

On April 29, 2007 Uthayan Reporter S. Rajavarman was shot dead while returning to the newspaper office.

On June 21, 2007 V. Nimalaraj of the Uthayan editorial board was abducted and there is no news about his disappearance till now.

On May 28, 2011 Kathiravan Uthayan reporter was attacked while in his office. On July 29, 2011 there was an attempt on the life of Uthayan Assistant News editor G. Kugathan. He was warded at the ICU of Jaffna hospital for 3 days fighting for his dear life.

On February 7, 2013 S. Sivakumar was attacked with iron bars and his motorcycle set on fire by goons suspected to be minions of the ruling party.

At least 34 journalists have been killed in Sri Lanka since 2005 and three others have gone missing. Sri Lanka enjoys the dubious distinction of being placed 162 out of 179 countries by Reporters Without Borders.

There is a climate of absolute impunity in the North where killers are not caught by the long arm of the law. Or when caught and handed over, they are allowed to go scot free. In short, there is no law, only the law of the jungle prevails in Jaffna.

It appears UNHRC resolutions seem to have no effect as far the Sri Lankan government is concerned. Sri Lanka is going backwards in democracy. It has descended into a militaristic, authoritarian and dictatorial state bent on ethnic repression. Talks of freeing the people from the tyranny of Tamil Tiger terrorism goes on even as goons intimidate political opponents and media staff. Rule of law is quoted even when the highest officer of judiciary is impeached through a suspect process. Criminalization politics has gained upper hand. The government openly supports Sinhala - Buddhist fanatical groups like the Bodu Balaya Seva (BBS) and saffron clad monks go on the rampage to destroy mosques and business places of Muslim. Otherwise, the government want act in the way it is behaving defying world opinion.

Thamil Creative Writers Association (Canada) : Uthayan Tamil newspaper and TNA leaders are under atta

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We call up on all those who believe in a free press, the right to free speech and media freedom to condemn these attacks and hold Sri Lankan government accountable for such dastardly attacks on Uthayan newspaper and TNA leaders.

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