

# US should Arrest Former Sri Lankan Defense Secretary for committing War Crimes: Tamils for Obama & American Tamil Forum

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NEW YORK, USA, April 19, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In an urgent appeal to President Obama, two major Tamil groups in the United States [Tamils for Obama](#) and American Tamil Forum urged the United States to arrest former Sri Lankan Defense Secretary Gotabaya Rajapakse who is reported to be currently visiting US.

Gotabaya Rajapakse is one of the main architect - along with the former President and the current President - who were responsible for the large scale killing of Tamils and rape of Tamil women. According to United Nations internal review report around 70,000 Tamils were killed in six months during the early part of 2009 and the abuses committed by the Sri Lankan forces amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity. Some international legal experts believe that there are elements of these abuses that could amount to Genocide.

"US should not miss the opportunity to arrest and prosecute one of the main war criminals in recent times visiting the US. Failure to do so would encourage others to commit abuses amounting to war crimes" said these two organizations.

The UN Human Rights Council, led by the US, last year passed a Sri Lanka resolution to hold a credible investigation to punish those responsible for these killings.

"United States should take the same leadership it took at the UN to initiate investigation for the visiting Sri Lankan war criminal," said these two organizations

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