

Tamils for Clinton will Ask New Clinton Administration to Bring Sri Lankan War Criminals to ICC

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The September 2015 UHRC resolution called upon Sri Lanka to establish a credible judicial process. The initiative was sponsored by the U.S., the U.K., Sri Lanka, and other countries around the world. It calls for the participation of the Special Counsel's office, of Commonwealth, foreign judges, defense lawyers, and authorized prosecutors, and investigators, all of whom must work to investigate abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law, as applicable

So far, the Tamils have seen no substantial results after the latest UNHRC resolution. According to International Crisis Group (ICG), "Sri Lanka has made only halting efforts toward developing the four transitional justice mechanisms pledged to the Council – a truth commission, reparations and missing persons offices and, most controversially, an independent special court for war crimes with international participation."

The military remains in the North and East, the Prevention of Terrorism Act has yet to be repealed, and sexual violence continues as documented by renowned human rights activist Ms. Yasmeen Sookaii of South Africa.

One of the most pressing issues is the suffering of Tamil political prisoners. These individuals, Tamils, continue to languish in many unknown prisons. Despite the lack of change, Sri Lankan politicians have promised that transitional justice will be done to the Tamils.

Currently, about half a million displaced Tamil people live in Northeast of Sri Lanka. There are fifty thousand orphans and ninety thousand war widows who are still waiting for accountability and justice seven years after the end of conflict.

Transitional justice processes and mechanisms are a critical component of the United Nations framework for strengthening the rule of law; Tamils should not accept anything less than that.

Sri Lankan President Sirisena has already refused an independent special court for war crimes with international participation and no justice for Tamils.. This is according to BBC Sinhala Service on 21 January 2016, the President said that "I will never agree to international involvement in this matter."

"We have more than enough specialists, experts, and knowledgeable people in our country to solve our internal issues," he said.

He continued by noting that the main concern should be to clear the Sri Lankan army of charges of such alleged crimes.

Tamils have been killed, their business have been taken away, and their homes have been burned.

They have been forced them to leave to find secure living space in the west. This has been happening for decades through Sri Lankan government orchestrated pogroms. Tamils victims have never had any justice.

Tamils for Clinton's spokesman said, "This time at the 34th session, March 2017, we will ask new US administration to pass a resolution at UHRC to ask the UN Security Council to refer the situation in Sri Lanka to the International Criminal Court (ICC), to ensure accountability for the serious abuses committed by Sri Lanka in the 2009 conflict."

He continued by explaining that Clinton's experience as Secretary of State positioned her to understand the intricacies of the Sri Lankan war and its repercussions. He called for action and justice for Tamils at last.

Tamils for Clinton is a political activist group comprised of Americans with the majority being Tamil Americans. They believe that over 145,000 Tamil civilians living in Sri Lanka were massacred during the last weeks of the Sri Lankan ethnic war. They have also observed post war behaviors of the Sri Lankan Sinhalese victors, and concluded that Tamils in Sri Lanka will only be safe when this war torn island is divided into two individual self-governing nations.

It is of interest to note that according to UN Internal Review Report on Sri Lanka, around 70,000 Tamil civilians may have been massacred in the last six months of the ethnic war. Also, Catholic Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Rayappu Joseph, the Bishop of Mannar in Sri Lanka gave a presentation to the Sri Lankan Lessons Learnt & Reconciliation Commission, exposing to the world that over 146,679 Tamil civilians in the area of Vanni were not accounted for in post-war Sri Lanka

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