



Sri Lanka Affiliates Council

Rajendra Acharya,
Regional Secretary,
UNI Asia and Pacific.

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Dear Brother,

Appreciation for the Solidarity message for Arbitrary Arrest and Detention of Trade Union Leaders and Activists by the Sri Lankan Government

This is to **appreciate and thank** you for the timely intervention by you and the President of UNI APRO, with regard to the arrest and unlawful detention of the General Secretary of the Ceylon Teachers Association, **Comrade Joseph Starlin** and Center for Workers Struggle, Media Secretary **Comrade Duminda Nagamuwa** and 36 others who were arbitrarily arrested on the pretext of health regulations even after they were released by court.

We are pleased to inform you that your prompt intervention, as requested by UNI SLAC has been very fruitful and your letters to the President and Prime Minister demanding the release of those arrested gave results.

There were protests across the country by trade unions and other organisations, the government had to take steps to release them.

We would like to mention that the letters sent by you in support of our request have done a very valuable service and thank you again for your prompt solidarity action.

In Solidarity,

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