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SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN A NATIONAL CRISIS
Colombo, Sri Lanka 15-17 May 1991

PROGRAMME

15 May
9:00 - 10:00 Opening Session (Venue: Gregory Room)
Welcome Address
Mr. H.L.D. Mahindapala
President, SLWJA
Mr. Vijay Menon
Secretary General, AMIC

Keynote Address
"The Role of the Media in a National Crisis"
Mr. Bradman Weerakoon
Special Advisor to the President on Foreign Affairs and Chairman, Information and Policy Planning Committee, Sri Lanka

10:00 - 10:30 Opening Tea
10:30 - 12:30 Overview Papers
"Reporting a Crisis: Government Policies and Media Practice"
Mr. Javed Jabbar
Former State Minister for Information Government of Pakistan
"The Print Media in a National Crisis: Freedom and Responsibility"
Mr. S.M.A. Choudhury
Former Editor Bangladesh Times
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 3:00 "Radio and TV in a National Crisis: Credibility and Government Management"

Dr. Sarath Amunugama
Fellow, International Centre
for Ethnic Studies, Sri Lanka

3:00 - 3:30 Tea Break

3:30 - 4:30 Highlights of Country Papers

"The Role of the Print Media in a National Crisis"

5:00 - 6:00* Inaugural Address

HON. D.B. WIJETUNGA
Prime Minister
Government of Sri Lanka

* Venue:
Sri Lanka Foundation
Institute Auditorium

16 May

9:00 - 10:30 Highlights of Country Papers

"The Role of the Broadcast Media in a National Crisis"

10:30 - 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 - 12:30 Highlights of Country Papers

"The Role of the Media in a Crisis: Perspectives from Research"

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 3:30 Panel Discussion

"National Crises and the Role of International News Agencies"

3:30 - 4:00 Tea Break
4:00 - 5:30 Parallel Workshops

Resource Speaker:

"Towards a definition of the role of the media in a national crisis"

Mr. S. Nihal Singh
Columnist
Asiaweek, India Today

7:00 - 9:00 AMIC Hosted Dinner

17 May

9:00 - 10:00 Continuation of Parallel Workshops

10:00 - 10:30 Consolidation of Workshop Reports

10:30 - 11:00 Tea

11:00 - 11:45 Presentation and Discussion of Workshop 1 Report

11:45 - 12:30 Presentation and Discussion of Workshop 2 Report

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 3:00 Summary and Closing

3:00 - 4:30 Closing Tea Reception
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