

# MURDER MOST FOUL: Lasantha Shot Dead

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The car in which Mr. Lasantha Wickrematunga was travelling when he was shot at, at Athidiya



Vain efforts of the Doctors at Kalubowila Hospital to revive Mr. Lasantha Wickrematunga



Mr. Lasantha Wickrematunga, editor of the Sunday Leader had been censured for defamatory articles. His editorial style was questionable. Many disagreed with his views.

Yet to be shot dead as he was on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 is an act of wanton destruction. Today, Sri Lanka hangs her head in shame!

**We condemn this wanton act of murder. It is another blow to the heart of democracy.**

**No man, has the right over another's life, whatever be the 'perceived' provocation. He himself will be judged, and that judgment will be terrible.**

**No greater act of cowardice exists than to shoot an unarmed man. He who fears a 'pen' has much to hide.**

**We grieve with Mr. Lasantha Wickrematunga's bereaved family. We pray for their consolation. May Lasantha rest in peace.**