

Names of First Batch of Sri Lanka's War Criminals to be Released on May 18 by Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam

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On May 18 (Sunday), Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) will be releasing the names of its first batch of Sri Lanka's War Criminals and those committed genocide against Tamils.

This first batch will include names of important political and military leaders, who were responsible over the years for killing large number of Tamils.

This year marks the 5th anniversary of the mass killing of Tamils by the Sri Lankan security forces in the final months of the war in 2009. TGTE have declared a week of mourning from May 11 - 18 to commemorate these killings.

These killings prompted UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to appoint a Panel of Experts to report on the scale of killings.

According to the report by this UN Panel, tens of thousands of Tamil civilians were killed (UN Internal Review Report on Sri Lanka: over 70,000 Tamils were killed in five months in 2009).

These people were killed due to deliberate and intense shelling and bombing of areas designated by the government as "no-fire zones" where Tamil civilians had assembled for safety.

The Sri Lankan Government also restricted food and medicine for Tamils, resulting in large numbers of people dying from starvation and many of the injured bleeding to death.

According to the UN Panel, the killings and other abuses that took place amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity. Independent experts believe that there are elements of these abuses that constitute an act of genocide.

ABOUT TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL EELAM (TGTE):

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is a democratically elected Government of Tamils (from the island of Sri Lanka) living in several countries.

It held internationally supervised elections among Tamils around the world to elect over 132 Members of Parliament and is leading a campaign to realize Tamils' political aspirations through peaceful, diplomatic and democratic means.

TGTE has a bicameral legislature and a Cabinet and held one of its Parliamentary sittings in the

British Parliament.

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

The Prime Minister of TGTE is Mr. Visuvanathan Rudrakumaran, a New York based lawyer.

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