

UN Human Rights Chief Urged to Visit Sri Lanka: TGTE

Urged to visit the crime scene and meet the victims

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The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) urged the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein, to visit the island of Sri Lanka to get information for the Office of the High Commissioner's Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL) report to be submitted to the UN Human Rights Council in March, 2015.

Noting that the newly appointed Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, Ranil Wickramasinghe, has stated that he is willing to engage with the United Nations probe, TGTE's Prime Minister Visuvanathan Rudrakumaran urged in his letter to the High Commissioner that this is a "window of opportunity" that should not be missed.

The letter further states that the Investigation Team would have already recorded evidence from the victims and reliable third party sources. However, we firmly believe many victims living in the island of Sri Lanka have not spoken yet. Thus this opportunity should be utilized to meet with the victims directly.

The visit will serve to:

- 1) Visit the crime scene to obtain forensic evidence, among others.
- 2) Investigation of alleged perpetrators, if necessary, to determine which officials within the chain of command bear responsibility.
- 3) Investigation of the victims directly in the island.

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 around the world.

TGTE was formed after the mass killing of Tamils by the Sri Lankan Government in 2009. According to UN internal review report on Sri Lanka, over 70,000 Tamils were killed in five months in early 2009 and Tamil women were sexually assaulted and raped by Sri Lankan Security forces. There are over 90,000 Tamil war widows and hundreds of Tamil political prisoners.

TGTE held internationally supervised elections among Tamils around the world to elect 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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