

## Mullivaikkaal Remembrance Week Begins on 12th May - Concludes on Tamil National Mourning Day 18th May: TGTE

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Mullivaikkaal Remembrance Week begins today on Thursday 12th May, concludes on Tamil National Mourning Day, Wednesday 18th May.

The Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) designated these dates as the first Declaration when its first Parliament was convened in 2010.

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*Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE)*

Congee is a symbol of Eelam Tamil Resilience.



Congee (கஞ்சி) will be served at all Mullivaikkaal Remembrance Week venues in the Tamil Homeland and across the globe including in India, USA, UK, Canada, France, Germany Holland, Switzerland and Norway, this week.

In the USA at the entrance of the UN Head Quarters building in New York.

The TGTE invites the Humanity at large to participate in these solemn events.

- \* Matzah for Jews.
- \* Harissa for Armenians.
- \* Congee for Eelam Tamils.

Congee, derived from the Tamil word கஞ்சி (kañci or kanji), made as gruel with broken pieces of rice and water kept alive tens of thousands of Tamils as the only available food in the face of constant bombardment by the Sri Lankan State while a cruel food and medical embargo was on.

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\*\* The Eighth Mullivaikkaal Memorial Lecture 2022 will be delivered by former President of Armenia Hon. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, on 18th of May 2022.



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#### 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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## 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 thousand Tamils were killed in six months in early 2009 and Tamil women were sexually assaulted and raped by the Sri Lankan Security forces.

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". Also, according to UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office report on April 2013, there are over 90 thousand Tamil war widows in 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 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.

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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