

# Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam's (TGTE) 2nd Parliament Inaugurated. Elects Prime Minister & Speaker.

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- 1) Mr. Visuvanathan Rudrakumaran unanimously elected as the Prime Minister.
- 2) Dr. Thavendraraja Ambalavanar elected as the Speaker.
- 3) Rejects South Africa sponsored Truth & Reconciliation initiative.
- 4) Urges Sri Lanka to be expelled from the Commonwealth.

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE), which was formed after the mass killing of Tamils in the final months of the Sri Lanka war in 2009, completed its first Parliamentary term and inaugurated its second Parliamentary term on December 6, 2013. This Session was broadcast live on several media.

The newly elected 112 TGTE Members of Parliament (MPs) met from December 6th to 8th in New Jersey in the United States to take oaths and to inaugurate the second Parliamentary term. Some MPs joined via video conference from Zurich, Switzerland.

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During this session, TGTE MP's unanimously elected Mr. Visuvanathan Rudrakumaran as their Prime Minister.

Dr. Thavendraraja Ambalavanar was elected as the Speaker of the TGTE Parliament and Mr. Thilai Rajah was elected as the deputy Speaker.

Several Resolutions were debated and adopted. Chief among them are urging Sri Lanka to be expelled from the Commonwealth and to reject South Africa sponsored Truth & Reconciliation initiative.

The newly elected MPs represented Canada, United Kingdom, United States of America,

Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Ireland, France, Denmark, Norway and New Zealand.

#### 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 in 2009.

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.

The Constitution of the TGTE mandates that it should realize its political objective only through peaceful and democratic means.

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.

TGTE held its second elections in October 2013. Tamils around the world unitedly elected all the Members of Parliament without contest. With this election, TGTE begins its 2nd Parliamentary term.

The TGTE promulgated a Freedom Charter on May 18, 2013 incorporating "Freedom Demands" of the Tamils across the globe. 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 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. The Tamil women, especially female bread winners are subject to sexual abuse by the Sri Lankan security forces.

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