

TGTE Salutes Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Hon Selvi Jayalalitha, for Passing Resolution on Sri Lanka Referendum

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- We join hands with the students of Tamil Nadu with a strong sense of solidarity for the relentless manner in which they have kept alive the struggle in support of the people of Tamil Eelam.
- Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) thanked Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Honorable Selvi Jayalalitha for passing a Resolution on March 27th, at the Tamil Nadu State Assembly, calling for a Referendum among Tamils in the North & East of that island to determine their political future.



"The Transnational Government of

Tamil Eelam(TGTE), on behalf of the people of Tamil Eelam, expresses its delight and profound gratitude to Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Hon. Selvi Jayalalitha, the leaders of all the political parties and the people of Tamil Nadu for adopting such a firm resolution" said Mr. Visuvanathan Rudrakumarn, the Prime Minister of TGTE.

"The content of this historic resolution moved by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu makes it an important political document that encompasses the political will of the Tamil people, reveals the anti-Tamil stance of the Sri Lankan state, and reflects an understanding of the international mechanism that is needed"

"This resolution stands as excellent testimony to the remarkable political acumen and statesmanship of Selvi Jayalalitha, and we, at the TGTE, congratulate her on bringing forth such an excellent resolution at this time" continued, Mr. Rudrakumaran.

"We urge the Indian Government to give due recognition to this resolution. Also, we appeal in solidarity to the Chief Minister and the people of Tamil Nadu to follow up with action at the Centre to lead to implementation of the provisions contained in this resolution" he appealed.

"We join hands with the student population of Tamil Nadu with a strong sense of solidarity for the relentless manner in which they have kept alive the struggle in support of the people of Tamil Eelam. It is only when the provisions of this resolution are accepted by the Central Government of India that there would be effective follow-up action" said Mr. Rudrakumaran.

"We firmly believe that the student population of Tamil Nadu has the capacity to ensure that the Central Government of India accepts this resolution. It is our fervent hope that the students of Tamil Nadu will not stop until a structured project is in place to undertake actions that would realize the resolution"

The highlights of this resolution are as follows:

The Tamil Nadu State Assembly adopts the following resolution and strongly requests the Indian Government that,

- 1)....The Indian Government refrains from referring to Sri Lanka as a 'friendly country' from hereon....
- 2) An independent and international investigation into the Genocide and War Crimes perpetrated by Sri Lanka during the civil war comes into place.
- 3) Based on the International Investigation all perpetrators of these crimes should be brought before an International Court of Justice and punished.
- 4) Economic sanctions against Sri Lanka are imposed until it puts an end to the atrocities being committed against Tamils.
- 5) It takes necessary steps to bring a resolution at the UN Security Council which, in due recognition of the future of Tamils of Tamil Eelam, leads to a referendum with regard to these matters being conducted among the Tamils living in Sri Lanka, and all Tamil Diaspora displaced from Sri Lanka who are living in various parts of the world.

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 dâetre 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 believe 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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