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இலங்கை சனாதிபதி  
President of Sri Lanka

His Excellency Choummaly Sayasone  
President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Excellency,

It is with deep shock and sadness that I learnt of the untimely demise of Hon. Douangchay Phichit, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, and Hon. Thongbane Sengaphone, Minister of Public Security, together with other high level officials of the Government of Laos in a military plane crash.

The Government and the people of Sri Lanka join me in extending to Your Excellency and through you, to the Government and the people of Laos, and in particular to the families of the bereaved, our deepest condolences on this tragic accident. Please be assured that the thoughts and prayers of all Sri Lankans are with the people of Laos in their hour of sorrow.

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

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May 18, 2014



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