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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Arrest of a suspect and three Female suspects for violating court orders. –  
Sampur Police Station.**

The intelligence agencies had informed the police that they are preparing to organize celebrations in several police area's in the Eastern Province to commemorate the death of members of the LTTE organization, especially the celebration of the LTTE members who died in Vellamulli Vaikkal area in 2009. Information has been reported to the police about the purpose of this group.

Accordingly, based on the information received that such a celebration will be held in the Trincomalee Sampur police area, Sampur police station has submitted a request to the Muthur Hon'ble Magistrate's Court and obtained a court order prohibiting the celebration of LTTE members as it is an illegal act.

This is an order obtained for specific persons and on behalf of other persons and when the Officer in charge of the Sampur Police Station went to a place where such a celebration had been prepared and showed the court order to the group, they rejected the court order by stating that they would not accept it. Arrangements have been made to hold the celebration later.

Thereafter, when the police officers tried to arrest the suspect, to her house, suspect's daughter held a knife to her neck and threatened the police saying

that she would kill herself. The police brought the situation under control and arrested a male suspect and three female suspects at the scene. The above suspect and suspects are charged with the offenses of Disobedience to an order issued by the court, Voluntary causing hurt by dangerous weapon, Voluntary causing grievous hurt by blunt weapon, Using criminal force to deter to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty, which are offenses mentioned in the Penal Code. He was arrested on 12.05.2024 by the officers of Sampur Police Station and after being presented to the Honorable Magistrate Court of Muthur on 13.05.2024, he was remanded till 27th of May.

It is reported on social media that the suspect and the three suspects were arrested because they were distributing a kind of porridge, which is a wrong reporting of the incident. The police have emphasized that the suspect and the female suspects have been arrested for the above-mentioned charges. In this incident, a female police officer was seriously injured and taken to hospital due to an attack by one of the suspects with a sharp weapon.

Apart from this, the intelligence agencies had reported that these celebrations were being held in the Trincomalee Port and Uppuveli police area's and accordingly the Officer in charge of those police stations obtained court orders to prevent it. In compliance with those court orders, the relevant parties have arranged not to hold these celebrations in those police areas.

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