



Press Release

ARREST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE ATTACK ON SIYATHA TV

It is now a week since the news room of Siyatha Television was destroyed by masked gunmen. The Free Media Movement (FMM) is concerned that the authorities have not been able to shed light on the perpetrators of this attack even after one week.

The FMM and other media organizations have repeatedly questioned as to why the Police that investigate and prosecute other crimes successfully has not been able to arrest - a single person for a series of attacks against journalists and media institutions. This inaction by Police has brought the country disrepute internationally as well.

Whatever the motivation of the armed group that attacked and destroyed the news room of Siyatha television on July 30th, it is the responsibility of the government to swiftly investigate and prosecute those responsible for this attack.. Attacks such as these not only affect that particular media organization, but also sends a chilling message to all media institutions in the country.

The FMM calls upon the government to take effective and meaningful steps to arrest and prosecute the perpetrators of this attack and call on all those who value democracy to pressurize the government to do so.

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