

## Chennai Press Conf: Refer Sri Lanka to Int'l Criminal Court: By Prime Minister of Transnational Govt of Tamil Eelam

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The Prime Minister of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam Mr. Visuvanathan Rudrakumaran will address a Chennai Press Conference about the importance of referring Sri Lanka to the International Criminal Court (ICC). He will also address about the UN Human Rights Council Investigation on Sri Lanka and answer questions. He will join through Video Conference from New York.

Almost six years have passed since tens of thousands of Eelam Tamils were killed by the Sri Lankan Security forces and the United National Human Rights Council have initiated an Investigation about these killings and rape of Tamil women. The report of this investigation will be tabled in the September Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam have launched an international signature campaign in fifteen languages urging United Nations to Refer Sri Lanka to the International Criminal Court. This Signature Campaign is at: <a href="https://www.tgte-icc.org">www.tgte-icc.org</a>

## **BACKGROUND:**

Tamils have faced repeated mass killings since 1958 and the mass killings in 2009 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 and women were sexually abused and raped by the Sri Lankan Security Forces.

According to this 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.

According to the UN internal review report on Sri Lanka, over 70,000 Tamils were killed in five months in early 2009. There are over 90,000 Tamil war widows and thousands of Tamil political prisoners in Sri Lanka.

Members of the Sri Lankan security forces are almost exclusively from the Sinhalese community and the victims are all from the Tamil community.

A Buddhist Monk shot and killed a Sri Lankan Prime Minister in 1959 for having talks with Tamil political leaders to find a solution to the ethnic conflict.

Tamils overwhelmingly voted in a Parliamentary election in 1977 to establish an independent and sovereign country called Tamil Eelam. This Parliamentary election was conducted by the Sri Lankan Government.

## 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 thousands of Tamil political prisoners.

TGTE held internationally supervised elections among Tamils around the world to elect 132 Members of Parliament. It has a bicameral legislature and a Cabinet. It held one of its Parliamentary sittings in the British Parliament.

TGTE is leading a campaign to realize Tamils' political aspirations through peaceful, democratic and diplomatic means. 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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