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P.S. No : PS/CSA/00/1/14/9.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA
PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

To :

1. Hon. Upaly Abeyrathne Esquire
Retired Judge of the Supreme Court
2. Hon. Daya Chandrasiri Jayathilaka Esquire
Retired Judge of the Court of Appeal
3. Chandra Fernando Esquire
Retired Inspector-General of Police

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS the Government Officers and employees of State Corporations who held posts prior to the Presidential Election and/or General Election held in January and August 2015 respectively, member of the Armed Forces as well as of the Police Service have been reportedly politically victimized during the period commencing 08th January 2015 and ending on 16th November 2019 and a Presidential Commission of Inquiry has been established by the Warrant issued on 09th January 2020 under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in terms of Section 2 of the Commission of Inquiry Act (Chapter 393) as amended to inquire into and make investigations in relation thereto,



AND WHEREAS, representations have been made to me that Criminal Investigation Department too should be included in relation to the matters specified at (a) to (d) of the said Warrant in addition to the Agencies viz: Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, Financial Crimes Investigation Unit of Sri Lanka Police or Special Investigation Unit of Sri Lanka Police referred to in the said Warrant,

AND WHEREAS it has been alleged that such political victimization processes were directed during the alleged political victimization period through a Special Anti-corruption Unit operational under the purview of the Prime Minister and that during the aforesaid period the said Anti-corruption Unit decide in the first instance who was to be investigated and thereafter referred the complaints to the Commission to Investigate allegations of Bribery or Corruption, Financial Crime Investigation Unit of Sri Lanka Police and/or Special Investigation Unit of Sri Lanka Police, Criminal Investigation Department or any other Entity,

AND WHEREAS it has been brought to my attention that due to the intervention of a politically influential third party there was the likelihood of prejudice being caused to some party or persons in the administration of law or administration of justice and action being instituted by the said Agencies with regard to the complaints made in relation to officers of the Tri-forces and Sri Lanka Police has had an adverse impact on the National Security,

I do hereby also insert the term: "Criminal Investigation Department" in all relevant places in addition to the Agencies referred to at (a) to (d) of the aforesaid Warrant and further insert the following in addition to the matters to be inquired into and information obtained in relation thereto as referred to at (a) to (d) thereof viz:

- (e) Of the complaints made to the said Agencies during the period commencing 08th January 2015 and ending on 16th November 2019 -

To ascertain all complaints the investigation of which was first allegedly decided upon by the Investigation Unit referred to in the Warrant and thereafter investigation thereon initiated and those complaints made in relation to officers of the Tri-forces and Sri Lanka Police that affect the national security and in the case of inquiries, investigations and legal proceedings held causing prejudice to some person in the administration of laws or administration of Justice due to pressure being exerted by a third party and in the case of inquiries, investigations and legal proceedings held in relation to the Tri-forces and Sri Lanka Police and the Public Service affecting the National Security and /or where prejudice was deemed to have been caused in any manner whatsoever and take immediate necessary measures to prevent prejudice being caused and National Security and Public Services being adversely affected.

I do hereby require you to take all such steps that may be required in the execution of the above functions of the Commission of Inquiry established by the aforesaid Warrant reposing great trust and confidence in your integrity, prudence, ability and fidelity.

Given at Colombo, under the seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on this 22nd day of January Two thousand and Twenty.

By order of His Excellency,

P.B. JAYASUNDERA,
Secretary to the President.