

# Massive Rally by Tamils in Sri Lanka to Protest Building of Buddhist Temples & call for Int'l War Crime Investigation

*Also called for Federal status to merged Northern & Eastern Province of the Island.*

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Tens of Thousands of Tamils held a massive rally in the Northern city of Jaffna last Saturday (24th) calling for:

1) Immediate stop to building hundreds of Buddhist Temples in the North and East of the island, where hardly any Sinhalese live. Several Tamils feel that building of Buddhist Temples is a way to increase Sinhalese settlements in Tamil's traditional homeland and to make Tamils a minority of their original habitat. Already tens of thousands of Sri Lankan Security forces are stationed in Tamil areas, even after the war ended six years ago.

2) International Investigation for War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Genocide committed against Tamils by the Sri Lanka security forces. According to UN internal Review Report, over 70

thousand Tamils were killed in six months in 2009 and hundreds of Tamil women were sexually assaulted and raped by Sri Lankan forces.

3) Political solution based on Federal principles for the merged Northern and Eastern provinces of the island, where Tamil's homeland is based.

Several slogans calling the military to leave Tamil areas were also shouted in the rally.

The rallies started from two points; one from a famous Hindu Temple called Nallur Kandasamy Kovil and the other from Jaffna University. Both rallies merged in Jaffna esplanade where several prominent speakers spoke. All the shops in Jaffna was closed to support this rally.



This rally was organized by Tamil People Council, Hindu and Christian clergy, Civil Society groups, students, political parties and others.

This is the first time Tamils have come out in large numbers to voice their concerns since the defeat of Tamil Tigers in 2 009,

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