STATEMENT BY LAW TEACHERS OF THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO ON THE ATTACKS ON LAW STUDENTS

We, the law teachers of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, strongly condemn the inhumane, degrading and violent attacks that took place within and in the vicinity of the university premises on the 7th March 2023. This attack by the police and the riot control unit using tear gas left several students seriously injured while posing a threat to other members of the university community.

As law teachers committed to upholding the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed to all members of society, we condemn the violation of the right of the people to engage in peaceful protest. We further deplore the violation of the sanctity of university premises as a venue for the legitimate expression of ideas.

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