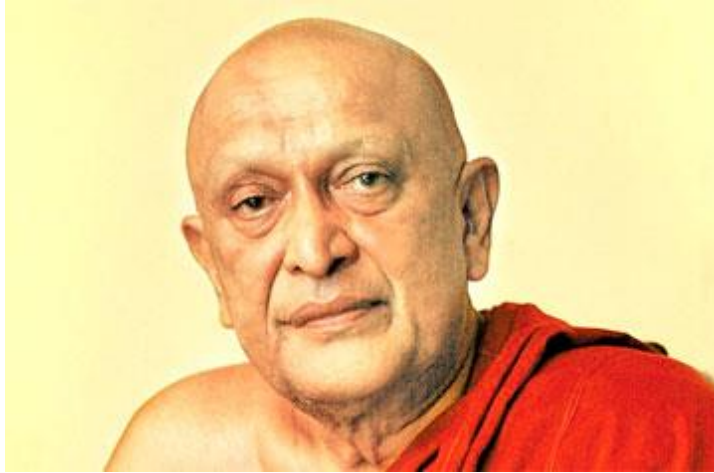


IMADR AC Condoles on the Death of the Venerable Maduluwawe Sobitha Thero



International Movement against All forms of Discrimination and Racism - Asia Committee (IMADR AC) expresses its condolences on the death of the Ven. Maduluwawe Sobitha Thero.

The entire country mourns over the loss of Ven. Sobitha Thero. He left an indelible mark in the Sri Lankan society as a religious leader who pioneered a historic movement fearlessly calling us to uphold the rule of law, democracy and independence of judiciary heralding a new political culture in Sri Lanka. Venerable Sobitha denouncing religious and communal extremism has opened up the path for us to further his vision for religious and national reconciliation in the country. We as an organization committed to combat racism and discrimination of all forms urge the Government to take immediate measures to ensure his vision for national unity and reconciliation, for which he stood up until his last breath, be respected and upheld. All those who mourn today must be reminded that we have to now follow his noble path to build a just society defeating all extremist elements, rejecting corruption, promoting equality and reconciliation in our society.

May he attain Nibbana!

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