To: The President and Secretary,

Jaffna University Teachers’ Association

Dear colleagues,

Please summon an emergency meeting of the UTA general body on Tuesday or Friday to discuss the following matters which need to be urgently resolved as UTA and JUSTA are sister unions:

1. The UTA pulling out of the hosting of the FUTA delegation to discuss problems of academics in universities without any discussion of reasons with JUSTA
2. The Vice Chancellor’s claim to BBC Tamil Service on the 24th April that the UTA requested her to ban the discussion sponsored by JUSTA to discuss the book Palmyra Fallen
3. How UTA and JUSTA could cooperate to protect academic freedom, of which the Vice Chancellor’s ban of the discussion of the book was a serious breach.

Yours sincerely,

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