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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL Government Notifications

OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

Order made by the President under Section 2 of Official Secrets Act, No. 32 of 1955.

RANIL WICKREMESINGHE,
President and Minister of Defence,
Democratic Socialist Republic of
Sri Lanka.

On 16th of September, 2022
In Colombo.

Order

1. This Order may be cited as High Security Zone Order bearing No. 01 of 2022.
2. The High Security Zones, which comprise of the areas specified in the Schedule of these Orders, are hereby declared.
3. The Secretary to the Ministry of Defence shall be the competent authority for the implementation of these orders.
4. (1) The competent authority may make provisions for the regulation of certain activities within the High Security Zones based on the security situation or during special occasions.
(2) The competent authority may issue commands incidentally from time to time for the proper implementation of these orders.



- (3) When a command is issued to a certain person under the sub section (2), it shall be the duty of such person to act in compliance with the said command.
5. Unless the prior written permission of the Inspector General of Police or Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police in charge of Western Province is obtained, no person shall conduct or hold a public gathering or procession whatsoever on a road, ground, shore or other open area situated within the High Security Zones.
6. (1) No person shall perform a construction of a building, a temporary or permanent construction or an excavation within the High Security Zones unless a permit from the competent authority is obtained for the said purpose in addition to the legal requirements which should be fulfilled by the person who intends to perform the said construction of a building, a temporary or permanent construction or an excavation.
- (2) Each permit should specify the terms and conditions and the said construction or excavation should be performed subject to the said terms and conditions.
- (3) The permit issued under the sub section (1) should be produced for inspection whenever a police officer requests to do so.
- (4) No vehicle should be parked within the High Security Zones unless reserved for parking by the competent authority or under the power of a permit issued by an authority mentioned in sub section (1).
7. A certificate issued under the signature of the competent authority confirming that the actions specified in the certificate took place within the High Security Zones should be admissible as evidence and it should be a *prima facie* evidence.
8. It shall be lawful for the Inspector General of Police to implement the provisions of these orders and when required, performing certain tasks mechanically or otherwise or the use of vehicles or another medium for that purpose shall also be lawful.
9. (1) When a police officer has reasons to suspect that a person has committed an offence under these orders or violates provisions of these orders, within the High Security Zones, the said police officer may subject the person to an inspection.
- (2) When a police officer has reasons to believe that a person has committed an offence as per these orders or by violating these orders, within the High Security Zones, the said police officer may subject the person to an interrogation.
- (3) Violation of these orders shall constitute an offence.
- (4) All the offences mentioned in these orders shall be considered as cognizable offences within the meaning and for the purpose of Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979.
- (5) A person taken into custody in connection with an offence under these orders shall not be granted bail except by a High Court.
10. (1) The chief occupant of a certain building situated within a High Security Zone shall produce a list of all the permanent or temporary residents to the Officer in Charge of the Police Station of the said area when ordered to do so.
- (2) Upon the submission of a list as per the orders of sub section (1), a change in occupancy of the said building should be informed to the Officer in Charge of the said Police Station by the chief occupant within 24 hours from such change.
11. In the event of an order given by the Officer in Charge of the Police Station of the area, each employer of either government department or private institution situated within the High Security Zone shall submit details regarding all the persons employed in their establishments to the Officer in Charge of the relevant Police Station.
12. (1) A police officer authorized in that behalf by the Inspector General of Police may enter a certain premises within the High Security Zone and check whether the provisions of the 6th order of these orders are being violated.
- (2) Should there be any action found in violation of the 6th order of these orders, the police officer who conducts the inspection that leads to the said finding shall inform the person performing or the one in charge to stop the construction or excavation or any other duties with immediate effect.

- (3) If a person further continues any construction or excavation work even after being ordered to stop such work as per the sub section (2), such person shall be guilty of committing an offence under this order.
13. No person shall light fire crackers or fireworks of any description whatsoever within the High Security Zones.
14. A person who either violates the provisions of these orders or refuses or fails to comply with any provisions or orders given by the competent authority or any police officer as the case may be under the provisions of these orders or a person who obstructs or prevents a police officer or someone performing duties under the competent authority or his command or cause another person to do so shall be guilty of an offence under these orders.
15. Any person who is guilty of an offence under these orders shall be liable, on conviction as per the provisions mentioned in Section 26(2) of Official Secrets Act, to a punishment under the said section.
16. Definitions -
"Procession" shall have the same meanings as in the Police Ordinance bearing No. 16 of 1865.

Schedule – (A)

Parliament Complex

- On the NORTH by :- From Polduwa Junction to the Speaker's Residence, Kumbukgaha Duwa Road, Rajamalwatta Road, Jayanthipura Junction, Jayanthipura Road and Parliament Road including Diyawanna Lake.
- On the EAST by :- From Jayanthipura Junction to Outer Vehicle Park of the Parliament (Alcatraz Park), Parliament Ground, Keangnam Junction, Japan Sri Lanka Friendship Road, Pahalawela Road to Kimbulawala Junction including Diyawanna Lake.
- On the SOUTH by :- From Kimbulawala Junction to Pin Niyara Junction of Thalawathugoda Road, Area up to Pin Niyara including Sudarshana Mawatha, Daham Mawatha, Gamage Mawatha, Eeyam Poruwa Temple Road, Byroads and MP's Quarters - Madiwela, Pita Wella Road at the back of MP's Quarters including Diyawanna Lake.
- On the WEST by :- From Pin Niyara Junction to Beddagana Junction of Thalawathugoda Road, Polduwa Junction including Diyawanna Lake along Beddagana Road, Polduwa Road, Wehera Kanda Road, Beddagana, Nippon Road

(Excluding Diplomatic premises in the area)

Schedule – (B)

Supreme Court Complex, High Court Complex- Colombo, Magistrate Court Complex- Colombo and Attorney General's Department

- On the NORTH by :- From Dam Street, Aluthkade Street to Belmont Street
- On the EAST by :- From Belmont Street to Adhikarana Mawatha Junction along Sanchi Arachchi Gardens Road
- On the SOUTH by :- Parcel Roundabout, Sanchi Arachchi Gardens Road
- On the WEST by :- St. Sebastian Hill Street, Mihindu Mawatha, St. Sebastian Street

(Excluding Diplomatic premises in the area)

Schedule – (C)

Presidential Secretariat, President's House, Sri Lanka Navy Headquarters and Police Headquarters

- On the NORTH by :- From NSA Roundabout to Police Headquarters along Chaithya Road
- On the EAST by :- From York Street and Lotus Road Junction to Regal Cinema, Beira Lake, Morgan Road, Justice Akbar Mawatha
- On the SOUTH by :- From Justice Akbar Mawatha, Galle Face Road and the Bridge at Justice Akbar Mawatha to the west boundary of former Sri Lanka Army Headquarters including Baladaksha Mawatha
- On the WEST by :- From Chaithya Road Junction to Galle Face Roundabout and the respective sea shore

(Excluding Diplomatic premises in the area)

Schedule – (D)

The Ministry of Defence and Sri Lanka Army Headquarters- Akuregoda

- On the NORTH by :- Ministry of Defence Mawatha
- On the SOUTH by :- Diyawanna Garden Road,
- On the WEST by :- Perera Mawatha, School Lane, Desinghe Mawatha, Lieutenant Colonel Ashoka Mawatha, D.G.Wijesinghe Mawatha

(Excluding Diplomatic premises in the area)

Schedule – (E)

Sri Lanka Air Force Headquarters- (Slave Island)

- On the NORTH by :- Chittampalam Gardiner Mawatha, Beira Lake
- On the EAST by :- Beira Lake, Morgan Road
- On the SOUTH by :- Kew Road, Kumaran Ratnam Road, Justice Akbar Mawatha
- On the WEST by :- From Regal Cinema to Justice Akbar Mawatha along Beira Lake Road

(Excluding Diplomatic premises in the area)

Schedule (F)

Prime Minister's Office (Flower Road)

- On the NORTH by :- Inner Flower Road
- On the EAST by :- Sir Ernest De Silva Mawatha (Flower Road)

On the SOUTH by :- 05th Lane

On the WEST by :- 27th Lane

(Excluding Diplomatic premises in the area)

Schedule (G)

Temple Trees (Kollupitiya)

On the NORTH by :- From Rotunda Junction of the Galle Road to Perehara Mawatha, Alwis Road Junction through Rotunda Roundabout,

On the EAST by :- From Dharmapala Mawatha to Alwis Road Junction and from Alwis Road to Perahara Mawatha Junction,

On the SOUTH by :- From Coastal line of Kollupitiya Railway Station to Station Road, Kollupitiya Junction, Dharmapala Mawatha, Liberty Roundabout and Alwis Road Junction,

On the WEST by :- From Kollupitiya Junction to Rotunda Junction of the Galle Road

(Excluding Diplomatic premises in the area)

Schedule – (H)

Official Residencies of the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and the Commanders of Tri Forces

On the NORTH by :- Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Jawatta Junction, and from Jawatta Road to Keppetipola Mawatha Junction.

On the EAST by :- From Keppetipola Mawatha to Sri Sambuddhathva Jayanthi Mawatha Junction and from Sri Sambuddhathva Jayanthi Mawatha to Thummulla Junction

On the SOUTH by :- From Keppetipola Mawatha Junction to Sri Sambuddhathva Jayanthi Mawatha Junction along Keppetipola Mawatha

On the WEST by :- From Thummulla Junction to Jawatta Junction along Bauddhaloka Mawatha

(Excluding Diplomatic premises in the area)

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