

Is Sri Lanka living up to its commitment to UN Human Rights Council? An Assessment by renowned Int'l experts at UN

Event on June 22nd at UN Human Rights Council in Geneva

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Event details:

When: June 22 (Wednesday)

Time: 13:00 to 14:00

Where: Room IV (UN Human Rights Council)

What:

- UN Human Rights Council passed a unanimous Resolution on mass killings

and rape of Tamils (70 thousand killed in six months in 2009 – UN figure). This Resolution was cosponsored by Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka accepted to implement the requirements of the Resolution, including having foreign judges.

- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein is going to present an Oral report on June 29th about his assessment on whether Sri Lanka have taken meaningful steps to implement the requirements of the Resolution.

- Ahead of High Commissioner's Oral report; On June 22nd, Monitoring and Accountability Panel (MAP) which consists of internationally renowned legal experts will give their assessment on the implementation of the Resolution.

Speakers:

1) Hon. Richard J Rogers: Hon. Richard J Rogers was the OSCE's Chief legal system monitor in post-conflict Kosovo, the Principal Defender at the UN's Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, and the head of legal support for the Appeals Chamber at the UN's International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia. Richard is currently assisting several victim groups before the International Criminal Court (ICC) and has worked with national war crimes courts in Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, and Uganda.

2) Hon. Heather Ryan: Hon. Heather Ryan is currently a special consultant for the Open Society



Geoffrey Robertson QC



Justice Shah



Marie Guiraud



Richard Rogers



Peter Haynes QC



Heather Ryan

Monitoring & Accountability Panel (MAP)

Justice Initiative monitoring the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts in Cambodia (ECCC), a hybrid tribunal set up to prosecute senior leaders of the Khmer Rouge Regime responsible for mass atrocities from 1975-1979. She has been involved since 2005 in evaluating and reporting on the development and implementation of the ECCC in terms of compliance with international fair trial standards, as well as the court's effectiveness in meeting its goals with respect to the victims and public.

Other members of Monitoring and Accountability Panel (MAP) are:

1) Hon. Peter Haynes QC: Hon. Peter Haynes QC currently acts as the Lead Counsel for Jean Pierre Bemba at the International Criminal Court (ICC) and is the Lead Legal Representative of Victims at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL). He is one of the very few practitioners who have led cases before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (where he appeared for the defence of General Vinko Pandurevic in relation to the Srebrenica massacre), the ICC and the STL. He has appeared in cases involving genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and international terrorism. He has been responsible for development of the jurisprudence, practice and procedure of the representation of victims in international /hybrid courts.

2) Hon. Justice Shah: Hon. Justice Shah is a renowned Indian jurist, has been practicing law as an advocate and judge for around 40 years. He became Chief Justice of the Madras High Court in 2005 and Chief Justice of Delhi High Court in 2008. He retired from the bench in 2010. Until August 2015, Justice Shah was the Chairman of the 20th Law Commission of India, a body established by the Indian Government to promote legal reform throughout the justice system.

3) Hon. Marie Guiraud: Hon. Marie Guiraud is currently the Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyer for the victims at the UN-assisted Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). Representing the interests of nearly 4,000 victims who participate in Case 002/02. Marie represented victims of international crimes before Ivorian and Congolese Courts and was a Civil Party Lawyer in case 002/01 before the ECCC.

4) Hon. Geoffrey Robertson QC - Consultant: Hon. Geoffrey Robertson QC had a distinguished career as an international judge, as a trial and appellate counsel, and author of leading textbooks. He has argued many landmark cases in the European Court of Justice; the UN War Crimes courts and in the highest courts of many commonwealth countries.

• Expert Panel Nominated to Monitor Transitional Justice Mechanisms from Victims' Perspective :
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