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Sandhya Eknaligoda and Prageeth Eknaligoda, Sri Lanka

Leading activist subjected to increasing threats and abuse

Sandhya Eknaligoda, a campaigner against enforced disappearances and wife of 'disappeared' journalist and cartoonist Prageeth Eknaligoda, has received a barrage of hate, abuse, intimidation, harassment and death threats on social media in recent months. The threats escalated after 24 May, when the Homagama Magistrate's Court convicted a prominent Buddhist nationalist monk, Galagodatte Gnanasara Thero, of threatening her. Sandhya's husband Prageeth went missing on 24 January 2010, in the run-up to the presidential election, as he travelled home from the *Lanka-e-News* office in Colombo. He was an outspoken critic of the government and had recently come out in favour of the opposition presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka, who ultimately lost the election. In the days leading up to his enforced disappearance he told a close friend that he believed he was being followed.

APPEAL

Call on the President of Sri Lanka to take urgent action against those threatening human rights defender Sandhya Eknaligoda. Urge him to ensure prompt, thorough and impartial investigations into the enforced disappearance of Prageeth Eknaligoda and attacks on other journalists, with the perpetrators brought to justice.

WRITE TO:

President of Sri Lanka Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
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Salutation: Your Excellency

The Deputy High Commissioner
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Salutation: Dear Deputy High Commissioner

