SRI LANKA: PROTECT THE PROTEST



To: President Ranil Wickremesinghe

Since widespread protests began in March 2022, Sri Lankan authorities have fiercely clamped down on protests and demonized protesters during a period of economic crisis and hardship in the country.

We call on you to:

- Respect, protect and fulfil the right to peaceful assembly, thereby ending the use of force against peaceful protesters.
- Drop all charges for participation in an "unlawful assembly" brought against peaceful protesters solely for their peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and release unconditionally those facing such charges.
- Repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act and issue an immediate moratorium on its use.

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