

Victims and Perpetrators: The Plight of the Child Soldiers in the Eyes of Law

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The Sri Lankan government underwent a three-decade war with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and successfully defended the rights of Sri Lankans. Irrespective of the victory, LTTE international networks are using social media, diplomacy, and legislation and falsely accusing Sri Lanka of having committed the Tamil Genocide. The uprising of false information and hate speech is controversial as well as illegal. The false picture painted by LTTE has resulted in doubts in the world about Sri Lanka's guiltlessness. The Sri Lankan government has failed to counter the false allegations successfully. The Paper showcases the plight of LTTE child soldiers who are a threat to national security. It has attempted to identify the laws relating to child soldiers. Moreover, the paper showcases the government's role in the rehabilitation process and it discusses how to use the argument of usage of Child soldiers by LTTE to alarm the world on atrocities committed by LTTE. The research is doctrinal research, which has used primary sources such as existing and laws and policies. It has equipped secondary sources such as reports and journal articles. The atrocities of LTTE in using child soldiers are strictly in contravention of human rights law and humanitarian law. Therefore, the government can successfully use the claim of child Soldiers to show the dark reality of LTTE. The steps were taken by the government to rehabilitate and reintegrate child soldiers into society advocates the guiltlessness of the Sri Lankan Government.

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