

## **Statement of the Communist Party of Sri Lanka on the bomb Explosions**

The Communist Party of Sri Lanka expresses its profound shock, grief and concern unquestionably over the loss of life caused by the terrorist attack at churches and hotels on Easter Sunday. It was a brutal and blatant attack on the soul of Mother Lanka. It took place only few days before the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dawn of Peace after a 26 years of the cruelest terrorist war, reminding us of its disastrous consequences.

From all evidence hitherto revealed, it was a well-designed, clearly calculated, cleverly organized terrorist attack showing an international pattern of terrorism. Though it is too early to form conclusions, it is abundantly clear that the intention of the perpetrators was to destabilize the society, dismantle the economy, create fear and suspicion amongst religious and ethnic minorities and promote backlash. The hands of extremist groups associated with drug barons cannot be ruled out. The gradual shift of terrorism from Middle East to the South Asia, judging from the pattern of events, is a matter of grave concern.

It is the view of the Communist Party that this event should be taken into account most seriously by all the political parties of the country, beyond narrow political differences.

It is bounden duty of the religious leaders of all faiths to give leadership to the peoples call for unity and sanity. It calls upon in particular all the left and progressive forces of the country to realize the impending danger of the resurrection of extremism in the country and the imperative need to fight back decisively against those new trends of extremism aimed at destabilishing the society.

The Government should not only go deepening into the sources of terrorism but also probe whether there had been a security lapse and a neglect of intelligence warnings.

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