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THE WIFE of breakaway PLOTE (People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam) leader Uma Prakash committed suicide after administering her two year old daughter with cyanide yesterday, the third month commemoration of her husband's death.

A PLOTE member K. T. U. Mahendran who shared lodgings with Uma Prakash's wife at Suraweera Mawatha in

Pethiyagoda, Kelaniya was getting ready to boil milk rice to commemorate the dead leader when his wife and child announced they had swallowed cyanide and collapsed at his feet.

Rushed to the Colombo General Hospital Uma Devi (30), and Uma Priyanga were found dead on arrival.

According to Peliyagoda Police led by HQI, Chief Inspector A.

M. Ekanayake, the dead woman had left about 15 letters including one to the police.

In her letter to the police, she had informed police not to suspect anyone for their deaths as they were swallowing poison. She had said that she had lived till then to safeguard other members of the PLOTE but life was painful without her husband. She had also urged the police to punish the

killers of her husband.

Investigations are being conducted by Inspector Douglas Wijesuriya, OIC of the minor offences branch with the assistance of Constable Premasiri.

Uma Prakash was gunned down on February 26 by members of a rival PLOTE faction at a Wanasala house used by members of Uma's faction. Police traced the killer in Vavuniya but failed to apprehend him.