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His Excellency President Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Presidential Secretariat,
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka,
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Requesting to release the arrested people.

The following eight people, who went to worship at Vedukkunaarimalai Aathi Lingeswarar Temple, have been arrested by the Police on the Maha Shivarathri day on the past 2024.03.08 and detained at Vavuniya Police Station.

No	Name	Age	Address	TP No
1	Mr.Thampirasa Mathimugarasa	45	Kovil's Priest, Olumadu, Nedunckerney	-
2	Mr.Thurairasa Thamichelvan	28	Kovil's Committee Secretary, Olumadu, Nedunckerney	-
3	Mr.Makenthiran Narenthiran	29	Olumadu, Nedunckerney	-
4	Mr.Sivam Luxshan	28	Olumadu, Nedunckerney	077 6872 170
5	Mr.Kanthasamy Gowrikanthan	24	Olumadu, Nedunckerney	076 673 7419
6	Mr.Thilakanathan Kinthuyan	28	New Colony, Mankulam	-
7	Mr.Rasaratnam Vinayagamoorthy	30	Kanagarayankulam, Vavuniya	077 974 7441
8	Mr.Subramaniam Thavapalasingam	35	Parisankulam, Kanagarayankulam	-

Once the Vedukkunaarimalai Aathi Lingeswarar Temple, which is one of the Tamils' ancient Shivan temples, has been declared by the Sri Lankan Archaeological Department as the archaeological remains, the attempts have been made to identify this place as the Buddhist remnants. Hence, you would also know the racial and religious disputes are continuing for more than past since 2018.

In this situation, I expect that you will also concern such authoritative activities including prohibiting those who go for religious worshipping, the police attacking the people cruelly, assaulting severely the person, who transported water tank, causing him to be admitted at hospital, arresting those who participated with half-nakedly, carrying one of the Members of Parliament of this country as a sack full of things on the day of traditional fasting Maha Shivarathri of Hindu Religion would only intensify the conflicts between the two races further and further.

Hence, I hereby humbly request you to take proper measures as soon as possible to release these devotees who have been arrested by the Police without any fruitful reasons. It should also be noted that these people have not done any criminal activities and they went only to worship their God of Aathishivan at their religious temple.

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