

The Importance of Paddy and Crop Cultivation in Northern and Eastern Provinces: The Way Forward To Reconciliation in Sri Lanka

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In May 2009, the army forces in Sri Lanka were highly competent to defeat Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. After this longstanding conflict, reconciliation in Northern and Eastern provinces was became an inevitable requirement for the first time in Sri Lanka. Reconciliation process is the mean to work effectively towards the reestablishment of the all vulnerabilities. It is an important to realize that the reconciliation implies human development and the elimination of poverty. As an agrarian country the income which generated from paddy and crop cultivation is a prominent factor of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Due to the conflict, paddy and crop cultivation in Northern and Eastern provinces were most affected and the peasants in those areas had to abandon their lands, crops, and enterprises. Within this context post conflict reconciliation should be based on the poverty alleviation among the peasants. The main objective of this research is to understand the importance of paddy and crop cultivation in Northern and Eastern provinces for the reconciliation in Sri Lanka. Moreover, this paper highlights the necessity of a post conflict reconciliation process for the country. Especially the process, and systems, that promote reconciliation should initiate through the observation of accurate findings about paddy and crop cultivation, proper guidance of the development policies and the implementation of infrastructure projects. This paper follows descriptive research analysis method with relevant sources such as journals, articles and web sites. Finally, as the conclusion of this research, the author provides that the significance of paddy and crop cultivation can be used as an appropriate mechanism to carry out reconciliation process successfully.

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