

Sri Lankan War Criminal President Gothabaya Rajapaksa to speak at UN in New York: TGTE to Hold Protest Rally.

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TGTE also called on Tamils to join the rally to ensure that war criminals and genocideries like Gothabaya Rajapakse are quarantined in Sri Lanka forever." *Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE)* Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) announced today that it will organize a protest rally outside the UN Headquarters in New York City against Sri Lankan war criminal President Gothabaya Rajapaksa speaking at the UN General Assembly.

TGTE is also sending information to the UN member States about Gotabaya's active involvement in committing Genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity

against the Tamil people in Sri Lanka.

WHEN: September 22.

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TIME: 11AM to 3PM.

WHERE: Outside UN Headquarters in New York City.

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** Current President Gothabaya Rajapakse was serving as the Defense Secretary during the final years of the war, when tens of thousands of Tamils were killed and Tamil women were sexually

assulted and raped by the Sri Lanka Security forces.

** SOME OF THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED AGAINST TAMILS WHEN GOTHABAYA RAJAPAKSE WAS SERVING AS DEFENSE SECRETARY ARE:

• According to the UN Internal Review Report, over Seventy thousand (70,000) Tamils were killed in the first five months of 2009.

• These Tamils were killed due to deliberate and intense shelling and bombing of areas designated by the government as "no-fire zones", where Tamil civilians had assembled for safety.

• Government also restricted food and medicine for Tamils, resulting in large numbers of people dying from starvation and many of the injured dying of their wounds.

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

• International Truth and Justice Project (ITJP) in February 2017 handed over details to UN of Sri Lankan Military run "Rape Camps", where Tamil women are being held as "sex slaves".

• According to May 2012 report by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Human Rights and Democracy; there are up to Ninety thousand (90,000) Tamil war widows in the North-East of Sri Lanka.

• Thousands of Tamils disappeared, including babies and children. UN Working Group on Enforced Disappearances stated in 2020 that the second highest number of enforced disappearance cases in the world is from Sri Lanka.

• According to several sources, Tamil areas have the highest concentration of security forces in the world (Ratio: One soldier for every five Civilians). <u>www.ustpac.org/militarization</u> and <u>http://www.srilankacampaign.org/fiveinfographics.htm</u>

ABOUT THE TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL EELAM (TGTE):

The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) is a democratically elected Government of over 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 thrice held internationally supervised elections among Tamils around the world to elect 135 Members of Parliament. It has two chambers of Parliament: The House of Representatives and the Senate and also a Cabinet.

TGTE is leading a campaign to realize the political aspirations of Tamils through peaceful, democratic, and diplomatic means and its Constitution mandates that it should realize its political objectives only through peaceful means. It's based on the principles of nationhood, homeland and self-determination.

TGTE seeks that the international community hold the perpetrators of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide against the Tamil people to account. TGTE calls for a referendum to decide the political future of Tamils.

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

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