

UN's Adama Dieng Urged to Release Sri Lanka Genocide Report: TGTE
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- 1) Attempts to issue a statement on Sri Lanka was prevented: UN Internal Review report.
- 2) 70,000 Tamil civilians killed in five months: UN Internal Review report.
- 3) TGTE issues worldwide action alert urging Mr. Dieng to make public Sri Lanka Genocide report.

- Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) have urged Mr. Adama Dieng, the UN Secretary General's Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, to release all the reports and research pertaining to the Genocide and other serious crimes committed against the Tamil people in the island of Sri Lanka.

"According to the U.N Internal Review Report published on November 2012, your office raised concern with the Sri Lankan government and the U.N. Secretary General over the situation. Your attempt to issue a public statement was not supported by U.N. Headquarters." said TGTE.

"Four years have passed since the end of the war and it's time for truth to come out"

The UN Panel of Experts on Sri Lanka estimates that more than 40,000 Tamil civilians were killed during the final months of the war. But, the UN Internal Review Panel on Sri Lanka estimated that 70,000 Tamil civilians were killed during that time.

The Catholic Bishop of Mannar, Rt. Rev. Dr. Rayappu Joseph, in his submission to the Lesson Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC), stated that 146,679 people remain unaccounted for during the final stage of the conflict in Sri Lanka.

TGTE also activated an international action for people worldwide to request Mr. Dieng to release the Sri Lanka Genocide report. The link to that action is:

<https://www.change.org/petitions/the-honorable-adamadieng-release-of-2007-report-and-all-documents-regarding-tamils-in-sri-lanka>

UN's Adama Dieng your mandate covers "Collecting information, in particular from within the UN system, on massive and serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law of ethnic and racial origin that, if not prevented or halted, might lead to genocide, and acting as a mechanism of early warning to the Security Council, through the Secretary-General, by bringing these situations to its attention."

Background:

According to a UN Panel tens of thousands of Tamils civilians were killed in five months due to deliberate and intense carpet bombing of areas designated by the government as "no-fire zones", where Tamils assembled for safety. The Sri Lankan Government also restricted food and medicine for Tamils, resulting in large numbers of people dying from starvation and many of the injured bleeding to death.

In addition to the killings, thousands of Tamils have disappeared, Tamil women were sexually assaulted and raped, large numbers of Tamils are imprisoned without trial and abductions are continuing to this day. Tamils are singled out to face these abuses simply and solely on account of their Tamil nationality.

Members of the Sri Lankan Security forces are almost exclusively from the Sinhalese ethnic group and the victims are all from the Tamil ethnic group.

About Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE):

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is a new political concept. It is a new political formation based on the principles of nationhood, homeland and self-determination. The *raison d'être* for the TGTE is lack of political space inside the island of Sri Lanka for the Tamils to articulate and realize their political aspirations fully due to Constitutional impediments, racist political environment and military strangulation; and the coordination of diaspora political activities based on democratic principles and the rule of law.

TGTE held internationally supervised elections in 12 countries. These elections were held to ensure that core beliefs of democracy be upheld within the TGTE and to demonstrate TGTE's belief and reliance upon democratic ideals. TGTE has a bicameral legislature and a Cabinet. Although an elected body, TGTE does not claim to be a government in exile. The Constitution of the TGTE mandates that it should realize its political objective only through peaceful means.

Presently, in addition to the campaign for an international investigation, the TGTE is also campaigning for an International Protection Mechanism and the release of documents pertaining to Tamils prepared by the Office of the Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide. TGTE is also in the process of preparing the Freedom Charter incorporating the "freedom demands" of Tamils across the globe.

TGTE believes that the referendum among the Tamils inside the island of Sri Lanka and the Tamil diaspora will contribute to the political resolution of the Tamil national conflict. So far, the human cost has reached 100,000 as it grows. There are also 90,000 Tamil war widows, facing sexual abuse by the Sri Lankan security forces.

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