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GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE

ESTABLISHMENT of a Presidential Task Force to build a Secure Country, Disciplined, Virtuous and Lawful Society in accordance with the powers vested in HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT by Article 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

To:

1. Major General (Retired) Kamal Gunaratne Esquire
Secretary to the Ministry of Defence
2. Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva Esquire
Commander of the Sri Lanka Army
3. Vice Admiral Piyal de Silva Esquire
Commander of Sri Lanka Navy
4. Air Marshal Sumangala Dias Esquire
Commander of Sri Lanka Air Force
5. Mr. C.D. Wickremarathne Esquire
Acting Inspector General of Police
6. Major General (Retired) Vijitha Ravipriya Esquire
Director General of Customs
7. Major General (Retired) Jagath Alwis Esquire
Chief of the National Intelligence Service



8. Major General Suresh Salley Esquire
Director of State Intelligence Service
9. Major General A. S. Hewavitharana Esquire
Director of Army Intelligence Unit
10. Captain S.J. Kumara Esquire
Director of Navy Intelligence Unit
11. Air Commodore M.D.J. Wasage Esquire
Director of Air Force Intelligence Unit
12. T. C. A. Dhanapala Esquire
Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Special Task Force of Police
13. Waruna Jayasundara
Deputy Inspector-General of Police

Greetings !

While emphasizing that it is the most prominent responsibility of the government to give priority to National Security and create a virtuous, disciplined and lawful society which respects the rule of law and justice as it has stated in the policy statement “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour” ,

And, whereas it has been recognized that the security of the country is a key factor in establishing economic strategies aimed at the development of a country,

And, emphasizing the equal protection of the law for the well-being of the people and for building a civilized society,

And, considering that it is essential to liberate the entire society from the drug rampant spreading all over the society including the children who are considered as the future of a country is also a major factor in the social decline couple with the economic decline,

Now, therefore, I, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, appoint you the said :-

1. Major General (Retired) Kamal Gunaratne Esquire
Secretary to the Ministry of Defence
2. Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva Esquire
Commander of the Sri Lanka Army
3. Vice Admiral Piyal de Silva Esquire
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Deputy Inspector-General of Police

As the members of the Presidential Task Force to build a Secure Country, Disciplined, Virtuous and Lawful Society and to execute the below-mentioned tasks:

1. Taking necessary immediate steps to curb the illegal activities of social groups which are violating the law which is emerging as harmful to the free and peaceful existence of society at present in some places of the country
2. Take necessary measures for prevention from drug menace, prevent entry of drugs from abroad through ports and airports and to fully eradicate drug trafficking in the country and to prevent other social illnesses caused by drug abuse
3. Take necessary measures to take legal action against persons responsible for the illegal and antisocial activities conducting in Sri Lanka while locating in other countries
4. To investigate and prevent any illegal and antisocial activities in and around prisons

Also, I appoint **Secretary to the Ministry of Defence Major General (Retired) Kamal Gunaratne Esquire as the Chairman of the Task Force,**

and **Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Mr. D.M.S. Dissanayake** as the Secretary of the said Task Force.

I hereby authorize the Presidential Task Force for the Establishment of a Secure Country, Disciplined, Virtuous and Lawful Society to investigate and issue directions as may be necessary in connection with the functions entrusted to it.

Further, as members of the Presidential Task Force for the Establishment of a Secure Country, Disciplined, Virtuous and Lawful Society, I am hereby authorized to submit reports to you from time to time.

Further, the Presidential Task Force for the Establishment of a Secure Country, Disciplined, Virtuous and Lawful Society may issue instructions or request that all Government Officers and other persons requesting assistance in the provision of services comply with such instructions. I hereby instruct all Government Officers and others to provide all possible assistance and provide all information that may be provided.

And, I do hereby direct the said Task Force to report to me, all cases of delay or default on the part of any Public Officer or Officer of any Ministry, Government Department, State Corporation or other similar institution in the discharge of duties and responsibilities assigned to such public officer or such institution.

Given at Colombo under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the 02nd day of June Two Thousand and Twenty.

By His Excellency's Command,

P. B. JAYASUNDERA,
Secretary to the President.