

The Chairman

Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption

36, Malalasekara Mawatha

Colombo 7

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Complaint on judicial corruption against Eva Wanasundara - Judge in the Supreme Court

I submit herewith a written complaint by way of an affidavit containing credible evidence of judicial corruption of the Supreme Court Judge Evan Wanasundara, emanating from the abuse of judicial office for improper purposes of conferring favours for herself or other members in the Judiciary or the Executive, which falls within the offence of corruption as defined in the Section 70 of the Bribery Act and has resulted in the deterioration of the public trust placed in the judiciary.

Public spirited citizens who are concerned of democratic rights of the people are fully aware that corruption in the judiciary has already pushed Sri Lanka into a very embarrassing situation in the global stage, particularly before the United Nations Human Rights Council, compelling the Government of Sri Lanka to concede that people of Sri Lanka have no trust and confidence in its justice system and therefore to cosponsor a resolution (A/HRC/RES/30/1) on 01st Oct 2015, to set up a judicial mechanism with international dimension to try cases of violations of rights of the citizens recognised by the Constitution.

It is pertinent to note that even after the election of a new President and a new government last year, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, the professional body of lawyers, was compelled to issue a press statement on 28th Nov 2015, affirming that 'the existing judicial system in this country has not met the confidence of the people and that it is an undeniable fact that over a period of time the independence and credibility of many of these institutions have suffered, resulting in an erosion of the confidence in the system as a whole'.

Therefore, with a view to restore the public trust and confidence in the judiciary, without which the norm of representative democracy is unworkable, I request the Commission to initiate a credible and independent investigation into this complaint in terms of Section 4 of the Act No 19 of 1994.

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