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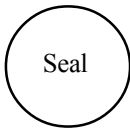
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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Proclamations &c., by the President

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



MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA

Uththama Pooja Pranama Padakkama

TO all to whom these presents shall come, I, MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Head of the State, Head of the Executive and of the Government, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Services Send Greetings.

Whereas, I am desirous of awarding this Decoration to reward to the mothers, fathers, wives, husbands and children of heroic fighters of all ranks of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Police Service belonging to both Regular and Volunteer Forces of such Forces who made the Supreme Sacrifice or who were reported missing in the course of bravely fighting to defend the unitary status, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Mother Sri Lanka as a mark of the sublime tribute from her to them for the great sacrifice made and commitment shown for the cause of protecting her,

Wherefore, I am pleased to make, ordain and establish the following Rules and Regulations for governance of the same, which shall henceforth be inviolably kept :-

Firstly

Style and Designation. — It is ordained that this Medal shall be styled and designated the “Uththama Pooja Pranama”;

Secondly

Description.— It is ordained that this medal circular in shape shall be manufactured out of metal and gold plated. At the centre of the obverse of it shall be embossed a map of the Unitary State of Sri Lanka and on such map shall be shown an embossed form of a soldier (Ranaviru) representing the armed personnel of the three Armed Forces and the Police Service who took part in the anti-terrorist operations, holding a weapon with his left hand and the right hand raised in triumphant mood. The incised figure of the fighter indicates that he is not among the living today. The fighter is resting his feet on two hands held high from below. These hands symbolize his mother, father, wife and children. Their supporting him on their hands indicate the encouragement they so heroically gave him to protect the Motherland as long as he lived. The sun rays depicted on the border of both the obverse and the reverse of the medal symbolize the bright future the soldiers ensured the Motherland by the sacrifice of their valuable lives. The emblem of the Republic of Sri Lanka consisting of the figure of a lion which being the totem of the Sri Lankan people set in the centre circle of the reverse of the medal encircled by a border of a lotus - flower motif and also by a decorative paddy-ear pattern running round same and a “Dharmachakka” positioned atop the design with a “Punkalasa” (Cornucopia) at the base, rising sun at right and moon at left with the Sinhala inscription “ශ්‍රී ලංකා ජනරජයේ රාජ්‍ය ලාංඡනය” printed prominently at the bottom of the design ;

Thirdly

Ribbon.— It is ordained that this medal shall be worn on left of the breast suspended by a blue ribbon 2 c.m. in width and 5 c.m. in length ;

Fourthly

Eligibility.— The parents presently among the living, wives and children of fighters (Ranaviru) of all ranks of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the Police Service of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka who paid the supreme sacrifice in the struggle against the terrorists are eligible to receive this medal subject to the following requirements :

If at the time of death the soldier had been married his legally married wife and children and parents presently among the living would be eligible to receive the medal. If the soldier (Ranaviru) had been unmarried person at the time of his death his parents presently among the living only will be eligible to receive such medal ;

Fifthly

Awarding of the Medal.— This Medal shall be awarded at a special award ceremony held following summons issued under the hand and seal of His Excellency the President, by His Excellency the President or the Honourable Prime Minister or the Deputy Minister of Defence or any other person appointed for the purpose at the discretion of His Excellency the President;

Sixthly

Forfeiture and Restoration.— It is ordained that His Excellency the President may cancel and annul the award of this decoration to any person on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence. Further, it shall be competent for him to restore such decoration too.

Given at President's House under the public seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on this 20th day of February, Two Thousand and Ten in the Thirty Second Year of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

By His Excellency's Command,

LALITH WEERATHUNGA,
Secretary to the President.

UTHTHAMA POOJA PRANAMA MEDAL

Regulations made by the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to grant forfeit restore and other matters in amplification of the provisions setout in the Presidential Warrant.

By His Excellency's Command,

LALITH WEERATHUNGA,
Secretary to the President.

Colombo,
08th of July, 2010.

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