

As World Celebrates Women's Day – Sri Lanka's new Government continues to Imprison Large Number of Tamil Women: TGTE

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As the world celebrates International Women's Day on March 8th, Sri Lanka's new Government continues to imprison large number of Tamil women political prisoners. Additionally rape victims of Sri Lankan security forces are unable to find justice and 90,000 Tamil war widows continue to suffer, said Transnational Government for Tamil Eelam's Minister for Homeland Mrs. Balambihai Murugadas.

"The new Sri Lanka Government which came to power largely with the support of Tamil votes but still ignores the suffering of Tamil women" she continued.

One such example is, is the imprisonment of a Tamil mother and her 13 year old daughter.



Both were leading a campaign on thousands of Tamils who disappeared. Mrs. Jeyakumari Balendran and her 13 year old daughter Vipushika were arrested a year ago in March 2014. There are concerns that they were detained to prevent them from going to Geneva to provide information to the UN Human Rights Council, about the disappearance and death of four members of their family. Her 15 year old son who surrendered to the army in her presence and whose photo appeared in a government publication receiving rehabilitation in army custody. Still the Government denies that her son in their custody.

The new President, who was acting defence minister during the war when large number of Tamils were killed, has provided Sri Lankan military with police powers, while denying Tamils Police and Land powers.

In a further development a parliamentarian has recently alleged that there is reliable information that over 700 people have been secretly detained at one Gota's camp in Trincomalee in the Eastern Sri Lanka. Most of these people were known to have been arrested by the army and have been held in

secret detention for more than 6 years.

Even though the Government have changed, the Tamil's suffering did not stop.

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ABOUT TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL EELAM (TGTE):

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is a democratically elected Government of a million strong 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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