

TGTE Initiates a Post Card Campaign to Commemorate 30th Anniversary of Killing of Sri Lankan Tamils.

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Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam ([TGTE](#)) has launched an International Post Card Campaign to commemorate the mass killing of Tamils in Sri Lanka in July 1983.

In July 1983, the majority ethnic Sinhalese mobs roamed around Sri Lanka looking for Tamils to attack, which resulted in thousands of Tamil civilians killed and scores of

Tamil women raped.

Over 50 Tamil political prisoners were massacred inside a high security prison by other Sinhalese prisoners with the help of the Sinhalese prison guards.

The Government instead of protecting the Tamil People, a numerical minority in the island, encouraged the attacks by issuing inflammatory statements against Tamils.

The surviving Tamils fled in refugee ships to the Tamil homelands in the North and East of the Island. Tens of thousands of Tamils also fled the country and sought refuge in India and other Asian and Western countries.

POGROM to GENOCIDE:

Repeated mass killings of Tamils by Sinhalese mobs started in 1958 and the Pogrom continued until 1983.

"The large scale killing of Tamils by the Sri Lankan Security Forces in May 2009 have changed the Pogrom into Genocide" said Thanikasalam Thayaparan, Minister for Political Affairs,

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE).

In May 2009, according to UN internal Review Report, over 70,000 Tamils were killed in five months by the Sri Lankan Security Forces under the command of the Sri Lankan President. Currently there are over 90,000 Tamil War Widows facing sexual abuse by the Sri Lankan Security forces in the North and East of the Island.

POST CARD CAMPAIGN:

The front page of the Post Card Campaign by TGTE depicts the drawing of a naked Tamil man, who was beaten by laughing Sinhalese men.

The back of the card mentions then Sri Lankan President's encouragement to unfolding Pogrom. The Sri Lankan President's comment below also illustrates that there are two distinct nations in that country.

President's Comment:

I am not worried about the opinion of the Jaffna people: Now WE can't think of THEM. Not about their lives or of their opinions about US - President J.R. Jeyawardana, President of Sri Lanka. London Daily Telegraph (July 11, 1983).

The back card also contains an observation by the Canadian Supreme Court that when people are subject to oppression, International Law allows them to exercise their right to self-determination externally in the form of an independent state.

"International Law.... Generates.... The Right to External Self Determination.... Where A People is Oppressed..... - Canadian Supreme Court (1998) 2 S.C.R. 217

REQUEST:

TGTE is urging Tamils and others around the world to send this card to their respective Heads of State, Legislators and others to highlight the Pogrom 30 years ago and to show that the mass killing of Tamils in May 2009 have made repeated Pogroms into Genocide when Tamils were singled out for their ethnic identity for killings by the State itself.

To get the Post Card: Visit: www.tgte-us.org

About Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE):

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is a new political concept, formed after the

mass killing of Tamils in the final months of the war. 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 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 recently declared Tamil Eelam 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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