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Tourism and Industrial Development Minister and Ceylon Worker's Congress (CWC) leader S. Thondaman has requested the government to take necessary action against foreign correspondents who were engaged in disseminating false reports especially on the present situation of the country.

Mr. Thondaman has already requested the Information Minister to summon a foreign correspondent whom he alleges despatched a news report speculating outbreak of violence at President Ranasinghe Premadasa's funeral today, and to take action against him.

Mr. Thondaman is of the view that all foreigners staying in Sri Lanka who maliciously attempted to speculate violence should be immediately deported.

"We can not allow any individual who tried to create trouble in that manner" he said.

The Minister assured that there will be no outbreak of violence. The government has taken every measure to ensure that there will be peace and order in the country" he told "The Island", yesterday.

"The greatest homage one could pay the slain President who tirelessly worked towards the uplift of the country was to maintain peace and order at this hour". Mr. Thondaman said.

He said that the entire plantation sector was mourning and added that a large number of estate workers had travelled to Colombo to pay their last respects to President Premadasa.

Mr. Thondaman in his capacity as the Minister of Tourism appealed to all journalists local and foreign to engage in factual reporting and not be imaginative.