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

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GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

Presidential Directive

ESTABLISHMENT of a Presidential Task Force for One Country, One Law, by virtue of the powers vested in His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka by Article 33 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

To :

1. Ven. Galagodaaththe Gnanasara Thero
2. Professor Dayananda Banda Esquire
3. Professor Shanthinandana Wijesinghe Esquire
4. Professor Sumedha Siriwardana Esquire
5. N.G. Sujeewa Panditharathna Esquire
6. Iresh Senevirathne Esquire, Attorney-at-Law
7. Sanjaya Marambe Esquire, Attorney-at-Law
8. Eranda Navarathna Esquire
9. Pani Wewala Esquire
10. Moulavi Mohomad Esquire, Ulama Council, Galle
11. Mohomad Inthikab Esquire, Lecturer
12. Kaleel Rahuman Esquire
13. Azeez Nizardeen Esquire



Greetings !

Focusing on the fact that administration of justice, its implementation and protection under the law should be fair by all as set out in the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,

Whereas, it is indicated under fundamental rights therein that no citizen should be discriminated against in the eye of law on meted out special treatment on ground of nationality, religion, caste or any other grounds;

And whereas, the implementation of the concept; one country, one law within Sri Lanka is reflected as a methodology of ensuring nationally and internationally recognized humanitarian values,

And whereas, the fact that all citizens are treated alike in the eye of the law should be further ensured,

Now, therefore, I, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, appoint you the said :-

1. Ven. Galagodaaththe Gnanasara Thero
2. Professor Dayananda Banda Esquire
3. Professor Shanthinandana Wijesinghe Esquire
4. Professor Sumedha Siriwardana Esquire
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as members of the Presidential Task Force for One Country, One Law, in order to accomplish the below-mentioned tasks :

1. To make a study of the implementation of the concept; One Country, One Law within Sri Lanka and prepare a draft Act for the said purpose,
2. To study the draft Acts and amendments that have already been prepared by the Ministry of Justice in relation to this subject and their appropriateness and if there are suitable amendments to submit proposal for the purpose and include them in such relevant draft as is deemed appropriate.

And, I appoint Ven. Galagodaaththe Gnanasara Thero, as the Chairman of the aforesaid Task Force.

I appoint Senior Assistant Secretary to the President Ms. Jeevanthie Senanayake as the Secretary of the said Task Force.

AND, I do hereby authorize the said Presidential Task Force to make such inquiries and issue such instructions as are required for the purpose of executing the tasks so entrusted.

Furthermore, I do hereby direct you, members of the aforesaid force, to submit reports to me at least once a month and submit the final report on or before 28th February, 2022.

AND, I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons to whom the said Task Force may issue instructions or from whom assistance for provision of services may be requested, to comply with all such instructions, render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly complied with, rendered and furnished on that behalf.

AND, I do hereby require and direct the said Task Force to report to me all instances where any Government employee or an officer in any ministry, government department, state corporation or any such institution who delay the performance of duties and fulfillment of responsibilities or fail to perform such duties and responsibilities to be entrusted by the said Task Force.

Given at Colombo under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the 26th day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

By Order of His Excellency,

P. B. JAYASUNDERA,
Secretary to the President.