

Press Release

Hon. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has visited several places following the explosion which occurred this morning (21) to inspect the current situation and to find further action to be taken regarding same.

Hon. Mr. Wickremesinghe has reached to St. Anthony's Church in Kochchikade, Colombo around 2.00 p.m. and has made discussions with the Priests of the same Church regarding the incident.

Then Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe has arrived to the St. Sebastian's Church in Katuwapitiya, Negombo and has made special discussion with His. Eminence Malcom Cardinal Ranjith including the Priests of the Church and Political Activists.

Discussions have made broadly on the damages occurred to the lives and properties due to the explosion happened in Churches and other several places in country and also the further actions to be taken regarding same.

While addressing the media at St. Sebastian's Church in Katuwapitiya, Negombo, Hon. Prime Minister has expressed the condolences of the Government to those who had lost their lives and to the relations of their families, and to the injured persons consequent to the recent attacks occurred today.

Hon. Prime Minister informed that, the Hon Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi had telephone conversation with him regarding these incidents and thereby Hon Prime Minister of India had informed that the India is willing to provide any kind of support to Sri Lanka in this instant.

Hon. Foreign Minister of Pakistan Shah Mehmed Qureshi has made telephone conversation with Hon. Prime Minister regarding the current situation in Sri Lanka and expressed the condolences too.

Hon. Minister of Education Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Hon. Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development Ravi Karunanayake, Hon. Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs John Amarathunga, Hon. State Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government J. C. Alawathugoda, Hon. Deputy Minister of Land and Parliamentary Reforms Edward Gunasekara, the Members

of Parliament namely Hon. Kavinda Jayawardena, Hon, Harshana Rajakaruna, and the Provincial Council Members namely Hon. Rose Fernando, Hon. Kithsiri Manchanayaka, Hon. Royis Vijitha Fernando have been accompanied with Hon. Prime Minister to inspect the the explosion occurred to St. Sebastian's Church in Katuwapitiya, Negombo.

Meanwhile, entire programmes scheduled to be held on tomorrow (22nd) at Temple Trees and other areas under the patronage of Hon. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe have been cancelled due to the situation occurred.

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