



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – SRI LANKA WHERE IS **PRAGEETH EKNALIGODA**

TO: Inspector General of Police Service N. K. Illangakoon



Dear IGP:

On **January 24th 2010 Prageeth Eknaligoda**, a journalist and cartoonist who had written articles critical of the Sri Lankan government **disappeared**.

Reportedly 15 journalists have been killed since 2006 without prosecutions occurring for these crimes. Amnesty International believes his support for the opposition candidate prior to the January 26th 2010 Presidential election may have made him a target.

Neighbors saw a white van without ID plates near Prageeth’s home the day of the disappearance. There are reports that others have been abducted by paramilitary groups and state agents as far back as 2006. **Prageeth** himself was **abducted by such a van in 2009 and released after a day**.

Please use your position **to investigate the disappearance of Prageeth Eknaligoda**.

Please **make the results** of this investigation **public and hold accountable those responsible**.

Respectfully:

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