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## Press Release

On the invitation of the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, Secretary of the Ministry of the Defence, General Kamal Gunaratne came to the Human Rights Commission this morning, Tuesday 05 July 2022 to discuss on the incident of an assault on a civilian at a fuel station at Yakgahapitiya, Kurunegala by an Army Officer.

The Defence Secretary condemned the incident and stated that a high-level inquiry is being conducted in this regard by the Sri Lanka Army.

The Defence Secretary also explained the difficulties the armed force personnel deployed at fuel stations are faced with at crowd controlling and that they are however under strict orders to maintain the highest degree of discipline and patience. The Secretary Defence General Kamal Gunaratne assured that the Defence authorities will take every possible measure to ensure that such incidents will not reoccur and that the law and order are maintained to the latter.

The Chairperson requested the Secretary Defence General Kamal Gunaratne, to take adequate measures to ensure the non-reoccurrence of these types of incidents and advise the officers to maintain the law and order at all times irrespective of the nature of provocation.

Justice Rohini Marasinghe,  
Retired Judge of Supreme Court / Chairperson  
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

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