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To
Justice V. Ramasubramanian (Retd),
Chairperson,
National Human Rights Commission,
Manav Adhikar Bhawan,
Block-C, GPO Complex, INA,
New Delhi -110 023
Email: chairnhrc@nic.in

Respected Sir,

Subject: Requesting to initiate suo moto proceedings in the case of attack on journalist Shajan Skaria in Mangattukavala, Thodupuzha, Kerala on 30.08.2025 - Reg

We are writing to you in bring to your kind attention that on 30.08.2025 journalist Shajan Skaria runs a Youtube news channel Marunadan Malayali was attacked by an unidentified gang of 5 people when he was returning to his home from a wedding in Thiruvananthapuram. The unidentified gang followed the journalist and when the journalist reached Mangattukavala near Thodupuzha the car was journalist's car was hit from behind by a Thar Jeep after which a 5 member gang attacked journalist by dragging him out of his car. The journalist sustained minor injuries during the attack and was shifted to District Hospital Thodupuzha.

The incident has been reported widely in the media and a link is shared here for your reference – <https://keralakaumudi.com/en/news/news.php?id=1601843&u=marunadan-malayali-editor-shajan-skaria-assaulted-by-dyfi-activists-police-register-attempt-to-murder-case>

We urgently appeal to you to exercise Section 12 (a) of the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019, and take suo moto cognizance of this incident and initiate an independent inquiry through NHRC's investigation wing. We hope and expect that the NHRC will intervene in this case impartially and in a time-bound manner.

Yours Sincerely,

(Henri Tiphagne)
National Working Secretary
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