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## MESSAGE FROM THE HON. PRIME MINISTER

Easter Sunday is celebrated at the end of 40 days of Lent which serves as a sombre reminder of the suffering of Christ. That there is hope at the end of all our trials and tribulations is an important lesson that Easter teaches us.

At times we as individuals and as a country, tend to lose sight of the silver lining when dark clouds cover our skies. But Christ teaches us that the path to the light is fraught with pitfalls, and can only be fought with faith.

Christ was a leader whose ideas and teachings were ahead of his time. He challenged the status quo and questioned traditions. This made it difficult for the majority to understand him, and he was eventually sent to the cross by some of the very people he sought to save.

But he did not lose hope in his people until the very end, knowing that time will help them realise the value of his teachings; "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." All leaders must bear this cross, and not stray from the right path for popularity, but follow the example of Christ and do what is right for the people.

May this Easter take along a real change in our lives to see ourselves committed to individual and public wellbeing Christ preached and practically proved all through his life.

**Ranil Wickremesinghe**  
Prime Minister

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