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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Government medical officers association condemns the resolution passed in the Vali North Pradesha Saba against the Medical Officer of Health Tellippalai, Jaffna. This resolution was published in the local newspapers on 01.04.2014. It was mentioned that the Tellippalai M.O.H. was not duty conscious, not considering the interest of the public and not properly performing his duties. The resolution asked to transfer the M.O.H. immediately. We object the facts which were mentioned in that news. All the allegations submitted against The M.O.H. are baseless. Medical officers can be transferred by the central government. It is ridiculous to note that the Pradesiya Saba members are unaware of this common fact. Doctors cannot be transferred like their subordinate officers.

The Public Health Inspectors who was working at Vali North Pradesa Saba has threatened the Medical Officer of that area. Following this incident three Public Health Inspectors who worked improperly at the Pradesa Sabas which have no cadre for Public Health Inspectors were transferred to the Department of health. The Public Health Inspectors who did not report for duty after receiving the transfer order were transferred according to the order of the Hon. Governor of Northern Province.

We wish to mention that the above Doctor has been working at Tellipalai as a MOH for more than 2 years. He was praised by the public and other governmental and non-governmental institutions for his successful inter sectorial coordination. He performs his duties properly in the areas of Maternal and Child Health and Public Health. He was appreciated several times at district and Provincial health meetings for his better performance. It is worth to note that he has strictly implemented the regulations regarding sanitation in food handling institutions. He has shown great interest in control of Tobacco use and drug abuse and By these actions some of the shops which are owned by the relatives of Pradesha saba members have been affected.

Thank you,  
Yours faithfully,

Dr. Saman Abeywardana  
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