

Tamils Begin Week of Mourning to Commemorate 8th Anniversary of Genocide: TGTE Parliament Meet in Special Session

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Tamils in the island of Sri Lanka and worldwide begin a week of mourning to commemorate the 8th anniversary of mass killing of Tamils in the final months of the war in 2009, which saw tens of thousands of Tamils killed and Tamil women raped by the Sri Lankan Security forces. According to UN's Internal Review Report on Sri Lanka, around 70,000 Tamils were killed in the first six months in 2009. Attached: Documentary - Sri Lanka's Killing Fields.

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", since Japanese Imperial Army held mostly Korean and Chinese women as "Comfort Women" during the Second World War.

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During this special session, Prime Minister Mr. Rudrakumaran stated:

"This is a week when we carry the full dimension of the distress, sorrow and the sense of loss from Mullivaikal and the remembrance of the painful last eight years". He went on to add "This is also a week when we find a way to channel the deep pain and sorrow that remain frozen in our hearts, and through the expression of such grief renew and recommit ourselves to embark on the struggle for justice with new courage and vigor. During this week, we remember our kith and kin killed in such unjustifiable ways, and the Maaveerar (heroes) who made the greatest sacrifice, and in their memory



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we pledge that we shall give meaning to their noble vision.”

He added that TGTE will not rest until Sri Lankan political and military leaders are brought before International Criminal Court (ICC) or before a Special Sri Lanka ad hoc International Tribunal to face justice for committing mass atrocities against Tamils, amounting to War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide.

He further added “We grasp every opening and opportunity that we find to place our sacred call and the just claim of a Nation in search of a State as a remedy for Tamil’s safety and security.

The Annual Mullivaikal Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Alush Gashi, who played a major role in the independence of Kosovo and served as an advisor to the first president of Kosovo Ibrahim Rugova. The Lecture will take place at University of California in Los Angeles, USA, on May 18th at 6:00 pm. First Lecture was delivered by former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

NOTE: Attached Documentary – Sri Lanka’s Killing Fields.

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