

Sri Lanka War Crimes: Tamil Victims Appeal to UN Human Rights Council - Don't Give Extention of Time

Tamil Victims are holding numerous rallies for Justice and appeal to UN to Protect them.

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We, whose daughters, sons and husbands were killed, disappeared, sexually assaulted or raped by Sri Lankan Security Forces are appealing to the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) not to give any extension of time to the Sri Lankan Government on the Resolution 30/1. Already time and space was given, but Sri Lankan Government ignored the previous Resolution.

We strongly feel that any extension of time will result in no accountability and will endanger us and Tamils. We fear



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THE REASONS FOR URGING UNHRC NOT TO GIVE EXTENSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Sri Lanka co-sponsored this Resolution and fully accepted to fulfill its obligations in one and a half years' time by March 2017.
- 2. During these one and a half years, Sri Lankan Government not only did not take any meaningful steps to fulfill its obligations, but Sri Lankan President and other leaders have publicly and repeatedly rejected main aspects of the Resolution, including having international judges in investigations.
- 3. During these one and a half years, abuses against Tamils continued, as documented by several reports including a recent one by UN Special Rapporteur on torture Mr. Juan Mendez.
- 4. 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. 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.
- 5. We fear some of our disappeared daughters are being held in these "Rape Camps."

- 6. Now there are attempts to give two more years of extension to Sri Lanka by a "Roll over Resolution."
- 7. Already Sri Lankan President and the Prime Minister have publicly rejected the main aspect of this "Roll over Resolution" to include foreign judges in investigations.
- 8. If the Government itself is rejecting the main aspect of the "Roll-over Resolution" how can UNHRC expect that this Resolution be implemented by the same Government?
- 9. Furthermore, since Sri Lanka did not take any meaningful steps to fulfill its obligations under the previous Resolution, how can UNHRC expect that this "Roll-over Resolution" will be implemented?
- 10. Tens of thousands of security forces, who killed, disappeared and sexually assaulted our daughters and family members are still stationed among us.
- 11. We fear for our and Tamils safety, if any extension of time is given, It will embolden and encourage Sri Lankan Security forces to commit abuses against us and Tamils.

We urge the UN Human Rights Council to understand our and Tamils plight.

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