

As Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Dismisses His President's views as "Personal Opinion" - TGTE Urges President to clarify

Current Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Mangala Samarawera also served as Foreign Minister under former President Mahinda Rajapakse

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As Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Mr. Mangala Samarawera today dismissed Sri Lankan President Maithripala Senanayaka's statements that no foreign judges will be allowed to be part of the war crimes investigation as his "Personal Opinion" - The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) urged Sri Lankan President to clarify his statements against foreign judges.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister made this comment today (July 6th) at a press conference in the Capital city Colombo.

"It is important for the Sri Lankan President to address this issue, otherwise no one will take any of his statements seriously".

Even though current Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Mangala Samaraweera also served under former Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse as Foreign Minister, he never contradicted former President Rajapakse's views and actively went around the world to justify bombing and shelling of Tamil civilians and gave excuses for the mass killing of Tamils and rape of Tamil women by the Sri Lankan security forces.

There are also concerns that Sri Lankan Foreign Minister is using this tactic to hoodwink the international community and to buy time to implement UN Human Rights Council mandated war Crimes probe which Sri Lanka co-sponsored.

About Mangala Samarawera and Mahinda Rajapakse:

Mangala Samarawera became the campaign manager for Presidential candidate and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse. When Rajapakse won and took office in November 2005, he surprised many by appointing Samaraweera to the additional post of Foreign Minister instead of Prime Minister; Samaraweera maintained his other posts.

In late January 2007 Samaraweera was replaced as Foreign Minister, but remained Minister of Ports and Aviation. On 9 February 2007, he was sacked from the cabinet together with ministers Anura Bandaranaike and Sripathi Sooriyarachchi after falling out with the president. He then went on to create a new political party, the SLFP (Mahajana) wing.

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