

Searching for the Unknown - Int'l Colloquium to Remember Tamil Victims of Disappearance: TGTE

Feeling the Piercing Scream of the Disappeared in Sri Lanka

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Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is organizing an International Colloquium to Remember thousands of Tamil Victims of Disappearance on the International Day of the Disappeared. Several internationally renowned experts will address this event.



Families of disappeared

When: August 30th (Tuesday)

Time: 6:00 pm

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“I regret to inform you that the very large number of people in the lists of missing people are not among the living anymore. I don't know what happened to them.”

*Sri Lankan Prime Minister,
Jan 16, 2016*

Where: Best Western Hotel, 38 Estate Drive, Toronto, ON M1H 2Z1 (Canada).

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Keynote Address:

"Disappearing Countries, Disappearing people: Tamil Experience from the Polish Perspective"

By

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Other guest speakers:

- 1) Family member of a disappeared Tamil person
- 2) Amnesty International
- 3) Canadian Human Rights Voice
- 4) Canadian Tamil Forum
- 5) Canadian Law Society.
- 6) Politician

Organized by:

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam
Canadian Tamil Forum
Canadian Human Rights Voice
Global Village Foundation
International Association of Tamil Academics

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 twice held 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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BACKGROUND:

Tamils in the island of Sri Lanka faced repeated mass killings in 1958, 1965, 1977, 1981 and 1983 and the mass killings in 2009 prompted UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to appoint a Panel of Experts to report on the scale of the killings.

According to UN internal review report on Sri Lanka, over 70,000 Tamils were killed in five months in early 2009 and Tamil women were raped by the Sri Lankan Security forces. There are over 90,000 Tamil war widows and thousands of Tamils disappeared due the conflict.

According to this UN report, 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 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.

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