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## We condemn the killing of Journalist in Sri Lanka

Yet another Tamil journalist has been shot dead in Vavuniya, in the north of Sri Lanka. The editor of the Tamil monthly NILAM, Subash Chandrabose was shot dead at his residence last monday.

The Sri Lankan government has been using terror tactics to intimidate the journalists, Tamil journalist in particular, who dare to expose or question the wrong doings and Human Rights violations of the government. It has become a matter of routine to threaten journalists who do not toe the line of the government. This killing follows an alleged death threat against a National Newspaper editor.

The Sri Lankan Government seems to be under an illusion that journalists and media personnel can be silenced by unleashing violence against them. In a democratic society It is the right of a journalist to report without any fear or hindrance, however unpalatable such reporting may be to the government or interested party. Any civilised society respects this right.

International Association of Tamil Journalists strongly condemns the continuing killings of journalists in Sri Lanka., and the intimidation tactics used by the Government against the journalists.

IATAJ requests the various media and Human Rights organisations world wide, to highlight these atrocities against the journalists by the Sri Lankan government. IATAJ also wish to bring these matters to the notice of donor countries and requests them to put pressure on the Sri Lankan Government to put an end to these killings.

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