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

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



MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA.

To :

Tilakaratne Arachchige Mahanama Tilakaratne Esquire.  
(Retired Judge of High Court)

*Greetings :*

WHEREAS, incidents of abductions, disappearances, unidentified dead bodies and killings of persons have been reported throughout the Island during the recent past ;.

And whereas it appears to me to be necessary to establish a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of inquiring into the matters hereinafter mentioned, being matters in respect of which an inquiry will, in my opinion, be in the public interest ;

Now, therefore, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, President, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do, in pursuance of provisions of Section 2 (c) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, (Chapter 393), by these presents, appoint you, the said :

Tilakaratne Arachchige Mahanama Tilakaratne Esquire.

to be my Commissioner to inquire and report on the following matters ;

- (a) Examine the circumstances that led to such incidents of abductions, disappearances, unidentified dead bodies and unexplained killings as were reported throughout Sri Lanka since 13.09.2006 ;
- (b) Identify any armed group or groups, any other forces or persons who are directly or indirectly responsible for or involved in these incidents ;
- (c) Identify the causes and motives for such incidents ;
- (d) Assess the adequacy of the security arrangements made by the Police and the Security Forces to prevent such incidents ;
- (e) Whether the measures taken by the Police/Security Forces in the immediate aftermath of such incidents and thereafter to detect and apprehend the offenders, are deemed adequate ;
- (f) Recommendations for measures that need to be taken to prevent occurrence of such incidents in future, based on the findings of the Inquiry.

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 six months, from the date hereof a report or interim reports thereon, under your hand, setting out the findings of your inquiries and your recommendations relating thereto.

And I do hereby direct that 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 for the purpose of your inquiry, 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 Commissions of Inquiry Act, (Chapter 393), shall apply to the Commission.

Given at Colombo, under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka this 04th day of June, Two Thousand and Seven.

By His Excellency's Command,

LALITH WEERATUNGA,  
Secretary to the President.