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Dear Sir,

Subject: Urgent Notification Regarding the Current Situation at Sri Lanka Cricket

I am writing this letter to bring to your attention a matter of grave concern currently unfolding in the cricketing landscape of Sri Lanka.

At this very moment, the Parliament of Sri Lanka is engaged in a debate centered around Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). The primary objectives of this debate, orchestrated by the Minister of Sports, Mr. Roshan Ranasinghe MP, are deeply troubling and have significant implications for the democratic principles and autonomy of our cricket board.

1. Expulsion of Elected Office Bearers of SLC:

There is a concerted effort to expel the duly elected office bearers of SLC without any substantiated or proven guilt or misconduct on their part by approving a motion in Parliament. This goes against the democratic election process through members and undermines the fundamental principles of fair governance.

2. Introduction of a Constitution for SLC through Parliament:

The Parliament aims to bring forth a constitution for SLC without any reference to the SLC or its membership. This maneuver seeks to bypass the established structures and procedures within the SLC, violating the Constitution of ICC and placing undue influence on the SLC by the legislature.

The timing of these actions is particularly suspect, coinciding with the disappointment felt by the public following Sri Lanka's loss to India in the World Cup. It appears that the Minister of Sports is capitalizing on this moment to push through changes that serve his personal interests.

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It is important to note that the Minister has a history of attempting to obtain funds from SLC for purposes unrelated to cricket. SLC previously objected when the Minister proposed that 20% of SLC's income be allocated to the Ministry, a move that was rightly opposed to safeguarding the autonomy and financial stability of SLC.

In a disturbing turn of events, the public is being instigated to attack my home and family members, posing an imminent threat to our lives and the lives of other SLC office bearers. Additionally, we have learned that the Ministry is attempting to freeze all our bank accounts and seize the funds, including the savings of SLC amounting to 30 million dollars, which includes funds allocated by the ICC for events such as the Under 19 World Cup.

We vehemently believe that if these actions are allowed to proceed, it will mark a dark day for the entire cricket administration, not just in Sri Lanka but on a global scale. The Minister's continuous accusation regarding the integrity of the ICC and its members raises serious concerns about his commitment to the principles and values that govern international cricket.

In light of these alarming developments, we urgently request the ICC's urgent intervention to safeguard the interests of cricket in Sri Lanka. Your prompt attention and action on this matter are crucial to ensure the protection of the democratic processes within SLC and the broader principles upheld by the ICC and preserving the principles of cricket administration and protecting the reputation of the sport in our nation.

Thank you for your prompt consideration in this challenging situation.

Sincerely,
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