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**CARRYING OUT OF DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG
OFFENDERS: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING
LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN SRI LANKA**

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ABSTRACT

The concept capital punishment on drug offenders is highly controversial. Capital punishment has been widely applied by Sri Lanka and as well as other countries since time immemorial. However, at present the ongoing trend is that it leads to a significant enhancement for global abolition of the death penalty. There have been calls both regionally and globally, for a moratorium on the death penalty. Human rights concern people argue that it is an unjustifiable infringement of people's fundamental right to life. Despite the current global and regional trends towards the abolition of the death penalty and its inherent controversy, Sri Lanka remains as an anti-abolitionist country and once tried to carry out the death penalty on drug offenders. Adopting socio legal research methodology, the study critically analyses the legitimacy of the carrying out of death penalty on drug offenders in Sri Lanka in the light of international human rights obligations, jurisprudential thoughts and opinions of the stakeholders. The researcher provides a conclusion after analyzing the facts and laws, at the end of the research.

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