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Dear and Reverend Fathers,

Greetings from Bishop's House, Thuckalay!

I am sure you are aware of the construction of New Container Harbour at Enayam which sparked a lot of opposition from the public. It's because thousands of families and people mostly Catholics from the coastal regions will be displaced. In this regard, the TNBC in its last meeting took a decision to support the cause of Christians in the affected area of Thoothukudi and Kottar dioceses. So far the issue was tackled locally with only affected people and now the Tamilnad church has decided to protest against this dream project of BJP.

Therefore, a protest fast was called by all the Bishops of TNBC on 26<sup>th</sup> February from 10 am to 4 pm at St. Carmel Higher Secondary School, Nagercoil. In view of this the President of TNBC has written a circular letter inviting all of us to take part in the protest meet on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Kindly read this circular on 16<sup>th</sup> February after the Holy Qurbana and instruct the faithful well on the need for joining the protest. Though our community will not be affected directly, it's our responsibility to support our fellow Christians. Encourage maximum number of people from your parish for the protest meet. We shall try to arrange the transport to and fro.

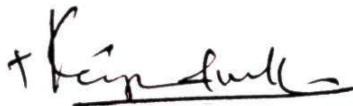
I have promised TNBC maximum support from the diocese; let us provide our cooperation.

Enclosed the letter of TNBC president and his circular in Tamil.

Expecting your personal participation along with the faithful on that day,

With my prayers and blessings,

Yours in Christ Jesus,



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