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President of Sri Lanka

His Excellency Abdullah Gul
President of the Republic of Turkey

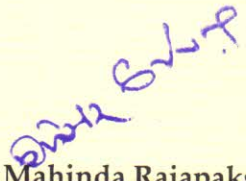
Excellency,

I am deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the coal mine disaster in Soma, Turkey yesterday, which claimed the lives of over 200 miners and left several others trapped inside the mine.

The Government and the people of Sri Lanka join me in extending our heartfelt condolences to you, the Government and the people of Turkey, and in particular to the bereaved families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of pain and anguish.

Whilst wishing a quick recovery for those who have been injured in this incident, I am confident that all others who are still trapped in the mine would be rescued safely. I believe the Turkish people would be able to overcome this tragedy with their innate fortitude and patience.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Mahinda Rajapaksa

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