

## **Providing Expertise in Forensic Medicine in Sri Lanka and Overseas**

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The department has been providing Forensic Medicine expertise since 1950s on variety of medico-legal cases both local and overseas. Hokandara mass murder in 1999, Meethotamulla garbage dump disaster in 2017, Airforce aircraft crash in 2014 are some famous examples. In 2015 the department conducted and testified on the forensic age estimation of 13 Somali individuals detained for piracy in Seychelles. The department has also extended its support to many nationally important cases like the Easterbombing in 2019, the Mannar mass grave exhumations and expert panels on several controversial cases.