



## Victim's Letter on the Occasion of the International Day of the Disappeared 2025

### Letter by Mallika Amma, wife of a disappeared

I am Mallika, a Sinhalese from Galle district from South.

In 1989 10<sup>th</sup> of January unidentified armed group crashed into our house and took my husband away at gun point. I ran behind them pleading not to take my husband away but someone attacked me on my head by a butt of a gun and I fainted. When I returned normal, they already had taken my husband, away.

Withing 2 hours I got the message that they also had taken my husband's brother, two uncles and one of uncle's son.

Within few hours we lost 5 from my husband's family. As far as I knew no one was involved in any active politics. We went to the near by police station but they refused to record our statements and asked us to come on the next day. Though next day We made the entries at the police station yet until now nothing happened. Though we went to visit many army camps they all said that they never took my husband away.

Then I was 29 years old and our only son was 7 years. I was unemployed. We did not have our own house then. We both suffered mentally and economically until I got a government teachers appointment. Then only We were able to restart our lives.

I still do not believe my husband is dead. I am always asking the government and the society few simple questions which are never answered. Is my husband dead? Or killed. If killed why? By whom? For what? Who is responsible? Where was he buried?

What is the use of a government, A legal system, Religions, society and any international mechanisms which cannot answer these simple questions for nearly 35 years.

Due to various campaigns, the Government in 2015 co-sponsored the 30/1 Geneva resolution which promised to make non recurrence ( which happened in every 20 to 30 years since 1971. )

- (1). a permanent office to reveal the truth.
- (2). An Office to pay compensation to the effected families.
- (3) A special legal system with international involvement.

The government in 2015 - 2019 established OMP and OR. The governments never formed a new special legal system to get justice done.

In 2022 the government withdrew from the co-sponsorship of Geneva resolution 30/1. But the established OMP is still there without producing any results as expected

I was involved in many general campaigns on this. Now I am actively involves with " Families of the disappeared " organization which involved in making October 27<sup>th</sup> an annual commemoration since 1991 and created a Monument for the disappeared and who fights without giving up since 1989, If there s no political will of the governments then nothing will change.

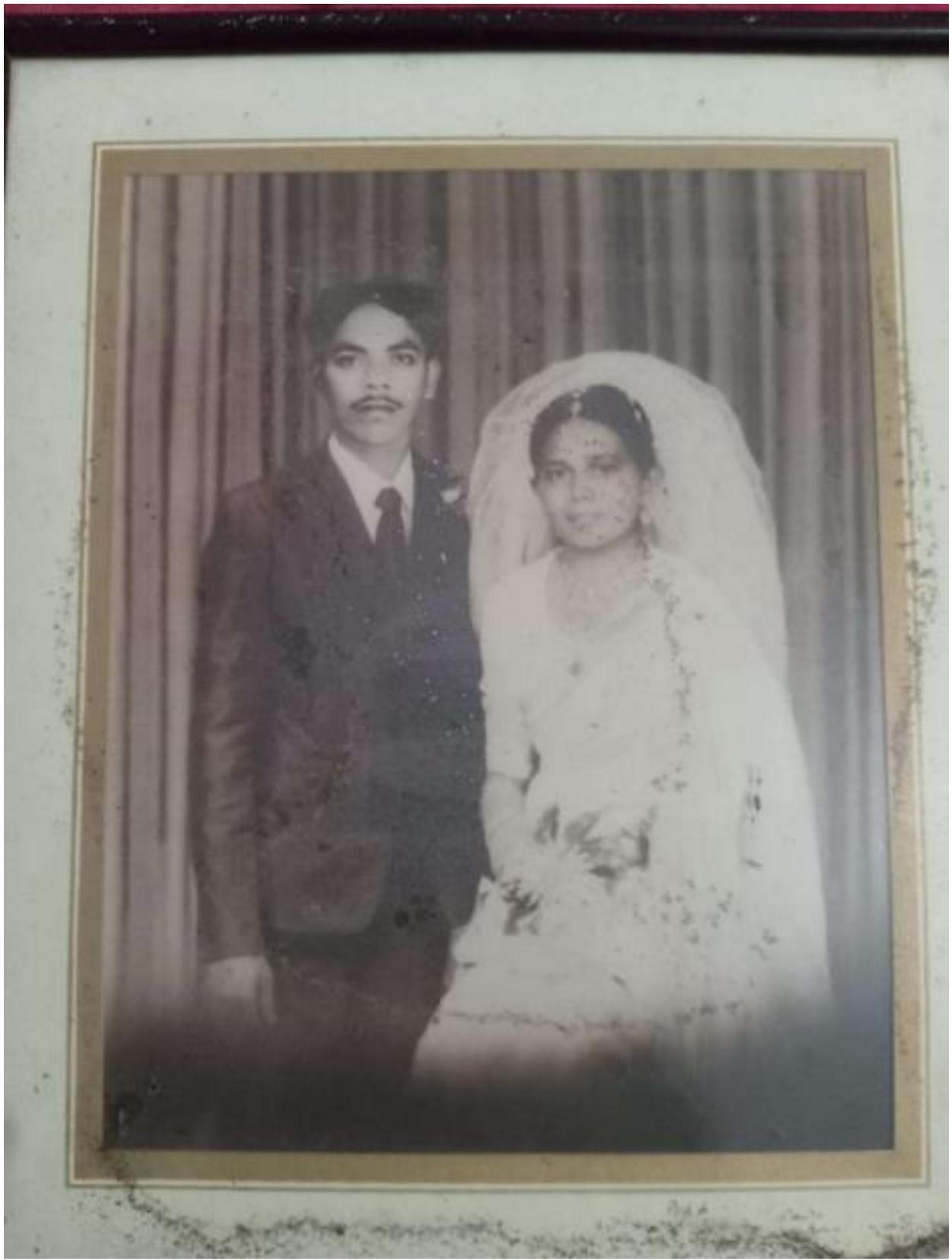
Though I am retired as a principal now, I will continue my struggle to make it not happen again as I do not want any future generation to face what we faced or to cry during the whole life, as we are.

Sincerely,

Mallika Amma



Wedding photo



Disappeared Husand

