

## TGTE Minister rebuts Sri Lankan Minister's comments that his Government has not faced pressure from Tamil diaspora.

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A Minister from the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) has issued a rebuttal for comments made by a Sri Lankan Minister that the Government of Sri Lanka has not faced pressure from the Tamil diaspora after the January 8 elections.

Sri Lanka's Cabinet spokesman and Health Minister Rajitha Senaratne said that "Earlier the media reported on the Tamil diaspora protesting near the UN and other places. Now we don't see such media reports."

In a rebuttal to the Sri Lankan Minister's Statement, Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam's Minister for Public Affairs and Media Mr. Suthan Raj pointed out that when the new Sri Lankan President Mr. Sirsena was visiting London, thousands of Tamils demonstrated against him, calling him a war criminal, for being the acting defense minister during the final weeks of the war when thousands of Tamils were killed. Thousands also marched in Geneva two months ago against the Sri Lankan Government's policies towards Tamils and to call for an International Investigation for the mass killing of Tamils by the Sri Lankan security forces. http://world.einnews.com/pr\_news/253844017/thousands-rally-against-sri-lankan-president-sirisenain-london-shouting-war-criminal

Additionally, a Million signature campaign calling the United Nations to refer Sri Lanka to International Criminal Court was recently launched by the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam and several public events are taking place around the world to collects signatures, including one through online at: <u>www.tgte-icc.org</u>

Currently, several events are being organized around the world to commemorate the Genocide of Tamils and the first Mullivaaikal Memorial Lecture is to be delivered by former US Attorney General Mr. Ramsey Clark in New York on May 18th, the Tamil National Day of Mourning. http://world.einnews.com/pr\_news/265451890/sri-lanka-former-us-attorney-general-ramsey-clark-to-deliver-mullivaaikal-memorial-lecture-in-new-york-may-18-tgte

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