



PRESS STATEMENT BY
THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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The Prime Minister's Office has come to know that certain individuals who have had photographs taken with the Prime Minister have used these photographs for personal gain.

At various functions and visits to the Prime Minister, individuals frequently asked to be photographed with the Prime Minister. Some are known to the Prime Minister and some are not known to him. As Prime Minister and Member of Parliament, the Prime Minister is unable to reject requests to be photographed together.

However, it is regretted that some individuals have used these photographs with the Prime Minister to claim that they are very close to the Prime Minister. It has come to the knowledge of the Prime Minister that some of these people have claimed to be able to intercede on behalf of business people seeking contracts and projects from the government.

The Prime Minister's Office would like to stress that the Prime Minister is not in a position to grant favours. Although the Prime Minister may, for political reasons, see certain people who are known to him particularly from among his constituents, requests made through these people will carry no weight with the Prime Minister or the government. The official channel must be used at all times.

The Prime Minister's Office seeks the cooperation of the public to contact this office if they are approached by anyone claiming to be able to gain access or get the attention of the Prime Minister for whatever purpose.

The telephone number to be contacted is 232-2444 extensions 208 and 218.

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