

Government is setting stage for my elimination by first publishing lies and then withdrawing security

- CMC convener Mano Ganesan MP

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Government has withdrawn since 8 PM of 18th December the additional security provided to me aftermath of the killing of my co-founder of Civil Monitoring Commission Nadaraja Raviraj almost a year ago in Colombo's high security zone. Government's latest move is amidst my request for enhancement of my security due to the increased threats to my life. Eight out of the team of ten MSD security personnel have been called back with their weapons and security back-up vehicle. This is contrary to the view of MSD intelligence division which has repeatedly told me on increased level of threats to my life. I believe by this vindictive act government is setting the stage and paving way for my physical elimination says Western Peoples Front leader and Civil Monitoring Commission convener Mano Ganesan MP. Ganesan said further to the media,

Government's anger over me has increased manifolds since I was nominated to the Freedom Defender runner-up award the by US secretary of state Condoliza Rice on behalf of her government. This award is an acknowledgment to our human rights campaign and confirmation to the existing deplorable human rights condition in this country. Ruling Sri Lanka Freedom Party's official organ "Dinakara" in a front page story in its latest edition published on December 16th, 2007 has come very hard on me. It has described me as an arms supplier to the LTTE, drug trafficker and collaborator with the under world criminals.

I have today written to the IGP to initiate immediate investigations on the criminal accusations attributed by the official organ of SLFP. The police can take action against me if the SLFP provides evidences, if any. I have also handed over this subject to my lawyers for initiating legal action.

The very serious criminal nature of the accusation evidently indicates the fury of the political leadership of the government. This fabricated utter falsehood story is made deliberately with malicious intent to destroy my reputation as well of the government of United States of America. The hint in the story published by SLFP official paper is obvious. It is faulting United States of America for choosing me for the award, thereby gives an impression that US government supports all the criminality pinned on me. I cannot speak for USA. It is for the US government to make its responses.

Government's game plan is very clear. First, it publishes utter falsehood on 16th December, 2007 in its official party paper. This fabricated story orchestrates direct

threat to my life as my personal security is being endangered by 'LTTE arms supplier label' attributed to me. It could bring hatred from unsuspecting innocent people and could be used by communal elements against me. Next, two days later on December 18th, 2007 it withdraws my security and puts me into a vulnerable situation. This is against the known fact that I have been living under severe threats to my life due to my human rights campaign as the convener of Civil Monitoring Commission involved in monitoring involuntary Disappearances, Abductions, Extra Judicial Killings, Extortions and Arbitrary arrests and detentions in Sri Lanka.