

Ethical violations observed in national newspapers during the period from October 2025 to January 2026

(October 2025 – January 2026)

(1) 2 (e) – News Reports Violating Section 2(e)

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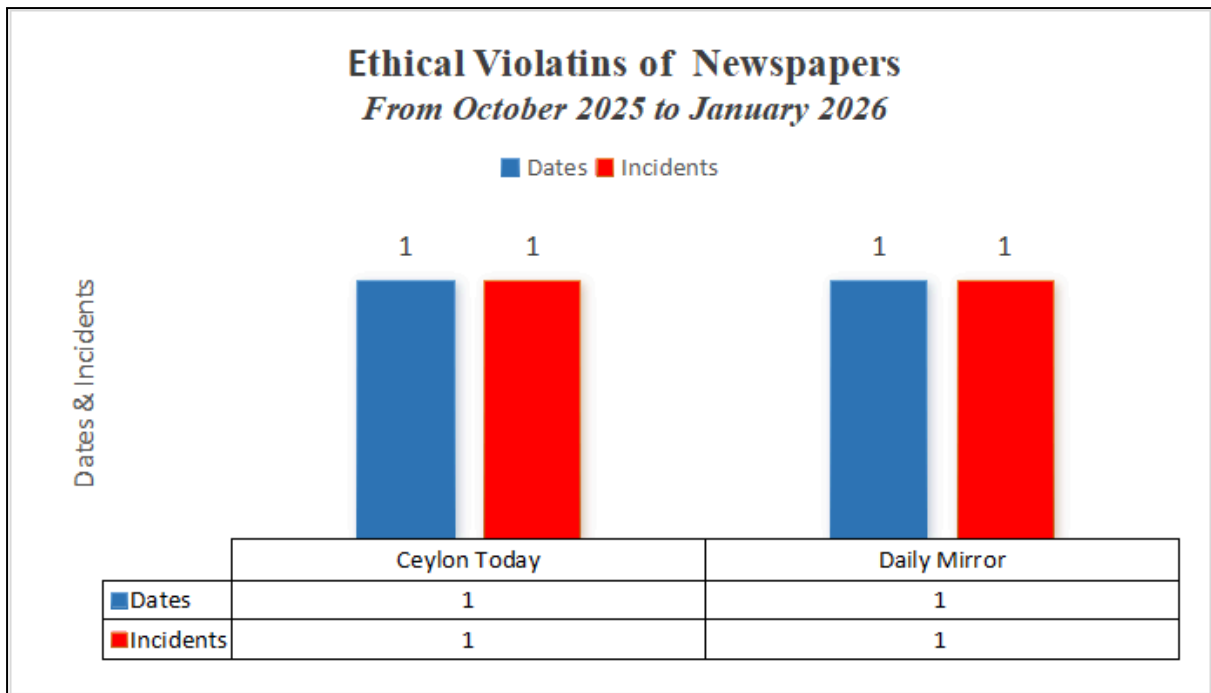
- “Every journalist shall refrain from publishing or causing to be published any matter which may offend public taste or morality or tend to lower the standards of public taste or morality.”

- Sinhala News Report



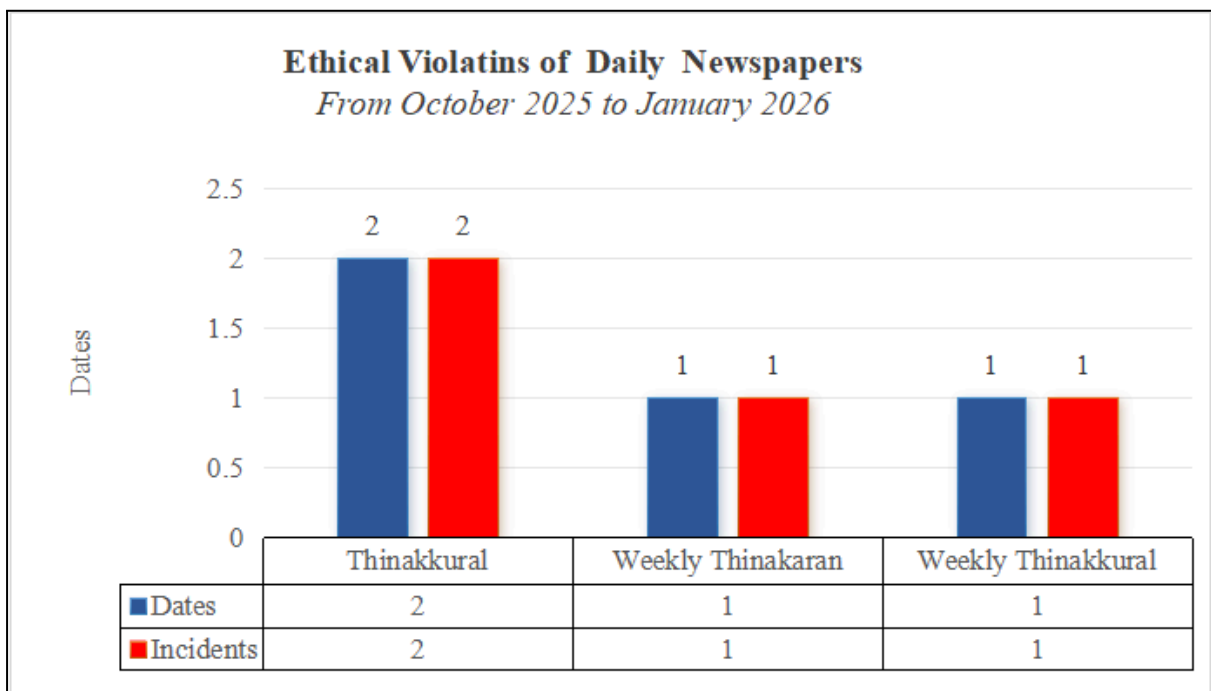
- Accordingly, during this period, the newspapers Silumina, Divaina Sunday Sangrahaya, Irida Mawbima, Sathi Aga Aruna, Irida Lankadeepa, Rathu Ira, and Dan Irida Mawrat did not violate Article 2(i) of the Code of Ethics of the Sri Lanka Press Council.

- **English News Reports**



- During the period under review, two (02) ethical violations were identified in English-language national newspapers, specifically in the Daily Mirror and Ceylon Today. There were no reported ethical violations in the newspapers *Daily News*, *The Island*, *The Morning*, *Daily FT*, *Weekend Mirror*, *Sunday Observer*, *Sunday Island*, and *The Sunday Morning* from October 2025 to January 2026.

- **Tamil News Reports**



- From October 2025 to January 2026, the total number in Sri Lanka’s national newspapers, such as *Thinakaran*, *Veerakesari*, and *Thinakkural*, is given above. Accordingly, in the news reporting practices of the *Veerakesari* and *Thinakaran* newspapers, the ethical guidelines of the Sri Lanka Press Council were not violated.

(2) Other clauses of the Code of Ethics that were violated

- **News reports that violated Clause 5**

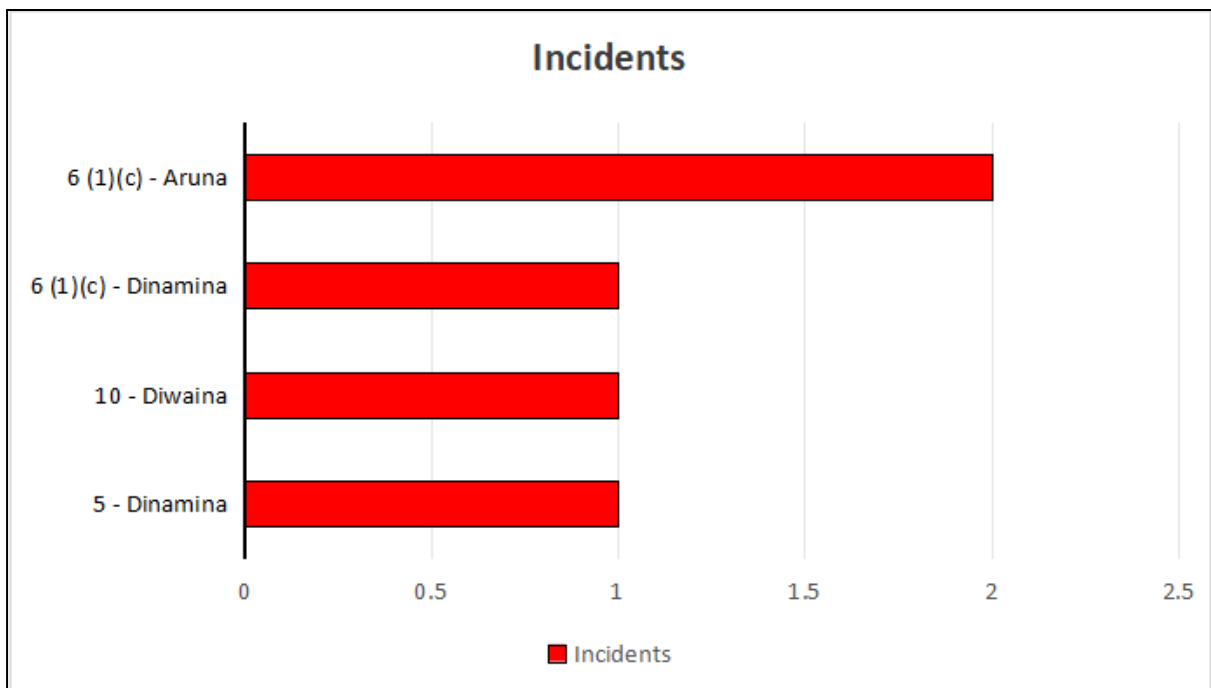
“Every journalist shall respect the reputation of individuals and shall refrain from reporting, printing, or causing to be published any information or opinions relating to a person’s private life, unless such reporting is clearly in the public interest and can be distinguished from mere public curiosity.”

- **News reports that violated Clause 10**

“A journalist shall not report, print, or cause to be published any matter for the purpose of promoting racial hatred, religious division, or acts of violence.”

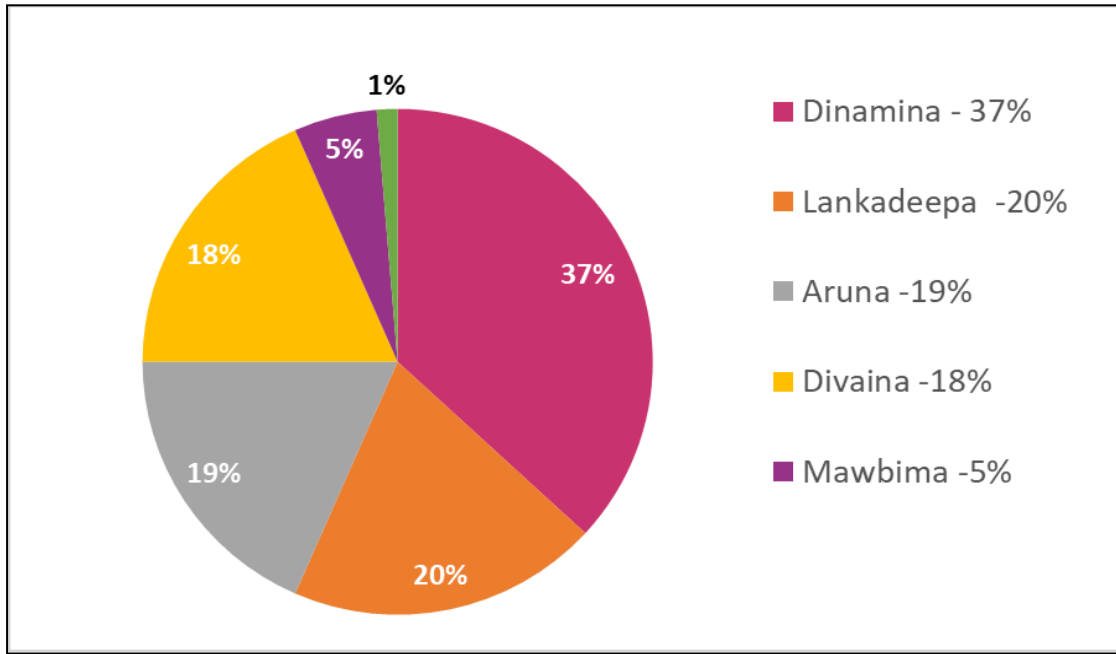
- **News reports that violated Clause 6 (1) (c)**

“A journalist shall not identify any person as a relative of an individual who has been accused of or convicted of a crime, merely for the purpose of informing the reader of such a relationship, unless doing so is in the public interest.”

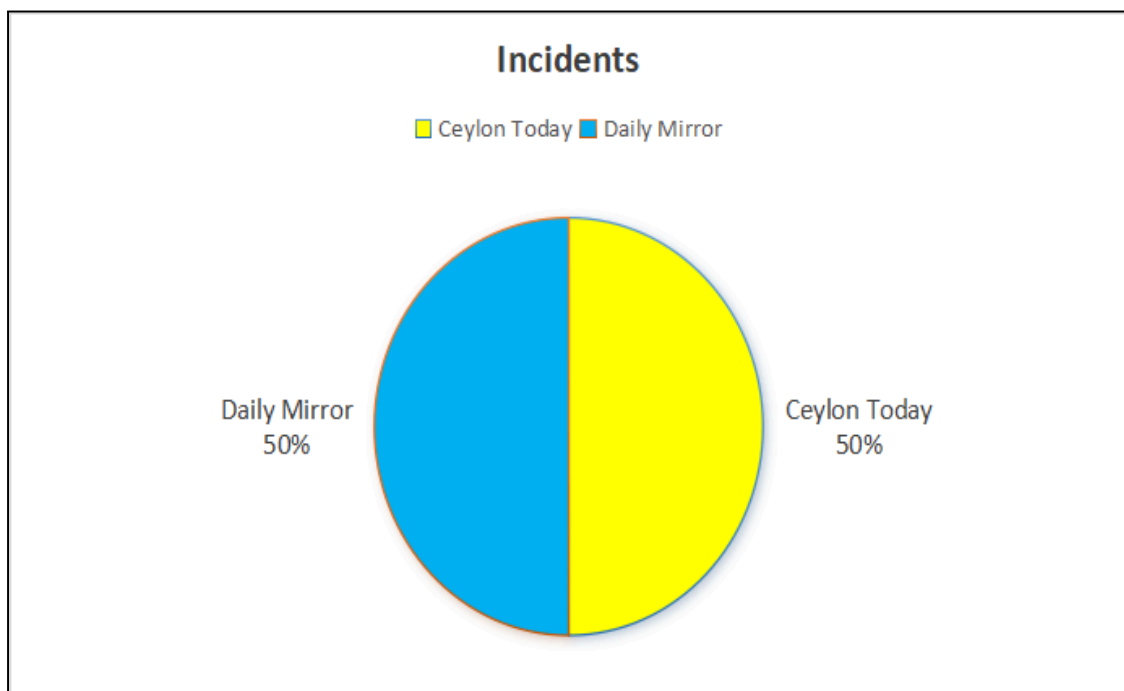


(3) Overall, ethical violations in newspapers during the period from October 2025 to January 2026

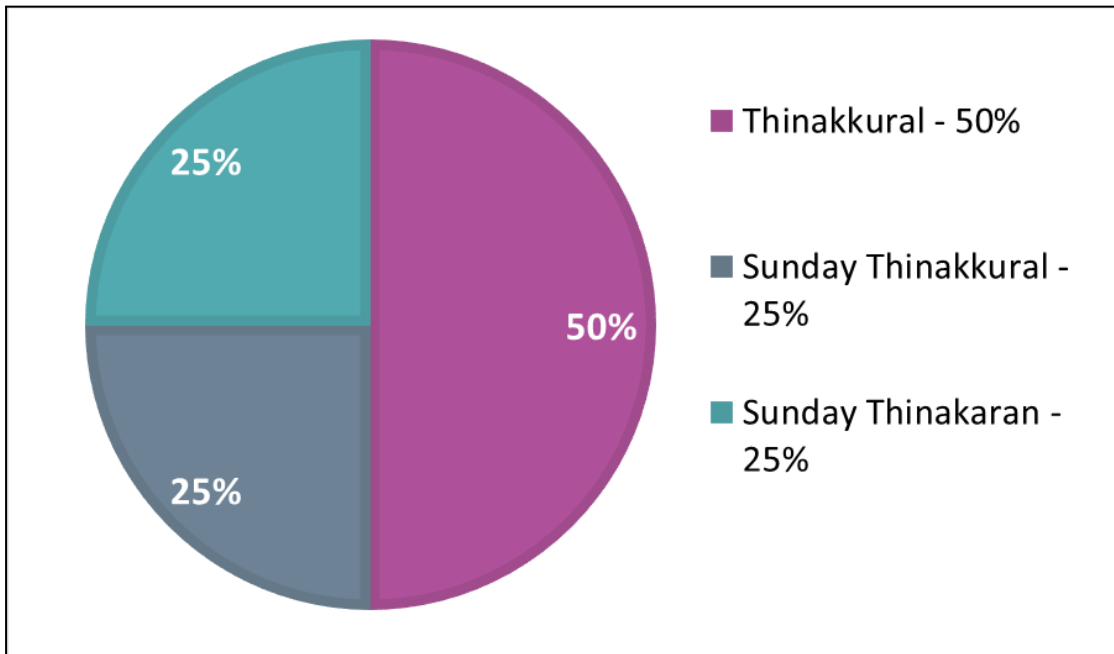
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(4) Overall, ethical violations in newspapers across all three languages

