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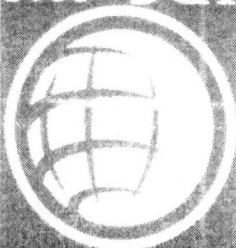
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A Study on Victimization Factors of Human Trafficking in Sri Lanka With Reference to Southern Province

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ABSTRACT

Human trafficking has become a global problem which affects the universe as a transnational organized crime web. It is a process in which people are being recruited from their community and the country of their origin and transported to the destination where they are being exploited for purposes of forced labor, prostitution, domestic servitude and various other forms of exploitation.

Although "human trafficking" has opened a new direction to social sciences research, there isn't sufficient dialogue on this problem. The objective of the research was to examine the victimization factors of human trafficking in Sri Lanka.

The quantitative data of the research were gathered from the Central Investigation Department (CID) within the period of 2007 to 2013. The sample was limited to 25 victims who were identified according to the CID records and collected qualitative data were collected from them through in-depth interviews.

The research findings revealed that there were multiple factors for being victimized of human trafficking in Sri Lanka. They are poverty, unemployment, domestic violence, unawareness, limited economic and educational opportunities and the necessity of gaining a higher social status.

Key wards – Human Smuggling, Human Trafficking, Organized crime, Victims

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