



## **APPEAL TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS FOR LIBERATION OF EELAM TAMILS FROM THE GENOCIDAL ACTS OF THE SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT**

**THE TAMILS OF EELAM**, the most ancient race to settle in Sri Lanka, have been facing the gravest destruction for the past 30 years within their own land. Prior to 2009, they faced death by the weapons of Sinhalese Army. Post 2009, those who survived are facing destruction in all fields including their language, arts, culture, religion and loss of their ancestral dwelling regions. The Tamils are thus faced with total annihilation quietly at the hands of worst fanatical Sinhalese Government of Sri Lanka that is currently in power.

In 2009, when the Tamils were killed in the tens of thousands mercilessly by the Sinhalese Army, the rest of the world was watching the unfolding tragedy only as mere spectators. The reason was that many nations wanted the **“terrorism perpetrated by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) to end.”** However, the Sri Lanka Government had other plans in mind. It wanted to use this as an **opportunity to destroy the entire Tamil race and seize their ancestral homeland aggressively by building Sinhalese settlements in the Tamil regions.** Every symbol of the Tamil race in the region is sought to be wiped off.

What happened in Sri Lanka, were not a class war based on economic imbalances, but racial conflicts between the Tamils and the Sinhalese. A proper analysis of the real reasons behind the victory of the Sinhalese army / race in 2009, will reveal that the former British rulers of the country were the root-cause for loss of life of about two hundred thousand Tamils since 1948.

When the Europeans captured Sri Lanka, the **Tamil and Sinhalese regions existed as two separate nations.** Before the advent of the British, the Portuguese and the Dutch captured Sri Lanka and ruled it from 1505 B.C, to 1796 B.C. During their regimes, since there were two distinct countries for the Tamils and Sinhalese, they carried on their administration separately over the Tamils and the Sinhalese in their own different regions.

But after capturing Sri Lanka and bringing it under their control, from the two European Powers in 1796, the British united the Southern region of the Sinhalese with the Northern region of the Tamils **as ONE NATION in 1833** and named the united country as **“CEYLON”** which is now being called as **“SRI LANKA”**.

**Nevertheless, when the British left Sri Lanka, they entrusted their administration in the hands of the Sinhalese only, disregarding the legitimate rights of the ancient Tamil people who were the natives as well as the rulers of their own region. Those who had united two separate countries of the Tamils and the Sinhalese into “ONE NATION OF CEYLON” with their military might for their administrative convenience, had**

**bestowed the ruling authority to the Sinhalese only while leaving the country on granting independence. Thereby a grave blunder was committed by the British rulers, which has led to serious problems for the Tamils.**

Since 1948, when freedom was granted to Sri Lanka by the British, the Sinhalese rulers have launched their cruel campaign against the Tamil people. In all fields such as language, religion, arts, culture, education, employment, agriculture, industrial development, etc., the Eelam Tamils have been deliberately relegated and neglected.

Because the erstwhile two separate countries of the Tamils and the Sinhalese were integrated as one nation by the British, the Tamil race has been made into a minority one. Thereby, the problems concerned with the fundamental rights of the Tamils have been diverted as problems of minority issue.

Both the Sinhalese and their Army, came together to create conflicts within the Tamil race. Then on the pretext of making efforts to resolving such conflicts, the three wings of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces united together and began their armed campaign against the Tamils. This led to a life or death situation for the Tamils and the Tamil youth were forced to take up arms to protect their race from destruction at the hands of the Sinhalese forces.

Among the Eelam liberation movements enrolling the Tamil youth capable of fighting with weapons, **it is indeed a fact that Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (L.T.T.E) had turned into terrorist outfit.** Showing this as a reason, the problems linked to **the rights of the Eelam Tamil people were twisted and projected as terror related issues** by the Sinhalese Government. Nobody can deny that under the pretext of destroying the LTTE, the Sinhalese Government and its Army have killed the Tamils in hundreds of thousands. Among such murders, the **gunning down of the 12 year old boy Balachandran**, the son of the LTTE leader, Velupillai Prabhakaran, which has come to light, is most cruel in nature. This inhuman offence has shown to the world to what extent the Sinhalese race have been indulging in the decimation of the Tamil race with the worst perversion.

Two thousand years have passed since Buddhism entered Sri Lanka. The religion is rooted on the noble principles of mercy, fraternity, philanthropy, abolition of disparity among races and castes and empowerment of the oppressed, as envisaged by its great founder Gautama Buddha. But the Sinhalese government, which had made Buddhism as the only national religion, had thrown away all the golden principles of Gautama Buddha and has been indulging in merciless murders, particularly through the genocide of the age-old Tamil Race.

By implementing the **'Standardisation Scheme'** the Sinhalese rulers have totally suppressed the aspirations of the Tamil youth by way of denial of their legitimate rights in the fields of education, employment, job opportunities, economic progress, politics, judicial services etc.

Many centuries old reputed **Hindu temples are now being demolished** by the Sinhalese Army, like the world famous **Tamil Library in Jaffna town which was atrociously burnt down on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1981** in an attempt to destroy records of the proud culture and history of the Eelam Tamils.

Because the British entrusted the sole ruling powers only to the Sinhalese race in 1948, the fundamental rights of the Eelam Tamils have been entirely buried by the fanatic rulers of Sri Lanka.

The racially discriminatory schemes and activities of the Sinhalese rulers can be briefly listed as follows:

1. Establishment Sinhalese colonies in the Northern and Eastern provinces, which are the exclusively native birth-places of the very ancient Tamil race even before the advent of the Sinhalese from North India.
2. Aggressive occupation of fertile agricultural lands in the Tamil regions by the Sinhalese.
3. Depriving National Language status to age-old Tamil language. Sinhalese language has been made as the only National Language in the Constitution of Sri Lanka.
4. Preventing the progress of Tamils in the field of Education.
5. Complete deprivation of Employment opportunities for the Tamils.
6. Decreasing the due numbers of the Tamil Members of Parliament and minimising their rights to raise political issues and demands.
7. Ignoring and even insulting the religious beliefs of Hindus, Muslims and Christians.
8. Preventing the establishment of industries in the Tamil areas.
9. Obstructing the development of Tamils in the fields of agriculture, fisheries, etc., by settlement of Sinhalese people into Tamil regions.
10. On the whole, converting Sri Lanka as the **Sinhalese Buddhist Nation** and suppressing the Tamils by denying them their rights and destroying their language and culture.

Since May 2009, the Tamil survivors of the brutal campaign of the Sinhalese Armed Forces in their land in Sri Lanka have been entangled in the worst insecure conditions of livelihood. It will be a welcome step if the offenders who committed the genocide on the Tamil race are duly identified with photographic and other evidences and meted out with the punishment they deserve.

Voices are now being raised that **economic sanctions** should be brought against Sri Lanka. This appears to be a welcome proposition. But if we prudently think over its consequences, **the move cannot secure the freedom and protection of the Tamils.**

There is no doubt that those who are defying and denying human rights should be surely condemned and punished. Yet this general legal action cannot be so easily implemented against the present Sri Lankan Government. Because, the Eelam Tamils living in the

Northern and Eastern Provinces of the country are **encircled by the Sri Lankan Military on a scale of 1 military personnel for every 3 Tamil civilians.**

Hence, any punitive action initiated against Sri Lanka or its rulers by International Organizations will immediately attract the wrath of the Sinhalese army uncontrollably against the Tamils endangering their very existence even further.

Similarly, if sanctions by countries like USA and India are enforced on Sri Lanka, keeping the welfare of the Tamils in mind, then it will give an opportunity for countries like **China** to rush to its aid with increased monetary assistance and exports. The Tamils of Eelam are encased by the Sinhalese racial enemy who makes use of the sea, the land and the sky for all their outrageous activities against Tamils. If sanctions are enforced on Sri Lanka, then immediately the Sinhalese Army and the Government Rulers will obstruct the flow of all the essential life-saving commodities from reaching the Tamils.

The Sinhalese rulers will definitely place the Tamil people as pawns for their negotiations stating that if the food has to be supplied to the Tamils, then the sanctions should be lifted.

Hence, sanctions would not have the desired effects and will fail to achieve the intended results for the welfare of the Tamils. In contrast, it may only increase the sufferings of the Tamils as the anger of the Sinhalese government and its forces against the international community would be turned directly against the Tamils.

Hence, if the international community wishes to render any compassionate assistance to Eelam Tamils, it should begin with urgent steps to protect their lives and livelihood and alleviate the sufferings they are currently undergoing as a result of the huge losses they have suffered as a result of the Sinhalese war against them.

**“Protection to the Tamils”** does not in any way mean the security provided by the Sinhalese Army. Those Sri Lankan military forces have been merciless in savagely killing innocent Tamils. **‘Protection’ by the Sinhalese Army will tantamount to expecting the perpetrator of crime to protect the victim.** The words “showing mercy” will really mean so only if the Tamils are rescued and protected from the outrageous Sinhalese Army as well as the Sinhalese Government.

As a first step towards this protection, all the Sinhalese military forces should be withdrawn from the native regions of the Tamils. This in itself will ensure a real sense of security and peace for the Tamils.

Before the invasion by the European Powers, the Tamils were the proud rulers of a separate independent nation of their own in what is now Sri Lanka. The European Powers by passing on the mantle of power to the Sinhalese have done the greatest disservice to the Tamil race. The British in particular trained the Sinhalese as soldiers strengthened it with weapons before they left Sri Lanka in 1948. The sad truth is that **all the weapons of war in possession of the Sri Lankan armed forces till date have been used only against the Tamils living in Sri Lanka and not against any other enemy country.** The question remains why such

powerful armed forces are to be maintained by the Sri Lankan state when there is no enemy country in its neighbourhood.

The Government of Great Britain should extend their full and direct involvement in solving the problems of Eelam Tamils as the misery for the Tamils has its beginnings in the wrong decisions of the British while granting independence to the island nation.

India being our only neighbouring country and also having signed an international accord (The Indo-Sri Lanka Accord 1987) with Sri Lanka, to protect the Tamils, has the rights and responsibility in addressing and directly involving to secure a peaceful solution to the Tamil problem.

Our **EELAM NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LIBERATION FRONT (E.N.D.L.F.)** earnestly requests all the world Nations for a collective endeavour to find a permanent solution to the grave problems faced by Eelam Tamils, by involving all the countries wherever the Tamils driven out of Sri Lanka have been taking refuge.

We **welcome the resolution to be passed in the United Nations General Assembly**, which condemns the Government of Sri Lanka for its genocide of more than hundred thousand Tamils in 2009 alone and thousands are facing torture even today.

**It is also our fervent requests that apart from the decisions of the United Nations Organisations, countries like India, Britain, France, Canada, Australia, USA and Norway should form a common platform to achieve the liberation of Eelam Tamils from the clutches of the Sinhalese.**

On behalf of our Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front (**E.N.D.L.F.**), we appeal to the Honourable General Secretary of the United Nations Organisations and the leaders of the world to kindly take immediate measures for a sovereign independent **TAMIL EELAM NATION** where the Eelam Tamils can truly rebuild their lives after decades of misery.

With gratitude,



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