

On behalf of the Government, I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to the injured persons and the relations of the deceased consequent to the recent attacks occurred this morning. I see this as an attempt to make the country and its economy unstable.

I condemn these attacks which targeted religious places and some hotels. We all should join hands to protect law and order. I have already instructed the Secretary / Defence, Tri Forces Commanders and the Inspector General of Police to take stringent action to ensure law and order in the country.

Further, I and some ministers had a discussion with HE the President in this regard. Secretary to the President, Attorney General, Secretary to the Treasury, Secretary / Disaster Management and Security Chiefs were among the present.

Law will be strictly enforced against the persons those who are responsible for these attacks after finalizing the investigations.

We shall bear with this unfortunate situation and work together to uphold the law and order.

Thank you!

ස්ථාන කිහිපයක අද උදැසන ඇති වූ පිපිරීම් නිසා ජීවිතහානි වූ සියලු දෙනාට සහ ඔවුන්ගේ පවුල්වල සියලුදෙනාටත්, තුවාල සිදු වූ සියලු දෙනාටත් රජය වෙනුවෙන් කණගාටුව ප්රකාශ කිරීමට කැමතියි. මේ සිදුවීම් රටත්, එවගේම රටේ ආර්ථිකයත් අස්ථාවර කිරීමේ බරපතල තත්වයක් ලෙස මා දකිනවා.

විශේෂයෙන්ම ආගමික ස්ථාන හා ජර්ධාන හෝටල් කිහිපයක් ඉලක්ක කොට ගෙන එල්ල වූ මෙම ප්රහාර මා තරයේ හෙලා දකිනවා. නීතිය ආරක්ෂා කිරීමට අප සියලු දෙනා කටයුතු කල යුතුයි. ඒ සඳහා අවශ්‍ය සියලුම පියවර ගන්නා ලෙසට මා ආරක්ෂක ලේකම් වෙතත් ත්රිවිධ හමුදාපතිවරුන් හා පොලිස්පති වෙත අවශ්‍ය උපදෙස් ලබා දී තිබෙනවා.

මමත් ඒවගේම අනෙකුත් ඇමතිවරුනුත් ගරු ජනාධිපතිතුමා සමඟ ගත යුතු ඉදිරි ක්රියාමාර්ග පිළිබඳව සාකච්ඡා කලා. මෙම සාකච්ඡාව සඳහා ජනාධිපති ලේකම්, නීතිපති තුමා, මුදල් අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් හා ආපදා කලමනාකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්ද සහභාගී වූහා.

දැනට මේ සිදුවීම් ගැන පැවැත්වෙන පොලිස් පරීක්ෂණ වලින් අනතුරුව මේ සඳහා වගකිව යුතු පුද්ගලයින් කුමන තරාතිරමකට අයත් වූවත් ඔවුන්ට එරෙහිව දැඩි ලෙස නීතිය ක්රියාත්මක කරන බව සඳහන් කරන්නට කැමතියි.

ශ්රී ලංකාවේ අප සැලකීම මේ ජාතික අර්බුදකාරී අවස්ථාවේ ඉවසීමෙන් කටයුතු කර සාමය ආරක්ෂා කරමු.

ස්තූතියි !

இன்று காலை சில இடங்களில் ஏற்பட்ட குண்டு வெடிப்புக்கள் காரணமாக உயிரிழந்தவர்களுக்கும், அவர்களது குடும்பத்தவர்களுக்கும், காயத்திற்குள்ளான அனைவருக்கும் அரசாங்கத்தின் சார்பில் கவலையைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றேன். இந்த நாசகார செயற்பாடுகள் நாட்டையும், நாட்டின் பொருளாதாரத்தையும் குழைக்கும் பாரிய செயற்பாடுகளென நான் கருதுகின்றேன்.

முக்கியமாக மத ஸ்தலங்கள் மற்றும் பிரதான ஹோட்டல்கள் சிலதை இலக்காகக் கொண்டு மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்ட இந்தத் தாக்குதல்களை நான் வன்மையாகக் கண்டிக்கின்றேன். சட்டத்தைப் பாதுகாப்பதற்கு நாம் அனைவரும் நடவடிக்கை மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும். அதற்கான அனைத்து நடவடிக்கைகளையும் எடுக்குமாறு நான் பாதுகாப்புச் செயலாளர், முப்படைத் தளபதிகள் மற்றும் பொலீஸ் மா அதிபர் ஆகியோருக்கு தேவையான பணிப்புரைகளை விடுத்துள்ளேன்.

நானும் ஏனைய அமைச்சர்களும் மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டிய எதிர்கால நடவடிக்கைகள் சம்பந்தமாக கௌரவ ஜனாதிபதியவர்களுடன் கலந்துரையாடினோம். இந்தக் கலந்துரையாடலில் ஜனாதிபதியின் செயலாளர், சட்ட மா அதிபர், நிதியமைச்சின் செயலாளர் மற்றும் அனர்த்த முகாமைத்துவ அமைச்சின் செயலாளர் ஆகியோர் பங்குபற்றினர்.

இந்த நிகழ்வுகள் பற்றி தற்போது நடைபெறும் பொலீஸ் விசாரணைகளின் பின்னர் இதற்குப் பொறுப்புக்கூற வேண்டிய நபர்களின் தராதரம் பாராது அவர்களுக்கு எதிராக கடுமையாக சட்டம் நடைமுறைப்படுத்தப்படுமெனத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகின்றேன்.

இலங்கையர்களான நாம் அனைவரும் நாட்டின் இந்த பிரச்சினைக்குரிய நிலைமையில் பொறுமையாக நடவடிக்கை மேற்கொண்டு சமாதானத்தைப் பாதுகாப்போம்.

நன்றி !

Special Media Release

A special meeting was held with the participation of Heads of Security Forces, Police and Civil Security Department and other relevant Agencies regarding the current security situation in the country, and during that meeting, the Government decided to take steps to tighten security at all religious places, tourist hotels, hospitals and Embassies and provide security to all the catholic religious leaders and important locations of the Government.

Furthermore, the President has instructed the Inspector General of Police to impose a police curfew across the country with immediate effect until further notice. Similarly, a National Action Unit has been established to conduct investigations under the guidance of the Chief of Defense Staff and to conduct search operations to arrest the perpetrators. Instructions have been given to all authorities of the hospitals to provide prompt treatment facilities to the victims.

At present, the process of body identification is being carried out and the judicial authorities are taking steps to conduct the postmortems promptly. The Government has decided to bear funeral expenses of all the deceased persons.

Currently, the Security Forces and Police are conducting investigations on these incidents and the Government has taken steps to temporarily block all social media avenues until the investigations are concluded.

Steps have been taken to declare April 22 and 23 as holidays for all government and private schools.

The Government requests the public to ensure peace while remaining in their homes and to provide necessary assistance to the Security Forces as security has been tightened across the Island.

The Tri-Forces have been instructed to ensure the security of the public and the Tri-Forces will ensure the security of the people in coordination with the Police Department.

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