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LET'S CONDEMN HARASSMENTS TO JOURNALISTS WITHIN INTERCHANGING OF POWER START A NEW DISCUSSION FOR THE PRIDE OF JOURNALISM

At the moment, a constitutional scandal is taking place in the country. Two political fronts are struggling to get power by pointing out clauses of constitution. Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association (SLWJA) is paying special attention to the ongoing incidents effecting field of journalism within this situation.

So far, SLWJA has been reported that State Media Institutions have been attacked by outsiders and interfered it's work illegally and unethically and sacked the journalists.

Since there is no higher political culture and a strong organizing method of professions in Sri Lanka, this type of matter has become a common thing when political power is changing, but we consider this as very unfortunate and should not be patient with it any more.

Journalism is a special and risky carrier. It is not connected with politics, but it goes with political ideas. Also journalism is a carrier which should not be used for daily needs of political parties. We should use our profession for better tomorrow of human being.

In our history, we can find many examples for journalists who did their duty bravely with pride, facing various political tendencies locally and globally. Compared to such journalists, It is very sad to note that presently our profession is declining severely. Hence, we remind all journalists in Sri Lanka that it is high time to get together and start a discussion on our carrier, pride and protection of journalism.

Also SLWJA strongly condemn the ongoing harassments to the journalists of State Media Institutions.

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