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## Media Release

Special attention of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association has been drawn on the incident of one person getting killed and 24 others getting injured and hospitalized due to the police shooting during the public unrest at Rambukkana today (19).

Although our Association has strongly urged repeatedly to the Government to listen to the public opinion and act wisely and patiently, it is observed that the Government continues to ignore it and act without any sensitivity.

Instead of providing relief to the people who have been severely distressed and troubled due to severe economic hardships and difficulties in meeting their basic needs, it is totally unacceptable to initiate a move to deprive them of their right to life, and we as the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Association strongly condemn this incident with the utmost contempt.

We urge the relevant government authorities to immediately conduct an independent inquiry into this incident and if the police officers have acted beyond their powers in this case, we urge the police to take immediate action against them.

At such a crucial juncture, where the international human rights situation in Sri Lanka has come under international scrutiny and Sri Lanka calls for international assistance in overcoming its financial crisis, allowing such unfortunate events to take place will cause our motherland to be deeply resented internationally and obstruct the opportunity to get the international assistance to overcome the current crisis.

We strongly urge the government to ensure that such incidents will not be repeated.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of SASA,

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Hon. President

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