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**For Immediate Release**

The undersigned Tamil organisations working with the key political parties in the United Kingdom, wish to express our solidarity with the organisers of the general shutdown planned for Tuesday, 25 April 2023 demanding an end to militarisation in the North-Eastern regions and removal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Despite repeated calls from the international community and against numerous commitments it has made to the United Nations Human Rights Council, Sri Lanka continues its heavy military presence in the Tamil homeland with constant interference by security forces in civil matters and continues to use the draconian Prevention of Terrorism Act to intimidate and subjugate the Tamil People in the island.

We fully support this action by the organisers and call on all political parties, civil society organisations and people in North-East to join the general shutdown and send a strong message to the Sri Lankan government and the international community.

**British Tamil Conservatives**



**Tamil Friends of Liberal Democrats**



**Tamils For Labour**



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