb 07, 2014	Rev. Migettuwaththe Sumiththa thero, Balapitiya	Lankadeepa	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL Feb. 07. Newspaper Published news item regarding Temple ownership. Complainant said that court report is inaccurate and asks for correct court report to be published. Feb. 12, sent Complaint Form after explaining PCCSL process. Complainant met PCCSL Feb. 21. Asked him to get the correct Court Report from Court Registrar. Case is still on.	SUBJUDICE

PCCSL 10/02/2014	Feb. 18, 2014	Rev. Pagnayasekera Thero, Panadura	Divaina	Newspaper published News report regarding Biogas plant in Panadura Hospital Feb. 12. Copy sent to PCCSL. Complainant said it is not Hospital Authority's fault. Spoke to complainant and sent Complaint Form Feb. 18. ROR published Feb. 19.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 11/02/2014	Feb. 11, 2014	Mr. M. H. M. Thaseen, Retired SLBC Producer/Announcer (English Service), Mawanella	Nawamani	Inaccurate information about the Complainant's activities on Feb. 07. Spoke to complainant and sent Complaint Form Feb. 07. Received. Called for RoR. Received. Forwarded to Editor and published Feb. 21.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 12/02/2014	Feb. 21, 2014	Mr. Ashley de Silva, Chief Executive Officer, Sri Lanka Cricket, Colombo	The Island	Complaint is about inaccurate report in newspaper re.Mr. Nishantha Ranatunga not being sent to Singapore to attend ICC meeting. Feb. 22 called and explained PCCSL process and asked to send Complaint Form. Complainant did not proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 13/02/2014	Feb. 21, 2014	Mr. Ashley de Silva, Chief Executive Officer, Sri Lanka Cricket, Colombo	Sunday Island	Complaint is about inaccurate report in newspaper re.Mr. Nishantha Ranatunga not being sent to Singapore to attend ICC meeting. Feb. 22 called and explained PCCSL process and asked to send Complaint Form. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 14/02/2014	Feb. 26, 2014	Mr. H. K. Chathuranga Pradeep	Divaina Daily	Inaccurate court report concerning dispute with police published in newspaper on Jan. 29. Court case pending. Complaint Form sent Feb. 27.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL 15/02/2014	Feb. 26, 2014	Dr. Tolusha Harischandra, Karapitiya	Lankadeepa Daily	Inaccurate story published in newspaper about Cardiology Unit at Karapitiya Hospital on Feb. 05. Complainant alleges that it is an insult to her. Sent Complaint Form Feb. 27. Complainant writes to Hospital Director asking him to rectify the statement since the original complaint was made by him. This letter is copied to PCCSL. No contact from complainant.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 16/02/2014	Feb. 26, 2014	Dr. Tolusha Harischandra, Karapitiya	M a u b i m a Daily	Inaccurate story published in newspaper about Cardiology Unit at Karapitiya Hospital on Feb. 05. Complainant alleges that it is an insult to her. Sent Complaint Form Feb. 27. Complainant writes to Hospital Director asking him to rectify the statement since the original complaint was made by him. This letter is copied to PCCSL. No contact from complainant.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 17/02/2014	Feb, 26,2014	Dr. Tolusha Harischandra- Karapitiya	Divaina Daily	Inaccurate story published in newspaper about Cardiology Unit at Karapitiya Hospital on Feb. 05. Complainant alleges that it is an insult to her. Sent Complaint Form Feb. 27. Complainant writes to Hospital Director asking him to rectify the statement since the original complaint was made by him. This letter is copied to PCCSL. No contact from complainant.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

Total No. of complaints	18(S-12, T-02, E-04, not concerning newspaper – 00)
Resolved	08
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	00
Sub-judice	03
Complainant did not proceed	07
Editor did not respond	00

March

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/03/2014	March 03, 2014	Mr. Dharshana Sooriyaarachchi, ASP Marawila (Puttalam)	Divaina	Neighbour's son writes letter to newspaper alleging that the ASP living next door is surveying the property while encroaching into their property. Neighbour writes to President which is published in newspaper. ASP sends letter to Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwela and copied to PCCSL. Received Complaint Form. Called for clearer RoR March 03. Spoke to complainant March 13 for clarification. Received March 17 and forwarded to editor. Complainant unaware that clarification was published Feb 26. Forwarded published clarification to complainant April 25.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 02/03/2014	March 02, 2014	Mr. K. Vigneswaran, Secretary Mousakelle Rural Development Society, Maskeliya (Nuwara Eliya)	Suriyakanthi (upcountry newspaper of Virakesari)	Inaccurate information regarding the Rural Development Society on Feb. 26. Complaint Form received. Forwarded RoR to Editor on March 03. Published March 17.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 03/03/2014	March 03, 2014	Mr. Chandraratne Pallegama, Commissioner General, Prisons Department, Colombo (Colombo)	Rivira	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL with RoR on March 02 regarding Feb. 28 incorrect story about delay in issue of Prison Officers exam results.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 04/03/2014	March 04, 2014	Mr. K. Chandrakumar, Accountant, Zonal Education Office, Kilinochchi. (Kilinochchi)	Uthayan	Inaccurate report re-misappropriation of Rs.600,000. Complaint Form received March 04. Attached RoR not satisfactory. Advised to rewrite RoR replying to allegations. Await reply. Complainant did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 05/03/2014	March 04, 2014	Mrs. Vishaka Amaragani Jayasinghe, Agalawatte (Kaltara)	Irida Rivira	Inaccurate story about low quality domestic manufactured jaggery. In two photographs used she is in one of those photographs. Sent Complaint Form and called for RoR. No response from complainant.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

PCCSL 06/03/2014	March 05, 2014	Mr. Ashley de Silva, Chief Executive Officer, Sri Lanka Cricket, Colombo (Colombo)	The Island	Sri Lanka Cricket denies that cricket players have not signed contract – published March 05. Story damages image of cricket. Sent Complaint Form and letter explaining process on March 06. Await reply	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT RO- CEED
PCCSL 07/03/2014	March 05 2014	Mr. Jeyasiri Bawan, Zonal Director of Aesthetic Education, Batticaloa	Virakesari	February 28 story re-aesthetic education in Batticaloa is incorrect. Sent Complaint Form and called for ROR on March 11. Received March 31. Sent to newspaper April 04. Newspaper replied on June 18 that they have sufficient evidence to prove that the story is correct. Informed complainant June 18. He took the position as correct.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 08/03/2014	March 10, 2014	Mr. Lal Samarasekara, Secretary to the Governor, Southern Provincial Council, Galle Mr. Saman Darshana Padikoral, Secretary of Southern Province Chief Minister, Galle	Divaina	March 06 story re-shortage of medicines in Southern Hospitals. Inaccurate. Complaint received by fax. Spoke with complainant and faxed Complaint Form March 11. Complaint Form received March 31 but not from complainant. It was from Chief Minister's Secretary Mr. Saman Dharshana Pandikoral. Asked him also to send clarification. Received April 11. Forwarded to editor April 29. RoR published.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 09/03/2014	March 10, 2014	Mr. Lal Samarasekara, Secretary to the Governor, Southern Provincial Council, Galle	Divaina	March 06 story about Wakwalla Bridge. Incorrect. Complaint received by fax. Spoke with complainant. Faxed Complaint Form March 11. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT PRO- CEED
PCCSL 10/03/2014	March 11 2014	Mr. Jeyasiri Bawan, Zonal Director of Aesthetic Education, Batticaloa	Thinakkural	February 23 story re.aesthetic education in Batticaloa is incorrect. Sent Complaint Form and called for RoR on March 11. Received and forwarded RoR to Editor. Published June 04.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 11/03/2014	March 11 2014	Mr. Jeyasiri Bawan, Zonal Director of Aesthetic Education, Batticaloa	Thinakkural	October 13, 2013 story re.position as Deputy Director Aesthetic Education in Batticaloa is incorrect. Sent Complaint Form and called for RoR on March 11. RoR published June 04.	RESOLVED
PCC- SL/12/03/2014	March 11 2014	Mr. Jeyasiri Bawan, Zonal Director of Aesthetic Education, Batticaloa	Virakesari	August 15, 2013 story re.position as Deputy Director Aesthetic Education in Batticaloa is incorrect. Sent Complaint Form and called for RoR on March 11. RoR published June 04.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 13/03/2014	March 17, 2014	Mr. Chandraratna Pallegama, Commis- sioner General, Pris- ons, Colombo.	Lankadeepa	Newspaper published story March 11 about promotion of Prison Officers. Complainant said news is one sided story and inaccurate. Complaint sent directly to Editor and copy to PCCSL. Newspaper published clarification March 13.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 14/03/2014	March 19, 2014.	Mrs. Nelka Shiro- mala, Police Offi- cer, Police Station, Kadawatha.	Lankadeepa	Newspaper Published lead story Jan. 30 based on police complaint. Incorrect information in story. March 19 visited PCCSL handed over Complaint Form. Called for some documents. There is also a court case pending.	SUBJUDICE
PCC- SL/15/03/2014	March 19, 2014	Mrs. Nelka Shiro- mala, Police Offi- cer, Police Station, Kadawatha.	Irida Lakbima	Newspaper published half page story on Feb. 02 based on police complaint. March 19 visited PCCSL handed over Complaint Form. Called for some documents. There is also a court case pending.	SUBJUDICE
PCC- SL/16/03/2014	March 20, 2014	Brig. Ruwan Wani- gasooriya, Military Spokesman, Co- lombo	Daily News	Copy of complaint sent to editor, Daily News. Newspaper published story on March 18. Inaccurate story. Received complaint March 20. Spoke to editor and drew his attention to inaccuracies.	RESOLVED

PCCSL 17/03/2014	March 24,2014	Mr. S. Ruban, Vavuniya	"Thinappuyal" Regional newspaper published in Vavuniya	March 02 story incorrect. Supporting documents missing. No violation of Code.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 18/03/2014	March 24,2014	Mr. S. Ruban, Vavuniya	" Y a r l Thinakkural"	March 08 story incorrect. Supporting documents missing. No violation of Code.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 19/03/2014	March 24, 2014	Mr. Hilmy Ahamed, Battaramulla,	Ada	Third party complaint. March 20 newspaper published lead story about illegal drug business. The word 'Mohamed' was used in a derogatory manner. Spoke to editor. RoR published March 24.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 20/03/2014	March 24, 2014	Mr. Ameer Maharoof, Colombo 04.	Ada	Third party complaint. March 20 newspaper published lead story about illegal drug business. The word 'Mohamed' was use in a derogatory manner. Spoke to editor. RoR published March 24.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 21/03/2014 31/03/2014	March 31, 2014	Mr. M. F. Ameer, Col. 02, Mr.T. M. Shaiffdeen, Col. 02, Mr. H. Sulthan, Col. 02, Mr. T. A. Fali, Col. 02, Mr. J. Nilabdeen, Col. 02, Mr. S. Mohamed, Col.02, Mr. M. J. Abdeen, Col. 02, Mr. S. H. M. Muzammil, Col. 02, Mr. Omar Khan, Col. 02, Mr. N. Abdulwadoud, Col. 02, Mr. Mohamed Rizvi, Col. 02.	Daily Mirror	March 21 story about man who stood as surety charged with Contempt of Court for disturbance. Graphic drawing of man handcuffed with mobile telephone in hand depicting a Muslim is derogatory. Spoke to Mr. Kesara Abeywardene (Deputy Editor/News Editor) and Ms. Champika Liyanaarachchi (editor) about the derogatory graphic in violation of the Code to carry a RoR.	RESOLVED

Total No. of complaints	31(S-10, T-08, E-13, not concerning newspaper – 00)
Resolved	25
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	00
Sub-judice	02
Complainant did not proceed	04
Editor did not respond	00

April

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/04/2014 To PCCSL 50/04/2014	April 01, 2014	50 Colombo complainants	Ada	March 21 story about man who stood as surety charged with Contempt of Court for disturbance. Graphic drawing of man handcuffed with mobile telephone in hand depicting a Muslim is derogatory. Spoke to Mr. Kesara Abeywardene (Deputy Editor/News Editor) and Ms. Champika Liyanaarachchi (Editor) about the derogatory graphic in violation of the Code to carry an RoR.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 51/04/2014 To PCCSL 83/04/2014	April 01, 2014	33 Colombo complainants	Daily Mirror	March 21 story about man who stood as surety charged with Contempt of Court for disturbance. Graphic drawing of man handcuffed with mobile telephone in hand depicting a Muslim is derogatory. Spoke to Mr. Kesara Abeywardene (Deputy Editor/News Editor) and Ms. Champika Liyanaarachchi (Editor) about the derogatory graphic in violation of the Code to carry a RoR. ROR published April 02.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 84/04/2014 To PCCSL 86/04/2014	April 01, 2014	03 Colombo complainants	Ada	March 21 story about man who stood as surety charged with Contempt of Court for disturbance. Graphic drawing of man handcuffed with mobile telephone in hand depicting a Muslim is derogatory.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 87/04/2014	April 01, 2014	Mr. M. Z. M. Ismail, Dehiwela	Daily Mirror	March 21 story about man who stood as surety charged with Contempt of Court for disturbance. Graphic drawing of man handcuffed with mobile telephone in hand depicting a Muslim is derogatory. Spoke to Mr. Kesara Abeywardene (Deputy Editor/News Editor) and Ms. Champika Liyanaarachchi (Editor) about the derogatory graphic in violation of the Code to carry a RoR. ROR published April 02.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 88/04/2014	April 07, 2014	Dr. S. Dissanayaka, Colombo	Irida Divaina	Copy of Complaint received April 07, regarding Article about Archaeological places in Galle (March 30, 2014). Complainant said inaccurate facts included in the article. Clarification received June 13. Forwarded to editor June 18. Editor did not proceed	NO RESPONSE FROM EDITOR
PCCSL 89/04/2014	April, 08 2014	Ms. G. K. D. Deepani Nayananda, Teacher, Anuradhapura.	Lankadeepa	Complainant said inaccurate report published in newspaper regarding grading of student in competition. Wrote to complainant with Complaint Form April 09, 2014. Spoke with Complainant five times in April and May. Clarification received with letterhead June 13. Complaint forwarded to Editor June 18. Clarification published June 19.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 90/04/2014	April, 08 2014	Ms. G. K. D. Deepani Nayananda, Teacher, Anuradhapura.	Dinamina	Complainant said inaccurate report published in newspaper regarding grading of student in competition. Wrote to complainant with Complaint Form April 09. Complaint Form received with unclear clarification April 29. Spoke to complainant April 30. Received RoR May 20 and spoke to complainant. Forwarded to editor May 20.	NO RESPONSE FROM EDITOR
PCCSL 91/04/2014	April, 08 2014	Ms. G. K. D. Deepani Nayananda, Teacher, Anuradhapura.	Maubima	Complainant said inaccurate report published in newspaper regarding grading of student in competition. Wrote to complainant with Complaint Form April 09, 2014. Complainant said will forward to Editor.	NO RESPONSE FROM EDITOR
PCCSL 92/04/2014	April 09, 2014	Dr. H. P. I. Jayasekara, Psychiatric Specialist, Kurunegala	Lankadeepa	Copy of complaint received. Complainant said report published with inaccurate information regarding suicide of student in Kurunegala. Reply to complainant with complaint Form April 09, 2014. RoR published.	RESOLVED

PCCSL 93/04/2014	April 10, 2014	Brig. Ruwan Wani- gasooriya, Army Spokesman	Lakbima	Complained regarding misleading headline and photo caption on Page 08, April 07. Newspaper publishes Clarification with Apology twice. First on April 08, page 08 and second on April 09, page 01.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 94/04/2014	April 10, 2014	Mr. M. Samsudeen, Kathankudy	Virakesari	News item published March 20. Complainant is owner of a property where a burial was refused since it is not a cemetery. After inquiry by Divisional Secretary and Police buried elsewhere. Await ROR sent Complaint Form on April 17. Complainant did not proceed	COM- PLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 95/04/2014	April 17, 2014	Mr. A. R. L. A. Koya, Kurunegala	Metro News	Third party complaint. Half nude photographs of women published on page one. This is in bad taste. Spoke to editor April 21 to desist from this activity.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 96/04/2014	April 22, 2014	Mr. C. Pallegama, Commissioner General of Prisons, Colombo.	Lankadeepa	Complaint regarding article published April 10 with incorrect information about prisons. Reply to complainant with Complaint Form April 25. RoR published.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 97/04/2014	April 22, 201	I.P. K. B. K. Perera, OIC, Police Station, Padukka.	Rivira	Complaint regarding April 21 lead news concerning Padukka Police. OIC said misleading information published in story. Reply to Complainant April 25 with Complaint Form. Complainant did not proceed	COM- PLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 98/04/2014	April 23, 2014	Mr. C. Pallegama, Commissioner General of Prisons, Colombo.	Divaina Daily	Complaint regarding security lapse in April 21 issue. Clarification published in newspaper on April 24.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 99/04/2014	April 27, 2014	Mr. M. Mousoof, Secretary, Muslim Theological Organ- isation, Dehiwela	SLBC Mus- lim Service	Broadcast programme on April 22 at 11 am derogatory statement on Holy Prophet. Forwarded copy to Director, Muslim Service, SLBC. Out of Mandate	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 100/04/2014	April 27, 2014	Mr. S. Ruben, Jaffna	Uthayan	Incorrect article about late M. G. Ramachandran published. No violation found.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 101/04.2014	April 28, 2014	Mr. Mumthas Mo- hideen, Colombo 04.	Divaina	Third party complaint. Complaint regarding Editorial of April 07, concerning Muslim student issues in Rajagiriya School. Complainant gives his version. Asked to convey to Editor. Complaint forwarded to Editor and replied to complainant.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 102/04.2014	April 28, 2014	Mr. M. D. Gunasiri, Principal, Matara Devinuwara National School, Matara	Lankadeepa	Complaint regarding an accident in Gandara. Complainant said newspaper report of March 07 inaccurate. Court case ongoing. Reply to complainant with Complaint Form April 30. Await Complaint Form and documents.	SUBJUDICE

Total No. of complaints	102 (S-64 T-03, E-34, not concerning newspaper – 01)
Resolved	95
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	01
Sub-judice	01
Complainant did not proceed	02
No response from Editor	03

May

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/05/2014	May 02, 2014	Brig. Wanigasooriya, Military Spokesman, Colombo	Rivira	April 30 lead story about military intelligence in many countries of the world. Story quoted Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa. Some information incorrect. Wrote to Brig. Ruwan May 05, asking that the complainant who says there is incorrect information should complain. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 02/05/2014	May 02, 2014	Mr. C. Pallegama, Commissioner General, Prisons, Colombo	Rivira	Copy of Complaint from Prisons Media Spokesman received regarding lunch with visitors to prison. Story is not incorrect since it is balanced.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 03/05/2014	May 02, 2014	Mr. C. Pallegama, Commissioner General, Prisons, Colombo	Maubima	Copy of Complaint from Prisons Media Spokesman received regarding lunch with visitors to prison. Story is not incorrect since it is balanced.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 04/05/2014	May 02, 2014	Mr. C. Pallegama, Commissioner General, Prison - Colombo	Divaina	Copy of Complaint from Prisons Media Spokesman received regarding lunch with visitors to prison. Story is not incorrect since it is balanced.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 05/05/2014	May 05, 2014	Mr. T. B. Neelawela, Public Relations Officer, Dead and Missing Persons Parents' Front, Panagoda	Uthayan	Third party complainant. Published article on May 04 quoting Army intelligence about arrested people connected with LTTE activity. This article is misleading and promotes LTTE propaganda. Also the LTTE logo is displayed boldly in story. There is no violation of the Code since the article is correct and from the Army. Spoke to complainant.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 06/05/2014	May 05, 2014	Ms. W.M.Nilusha Himali, Office of the Divisional Secretary, Wepappuwa	The Nation	Concerning winning a prize in a competition in November 2013 and not receiving prize money. Complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL. Spoke to Editor and forwarded letter.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 07/05/2014	May 07, 2014	Mrs. F. Mubee-na, Trincomalee	Thinakkural Weekly	Complained about sexy photograph of a woman in newspaper. Spoke to Editor to be careful since it is a violation of the Code.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 08/05/2014	May 07, 2014	Mr. H. M. T. M. Upuldeniya, Spokesman of Prisons Department, Colombo	M a u b i m a Irida	Copy of complaint forwarded to PCCSL. Inaccurate reporting on Prison Officers duties. Complaint Form sent May 08. Spoke to editor. Clarification published May 18.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 09/05/2014	May 08, 2014	Mr. R.M. Bandula Seneviratne, Chairman, U d u n u w a r a Pradeshiya Sabha	Irida lanka-deepa	Inaccurate information through 'Kandurata Sandeshya.' Sent RoR through lawyer May 08 without Complaint Form. Spoke twice not answering. Copy of Complaint received June 13. No Complaint Form. called with complainant regarding Complaint Form June 13. Clarification published.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 10/05/2014	May 12, 2014	Mr. Chathura de Alwis, journalist attached to Derana TV	M a u b i m a Daily	Inaccurate information in article. Await receipt of RoR and Complaint Form.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 11/05/2014	May 12, 2014	Mr. S. Yogeswaran, Vivekananda Nagar, Kilinochchi	Metro News	Spelling mistakes in most articles. Informed Editor. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL.	OUT OF MANDATE

PCCSL 12/05/2014	May 19, 2014	Brig. Ruwan Wanigasuriya, Military Spokes- man	Lanka	Copy of complaint. Newspaper published lead news and full page article regarding 'Api Wenuwen Api' Fund on May 11. Article talks about welfare measures for Security Forces but is misleading and untrue. Spoke to complainant and editor. The newspaper has changed its postal address and has instructed the Post Office to collect their mail. Explained to complainant. Await meeting with editor. Complaint forwarded to Editor May 19.	NO RE- SPONSE FROM EDI- TOR
PCCSL 13/05/2014	May 19, 2014	Mr. B.M. Nist- har, Galagedara Stores, Godawe- la, Polgahawela	Navamani	Inaccurate references made to complainant in article published on June 10, 2012. Sent Complaint Form and requested copy of the relevant court case.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL 14/05/2014	May 22,2014	Mr. Asker Khan, Secretary, Mus- lim Council, Co- lombo.	Divaina	Third party complaint regarding story published about Buddhist Wesak programme in Zahira College, Gampola on May 20. Complainant said story is inaccurate. PCCSL discussed with him and asked him to speak to the School and ask them to complain if there is anything objectionable. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT PRO- CEED
PCCSL 15/05/2014	May 22,2014	Mr. Asker Khan, Secretary, Mus- lim Council, Co- lombo.	Ada	Third party complaint regarding story published about Buddhist Wesak programme in Zahira College, Gampola on May 20. Complainant said story is inaccurate. PCCSL discussed with him and asked him to speak to the School and ask them to complain if there is anything objectionable. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT PRO- CEED
PCCSL 16/05/2014	May 22,2014	Mr. Asker Khan, Secretary, Mus- lim Council, Co- lombo.	Lankadeepa	Third party complaint regarding story published about Buddhist Wesak programme in Zahira College, Gampola on May 20. Complainant said story is inaccurate. PCCSL discussed with him and asked him to speak to the School and ask them to complain if there is anything objectionable. School Development Society complained directly to the Lankadeepa newspaper. Newspaper published clarification May 23, 2014.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 17/05/2014	May 22,2014	Mr. Asker Khan, Secretary, Mus- lim Council, Co- lombo-	Lakbima	Third party complaint regarding story published about Buddhist Wesak programme in Zahira College, Gampola on May 20. Complainant said story is inaccurate. PCCSL discussed with him and asked him to speak to the School and ask them to complain if there is anything objectionable. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT PRO- CEED
PCCSL 18/05/2014	May 22,2014	Mr. Asker Khan, Secretary, Mus- lim Council, Co- lombo.	Rivira	Third party complaint regarding story published about Buddhist Wesak programme in Zahira College, Gampola on May 20. Complainant said story is inaccurate. PCCSL discussed with him and asked him to speak to the School and ask them to complain if there is anything objectionable. Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT PRO- CEED

Total No. of complaints	18 (S-013 T-04, E-01, not concerning newspaper – 00)
Resolved	08
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	02
Sub-judice	01
Complainant did not proceed	06
No response from Editor	01

June

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/06/2014	May 30, 2014	Mr. A. M. Riyaz, Member Municipal Council Kalmunai.	Sudar Oli	Inaccurate report about his behaviour in the Municipal Council where he had assaulted an employee. Called for Complaint Form and ROR. The newspaper article is correct and there is no violation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 02/06/2014	May 29, 2014	Mr. Ashoka Sepala, Chairman, Urban Council Lindulla.	Virakesari	Inaccurate report about school land to be taken over by Urban Council to construct a supermarket. Land belongs to UDA not to school. Called for Complaint Form and RoR. The newspaper article is correct and there is no violation. The land belongs to the School. President has ordered to stop the UDA takeover.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 03/06/2014	May 30, 2014	Mr. A. M. Riyaz, Member Municipal Council Kalmunai.	Muslim Murasso (weekly Tamil paper published by Sudar Oli)	Inaccurate report about his behaviour in the Municipal Council where he had assaulted an employee. Called for Complaint Form and RoR. Two indecent words used in headline. Spoke to Editor. The newspaper has closed its office.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 04/06/2014	May 31, 2014	Ms. Linda van Schagen, Mt. Lavinia	The Sunday Times	Photographs of alcohol and women clad in lingerie in bad taste. Out of Mandate. Forwarded to Chairman, Wijeya Newspapers Limited and copy to editor.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 05/06/2014	May 31, 2014	Mr. L. Radhakrishnan, Nuwara Eliya	Sunday Island	Winner of crossword puzzle and still not received money. Outside complaint process. Informed editor.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 06/06/2014	June 09, 2014	Maulavi Jamal Mohamed, Principal, Madrasathul Islahiyya, Oluvil	Vidivelli	Received complaint inaccurate about the Madrasathul Islahiyya and RoR on June 10. Told complainant to forward it direct to the newspaper. Published June 12.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 07/06/2014	June 18, 2014	Maj. H. W. S. Kumara, Coordinating Unit, Kankasanturai	Yarl Thinakkural	Complaint about forced recruitment of people in Jaffna received through Jaffna Office of PCCSL. Complaint Form received no RoR. Said will hand over to newspaper and to PCCSL. RoR received June 19. Sent to editor and published on June 21.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 08/06/2014	June 23, 2014	Mr. K. A. Sarath Chaminda Kaluarachchi, Moneragala	Divaina Daily	Inaccurate story published June 04. Replied to complainant with Complaint Form June 23. Called, does not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

PCCSL 09/06/2014	May 19, 2014	Mr. Chatura Alwis, Derana TV pre- senter, Panadura	Ceylon Today	Received complaint May 19. Had three meetings. Since not received 'RoR' and Complaint Form sent email June 24. Await receipt of documents.	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 10/06/2014	June 23, 2014	Ms. Shenali D. Waduge, Jour- nalist, Colombo	The Island	Received via email. Two articles in political col- umn on April 26 and May 03. Both articles are derogatory of Buddhism. Called for Complaint Form and 'RoR.' Complainant did not proceed.	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 11/06/2014	June 24, 2014	Mr. Nasser Hus- sain, Colombo	Daily Mirror	Complaint received via email about a photo- graph of two males kissing each other as not appropriate. The two men are foreigners and the location overseas. However, spoke to edi- tor to be discreet in use of such photographs.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 12/06/2014	June 24, 2014	Mr. Thushara Upuldeniya, Me- dia spokesman of Prisons Depart- ment, Colombo	Rivira	Newspaper published inaccurate report regard- ing prisoner June 09, Complainant said. Re- ceived copy of complaint. Replied to complainant with Complaint Form June 24. RoR published.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 13/06/2014	June 24, 2014	Mr. A. H. M. Ka- runatilaka, Prin- cipal, Wathupola Maha Vidyalaya, Pallama, Puttalam	Maubima	Newspaper published report regarding Principal of Wathupola Maha Vidyalaya on May 30. Com- plainant said inaccurate information included in that report which is demeaning. Complainant wrote to editor and then complained to PCCSL. Newspaper published correction and apology on June 05. Clarification published June 10. He has not seen it. Informed complainant June 25.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 014/06/2014	June 24, 2014	Mr. A.H.M. Ka- runatilaka, Prin- cipal, Wathupola Maha Vidyalaya, Pallama, Puttalam	Rivira	Newspaper published report regarding Prin- cipal of Wathupola Maha Vidyalaya May 30. Complainant said inaccurate information in- cluded in that report that is demeaning. Com- plainant wrote to editor and then complained to PCCSL. Wrote to complainant and sent Complaint Form June 25. Spoke to complain- ant, he promised to contact PCCSL shortly.	COMPLAIN- ANT DID NOT PROCEED

Total No. of complaints	14 (S-04 T-05, E-05, not concerning newspaper – 00)
Resolved	07
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	03
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not proceed	04
Editor did not respond	00

July

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/07/2014	July 01, 2014	Mr. Ishara Prasanga, Colombo	Lankadeepa	Lankadeepa 2008 Esala Poya Day Supplement published Photograph of young person in rehabilitation. Outdated complaint more than two-years informed complainant.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 02/07/2014	July 01, 2014	Mr. Mohomad Nalim	Lankadeepa	Complainant called and made inquiries about complaint process, asked him to write with copy of article. Complainant did not proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 03/07/2014	July 02, 2014	Brig. Ruwan Wanigasooriya, Director/Spokesman, Media Centre, Ministry of Defence and Urban Development, Colombo	Daily News	Story of June 29 written by Chamikara Weerasinghe has some inaccuracies which need be put right. Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Called editor June 02.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 04/07/2014	July 02, 2014	Mr. Nasser Hussain, Colombo via email and Mrs. Ayesha Weerasinghe, Colombo called and complained	Daily Mirror	Publication of two foreign men holding hands and kissing is appropriate for local audiences and also nude photograph of foreign tennis player Serena Williams not appropriate. Spoke to News Editor. Mr. Kesara Abeywardene agreed and said will speak to the desk head of sports to be careful.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 05/07/2014	July 07, 2014	Mr. A. J. L. P. Amarasingha, Project Director, Electronic ID project, Department for Registration of Persons, Colombo.	Ada	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Incorrect story published June 30. Complainant clarifies information. Reply to complainant with Complaint Form July 07. RoR published July 15.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 06/07/2014	July 07, 2014	Brigadier P. R. Wanigasuriya, Director, Media Centre, Ministry of Defence and Urban Development, Colombo.	Lanka	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Incorrect information regarding Brig. Ruwan Wanigasuriya published July 06. Complaint forwarded to Editor and copy to complainant	NO RESPONSE FROM EDITOR
PCCSL 07/07/2014	July 11, 2014	Mrs. Priyadarshani, Principal, Athkadura Sivali Maha Vidyalaya, Galle	Lankadeepa	Published story incorrect about school. Spoke to complainant and explained PCCSL process on July 18. Called for RoR and Complaint Form.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 08/07/2014	July 15, 2014	Mrs. Anoma Disanayaka, Chairperson, National Child Protection Authority, Colombo.	Irida Lakbima	Full page article published June 27 about Chairperson and the NCPA. Spoke to complainant regarding RoR. Informed her that the article matches her RoR. No violation.	RESOLVED

PCCSL 09/07/2014	July 16, 2014	Mrs. A. T. Sadal- atha, Hospital overseer, Kara- pitiya Hospital, Galle.	Irida Mau- bima	Article published June 15 regarding ghost in Kara- pitiya Hospital. Hospital Director calls for expla- nation how story got out. Complainant wrote to Editor. Clarification. Published on two occasions. Hospital Director not satisfied and calls for views of PCCSL. Complainant visits PCCSL and requests let- ter. PCCSL gives it. Hospital Director satisfied with explanation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 10/07/2014	July 16, 2014	Mrs. A. T. Sadal- atha, Hospital overseer, Kara- pitiya Hospital, Galle.	Irida Lak- bima	Article published on June 15 regarding ghost in Karapitiya Hospital, Galle. Complainant says she did not give story to newspaper. Discussed with PCCSL. Complaint Form filled and clarification for- warded Editor July 18. Hospital Director satisfied with explanation. Editor also wrote to Hospital Di- rector and copied to PCCSL.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 11/07/2014	July 17, 2014	Brig. Ruwan Wanigasooriya, Director, Media Centre, Ministry of Defence and Urban Develop- ment, Colombo	Daily Mir- ror	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Complainant said that incorrect rank of officer used in story of motor accident. It was also an Air Force officer and not an Army officer involved in the accident. Correction published July 18, 2014.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 12/07/2014	July 17, 2014	Mr. T. Madushan Chathuranga, Karapitiya Hospi- tal, Galle	Irida Lak- bima	Article regarding ghost in Karapitya Hospital June 15. Sent Complainant Form and called for details July 18. Hospital Director satisfied with explana- tion. Editor also wrote to Hospital Director and copied to PCCSL.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 13/07/2014	July 17, 2014	Mr. T. Madushan Chathuranga, Karapitiya Hospi- tal, Galle	Irida Rivira	Article regarding ghost in Karapitya Hospital pub- lished June 15. Sent Complainant Form and called for details July 21. Complaint form received Aug. 08. PCCSL observed no violation. Spoke with com- plainant Aug. 12. Again PCCSL spoke with com- plainant. He said case is over no need to proceed.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 14/07/2014	July 17, 2014	Mr. T. Madushan Chathuranga, Karapitiya Hospi- tal, Galle	Irida Mau- bima	Article regarding ghost in Karapitya Hospital pub- lished June 15. Sent Complainant Form and called for details July 21. Complaint Form received Aug. 08. PCCSL observed no violation. Spoke with com- plainant Aug.12. Spoke to complainant again said to drop the case.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 15/07/2014	July 17, 2014	Mr. A. H. Cha- minda Kumara, Karapitiya Hospi- tal, Galle	Irida Lak- bima	Article regarding ghost in Karapitya Hospital pub- lished June 15. Sent Complainant Form and called for details July 18. Hospital Director satisfied with explanation. Editor also wrote to Hospital Director and copied to PCCSL.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 16/07/2014	July 17, 2014	Mr. A .H. Cha- minda Kumara, Karapitiya Hospi- tal, Galle	Rivira Irida	Article regarding ghost in Karapitya Hospital pub- lished June 15. Sent Complainant Form and called for details July 21. Complaint Form received Aug. 08. PCCSL said to violation. Spoke with complain- ant Aug. 12. Spoke again said to drop case.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 17/07/2014	July 17, 2014	Mr. A. H. Chaminda Kumara,Hospital, Karapitiya-Galle	Maubima	Article regarding ghost in Karapitya Hospital pub- lished June 15. Sent Complainant Form and called for details July 21. Complaint Form received Aug. 08. PCCSL said no violation. Spoke with complain- ant Aug. 12. Spoke again said to drop case.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 18/07/2014	July 17, 2014	Mr. Thushara Upuldeniya, spokesman, Pris- ons, Colombo.	Lankadee- pa Daily	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. News about remanded person July 15. Sent Complainant Form and called for details July 18. RoR published July 21.	RESOLVED

PCCSL 19/07/2014	July 22, 2014	Mr. K. Thang- eswaran, Secre- tary Sentharakai Sports Club, Kilinochchi	Uthayan	News item published April 10 is inaccurate refer- ring to Sports Club. Sent Complaint Form and called for RoR July 22. Complainant did not proceed	COM- PLAINANT DD NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 20/07/2014	July 23, 2014	Mr. Saminda M. Ekanayaka, Kurudugolla, Ginigathhena.	Rivira	Incorrect court report published Feb. 22. Discussed complaint with complainant in office and handed over Complaint Form. Called for court report. Await documents.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL 21/07/2014	July 28, 2014	Brig. Ruwan, Wanigasuriya, Media Director, Media Centre, Ministry of De- fence and Urban Development, Colombo.	Lanka- deepa	Copy sent to PCCSL. Incorrect story published July 25 re.dispute between complainant and Lieuten- ant. Correction published July 29.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 22/07/2014	July 28, 2014	Ms. Asintha Udeni Thib- batumunuwe, Colombo	Irudina	Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed the mat- ter regarding newspaper article on her husband published June 29. Submitted Complaint Form. Await Clarification. Spoke to Editor and arranged a meeting with her. RoR published August 24, 2014.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 23/07/2014	July 24, 2014	Brig. Ruwan, Wanigasuriya, Media Director, Media Centre, Ministry of De- fence and Urban Development, Colombo.	Thinakkural	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Sent clarification letter for published News item on 22 July 2014 to paper and copied to PCCSL	RESOLVED
PCCSL 24/07/2014	July 30, 2014	Miss. P. Philo- mina, student, Uwakkela Lindula.	Metro News	Unwanted photographs are published in newspa- per. Bad taste. Informed Editor	RESOLVED

Total No. of complaints	24 (S-18 T-03, E-03, not concerning newspaper – 00)
Resolved	17
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	01
Sub-judice	01
Complainant did not proceed	04
No response from Editor	01

August

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/08/2014	August 01, 2014	SSP Ajith Rohana, Spokesman, Police Media, Colombo.	Randiva	Copy of complaint forwarded to PCCSL. July 01 lead story and article July 27 in which junior Policemen in Jaffna were transferred due to poor records. In the letter to President they had quoted a radio report stating this. Newspaper called PCCSL July 31 since original sent to them. Advised process. Spoke to complainant August 01. Newspaper writes Editorial Aug 03. Spoke to editor clarification published Aug. 10. Aug. 21 complainant writes to PCCSL stating not satisfied with RoR. Wrote to complainant August 25. Complainant sends another letter to PCCSL Aug. 28. Called complainant Sept. 09. Met Editor Oct.16 and gave observations. RoR published Oct. 19 with apology.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 02/08/2014	Aug. 06, 2014	Anonymous reader	Daily Mirror	People have motives so be careful when writing stories. Write balanced stories. Follow up of good coming out of a bad incident (eg. Aluthgama) should be given due recognition. Invalid complaint since Anonymous but spoke to News Editor.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 03/08/2014	Aug. 03, 2014	Mr. Muttukrishna Saravanathan, Colombo 06.	Daily Mirror	Complained that his rejoinders are not published. Spoke to News Editor who said if there is no reference to complainant in said article and the article does not merit publication it will not be published. Complaint not valid.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 04/08/2014	Aug. 08, 2014.	Mr. I. K. G. Muthubanda, Divisional Secretary, Walapane.	Lankadeepa	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Story about misappropriation of pension money published July 30. Wrote to complainant with Complaint Form Aug. 11. RoR published.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 05/08/2014	Aug. 08, 2014.	Dr. M. W. S. J. Kumari, Acting Director, Ayurvedic Medical Institute, Colombo.	Irida Rivira	Story published June 22 about ragging at Institute. Complaint Form sent	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 06/08/2014	August 18, 2014	Mr. K. Jagath Samantha Perera, Arachchikattuwa, Puttalam.	Divaina	Complaint regarding story published July 22 about Arachchikattuwa Development. Wrote to complainant with Complaint Form same day.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 07/08/2014	August 18, 2014	Mr. Sarath Senarathna, Principal, Somadevi Maha Vidyalaya, Sewanagala.	Lankadeepa	Complaint regarding story published July 23 about dispute with teacher. Court case pending. Replied to complainant Aug. 19.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL 08/08/2014	August 18, 2014	Mr. Sarath Senarathna, Principal, Somadevi Maha Vidyalaya, Sewanagala.	Lankadeepa	Complaint regarding story published July 29 re.bail for teacher and Principal. Complainant said inaccurate court report. Replied to complainant on Aug. 19 with Complaint Form.	SUBJUDICE

PCCSL 09/08/2014	August 18, 2014	Mr. Sarath Senarathna, Principal, Somadevi Maha Vidyalaya, Sewa-nagala.	Lankadeepa	Complaint regarding story published March 25 about removal of student based on father's criticism at School meeting. Story incorrect. Complainant wrote to Editor. Newspaper published Clarification March 26. Replied to complainant since RoR is published there is no valid complaint.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 10/08/2014	August 18, 2014	Ayurvedic Doctor A. B. Wijerathna, Madagama, Bibile.	Subasetha	Two Articles published were written by complainant without his by line. Forwarded to Editor Aug. 19. Wrote to complainant that it is not a valid complaint since it is outside the mandate of the PCCSL, however, PCCSL has informed Editor accordingly.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 11/08/2014	August 19, 2014	Ms. W. A. S. P. Weerasingha, Ratnapura.	Lankadeepa	Story published April 01 about alleged murder insulting to family. Wrote to complainant with Complaint Form Aug. 19.	SUBJUDICE
PCCSL 12/08/2014	August 21, 2014	Mr. N. Jayantha Perera, Kandana.	Lankadeepa	Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed story published in newspaper on July 23 about expired food items raised by Consumer Affairs Authority. Complainant said that story insults him. PCCSL explained to complainant that the story is correct.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 13/08/2014	August 21, 2014	Mr. N. Jayantha Perera, Kandana.	Lakbima	Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed story published in newspaper on July 23 about expired food items raised by Consumer Affairs Authority. Complainant said that story insults him. PCCSL explained to complainant that the story is correct.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 14/08/2014	August 21, 2014	Mr. N. Jayantha Perera, Kandana	Maubima	Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed story published in newspaper on July 23 about expired food items raised by Consumer Affairs Authority. Complainant said that story insults him. However, there were some accusations which had no relevance to the story that demeaned the complainant. Handed Complaint Form and explained process.	COM- PLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 15/08/2014	August 21, 2014	Mr. N. Jayantha Perera, Kandana	Swarnawa-hini TV	Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed story aired on TV on July 23 about expired food items raised by Consumer Affairs Authority. Complainant said that story insults him. Out of PCCSL process.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 16/08/2014	August 21, 2014	Mr. N. Jayantha Perera, Kandana	Sirasa TV	Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed story aired on TV on July 23 about expired food items raised by Consumer Affairs Authority. Complainant said that story insults him. Out of PCCSL process.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 17/08/2014	Aug. 22, 2014	Ms. Tharanga, Department of Archaeology	Maubima	Called from the Department of Archaeology, regarding three stories published July 11, 17 and 30. Clarification published Aug. 24 but not satisfied. Discussed with Complainant regarding case and sent Complaint Form.	COM- PLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 18/08/2014	Aug. 25, 2014	DIG Gamini Nawaratna, Police Headquarters, Colombo	Lankadeepa	Complaint regarding two reports concerning transport of drugs by University students (published July 13) and transfer of nine Policemen (published Sept. 04) attached to Matara Police. Replied to complainant Aug. 28. Another letter received from ASP Priyantha Liyanage about same case Sept. 09. Replied Sept. 10. Police Headquarters spoke to PCCSL and said case is before courts.	SUBJUDICE

Total No. of complaints	18 (S-14 T-00, E-02, concerning TV – 02)
Resolved	05
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	05 (02-concerning TV)
Sub-judice	04
Complainant did not respond	04
Editor did not proceed	00

September

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/09/2014	Sept. 01, 2014	Mr. A. Rasanayagam, Kilinochchi	Yarl Thinakkural	Complaint via Jaffna Office. Sent Bell Fax. Inaccurate story concerning a suicide case in Kilinochchi. Received Complaint Form. Called for RoR. RoR received Sept. 02. Forwarded to newspaper. Published Sept. 11.	RE-SOLVED
PCCSL 02/09/2014	Sept. 09, 2014	Mr. K. N. Kanagaratnam, Member, Northern Provincial Council.	EPDP web site	Story appeared on Sept. 06 on EPDP Web Site concerning the sale of a block of land where an advance was paid and not the balance. It is now before Court. Inaccurate news item in Web page. Out of Mandate. However posted complaint with letter to EPDP Office in Jaffna.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 03/09/2014	Sept. 09, 2014	Mr. C. Subakaran, Ukuweli	Irida Lanka-deepa	Copy of complaint forwarded to PCCSL not clear. It is about a story published July 27. Sent complaint Form and called for RoR Sept. 09. He should respond before Sept. 16 to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 04/09/2014	Sept. 11, 2014	Commander Kosala Warnakulasuriya, Media Spokesman, Sri Lanka Navy, Colombo	Divaina	Incorrect story of land grab in Wilpattu published on Sept. 11, 2014. Sent RoR and Complaint Form. RoR published Sept. 13.	RE-SOLVED
PCCSL 05/09/2014	Sept. 11, 2014	Mr. Abdul Sathar, Registrar, South Eastern University, Oluwil.	Sudar Oli	News item published Sept. 10 concerning press conference conducted by Bodu Bala Sena in Colombo where they had said that the South Eastern University was sowing seeds of Islamic terrorism and must be closed. University says story is inaccurate. Called for Complaint Form and RoR. Received Sept. 15. Forwarded to Editor. Published RoR Sept. 17.	RE-SOLVED

PCCSL 06/09/2014	Sept. 12, 2014	Mr. Sarath Sirisena, Director and CEO, Lanka Commodity Brokers Association	Daily FT	Story published Aug. 25, 2014. Sent RoR and asked for apology. RoR published Sept. 03 but without an apology. The Editor's Note is also uncalled for in the RoR. Spoke to PCCSL Sept. 12. Handed Complaint Form to PCCSL and documents. Requested letter calling for apology. Received email Sept. 16. Spoke to Editor Sept. 16 and forwarded documents. Editor promises to resolve issue by talking to complainant. After emails, calls and a sms Editor sent reply Nov. 17 stating that he can do a separate story to help resolve the issue. Forwarded to complainant Nov. 18. Await response from complainant. Spoke to Editor and said if complainant persists for apology to go to DRC. DRC met Jan. 21 and Mediation Board appointed Mr. Nihal Seneviratne, Mr. Pramod de Silva and Mr. Dion Schoorman. Date fixed for Mediation Jan. 29. Met and drafted letter to be sent to complainant and copy to Editor. Await complainant's response. Complainant emailed following my email stating that he did not wish to reopen the case.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 07/09/2014	Sept. 18, 2014	Mr. M. S. Premanandakone, on behalf of Government Drivers Union, Colombo 02.	Lankadeepa	Complainant came to PCCSL without paper cutting. Filled Complaint Form. Found complaint from past newspapers. It is the Editorial of Aug. 21, 2014 on government drivers. There is no violation. Wrote to complainant.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 08/09/2014	Sept. 23, 2014	Mr. S. Rasiah, former Chairman Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampara.	Thinnakaran	Several news items defamatory of complainant following defeat of 2014 Budget of Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha. Called for articles and sent Complaint Form. Await reply. Spoke to complainant and he did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 09/09/2014	Sept. 23, 2014	Mr. S. Rasiah, former Chairman Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampara.	Virakesari	Several news items defamatory of complainant following defeat of 2014 Budget of Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha. Called for articles and sent Complaint Form. Await reply. Spoke to complainant and he did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 10/09/2014	Sept. 23, 2014	Mr. S. Rasiah, former Chairman Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampara.	Thinakkural	Several news items defamatory of complainant following defeat of 2014 Budget of Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha. Called for articles and sent Complaint Form. Await reply. Spoke to complainant and he did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 11/09/2014	Sept. 23, 2014	Mr. S. Rasiah, former Chairman Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampara.	Sudar Oli	Several news items defamatory of complainant following defeat of 2014 Budget of Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha. Called for articles and sent Complaint Form. Await reply. Spoke to complainant and he did not want to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 12/09/2014	Sept. 23, 2014	Ms. Nimalka Fernando, human rights activist, Colombo 03.	Irida Divaina	Story published Aug. 10, 2014 with derogatory remarks. Complaint Form received. Called for clarification Sept. 23. RoR received Oct. 10 Forwarded to Editor Oct. 14. Clarification published page 02, Oct. 19.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 13/09/2014	Sept. 25, 2014	Mr. Wasantha Kumara Geekiyanage, Chilaw	Divaina Daily	Copy of complaint received Sept. 19. Incorrect information pertaining to complainant published. Clarification published Sept. 25. Complainant not satisfied with RoR. Complainant spoke to Editor and PCCSL. Sent Complaint Form and fresh RoR. RoR published Sept. 26.	RESOLVED

PCCSL 14/09/2014	Sept. 26, 2014	Mr. J. David Whaley, UK	The Sunday Times	Complaint sent via email. Called for Complaint Form and RoR. He is complaining about something said adversely against him. RoR published Sept. 28, 2014	RE-SOLVED
PCCSL 15/09/2014	Sept. 26, 2014	Mr. Cassim, Wat-tala	Daily Mirror	Complaint via telephone. In a quiz in the Enquirer Section, the closing date of the quiz was given as the same date of publication. He inquired could this be correct. Not a violation of the Code but informed the newspaper to look into the matter.	OUT OF MAN-DATE
PCCSL 16/09/2014	Sept. 29, 2014	Anonymous	Not against a particular English language newspaper	Anonymous letter with no signature and address. Complainant requested an award be given to the Best 'Letter to the Editor.' Out of PCCSL process.	OUT OF MAN-DATE

Total No. of complaints	16 (S-05 T-06, E-03, not concerning newspaper: Web newspaper -01+ concerning an award 01 = 02)
Resolved	07
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	03 (01-concerning Web Newspaper + 01 concerning an award)
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not respond	06
No response from Editor	00

October

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/10/2014	Oct. 02, 2014	Mr. Mahendra Kumar, private bus driver, Weli Oya, Hatton	Metro News	Published photograph on Oct. 02 with incorrect caption concerning an accident. His bus passed an accident of a CTB bus and three wheeler. Owner identified his vehicle and was upset. Complaint Form and clarification called. Complainant did not proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 02/10/2014	Oct. 02, 2014	Mr. K. Ranaweera Berting, Kahaduwa, Elpitiya.	Irida Divaina	Story published Sept. 03 has incorrect version. Complainant came to PCCSL. Discussed complaint and gave Complaint Form. Await clarification and Complaint Form.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 03/10/2014	Oct. 09, 2014	Mrs. Ranjane Senaviratna, Kolonnawa (Mother of deceased son Mr. Shiran Darshana Gunawardene alias Kalu Chuti).	Lankadeepa	Third party Complaint. Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed the story about son's murder which appeared in newspaper on Sept. 29. Story is correct. Explained to complainant. No violation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 04/10/2014	Oct. 09, 2014	Mrs. Ranjane Senaviratna, Kolonnawa (Mother of deceased son Mr. Shiran Darshana Gunawardene alias Kalu Chuti).	Maubima	Third party Complaint. Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed the story about son's murder which appeared in newspaper on Sept. 29. Story is correct. Explained to complainant. No violation.	RESOLVED

PCCSL 05/10/2014	Oct. 19, 2014.	Mrs. Ranjane Senaviratna, Kolonnawa (Mother of deceased son Mr. Shiran Darshana Gunawardene alias Kalu Chuti).	Divaina	Third party Complaint. Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed the story about son's murder which appeared in newspaper on Sept. 29. Story is correct. Explained to complainant. No violation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 06/10/2014	Oct. 19, 2014.	Mrs. Ranjane Senaviratna, Kolonnawa (Mother of deceased son Mr. Shiran Darshana Gunawardene alias Kalu Chuti).	Irida Divaina	Third party Complaint. Complainant came to PCCSL and discussed the story about son's murder which appeared in newspaper on Oct. 05. Story is correct. Explained to complainant. No violation. However certain insinuations have been made against the son, which are incorrect. Explained PCCSL process handed Complaint Form. Complainant visited PCCSL in December 2014 but did not give RoR. Closed pending receipt of RoR.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 07/10/2014	Oct. 19, 2014.	Mr. Anura Kumara Madulussa, Pujapitiya	Vidivelli	Complaint is against incorrect story concerning Pujapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha. Wrote to complainant explaining PCCSL process with Complaint Form. Spoke to complainant said he will send Complaint Form with RoR. Received Complaint Form and RoR. However, RoR is not written by complainant. Informed complainant Oct. 29 to send RoR.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 08/10/2014	Oct. 06, 2014	Mr. K. Madudevan, President, Thandaiselva Community Centre, Jaffna	Yarl Thinakkural	Complaint from Jaffna Office. Story published Oct. 6. Story relates to sexual abuse of nine-year-old girl. Protesters demonstrated outside newspaper office saying town of rape is incorrect. Newspaper said received story from police. Protesters clarified with police and name of town is correct. They were convinced and went away. Newspaper carried photograph of protesters and stated the same town. Explained to complainant. No violation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 09/10/2014	Oct. 13, 2014	Attorney Keerthi Muthukumarana, Deputy Director (Legal), Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, Battaramulla.	Irida Divaina	Story published in newspaper is inaccurate. Sent Complaint Form and called for clarification.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 10/10/2014	Oct. 13, 2014	Attorney Keerthi Muthukumarana, Deputy Director (Legal), Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, Battaramulla.	Divaina	Story published in newspaper is inaccurate. Sent Complaint Form and called for clarification.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 11/10/2014	Oct. 13, 2014	OIC, Polgahawela Police Station	Divaina	Incorrect story published. Sent Complaint Form and called for clarification.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 12/10/2014	Oct. 30, 2014	Mr. J. L. M. K. Jayatilaka, Deputy Director General, Bio-Medical Engineering Services, Ministry of Health, Colombo	Ceylon Today (Sunday Edition).	Story is based on petition submitted to Bribery Commissioner's Office. Complainant states that story is false and fabricated to tarnish his image. Received Complaint Form with copy of article. Wrote to Editor drawing his attention Oct. 31	NO RESPONSE FROM EDITOR

PCCSL 13/10/2014	Oct. 30, 2014	Mr. R. Kanitheran, Leader, Pumpuhar Village Society, Ariyalai, Jaffna	Valampuri	Complaint received from Jaffna Office. Story refers to sexual abuse of a 17-year-old girl. It states that it happened in this village. Complainant says it is incorrect and took place outside Ariyalai. Checked story with editor. It is correct and received story from police. The incident took place in this village and a suspect also has been arrested from the same village. PCCSL informed complainant that there is no violation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 14/10/2014	Oct. 30, 2014	Mr. R. Kanitheran, Leader, Pumpuhar Village Society, Ariyalai, Jaffna	Yarl Thinakkural	Complaint received from Jaffna Office. Story refers to sexual abuse of a 17-year-old girl. It states that it happened in this village. Complainant says it is incorrect and took place outside Ariyalai. Checked story with editor. It is correct and received story from police. The incident took place in this village and a suspect also has been arrested from the same village. PCCSL informed complainant that there is no violation.	RESOLVED

Total No. of complaints	14 (S-08 T-05, E-01,)
Resolved	06
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	00
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not respond	07
No response from Editor	01

November

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and address	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/11/2014	Nov. 04, 2014	Mr. K. Udayaraja, Divisional Secretary, Vavuniya	Uthayan	He has observed incorrect articles and biased articles concerning Vavuniya District and has informed PCCSL. PCCSL has written to the newspaper highlighting the faults.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 02/11/2014	Nov. 04, 2014	Mr. K. Udayaraja, Divisional Secretary, Vavuniya	Virakesari	He has observed incorrect articles and biased articles concerning Vavuniya District and has informed PCCSL. PCCSL has written to the newspaper highlighting the faults.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 03/11/2014	Nov. 04, 2014	Mr. K. Udayaraja, Divisional Secretary, Vavuniya	Yarl Thinakkural	He has observed incorrect articles and biased articles concerning Vavuniya District and has informed PCCSL. PCCSL has written to the newspaper highlighting the faults.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 04/11/2014	Nov. 10, 2014	Mrs. Nurun Anberiya Hanifa	Lankadeepa	Third Party Complaint received with Complaint Form. Story published Oct. 28 using in the headline the race of the person which is a violation of the Code since it has no relevance to the story. In this instance the word 'Muslim' was used. Brought it to the notice of the Editor and informed complainant.	RESOLVED

PCCSL 05/11/2014	Nov. 12, 2014	Mr. M. Muttukuma Udayasiri, Coroner, Nallur, Jaffna and President of the Ice Cream Produc- ers Association, Jaffna	Uthayan	Came from Jaffna office. Complaint Form re- ceived. Newspaper carries incorrect headline stating that complainant is a coroner when it has no relevance to the story which is about unhygienic conditions of ice cream manufactur- ers. It is defamatory. PCCSL explains procedure in letter saying can arrange ROR and cannot get involved in litigation for defamation case. Await reply.	COM- PLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 06/11/2014	Nov. 20, 2014	Ven. Kotte Dhar- malankara Thera, Kabetigollawa	Maubima	Complainant has submitted complaint to Human Rights Commission who forwarded complaint to PCCSL. Wrote to complainant Nov. 24 asking for clarification and to send Complaint Form.	COM- PLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 07/11/2014	Nov. 24, 2014	Mr. H. M. T. L. Upuldeniya, Spokesman, Pris- ons Department.	Lankadeepa	Received copy of complaint concerning news items Bogambara Prison Teak timber. Story is incorrect. Wrote to complainant Nov. 24 calling for Complaint Form. Spoke to Editor. Clarifica- tion published	RESOLVED
PCCSL 08/11/2014	Nov. 24, 2014	Mr. H. M. T. L. Upuldeniya, Spokesman, Pris- ons Department.	Lankadeepa	Received copy of complaint concerning news items Dumbara Prison. Special facilities for 14 prisoners are in incorrect. Wrote to complainant Nov. 25 calling for Complaint Form.	COM- PLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 09/11/2014	Nov. 28, 2014	Mr. R. M. S. Sarath Kumara, Commis- sioner-General, Department of Registration of Persons	Lankadeepa	Copy of complaint forwarded to PCCSL. Story states that broken machine in Identity Card Of- fice can be used to make forged ID cards. RoR published Nov. 29.	RESOLVED

Total No. of complaints	09 (S-05 T-04, E-00,)
Resolved	06
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	00
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not respond	03
No response from Editor	00

December

File number	Date of complaint	Complainant's name and ad- dress	Newspaper	Details of complainant	Position
PCCSL 01/12/2014	Dec. 02, 2014	Mr. K. K. K. Ko- dithuwakku, Principal, Krist- hudewa Balika Vidyalaya, Bad- degama.	Divaina	Newspaper published five sto- ries regarding school which have been wrongly reported. Wrote to complainant Dec. 03. Spoke to Editor. Stories are correct. In- formed complainant. Complain- ant did not wish to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

PCCSL 02/12/2014	Dec. 04, 2014	Mr .K. Uthayaras Divisional Secretariat, Jaffna	Uthayan	Dec. 02 story incorrect concerning negligence in Divisional Secretariat. Complaint Form received. Called for article and RoR. Complainant did not wish to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 03/12/2014	Dec. 09, 2014	Mr. C. Thavarajah, Leader of the Opposition, Northern Provincial Council	Uthayan	Wrong picture published on Dec. 06 concerning fight inside NPC meeting. Sent Complaint Form. Spoke to complainant not a violation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 04/12/2014	Dec. 17, 2014	Dr. (Mrs.) Bawani Pasupathi. Director, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna	Y a r l Thinakkural	Called and complained about published article concerning her transfer even before it took place. She had only received a letter from the Ministry of Health about transfer and it has leaked to the media. Explained that it is not a violation.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 05/12/2014	Dec. 12, 2014	Brig. Ruwan Wanigasooriya, Army Spokesman, Colombo	Ada	Copy of complaint received with Complaint Form. Complaint concerns lands in north and east published Dec. 11. Clarification published Dec. 12.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 06/12/2014	Dec. 13, 2014	Mr. N. J. Perera, Pensioner, Kandana	Swarnavahini TV	Telecast story concerning tinned foods. Complaint does not fall within PCCSL mandate – concerning TV. Wrote to complainant and forwarded complaint to TV Station.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 07/12/2014	Dec. 13, 2014	Mr. N. J. Perera, Pensioner, Kandana	Hiru TV	Telecast story concerning tinned foods. Complaint does not fall within PCCSL mandate – concerning TV. Wrote to complainant and forwarded complaint to TV Station.	OUT OF MANDATE
PCCSL 08/12/2014	Dec. 17, 2014	Prison Manager, Bogambara Prison, Dumbara, Pallekale.	Lakbima	Complaint concerns story on preferential treatment to 'high class' prisoners published Nov. 14. Sent Complaint Form Dec. 18. Complainant did not wish to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 09/12/2014	Dec. 17, 2014	Prison Manager, Bogambara Prison, Dumbara, Pallekale.	Irida Lanka-deepa	Complaint concerns story on preferential treatment to 'high class' prisoners published Nov. 23. Sent Complaint Form Dec. 18. Complainant did not wish to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 10/12/2014	Dec. 17, 2014	Prison Manager, Bogambara Prison, Dumbara, Pallekale.	Divaina	Complaint concerns story on theft of antiques from prison published Nov. 26. Sent Complaint Form Dec. 18. Complainant did not wish to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED
PCCSL 11/12/2014	Dec. 17, 2014	Prison Manager, Bogambara Prison, Dumbara, Pallekale.	Lankadeepa	Complaint concerns story on Ehalapola Kumarihami and her eye glasses published Nov. 26. Sent Complaint Form Dec. 18. Complainant did not wish to proceed.	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

PCCSL 12/12/2014	Dec. 22, 2014	Mr. Badra Kamaladasa, Director General, Irrigation Department, Colombo.	Divaina	Copy of complaint sent to PCCSL. Complaint concerns story on irrigation methods published Dec. 15. Sent Complaint Form Dec. 23. Spoke to Editor. RoR published Dec. 27, 2014.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 13/12/2014	Dec. 26, 2014	Mr. S. Kumaralingam "Wijey" Tamil Weekly Children's newspaper published by Wijeya Newspapers	Nallur, Jaffna	Incorrect information published about President Abraham Lincoln. Third party complainant misleading. Wrote to complainant with Complaint Form calling for more information. Spoke to Editor, says it is correct. Await Complainant's response. Informed complainant. Complainant accepted Editor's view.	RESOLVED
PCCSL 14/12/2014	Dec. 29, 2014	Dr. P. A. D. D. S. Ponveera, Base Hospital, Maravila	Rivira	Incorrect story published Dec. 11 about Hospital. Replied to complainant with Complaint Form Dec. 29, 2014. Complainant did not wish to proceed	COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED

Total No. of complaints	Total: 14 (S-08, T-04, E-00, concerning TV-02)
Resolved	05
Registered/Pending	00
Unregistered/Pending	00
Out of mandate	02 (concerning TV)
Sub-judice	00
Complainant did not respond	07
No response from Editor	00

Summary of Complaints received from January to December 2014

Month	Total	Resolved	Pending	Out of mandate	Sub-judice	Complainant did not proceed	No response from Editor
January	13 (S-06, T-03, E-04, not concerning newspaper 00)	05	00	03	02	03	00
February	18 (S-12, T-02, E-04, not concerning newspaper-00)	08	00	00	03	07	00
March	31 (S-10, T-08, E-13, not concerning newspaper-00)	25	00	00	02	04	00
April	102 (S-64, T-03, E-34, not concerning newspaper-01)	95	00	01	01	02	03 (Irida Divaina, Dinamina, Maubima)
May	18(S-13, T-04, E-01, not concerning newspaper-00)	08	00	02	01	06	01 (Lanka)
June	14 (S-04, T-05, E-05, not concerning newspaper 0)	07	00	03	00	04	00
July	24 (S-18, T-03, E-03, not concerning newspaper 0)	17	00	01	01	04	01 (Lanka)
August	18 (S-14, T-0, E-02, Concerning TV - 02)	05	00	05 (TV-02)	04	04	00
September	16 (S-05, T-06, E-03, not concerning newspaper 02)	07	00	03 (web-01)	00	06	00
October	14 (S-08, T-05, E-01, not concerning newspaper 00)	06	00	00	00	07	01 (Ceylon Today-Sunday Edition)
November	09 (S-05, T-04, E-00, not concerning newspaper 0)	06	00	0	00	03	00
December	14 (S-08, T-04, E-00, not concerning newspaper 0)	05	00	0 0 -(TV-02)	00	07	00
Total	291 (S- 167, T-47, E-70, not concerning newspapers-07)	194	00	20	14	57	06

Complaints received from 2003 - 2014

Year	2003/ 04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Language												
Sinhala	129	68	96	93	72	72	53	80	87	101	167	1018
Tamil	21	23	8	17	3	12	33	24	42	33	47	263
English	31	20	20	25	18	31	22	21	29	15	70	302
Not print/Television	0	0	0	26	0	7	23	17	18	14	7	112
Total	181	111	124	161	93	122	131	142	176	163	291	1695
Type												
Resolved	49	26	7	32	27	34	38	43	73	58	194	581
Out of mandate	29	7	37	26	23	42	46	42	39	20	20	331
Closed	103	78	80	103	0	0	15	2	2	0	0	383
Complainant did not proceed	0	0	0	0	27	25	26	30	49	51	57	265
No response from Editor	0	0	0	0	8	11	3	10	9	13	6	60
Sub-judice	0	0	0	0	8	10	3	17	6	21	14	79
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Complaints resolved outside of the PCCSL process 2014

MONTH	TOTAL	SINHALA	TAMIL	ENGLISH
JANUARY	22	18	00	04
FEBRUARY	41	33	00	08
MARCH	26	21	00	05
APRIL	32	24	00	08
MAY	18	12	00	06
JUNE	18	14	01	04
JULY	32	30	00	01
AUGUST	27	23	00	04
SEPTEMBER	28	24	02	04
OCTOBER	31	23	00	06
NOVEMBER	18	13	00	05
DECEMBER	30	24	00	06
TOTAL	323	259	03	61

Monthly Complaints resolved outside of the PCCSL process 2014

Date	Name of newspaper	Page No	Position of correction	Details of Correction/Clarification/Right of Reply
JANUARY				
Jan. 01, 2014	Maubima	Page 23	Top right	Clarification: Dec. 27 story misquoting his speech about Jampettah Street Bhikkhus, Professor Ithademeleye Indasara Thero.
Jan. 01, 2014	Lakbima	Page 06	Bottom middle	Clarification: Dec. 28 story about Western Provincial Council Chief Ministerial candidate, Welfare Society Kosgama Village
Jan. 01, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 01	Bottom middle	Clarification: Dec. 28 Court report wrongly written, UPFA MP Ratnapura District Mr. Ranjith Soysa
Jan. 02, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 03	Bottom right	Clarification: Dec. 19, 2013 story on failed politician's reference to Mr. V. Sugathadasa incorrect. Mr. K. Hapuarachchi clarifies
Jan. 07, 2014	Daily News	Page 01	Bottom middle	Apology" Maj. Gen. G. Wasantha W. Perera for articles published against him on May 29, 2004, May 31, 2004 and June 03, 2004
Jan. 07, 2014	Dinamina	Page 01	Bottom right	Apology: April 23, 29, May 31, June 03 Maj. Gen. P. Wasantha W. Perera
Jan. 07, 2014	Maubima	Page 10	Top left	Clarification: Dec. 30, 2013 newspapers challenges Mr. Wijedasa Rajapakse MP. Reply carried.
Jan. 12, 2014	Sunday Island	Page 10	Bottom right	Sorry wrong headline: Jan. 05 review had incorrect headline.
Jan. 12, 2014	Randiva	Page 01 (Part II)	Bottom right	Clarification: Dec. 29, 2013 story on song review Ms. Prathana Samanthi Wijesinghe
Jan. 12, 2014	Rivira	Page 06	Bottom	Correction/Apology: Jan. 10 story mix up of names
Jan. 14, 2014	Divaina	Page 14	Middle right	Clarification: Jan. 13 story about drug dealers' police spokesman clarifies.
Jan. 16, 2014	The Island	Page 02	Bottom middle	Clarification: Thai Pongal gifts: NPC CM's Secretary says: Northern CM agrees to give gifts to all Hindus in prisons – Jan. 13, 2014 story.
Jan. 16, 2014	Divaina	Page 13	Bottom right	Correction: Jan. 10 story re-Sethawaka Pradeshia Sabha mix up of names of Chairman and Vice Chairman.
Jan. 16, 2014	Rivira	Page 17	Middle	Clarification: Dec. 26, 2013 story about accident involving police escort vehicle, SSP Ajith Rohana Police Spokesman
Jan. 17, 2014	Lakbima	Page 10	Top half	Right of Reply: Dec. 30, 2013 story by Latheef Farook Mr. Anura Machanayake replies
Jan. 19, 2014	Randiva	Page 01	Bottom right	Clarification: Jan. 12 lead story referring to his political discussions incorrect. Mr. Rajitha Senarathna clarifies
Jan. 19, 2014	Irudina	Page 05	Top half	Right of Reply: Jan. 12 story which carried is interview, Ven. Gnanasara Thera
Jan. 21, 2014	Divaina	Page 03	Middle	Clarification: Jan. 20 story about Policemen admitted to hospital OIC Ruwan Amarasinghe Eheliyagoda Police
Jan. 23, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 06	Top left	Clarification: Jan. 16 story about LTTE engineer Prisons Department Commissioner-General C. Pallegama
Jan. 24, 2014	Daily FT	Page 01	Bottom right	Correction: Jan. 23 story 'Key seminar on failures of finance companies on 31 January' reference to Central Finance incorrect.
Jan. 24, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 06	Top left	Apology: Jan. 23 parliament story mix up of report referring to Prime Minister D. M. Jayaratne
Jan. 30, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Bottom middle	Correction/Apology: Jan. 20 Court report about Rathupaswella mix up of names.
Total: 22 S-18, T-00, E-04				

Date	Name of newspaper	Page No	Position of correction	Details of Correction/Clarification/Right of Reply
FEBRUARY				
Feb, 02, 2014	Ravaya	02	Middle	Clarification from Human Rights Commission, 19 January Lead news of page 01, regarding commissioner's daughter and school
Feb, 04, 2014	Ravaya	Page 08	Bottom right	Clarification from UNP, MP, John Amaratunga, Regarding 12th January News about him
Feb. 04, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 03	Top right	Oops sorry! Feb. 03 lead story 'HRC debunks US envoy's allegations,' Human Rights Commissioner Dr. Prathiba Mahamahewa clarifies comments.
Feb. 04, 2014	Daily FT	Page 03	Middle left	MOL correction: Feb. 03 story 'Cargo ship sinks off Yemen killing 12 crew.' Wrong photograph of ship used.
Feb. 04, 2014	Daily FT	Page 03	Middle left	Correction: Feb. 03 story 'Bridging the investment gap,' wrong name in story.
Feb. 07, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 04	Top left	Kabir clarifies: Feb. 03 story 'Ms. Muzammil could pilot UNP to success,' UNP Chairman Kabir Hashim clarifies that he never suggested her name since it would have been unethical since he is a member of the Nomination Board.
Feb. 07, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 04	Top left	Kabir clarifies: Feb. 03 story 'Ms. Muzammil could pilot UNP to success,' UNP Chairman Kabir Hashim clarifies that he never suggested her name since it would have been unethical since he is a member of the Nomination Board.
Feb, 07, 2014	Maubima Daily	Page 12	Top right	Clarification from Police head Quarters, 30 January story about writing papers finish for Matale police stations
Feb, 07, 2014	Ada	Page 02	Top right	Clarification from Rev, Migettuwaththe Sumiththa Thero, Regarding 06 Feb News item about ownership of Sunandarama temple.
Feb, 07, 2014	Ada	Page 05	Middle right	Clarification from Mr. Hemal Prasantha, OIC Matara Police Station, regarding 05th February news about Matara bus Strike.
Feb 08, 2014	Lankadeepa Daily	Page 08	Bottom left	Correction regarding policemen missing in India report, correct Name mix up of former Police OIC.
Feb. 09, 2014	The Sunday Times	Page 07	Top left	Right of Reply: Jan. 12 story 'St. Joseph's College Rector transferred to Aquinas,' Rector Rev. Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe replies.
Feb. 09, 2014	The Sunday Leader	Page 09	Top	Clarification: Feb. 02 story 'Corruption at PGIM' PGIM clarifies.
Feb. 09, 2014	The Sunday Times	Page 07	Top left	Right of Reply: Jan. 12 story 'St. Joseph's College Rector transferred to Aquinas,' Rector Rev. Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe replies.
Feb. 09, 2014	The Sunday Leader	Page 09	Top	Clarification: Feb. 02 story 'Corruption at PGIM' PGIM clarifies.
Feb, 09, 2014	Maubima Daily	Page 02	Bottom right	Clarification from Thamara Kunanayagam, Re. 18 January report about next Geneva Deligation
Feb, 11, 2014	Lakbima Daily	Page 02	Middle	Correction regarding 10th February student's death news, paper said not dead.
Feb 11, 2014	Lakbima Daily	Page 06	Middle right	Clarification from Mr. Roshan Fernando, Chairman of Transport Commission, Re. 05th report about ransom in private bus sector story,
Feb 11, 2014	Lankadeepa Daily	Page 08	Middle right	Clarification from Mr. R.M. S. Sarath Kumara Commissioner General of National ID, regarding 05th report about New ID from March.
Feb 11, 2014	Lankadeepa Daily	Page 12	Bottom right	Clarification from Consultant t. Harischandra, Re- 05th report about Operation of Karapitiya Hospital
Feb 12, 2014	Lankadeepa Daily	Page 10	Bottom left	Clarification from Dr. Sunil Jayantha Nawarathna, Secretary of High Education Ministry, 11th February report about private Medical degree.

Feb 13, 2014	Lakbima Daily	Page 06	Middle right	Clarification from Petroleum Corporation regarding 06th report about distributing of petroleum.
Feb 13, 2014	Maubima Daily	Page 05	Top eft	Clarification from Mr. H. M. Premaratne, Central College Ibbagamuwa, 07th January report about college function with Education Minister.
Feb 14, 2014	Maubima Daily	Page 02	Bottom right	Clarification from Divinaguma Department regarding 31 January led News of paper one hunger family Bitter gourd ate for five days
Feb 16, 2014	Ravaya	Page 04	Bottom	Clarification from Mr. Nimal Perera, Chairman, UDA, Regarding 09 th February report about Mihindusenpura Housing scheme.
Feb 16, 2014	Ravaya	Page 13	Bottom half	Clarification from Chairman, Human Rights Commission, Regarding 09th Article about Human Rights Commission,
Feb 16, 2014	Ravaya	Page 14	Bottom left	ROR From Mr. D. C. A. Gunawardane, Director General Census and Statistics Department, regarding 05th January article about Economy.
Feb 16, 2014	Diwaina Irida	Page 11	Top half	Reply from Ms. Lalitha Hemakanthi, Nurse, Gampaha teaching hospital, regarding 26th Article about labour room and nurses and midwife.
Feb 16, 2014	Rivira	Page 19	Bottom left	Reply from Mr. Buddhika Wijesingha, Regarding 02 February Article about Paramawinnaratha Society
Feb 17, 2014	Lankadeepa Daily	Page 02	Bottom Middle	Clarification from Mr. Philip Garving, Member of Moratuwa Urban Council, regarding 04th report about Mayor
Feb 18, 2014	Maubima	Page 19	Bottom left	Clarification from Mr. S.T. Kodikara, Secretary, Education Ministry, Western Province.
Feb 19, 2014	Lakbima	Page 11	Top Right	Clarification from National Gem and Jewellery Authority, 22 January Article about Institute.
Feb 19, 2014	Divaina	Page 01(Part 2)	Bottom Middle	Clarification from Mr. U. D. C. Jayalal, District Secretary, Kalutara, News Regarding Fisheries Project, Kalutara.
Feb 20, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 02 (Raja-weediya Part,	Bottom right	Correction regarding 13 February Article about USA and Trinco Harbour name mix up of former President Premadasa and J.R. Jayawardana.
Feb. 21, 2014	The Island	Page 02	Top right	Our profound regrets: Photograph of late Mr. Muni Kundanmal appears next to someone else's obituary on Jan. 20.
Feb. 22, 2014	Weekend FT	Page 01	Bottom left	ADB correction: Feb 21 story 'Sri Lanka gets \$ 200 m ADB assistance for skills development' incorrect.
Feb 23, 2014	Divaina	Page 16	Bottom	Right of Reply: Feb. 02 story about Halawatta Plantation Company, Mr. Pathum Asanka, Coconut Development and People's State Development Ministry.
Feb 23, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Middle	Clarification: Feb. 16 story on press conference and party at No-raichchola Plant site. CEB Engineers Union,
Feb 23, 2014	Rivira	Page 01	Bottom middle	Clarification: Feb. 09 story on rich police personnel. SSP. Ajith Rohana, Director, Police Media.
Feb 23, 2014	Rivira	Page 06	Middle left	Clarification: Dec. 01, 2013 interview with Minister Sarana Gunawardene, Ms. K. D. Ranjane mother's of Mr. Suranga Peiris.
Feb 23, 2014	Rivira	Page 06	Bottom right	Clarification: Feb. 16 story on Ms. Nadisha Hemamali and UNP MP Ms. Thalatha Athukorale, UNP MP Thalatha Athukorale.
Feb 25, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Bottom Right	Clarification: Feb. 22 story stock of paddy in Ampara, Mr. K. B. Jayasinha, Chairman, Paddy Marketing Board.
Feb 25, 2014	Maubima	Page 05	Bottom Left	Clarification: Feb. 15 story on Water Board accounts, Mr. Karunasena Hettiarachchi, Chairman Water Board.
Feb 27, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 06	Top Right	Clarification: Feb. 24 court report from Judge, Maligawatte Courts, Mr. Kanishka Wijeratna, Secretary, Judicial service Commission.
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MARCH				
March 02, 2014	Ravaya	Page 02	Middle left	Clarification: Story concerning a block of land. Mr. D. D. S. Sooriyaarachchi, ASP, Nathandiya Police clarifies.
March 02, 2014	Ravaya	Page 06	Bottom Right	Clarification: February 23 reader's comments Minister Wimal Weerawansa clarifies.
March 03, 2014	Rivira	Page 06	Bottom Right	Clarification: February 28 story re.Jailors Examination results Mr. Pallegama, Commissioner General clarifies.
March 03, 2014	The Nation	Page 03	Top to bottom left	JEDB Chairman replies: February 23 story 'Udayasiri Kariyawasam circumvents Presidential investigation,' Chairman JEDB clarifies.
March 04, 2014	Maubima	Page 02	Top right	Correction and apology: March 03 photo mix up showing new vice chairman when it should have been a photograph of Wilgamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman and former Vice Chairman arrested transporting ganja.
March 05, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Middle right	Clarification: February 22 story on stock of paddy in Ampara, Paddy Marketing Board clarifies.
March 06, 2014	Divaina	Page 06	Middle right	Clarification: March 01 Yovun Senanayake clarifies story regarding Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman
March 06, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 04	Bottom right	Cabraal clarifies: March 04 story 'Employees Provident Fund safe and sound,' Cabraal clarifies
March 06, 2014	Divaina	Page 11	Middle Right	Clarification: February 04 story on death of foreign employee Mrs. Morign Perera (Mother) clarifies.
March 11, 2014	Divaina	Page 13	Bottom right	Correction: March 06 story dispute between two fishermen in Fisheries Harbour
March 13, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 24	Middle right	Clarification: March 11 story about promotions of prison officers Mr. Pallegama, Commissioner General of Prisons clarifies.
March 14, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 01	Middle right	Correction: March 12 court story on punishment of Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman.
March 16, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 07 (Nimthera part)	Top left	Clarification: March 09 story about SriLankan Airlines losses Mr. Deepal Perera, Public Relation Manager, Sri Lankan Airline clarifies.
March 16, 2014	Ravaya	Page 02	Middle	Clarification: March 09 lead story about government in crisis Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara clarifies.
March 18, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 13	Top Half	Clarification: March 06 story on economy and income Central Bank clarifies.
March 18, 2014	Divaina	Page 04	Middle left	Correction: Ven. Rathanapala Thero's statement.
March 18, 2014	Divaina	Page 06	Middle left	Correction and Apology: Incorrect Story concerning two officers handling of orphan elephant named Dinuda.
March 19, 2014	Maubima	Page 13	Middle	Correction: Incorrect court report concerning speech made by Minister C. B. Ratnayake.
March 20, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Top Right	Clarification: March 17 court report incorrect UPFA MP Arundika Fernando's Media Secretary clarifies.
March 20, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Middle	Correction and apology: March 18 court report mix up of name.
March 20, 2014	Divaina	Page 01(Siwdesa Section)	Bottom Middle	Correction: March 19 mix up of name of political party Chairman of the Panadura Urban Council.
March 21, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 12	Middle Right	Correction: Mix up of name of Kalutara District UPFA candidate.

March 23, 2014	The Sunday Leader	Page 02	Top middle	Clarification: March 09 story 'Mass graves raises mass suspicion,' Secretary Presidential Commission of Inquiry issues statement
March 27, 2014	The Island	Page 01	Bottom right	ITOCHU replies...: March 20 page one lead story 'Move to compromise strength of proposed high voltage line from Sampur,' Japanese multi-national corporation replies
March 29, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 04	Bottom left	Harsha clarification: March 28 story 'Reveal details of investments.' ETF inadvertently referred to.
March 30, 2014	Ceylon Today (Sunday)	Page 01	Bottom left	Correction: March 29 story 'India betrayed Lankan Tamils,' TNA Leader R. Sampanthan denies ever having said such a thing.
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APRIL				
April 01, 2014	Divaina	Page 04	Middle	Correction: May 31 story about mix up of votes of UPFA two candidates in Gampaha District.
April 02, 2014	Lakbima	Page 08	Bottom	Correction: regarding Votes about Mr. Mahisha Bandara elected member of Democratic Party for Western Province.
April 02, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 08	Bottom right	Clarification: March 25 story on China tour, Ms. Indrani, Member of the North Western Province clarifies.
April 03, 2014	Daily News	Page 03	Top right	Correction: April 01 story "do unto us, what we did unto Japan" inadvertently mentioned that Japan voted against Sri Lanka in 2012 UNHRC. Japan is not a member of UNHRC.
April 03, 2014	Maubima	Page 12	Middle right	Correction and apology: Mix up of names of two people in photo-caption.
April 04, 2014	Maubima	Page 01 (part 02)	Top right	Apology: April 03 story on candidates votes.
April 06, 2014	Maubima	Page 02	Bottom right	Clarification: March 30 story about high-level officers, State Engineering Corporation. SLFP Trade Union clarifies.
April 07, 2014	Divaina	Page 03	Bottom right	Correction: About mistake in article.
April 07, 2014	Rivira	Page 14	Bottom left	Clarification: April 03 story on credit, Petroleum Corporation clarifies.
April 08, 2014	Lakbima	Page 08	Top right	Correction and apology: April 07 headline misleading for photograph concerning Mrs. Ayoma Rajapaksha and Civil Defence Force.
April 09, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Bottom left	Clarification: Story on EPF payments, Mr. Upali Liyanage, Chairman, Fisheries Corporation clarifies.
April 09, 2014	Lakbima	Page 01/02	Middle	Correction and apology: Headline misleading for photograph concerning Mrs. Ayoma Rajapaksha
April 10, 2014	Ada	Page 19	Bottom right	Correction and apology: April 07 mix up of words in sports story.
April 10, 2014	Divaina	Page 06	Middle left	Clarification: April 08 story attack on Pradeshiya Sabha member, Mr. Meril Perera, member of Western Province clarifies.
April 11, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 05	Top right	Correction: April 09 story 'Lankan Economy Grew by 0.9 %' a typographical error it should have been 7.3 %
April 11, 2014	Maubima	Page 01 (part 11)	Middle	Clarification: April 08 story on Mental Health in Sri Lanka, Mrs. Anusha Gokula Fernando clarifies.

April 13, 2014	The Sun-day Times	Page 04	Bottom left	Right of Reply: Caption on page one of April 06 inadvertently referred to people in photograph as soldiers when according to the military spokesman they are 'militarised civilians.'
April 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 06	Middle right	Clarification: April 16 story on Prison Officers getting bonus from prisoners, Kalutara Prison Manager clarifies.
April 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 06	Bottom left	Correction: Story on credit card smuggling incorrect information on person.
April 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 10	Bottom middle	Correction: Story on shooting of children location incorrect.
April 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 16	Bottom Left	Clarification: March 28 story on St. Mary's School Development Fund. Society clarifies.
April 20, 2014	The Sun-day Times	Page 18	Bottom right	Right of Reply: March 30 page one lead story DGM Business and Operational Strategy clarifies.
April 20, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 21	Top middle	Clarification: April 13 story on LTTE suspect Gopi, Brigadier K. G. Jayaweera clarifies.
April 22, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 04	Bottom right	Correction: April 18 page one story 'Lands for 300,000 Muslims taken over – Bathiudeen,' He states headline is misleading
April 23, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 04	Bottom left	Correction: April 22 story 'NPC defunct, says Douglas,' inadvertently mentioned wrong proposer for housing project.
April 24, 2014	Lakbima	Page 01	Middle left	Clarification: April 23 lead story on selection of Leader of the Opposition of the Western Provincial Council.
April 24, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 19	Bottom right	Correction and apology: April 22 story on SP J. C. A. Dhanapala's house being burgled.
April 24, 2014	Divaina	Page 09	Bottom right	Clarification: April 21 story on Prisons security, Prisons Commissioner General Pallegama clarifies.
April 25, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 04	Bottom right	Correction: April 21 incorrect photograph used in story 'High-powered Pakistan delegation to visit Sri Lanka'
April 27, 2014	Lakbima	Page 02	Bottom left	Correction: Mix up of words in story on health.
April 28, 2014	Lakbima	Page 07	Bottom middle	Clarification: April 03 story on baby elephant, Mr. Ananda Millangoda, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council member clarifies.
April 30, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 13	Bottom right	Right of Reply: Story reprinted from a western news agency in newspaper "Tibetan man sets self on fire," the Chinese Embassy in Sri Lanka sought a clarification."
Total:32 S-24, T-00, E-08				

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MAY				
May 02, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 02	Bottom left	Clarification: May 01 story 'Bar Association to act on inept judicial appointments,' BASL President Upul Jayasuriya clarifies erroneous statement.
May 03, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 10	Bottom left	Correction: January 09, 2014 story 'Holcim Lanka's Santha cement builds new strength with an aggressive brand building campaign,' story is inaccurate.
May 04, 2014	Irida Lanka-deepa	Page 24	Middle	Clarification: April 27 page 01 story about tenders, Secretary, Ministry of Health clarifies.
May 04, 2014	Irida Divaina	Page 02	Top left	Clarification: April 27 page 01 story on tenders, Secretary, Ministry of Health Mr. K. A. S. Keragala clarifies.
May 05, 2014	Weekend FT	Page 01	Bottom left	MTI Clarification: May 02 story 'Alarm from Alles,' MTI clarifies.
May 07, 2014	The Island	Page 03	Middle left	Clarification: May 06 story 'UN General Assembly President arrives for youth conference,' Youth Affairs and Skills Development Ministry points out that it was erroneously mentioned that Crimea will be attending the Youth Conference when it is not an independent State.
May 07, 2014	Dinamina	Page 04	Middle left	Correction: May 05 story about student leader's motorcycle stolen.
May 12, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 03	Top right	Oops! May 11 column 'Polls defeats: Ranil qualifies to enter Guinness Book of records.'
May 13, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 01/06	Top right	Clarification: May 10 story about two Policemen Gampaha District UPFA, MP Ms. Kamala Ranatunga clarifies.
May 13, 2014	Rivira	Page 21	Bottom right	Apology: Mix up of names in Book Review.
May 18, 2014	The Sunday Times	Page 18	Top	Right of Reply: May 11 story 'Research on leptospirosis was carried as early as 1971: MRI,' Dr. Suneth Agampadi responds.
May 18, 2014	Divaina	Page 04(Nimnaya Part)	Bottom right	Correction: Mix up of photo of Film.
May 20, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 21	Top right	Correction: May 19 story about JVP meeting Ven. Sobhitha thero Attorney's name incorrect.
May 20, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Top right	Apology: Apology to Police spokesman Mr. Ajith Rohana, published incorrect photo of him.
May 22, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 25	Top left	Clarification: April 30 story about spoiled fish in Fisheries Corporation stall..
May 23, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 13	Middle right	Clarification: May 22 story about office closed, Dr. Pradeep Kariyawasm, former MMC Colombo.
May 23, 2014	Divaina	Page 04	Middle right	Clarification: May 22 story about Health Ministry tender, Health Ministry clarifies.
Total: 18 S-12, T-00, E-06				

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JUNE				
June 01, 2014	Maubima	age 02	Middle	Clarification: Petroleum Corporation Manager clarifies top job story.
June 03, 2014	Maubima	Page 15	Top half	Clarification: May 10 Editorial on rape case, Attorney General clarifies.
June 04, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Bottom right	Clarification: September 13, 2013 story about postal voting in Provincial Council Election, army clarifies.
June 05, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 02	Top left	Oops!: Story 'Waiver of fuel surcharge soon-CEB,' Additional General Manager (Corporate Strategy) CEB Bandula S. Tilakasena clarifies.
June 05, 2014	Maubima	Page 13	Middle right	Correction and apology: Wathupola School Principal and staff.
June 06, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 06	Middle right	Right of Reply: May 30 story 'UNP MPs observe deficiencies at Norochcholai,' China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) clarifies
June 08, 2014	The Sunday Leader	Page 01	Top left	JVP clarifies apology: Facts in story misrepresented, JVP clarifies
June 10, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 01	Middle	Clarification: June 09 story on Karuwalagaswawe protest Minister Priyankara Jayaratne clarifies.
June 10, 2014	Maubima	Page 12	Bottom middle	Clarification: May 30 story about illegal affair, Principal of Wathupola Maha Vidyalaya clarifies.
June 10, 2014	Lakbima	Page 01	Middle	Clarification: June 09 story on Karuwalagaswawe Minister Priyankara Jayaratne clarifies.
June 15, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 27	Top right	Clarification: May 18 story on petition submitted by nursing staff at Nikaweratiya Hospital.
June 22, 2014	Divaina	Page 02 (Nimnaya Section)	Bottom left	Correction and Apology: May 25 story re-mix up of names, Ms. Priyangika Edirisinghe.
June 22, 2014	Ravaya	Page 02	Middle left	Clarification: June 08 story about his driver, Secretary Law and Peace Ministry, Maj. Gen. (rtd.) Nanda Mallawarachchi
June 22, 2014	Ravaya	Page 02	Middle left	Clarification: June 15 story about former Farmers' Insurance Board clarified
June 23, 2014	Rivira	Page 13	Bottom left	Clarification: June 19 story about promotions Army clarifies
June 23, 2014	Divaina	Page 19	Bottom right	Correction: June 20 story about illegal marriages
June 25, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 01	Top right	Oops! June 24 photograph used in story had no connection to story.
June 28, 2014	Lakbima	Page 08	Middle left	Apology: June 19 report on Beruwela and President's visit. Maj. Gen. Jagath Jayasuriya, Chief-of-Staff
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JULY				
July 01, 2014	Divaina	Page 10	Middle left	Correction: June 27 story mix up of name.
July 01, 2014	Divaina	Page 14	Bottom right	Clarification: Mr. Karu Jayasuriya, MP, UNP, Gampaha District clarifies Editorial.
July 01, 2014	Rivira	Page 03	Middle right	Clarification: July 14 story re.Parama Vinnartha Buddhist society re.protest opposite office.
July 02, 2014	Dinamina	Page 04	Top left	Correction and apology: Mr. Jayathilaka Herath re.mix up of death notice photographs.
July 03, 2014	Divaina	Page 02 (Watamadala Section)	Bottom left	Correction: Mix up of words in article.
July 03, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 16	Bottom right	Clarification: July 01 story about Commissioner-General, Inland Revenue Department clarifies.
July 04, 2014	Divaina	Page 03	Top right	Clarification: July 02 story headline, Meryn Silva clarifies.
July 04, 2014	Divaina	Page 01, (Sivdesa part)	Middle	Correction: Mr. Lal Thabavita speech about Madurawa Pradeshiya Sabha donation of tinned fish.
July 07, 2014	Rivira	Page 01	Bottom right	Clarification: July 05 story Dr. Anil Jayasinha, Director, Colombo National Hospital clarifies blood donation.
July 08, 2014	Virakesari	Page 14	Left middle	Clarification: July 04 story referring to Deputy Minister Sarath Weerasekera being a supporter of BBS.
July 08, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 01	Bottom	Clarification: July 02 story-actress Sabeetha's husband clarifies.
July 09, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 06	Middle	Clarification: Mr. Nilantha Pathmakumara, former Add, Director Gami Diriya Program
July 15, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 15	Top left	Clarification: June 30 story about Drugs Regulatory Authority staff, Dr. Amal Harsha de Silva, Director, Drugs Regulatory Authority clarifies.
July 15, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 15	Top left	Clarification: June 30 story about Drugs Regulatory Authority staff, Dr. Amal Harsha de Silva, Director, Drugs Regulatory Authority clarifies.
July 17, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 08	Bottom right	Clarification: July 11 story about mosquitoes, Mr. G. L. W. M. Abeyrathne, Director, National Institute of Education.
July 17, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 12	Top right	Clarification: July 15 story on DDC meetings, Ms. E. K. A. Sunitha, Additional District Secretary, Moneragala clarifies.
July 18, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 16	Middle right	Clarification: July 15 story referring to UNP Organiser for Rattota, UNP clarifies.
July 18, 2014	Ada	Page 03	Middle left	Clarification: Story about NIC's from Electronic ID Project Director A. J. L. Amarasinghe.
July 21, 2014.	Lankadeepa	Page 19	Middle	Clarification: July 15 story concerning remand prisoner, Mr. Upuldeniya, spokesperson Prisons Department clarifies.
July 21, 2014.	Maubima	Page 03	Middle left	Clarification: July 17 story on National Unity, Secretary, Ministry of National Integration clarifies.
July 22, 2014	Maubima	Page 01(part 2, Batahira)	Bottom right	Clarification: July 11 story concerning double cab belonging to Pradeshiya Sabha, Secretary of Walallawita Pradeshiya Sabha clarifies.

July 23, 2014	Lakbima	Page 14	Middle	Clarification: July 21 story concerning Polonnaruwa Programme, Ministry of National Integration clarifies.
July 24, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Bottom middle	Correction: Mistake in Court report concerning Hungarian Counsel.
July 24, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 15	Middle	Clarification: July 18 story incorrect report concerning statement made by Dumbara people, Mr. D. M. Sumathipala, Divisional Secretary clarifies.
July 24, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 23	Top left	Clarification: July 14 story concerning robbery at Bank of Ceylon, Mr. Samitha Ekanayaka, legal officer clarifies.
July 26, 2014	The Island	Page 03	Middle	Clarification: July 17 story 'NCPA: 210,000 child abuse complaints in four years,' NCPA sends clarification.
July 27, 2014	Ravaya	Page 02	Middle	Clarification: July 20 Victor Ivan's article concerning Executive powers.
July 27, 2014	Irida Lanka-deepa	Page 05	Middle right	Clarification: July 20 story concerning generator, Wellavaya businessman Mr. Bandula Amaraweera clarifies.
July 27, 2014	Irida Lanka-deepa	Page 27	Top Middle	Clarification: Incorrect Court report, SSP Ajith Rohana, police media spokesman clarifies.
July 28, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Bottom left	Clarification: July 23 story concerning speech, Mr. Ravi Jayewardene, Publicity Secretary of Sadarana Samajayak sadaha wyaparaya clarifies.
July 29, 2014.	Divaina	Page 11	Middle	Correction: July 25 story mix up of name of Manager, Bank of Ceylon.
July 29, 2014.	Lakbima	Page 15	Top right	Clarification: July 22 story concerning water shortage at Lindula District Hospital, DMO clarifies.
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AUGUST				
Aug. 05, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 19	Top left	Clarification: July 30 story about Divisional Secretary's pension payments, Divisional Secretary Walapane clarifies.
Aug. 06, 2014	Rivira	Page 11	Bottom left	Correction: Rape story where two Horana students were victims, Navy not involved.
Aug. 08, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 12	Top Right	Clarification: Aug. 01 story about Abagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha, Pradeshiya Sabha member Mr. Helapriya Nandaraja clarifies.
Aug. 12, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 02	Centre	Clarification: Clarification from DHS Badulla re.July 28 story 'Don't let malaria raise its ugly head again,' Badulla Health Services Regional Director clarifies.
Aug. 12, 2014	Maubima	Page 01(part 2- Bata-hira)	Middle right	Clarification: Dodangoda Pradeshiya Sabha clarifies incorrect story concerning Pradeshiya Sabha.
Aug. 12, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Middle right	Clarification: Aug. 08 about Bodu Bala, Ministry of Fisheries clarifies.
Aug. 13, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 06	Bottom right	Clarification: Aug. 12 story about luxury vehicle with drugs nabbed, Police Spokesman SSP Ajith Rohana clarifies.
Aug. 13, 2014	Maubima	Page 12	Bottom middle	Correction: Mix up of photograph of of Galigamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha member Anura Manchanayake and another person.
Aug. 13, 2014	Rivira	Page 13	Bottom left	Correction: Inaccurate publication of excerpt of Government Audit Report pertaining to a government institution.
Aug. 15, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 01	Left bottom	Oops, Sorry: Aug. 14 story 'Mahanayakes say no to Ministers' inadvertently mentioned Minister G. L. Peiris's name in story.
Aug. 15, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 06	Right bottom	Clarification: Aug. 12 story 'Lankan group files FR petition against MEA' Ministry of External Affairs clarifies.
Aug. 16, 2014	Dinamina	Page 04	Top middle	Apology: Article on national unity and police apology to IGP.
Aug. 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 19	Middle left	Clarification: Aug. 10 story about wild elephant, Mr. Ajith Gallage clarifies.
Aug. 18, 2014	Divaina	Page 03	Middle left	Clarification: Aug. 15 story about alleged murder of woman, son of victim Mr. Chinthaka Silva clarifies.
August 19, 2014	Rivira	Page 18	Bottom right	Correction: Story about gymnastics performer at Commonwealth Games.
Aug. 19, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 08	Bottom middle	Clarification: Aug. 06 story about Beer Festival at Henry Pedris Park, Colombo Municipal Council Commissioner Ms. Badrani Jayawardene clarifies.
Aug. 20, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 05	Bottom left	Clarification: Aug. 17 story 'Power crisis looms large,' CEB Chairman W. B. Ganegala clarifies.
Aug. 20, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Bottom Middle	Correction: Incorrect Lottery results published.
Aug. 20, 2014	Maubima	Page 15	Bottom left	Clarification: Aug. 15 story about problem with National Institute of Education staffer, Director General clarifies.
Aug. 20, 2014	Maubima	Page 15	Middle left	Clarification: Aug. 14 story about luxury toilet for accountant, Ministry of Public Administration Secretary P. B. Abeykoon clarifies.
Aug. 20, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Top left	Clarification: Aug. 19 story about speed detecting gun, Police clarify.
Aug. 20, 2014	Divaina	Page 04	Middle right	Correction: Mix up of UNP MP for Ratnapura District Thalatha Athukorala

August 22, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 01	Middle left	Clarification: Aug. 20 story about former Southern Province Secretary, Mr. W. K. K. Athukorala, Secretary, Southern Province clarifies.
August 24, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 27	Top left	Clarification: Story on wild elephants, Auditing Service Union clarifies.
August 26, 2014	Dinamina	Page 04	Middle left	Correction: Aug. 25 page one story about Muslim women soldiers.
August 28, 2014	Maubima	Page 02	Bottom middle	Clarification: Aug. 27 story misquoting Mr. Lansa, Mrs. Sudarshani Fernandopulle, UPFA MP, Gampaha District clarifies.
August 31, 2014	Ravaya	Page 15	Top left	Clarification: Aug. 24 story about Open University, Vice Chancellor, Open University clarifies.
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September				
Sept. 02, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Middle right	Clarification: Story about Samanthurai Dean, Mr. Mahesh Ekanayaka, Chairman of Student Union of the Agnidiga University.
Sept. 02, 2014	Lakbima	Page 01	Bottom middle	Clarification: Aug. 28 story on potatoes, Customs Media Spokesman.
Sept. 02, 2014	Ada	Page 04	Bottom left	Correction: Aug. 18 mix up of names of Theros reference to their position.
Sept. 03, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 16	Middle right	Clarification: Sept. 02 story on Badulla UPFA meeting, Minister Mervyn Silva.
Sept. 05, 2014	Divaina	Page 13	Bottom right	Clarification: from Acting Printer about Machine.
Sept. 07, 2014	Maubima	Page 02	Middle right	Clarification: Mr. Lalith Pium Perera, Chairman of the Youth Centre.
Sept. 07, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 23	Top left	Clarification: Aug. 31 story on motorcycle bill, SSP Ajith Rohana, Police Spokesman.
Sept. 08, 2014	Maubima	Page 02	Bottom	Clarification: Sept. 07 published statement, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Elections Commissioner.
Sept. 10, 2014	Lakbima	Page 06	Bottom middle	Clarification: Story on marking of AL papers, Mr. M. L. P. Dissanayake, Principal, Gampaha Bandaranaike School.
Sept. 12, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 17	Bottom left	Clarification: Story on Yala National Park animals dying, Mr. H. D. Ratnayaka, Director- General of Forest Department.
Sept. 12, 2014	Rivira	Page 12	Middle left	Clarification: SSP Ajith Rohana, Police Spokesman.
Sept. 12, 2014	Divaina	Page 13	Bottom left	Correction: Sept. 11 story mix up of hospital name in Hiniduma.
Sept. 13, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 08	Middle	Correction: Incorrect quote in speech by Opposition Leader at Wiyaluwa Meeting.
Sept. 14, 2014	Maubima Irida	Page 22	Bottom right	Correction: Sept. 07 interview of Attorney Hemantha Warnakulasuriya mix up of five names.
Sept. 14, 2014	Maubima Irida	Page 22	Bottom right	Correction: Part of column left out.
Sept. 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 01	Bottom middle	Clarification: Sept. 16 story concerning letter from SLFP Branch incorrect, Mr. Wiraj Abeyasinghe, Media Adviser, Water Resources Management Ministry.
Sept. 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 06	middle left	Clarification: Sept. 16 Editorial concerning Liquor Licenses, Mr. D. G. M. V. Hapuarachchi, Commissioner-General, Department of Excise.

Sept. 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 08	Middle Right	Clarification: Sept. 16 story concerning candidate for Monaragala District, Mr. Kumarasiri Ratnayake, former Provincial Minister.
Sept. 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 14	Middle Left	Correction and Apology: Wrong photograph of Chinese President used on page.
Sept. 17, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 12	Middle	Clarification: Sept. 12 story concerning Kekirawa School, Education Ministry.
Sept. 18, 2014	Ada	Page 02	Bottom right	Clarification: Sept. 08 story concerning two Mayors of Moratuwa, Mr. H. N. S. Angammana, Member of Moratuwa UC.
Sept. 19, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 10	Bottom Right	Clarification: Aug. 27 story about wildlife employees, Labour Ministe W. J. L. U. Jayaweera clarifies.
Sept. 21, 2014	Deshaya	Page 18	Bottom right	Correction: Mix up in article written by Hanguranketha journalist.
Sept. 22, 2014	Divaina	Page 11	Bottom right	Correction and Apology: wrong allegation, Principal Niwaththakachet-hiya School, Anuradhapura.
Sept. 23, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 04	Bottom left	Clarification: Story 'Mannar Fishermen in a quandary' Media Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries says story untrue but Mr. N. M. Aalam, President of Mannar Fisheries Cooperative Society says story is correct with regard to Southern Fishermen fishing in Talaimannar and adjoining areas.
Sept. 24, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 02	Top right	Clarification: September 23 story 'People have gone against Govt. and President – BASL,' BASL President Upul Jayasuriya states that quote in the article should be attributed to him.
Sept. 24, 2015	Daily Mirror	Page 04	Middle left	Clarification: Sept. 19 story, 'Funding LTTE activities: Allegations against TCK to be taken up next May,' Brig. W. G. K. Ariyaratne, Principal, Trinity College, Kandy clarifies.
Sept. 25, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 04	Bottom left	Oops!: Sept. 24 story 'Many Uva winners related to other politicians,' Kithsiri Senarath Attanayake contested on UPFA ticket and not UNP.
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Oct. 01, 2014	Lakbima	Page 06	Bottom middle	Clarification: Sept. 04 story concerning fish stall, Mayor, Hatton-Dickoya UC.
Oct. 01, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Bottom right	Clarification: Sept. 25 story concerning permits for Expressway buses, former chairman, National Transport Commission.
Oct. 01, 2014	Ada	Page 02	Middle left	Correction: Sept. 25 story concerning protest by Lanka Ceramic employees mix up in name of company.
Oct. 01, 2014	Ada	Page 02	Bottom left	Correction: Sept. 29 story mix up of magazine name (Sanhida Magazine).
Oct. 02, 2014	Ada	Page 02	Bottom middle	Clarification: Oct. 01 story concerning opposition leader, Mr. Keerthi Chandra Fernando, JVP Pradeshiya Sabha Member for Ja Ela.
Oct. 02, 2014	Divaina	Page 13	Bottom left	Clarification: Sept. 30 story concerning new toilet, Mr. Livera Gamthilaka, Chairman, Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha.
October 02, 2014	Lakbima	Page 01/02	Bottom left	Clarification: Attack in Bandarawela, Cooperative Deputy Minister.
Oct. 02, 2014	Lakbima	Page 07	Bottom Right	Clarification: September 12 story concerning Galenbindunuwewa Police, Police Media.
Oct. 04, 2014	Week-endFT	Page 01	Bottom left	Correction: Oct. 03 story 'Mega Capital Market Conference in Colombo next week,' CSE Chairman's name incorrect.

Oct. 05, 2014	Randiva	Page 02	Middle left	Correction: Mix up of names of former Prime Minister Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike's nurse Padma Karavita.
Oct. 07, 2014	Daily FT Daily Mirror Ceylon Today	Page 01	Bottom middle	Clarification: Govt. clarifies reports over outcome of Kerry-Mahinda meeting. External Affairs Ministry responds to stories appearing in newspapers re. President meeting US Secretary of State John Kerry.
Oct. 08, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 01	Middle	Correction: Oct. 07 story new Chief of Sangha Sabha, Thero, Siyam Maha Nikaya, Kotte.
Oct. 09, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 14	Middle right	Apology: Oct. 05 story to IG.
Oct. 10, 2014	Rivira	Page 07	Bottom left	Clarification: Oct. 07 court report, Mr. Roshan Nilantha Fernando, Chairman, Nattandiya Pradeshiya Sabha.
Oct. 15, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 20	Bottom middle	Clarification: Oct. 11 story pension scandal in Kegalle. Divisional Secretary Mrs. H. T. R. Nalika Piyasena clarifies.
Oct. 15, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 20	Bottom middle	Correction: Rape story misreported.
Oct. 15, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Middle right	Clarification: Police Media Spokesman Ajith Rohana on Editorial.
Oct. 16, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 01	Middle	Clarification: Oct. 15 story concerning crossover of UNP MPs, Minister Navin Dissanayake clarifies.
Oct. 17, 2014	Ada	Page 03	Bottom left	Clarification: Oct. 16 story Examinations Department clarifies Index Number.
Oct. 19, 2014	The Sunday Times	Page 14	Top right	Right of Reply: Sept. 28 story 'Chinese craft break fishing rules: Lanka faces EU ban,' Fisheries Ministry Media Secretary Daya Sri Narendra Rajapakse.
Oct. 19, 2014	Ravaya	Page 02	middle	Correction: Oct. 12 story mix up of company name.
Oct. 21, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 13	Bottom right	Clarification: Oct. 05 story 'Ministry of Health Officials in the Cross-hairs.' The Embassy of Japan responds since the article by Voice Against Corruption (VAC) is 'totally groundless and misleading.'
Oct. 21, 2014	Divaina	Page 16	Bottom left	Clarification: Oct. 13 story Police Media Spokesman Ajith Rohana clarifies attack on woman Police Sergeant.
Oct. 24, 2014	Nawamani	Page 05	Middle	Clarification: Oct. 17 story lead about Rauf Hakeem's support to Govt. Incorrect.
Oct. 24, 2014	Nawamani	Page 11	Middle left	Clarification: Oct. 17 advertisement thanking A. H. M. Fowzie, Co-operative Deputy A. R. L. M. Cader says advertisement misguided people. He too should be appreciated.
Oct. 24, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 08	Bottom left	Clarification: Oct. 23 story concerning Homagama Mahinda Rajapakse School being used like a political party office.
Oct. 26, 2014	The Sunday Times	Page 04	Bottom right	Clarification: Oct. 19 story misleading headline 'China gets controlling stake in Hambantota Port,' clarified.
Oct. 28, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 06	Bottom right	Fisheries Ministry clarifies: Oct. 17 story 'All fishing vessels must hoist national flag: Rajitha,' Ministry clarifies that according to the Fisheries Act only licences can be provided to local fishermen to fish in Lankan waters.
Oct. 29, 2014	Divaina	Page 04	Middle right	Clarification: Oct. 27 story concerning Motor Traffic Department officials, Commissioner-General Mrs. S. H. Harischandra clarifies.
Oct. 30, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 21	Middle right	Clarification: Oct. 29 story concerning protest in Matara, Fisheries Ministry Media Secretary clarifies.
Oct. 31, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Bottom right	Clarification: Oct. 29 story concerning University Teacher acting as Media Coordinator.
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Nov. 05, 2014	The Island	Page 01	Bottom right	Clarification: Nov. 04 story 'Papal visit should take place before national level poll,' Rev. Fr. Cyril Gamini Fernando, Secretary, Media and Information Secretariat clarifies
Nov. 06, 2014	Ada	Page 01	Top right	Clarification: Nov. 05 story UNP MP Lakshman Kiriella, responds to story re.cross over.
Nov. 06, 2014	Ada	Page 01	Middle right	Clarification: Nov. 05 story re-cross over, UNP MP Ashoka Aberatne clarifies.
Nov. 11, 2014	Lakbima	Page 09	Top right	Clarification: Nov. 04 story concerning prisons, Mr. Chandraratne Pallegama, Commissioner General, Prisons Department clarifies.
Nov. 11, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 16	Bottom right	Clarification: Reader observation on wedding.
Nov. 11, 2014	Divaina	Page 04	Bottom left	Clarification: Story re-allowance for Coroner, Mr. W. R. Paranagama, Accountant, Ministry of Justice clarifies.
Nov. 12, 2014	Maubima	Page 01	Bottom left	Clarification: Ms. P. A. M. S. P. Ambanwela, Secretary Ministry of Education clarifies story
Nov. 12, 2014	Maubima	Page 02	Middle right	Clarification: Oct. 29 story concerning Sri Lankans in Lebanon, Mr. Mahinda Hettiarachchi, Sri Lankan Society Lebanon clarifies
Nov. 12, 2014	Divaina	Page 13	Bottom middle	Clarification: Nov. 11 story about party discussion concerning elections, Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Nov. 12, 2014	Dinamina	Page 04	Middle left	Apology: Bhikkhu Peramuna mix up of words
Nov. 20, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 01 (Raja Veediya Part)	Middle right	Correction: Mix up of photographs of Sir Oliver Goonatilleke and Sir John Kotelawala.
Nov. 21, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 08	Middle	Apology: Mix up of names of Deputy Minister during Budget Debate in parliament, Mr. Wijeya Dahanayake
Nov. 22, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 01	Middle right	Clarification: Nov. 21 interview of UNP MP Ruwan Wijewardene, a dot has appeared in the wrong place corrected.
Nov. 23, 2014	The Sunday Times	Page 02	Top spread	Montessori incident: Reply and rejoinder-Nov 16 story President's armed guards play havoc in Montessori,' Brig. H. D. G. Ranasinghe, Commander President's Guard replies.
Nov. 25, 2014	Lanka-deepa	Page 02	Bottom right	Clarification: Nov. 10 story concerning teak wood in Bogambara Prison, Mr. S. L. Wijesekera, Chief Jailor Negambo Prison clarifies
Nov. 26, 2014	Daily News	Page 04	Bottom middle	Clarification: Nov. 20 MP A. H. M. Azwer's speech in parliament clarifies.
Nov. 27, 2014	The Island	Page 07	Top right	Correction: Nov. 26, Midweek Review 'A royal thing' author Rohana R. Wasala corrects mistake.
Nov. 27, 2014	Ada	Page 07	Bottom left	Correction/Apology: Nov. 25 mix up of photographs
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Dec. 03, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 6	Middle right	United Socialist Party clarifies: Nov. 28 story 'Nagamuwa to be Leftist Front Common Candidate,' incorrect since they never supported the idea
Dec. 03, 2014	Maubima	Page 01	Bottom left	Clarification and apology: Dec 02 story mix up of names Ven. Girabe Ananda Thero.
Dec. 04, 2014	Divaina	Page 03	Top left	Clarification: Dec. 03 story concerning Presidential Election and police powers, Dr. Mahinda Balasuriya, Secretary of Law and Order Ministry.
Dec. 05, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Bottom middle	Correction: Incorrect story on LTTE seized gold given to people and not to court.
Dec. 08, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 01	Bottom left	Clarification: Dec. 07 story about new political party and Presidential candidate Mr. Maithipala Sirisena.
Dec. 09, 2014	The Island	Page 05	Bottom spread	Correction: Nov. 20 story CEB correction only raises more doubts, CEB Chairman Shavindranath Fernando responds.
Dec. 09, 2014	Divaina	Page 02	Middle right	Correction and apology: Mix up of names of sexual harassment of actress.
Dec. 11, 2014	Ceylon Today	Page 05	Bottom middle	CEB clarifies: Dec. 03 story 'No safe drinking water in Chunnakam' the story states that since the power plant has been installed it is a source of pollution. CEB says no.
Dec. 11, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 16	Top Right	Clarification: Dec. 10 story about Mr. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle's link with the opposition, Mr. Felician Fernandopulle clarifies.
Dec. 11, 2014	Rivira	Page 08	Bottom right	Correction and apology: Mix up of photographs of Presidential candidates.
Dec. 11, 2014	Ada	Page 08	Bottom Middle	Clarification: Dec. 03 story about deceased child in Diyatalawa Hospital, Dr. P. A. M. R. Amarakoon clarifies.
Dec. 11, 2014	Ada	Page 08	Bottom right,	Clarification: Dec. 09 story attack on UNP Hiriyaalan oraniser, Mr. U. K. Samitha Weerasingha, Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha Ibbagamuwa clarifies.
Dec. 12, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 01	Bottom left	Clarification: Dec. 10 story GCE'OL Exam paper, Ven. Kamburugamuwe Vajira Thera clarifies.
Dec. 12, 2014	Rivira	Page 11	Bottom right	Clarification: Dec. 05 political column about UNP meeting, UNP MP Karu Jayasuriya clarifies.
Dec. 12, 2014	Ada	Page 07	Top left	Correction: Dec. 11 story based on statement made by Brig. Wanigasuriya concerning north and east lands.
Dec. 14, 2014	Rivira	Page 06	Bottom right	Correction: Dec. 07 story concerning mix up of street names - Wijesekara Mawatha and Ugurassa Gedara
Dec. 16, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 26	Middle left	Clarification: Dec. 10 story concerning welfare programme, Mr. Prabath Dharmasena clarifies.
Dec. 17, 2014	Divaina	Page 04	Middle	Correction: Dec. 10 story on Parliament Mace.
Dec. 21, 2014	Silumina	Page 01, (Classical Supplement)	Bottom right	Apology: Dec. 14 mix up of photograph.
Dec. 22, 2014	Divaina	Page 04	Bottom right	Correction and apology: Dec. 20 Editorial apology to Elections Commissioner.

Dec. 23, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 22	Bottom Right	Apology: Dec. 18 court report concerning murder of Muslim businessman Ziam, SSP, CID, D. R. L. Ranaveera,
Dec. 23, 2014	Maubima	Page 04	Bottom left	Clarification: Dec. 22 story concerning new Oganiser of SLFP for Kelaniya, Minister Marvyn de Silva.
Dec. 25, 2014	Daily Mirror	Page 06	Bottom right	Right of Reply: Dec. 24 story, MP V. S. Radhakrishnan clarifies.
Dec. 25, 2014	Daily FT	Page 02	Middle left	Correction: Role of media agencies, challenges and future trends. Dec. 23 introductory paragraph.
Dec. 28, 2014	The Sunday Times	Page 16	Full page	Right of Reply: RDA Chairman clarifies a story published.
Dec. 28, 2014	Ravaya	Page 02	Middle left	Clarification: Dec. 14 story concerning Chairman of the Association, GMOA Secretary Dr. Lasantha Jinadasa
Dec. 28, 2014	Ravaya	Page 02	Middle	Clarification: Dec. 22 story concerning participation at MP Champika Ranawaka's book launch, President's brother-in-law, Dr. Lalith Chandradasa
Dec. 28, 2014	Lakbima	Page 12	Bottom right	Clarification: Dec. 14 story concerning bio-data, Presidential Candidate Mr. Ruwantileke Peduruarachchi
Dec. 29, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 16	Middle right	Clarification: Dec. 28 Election Advertisement, OBA Ananda College
Dec. 30, 2014	Lankadeepa	Page 06	Bottom left	Clarification: Dec. 29 story concerning Indian fishermen, Ministry of Fisheries
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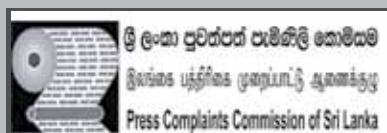
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A. MAKING A COMPLAINT

1. Any person who reasonably believes that he or she or another person/s have been adversely affected by any published item including a news story, article, photograph and/or graphic ("Published Item"), that appeared in a newspaper or a magazine or a Journal or an Online edition thereof published in Sri Lanka may make a complaint to the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka ("PCCSL"). Such complaint shall satisfy the following requirements:
 - (a) it shall be in the prescribed complaint form, which may be downloaded from the PCCSL website, at http://www.pccsl.lk/make_complaints.php;
 - (b) it shall be a concise statement in writing, describing the issue and shall be duly signed by the complainant;
 - (c) it shall be communicated to the PCCSL in person, by registered post, facsimile, e-mail or any other electronic means;
 - (d) any Published Item/s in an online edition (website) can either be downloaded and a print out obtained and/or forwarded to the PCCSL if such Published Item is available on the online edition and or traced from any archive of the online edition or any link to that online edition .
 - (e) the Published Item alleged to have affected the complainant adversely shall be annexed to the complaint; provided however, that where the complaint is made via e-mail or any other electronic means, the complainant shall attach the Published Item to the complaint.
 - (f) Where the complainant is unable to find a copy of the Published Item, the PCCSL Secretariat shall make every endeavour to assist the complainant in finding such Published Item.
2. (a) The complainant may request the PCCSL to:
 - (i) settle a dispute by conciliation
 - (ii) settle a dispute by mediation; or
 - (iii) refer the matter for adjudication by arbitration

Provided however that in the event that pursuant to action taken by the Dispute Resolution Council of the Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") as set out under (7) below, the editor of the relevant newspaper, journal, magazine or online edition thereof agrees to publish a correction and/or apology and/or a right of reply, which in the Council's view addresses and rectifies the issue complained about, the parties shall not proceed to conciliation, mediation and/or arbitration.

- (b) Where the complainant requests the PCCSL to refer the matter for adjudication by arbitration, the complaint must, in addition to the requirements set out under (1) above, satisfy the following requirements:
 - (i) the material facts and circumstances of the dispute shall be set out;
 - (ii) a statement of evidence shall be provided; and
 - (iv) the relief sought by the complainant shall be specified.
 - (v)
3. A complaint made against any Published Item after one year from its publication shall not be entertained by the PCCSL.

B. THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

4. The Council shall accept a duly received complaint only if it deems, at its complete discretion that the Published Item referred to has breached the Code of Professional Practice of The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka for the time being, as adopted by the Sri Lanka Press Institute ("SLPI") and the PCCSL.
5. Where the members of the Council are of the opinion that the Published Item has not breached the Code of Professional Practice of The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka, it shall reject the complaint and provide reasons there of in written form, to the complainant within two (2) weeks of receiving the complaint. In the event that notice of refusal has not been provided to the complainant it shall be deemed that the complaint has been accepted by the Council with effect from the date on which the same was received by the Council.
6. Once the complaint is accepted, the Council shall within one (1) working day thereof, communicate the same to the editor of the newspaper, journal, magazine or online edition there of which contained the Published Item which allegedly adversely affected the complainant, along with a copy of the complaint. The Council shall, along with such communication call on the said editor to act on the complaint and/or reply to the Council on the complaint within a period of five (5) working days of receiving the communication.
7. In the event that the editor of the newspaper or magazine to whom the communication is made as aforesaid, does not respond to the same by the due date, the Council shall forthwith directly refer the complaint to the publisher for action on the matter and/or a reply to the Council; provided however that where the editor or the publisher (as the case may be), or a person acting for and on behalf of such editor or publisher requests for time to reply, such further time may be granted by the Council at its discretion.

Provided further, that if a correction and/or a right of reply is published in the newspaper, journal, magazine or online edition, it would be deemed to be a reply.

8. The Council shall make all endeavours to facilitate the parties to enter into a settlement within the shortest period of time, but not later than two (2) weeks from the date of accepting the complaint.

C. CONCILIATION

9. Where a complainant has, along with the complaint, made a request to the PCCSL that the matter be settled by conciliation, the Council shall refer such request to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council (CEO) for conciliation. A settlement agreed upon by the parties may include a correction and/or apology and/or a right of reply.
10. Where there are existing circumstances or those that may arise, which are likely to give rise to reasonable doubt on the impartiality and independence of the CEO to whom the matter is referred for conciliation, the CEO shall disclose such circumstances to the Council in writing and the Council shall refer the complaint to a member of the Council for conciliation.
11. In the event that the Council is of the opinion that the matter is not likely to be resolved through conciliation, the Council may propose, for the consideration of the parties, other means of resolving the dispute.

D. MEDIATION

12. Where a complainant has, along with the complaint, made a request to the PCCSL that the matter be settled by mediation, the Council shall refer such request to the CEO or three members of the Council for mediation.
13. (a) Where there are existing circumstances or those that may arise, which are likely to give rise to reasonable doubt on the impartiality and independence of the CEO or a member of the

Council to whom the matter is referred for mediation, the CEO or the member of the Council (as relevant) shall disclose such circumstances to the Council in writing and shall not act as mediator in such matter;

(b) In the event that such a written disclosure of interest in the matter is provided by the CEO or any member of the Council (as relevant) appointed to mediate the matter, as stipulated in (a) above, the Council shall appoint another member of the Council in place of the member withdrawing.

14. In the event that the CEO or the Council is of the opinion that the matter is not likely to be resolved through mediation, the Council may propose, for the consideration of the parties, other means of resolving the dispute.
15. The Council shall determine the procedure for mediation so as to facilitate an expeditious and economical resolution of the dispute by mediation. In general:
 - (a) each party shall be given a fair hearing and an opportunity to present its case in conformity with the principles of natural justice;
 - (b) a dispute shall be settled within two (2) weeks of the date when the dispute was referred to the CEO or three-members of the Council (as relevant), however this period may be extended at the request of the parties;
16. Mediation proceedings shall terminate:
 - (a) upon the parties reaching a settlement agreement;
 - (b) upon a declaration issued by the Council on the recommendation of the CEO or the three members of the Council (as relevant) appointed to mediate the matter, stating that it is unlikely that the proceedings would lead to the resolution of the dispute; or
 - (c) upon a written request by any one of the parties requesting for the termination of mediation proceedings.

In the event that mediation proceedings terminate on the grounds provided under (b) and (c) above, the Council shall refer the matter for arbitration by the Council as provided for under Part E below; provided however that a member who was involved in mediation proceedings shall not be appointed to the panel of arbitrators.

Provided however that a complainant may withdraw the complaint should he or she not be willing to proceed to arbitration.

E. ARBITRATION

17. The request made to the PCCSL by a complainant to arbitrate a dispute between himself and a member of the PCCSL, arising from any publication in the press of Sri Lanka, or the consent of the complainant to any referral for arbitration made by the Council in terms of clause 11 or clause 16 above, together with the deemed consent of the member of the PCCSL in terms of article 12 of the articles of association of the PCCSL, shall be deemed to be an arbitration agreement" within the meaning of the Arbitration Act No. 11 of 1995 between the said member of the public and the particular member of the PCCSL to refer such dispute for resolution by Arbitration.
18. Where a complainant has, along with the complaint, made a request to the PCCSL that the matter be settled by arbitration, or where the Council has referred the matter for arbitration further to clause 11 or clause 16 above, the Council shall appoint a three (3) member panel of the Council as arbitrator and refer the dispute to such panel for arbitration.
19. Where the parties to the dispute object to the appointment of one or more of the member/s constituting the panel the Council shall appoint another member or members of the Council in place thereof.

20. (a) Where the three member panel of the Council sits as the arbitrator:
- (i) the quorum for any adjudication thereby shall be two (2) members;
 - (ii) the Council shall always maintain a non-press related members majority; and
 - (iii) the majority opinion shall prevail, provided that in the event a matter is taken up by two (2) arbitrators forming the quorum, a decision shall require unanimity.
- (b) The three (3) member panel of the Council may, at its discretion, refer any matter to a fuller panel with the consent of the parties. The quorum in such event shall be two (2) members less than the composition of the relevant panel.
21. Where there are existing circumstances or those that may arise, which are likely to give rise to reasonable doubt on the impartiality and independence of any member of the Council to whom the matter is referred to for arbitration, such member of the Council shall disclose such circumstances to the Council in writing and shall not act as arbitrator in such matter.
- In the event such a written disclosure of interest in the matter is provided by the member of the Council appointed to arbitrate the matter, as stipulated in (a) above, the Council shall appoint another member of the Council in his/her place.
22. The Council shall determine the procedure for arbitration so as to facilitate expeditious and economical resolution of the dispute. In general:
- (a) each party shall be given a fair hearing and an opportunity to present its case in conformity with the principles of natural justice;
 - (b) at the request of the arbitrator, the parties shall state the evidence which they wish to rely on, specifying what they wish to prove thereby;
 - (c) the Council shall require the parties to the dispute to be comprehensive in any or all statements submitted and in case the complainant fails to comply with such requirement, the arbitrator may at his discretion dismiss the case; provided however that in the event the relevant editor and/or publisher fails to comply with the said requirement, such failure shall not prevent the continuation of proceedings;
 - (d) in the event that a party fails to appear at a hearing or otherwise comply with an order and does not show valid cause for such failure, such failure shall not prevent the arbitrator from proceeding with the case or rendering an award;
23. The arbitrator shall grant an arbitral award in accordance with the following:
- (a) the powers of the arbitrator to award relief in arbitral proceedings shall be limited to making an order to the editor and/or publisher to publish a right of reply and/or correction and/or apology in the media in which the relevant publication took place, unless the power to award any other relief is expressly conferred on the arbitrator in writing by the parties. Provided however that the arbitrator may specify a date and/or a page number and/or placement on a particular page of the said publication including online editors for the execution of the arbitral award;
 - (b) an arbitral award shall be made after having conscientiously considered and evaluated all aspects of the proceedings and after the arbitrator determines what has been proved in the case;
 - (c) an arbitral award shall be made not later than one (1) month from the date on which the matter was referred for arbitration;
 - (d) a separate issue or part of the matter in dispute between the parties may at the request of a party be decided by a separate award; provided however that where the other party objects to the same, a separate award may be rendered by the arbitrator if it is deemed

- that there are exceptional reasons therefor;
 - (e) where a party has partially admitted a claim, the arbitrator may give a separate award on the part that has been admitted;
 - (f) in the event a settlement is made, the Council may at the request of the parties, confirm such settlement in the award.
 - (g) a correction, change or interpretation of the award may be given effect to in the following circumstances, provided that the relevant parties to the arbitration have been presented an opportunity to express their views:
 - (i) any obvious miscalculation or clerical error in an award shall be corrected by the arbitrator;
 - (ii) the arbitrator may decide a question which should have been decided in the award but which was not decided therein, in the event that a party to the arbitration requests for the same within thirty (30) days of the award;
 - (iii) the arbitrator may provide an interpretation of the award in writing provided that the same is requested for by a party to the arbitration within thirty (30) days of the award;
24. An arbitral award by the Council of the PCCSL is equivalent to an award by an arbitral tribunal under the Arbitration Act No. 11 of 1995. As such, an arbitral award by the Council may be enforced in terms of the Arbitration Act No. 11 of 1995, by applying to the High Court within one (1) year following the expiry of fourteen days from the date of the award.
25. The fee and costs of arbitration shall be decided by the Council and the Council shall prescribe how and by whom such fees and costs shall be paid.
26. Once arbitration proceedings close, the arbitrator shall submit to the PCCSL, a copy of the award as well as a record of all proceedings.

F. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

27. The CEO shall maintain records of all complaints including telephonic and verbal communications relating thereto and decisions of conciliation, mediation and arbitration proceedings, and shall make available to the PCCSL an annual report of the complaints made, adjudicated and pending, which will be made available to the public thereafter by way of a publication by the PCCSL.

G. NOTICES

28. Any document, addressed to the PCCSL and sent by courier or by registered post shall be deemed to be given, made or received by the PCCSL on the day it was so delivered or on the day following that on which it is posted as the case may be.
29. The spokesperson for all complaints received and decisions made by the Council will be the CEO, provided however that the CEO may consult the chairman of the Council where it is prudent to do so. In any event no details will be provided to the press and/or electronic media and/or public regarding on-going inquiries, and no interpretation of any arbitral awards made by the Council will be made by the CEO unless after consultation with the chairman of the Council and/or arbitrator.
30. All press releases and verbal statements on matters relating to the PCCSL, made to the public and/or other media, by the CEO will require the prior sanction of the chairman of the PCCSL provided that if they relate to any matter involving a complaint, the provisions of clause 29 shall apply.

H. REVISION OF RULES

31. These procedures will be reviewed annually or as and when required and if necessary revised and submitted by the CEO to the Council for approval and to the Board of Directors of PCCSL for ratification and implementation.



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Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka
COMPLAINT FORM

I/we wish to make a complaint regarding an incorrect publication of which details are given below:

1. Name of Newspaper/Magazine/Journal/Online publication:
2. Date of publication:
3. Page number/link:
4. Headline:
5. Clause/s in Code of Professional Practice breached:
6. Name in Full: (Rev./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Organization):
- * (If 3rd Party Complaint give relationship):
7. National Identity Card/Passport/Driving Licence number (please attach photo copy):
8. Address:
9. Telephone: Mobile: Fax:
10. Email:

I/we enclose herewith:

(a) A photocopy/print out of the newspaper article/magazine/Journal/Online publication against which the complaint is hereby made; and (b) the complaint based thereon.

(b) I/We have received a copy of the Rules and Procedures of the PCCSL and have read and understood the procedure that will be followed by the PCCSL in addressing the complaint made hereby and prefer that the dispute be settled by: Conciliation/Mediation/Arbitration.

(C) I/we acknowledge that the settlement arrived at consequent to the conciliation/mediation/arbitration of a dispute shall be final and conclusive and shall not be challenged in a Court of Law, except on a procedural defect.

Date:

Signature:

NOTE: A claim may be made by a third party which falls into one of the categories specified below. The categories thus specified are not exhaustive. The PCCSL may at its complete discretion, accept or reject a third party complaint.

*The categories for third party complaint are:

Environmental Groups, Animal Welfare Groups, Adults on behalf of minors, an immediate family member of an accident victim, an immediate family member of a person in custody and anyone complaining on behalf of another provided the prior written permission of the person personally affected is obtained.

Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 Rs.	2013 Rs.
Current Assets			
Receivables	3	184,376	2,476,860
Amount Due from Related Party	4	3,344,284	8,772,379
Cash and Bank Balance	5	1,455,434	2,142,893
		<u>4,984,094</u>	<u>13,392,132</u>
Total Assets		<u>4,984,094</u>	<u>13,392,132</u>
FUND AND LIABILITIES			
Accumulated Fund			
Unrestricted Fund		3,698,126	9,733,655
		<u>3,698,126</u>	<u>9,733,655</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Employment Benefit Liability	7	505,204	688,838
		<u>505,204</u>	<u>688,838</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables	8	200,140	2,404,563
Amount Due to Related Party	9	580,624	565,076
		<u>780,764</u>	<u>2,969,639</u>
Total Fund and Liabilities		<u>4,984,094</u>	<u>13,392,132</u>

These financial statements are in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

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Manager - Finance and Administration

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements. Signed for and on behalf of the Board by

Donna Perera
Director

[Signature]
Director

The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 07 through 12 form an integral part of the financial statements.



PCCSL's 10th anniversary International Conference ends in optimism



The International Conference to mark the 10th anniversary of the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka in partnership with UNESCO was inaugurated on Monday, January 13, 2014 at the Lakshman Kadirgamar Centre, Colombo. From right: Ms. Iskra Panevaska, Communication Specialist UNESCO, Prof. Savitri Goonesekere (keynote speaker), Mr. Kumar Nadesan, Chairman PCCSL and Mr. Ian Beales, Secretary, UK Code Committee look on while Sukumar Rockwood, CEO, PCCSL introduces the members at the head table.

Session 1: Right to Information: India's success story

Chairperson: Ms. Iskra Panevaska, Programme Specialist Communications, UNESCO (centre), Speaker: Ms. Nandini Sahai, Director, International Centre, Goa, India (right), Speaker: Mr. Gehan Gunatilleke, Head of Legal Research, Verité Research (left)



Session 2: Media Ethics and Good Governance

Chairperson: Mr. Lars Heiberg Bestle, Director of International Media Support Programs in Asia (centre), Speaker: Mr. Ian Beales, Secretary, UK Code Committee (right), Speaker: Mr. Javid Yusuf, Member, Dispute Resolution Council (left)

Session 3: Country Reports - 01

Chairperson: Mr. Lakshman Gunasekera, Chairman, South Asia Free Media Association (Sri Lanka Chapter) (third from left). From left: Maldives: Ms. Mariyam Suhana (left), Pakistan: Mr. Kamal Siddiqi (second from left), Mr. Gunasekera, Nepal: Dr. Manju Mishra (right) and India: Mr. Sharvan Garg (not in the photograph).





Session 4: Journalists' Ethics: Promoting High Quality Journalism, Self Regulation and Media Practice

Chairperson: Prof. Arjuna Parakrama, Academic and activist (centre), Speaker: Ms. Nandini Sahai, Director, International Centre, Goa, India (right), Speaker: Mr. Manik de Silva, Member, Board of Directors PCCSL (left)

Session 5: Journalism, Ethics in the Age of Media Globalization

Chairperson: Mr. Kamal Siddiqi, Editor, Express Tribune, Pakistan (left), Speaker: Ms. Shakuntala Rao, Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Studies, State University of New York, Plattsburgh (right speaking), Speaker: Mr. Wijeyananda Jayaweera, Consultant & Formerly Director of the IPDC at UNESCO (centre)



Session 6: Country Reports - 02

Chairperson: Dr. Ranga Kalansooriya, Regional Advisor for Asia International Media Support (second from left), Myanmar: Mr. Kyaw Min Swe (left), Dr. Kalansooriya, Denmark: Mr. Lars Bestle (third from left), Norway: Ms. Eva San-num (right) and Bhutan: Mr. Sonam Phuntsho, Hong Kong: Mr. Pak Kuan Au

Session 7: Self-Regulation within Online news media

Chairperson: Mr. Imran Furkan, Executive Director- SLASSCOM (centre), Speaker: Prof. Shakuntala Rao, Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Studies, State University of New York, Plattsburgh (left), Speaker: Mr. Jayantha Fernando, Program Director / Legal Advisor, ICTA (right)





Session 8: Open Discussion/Wrap up Session

Rapporteur: Mr. Toby Mendel, Executive Director, Law and Democracy, Canada (left), Mr. Sukumar Rockwood, Chief Executive Officer, PCCSL (right) in serious conversation during the wrapup session.

Code Review wraps up deliberations



Mr. Ian Beales, Secretary (right) UK Code Committee in conversation with TEGOSL, DRC and Code Review Committee members in the Board Room of the SLPI on January 20, 2014.

PCCSL Visits Neth FM Radio



Mr. Kamal Liyanaarachchi, Complaints Officer, Sinhala Print Media and Publicity Officer, PCCSL in discussion with radio journalists of Neth FM.

PCCSL in Jaffna

March 19: Maj. Gen. Udaya Perera, Security Forces Commander, Jaffna (centre) with PCCSL.



March 17: A section of Jaffna journalists listen to the amended Code explained by PCCSL.

Mr. K.S. Marwah, Consular, Culture, Information, Education and Commerce, Indian High Commission in Jaffna (Left), Mr. V.S.B.Thuseetharan, Deputy Principal St.John's College, Jaffna and other members of Jaffna public learn about PCCSL



March 18: Meeting with Justice C. V. Wigneswaran, Chief Minister Northern Provincial Council in Jaffna. Also in the picture are Mr. Sukumar Rockwood, CEO, PCCSL (left) and Mr. Ameen Hussain, Complaints Officer, Tamil Print, PCCSL (right).



May 19: Mrs. Yogeswaray Patgunarajah, Mayor of Jaffna (left) receives a copy of the Annual Report from Mr. Sukumar Rockwood, CEO, PCCSL (right) while Mr. Ameen Hussain, Complaints Officer Tamil Print looks on.

FMM-SLPI World Press Freedom Day remembered - May 05, 2014



The Free Media Movement (FMM) and the Sri Lanka Press Institute (SLPI) jointly organized a seminar to mark World Press Freedom Day. at Hotel Janaki, Fife Road, Colombo 05 on May 05, 2014. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr. Upul Jayasuriya, President, Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) who delivered the keynote speech 'Plight of the Media and the Democratic Governance.'

Here Mr. Lakshman Gunasekera (third from left), President of the Sri Lanka Chapter of the South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA) introduces the chief guest and keynote speaker Mr. Upul Jayasuriya (fourth from left), President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL). Also in the picture from left: Mr. R. Prabagan, Secretary The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka (TEGOSL), Mr. A. Nixon, President Tamil Media Alliance (TMA), Mr. Gunasekera, Mr. Jayasuriya, Mr. Sunil Jayasekera, Convener Free Media Movement (FMM) and Mr. Siri Ranasinghe, President The Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka (TEGOSL).

Nine Schoolgirls win PCCSL's All Island Essay Competition



May 23: The winners and runners up pose for a photograph after the prize giving with the chief guest Mrs. Grace Sadagopan (second from left), Assistant Director of Education, Ministry of Education. From left: Mr. Sukumar Rockwood, CEO, PCCSL, Mrs. Sadagopan, Mr. Kamal Liyanarachchi, Complaints Officer, Sinhala Print and Promotion Officer, PCCSL and Mr. Ameen Hussain, Complaints Officer, Tamil Print. (Photograph: Milroy Anthony, SLPI).

PCCSL takes Code of Professional Practice to Jaffna May 29 -31



Sukumar Rockwood explains the Editors' Code of Professional Practice to Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Hon. G. A. Chandrasiri, at the Governor's Office in Jaffna. Looking on is Mr. Ameen Hussain.

Jaffna Teaching Hospital Directress, Dr. (Mrs.) Bawani Pasupathiraja and Deputy Director, Dr. K. Nanthakumar with the PCCSL CEO.



Jaffna Librarian, Mrs. Emelda Karunakaran is presented a copy of the souvenir to mark the 10th anniversary of the PCCSL.

Jaffna Government Agent Sundaram Arumainayagam with the PCCSL officials in his office after the meeting.





Ameen Hussain addresses 1st year and 2nd year students of the Media Resource and Training Centre (MRTC) of the Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna.

Ameen Hussain addresses AL School leavers and teachers at a programme to explain the PCCSL process and the Code of Professional Practice organised by Familian Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Centre, Mannar.



Police programme in Jaffna



The Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka (PCCSL) conducted a programme for members of the Police Force in Jaffna on June 26 in the Auditorium of the Jaffna Public Library. Here from left, ASP Jaffna, P. H. Nihal Perera, SSP, Damayantha Wijaya Sri, PCCSL Chief Executive Officer, Sukumar Rockwood and Complaints Officer, Tamil Print, Ameen Hussain listen to Complaints Officer, Sinhala Print, Kamal Liyanaarachchi presenting the Editors' Code to the audience and the complaints process. The programme was made possible by Jaffna Division DIG, Rohan Dias.

Matara Provincial Journalists Programme



A Seminar was held on June 20, 2014 at the Sarvodaya Centre, Matara to update journalists on the Code of Professional Practice-- since it has been reviewed. Mr. Kamal Liyanaarachchi, Complaints Officer, Sinhala Print and Promotion Officer of PCCSL addresses a group of 45 print media journalists.

11th Annual general meeting



July 14: PCCSL CEO Sukumar Rockwood reads out the Annual Review of the PCCSL for the year 2013. Seated from left PCCSL Board of Directors Chairman Kumar Nadesan and Corporate Services (Pvt) Ltd Executive Farina Raheem.

A section of the members of the PCCSL.



PCCSL in Anuradhapura September



PCCSL Sinhala Print Complaints Officer and Promotions Officer, Kamal Liyanaarachchi addressing the large gathering of Anuradhapura citizens.



A section of the Anuradhapura citizens seated, from left: NCP Governor Hon. Karunaratne Divulgane, NCP Secretary H.M.R.B. Herath, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, P.B. Dissanayake, Liyanaraachchi and Rajarata University Senior Lecturer, Mass Media, Dr. Sena Nanayakkara.



Students listen to Mr. Liyanaarachchi at the school programme.

PCCSL in Mawanella September



PCCSL Tamil Print Complaints Officer Ameen Hussain explains to students the Editors' Code and the PCCSL process used to resolve readers' complaints.



Sixty eight students and teachers attended a one-day workshop on Media Studies organised by the PCCSL for some Mawanella Schools on September 10 at the Mawanella Zahira National School Auditorium. The programme was organised by the Zahira National School, Mawanella, Media Unit.



Students listen to Mr. Ameen Hussain at the school programme.

SLPI takes Right to Information to the people

The Sri Lanka Press Institute (SLPI) conducted three awareness workshops to Provincial Correspondents on Right To Information (RTI). The training objective was to bring in the much needed awareness to the journalist about RTI, its benefits and the present position of the RTI in Sri Lanka. Awareness workshops were conducted in Kandy, Galle and Anuradhapura. The awareness programme was also extended to citizens in partnership with the PCCSL. The PCCSL also conducted awareness programmes on the Code of Professional Practice in all the three locations.



*Kandy: October 04, 2014
Tamil language provincial correspondents at the event.*



*Kandy: October 04, 2014
Sinhala language provincial correspondents at the event.*



*Galle: October 07, 2014
Provincial correspondents at the event .*



*Galle: October 07, 2014
Provincial correspondents at the event.*



*Anuradhapura: October 17, 2014
Provincial correspondents at the event.*



*Anuradhapura: October 17, 2014
Students at the event.*

PCCSL meets Sub Editors and Desk Heads

November

PCCSL Sinhala Print Complaints Officer and Promotions Officer Kamal Liyanaarachchi address the Lankadeepa Sub Editors and Desk Heads. Seated PCCSL CEO.



Lankadeepa Sub Editors and Desk Heads listening intently.

Mr. Kamal Liyanaarachchi addressing Sub Editors and Desk Heads of Ada Newspaper.



Media has a special role covering election, says Deshapriya

December



Front row from left: Mr. Kamal Liyanarachchi - Complaints Officer, Sinhala Print and Promotions Officer, PCCSL, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya - Commissioner Department of Elections, Mr. Sukumar Rockwood - CEO PCCSL and Mr. Javid Yusuf - Member, Dispute Resolution Council (DRC)

Back row from left: Mr. Upendra Herath, Director News Hiru TV, Mr. Pramod De Silva, Editor, Business LK Magazine/Associate Editor, Sunday Observer and Mr. Malinda Seneviratne - Editor, The Nation