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Events Held March 2003

LITIGATION UPDATE

"Batticaloa Voter's Case"

March 26th 2003
Landmark judgment!
Supreme Court awards in
favour of
CPA sponsored fundamental
rights applicants

<http://www.cpalanka.org/cases.html>

Events Planned

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Prof. Nicholas Haysom former Legal and Constitutional Affairs Advisor to President Nelson Mandela, Dr P Saravanamuttu, Executive Director, CPA, Professor Peter Meekison expert on Constitutional Reform initiatives in Canada and Dr. Sujit Chowdrey seen here at a trilingual workshop titled "**Federal Options for Sri Lanka**" 26th March, organized by CPA and the Forum of Federations. The objective of the workshop was to engage democracy and peace activists in discussion on the Canadian and South African experiences of Federalism and related issues. The Forum delegation also had discussions with the Batticaloa Peace Committee, the North East Muslim Assembly, officials of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government and members of the armed services.

Human Rights and the Peace Process: 11th March CPA organized a consultation between Mr. Ian Martin, Former Secretary-General Amnesty International, who is advisor on Human Rights to the GOSL and LTTE, and a group of civil society stakeholders, to flag key human rights issues in the Peace Process.

Social Indicator, the Polling Unit of CPA and Friedrich Naumann Stiftung (FNSt) held a seminar on **Participatory Governance** at the Ballroom of Hilton JAIC 4th March. Mr. Pradeep Peiris of SI gave a presentation on SI's 2001 March survey on "**Solid Waste Management in Urban Sri Lanka**" to an audience consisting of policy makers, local government officials and members of civil society.

A Workshop series on "**National Advocacy Campaign for the Right to Information**" was held 28th March for Journalists in Colombo at MARGA Auditorium, Kohuwala. This was followed by a workshop series on the same theme on 31st March for Journalists from Vavuniya and Mannar in collaboration with the Vanni Journalists Association at Vasantham Inn, Kandy Road, Vavuniya. The British Council (Sri Lanka) are project partners for this workshop series.

A Workshop on "**Human Rights Benchmarks in the Peace Process**" will be held on 2nd April 2003 at the JAIC Hilton from 9:00 a.m. onwards. This event is organised in collaboration with the Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies, as part of the CPA/Berghof Peace Roadmap Project.

Recent Research and Background Papers

Publications



For details contact the
Librarian (Ext 115)

Projects Completed

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CPA Website Updates

A paper on "Fiscal and Financial Arrangements in a Federal Sri Lanka: Some Issues for Discussion" by Asanga Welikala, Research Associate (Legal and Constitutional Unit) is available at: http://www.cpalanka.org/research_papers/Fiscal_and_Financial_Arrangements.doc

Four discussion papers have been written to date as part of the Road Map Programme (for more details: http://www.cpalanka.org/roadmap_programme.html)

Conceptualizing a Road Map for Peace in Sri Lanka (Dr. Norbert Ropers and Mr. Kethesh Loganathan) http://www.cpalanka.org/research_papers/Road_Map_Paper_1.pdf

Peace Talks in Thailand: The Case for a Framework of Principles (Dr. Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu) http://www.cpalanka.org/research_papers/Road_Map_Paper_2.pdf

Beyond the Talks in Thailand: Towards Transformative Peace in Sri Lanka (Dr. Jayadeva Uyangoda) http://www.cpalanka.org/research_papers/Road_Map_Paper_3.pdf

Enhancing Human Security in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka (Dr. Kumar Rupesinghe) http://www.cpalanka.org/research_papers/Road_Map_Paper_4.pdf

Publications

A special issue of **Sama Vimarshi**, sponsored by the Forum of Federations, addressing the topic of Federalism was published this month. The publication was mailed free of charge to Educational Institutions, Journalists, etc. Copies are available for purchase at a nominal price, at the CPA.

SI completed analysis of the results of the eleventh wave of the Peace Confidence Index survey and published its findings at http://www.cpalanka.org/research_papers/PCI_11_topline_results.pdf

Projects Completed :

SOCIAL INDICATOR: Survey project for World Vision Lanka

SI completed a survey on "**Peace Building Practices in Sri Lanka**" on behalf of World Vision Lanka. The study is aimed at providing an insight into peace building activities carried out by selected organisations to assist World Vision Lanka to design their future approach peace building.

CENTRE FOR MONITORING ELECTION VIOLENCE- Akuressa Pradeshya Sabha Elections March 8th 2003

CMEV monitored the Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha Elections and concluded that this was relatively peaceful. The report is available at: http://www.cpalanka.org/research_papers/CMEV_Final_Report.pdf

RESIGNED FROM CPA

Mr. Dev Anand Ramiah and Ms Rathini Selvanayagam will no longer be working at CPA. Mr Ramiah has taken up a position at UNDP and Ms Selvanayagam intends to concentrate on her higher studies