

A Former US Attorney General, a Retired Indian Justice and TGTE to Challenge Sri Lankan Government at the United Nations

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Former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Justice K.P.Sivasubramaniam (Retd), Former Judge of the High Court of Madras, India, and Prime Minister of The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) Visuvanathan Rudrakumaran, will be filing a communication with the UN Human Rights Committee that the 6th amendment to the Sri Lankan Constitution is a violation of freedom of speech and conscience guaranteed in Articles 18 and 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka criminalizes the exercise of the Tamil's right to self determination in the form of an independent state in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution 2625 (1970) which is considered as customary international

law.

Presently it is stated that attempts are being made to resolve the Tamil national question. We believe that it is imperative that during this phase that Tamils should be allowed to express their political aspirations without any hindrance. Thus the envisaged challenge is a timely one.

The TGTE calls upon lawyers from the homeland, the Tamil Diaspora, global Tamils and progressive lawyers around the world to provide legal representation to this communication before the UN Human Rights Committee. It is to be emphasized that, while the 6th Amendment criminalizes advocacy for an independent state for the Tamils in Sri Lanka, calling for the repeal of the 6th Amendment is not prohibited.

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This present call by the TGTE to lawyers across the globe is reminiscent of the 1976 Trial-at-Bar proceedings against the Tamil leaders for distributing to the public copies of the Vaddukoddai Resolution (which called for an independent state). A record number of 67 lawyers represented the



Tamil leaders then, including the late S.J.V. Chelvanayagam QC, the late G.G. Ponnampalam QC, and the late M. Thiruchelvam QC.

The TGTE will be citing several international jurisprudence including European Court of Human Rights cases.

For information contact attorney David Matas (email: dmatas@mts.net) who is coordinating this endeavor.

“I disapprove of what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say”

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