

Sri Lanka Express

Letters

Why was Sri Lanka Foundation not invited to Tsunami Memorial?

Dear Editor,

I have just read your report of the "Simple ceremony at Santa Monica Pier in memory of 2004 Tsunami." I do not question the credibility of it having been a simple ceremony with simple people, remembering the simple people who lost their lives and loved ones. However, I have deep concerns regarding the veracity of it's content and whether or not simple people reading the article, will not know better than to read all of it as factual.

As both a friend of the Sri Lanka Express and supporter for many years and as much a supporter, admirer and volunteer of the Sri Lanka Foundation, I feel obligated to let people know that Rashantha de Silva was contracted to do certain jobs for the Sri Lanka Foundation. None of these tasks were anything other than in the capacity of a paid Contractor. His claim that he and Allana organized the first anniversary memorial for the Sri Lanka Foundation was just another paid job he did for them. There

were other members of the permanent Sri Lanka Foundation Staff who were involved in the Memorial held that year in Santa Monica.

Quote - "It was important to have all the organizations and individuals who did so much join the memorial" is both false and misleading.

The Sri Lanka Foundation was neither informed nor invited to participate. The entire community knows that the Foundation is an organization.

Further, the community know of it's magnanimous contributions to keep their hearts aglow with pride for their beloved homeland and know that in 2006 they saw so many more houses built for the Tsunami victims in memory of those we lost.

My message to the Editor is that a story reported could be good journalism but the truth behind is certainly great journalism!

Thank You,
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