

TGTE Parliament Welcomes UN Syria Resolution and non-use of Veto

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The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) welcomes the UN Security Council Resolution calling for a ceasefire in Syria and urges the UN to ensure its full implementation.

The TGTE Parliament has passed a resolution in this regard and also condemned the violence perpetrated against civilians in Syria. The TGTE Resolution also called on UN Security Council to extend the ceasefire beyond 30 days, to ensure that violence against Syrian people come to an end.

TGTE also appreciates the fact that none of the permanent members of the Council exercised their veto power.

"This is a good indication that five countries that have veto power acted responsibly, when mass atrocities are committed against civilians" said the TGTE in a press statement.

"We understand the pain and suffering of Syrian people, as the Eelam Tamils also faced mass killings and sexual violence by the Sri Lankan Security forces" the statement said.

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ABOUT TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL EELAM (TGTE):

Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is a democratically elected Government of a million strong Tamils (from the island of Sri Lanka) living in several countries around the world. TGTE was formed after the mass killing of Tamils by the Sri Lankan Government in 2009.

TGTE twice held internationally supervised elections among Tamils around the world to elect 132 Members of Parliament. It has two chambers of Parliament: The House of Representatives and Senate and a Cabinet.



TGTE is leading a campaign to realize Tamils' political aspirations through peaceful, democratic and diplomatic means. The Constitution of the TGTE mandates that it should realize its political objective only through peaceful means.

The Prime Minister of TGTE is Mr. Visuvanathan Rudrakumaran, a New York based lawyer.

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BACKGROUND:

Tamils in the island of Sri Lanka faced repeated mass killings in 1958, 1977, and 1983 and the mass killings in 2009 prompted UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to appoint a Panel of Experts to report on the scale of the killings.

According to UN internal review report on Sri Lanka, over 70,000 Tamils were killed in six months in early 2009 and Tamil women were sexually assaulted and raped by the Sri Lankan Security forces. There are over 90,000 Tamil war widows and thousands of Tamils disappeared due the conflict.

According to this UN report, the killings and other abuses that took place amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity. Independent experts believe that there are elements of these abuses that constitute an act of genocide.

Members of the Sri Lankan security forces are almost exclusively from the Sinhalese community and the victims are all from the Tamil community. A Buddhist Monk shot and killed a Sri Lankan Prime Minister 1959 for having talks with Tamils.

Tamils overwhelmingly voted in a Parliamentary election in 1977 to establish an independent and sovereign country called Tamil Eelam. This Parliamentary election was conducted by the Sri Lankan Government.

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