

Muslims Distinct Identity will be Recognized in the Independent Tamil State: Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam

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- □No religion shall be given the foremost place in Tamil Eelam.
- □No discrimination based on religion, ethnicity, language, caste, gender & sexual orientation.



Distinct Identity of Muslims will be recognized in the independent Tamil State of Tamil Eelam & Muslims will have the right to participate in formulation of their role, according to Section: 10 of the Tamil Eelam Freedom Charter.

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Sinhala, along with Tamil and English, will also be an office language of the independent Tamil State of Tamil Eelam, according to section 14 of this Charter.

Tamil Eelam Freedom Charter was declared on May 18th, by the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam ([TGTE](#)).

This Charter was drafted by TGTE, after extensive consultation from Tamils worldwide. Large number of Tamils from the island of Sri Lanka also participated. Feedback was received through several meetings around the world and through an online questioner.

The Declaration was made by the Prime Minister of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam, Mr. Viswanathan Rudrakumaran, in the historic city of Lancaster (Pennsylvania, U.S.A). Lancaster is the birth place of Thaddens Stevens, a leading champion to abolish slavery and the main force behind the Emancipation Proclamation to free Slaves.

This event was attended by several academics, legal luminaries, politicians, political pundits, professionals from around the world and TGTE legislators. A two day International Academic conference, attended by several well-known academics from around the world, was held prior to the proclamation of the Freedom Charter.

Following the proclamation of the freedom charter, Dr. Ramsay Clark, former US Attorney General; Hon. Daniel Mayan M.P. from South Sudan (SPLM); and Dr. Nuran Nabi, an important Bangladesh freedom fighter, once considered the brain behind the Bangladesh Liberation Movement Mukti Bahini, spoke and reiterated their support and emphasized the historic importance of the freedom charter.

Below, please find the Tamil Eelam Freedom Charter.

Tamil Eelam Freedom Charter

Positions:

1. We, the people of Tamil Eelam, have an inherent right to self-determination. Subject to Genocide at the hands of successive Sinhala national governments and as an essential measure of protection we wish to establish our own independent and sovereign State of Tamil Eelam.
2. The creation of an independent and sovereign State of Tamil Eelam remains the only viable option to lead a life with security, dignity and equality, both individually and collectively.
3. For over six decades we have struggled, through both non-violent means and armed resistance, to protect ourselves from state sponsored Genocide. We demand the international community organize a referendum to enable us to exercise our right to self-determination and also take all measures to bring to justice the perpetrators of Genocide against the Tamil people.
4. The North-East of Sri Lanka is our traditional homeland and will be the territory of the State of Tamil Eelam. The maritime and aerial limits of Tamil Eelam will be established according to international laws.
5. The independent state of Tamil Eelam will embrace wholeheartedly the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all international human rights and humanitarian treaties and conventions.
6. A Constituent Assembly, elected by the people, shall draft the Constitution. The Constitution

will avoid any concentration of power in one authority or person and enshrine the independence of the Legislature, the Executive and Judiciary. Tamil Eelam shall be a Republic adhering to the laws enacted by a Parliament of elected representatives chosen through direct voting by the people. The people shall have the right to recall their elected representatives.

7. No religion shall be given the foremost place in Tamil Eelam. The freedom to worship and the cultural right to practice religious traditions shall be ensured.

8. Tamil Eelam will prohibit capital punishment.

9. The state of Tamil Eelam shall guarantee Constitutional protection of individuals, families and communities from any form of discrimination on the basis of religion, ethnicity, language, caste, gender or sexual orientation.

10. The rights of all minority groups in Tamil Eelam will be respected and safeguarded. The distinct identity of Muslims will be recognized. They shall have the right to participate in formulation of their role in Tamil Eelam. Whenever the hill country Tamils choose to settle in Tamil Eelam, citizenship rights will be extended to them forthwith and the state shall implement special programs for their welfare.

11. All freedom fighters shall be honored as national heroes. All those who sacrificed their lives shall be honored as martyrs. The welfare of the families of the martyrs and cadre shall be the responsibility of the state. All civilians who lost their lives during the freedom struggle shall be remembered through a national monument. May 18 will be established as a National Day of Mourning and November 27 will remain as the National Maaveerar Day.

Foreign Policy:

12. Tamil Eelam shall maintain close relations with all nations that have democratically elected governments. Expressing solidarity with the people of India and to foster peace and security in the Indian Ocean region, Tamil Eelam will forge a special relationship with India.

Economic Policy:

13. The economic policy of Tamil Eelam will be shaped with the needs and resources of the people of Tamil Eelam in mind and to cultivate global cooperation as well as recognizing the significant role of the Tamil diaspora.

Language Policy:

14. Tamil, Sinhala and English shall be the official languages of Tamil Eelam.

Education Policy:

15. Education shall be compulsory and free for all.

Health Policy:

16. Health will be a fundamental right and all citizens will have access to free healthcare.

Development Policy:

17. Development includes economic as well as social, human resource and cultural development in a sustainable way. An important goal of development policy would be to create social equity and minimize disparities.

18. Some of the objectives of development projects in Tamil Eelam will be to ensure that all citizens have: Their own shelter; Basic livelihood; Protection from infectious diseases and adequate nutrition, especially for children, pregnant mothers and the elderly.

Environment Policy:

19. Land, water and space resources within the territory of Tamil Eelam will be conserved. Large-scale reforestation projects, especially of the Palmyra resource destroyed during the war, will be undertaken as a priority.

20. Emphasis will be given to renewable energy forms such as solar, wind and wave. All non-renewable resources will be used cautiously keeping in mind the needs of future generations.

Citizenship Policy:

21. Citizenship will be extended to all those born in the homeland or descended from those born in the homeland. Provisions will be made for obtaining citizenship through naturalization and also for holding dual citizenship.

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