



එක්සත් සමාජවාදී පක්ෂය
ஐக்கிய சோசலிச கட்சி
UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY

Sri Lanka section of the
committee for a worker's international (CWI)

★ 53/6 ඊ.ඩී. දබරේ මාවත,
නාරාහේන්පිට, කොළඹ 05.
දුරකථන : 011 2504647

★ 53-6 ඈ.දි.ද.තාපරේමාවත්ත,
නාරාහේන්පිට, කොළඹ 05.

Dear Comrades and Friends,

To all political parties and activists,

This is an appeal to all those who defend democratic rights. The Sri Lankan government has recently introduced one of the most draconian pieces of legislation called the "Anti-Terrorism Bill." The existing Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) faced significant opposition in Sri Lanka and internationally. The current government of Ranil Wickramasinghe has deceived the public by replacing it with an even more draconian and anti-democratic law in history while pretending to abolish the PTA. We urge everyone to take a strong oppositional position against this law. We request everyone to come forward to defeat this cruel law, which creates a background to brand everyone who opposes the government as terrorists. Political activists and trade union activists can easily be vilified and persecuted if this law is enacted.

We request all organizations and activists to at least come together and come forward to protest the following demands:

- We demand the immediate repeal of the hated Prevention of Terrorism Act and withdrawal of Anti - Terrorism Bill which abrogates the democratic rights of the people.
- We stand for democratic freedoms, including freedom of speech, the right to assembly, and freedom of expression.
- We call on all political parties, trade unions, and other activist organizations to organize a national day of active protest to start building a massive mass movement against this vicious attack on democracy.
- We urge international organizations and governments to take immediate action against this brutal law.
- We call on all human rights organizations and trade unions around the world to condemn these brutal and repressive efforts of the Ranil Wickremesinghe government and take action against it.

We ask all of you to ensure your support for these demands (or at least parts of these demands). Let's stand together against one of the worst attacks in history on democracy, human rights, and freedom.

Siritunga Jayasuriya
General Secretary