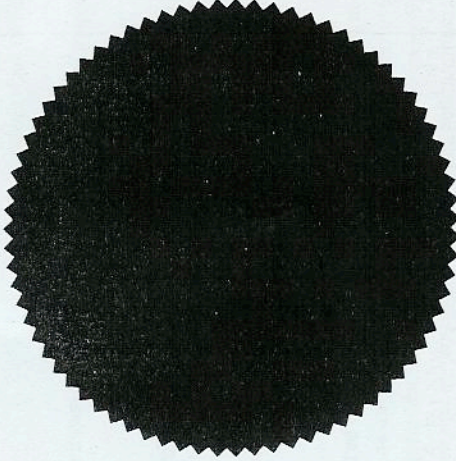


BY HER EXCELLENCY  
CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE KUMARATUNGA, PRESIDENT  
OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRILANKA



- To :
1. Suppiah Sharvananda, Esquire
  2. Sathyaloka Sasita Sahabandu, Esquire
  3. Mohamed Mohamed Zuhair, Esquire

Greetings

WHEREAS I am of opinion that it is in the interest of the Public welfare, to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

NOW THEREFORE I, Chandrika Bandranaike Kumaratunga, President, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act (Chapter 393), by these presents, appoint you, the said :

1. Suppiah Sharvananda, Esquire
2. Sathyaloka Sasita Sahabandu, Esquire
3. Mohamed Mohamed Zuhair, Esquire

to be my Commissioners, to inquire into and report on the following matters :-

(a) the nature, causes and extent of -

- (i) the gross violations of human rights ; and
- (ii) the destruction of and damage to property,

committed as part of the ethnic violence which occurred during the period commencing from the beginning of the year 1981 and ending in December 1984, with special reference to the period of July 1983, including the circumstances which led to such violence ;

(b) whether any person, group or institution was directly or indirectly responsible for such violence ;

(c) the nature and extent of the damage, both physical and mental, suffered by the victims of such ethnic violence ;

(d) what compensation or solatium should be granted to such victims or to their dependents or heirs ;

(e) the institutional, administrative and legislative measures which need to be taken in order to prevent a recurrence of such violations of human rights and destruction or damage to property in the future and to promote national unity and reconciliation among all communities and to make such recommendations with reference to any of the matters that have been inquired into under the terms of this Warrant ;

AND I do hereby appoint you the said Suppiah Sharvananda Esquire, retired Chief Justice, to be the Chairman of the said Commission :

And I do hereby authorize and empower you the said Commissioners, to hold all such inquiries and to make all such investigations into the aforesaid matters as may appear to you to be necessary and require you to transmit to me on or before 23rd January, 2002 a report thereon under your hands, setting out the findings of inquiries and your recommendations :

And I do hereby direct that such part of any inquiry relating to the aforesaid, matters as you may in your discretion determine, shall not be held in public ;

And I do hereby require and direct all Public Officers and other persons to whom you may apply for assistance or information for the purposes of your inquiries, and investigations, to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly rendered and furnished in that behalf :

AND I do hereby declare that the provisions of the aforesaid Commissions of Inquiry Act, shall apply to the Commission :

GIVEN at Colombo, under the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka this Twenty-third day of July Two Thousand and One.



K. BALAPATABENDI, PC  
Secretary to the President.