

## Ranil demands UN guidelines- GOSL says No to EU and USA

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Sri Lanka Parliament passed the State of Emergency for another month with a majority of 87 votes in September with 100 votes for the extension and 13 against it.

The Marxist oriented party, JVP and the main opposition party UNP abstained from voting in September.

Meanwhile EU's request to be as an observer and conduct investigations before granting GSP plus has been turned down by the government. They said the request of the EU is an intervention in to internal affairs of Sri Lanka.

The EU has decided to send a team of investigators to Sri Lanka on the requests made by same by local and foreign NGOs. After months of speculation and debate, the final decision on GSP Plus to Sri Lanka will be meet tomorrow by the EU.

The Government also rejected US under secretary of state Robert Blake's request to establish a mechanism to devolve powers for the Tamil people. Robert Blake summoned members of 16 Eelam organizations and assured them that the US govt will lobby for this new mechanism. All these exile Eelam organisations were supporting the LTTE before it was demolished in Sri Lanka.

While residing in Sri Lanka as the US Ambassador, Mr. Blake's standpoint was that the Sri Lankan Government should not go for a dialog with the LTTE at any stage.

Mr. Ranil Wickramasinghe's demand is been seen by his critiques as an another egoistic conspiracy to provide ammunition to the international community pressure the Government of Sri Lanka with a new argument, just the way it was done with the GSP plus.

They accuse Wickramasinghe and the "Platform for Freedom" group working hand in hand with foreign elements to destabilize Sri Lanka.