

Trial Monitoring report

About the case: The private plaint filed against former President Maithreepala Sirisena for not taking steps to prevent the Easter Sunday attacks

Case no: 23084/22

Courts: Colombo Fort Magistrate Court

Date of hearing: 14/10/2022

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1. Who was in courts:

Who	Names / other information	Comments
Judge (s)	Mr. Thilina Gamage	
Attorney General's Dept.	-	
Plaintiff	Rev. Cyril Gamini Fernando Jesuraj Ganeshan	
Accused / Suspects	Pallewaththa Gamaralalage Maithreepala Yapa Sirisena	
Lawyers for accused / suspects	Several lawyers appeared on this day	
Aggrieved party		
Lawyers for aggrieved party		
Supporters of accused / suspects		
Supporters of aggrieved party		
Others	Police , Rev.Fathers, journalists	

2. What happened in the court hearing?

In the case of Writ 354/22 filed in the Court of Appeal along with this case, the order given by the judges of the Court of Appeal on this day has been forwarded by the Registrar of the Court of Appeal to the Fort Magistrate Court. Considering the order of the Court of Appeal, the Fort Magistrate informed the parties that no order will be given on this day. Accordingly, after 10 weeks from this day, this case will be called on January 27, 2023.

Former President Maithreepala Sirisena, who is the defendant in this case, was also present at the Fort Magistrate's Court.

3. Any significant observations inside court room and outside? -

4. Next date & time: 27th of January 2023

5. Media reports about the case on this date:

- <https://www.dailynews.lk/2022/10/15/law-order/289189/case-against-maithripala-be-called-january-27>
- <https://www.dinamina.lk/2022/10/15/%E0%B6%85%E0%B6%B0%E0%B7%92%E0%B6%9A%E0%B6%BB%E0%B6%AB/157170/%E0%B6%B8%E0%B7%9B%E0%B6%AD%E0%B7%8A%E2%80%8D%E0%B6%BB%E0%B7%93%E0%B6%A7-%E0%B6%91%E0%B6%BB%E0%B7%99%E0%B7%84%E0%B7%92-%E0%B6%B4%E0%B7%99%E0%B6%AD%E0%B7%8A%E0%B7%83%E0%B6%B8%E0%B7%8A-%E0%B7%80%E0%B7%92%E0%B6%B7%E0%B7%8F%E0%B6%9C%E0%B6%BA-%E0%B6%A2%E0%B6%B1%E0%B7%80%E0%B7%8F%E0%B6%BB%E0%B7%92-27>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kO6jTRKP7qE> (time:- 23:18 – 23:59)