

24th September 2026

The Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Your Excellency,

We are a collective of concerned citizens of Sri Lanka, who are Members of Parliament representing the people of the country, especially the Muslim and Tamil communities. The purpose of this communication directly to your Excellency is to appeal for your most urgent and empathetic assistance to seek Royal clemency for a Sri Lankan youth, who is a victim of circumstances, charged with a criminal offence and held in prison in Saudi Arabia.

We have learnt through the national and social media reports in Sri Lanka and other sources that Mr. Sivarasa Anojan is facing the unfortunate situation of death sentence following the enhancement of his original sentence by the higher court which heard his appeal very recently. The original sentence imposed by the lower court amounted to five years imprisonment and payment of penalty, for an offence said to have been committed against religion.

We understand there is scope for final appeal with the highest court of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. We are calling upon the government of Sri Lanka to place before Parliament and the public confirmed information relating to the case including the nature of offence, legal and diplomatic approaches followed, and his current situation.

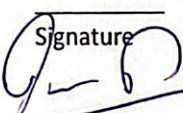
In the meantime, with or without recourse to final appeal to the highest court in Saudi Arabia, which involves huge legal costs, beyond any means of affordability by the family of that youth, who came as a migrant worker, from the lowest social strata and underprivileged background in Sri Lanka, as representatives of the people of Sri Lanka, we wish to inform your Excellency that we collectively vouch for that youth's innocence (or his consistent pro-peace profile and conduct). As a migrant worker, living far off from his family and community, it was likely that he may have had a disturbed mind, which may have instantly reacted to an untoward situation that occurred in Sri

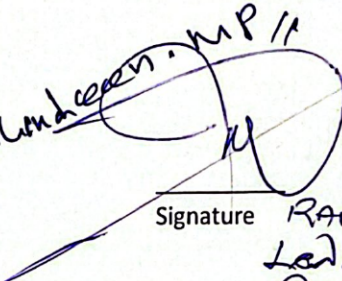
Lanka. However, we would assure you that he immediately retracted his comment on his Facebook and deleted it by offering an apology as well. We further affirm that it was not his character to have intentionally committed it, expecting to disrespect or offend Islam.

We would therefore respectfully appeal to your Excellency to help spare this unfortunate victim of circumstances, from any form of punishment, and save his innocent life in the true spirit of Islam. Accordingly, we would be most grateful if your Excellency's Government could grant Royal clemency to that youth, benevolently manifesting the highest ideal of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) and Islam – tolerance and empathy.

We remain,


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