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INTRODUCTION

Sri Lanka is a multi-ethnic and a multi-lingual plural society consisting of Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims (Moors) and Burghers. Each ethnic group has a distinct religious cultural and linguistic identity which has to be carefully nurtured. It is the duty of all Sri Lankans to unite the forces contributing to the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka, and preserving its character as a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-religious plural society, in which all citizens can live in equality, safety and harmony, and prosper and fulfill their aspirations.

The total Sri Lanka population according to 2012 census 20,263,723 (100%), comprised Buddhist 14,222,844 (70.19%), Hindus 2,554,606 (12.61%), Islam 1,967,227 (9.71%), Roman Catholic 1,237,038 (6.10%), Other Christian 272,568 (1.35%) and others 9,440 (0.05%).

Muslims of Sri Lanka, whose rights have been mercilessly trampled upon by Tamil terrorists and Sinhala Buddhist supporters of Bodu Bala Sena and Jathima Hela Urumaya seek government and international support to protect our lives and properties in Muslim areas of historical habitation in Sri Lanka.

Today most of the Muslim Member of Parliament are Ministers and Deputy Ministers. They have tackled Muslim issues from and within the scope of their party politics and have sidelined the Muslim issues to suit their own political agenda.

Muslims can no longer be at the receiving end losing more and more lives and properties in the most horrendous manner for no fault of ours.

There are a number of events which are occurring presently in Sri Lanka which directly affect the Muslims and this is leading to unrest among the Muslim youths who simply cannot understand why the Government is not taking their concerns seriously. If this state of affairs is allowed to continue unchecked we will have another looming problem of immense magnitude – that is, the possibility of Muslims also taking to arms like the Tamils to resolve their grievances.

The government is responsible for the protection of all citizens, irrespective of ethnicity and religion. If the Sinhala Buddhist supporters of Budu Bala Sena and the Jathika Hela Urumaya take the law into their hands to protect the Sinhala Buddhist people it is inevitable the formation of Yonaka Bala Sena to protect the constitutional rights of the Muslims in Sri Lanka.

Al-Ceylan Muslim Documentation Centre - ACMDC has documented the Muslim population, list of Mosques, the holy places, Quran Madrasas and Schools in the areas of Historical Habitation of Muslims in Sri Lanka and the hate speeches and anti-Muslim activities by the Sinhala Buddhist supporters of Bodu Bala Sena and the Jathika Hela Urumaya during the last 18 months. These informations are necessary to organize citizen committees at village level in all the districts for awareness, reconciliation and peaceful co-existence of all communities in Sri Lanka.

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