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Ms. Peg Palmer  
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Dear Ms. Palmer,

## **Documentary Film “My Daughter the Terrorist “ by Norwegian Film maker- Beate Arnestad**

On behalf of our membership consisting of New Zealanders of Sri Lankan origin, we wish to make an URGENT HUMANITARIAN APPEAL to you to desist from featuring the Norwegian made documentary that depicts the most abhorrent form of terrorism that has led to gruesome human slaughter currently being practiced against Americans in Iraq.

Please put your hand on your heart and ask these questions.

- By glorifying a dastardly inhuman act, are we not causing innumerable pain to all Americans who have undergone the agony of losing their sons and daughters who violently perished at the hands of suicide bombers in Baghdad in the recent past?
- Are we not disrespectful to the fellow human beings in the small Island Country of Sri Lanka who have lost their near and dear ones for over three decades, pushing them to untold misery, hardship and grievances due to the “human bombs” planted by a band of fanatic terrorists proscribed by the very country that you belong to?

Madam, We are an organization respectful of all human rights including the freedom of expression. Yet we cannot become silent spectators of an action, most probably taken without realising its gravity.

We have a great suspicion that the production of this horrific documentary with the assistance of the proscribed terrorist group is an attempt to glorify “terrorism” in the very heartland of the Great American nation who has declared war against the very same forms of Terrorism.

We suspect the motives of the Norwegian producer because his mother country is accused of playing a double game in the conflict in Sri Lanka by assuming the honourable role of the mediator while harbouring and assisting terrorists in their own territory.

Therefore, we implore you to suspend this documentary until you are satisfied about the appropriateness of featuring it against all known human ethics and respect for the bereaved and ascertaining the real motives of the maker of this documentary.

Yours faithfully,

**Niranjan Patabandige**

President  
New Zealand Society for Peace, Unity and Human Rights in Sri Lanka