

As Sri Lanka bans memorial service for Tamils killed - a former US Attorney General gives memorial lecture in New York

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While Tamils in Sri Lanka are banned from remembering thousands of Tamils who were killed by the Sri Lankan security forces six years ago, a former US Attorney General is giving a memorial lecture for those killed in New York.

The event titled "Mullivaikal Memorial Lecture" is to be held on May 18th (Monday) at 6:30 pm at New York County Lawyer's Association, 14 Vasey Street, New York, New York.

Mr. Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General of the US will deliver the Inaugural Lecture, said the announcement of this event. "On this Day of Mourning of the Tamil nation, the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is pleased to announce the inauguration of the Mullivaikal Memorial Lecture Series" continued the announcement.

In the meantime it is reported that a memorial at the site in Mullivaikal where majority of Tamils were killed was banned by a Sri Lankan court at the request of the Police. Police and security forces have been repeatedly accused by human rights groups of committing mass atrocities against Tamils including sexual violence and rape.

"Mullivaikal is the place in the North of Sri Lanka where Tamil civilians were urged to assemble by the Sri Lankan Government promising safety and then bombard that area with heavy shelling and bombing killing tens of thousands of Tamils" said an organizer of this event. "UK's Channel 4 produced a documentary titled "No-Fire Zone" gives a glimpse of these killings" continued this organizer.

According to the UN Internal Review Report on Sri Lanka, 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 Mullivaikal, a small strip of land against the sea.

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