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Subject: abusing editorial discretion

Attn: Director, Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I sent an opinion article by email to the English Daily Island Newspaper last week to be published under my name. I sent it by email, since I am currently teaching at Oxford University and not able to be in Sri Lanka.

The article was published last Saturday. However, my text had been brutalised with whole sentences I did not write added by the editor to give a very different tone and meaning to what I wrote.

If the editor wanted to say something then he should use the editorial NOT re-write my article and publish it under my name. Thereby attributing falsely opinions to me that i did not profess.

I have written to the editor and asked for an explanation, but so far have not received a response.

Please advise me whether the PCC is in a position to take up this complaint. That is, does this issue of "falsifying and making inaccurate my opinion", come under the purview of the Press Complaints Commission? Upon your advice I will forward you all the relevant documents and information by email. I would also like to know whether the fact that I am not currently in Sri Lanka will prejudice my opportunity to have this dispute resolved.

Thank you for your help and advice,

Nishan de Mel