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Re Reported Attack, Sri Lankan On Trial (March 3):

It is with a great sense of pain and anguish that I learned of the arrest of Rev. Paul Nallanayagam, a devoted humanist and social worker, and a person deeply committed to the liberation of women in the Third World.

Rev. Nallanayagam is in jail because he carried out his Christian mission, bearing witness to the truth. Truth is the unpardonable enemy of the Government of Sri Lanka. The Prevention of Terrorism Act, under which he has been tried, is the most draconian law

ever in Sri Lanka's legal history. Rev. Nallanayagam was arrested under this law because he made it known to the world that, under the guise of wiping out "terrorism," government troops have engaged in looting, arson and murder of innocent Tamil civilians.

It pains me that Canada continues to be one of the chief donors to Sri Lanka, while countries such as Australia, Maldives, Norway and Saudi Arabia have not only suspended their financial aid but have occasionally joined hands with such international human rights organizations as Amnesty International, Pax Romana and the International Commission of Jurists to condemn Sri Lanka.

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