

# Let us Triumph this Year in Further Isolating Sri Lanka and March Forwards to Our Freedom! TGTE

*Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam's (TGTE) New Year message*

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## HIGHLIGHTS IN 2013:

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4) Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) elected its parliament for the second term and convened its inaugural sessions in December 2013.

January 1, 2014: On this momentous occasion when the world is engaged in the delight of welcoming a New Year full of hope, I bring warm and sincere New Year greetings of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) to all Tamil brethren.

The New Year dawning on January 1 and the Tamil New Year that follows two weeks later marked by 'thai ponkal' are important moments in the lives of all Tamils. As the first month in the Tamil calendar, 'thai' ushers in the Tamil New Year and the time for renewing hopes.

Let us welcome 2014 as the year that will bring a life of freedom and prosperity to the people of Tamil Eelam and indeed to all Tamils living around the world!

On this day we can also look back on 2013 as the year when the Tamil Eelam freedom struggle made some significant strides.

The Sri Lankan state remains further isolated in the international political arena through the efforts at the UN Human Rights Council and the events coinciding with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting concluded in Colombo in November 2013.

All the genocidal acts committed on innocent Tamils by the Sinhala regime have been exposed to the world last year with even more dramatic evidence.

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I wish to reiterate the three-pronged strategy of the TGTE for the year ahead as outlined in my 2013 Maavirar naal message. We shall work resolutely in harnessing the support of the international community for the establishment of an independent state of Tamil Eelam, we shall undertake all necessary measures to obtain justice for the genocide committed by the Sinhala state against the Tamil people, and we shall rebuild a state of prosperity among the people of our homeland.

Furthermore, during 2014, the TGTE intends to take steps towards building the Tamil Diaspora into a vibrant and strong community.

During the inaugural sitting of the TGTE Assembly in December 2013, a series of working sessions were held in order to prepare our work plan for 2014. Based on the outcome of these sessions and the input of several resource personnel, we have been discussing a number of creative and structural changes within the TGTE.

We intend to release to the public on 'thai pongal' day several aspects of TGTE's plans for 2014, including its Cabinet and other structures related to thematic, country-wise and policy formulating

working programs.

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The thirst of all Tamils is Tamil Eelam!

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#### 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 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. 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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