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Ceasefire agreement endangered - negotiations have to start now!

Dear Mr. Rajapaksha,

in the recent days the North and East of Sri Lanka is clouded with escalation of violence. Raping and Killing of a young girl allegedly by the Security Forces, killing of soldiers, killings of innocent people - businessmen, students and women - are threatening the people. Militarization has created tremendous amount of fear in the North and East. People fear of their own security, loss of life, property loss - even war.

Though the Memorandum of Understanding or Ceasefire Agreement is still in effect, both parties concerned are violating the agreement and curtail the normalcy.

People in the North and East of Sri Lanka are still suffering the damages of the long lasting war and the Tsunami. They had a breathing period of peaceful days since the Ceasefire Agreement was signed and are now forced to face and embrace a desperate situation of escalation of violence.

We urge both sides to end violence and to start serious Peace Negotiations leading to a sustainable peace - for the sake of your people and the whole country!

Yours sincerely