



## **IFJ mounts campaign to free journalist Parameswary**

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Journalist Mounasamy Parameswary working in a Mawbima, Sinhala weekly newspaper Friday filed a Fundamental Rights application in the Supreme Court against her arrest and detention under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA). She in her petition said that her arrest is illegal and violating her fundamental rights.

Nimal Punchihewa, the head of Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission (SLHRC) ordered the officials of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) to furnish details pertaining to the arrest of Tamil woman journalist Paramesawary Munusamy before March 20, when hearings were held Friday morning.

The police who arrested Parameswary, officials of intelligence service, and the parents of the journalist gave evidence before the commission.

Mr.Punchihewa on hearing the evidence from them concluded that valid reasons have not been provided for the arrest and detention of Parameswary for more than three months.

The police officials involved in the arrest were then told to submit the evidence obtained from the journalist and the reason for her arrest when the next hearings are held.

Mano Ganahan, Colombo district Member of Parliament and the president of Western Province People Front was also present during the hearings.

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Mawbima (mother land) is a journal has been a strong critic of government of Sri Lanka, and other leading politicians involved in bribery, corruption and anti-rights activities.