

**HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN POST WAR SRI LANKA**Revathy Balasubramaniam <sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract**

This study attempts to identify the problems encountered by the people of Mullaitivu District with regard to the human rights crisis and causes for the human rights violation. The study further focused on the measures that are to be taken to promote such rights in particular after the war. The district of Mullaitivu was the most affected during conflict period for more than three decades. It is one of the newly created district in Sri Lanka (1979). The boundaries of Mullaitivu district are Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee, Kilinochchi and Jaffna. Mullaitivu District was under the control of LTTE over 10 years during the civil war. The district was recaptured by the Sri Lankan military in early 2009. Huge number of people suffered from civil war that led to lost of the property, livelihood and family members including breadwinners. The Present Government is implementing some sort of infrastructure and livelihood development activities in Mullaitivu, unfortunately it does not meet the needs of the people. This study is qualitative in nature and primary and secondary data were employed. The primary data techniques consist of questionnaire, interview, focus group discussion and informal discussion. Secondary data were collected from books, research article, magazines, news papers and online articles. The finding of the study shows that in spite of the eradication of war the indispensable human rights of the people of Mullaitivu district are challenged owing to various reasons including security concern of the government. As the reason of the irresponsibility of successive government, the human rights of the people are being violated in the way of suppression, militarization, meticulously planned cultural degradation, economic obstacles, violent culture of the vigilant groups or splinter groups and drug abuse. Further, the attitude of state institutions leads to the violation of the people's political, civil, socio-economic and cultural rights. In particular, the civil institutions that are obliged to safeguard such rights have become defunct or non-operational. In order to address the above issues, this study puts forward some recommendations to rectify them.

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