

# Sri Lanka: Former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark to deliver Mullivaaikal Memorial Lecture in New York - May 18 - TGTE

*TAMIL NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING: MAY 18 (Monday) - Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE)*

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## MULLIVAAIKAL MEMORIAL LECTURE

It is our honor to announce that:

Mr. Ramsey Clark, Former Attorney General of the US will deliver the Inaugural Lecture

Where: New York County Lawyer's Association  
14 Vasey Street  
New York, NY

Date: May 18 (Monday).

Time: 6:30 pm

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**TAMIL NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING: MAY 18 (Monday)**

On this Day of Mourning of the Tamil nation, the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is pleased to announce the inauguration of the Mullivaaikal Memorial Lecture Series.

According to the UN Internal Review Report, there is credible evidence that 70,000 Tamils were killed in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka in the last few months of the war in 2009, culminating in the devastation at Mullivaaikal, a small strip of land against the sea. It is feared that casualties could have exceeded 100,000.

The Genocide of the Tamil population that unfolded in Mullivaaikal has left an indelible mark on the psyche of the Tamil Nation. We must remember and learn from these terrible events because the fight for history is also a fight for the present day and indeed fight for our Nation today.

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. -- Maya Angelou



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Ramsey Clark

A generation which ignores history has no past and no future. – Robert Anson Heinlein

History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon. – Napoleon Bonaparte

#### 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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