

RELANGI SELVARAJAH and her husband were gunned down in Bambalapitiya, Colombo, on 12 August 2005. Relangi Selvarajah was a journalist with Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and, together with her husband, was closely associated with the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam, a rival group of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Before her death, Relangi Selvarajah had been critical of the LTTE on the radio programme *Uthayan Darisanam* and a number of reports allege that the LTTE are responsible for the shooting.

SRI LANKA: JUSTICE FOR MEDIA WORKERS

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Dear President,

At least 10 media workers have been unlawfully killed in Sri Lanka since the beginning of 2006. Others have been arbitrarily detained, tortured and allegedly disappeared while in the custody of security forces.

Amnesty International is unaware of any investigation that has led to the arrest and prosecution of those responsible for the killing of journalists and other media workers.

I therefore urge the Sri Lankan government to:

- **Protect** media workers and their rights to life, liberty and security of person, in compliance with Sri Lanka's obligations under international law;
- **Respect** media workers and publicly announce that killings, threats, or other attacks will not be tolerated;
- **Investigate** all cases of attacks, disappearances and killings of media workers promptly, independently, impartially and effectively, irrespective of the identity of perpetrators or victims;
- **Invite** the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression to visit the country without delay.

Yours sincerely,

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