

## Sri Lanka - Allan Nairn who played significant role to free East Timor to deliver Mullivaikal Memorial Lecture: TGTE

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On this Tamil National Day of Mourning, the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is pleased to announce that Mr. Allan Nairn, who played significant role in the independence of East Timor, will deliver the 2nd Mullivaikal Memorial Lecture in New York City.

Mullivaikal is where over 70,000 Tamils were killed in six months in 2009 and Tamil women were gang raped by the Sri Lankan Security Forces (Source: UN Internal Review Report on Sri Lanka).

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) declared May 18 as the National Day of Mourning of the Tamil Nation.



Allan Nairn

Ramsey Clark, Former Attorney General of the US delivered the Inaugural Lecture on May 18, 2015.

Lecture will take place at: New York County Lawyer's Association 14 Vasey Street New York, NY

Date: May 18 (Wednesday).

Time: 6:30 pm

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## BACKGROUND:

According to the UN Internal Review Report, over 70,000 Tamils were killed at a place called Mullivaaikal, a small strip of land in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka in the last five months of the war in 2009 and hundreds of women were gang raped by Sri Lankan Security forces.

Most were killed when they assembled in a place called "No Fire Zone" created by the Sri Lankan Government. There are over 90,000 Tamil war widows and thousands of Tamils disappeared in Sri Lanka.

The Genocide of the Tamil population that unfolded in Mullivaaikal has left an indelible mark on the psyche of the Tamil Nation. Tamils remember and learn from these terrible events because the fight for history is also a fight for the present day and indeed fight for our Nation today.

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 in 1959 for having talks with Tamil political leaders.

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.

• History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. - Maya Angelou

- A generation which ignores history has no past and no future. Robert Anson Heinlein.
- History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon. Napoleon Bonaparte

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 held two 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.

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