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Sri Lanka: Amnesty International and victim's father at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva

On 18-20 September, an Amnesty International delegation including Sri Lanka experts will visit the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr Kasipillai Manoharan will travel with the delegation - he is the father of one of the students killed in the so-called "Trinco 5" case in 2006. The case remains unsolved to this day, despite witnesses claiming that Sri Lankan security personnel were responsible.

Since his son's murder, Dr Manoharan has led a vocal campaign for justice. Subsequently, he and his surviving family members have been forced to flee the country. In Geneva, he will present a petition with 50,000 signatures on human rights in Sri Lanka.

Both Dr Manoharan and Amnesty International Sri Lanka experts will be available for interviews from Geneva.

To arrange an interview, please contact:

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Background:

"They killed my son", blog post by Dr Manoharan, 15 August 2013.

<u>"Still no human rights accountability in Sri Lanka"</u>, Amnesty International's written statement to the UN Human Rights Council, 29 August 2013.

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