

Sri Lanka War Crimes: Tamil Victims Appeal to UN Human Rights Council - Don't Give Extension 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 some of our disappeared daughters are being held in military run "Rape Camps."



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."

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