

Grievances of Sri Lankan Housemaids in the Middle East: Is it the Result of Vacuuming Political Rights?

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Sri Lankan Housemaids have been tortured in the Middle East. The research problem of this study is to question root causes behind this empirical context. This study aims at exploring the foremost root causes behind the problems of Housemaids in the Middle East and, to identify the impacts of their grievances on socio- economic development of Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan Housemaids in the Middle East are separated from the political rights. This situation is conceptualized in this study as “*Vacuuming Political Rights of Sri Lankan Housemaids in the Middle East*”. This political context as one of the major causes behind the grievances of Sri Lankan Housemaids in the Middle East is tested here as a hypothesis. This is a qualitative analysis. Therefore, Case Studies were used to collect primary data. The cases of ten injured housemaids were examined. In addition to that, members of their families and government officials were interviewed. The secondary resources, such as previous research papers, books, news papers, law reports and internet sources were used. This research revealed that Housemaids in the Middle East are tortured by their bosses. Lack of Political rights and Civil rights, weak attention of the officials in the embassies and High commissions, home-sickness, weaknesses of the bilateral agreements were revealed as the root causes behind this problem.

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