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**Programme
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SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN A NATIONAL CRISIS

Colombo, Sri Lanka 15-17 May 1991

P R O G R A M M E

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 *President*
 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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