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## Press Notice

The notion that the High-Security Zones be declared under the Official Secret Act is a fallacy without any justification or basis. The Human Rights Commission is deeply concerned about the Government's approach to adopting the Official Secret Act and making a declaration which grossly violates the fundamental rights of the people of this country. And it reiterates that the Official Secret Act cannot be adopted to declare High-Security Zones.

It further advises the Government to direct the withdrawal of the gazette bearing No.2298/53 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September and to take measures to ensure that national laws are following the accepted international and national human rights norms and standards and to preclude declarations that violate those norms and standards.

Chairperson  
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

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