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**To the Urgent Attention:**

**The Honourable Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
CH-1201 Geneva,**

**Switzerland**

8 November 2017.

Dear High Commissioner,

Today the Associated Press published an investigation into more than fifty men who have experienced torture, including brutal sexual violence, under the current Government in Sri Lanka:

***Dozens of men describe rape, torture by Sri Lanka government***

*LONDON (AP) — One of the men tortured in Sri Lanka said he was held for 21 days in a small dank room where he was raped 12...*

*https://apnews.com/ced017bd441f46ba838aaedf6ff5dbe2*

As an organisation/charity Promoting peace and Human Rights, we have collectively seen thousands of torture cases who have fled Sri Lanka over the years. We continue to receive a worrying number of cases from Sri Lanka despite the change of government. The only thing that’s changed is that now the victims have often been in detention or abducted on more than one occasion and are therefore extremely traumatised. It is common for them to attempt suicide on arrival in the UK.

We request you to ask your office to investigate the cases of torture victims who have fled Sri Lanka recently; we believe this is part of your existing mandate to monitor ongoing progress on the transitional justice issues for the HRC sessions.

Yours Sincerely,