St. Nicholas' Church,
Navanthurai, Jaffna
2006-08-28

H.E. Mahida Rajapakse
President of Sri Lanka,
Colombo

Your Excellency

DISAPPEARENCE OF REV. FR. JIMBROWN AND Mr.W. VIMALATHASAN

We make this appeal to you with great pain and grief. It is already nine days since the disappearance of our dear priest Jimbrown and his companion. We learn that many appeals have already been made to your honoured self by various parties requesting your action to locate our priest and to bring out the truth behind this disappearance. We are thus, with the passing of every day, being driven deeper into disappointment by not hearing anything from you.

We hold that as President of this country, you are responsible for the security of all the citizens. This incident has taken place in the Mandaitivu-Kayts Islands which are in full control of the Government security forces and more specifically at Allaipiddy of which the SL Navy is in charge. Hence it reflects badly against your good governance if a responsible and respectable citizen like a catholic priest could disappear, notably during an afternoon, without the knowledge of your security personnel stationed there.

We, therefore demand that:
1. Immediate action be taken **to release him and his companion** or
2. An **impartial judicial inquiry, independent of the security forces** be instituted to elicit the truth behind this disappearance **immediately since these two lives are considered at stake.**

We make this appeal at the end of the 2nd day of the Hunger Strike organized y the Justice and Peace Commission of our Diocese.

Entreating immediate and personal attention,
Yours faithfully,

President   Secretary 1   Secretary 2

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