

## **History of Muslim Settlements with special reference to the Archaeological Evidences; A study based on Madawala Madige.**

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Madawala Madige is one of the Muslim settlement in Udagampaha Korale in the capital of hill country which has a large family of Muslim population even though the total population density is less. This Historical place is one of the divisions of Pathadumbara which is situated in the valley of Mahaweli river it contains Madawala - Madige, Gunnepana - Madige, Nappana – Madige, Gunnepana kapadagama. archaeological sources of Madawala Madige settlement confirms the fact that the muslims maintained good relationship with the King and people of the Kingdom of Kandy through the contribution of transport and trade. Archaeological evidences of Settlements of Madawala Madige are the main sources of proof of its origin and historical antiquity. The problem of this research is to explain to what extent Madawala Madige has the origin and historical antiquity. By this way, The objective of this research was to intended to find out the history of Muslim settlements in Madawala Madige through the archaeological evidences. Furthermore, Beginning and the density of muslim settlement in Madawala Madige and Socio - Economic contribution of particular settlement discussed in this research. This research was filling the research gap. Even though many researches made about several areas of Sri Lanka . There were no any proper researches made on this topic. As primary and secondary sources; Inscription of Madawala ,Yahangala rock , shrins , burials , ruins, lands of muslims, census statistics reports, administrative reports and election statistics reports, data collections, interviews & field visits through historical research methodology. As aim of this research that the origin and the antiquity of Madawala Muslim's history is confirmed based on the origin of the settlements in Kingdom of Kandy and the history related to it. Based on that, it is clearly exposed that, Muslim settlements in Madawala Madige originated and developed since 15<sup>th</sup> century from the beginning of the kingdom of Kandy. In conclusion it was clear that, Muslim settlements in Madawala Madige has a long origin in the history of Sri Lanka.

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