

10 questions on the impeachment of Sri Lanka's Chief Justice

1.The protests have died down, and the issue already largely forgotten by mainstream media, polity and society. What do you think are the lasting effects, if any, of the Shirani Bandaranayake's impeachment in early 2013 (500 characters)?

2.Do you agree that due process was followed in accordance with the Constitution of Sri Lanka in the impeachment of the Chief Justice?

Yes No

3.On a scale of 1 – 10, how opposed were you to the impeachment of the CJ in the manner it was done (1 being least opposed, 10 being most staunchly opposed)?

4.On a scale of 1 – 10, how serious do you feel the impeachment of the CJ was for the independence of the judiciary and the rule of law in Sri Lanka (1 being least serious, 10 being most serious)?

5.How did you perceive the opposition (UNP's) stance regarding the impeachment? Was it,

Principled
Expedient
Silent

6.On a scale of 1 – 10, how would you rank the Rule of Law in Sri Lanka today (1 being weakest, 10 being strongest)?

7.What do you perceive is the most important challenge for the judiciary after the impeachment of the CJ in early 2013 (500 characters)?

8.Do you think the judiciary, after the CJ's impeachment, has the necessary independence to investigate serious allegations of war crimes?

Yes
No

9.Why do you think the impeachment of the CJ happened with such impunity, and without greater, more widespread and sustained public protests?

Fear
Apathy
Public perception that the former CJ deserved it
Other

10. Should Sri Lanka be allowed to host the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in light of, inter alia, the manner in which the Chief Justice was impeached?

Yes

No