

# While Tamil women are held in "Rape camps" - Trump Administration is Supporting Sri Lanka at UN Human Rights Council?

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In a rebuke to women on the eve of International Women's Rights Day, there are reports that United States that usually support women's rights have decided to support Sri Lankan Government at the UN Human Rights Council, despite documented reports of "Rape Camps" run by the Sri Lankan Security Forces.

<http://www.jdslanka.org/index.php/news-features/human-rights/669-un-told-of-sri-lanka-military-operating-grape-campsq>

This is one of the rare documented "Rape Camps" by Security forces, since Japanese Imperial Army held mostly Korean and Chinese women as "Comfort Women" during the Second World War.

A recent report by the International Truth and Justice Project (ITJP) published details of Sri Lankan Military run "rape Camps", where Tamil women are being held as sex slaves.

## ACCORDING TO THE REPORT:

"A senior officer came into the room and was asked to take his pick, like we were meat in a meat market. He looked around and chose me. He took me to another room and raped me"

"Two of the women describe being detained in a group in one room, available for any soldier to come and chose from and take to an adjacent room or tent to be raped," says ITJP.

48 of the victims had been detained under the Government of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa and 7 of them under the new Government of President Maithripala Sirisena.

ITJP has also provided details of six military men including a major and a lieutenant colonel who are alleged perpetrators of rape and torture in the military.

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## UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

A joint appeal by victims and Tamil leaders have urged UN Human Rights Council to refer Sri Lanka to the UN General Assembly, like North Korea.

Here is the appeal:

1) We urge you not to give any extension of time to the Sri Lankan Government to fulfill its commitment to the unanimously adopted UN Human Rights Council Resolution 30/1 on accountability

beyond its March 2017 deadline. Sri Lanka voluntarily co-sponsored this Resolution and committed to fully implement the requirements of the Resolution by March 2017. Extensions and grace periods have been given already, but no progress has been made on any front,

2) The only way to protect us and give us justice and safety is for the UN Human Rights Council to refer Sri Lanka to the UN General Assembly, along with a recommendation to the UN Security Council that Sri Lanka be referred to the International Criminal Court (ICC) or that an ad-hoc International Criminal Tribunal be created on Sri Lanka, similar to the procedure followed to assure accountability for North Korea's Crimes Against Humanity.

#### TAMIL'S SAFETY WILL BE IN DANGER:

We fear that any extension of time will embolden and encourage Sri Lankan Government to commit human rights abuses against Tamils without any fear and Tamils safety will be in danger. Tens of thousands Sri Lankan Security forces who committed mass killings and sexual violence are still stationed in Tamil areas and live among the victims. There are numerous reports of current abuses against Tamils, including a recent report by UN Special Rapporteur on torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment Mr. Juan Mendez.

Here is the link for details:

[http://world.einnews.com/pr\\_news/369076202/sri-lanka-war-crimes-tamil-leaders-and-victims-jointly-urge-un-not-to-give-extention-and-refer-to-un-general-assembly](http://world.einnews.com/pr_news/369076202/sri-lanka-war-crimes-tamil-leaders-and-victims-jointly-urge-un-not-to-give-extention-and-refer-to-un-general-assembly)

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