

Sri Lanka: Release Tamil Prisoners of War – Worldwide Postcard Campaign Launched by TGTE

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE)

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Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) have launched an international Postcard campaign to secure the release of Tamil Prisoners of War (POWs) in Sri Lanka.

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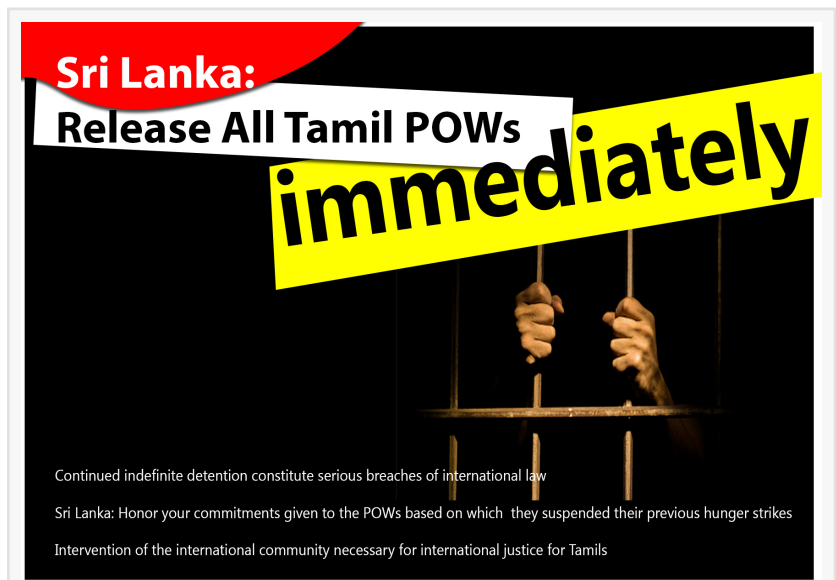
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Sri Lanka should honor its commitments given to the POWs for which they suspended their previous hunger strikes.

Continued indefinite detention of these POWs' constitute serious breaches of international law.

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/UN_High_Commissioner_for_Human_Rights_the_Honorable_Zei



Sri Lanka:
Release All Tamil POWs
immediately

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Intervention of the international community necessary for international justice for Tamils

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It is high time for the international community to clamour for justice for Tamil POWs.



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Release Prisoners of War Message

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.

TGTE twice 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.

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 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 Tamils disappeared due the conflict.

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.

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 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.

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