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His Excellency V.V.T. Bandillo
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Dear Sir

**ARREST OF RAPPLER CEO MARIA RESSA ON CYBER LIBEL CHARGES BY
THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS**

Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association (SLWJA) understand that Rappler CEO, Maria Ressa was arrested for cyber libel charges by the National Bureau of Investigations, Philippines on 13th February and freed on bail on 14th February 2019.

Further, it is understood that this is not the first time that Rappler and Ressa were harassed by the Philippine government.

While condemning the arrest of Ressa, SLWJA demand the Government of Philippine to end these harassments and ensure media freedom and safety of journalists in the country.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

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President

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General Secretary