

**ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL CARTOONS ON "OCTOBER 26TH POLITICAL CRISIS"
IN NEWSPAPER: SPECIAL REFERENCE WITH DAILY MIRROR CARTOONS OF
AWANTAARTIGALA AND GIHAN DE CHIKERA**

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Mass media play an important role to build image of the political situation of the country. According to that newspaper is one of the mass media which involves the influence of knowledge of people and the channel comparatively making more credibility among them. Cartoon is an art that conveying message through satire and critical way with the aim to reach the people in a simplest way of communication. Mostly cartoons express the unstable political situations, corruptions and the current social, economic, cultural and political situations. A political cartoon is a cartoon that argues about an issue, a political situation. This study expresses how political cartoons portray the current political climate in satire genre. This paper explains the theoretical platforms to reveal the significance value of the cartoons. Qualitative analysis used for this study. Content Analysis was used to identify the themes contained in the cartoons depictions. And both cartoonists are interviewed for this study. Considering these facts, this Content Analysis study uses the purposive sampling method as it primarily focuses on the Analysis of Political cartoons on "October 26th political crisis" in Newspaper: Special reference with Daily mirror cartoons of Awanta Artigala and Gihan de Chikera from October 26th 2018 to December 2018.

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