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Clarity on the Legal Status of the Batticaloa District Badminton Association (BDBA)

Background and Administrative Issue

Since 2023, there was no active District Badminton Association (Batticaloa District Badminton Association - BDBA) functioning in Batticaloa. The previous BDBA administration stated they would not work with the **Eastern Province Badminton Association (EPBA)**, claiming they would operate independently and register directly with **Sri Lanka Badminton (SLB)**. They proceeded to attempt registration improperly in May 2025 with the support of newly elected SLB President.

EPBA Intervention and Legal Action

EPBA Founder and General Secretary Mr. Aliyar Faizer and EPBA's SLB General Council Representative Mr. Stanly Prashanth provided clear explanations to the Batticaloa group, requesting them to adhere to the Constitution. When this was rejected, and the SLB leadership attempted to approve the improper registration, the EPBA administration contested this action as wrong at the SLB General Council Meeting, imposing an interim halt.

After that, The EPBA escalated the matter to the Sri Lanka Sports Ministry. Following the investigation against the SLB President and Secretary, the Ministry concluded their action was wrong and directed that any **District Associations approved by SLB within the Eastern Province without the recommendation of the EPBA must be declared INVALID**. (As per the letter DSD/NSA/01/01/2025, dated 20.11.2025, based on the Appeal Advisory Committee's recommendations).

Crucial Directive on Autonomy and External Influence

The Department of Sports Development's directive includes a crucial mandate aimed at safeguarding the integrity and autonomy of the national sports association.

The letter explicitly states that the SLB must:

"uphold its autonomy and integrity, by **dissuading from acting on the influence and directions of the public officials and Government Agents**, in respect of matters which are clearly and unambiguously provided for in the SLB Constitution."

This reinforces the principle that sporting bodies must govern themselves strictly according to their established rules, **free from undue political or external administrative interference** by public officials or Government Agents.

Announcement of Legal Status

Therefore, we declare that only the Batticaloa District Badminton Association (BDBA) operating under the guidance of the Eastern Province Badminton Association (EPBA) is legally valid in Batticaloa.

The contact details of the current legally functioning administration of the Batticaloa District Badminton Association (BDBA) are:

- **President:** Mr. K. Suresh - 0772373972
- **Secretary:** Mr. S. Stanly Prashanth - 0773605967
- **Treasurer:** Mr. A. A. M. Azeem - 0773891974

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours in Badminton,



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