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CASE NUMBER:	1:11-cv-00235 HEARING DATE:		
SERVEE:	PERCY MAHENDRA ("MAHINDA") RAJAPAKSA		
PERSON SERVED:			
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SERVICE ADDRESS:	PRESIDENT'S HOUSE "TEMPLE TREE" COLOMBO 3, SRI LANKA		
DOCUMENTS:	SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION; COMPLAINT (SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE WITH TRANSLATIONS)		

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Mr. Rick Hamilton 633, Yesldr Way Seattle, WA 98104 <u>U.S.A.</u>

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Request for service abroad of judicial or extra judicial documents

We refer to your request dated June 01st , 2011.

l regret to inform you that in terms of section 13 of the Mutual Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters Act, No. 39 of 2000, (please see the attachment marked "A") I refuse to serve the document referred to on His Excellency Percy Mahendra (Mahinda) Rajapakse, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Suhada K Gamalath Secretary) Ministry of Justice

Mutual Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters Act, No. 39 of 2000 (2) Where the Central Authority receives, from the appropriate authority in a specified country, in response to a request made by him under subsection (1) -

- any evidence taken in such specified country ; and (a)
- or the performance of a judicial act, in such a certificate certifying the taking of such evidence, specified country, (q)

che Central Authority shall cause such evidence and certificate to be sent to the court or tribunal in which the proceeding to which the request relates is pending, and such evidence and certificate shall be admissible in such proceeding and the statements made in such certificate shall be deemed to be correct unless the contrary is proved.

PART IV

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document or a request for the taking of evidence or the performance of any other judicial act shall be in one of the (1) A request for the service of summons or other official languages of Sri Lanka or in the English language. 12

Language of

request

(2) Any document accompanying such a request in a language other than English shall have a translation thereof in English, which shall be certified as correct, either by a diplomatic officer or consular agent or by a sworn translator or by any other person duly authorised in Sri Lanka or the specified country.

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13. (1) The Central Authority shall refuse to execute a considers that the execution of the request will be prejudicial request made to him under Part II or Part III of this Act, if he to the sovereignity or security of Sri Lanka.

> Refusal of requests.

execution of the request does not fall within the functions of (2) The Central Authority shall refuse to execute a request made to him under Part III of this Act if he considers that the the judiciary.

Mutual Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters Act, No. 39 of 2000 (3) Where the Central Authority refuses to execute a request made to him under this Act he shall forthwith inform the appropriate authority of the specified country making the request, the reasons for the refusal.

document issued by a court outside Sri Lanka in relation to a Sri Lanka, for the purposes of a proceeding in relation to a civil or commercial matter, or enabling the taking of evidence in Sri Lanka or the performance of any other judicial act in The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, the provisions of any other law, enabling the service in Sri Lanka, of any summons or other civil or commercial matter arising outside Sri Lanka. 14.

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In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. 15.

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Interpretation. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires----16.

"Country" shall be deemed to include the Hong Kong Administrative region of the People's Republic of China;

process for the enforcement or execution of an order or judgment or an order for provisional or protective "Judicial act" does not include the issue of a writ or other measures.

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දිනය 606 18th June,2011 Date

Mr. Rick Hamilton, 633 Yesler Way, Seattle, WA 98104, United States of America

1. This office is the Central Authority of the Government of Sri Lanka ("Central Authority") designated in Article 2 of the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters ("Hague Service Convention").

2. On 06.06.2011 the Central Authority received a request (the "Request") from Process Forwarding International, Seattle Washington to serve legal process in the form of a summons and complaint in the matter of *Manoharan et al.v. Percy Mahendra ("Mahinda") Rajapaksa*, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, United States of America, No. 1:11 –cv-00235 (CKK) (the "*Manoharan* Lawsuit").

3. It appears to the Central Authority that the Manoharan Lawsuit makes claims against the Head of State of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka ("Sri Lanka"), H.E. President Mahinda Rajapaksa, for actions allegedly occurring under his "command responsibility" as Head of State, Head of Government and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Sri Lanka.

4. It would be seriously prejudicial to Sri Lanka's sovereignty for the Central Authority to facilitate proceedings in the *Manoharan* Lawsuit against President Rajapaksa because *inter alia. (a)* As Head of State of Sri Lanka, President Rajapaksa is absolutely immune from the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States; (b) The claims against President Rajapaksa, for actions allegedly taken under his "command responsibility" as Head of State, Head of Government and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Sri Lanka, are in substance claims against Sri Lanka itself, for which both Sri Lanka and President Rajapaksa are entitled to sovereign immunity from suit; (c) The claims against President Rajapaksa intrude on the sovereignty of Sri Lanka because they seek to impose liability, under the laws of another country, for acts allegedly taken within the sovereign territory of Sri Lanka and under its own legal authority; (d) The claims against President Rajapaksa directly call into question expressions of comity and mutual respect between the governments of Sri Lanka and the United States, and thereby burden the relationship between the two nations; and (e) President Rajapaksa is not otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of a United States court for actions allegedly occurring entirely within Sri Lanka.

5. The Central Authority has been informed by the Attorney General of Sri Lanka that the foregoing points have been brought to the attention of the government of the United States of America, Department of State.

6. Accordingly, pursuant to Article 13(1) of the Hague Service Convention, the Central Authority of Sri Lanka hereby refuses the Request on the basis that compliance would infringe the sovereignty of Sri Lanka.

7. This note accordingly informs the applicant of the basis and reasons for refusal of the Request, pursuant to Article 13(3) of the Hague Service Convention.

Suhada Gamalath,

Sunada Gamalath, Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Central Authority

Suhada Gamalath, P.C. Secretary Ministry of Justice Superior Courts Complex Hulftdrop, Colombo 12.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

KASIPPILLAI MANOHARAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 11-235 (CKK)

PERCY MAHENDRA ("MAHINDA") RAJAPAKSA,

Defendant.

Affidavit of Mark Potkewitz

STATE OF District of Columbia COUNTY OF Washington

PERSONALLY came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named Mark Potkewitz and makes this his statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts and things set forth are true and correct to the best of his knowledge:

- 1. I am age 27. I am of sound mind.
- On September 24, 2011, on behalf of the plaintiffs, with the aid of two friends, I attempted to serve the complaint and summons in the above captioned case on the Defendant at the New York Buddhist Vihara at 214-22 Spencer Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11427-1821.
- 3. Mr. Dier, one of my friends, and I entered the temple at approximately 9:51 AM, EST, where we were interrogated as to the purpose of our visit. We were told that it was a "special day" for the temple because they were expecting an important guest.

- 4. After answering more questions and denying we were journalists, we were asked to show our state driver's licenses, and were granted entry and permission to take photographs of the interior.
- 5. Mr. Dier and I wandered the temple for around 20 minutes while taking photographs and chatting with the monks about Mahayana and Theravada Buddhism. After taking some literature on Buddhism and the temple's services, we asked if we could sit in on the service and were granted permission.
- 6. At approximately 10:12 AM, Mr. Dier and I were approached by a representative of the temple and told to leave because of the imminent arrival of the Sri Lankan president, ie, the Defendant. After asking to meet the President, or, at the very least, to have our photographs taken with him.
- 7. Mr. Dier and I were asked again to leave the temple and escorted out of the temple and witnessed the arrival of a Sri Lankan official Town Car with diplomatic license plates. Mr. Dier and I remained outside the temple on the sidewalk in an attempt to stall until the Defendant exited the Town Car. Bodyguards, both with visible earpieces and concealed wrist microphones remained between us and the Town Car.
- 8. The Defendant VIP was not allowed to leave the Town Car until Mr. Dier and I left the area. To ensure our departure, two bodyguards followed us around the street corner and down the block until we both rounded a corner of a commercial street.

DATED this the <u>29</u> day of <u>September</u>, 20<u>11</u> <u>Mark Englisher</u>

SWORN to subscribed before me, this <u>29</u> day <u>Septer</u>

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My Commission Expires: September 14, 2014



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DR. KASIPPILLAI MANOHARAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

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Defendant.

ORDER (October 13, 2011)

On October 1, 2011, Plaintiffs filed [6] Motion for Service by Publication or Alternative Means. Having unsuccessfully served Defendant with process via the Hague Convention, mail, and in person, Plaintiffs now seek to serve Defendant with process by one of a number of means, including publication, Twitter, Facebook, and email.

Having evaded service in person and refusing service under the international agreement established for the purpose of service of process on international defendants, "it is not reasonably possible or practicable to give more adequate warning" to Defendant than service by publication. *Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, 317 (1950). Assuming that Defendant does not already have actual notice of the action based on Plaintiffs' attempts to serve process under the Hague Convention, publication in newspapers of general circulation six days per week for four weeks is reasonably calculated to apprise Defendant of the lawsuit and afford him an opportunity to object.

It is, this 13th day of October 2011, hereby

ORDERED that pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(f)(3), Plaintiffs' [6] Motion for Service by

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Publication or Alternative Means is GRANTED IN PART. Plaintiffs are authorized to complete service upon the Defendant in his personal capacity by December 27, 2011 by publishing in two Sri Lankan newspapers with the largest national circulation three times per week on a staggered schedule to cover six days each week for a period of four weeks **and** by posting the full summons and complaint on the main page of the TamilNet website. Plaintiffs shall file proof of service upon Defendant by publication by December 27, 2011. Plaintiffs' motion is DENIED to the extent it seeks to serve Defendant in his official capacity through means other than as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(j)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1608(a).

SO ORDERED.

/s/ COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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AFFIDAVIT OF MARK POTKEWITZ REGARDING DOCUMENT SENT TO SRI LANKAN CONGLOMERATED NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS

STATE OF District of Columbia COUNTY OF Wushington

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- 1. I am 27. I am of sound mind.
- 2. On November 3, 2011, I accompanied Bruce Fein to the FedEx location at 419 11th St NW, Washington, DC and prepared three (3) envelopes for shipping addressed to the appropriate individuals at the various publishing groups (Motion, Exhibit 4). Each envelope contained the following:
 - a. A personalized letter to the advertising or marketing manager/editor of the addressed firm (Motion, Exhibit 5).
 - b. An English copy of the summons labeled "Advertisement" with a post-it note.
 - c. A Sinhalese copy of the summons labeled "Advertisement" with a post-it note.

- d. An English copy of the complaint labeled "Supplement" with a post-it note.
- e. A Sinhalese copy of the complaint labeled "Supplement" with a post-it note.
- 3. I observed the sealing of the envelopes and their preparation for shipping behind the counter.
- 4. I confirmed receipt of the packages at the addressed locations via the tracking numbers on the website for FedEx (Motion, Exhibit 4).

DATED this the 21 day of November March E. Johner Signature of Affiant

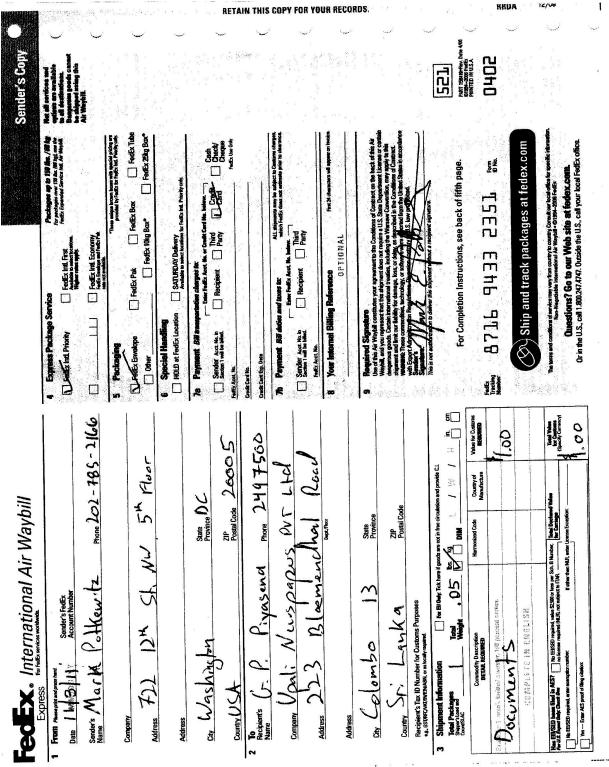
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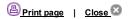
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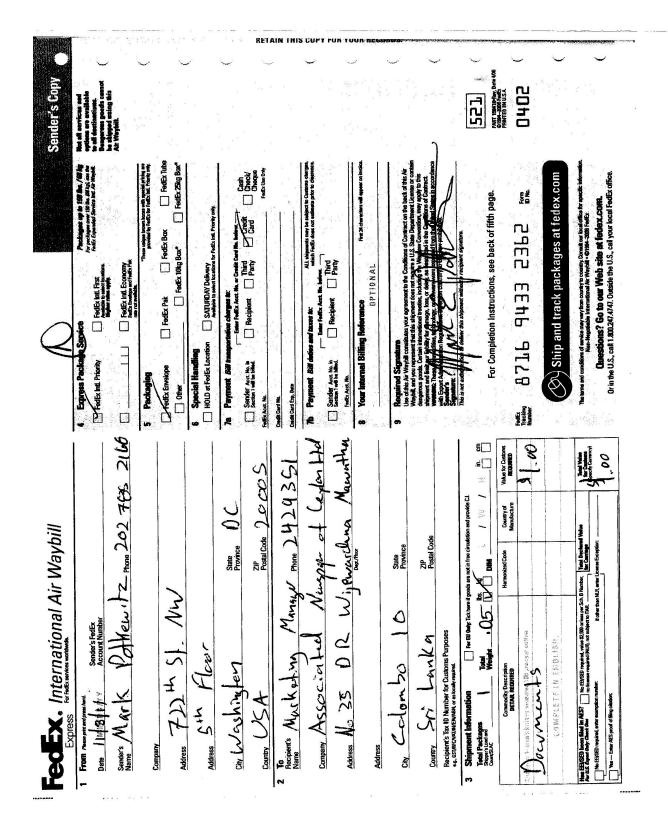


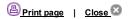
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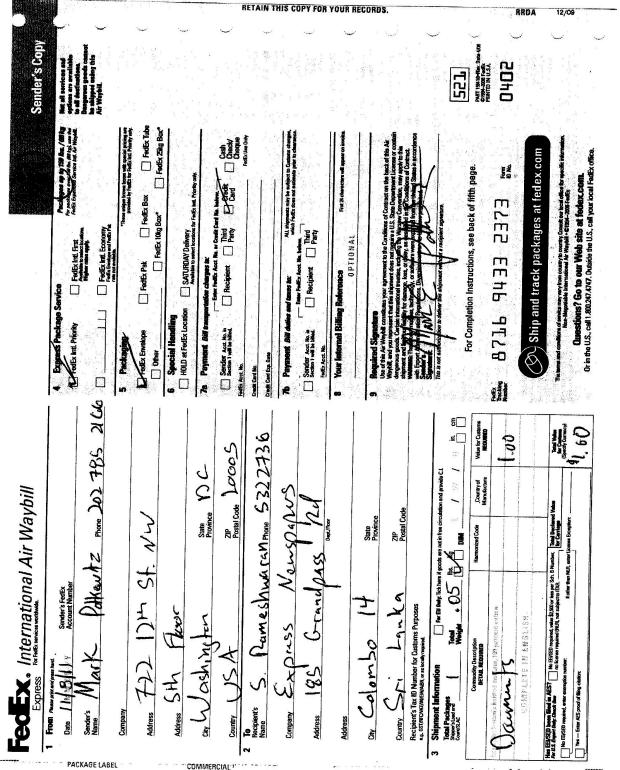
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November 1, 2011

S. Rameshwaran Express Newspapers 180, Grand pass Road, 001400 Colombo, Sri Lanka advertising@virakesari.lk

RE: Advertising space in your esteemed newspapers

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is to request a price quote for a quarter page advertisement (Under 1300 characters) on the center page (Bottom Right) of the two newspapers of highest circulation to appear on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in one paper and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the other for four consecutive weeks commencing on November 14th.

Please see the attached PDF document, "Advertisement."

We would also like a price quote for a 4-page advertising supplement to be published on the above dates together with the specified quarter page advertisement.

The content for the proposed supplement is an attached PDF named "Supplement."

We are flexible with respect to the format and lay out you may employ to publish the material within the above said space confines.

I would be grateful for a reply at your earliest convenience, but please respond by November 16.

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Sincerely,

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Marketing Manager THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF CEYLON LIMITED No. 35, D R Wijewardena Mawatha Colombo 10 Sri Lanka Email: webmarketing@lakehouse.lk

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Attached, please find a pdf copy of the written request for advertising space as well as English and Sinhalese copies of the both the advertisement and advertising supplement.

Please inform us of your decision by this Thursday, November 16th.

Respectfully, Mark Potkewitz

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Mark Potkewitz

Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 2:13 PM

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Here is our yearend summary of media conditions in Sri Lanka. It was updated recently, though it might be revised (sadly, for the worse) before it goes online.

The government's effort to silence critical media has been brutally effective as politically motivated deaths, attacks, and disappearances go uninvestigated and unprosecuted. The websites Groundviews and its sister Sinhala and Tamil site Vikalpa became the last independent online news presence based in Sri Lanka, following a series of attacks on the website Lanka eNews. After arsonists attacked the offices of Lanka eNews in January, authorities arrested the site's Colombo-based news editor Bennet Rupasinghe in March and was held for several days in police custody for allegedly threatening a brother of a suspect over the arson attack before being released on bail. Published from London, the site was temporarily banned in April and was no longer available in October. Authorities have turned the notion of law enforcement on its head, obstructing justice in numerous attacks against journalists. Prime examples are the unsolved 2010 disappearance of cartoonist Prageeth Eknelygoda, and the unsolved 2009 murder of prominent editor Lasantha Wickramatunga. But those cases are hardly unusual. President Mahinda Rajapaksa has presided over an appalling era in which every journalist murder—nine since he rose to high office—has gone unpunished. Anti-press violence continued in 2011. In July Gnanasundaram Kuhanathan, news editor of the Tamillanguage daily Uthayan, was assaulted in northern Sri Lanka by assailants wielding iron bars. There have been no arrests in the case. Media access to the northern, predominantly Tamil areas of the country remains restricted for local and international media. The government rejected allegations that its armed forces and paramilitary groups violated international humanitarian law during the last phase of the war, saying there were no civilian deaths. Not have the secessionist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam admitted that they committed any war crimes.



In Sri Lanka, anti-government website blocked

New York, October 19, 2011--The Committee to Protect Journalists is alarmed by reports that access to antigovernment news website *Lanka eNews* has been blocked inside Sri Lanka, according to the site's exiled editor and users inside the country. All three language versions of the site, <u>English (http://www.lankaenews.com/English/)</u>, <u>Sinhala (http://www.lankaenews.com/Sinhala/)</u>, and <u>Tamil (http://www.lankaenews.com/tamil/)</u>, have not been available since Tuesday.

A Sri Lankan journalist told CPJ by email today that the shutdown could have stemmed from *Lanka eNews*' October 15 <u>coverage (http://www.lankaenews.com/English/news.php?id=12350SafariHTML%5CShell%5COpen%5CCommand)</u> of a shootout involving parliamentarians close to Defense Secretary Gothabaya Rajapaksa, brother of President Mahinda Rajapaksa. In Colombo on Saturday, a presidential aide and his bodyguard were shot dead in a fight involving opposing factions of the Sri Lankan ruling party during local elections, news reports <u>said</u> (<u>http://english.cri.cn/6966/2011/10/10/2821s662067.htm</u>). Other Sri Lankan media either ignored the story or played it <u>down (http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2011/10/after-local-government-elections.html)</u>. The government denies being behind the shutdown, *Lanka eNews* said.

Virtually all of the reporting for the site is now generated from outside the country. In March 2010, *Lanka eNews*' founder and editor Sandaruwan Senadheera went into <u>exile (/2011/01/united-nations-must-intervene-to-protect-sri-lanka.php)</u> in England after repeatedly receiving death threats.

"The blocking of access to *Lanka eNews* inside Sri Lanka is the next step in the government's move toward silencing this adamantly anti-establishment website," said Bob Dietz, CPJ's Asia program coordinator. "*Lanka eNews* is one of the country's few independent news sources left uncowed. This is another effort by the Rajapaksa government to stifle independent media criticism. The government must back away from this policy and allow the country's once-flourishing media to resume their proper role."

In June, access to independent news and analysis website <u>Groundviews (http://groundviews.org/)</u> and its Sinhala version, <u>Vikalpa (http://vikalpa.org/)</u>, were temporarily blocked, CPJ research shows. Groundviews founder Sanjana Hattotuwa told CPJ (/blog/2011/06/sri-lankas-groundviews-is-back-online-after-sudden.php) at the time that the shutdown was no mistake and it could have been a signal to them to shut up. <u>Transparency International</u> (<u>http://www.transparency.org/</u>), often critical of corruption within the Sri Lankan government, was also blocked temporarily at the time.

Lanka eNews has been targeted many times in recent years. In <u>April (/2011/04/another-lanka-enews-journalist-arrested.php)</u>, the site's staff members were arrested then released weeks later, and in the same month, the site was temporarily <u>banned (/2011/04/sri-lankan-authorities-ban-lanka-enews.php)</u> by a court order. In <u>January</u> (/2011/01/united-nations-must-intervene-to-protect-sri-lanka.php), the offices were hit with an arson attack. The

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Sri Lankan government blocks websites

New York, November 7, 2011--The Committee to Protect Journalists is deeply concerned by reports that access to at least five Sri Lankan websites has been blocked by the country's government.

The sites were blocked because they had maligned top government officials, the secretary of the media ministry told the <u>BBC (http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-15621160)</u>. A Sri Lankan official said, "A number of websites have already been blocked because they have engaged in 'character assassination' of the president [Mahinda Rajapaksa]," the BBC reported.

The BBC reported a government official saying that any website dealing with Sri Lankan affairs must register with the government or face legal action. Although newspapers, radio, and television stations must already register with the government before they start publishing, such requirements are new for websites, The Associated Press reported (http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-pacific/sri-lanka-says-it-blocked-5-news-websites-because-they-insulted-key-political-leaders/2011/11/07/gIQAy2yduM_story.html).

"Blocking online media is another step in the Sri Lankan government's plan to silence any media critical of its policies or personnel," said Bob Dietz, CPJ's Asia program coordinator. "The government must stop targeting news media and allow them to resume reporting."

The blocked websites include <u>Lanka eNews (http://www.lankaenews.com/)</u>, <u>Sri Lanka Mirror</u> (<u>http://www.srilankamirror.com/english/)</u>, <u>Sri Lanka Guardian (http://www.srilankaguardian.org/)</u>, and <u>Lanka Way</u> <u>News (http://www.lankawaynews.com/)</u>, according to Anusha Palpita, the director general of the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, the AP reported.

Lanka eNews, a staunchly anti-government website, has been under <u>attack (/2011/10/in-sri-lanka-access-to-anti-government-website-blo.php)</u> for more than two years. In <u>April (/2011/04/another-lanka-enews-journalist-arrested.php)</u>, the site's staff members were arrested then released weeks later, and in the same month, the site was temporarily <u>banned (/2011/04/sri-lankan-authorities-ban-lanka-enews.php)</u> by a court order. In <u>January</u> (/2011/01/united-nations-must-intervene-to-protect-sri-lanka.php), the offices were hit with an arson attack. The site's political cartoonist, <u>Prageeth Eknelygoda (/blog/2011/03/un-to-investigate-prageeth-eknelygodas-disappearan.php)</u>, has been missing since January 2010.

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BREAKING NEWS: Rajapakse will not answer, summons published on pro LTTE websites says media <u>chief</u>

Nirmala Kannangara | Published on October 18, 2011 at 11:27 am

"Neither President Rajapakse nor I on his behalf will answer questions on war crimes, Director of the Presidential Media Unit told Lanka Standard today. The defiance from the Presidential Secretariat came



President Mahinda Rajapakse. Will he answer to the gods?

when Lanka Standard asked the President's spokesperson how the President reacts to the new order by the US District Court on alternative service of summons.

Slammed by litigation and police investigation into war crimes Sri Lanka's beleagured President is running scared. In New York's Buddhist Vihara this September, the 65 year old Rajapakse refused to alight from his vehicle until two agents, there to serve summons on him in the Manoharan case filed in the US District Court of Washington DC, had been safely escorted out of the premises and the vicinity by his body guards.

Now, due to leave to the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting later this month Rajapakse has more on his plate. The International Commission of Jurists, Australia has passed on a dossier of war crimes to the Australian

Federal Police. The Federal Police we learn is now studying this dossier even as the Australian government is pressurized to take action against Sri Lanka. For H.E. Mahinda Rajapakse, life is getting uncomfortable – if not at home then at least when he travels abroad. Something we know the Rajapakses love to do. After all that is a part of the charm of being all powerful.

In the meantime the US Courts last week granted Plaintiffs Manoharan et al their motion to serve summons on Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapakse by publication or alternative means. In granting Plaintiff's motion filed October 1, judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly said the Plaintiffs were authorised to complete service upon defendant Rajapakse in his personal capacity by publishing in two Sri Lankan newspapers with the largest circulation and on the main page of the Tamilnet website."

On calling the Presidential media unit and asking to be directed to Rajapakse's media spokesperson this correspondent was directed to Mr. Lucien Rajakarunanayake.

On being asked whether the government or President Rajapakse will take action against any local newspapers that published the summons and the full 29 page complaint, Rajakarunanayake refused to answer any questions saying all allegations were baseless.

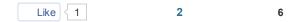
"In US none of the journalists are even allowed to talk to Obama and that is their democracy. But here anyone can talk to President Mahinda Rajapakse but he will not answer and is not answerable to these allegations. These summons have been published in pro LTTE websites. There are certain protocols to be followed. Speak to our Ambassador in Washington," he said.

Rajapakse pleads the fifth

"Neither President Rajapakse nor I on his behalf will answer any questions on this matter," he further said.

The Plaintiffs in the said case are seeking damages in excess of \$30 million against President Rajapakse for actions allegedly occurring under his command responsibility as Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

The complaint alleges that President Rajapakse held command responsibility for the extrajudicial killings of Ragihar Manoharan, the son of Plaintiff Dr. Kasippillai Manoharan, Premas Anandarajah, a humanitarian aid worker for Action Against Hunger, and first husband of Plaintiff Kalaiselvi Lavan, and four members of the Tevarajah family, all relatives of Plaintiff Jeyakumar Aiyathurai.



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Thank you but we will manage without outside pressure in Sri Lanka