



# JUSTICE FOR ALL

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## Call for the repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)

An island-wide signature campaign has been launched calling for the repeal of the draconian Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) brought in 1979 as a temporary provisions Act for six months but continues to be in operation for over 40 years. During this period, we have witnessed its use to crush dissent against the government of the day, as it has been done consistently in the past and continues today.

The government has given several assurances in the past that this legislation will be repealed and a law enacted in its place that complies with international human rights standards and norms. However, the recent Amendment Bill presented to Parliament falls short of such assurances and fails to address any of the draconian provisions in the PTA.

This country-wide campaign is to urge the government to honour its promise to repeal the PTA. A signature campaign in Colombo will be conducted on **Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 from 11am to 1pm in front of the Fort Railway Station.**

Please join us and sign the Petition calling for the repeal of the PTA,

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