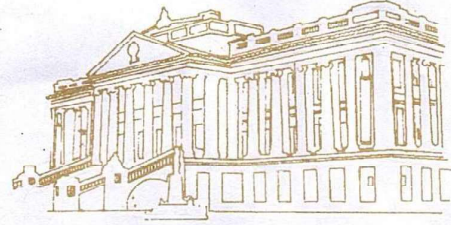




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**PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT**



Circular No: PS/SP/SB/C/23/2019  
October 04, 2019

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**All Secretaries to Ministries**  
**All Provincial Chief Secretaries**  
**All Government Agents / District Secretaries**  
**All Secretaries to Governors**  
**Secretary General of Parliament**

**Ensuring National Security**

In view of the terror attacks that took place on April 21, 2019, I instructed all Secretaries by Circular No. PS/SP/SB/C/14/2019 dated 23.04.2019, to take steps to ensure the security and welfare of the staff of all state institutions and the general public. Similarly, instructions were made by Circular No. PS/PCMD/C/16/2019 dated 07.06.2019 to provide multifaceted security measures for national security and for the general public via the *Gama Rekuma* organisations established in accordance with a proposal made to the Cabinet of Ministers by His Excellency the President. These 02 circulars are attached for your perusal.

2. During a time when many countries are presently subject to terrorist and violent extremist activities, the possibility of such events occurring in Sri Lanka too in the future as well cannot be set aside. Also, with the onset of the election period, there is a possibility for various individuals or groups to engage in election related violence as well as terror activities taking advantage of the backdrop of an election. His Excellency the President has emphasized that in order to prevent the occurrence of such activities, the current steps already taken in accordance with the above circulars need to be further strengthened and sustained. It is anticipated that this will provide immense support to the role of the security forces and the police to ensure national security and to combat any hostile and dangerous situations directed at all communities.
3. Taking into consideration the above factors, I wish to inform you on the directions of His Excellency the President to ensure that you direct greater attention to item nos. 01 to 13 of Circular No. PS/SP/SB/C/14/2019 dated 23.04.2019 on the subject of ensuring security in state institutions and places of national importance, and item nos. 03 to 10 of Circular No. PS/PCMD/C/16/2019 dated 07.06.2019 titled "Launching *Gama Rekuma* organizations at Grama Niladhari's Division level to assist in the maintenance of national security" and implement them.
4. Similarly, it will be the responsibility of all relevant Heads of Organisations to prepare a comprehensive programme to ensure security in state institutions, strategic economic locations, public infrastructure of special importance, places of public convergence, all schools, and all places of religious worship, and implement it with proper supervision.
5. I kindly instruct you to direct your full attention for the speedy and efficient implementation and supervision of the above activities.

**Sgd/ Udaya R Seneviratne**  
Secretary to the President

- Cc: 1. Secretary to the Prime Minister  
2. Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers  
3. Secretary, Ministry of Defence  
4. Chief of Defence Staff and Commanders of Armed Forces  
5. Inspector General of Police