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GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE

APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY ALL ARMED FORCES TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS INFECTION AMONG MEMBERS OF THE TRI-FORCES

To:

1. Marshal of the Air Force Roshan Goonetilleke
2. Admiral Jayantha Perera (Retired)
3. Rear Admiral Ananda Pieris (Retired)
4. Major General Sumedha Perera (Retired)
5. Dr. Bandula Wijesiriwardena
6. Dr. Wajira Senaratne

Greetings!

WHEREAS, Covid-19, becoming a global pandemic, has concurrently resulted in both the general public of Sri Lanka and the Armed Forces personnel showing a tendency to become infected with the disease,

Whereas, I have recognized that taking prompt and swift measures to prevent this is an essential task,

Now, therefore, I, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, appoint you the said:-



1. Marshal of the Air Force Roshan Goonetilleke
2. Admiral Jayantha Perera (Retired)
3. Rear Admiral Ananda Pieris (Retired)
4. Major General Sumedha Perera (Retired)
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as members of the aforesaid Presidential Task Force, and to execute the below-mentioned tasks:

1. Study and provide instructions on measures to be taken by all camps to prevent coronavirus infection among Tri-Forces personnel, given that the Tri-Forces are directly involved in controlling the spread of Covid-19.
2. Inspect whether such instructions are being duly implemented.
3. Determine whether measures necessary to control the spread of disease in camps with large numbers of infected military personnel, such as the Welisara Navy Camp, are being properly taken.
4. Inspect whether family members of those Armed Forces personnel infected with coronavirus have been directed to quarantine centres according to routine policy.
5. Identify and implement the most productive mechanism to prevent the spread of this disease in society via members of the Armed Forces.
6. Identify and implement measures to prevent the spread of the disease and its infection when Armed Forces personnel proceed on leave in future.
7. Introduce safety measures to be taken when military personnel are assigned to disease prevention and quarantine operations, and ensure their implementation.
8. Determine all steps to be taken in general by each camp to safeguard health, and ensure their implementation.

And, I appoint Marshal of the Air Force Roshan Goonetilleke Esquire as the Chairman of the aforesaid Task Force and Additional Secretary to the President Mrs. T.T. Upulmalee as the Secretary of the Task Force.

And, I do hereby authorize the Presidential Task Force appointed to study and provide instructions on measures to be taken by all Armed Forces to prevent coronavirus infection among members of the Tri-Forces, to make such inquiries and issue such instructions as required for the purpose of executing the tasks entrusted.

And, I do hereby authorize you, the Members of the Presidential Task Force appointed to study and provide instructions on measures to be taken by all Armed Forces to prevent coronavirus infection among members of the Tri-Forces, to present to me reports from time to time.

And, I do hereby require and direct all members of the Armed Forces and Public Officers and other persons to whom the Presidential Task Force appointed to study and provide instructions on measures to be taken by all Armed Forces to prevent coronavirus infection among members of the Tri-Forces, may issue instructions or from whom assistance for provision of services may be requested, to comply with all such instructions, render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly complied with, rendered and furnished on that behalf.

And, I do hereby direct the said Task Force to report to me, all cases of delay or default on the part of any member of an Armed Force or Public Officer or officer of any Ministry, Government Department, State Corporation or other similar institution in the discharge of duties and responsibilities assigned to such public officer or such institution.

Given at Colombo under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the 27th day of April Two Thousand and Twenty.

By His Excellency's Command,

P. B. JAYASUNDERA,
Secretary to the President,