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Sri Lanka government has become world's only government that facilitates its enemy to act freely in the entire country.

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Soon after the assassination of Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar the LTTE using another tactic to cover up the brutal killing, announced through the Norwegian facilitator that they are ready for discussions with the government.

As usual the government had accepted the LTTE's offer unconditionally and now it (government) is acting as if the LTTE did not do anything against the government or the country, even as if it had not killed Minister Kadirgamar. Before the war, killing a man was a major issue and talked of by every citizen in the country, but in daily basis LTTE is continuing their killings against its political opponents, military personnel and civilians who had any links with the government security forces or the LTTE's breakaway Karuna. But the politicians seem to be not considering such killings and continuing to gain their political advantages in Colombo and only concerning their own security. Then who will take care of the public? No one seems to care about it.

Meanwhile two main parties concerned appear to be in a deadlock in their disagreement as to where the talks between them should take place. The Norwegian facilitators as well as the LTTE wanted Oslo to be the venue, but the government has not agreed to it up to now. Of course the government disagreeing about the venue due to the protest from certain par-

ties, which were demanding the government to put a condition against the LTTE to lay down arms before the talks. But finally, the government would definitely agree with the LTTE and would hold talks in a foreign country, as usual. Virtually the decision making part of the government is controlled by the LTTE's backed Non-Government Organizations and the Norwegians.

The government is only concerned about the venue, but it has to think about several other issues before talks and the government should put conditions about the targeted killings that are taking place on virtually on a daily basis, specially in the north and east. Secondly the government should put conditions against the LTTE to stop their human rights violations relating to the killings of political party activists, disappearances and child recruitment.

And finally the LTTE should come for talks with a clear mind should not cover up their recent killings or other Ceasefire violations.

But the government has no such backbone to put such pressures on the LTTE as it (government) only a 'puppet' guiding by several foreign countries led by Norway. So far the previous government or the current government had not put any such conditions before talks.

Some international community is acting in favor of LTTE, as the Sri Lanka government has not a good relationship with foreign countries. Though it (government) has foreign embassies and missions in

many countries in the world, it has not built close relationship with each country, as like Tamil Tigers.

In a recent press conference Cabinet Spokesman Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva urged the media to put their pressure using the media on the international community on LTTE that had killed Minister Kadirgamar in Colombo. Concerning the independent media it only had to publish balanced reports to readers or viewers etc. not what the politicians want but the government having good machinery in foreign countries and not using is a very 'thinkable' issue.

But the LTTE had used its foreign based links to promote the organization against the Sri Lankan government.

In another shocking development, in mid August Army Commander Shantha Kottegoda without informing his immediate boss, Chief of Defence Staff Daya Sandagiri and even President Chandrika Kumaratunga, removed a top and brainy officer Major General Vajira Wijegunawardane from head of the Operations Command Colombo (OCC), which is responsible for every security issue in the Colombo city without any reasons.

He only worked in the post for eleven days and suddenly a verbal order came asking him to immediately hand over his duties to Major General P. Chandrawansa on August 22. The reason to remove Maj. Gen. Wijegunawardane was making a comprehensive reports and measures that should be maintained in the future concerning the security in Colombo. As the head of the Colombo security he was asked to prepare thirty minute presentation to be presented before the Deputy Defence Minister Ratnasiri Wickre manayake on August 22. Maj. Gen.



Wijegunawardane had made a comprehensive action plan covering all accept of the security and then it was presented before the Chief of Defence Staff and Navy Commander Daya Sandagiri, Army Commander Shantha Kottegoda and Air Force Commander Donald Perera on August 20. In the action plan was the notion which said that LTTE cadres was arrested during last six months from Colombo to date though a large number of killings and activities connecting LTTE took place. After the presentation Sandagiri had commended the action plan and he wanted to add more details and asked Maj. Gen. Wijegunawardane to make it the action plan for one hour presentation.

But on August 22, following the order from the Army commander, military secretariat had informed Maj. Gen. Wijegunawardane to immediately relinquish his post. So far action has not been taken against the Army Commander even by Chief of Defence Staff Sandagiri or President or the Defence Ministry Secretary, that meant they also wanted to make access to Colombo easily for the LTTE, and continue their violent acts in the city.

Concerning this issue, the country does not want a security force any more as it is only a ceremonial force and because of that the Sri Lanka government has become world's only government that facilitating its enemy (LTTE) to act freely in the entire country.

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