

BRING INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS ON GENOCIDE AND PUT AN END TO UNABATED POGROMS THAT HAVE LASTED FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS IN SRI LANKA



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From the times of British rule and the unitary State formation known today as Sri Lanka with an exclusivist ideology, known as the “Mahawansa mind-set”, the International Community has been responsible for giving time and space to the dominion state of Ceylon and the unitary State of Sri Lanka to commit unabated pogroms against Tamils and the Tamil-speaking Muslims.

The first pogrom was witnessed in 1915 and the latest one in March 2018.

Both of these were pogroms against Tamil-speaking Muslims waged by Sinhala mobs backed by sections of extremist Theravada Buddhist monks.

The majority community of the Sinhala people and the State, which constitutionally accords ‘foremost place to Buddhism’ have failed to punish the monks and their institutions that constitute the bedrock of exclusivist ideology that ultimately controls the Sri Lankan State.

The pogroms and genocide have systematically violated the basic rights of the Tamil people who constitute a nation. The pogrom of 1983 against the Tamil population led to an armed resistance that lasted 30 years costing the lives of over 300,000 people.

Finally, the armed resistance, which resulted in the internationally mediated peace process was crushed by the State through a genocidal war in 2009. International actors were also helping the Sri Lankan State, directly and indirectly, to carry on the with genocidal war, which was framed as a ‘war against terror’.

After the end of the genocidal onslaught, the same forces are now targeting Tamil-speaking Muslims and the Christians among the Sinhalese and Tamils.

A program of protracted genocide is being waged in the form of structural (demographic, cultural, economic) genocide against the Tamils in the North and East.

Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa was accused of providing immunity to the Buddhist extremists including Buddhist priests to create hate and violate the fundamental rights of other nations and communities constituting the island.

Even though the Muslim and Tamil people overwhelmingly voted for a regime change in 2015 and elected to power the incumbent President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickramasinghe with a hope that they would be impressed upon by the international community to put an end to the genocidal trend, the so-called 'good governance' government has utterly failed and betrayed the Tamils and Muslim people.

The recent incidents in Ampara, Digana, Teldeniya, Kandy and other towns are not spontaneous reactions to any particular issue, but an organised strategy to destroy the Muslim economy and morale. Tamils and Muslims suspect that there are forces with vested interests handling these perpetrators of violence.

Almost all the violence was unleashed in the presence of the Police and armed forces, and mobs moving around freely engaged in violence in areas where a curfew was in force. Further, the pogrom was carried out when a state of emergency had been declared throughout the island. This is in spite of the assurances of protection given by senior police officers to Muslim civil society, religious leadership, and to the political leadership.

The damage to Muslims recorded so far is as follows:	
No. of Deaths	01
No. Injured	12
Fully Damaged Houses	62
Partially Damaged Houses	79
Mosques Attacked	17
Fully Destroyed Businesses	91
Partially destroyed Businesses	22
Vehicles Destroyed	60
Displaced Families	300

The State-sponsored anti-Tamil pogroms of 1956, 1977 and 1983 brought the Tamils, who have no State to represent them in the modern world order, to wage an armed struggle against the genocidal unitary State.

Finally, the Sri Lankan State launched a genocidal war on the nation of Eelam Tamils. The entire world was witness to the genocidal war, which claimed thousands of lives and crushed the de-facto State of Eelam Tamils.

The international community failed to protect the Eelam Tamils from the genocidal war.

The genocidal discourse in the island is connected to an ideology of the so-called Mahawansa mindset.

The democratically elected Tamil leaders, including myself, and several human rights activists have repeatedly urging the OHCHR and the Human Rights Council to investigate the 60-year old genocide in the island.

This violence in Digana was a repeat of the Aluthgama pogrom where Sinhala Buddhist mobs were allowed to roam the streets freely causing destruction while the curfew was in force. None have been persecuted so far for the violence in Aluthgama. There are 44 cases filed at the magistrates by Muslims against the Aluthgama attacks. The victims say these cases are not yet being inquired.

The main perpetrators are groups have used social media to mobilise gangs to gather in Digana in Kandy. There is ample evidence of extremists who have been released on conditional bail leading the hate campaign and causing this mayhem across the island.

There is also video evidence from Digana and social media of Buddhist monks and extremists promoting hate and communal tensions which could be charged under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

The State has failed to arrest all these hate mongers and establish the roots of the forces that were behind the campaign.

The Police and judicial process about the complaints of hate against the Muslims have had a lacklustre response up to now.

I have come again to Geneva to tell the heartbreaking consequences of the failure to order an international investigation on the genocide.

It is this failure, which has emboldened the Sinhala Theravada Buddhist extremists in the island to initiate violence and pogrom against the Muslims.

It is this failure that has strengthened them to demand the foremost place to Buddhism in the constitution. They are not prepared to change the unitary State structure.

It is this failure which has given rise to the same tendency in Myanmar against Rohingya Muslims by the same Theravada Buddhist extremism.

I urge the international community not to fail anymore in calling for international investigations against 103 year long pogroms and genocide in the island.

I am attaching some of the pieces of evidence collected by Tamil-speaking Muslims living in North with this appeal.

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ATTACKS AGAINST TAMIL-SPEAKING MUSLIMS IN SRI LANKA



Update on Kandy and related incidents as at 09th March, 2018 (11.00 am)

1. A 12-hour **curfew** was enforced in Kandy Administrative District from 6.00 pm on 8th March until 6.00 am today, the 9th of March. It was also reported that all government schools in Kandy District which were closed until further notice, may reopen on Monday the 12th of March.
(<https://www.newsfirst.lk/2018/03/curfew-kandy-administrative-district-lifted-10/>)
2. Last 24 hours has been **relatively peaceful** compared to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It was also reported that “3000 police personnel and 750 Special Task Force (STF) Police Commandos along with 2500 army personnel, 600 navy personnel and 30 airforce personnel are deployed on the ground”
(<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/article/1040369/12-hour-curfew-to-be-imposed-in-kandy>)
3. Despite the curfew, several individuals had come to attack the Mawilmada mosque area in Kandy at around 8.30pm on 8th March. However, Army personnel on the ground had acted swiftly against them to prevent any incident from taking place. This was the **only breach** of curfew reported for the night of 8th March. (Multiple local sources confirmed this.)
4. There were several **minor**, and what seemed like **isolated incidents** reported in other parts of the country where that a handful of individuals engaged in pelting a stone or a home-made small petrol bomb in Heel Oya in Bandarawela, Beruwela Town and Sarikkamulla in Panadura (Confirmed by multiple, credible local sources). It was also reported that similar incidents took place in Yapalwatte in Minuwangoda and Maasaduma in Hasalaka (confirmation through a single, credible source in each case).
5. Police announced that 2 killed (one person in a burnt house and one mob member through an accidental hand grenade explosion) and 11 injured due to the violence while the damage to shops, mosques and vehicles are being surveyed at the moment.
(http://www.lankadeepa.lk/top_story/මහදෙවර - ඉදිරිපත් වූ 2 මරණ 11 ක් - අනෙක් 11 ක් දරා තුවාල ලැබුවේ ය. 10-525341)
6. So far, 81 suspects have been arrested for mob violence in Kandy district and investigations are underway to arrest more. It is **significant to note the arrest** of Amith Weerasinghe who heads the anti-Muslim “Mahasohon Balakaya” (who was suspected as one of the key people in mobilizing mobs), a resident in Kandy District, on 9th March. Police announced that 9 others were arrested along with him and they have been held under 14-day Detention Orders issued under Emergency Regulations, for further questioning. (<http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/-suspects-arrested-over-Kandy-violence-four- during-curfew-146962.html>)
(http://www.lankadeepa.lk/latest_news/අමිත් වීරසිංහ - 9 දෙනෙක් සමඟ 81 ක් දරා අත්අඩංගුවට ගත් බව පොලිස් මාධ්‍යවාහිනියා පවසයි. 10-525343)
7. While the President or Prime Minister have **not** still visited the victims or the areas where the mob violence took place, the Commander of Army Lt. Gen. Mahesh Senanayake visited Kandy on 8th March and met with religious and community representatives promising Army resources will be allocated for **rebuilding** of houses, shops & Mosques damaged in the mob violence.
(<http://www.army.lk/news/army-troops-will-ensure-safety-all-communities-assures-commander-army-kandy>)

Update on Kandy and related incidents as at 08th March, 2018 (12.00 noon)

1. A **fresh wave** of mob violence continued from around 10.15am on 7th March until late evening, further to the update #05 below on 7th of March. “Fires raged in Akurana, in Kandy last afternoon **while the Curfew was still in place**, setting a large row of shops alight as Muslim leaders used loudspeakers to repeatedly **call for calm**”. “At 2:30 p.m., in Akurana, a row of 25 Muslim-owned shops went up in flames, spewing ash and sending up clouds of black smoke visible from miles away”. Residents in Akurana and Uguessapitiya complained about “law enforcement **inaction** in the face of the violence”
(<http://www.ft.lk/news/Fresh-wave-of-violence-erupts-in-Kandy-despite-curfew-and-emergency/56-650819>)
2. The number of total **arrests** made on 7th March is not officially available yet, apart from an announcement that 03 more rioters were arrested on 7th March. It was also reported that “One person was **killed** and three were injured” on 7th March, when a Grenade in the position of a mob was believed to have been accidentally exploded.
(<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-sri-lanka-clashes/grenade-blast-kills-one-in-sri-lanka-communal-violence-social-media-blocked-idUKKCN1GJ0TN>)
3. Though **no** Major Incidents were reported in the **night** of 7th March, there has been confirmation that **relatively** minor incidents of stoning or attempts to throw burning material, in Kassagoda, Pilimalawala, Ambatenna, Katugastota in Kandy district and in Malwana (Gampaha District). (confirmation through multiple local sources and witnesses).
4. It was reported a **tensed situation is prevailing** in Na-ula area in adjoining Matale District with Police having “deployed additional forces along with Riot Control Unit and Road Blocks put in place in at the moment. More details will follow later today.
(http://www.lankadeepa.lk/latest_news/නාලලා-විශේෂ-ආරක්ෂාවක්/1-525284)
5. President Maithripala Sirisena on 7th March 2018 **visited Kandy** for a meeting with religious leaders from all faiths, where he “requested religious leaders of all faiths to help maintain peace in addition to efforts undertaken by security authorities to maintain law and order”. However, President **did not** visit affected areas or meet victims as expected
(<http://www.dailynews.lk/2018/03/08/local/144955/religious-leaders-play-pivotal-role-maintaining-peace-and-harmony-president>)
6. Prime Minister made a **special statement** in the evening of 7th March detailing the actions taken so far and clarifying certain incidents broadly which helped to curtail rumours. He also said that “the government was compelled to block social media platforms temporarily as hate speeches were continuously being posted on them”.
(<http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/Security-forces-put-on-alert-to-face-any-eventuality-PM-146935.html>)

7. The State of Emergency declared on 6th March continues to be effective and **restrictions on WhatsApp, Facebook and Viber** were announced on mid-day of 7th March, still continues. The TRCSL (Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka) said that the decision was taken following a request made by Defence Ministry.
<http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=46281>)
8. Government on 07th March, announced that “All government schools in the Kandy administrative district will **remain closed** until further notice” quoting Education Minister Akila Viraj Kariyawasam “ (<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/article/1040261/kandy-schools-to-remain-closed-until-further-notice>)
9. The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Pujith Jayasundara has dispatched “**three special police teams** to Kandy” and the “police teams include three Deputy Inspector Generals of Police (DIGs) and three Superintendents of Police (SPs)” to investigate the incidents in Kandy district.
<http://www.adaderana.lk/news/46275/igp-dispatches-3-special-police-teams-to-kandy>)
10. A Joint Press Conference was held with Senior Ministers and Tri-forces commanders reaffirmed action will be taken against perpetrators and the incidents were led by organised groups attacking Muslim communities and not a clash between two religious groups. Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral Ravindra Wijegunaratne said that "This is **communal violence**, very different from a war situation.” (<http://www.firstpost.com/world/sri-lanka-struggles-to-contain-communal-violence-despite-state-of-emergency-govt-admits-to-lapses-4380715.html>)
11. Police Curfew which was re-imposed around 11am on 7th March ended at 10.00am on 8th March. However it is expected that the **Curfew** may be re-imposed in the evening of 8th March in Kandy District. (http://www.lankadeepa.lk/top_story/අදිරිනිසිය-10ට-ඉවතට/10-525279)

Update on Kandy and related incidents as at 07th March, 2018 (11.00 am)

Key Developments after 04.00 pm on 06th March 2018

01. President Maithripala Sirisena **addressed the nation** in the evening of 6th March, after the announcement of declaring Emergency and he condemned the violence, expressed condolences to the victims, ordered strict action by law enforcement to stop the continuation of violence, military and police deployed to maintain law and order, and warned any one instigating violence using Social Media will be sternly dealt with.
(<http://www.pmdnews.lk/special-announcement-president-maithripala-sirisena-march-06th-2018>)
02. The **Curfew which was extended** to Theldeniya and Pallekale Police Divisions until 6.00 pm on 6th March was extended and Curfew was imposed to the Administrative District of Kandy from 8.00pm until 6.00 am on 7th March 2018. It was also announced that all **schools** in Kandy are to be **closed** on 7th March as well (<http://colombogazette.com/2018/03/06/curfew-re-imposed-in-kandy-schools-in-the-area-closed>)
03. **Despite the Curfew** in Kandy multiple reports of **continued mob violence** was reported in the area. Police announced that 07 people “who behaved in an unruly manner” were arrested, while 03 policemen were also injured. However reports confirm attacks on Mosques and Muslim owned properties in Wattegama, Ambatenna and Manikhinna areas, while tensions were reported in Aluthwatte in Digana and surrounding areas of Madawala. Observers point a disproportion in terms of the scale of violence and the number of arrests made.
(http://www.lankadeepa.lk/top_story/අදිරිනිස-මැද-මැණික්වත්තන්-කළබල/10-525195)
(<https://www.newsradio.lk/2018/03/07/police-curfew-imposed-kandy-lifted-6am>)
04. In **other areas of Sri Lanka** out of Kandy District, including in Pugoda area in Dompe (Close to Colombo) where a **mob** has set fire to the mosque and 04 shops owned by Muslims in the early morning hours of 7th March 2018. Mobs roaming around in Mahiyangana was also reported by multiple sources. (<https://twitter.com/zahranc/status/970933518871252992> & other visuals with eye witness confirmations)
05. At around 10.15am on 7th March 2018, reports of smoke rising from Akurana mosque in Kandy and some tension was reported. And **Police curfew has been re-imposed now in Kandy District, again, with immediate effect.**

Update on Kandy and related incidents as at 06th March, 2018 (04.00 p.m.)

Key Developments after 10.00 am of 06th March 2018

1. Further to the Key Update #04 on the previous situation report at 10.00am today, it is confirmed that 27-year old Abdul Baasith from Theldeniya area has died after mobs set fire to the building he was in. Cause of death is **to be** officially announced once the magisterial inquiry is complete.
(<http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/Digana-clash-Man-found-dead-at-a-shop-146822.html>)
2. Police curfew which lifted at 6.00am today was re-imposed in Theldeniya & Pallekale Police Divisions in Kandy District around 11.00am, to be effective until 6.00pm today, due to continued volatile situation on the ground. It is expected that the curfew **may** be extended till tomorrow morning. (<http://www.dailynews.lk/2018/03/06/local/144737/police-curfew-extended-teldeniya-pallekele>)
3. Cabinet Co-Spokesperson Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara was quoted by Reuters "At a special cabinet meeting, it was decided to declare a state of emergency for 10 days to prevent the spread of communal riots to other parts of the country. He has said the Gazette notification announcing the same **will be** published today. Sri Lankan President promulgated a State Emergency a short while ago to redress the security situation prevailing in certain parts of the country. "The Police & Armed Forces have been suitably empowered to deal with criminal elements in the society & urgently restore normalcy," according to a [tweet](#) by the President's media division. I (<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/sri-lanka-declares-state-of-emergency-after-buddhist-muslim-clash-10018012>)
4. Police announced that 24 suspects arrested for unruly behavior in Teldeniya and Digana areas have been remanded until March 19th by Teldeniya magistrate's Court today. However it is **unclear** at this moment if the 24 people referred to here are the persons arrested initially on early morning of Monday the 5th of March immediately after peace was breached, and whose release was part of the original demands by the mobs which later became much violent as described in the previous update at 10.00am today.
(<http://www.adaderana.lk/news/46258/24-arrested-in-teldeniya-and-digana-remanded>)
5. At the Parliamentary session today multiple speakers including the Opposition Leader R. Sampanthan, leader of JVP Anura Kumara Dissanayake, SLMC Leader Rauff Hakeem and MEP Leader Dinesh Gunewardena condemned the incidents and urged that government take immediate action to arrest the perpetrators. The Prime Minister responding noted that the Cabinet had discussed declaring a state of emergency if the situation persists. He also acknowledged that there were lapses in certain instances on the part of law enforcement officials and assured stern action against those who were found responsible. (<http://colombogazette.com/2018/03/06/jvp-suspects-violence-in-kandy-part-of-an-organised-plan>)

Previously Update: as at 06th March, 2018 (10.00 a.m.)

Key Updates

1. Police curfew imposed in the Kandy administrative district, to combat a wave of racially motivated violence targeting minority Muslims unleashed by mobs following a personal dispute that resulted in the death of a Sinhalese man (on Saturday morning) was lifted at 6 a.m. today. Police Commandos (STF)/Military patrolling the area will continue according to police reports.
2. The Minister of Education had directed the closure of all schools in the district on 6th March.
3. Reports of dozens of houses, business establishments belonging to Muslims being burnt down and at least 3 Mosques (Muslim places of worship) being burnt by mobs that included Buddhist monks
4. One youth from Muslim community is reportedly dead, after mobs attacked his house and burnt the house while the individual was inside the house
5. Except for a statement issued late in the night of 5th of March 2018 by the Director General of Government Information Department, there has been surprising silence from both Prime Minister Wickramasinghe (who is also the Minister in charge of Police) and President Sirisena on the incidents.

Background

Kandy

- An altercation had taken place allegedly between a group of allegedly drunkard men (later identified as Muslims) and a 41 year-old Sinhalese man on 22 February, resulting in him being seriously injured. Though there are various claims of the actual reason for the altercation, none were related to any racial or ethnic motives.
- It is widely believed that the assault was due to a traffic incident. The assailants, residents of Ambagahalanda, Digana were arrested by the police, while a three-wheeler was also taken into custody.
- The victim, M.G.Kumarasinghe succumbed to his injuries at the Kandy hospital on Saturday the 3rd of March 2018 and his funeral was due to take place on the evening of 5 March.
- Immediately after the death at Hospital on the morning of Saturday the 3rd March, local Buddhist temple monks and Muslim community leaders along with a Senior Superintendent of Police had a meeting to “assure that the private affair resulting in a death did not end up as a racial issue”.
- It was unanimously agreed that community leaders from both sides will proactively work towards maintaining law and order, and until the night of Sunday the 4th of March, it was calm.
- Muslim community representatives on Sunday went to the temple in the village of the deceased and met with community leaders and handed over a monetary contribution towards funeral expenses and committed more donation to the family as a goodwill gesture. They also detailed how the community got together in making sure assailants surrendered to Police to enable legal process to begin in this killing.

- However it is suspected that the status-quo changed as mobs came in buses from other parts of the country and coincidentally 4 prominent anti-Muslim extremists (BBS leader monk Gnanasara, Mahasohon Balakaya group leader Amith, controversial 'activist' Dan Priyasad and notorious monk Ampitiye Sumana from Batticaloa) went to Kandy on the night of Sunday the 4th of March 2018 onwards.

Additional Notes – Earlier last week violence was reported in Ampara in the Eastern Province:

- Four shops and a mosque were damaged and at least three persons were injured in a clash when a group went on rampage in the Eastern town of Ampara on the early morning of 27th of February.
- The violence which took a racial tone is said to have begun after a group of Sinhala youth alleged that "Sterilization Pills" were added to a meal served by a Muslim owned restaurant to a Sinhalese customer.
- Prime Minister Ranil Wickramasinghe ordered an investigation on the conduct of the police in this matter as the suspects of the violence had been produced to courts and bailed without objection from Police.

Reactions and responses to Incidents in Kandy

- Government

- It was reported that President Maithripala Sirisena had directed the police and security sector to "hold an unbiased, independent investigation into incidents at Digana Kandy today". It also said that President instructed government officials to start a "new special programme" with all responsible parties to create peaceful situation in the area.
- Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera taking to social media noted that "Enough is enough. Inciting racial violence must be made a non-bailable offence and politicians who give leadership to such violence should be deprived of their civic rights".
- The Government of Sri Lanka "strongly and unequivocally condemns the recent sporadic incidents of violence that had sparked off in Ampara and Digana," the Government Information Director Sudarshana Gunawardana noted in a statement on behalf of the government.
- Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in his capacity as the Law & Order Minister has ordered another inquiry into the recent attacks on Muslim establishments in Ampara, as complaints of Police inaction have surfaced.
- The Office for National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR) in a statement on 3 March noted that it was the responsibility of the Government to ensure that immediate action is instituted against all those who are responsible for the incidents. "We must learn lessons from the past and do all that is required to prevent a recurrence of those tragic times.... Let us not allow a small group of extremists to turn us back from our desired goal!"

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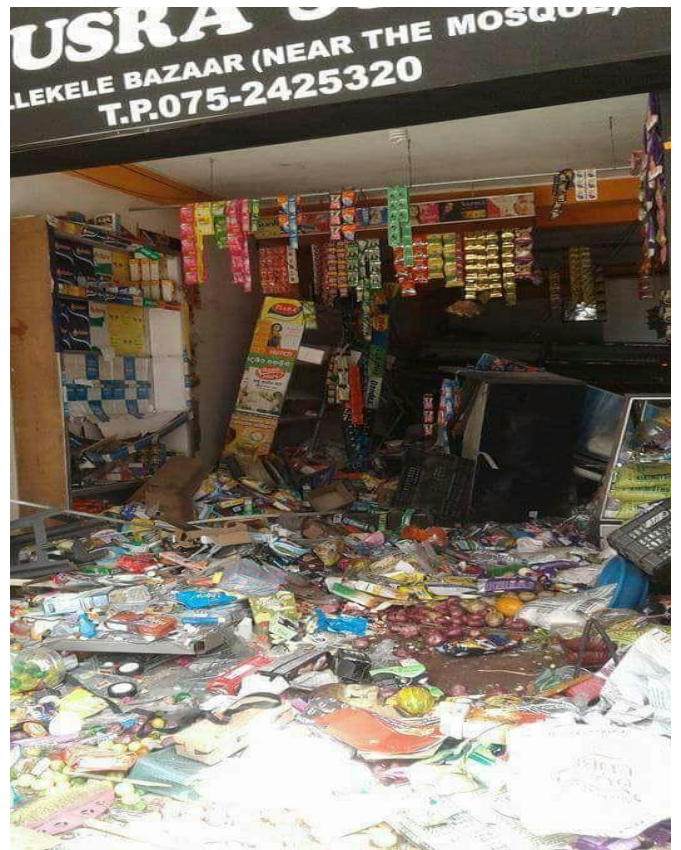
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Individuals & Organizations who are directly involved in spreading hatred via Social Media in Sri Lanka



Individuals

1. Amith Weerasinghe
2. Saliya T Ranawaka
3. Dan Priyasad
4. Ven. Arambepola Rathanasara
5. Ven. Ampitiye Sumanarathana

Amith Weerasinghe

Founder “Mahason Balakaya”

Mahason Balakaya is the single largest online community responsible for various anti Muslim activities in the recent past.

Organized and participated in a procession to Trincomalee.

Chief Architect of Anti Muslim Attacks in Kandy

Visited “Dafter Jailani” in Balangoda many times with the motive of instigating the Sinhalese Buddhists against the muslims

Organized and attended many pocket meetings at grass root level to brainwash Sinhaes Buddhists at the ground level.

Constantly spreads hate through his Face Book Page “ Mahason Balakaya”



Saliya T Ranawaka

Founder “Sinhale Jathika Sanwidanaya”

He was arrested for attempting to change the name of “Adam’s Peak”

Organized and participated in a procession to Trincomalee.

Constantly visited Wilpattu and falsely portrayed a wrong image about the Muslims of Sri Lanka through his Facebook page.

Actively engages in fund raising for communal activities through his Facebook page.

Openly calls for the abolition of Muslim Marriage Laws and Quazi courts.



Dan Priyasad

Out on strict bail conditions for instigating and resorting to violence against the Muslim community.

Led a mob which attacked the UN safe house for Rohingya refugees in Mount Lavinia.

Falsely accused a Muslim lady of distributing milk with contraceptives in Kolonnawa. This was later proven to be a false allegation.

Openly threatened the Muslim community with Fire during his protest in front of the Fort Railway Station.



Ven. Arambepola Rathanasara

Founder “Sinhale Jathika Balamuluwa”

Out on strict bail conditions for instigating and resorting to violence against the Muslim community.

Led a mob which attacked the UN safe house for Rohingya refugees in Mount Lavinia.

Led an attack on a peaceful vigil organized by the civil society.

Released a video on his facebook page harassing two female Christian evangelical priests.



Ven. Ampitiye Sumanarathana

Chief Prelate of Batticaloa Temple

Displays clear issues in anger management

Abused a Tamil Grama Niladari in raw filth at a recent event.

Has numerous cases against him for constant disputes with Tamil and Muslim communities.



Organizations

1. Bodu Bala Sena
2. Mahason Balakaya
3. Sinhaley Jathika Sanvidanaya
4. Sinhaley Api

Bodu Bala Sena

Was formed in 2012 by Ven. Galagodaaththe Gnanasara and Mr. Dilanthe Withanage

Has the largest number of followers among the Buddhist community

Deadly Aluthgama riots took place as a direct result of it's leader Ven. G. Gnanasara giving a fiery speech accusing the Muslims.

Doesn't tolerate alternate views on Buddhism by more moderate monks.

Still remains to be the most influential of all Buddhist Nationalist groups



Mahason Balakaya



Formed by Amith Weerasinghe.

Has the largest number of followers among the online community.

Has a network of members all over the country, which is used to spew hatred towards the muslims.

Provides Martial Arts training to its members

Their tag line “Budu Banata Heela Unu Yakku Bolaw” means they’re a group of devils tamed by the teachings of Lord Buddha.

Sinhaley Jathika Sanwidanaya



Formed by Saliya T Ranawaka.

Was accused of financial irregularities by its membership.

The leader often talks of his ambition to join politics to realize his dream.

Has a smaller following relative to other groups.

Often works within a syndicate with other groups as it cannot attract large numbers on its own.

Sinhale Api



Was formed under the leadership of Ven. Jamburewela Chandaratne

Considered to be the youth wing of Bodu Bala Sena

Members of this organization are seen actively participating in hate campaigns initiated by BBS.

