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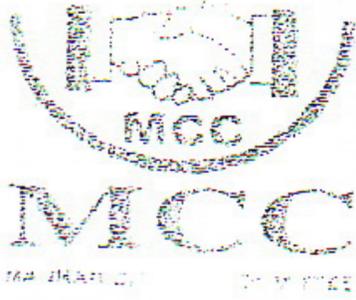
His Excellency, The President
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,
Presidential Secretariat,
Colombo

Through:
The Government Agent
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Your Excellency,

Threat and intimidation by Security Personnel under the cover of unknown persons

The Competent authorities in the higher echelons of the Security Sector claim that the Government has restored peace and security to the citizens of this country, but it is not so practically. The Security excesses, CID threats and intimidations continue to be the order of the day and civil routine almost daily. This is obvious in day to day life on the democratic and human rights workers particularly in the North and East. The Civil Organizations and their workers face threats and intimidations by various types from the Intelligence side varying from warning to telephone threats, extortion, and intimidation. Even the people affected in various forms expressing their grievances, objections or protests in the internationally accepted democratic way and peaceful resistance are not tolerated in this Country. For instance the people from the North proceeding to Colombo to take part in the Human Rights festival which took place in Sri Kotha were waylaid at Madawachchiya and Madhu Road Kattai Adampan and turned back. The relatives of disappeared demonstrating in Jaffna on 15th November were attacked by the Police and a few Catholic Priests mixed with the crowd too were manhandled. One of our coworkers, Mr Jude Bashil Sosai also known as "Sunesh" was among those who were in the forefront in the demonstration in Jaffna. He is the coordinator for Mannar District National Fisheries Solidarity Organization (NAFSO). He left for Colombo for NAFSO meeting. His wife and two children aged 5 years and 2 months old baby were at home in Mannar Town. A few unknown persons went into the house and knocked at the door shouting "ado Yonesh come out" many times. His wife shivering in fear confined herself inside the house keeping silent. After few minute, one of them tried to peep through by tearing the canvas over the grill. Then one of them dialed to Sunesh and asked him to come out and they are waiting for him in front of



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his house. Mr. Sunesh has the Mobile number and has recorded the caller's voice. Then Sunesh telephoned to his wife and told her to be careful, put the lights off and hide inside as if showing no one at home. All these took place in the absence of her husband.

Your Excellency, this is not the first time this gentlemen experienced this sort of episode. About a month back and about two weeks prior to that also the secret agents entered his house premises and tried to threaten him. He lodged a complaint to the Police complaint, but no action was taken to date.

Sir, Mannar town is falling under the high Security zone and fully secured by the Police and the Security Forces. Therefore there is no chance for any unauthorized unscrupulous elements to creep in and do these mischiefs.

Therefore your Excellency, we have to suspect the Police and the Armed Forces to be responsible for this unlawful and undemocratic activity. As your Excellency is the Head of the Forces, we are bringing this unlawful and undue trespass of these persons so that these will not be repeated and hoping that the persons responsible will be suitably dealt with.

We remain, Your Excellency


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