

I Rasanayagam Thavamalar, the wife of my demised husband Nesarasa Rasanayagam is writing this letter to all authorities with concern in my husband's untimely death. During the past 7 years he was in the process of requesting asylum from Switzerland and France due to the reasons of his life being under threat in Sri Lanka. During the last 18 months he was under tremendous psychological stress and depression, which negatively impacted his wellbeing. Even though he discussed these details with me over a few calls, I tried my best to console him, I think that was not sufficient enough to comfort him and I felt as if he was being pushed into a state of loneliness mentally and physically where he was stationed and also I felt that there was an external force or a group which pushed him to this situation. The last telephone conversation that I had with him was on the 15th of February 2022 (15.02.2022) and even then I felt for his concern. On the 19th of February 2022 (19.02.2022) I was notified by a third party of his tragic death which has devastated me and my family without any remorse. I was not officially notified by any authorized representative of the Switzerland government regarding this, I was able to view the physical remains of my husband on 23rd of February 2022 (23.02.2022) with the facilitation of the church priest.

Even though my husband's untimely death was confirmed I'm still not certain that his death was naturally occurred, I think there was malicious intent in his death. The reason being of his scars and his wounds in his face and body and they seemed to be inflicted by a foreign object. Furthermore the suspicion rises because of the quick disposal of my husband's remains by cremation which is not the acceptable method of funeral according to our religious beliefs. This process was not informed to us and neither we gave consent but we got to know of it from a third party that the sudden cremation was taken place. While we questioned this decision the answer I received didn't make any sense and it only raised more questions. Because of this incident me and my whole family have been tormented by depression. At least we were relieved that he was alive there due to life threats he was facing in Sri Lanka but we were not assisted by the local officials in informing, confirming and acknowledging my husband's untimely death which is still troubling me and I have lost my peace of mind.

On the 28th of February 2022 (28.02.2022). The Police made a call and informed the news officially which we had known for more than a week. They also informed that my husband's ashes will be sent to Sri Lanka and we were informed to collect, my suspicion arises when I could have received his body rather than his ashes. This would at least have given me the opportunity to do my last rights to my beloved husband. We question the relevant authorities to take the necessary steps to ensure our family's faith on the Switzerland government. At least please put your efforts to find out if my husband's death was naturally occurred or if there was a malicious intent. Please help a grieving widow and her children to find peace. Let justice prevail and a peace of mind for my family at least what's left of my family.

Thanking you,

Your sincerely,
Rasanayagam Thavamalar
Wife