

St. Antony's Church, Mathagal  
2006-08-27

H.E. Mahinda Rajapakse,  
The President of Sri Lanka, Colombo

Your Excellency,

**Disappearance of Rev. Fr. Jim Brown and his helper at Allaipiddy and Violations of Human Rights.**

We, the people of Mathagal are deeply disturbed and anxious about the fate of Rev. Fr. Jim Brown, the Parish Priest of Mandaitivu - Allaipiddy and his helper, Wincelous Vimalathas, from Sunday, 20th of this month.

They have disappeared after crossing the navy checkpoint at the entrance to go to Allaipiddy on a motor cycle. According to the navy point records, they are reported to have passed that point again on their way out at 2.10 pm the same day. However, we are disturbed that they have not been sighted by any one since that time and we are compelled to count them now as having **disappeared under questionable circumstances in an area totally under the strict surveillance of the SL Navy unit stationed there.**

We do not have to furnish you with further details since we are aware, they have already been supplied to you by our Bishop and many sources interested in social justice and in their welfare.

We have to point out that this is not an isolated incident but fourth in that same area since April 30<sup>th</sup> this year almost under similar circumstances and with the same Navy contingent in control of that area. The previous three are:

- a) The murder of an elderly man of 72 on 30<sup>th</sup> April
- b) The massacre of 10 people including children in the night of May 13<sup>th</sup>
- c) Multi-barrel shelling of the church in which about 1000 people had taken refuge resulting in killing 20 people, wounding about 75 and destroying the church itself on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are disappointed to notice your lack of proper administrative action to stop such atrocities in spite of very many justice conscious parties appraising you about such events and about their background, You as the Executive President of this country, have positioned thousands of security personnel in the NE supposedly to provide security to us. It is a travesty of justice and an unpalatable truth that these same forces are directly or indirectly responsible for most of the abductions, extra judicial killings and disappearances of hundreds of innocent citizens.

If you are really interested in finding out the truth, we appeal to you, to appoint an impartial Judicial Commission, consisting of respected Judges, to inquire and report on the above mentioned and the following specific incidents:

- The killing of Parliamentarian Joseph Pararajasingam in the Batticaloa Cathedral during the Christmas Mass 2005
- The killing of 5 youth at Trincomalee on 2006-01-02
- The disappearance of 8 Temple helpers from a temple at Madduvil on 2006-05-07
- The disappearance of a Hindu Priest of a Temple at Kaithady around the same time. and subsequent finding of his body partially buried at Vannathipalam
- The killing of a whole family at Vankalai, Mannar on 2006-06-09
- The attack on the refugees inside the Pesalai Church, and the killings at the seashore there on 2006-06-17
- The killing of 17 INGO personnel at Muthur
- The killing of social worker Mr. Sivamaharaja at Tellippalai early this week

**There is no reasonable purpose in appointing officers from security forces to conduct inquiries into incidents purported to have been committed by some among them.** Surely laws have provided sufficient other avenues to help you to unearth the truth behind such grievous incidents affecting the Rights of a people and damaging the reputation of this Country.

**May we also point out that other interested local and international individuals, institutions and even Governments have requested you to adopt such an approach to halt the continuation of such atrocities.**

Entreating you to take firm action to reinstall a sense of Human Rights,

Yours truly,  
(Sgd) Fr. A.C.Christopher,  
Parish Priest

(On behalf of all 166, who took part in a silent prayer for these intentions today and signed this document)

Copy to His Holiness The Pope, The Apostolic Delegate in SL and the CBCSL  
The Secretary General of the UN, Hon. Prime Minister of India and Other Diplomatic Missions in SL,  
HRC - Colombo, and the Asian HR Commission,  
The Media

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