

Samantha Power did a U turn on Human Rights - Now a Cheerleader for Mass Killers

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Samantha Power became prominent for championing against mass killings. Her work on this issue landed her a plum job at the White House under President Obama. Using her work against mass killings around the world, she climbed the ladder and made a career out of it and currently serves as the US Ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

Now, on the verge of leaving her position as the US Ambassador to the UN, she started singing a different tune and

become a champion for mass killers.



“We were shocked to see a onetime champion of human rights did a U turn and started praising Sri Lankan government that killed over 70,000 Tamils in six months in 2009 and Sri Lankan security forces raped hundreds on Tamil women (according to UN Internal Review Report on Sri Lanka),” said Tamils for Obama and American Tamil Forum, two main Tamil groups in the US.

“Former Secretary Clinton even mentioned Sri Lanka as a country - where rape is used as a tactic of war - when addressing the UN Security Council in 2009”.

Samantha Power’s latest episode of supporting mass killers and rapists came just a week ago when she spoke at a meeting not related to her job at the UN. She flew to Washington DC to speak at an event promoting trade with Sri Lanka. Source: Samantha Power Misses the Mark on Sri Lanka (Again) <http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/samantha-power-misses-the-mark-on-sri-lanka-again/>

In that meeting she praised Sri Lanka as a “Global Champion of Human Rights.” The same country that is facing international censure for mass killings.

Just last year, US cosponsored a Resolution at the UN Human Rights Council calling for a credible and independent investigation with participation of international judges for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Sri Lanka in 2009.

“Ambassador Power’s statements call into question US commitment to the UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Sri Lanka it cosponsored and against mass atrocities,” said these two organizations.

Ambassador Power even went further and praised Sri Lankan President Sirisena’s “extraordinary

progress.”

“Power has conveniently ignored the fact that Sri Lankan President Sirisena was the acting defense minister during the final weeks of the war when majority of Tamils were killed and Tamil women were raped. President Sirisena now strongly opposes any international judges participating for the investigations called by UN Human Rights Council” said these two organizations.

It was during President Sirisena’s time as acting defense minister that Sri Lanka rejected an appeal by President Obama to stop shelling and bombing an area called “No Fire Zone”, which was created by the Sri Lankan Government, where thousands of Tamil civilians assembled for safety.

- Here is what Economist wrote: "Sirisena is hardly a beacon of hope for the Tamils: he was acting as defence minister in the nightmarish final fortnight of the war"

Source: <http://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21637389-encouragingly-mahinda-rajapaksa-faces-real-battle-win-re-election-president-better>

- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights released a report last year about these killings.

After the report was published President Sirisena said: “We managed to stop UN publishing names of perpetrators”. Source: <http://www.jdslanka.org/index.php/news-features/politics-a-current-affairs/558-we-managed-to-stop-un-publishing-names-of-perpetrators-sirisena>

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