

Committee Against Political Killings

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His Excellency the Ambassador for France,
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Your Excellency,

Assassination of Sabaratnam Sabalingam

We write to you with reference to the assassination of Sabaratnam Sabalingam, a resident of Paris of Sri Lankan origin, on 1 May 1994 by two gunmen, identified as Tamils. The details of the incident and the personal circumstances of victim are set out in the accompanying statement.

It is self evident that the killing of Sabalingam was as brutal and senseless as it was premeditated, and was carried out in pursuance to orders from those who not only wanted to physically eliminate him, but also instil fear and terror into the hearts and minds of others who did not subscribe to the political and organisational demands of the perpetrators of this crime.

The thousands of Tamils presently living in France and other European countries are gripped with fear that, unless the criminals who carried out Sabalingam's murder are apprehended and brought to justice, they will only continue with other similar acts of political violence and killings against defenceless persons within the Tamil community living in these countries.

We urge your Excellency to convey to the authorities in Paris the absolute need to vigorously pursue the investigation into the murder of Sabalingam with a view to identifying the murderers and those who are behind them.

Yours faithfully,

ATTENTION :- ~~AS~~ Jesuratnam