

**MRS. CHANDRA ELLAWALA**  
SECRETARY  
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka  
118, Barnes Place  
Colombo 07  
Sri Lanka

February 2010

Dear Madam,

**Investigate Disappearance of Human Rights Defender**

I am writing to express grave concern about the disappearance of Mr. Pattani Razeek on 11 February 2010. He was last seen in Polonnaruwa, the North-Central Province of Sri Lanka, when he was on his way home.

His van was intercepted by a white van which was allegedly heading to the Eastern provincial town of Valaichchenai. Mr. Razeek joined them and has since disappeared. A text message was sent from his mobile, on 15 February, informing a family member that he was in Polonnaruwa and he would be home soon. However, he has not been found. His family reported his disappearance to the local police in Puttalam, as well as the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka. Disappointingly, your Human Rights Commission did not even give the family any reference number which is necessary for following up the case. Neither the police conduct any investigation.

Please be reminded that both the police and the Human Rights Commission have the obligation to safeguard the safety of civilians. Hence, we urge you **to take adequate actions to investigate Mr. Razeek's disappearance immediately.**

We are looking forward to your favourable response on the issue.

Yours faithfully,

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CC:  
Diplomatic representative in my country;  
MR. MAHINDA BALASURIYA, INSPECTOR GENERAL of POLICE

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