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**Proclamations & C., by the President**

P.S. No. : PS/CSA/00/1/14/39.

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

Seal

**GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA**

To :

- Hon. Justice Buwaneka Pandukabaya Aluwihare Esquire, PC  
Judge of the Supreme Court**
- Senadipathi Mudiyanseelage Wickramasinghe Esquire  
Former Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police**
- Nanayakkara Aparekkage Sujeewa Wasantha Kumara Esquire  
Additional Chief Valuer**

**GREETINGS !**

WHEREAS, noting with deep concern and regret, the loss of life and injury to persons, damage and destruction to property due to vandalism of all forms including arson, and looting and theft that took place during March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 and May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 in several parts of the country;



And whereas, I am of the opinion that it is in the national interest, public safety and wellbeing to obtain information, and to investigate and inquire into the aforesaid incidents in order to ascertain the appropriate relief and/or remedies to be afforded to such persons;

And whereas, I am of the view that it is necessary that a Commission of Inquiry be appointed to obtain information and to investigate, inquire into and report on matters hereinafter referred to;

And whereas, noting that the investigation and inquiry under this warrant is in addition to and without prejudice to any measures that have been taken or which may be taken in the future by the law enforcement authorities and/or any other stakeholders to hold the perpetrators accountable and/or to bring the said perpetrators to justice;

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 do, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, No. 17 of 1948 as amended (Chapter 393), by these presents appoint you, the said;

1. **Hon. Justice Buwaneka Pandukabaya Aluwihare Esquire, PC**  
**Judge of the Supreme Court**
2. **Senadipathi Mudiyanseelage Wickramasinghe Esquire**  
**Former Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police**
3. **Nanayakkara Aparekkage Sujeewa Wasantha Kumara Esquire**  
**Additional Chief Valuer**

to be my Commissioners to obtain information, and to investigate, inquire into and report on the following matters, namely;

- (a) claims of individuals, institutions, organizations and associations whose properties and personal effects were lost or subjected to vandalism of all forms including arson, and looting and theft that took place during March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 and May 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 in several parts of the country;
- (b) identify and categorize the victims and the types of properties, whether movable or immovable, which were subjected to vandalism of all forms including arson, and looting and theft during the said period;
- (c) set out the guidelines and/or the criteria for assessing the loss and damage suffered by the said victims, and quantification of the loss and damage suffered by the said victims whose properties and personal effects were subjected to any of the aforesaid acts;
- (d) assess whether the said losses and /or damages are covered and compensated by other alternative schemes such as insurance policies, institutional funding etc., pursuant to executive or administrative decisions or in terms of written laws of the Republic;
- (e) assess the compensability of such claims, ceiling of compensation, quantum of compensation to be offered to the victims in the event of successful establishment of the losses and/or damages and the process of payment of compensation to eligible victims.

And, I do hereby appoint you, **Hon. Justice Buwaneka Pandukabaya Aluwihare Esquire, PC** to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And, I do hereby authorize and empower you, the said Commissioners, to hold all such inquiries and make all other investigations, into the aforesaid matters as may appear necessary, and require you to transmit to me within **three (03) months** from the date of this warrant a report thereon under hand, setting out the findings of your inquiries and investigations, and your recommendations relating thereto.

And, I do hereby direct such part of any inquiry relating to the aforesaid matters, as you may in your discretion determine, shall not be held in public;

And, I do hereby require and direct all public officers, and other persons to whom you may apply for assistance or information to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly rendered and furnished in that behalf;

And, I do hereby declare that the provisions of Section 14 of the aforesaid Commissioner of Inquiry Act shall apply to the Commission.

Given at Colombo under the seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty Two.

By Order of His Excellency,

**GAMINI SENARATH,**  
Secretary to the President.

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