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General Sarath Fonseka, the former Commander of the Sri Lanka Army and former Chief of Defence Staff, Sri Lanka has been arrested under the Army Act of 1949 of Sri Lanka and his arrest is well within the law of the country. The Supreme Court of Sri Lanka issued notices to the respondents when the petition filed by the spouse of General Fonseka challenging the legality of the arrest in a fundamental rights application on 23 February 2010. The application for the bail has also been refused by the Supreme Court.

The summary of evidence has been concluded and the charge sheet has been served to General Fonseka accordingly. His denial of any wrong doing would be considered by the Court.

General Fonseka has been accommodated by the Government with all amenities and his statement to the effect that the living conditions are difficult is not maintainable.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa has been re-elected for the second term with a margin of 1.8 million votes and the election observers have endorsed the outcome of the election.

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