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Commemorating the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

The Office on Missing Persons (OMP) will commemorate the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances on 30th August 2019. Since its declaration in 2011, on this day the thousands of victims of enforced disappearances are remembered across the world. On 30th August last year, the OMP held the first State-led commemoration of the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances in Sri Lanka.

The OMP established under the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Act No. 14 of 2016, is the first permanent and independent state institution with an explicit mandate to trace and search the fate and whereabouts of the missing and disappeared. The OMP also has the authority to take steps to create public support for fulfilling the needs of relatives of missing and disappeared persons and make recommendations concerning commemoration and acknowledgement.

This year, the day will be marked with an event from 12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at the Office on Missing Persons, 'Shrawasthi Mandiraya' 32, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 7 with the participation of families of the missing and disappeared. In addition, the OMP will carry out its communications campaign titled "Pain never disappears, let's fulfil our responsibility to find the truth" to raise awareness of the continuing impact of disappearances on families of the missing and disappeared.