

## Suppression Continues with Police Intimidation on Relatives of Anti Government Protesters!

The five protesters arrested in the first week of August have been further remanded until 5<sup>th</sup> of October. Earlier, the police used quarantine law to suppress protests, the police are now using the accusations pertaining to the common property law against protesters.

After the protest held at Parliament entrance on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, was dispersed, carefully targetted 5 activists were arrested, whom were accused of violating the common property law.

The police has argued that the protesters have set fire a replica of coffin on the road causing a damage allegedly Rs. 179,000 which is false calculation. This allegation has restricted the magistrate from freeing the protesters on bail. Among the arrested Chameera Koswatta is the Organizing Secretary of the Front Line Socialist Party. Wasantha Mudalige is the Convener of Inter University Student Federation(IUSF). Amila Sandeepa, Heshan Harshana and Koshila Hansamali are activists of Mass Movement for Free Education.

Police is making a concerted effort



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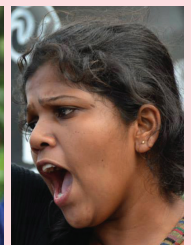
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to arrest lists of other political activists, trade union leaders and student activists. It is reported that security personnel in civilian clothes and police officers are engaged in intimidation of relatives or neighbours.

Political and trade union activists who took part in the August 3 protests and those with nothing to do with the protests are being pursued further arrest.

The Inter-University Student Federation (IUSF), withstanding the arrest challenge on its activists, has released a report with detailed information on the crackdown. 'The Report on Abductions, Imprisonment and Intimidation of Activists Involved in Peaceful Protests' released to media was also handed over to the foreign embassies in Colombo by a student delegation.

## European Union Delegation Tour in Lanka with Regard to Quaifications of GSP+

European Union (EU) has sent a delagation to observe, collect opinion and other evidence to review Lanka's qualification for GSP+.

Government has given assurance commitment to keep with international norms so that GSP+ is secured. This assurance was given during a meeting the fifth Working Group on Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights in Colombo on 29th September 2021.

However in Lanka, government is using many laws and regulations to suppress dissent, arrest peaceful protesters and use political influences on police, armed forces as well as judiciary to violate fundamental rights of the persons identified as opposing the government policies. European Union and the other international players with intentions to earn profits by economical and political means have never looked at the internal situation from the oppressed citizens' point of view.

## Murder of Father of Three: Reveals Soldiers' Criminal Practice

Commanding Officer of the Mattakkuliya Army Camp has been arrested by the police in connection with the murder of an individual in the Mattakkuliya area, the Army said.

The police began the probe after the victim (36) who was the husband of a Grama Niladhari in Mattakkuliya, was murdered. It is revealed that 13 soldiers serving at the Mattakkuliya Army camp in connection with the murder. There were many incidents of torturing and murdering persons after abduction and detention in secret locations, revealed during the 80s continued to another two decades. International attention was attracted by the crimes done during the armed struggles in north and south when youths were disappeared after arresting and abduction by armed Tamil groups, police, armed forces and para military groups.

During the last period of war in the north and east it was alleged that an uncounted number of Tamil youths were subjected to torture and death, mass graves were identified but the investigations never identified any perpetrators.