

OFFICE ON MISSING PERSONS

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The Office on Missing Persons (OMP) will commemorate the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances on the 30th of August 2018 by releasing its Interim Report making recommendations to the Government on several issues of the missing and disappeared.

This commemoration is especially symbolic given that the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance Act (No 5 of 2018) was passed by Parliament in March 2018 and the OMP was established in February 2018 marking significant achievements in addressing the issue of the missing and the disappeared.

The day will also be marked by an event organised by the OMP from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the J.R.Jayewardene Centre, 191 Srimath Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 7 where families of the missing and disappeared and civil society will participate.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Deepika Udagama, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, and speeches from members of the families of the missing and disappeared.