

10 September 2012

The Editor,
Sunday Lakkbima
Lakkbima Newspapers Private Limited,
No. 445/1, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha,
Colombo 14.

Dear Madam / Sir,

Request for Apology

The WMC writes to protest and condemn in the strongest terms the cartoon, by Hasantha Wijenayake, in the *Sunday LAKBIMAnews* [online] of 9 September 2012, Vol. 06, No.13, under the Politics Page.

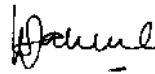
The cartoon violates all ethical principles of journalism and media expression not only in Sri Lanka but globally. There is an accepted form of visual journalism in commenting on current social, economic, cultural and political issues within and between countries. In this cartoon, however, the newspaper has allowed for gross sexism and crudity to override any form of civility in journalistic communication

WMC urges the Lakkbima newspaper, especially its editor to apologize for the publication of this extreme and totally unacceptable cartoon which is derogatory to women and women politicians.

Thank You,
Yours Sincerely,



Dr. Sepali Kottegoda
Director



Ms. Kumudini Samuel
Director