

Tamils Encourage Norwegian Role in Sri Lankan Negotiations

Sri Lanka is on the brink of financial and political collapse. Tamils should not miss this opportunity to press for sovereignty. This will not come again.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, November 29, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Tamils Encourage Norwegian Role in Sri Lankan Negotiations

As the Sinhalese-dominated government of Sri Lanka continues to teeter on the brink of economic and political collapse, the Tamils for Biden diaspora organization has renewed its call for Tamil sovereignty.



Sampanthan, Vigneswaran and Gajan Ponnambalam

The Norwegian ambassador to New Delhi, Hans Jacob Frydenlund, recently expressed his country's willingness to offer mediation to the Tamils and Sinhalese, with a clear invitation to the two rival groups, generating hope for a political resolution to the long-standing conflict.

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If Colombo-based Tamil politicians go to talk to Ranil without Norwegian or American participation, it is clear that these Tamils are not genuinely interested in a political solution.”

Tamils for Biden

Norway mediated negotiations between the Tamils and Sinhalese from 2000-2009, the last legitimate political talks under international supervision. The uneasy peace following the Civil War led to years of human rights abuses perpetrated against the Tamils, including past and

present genocidal acts that are under investigation by the United Nations.

A Tamils for Biden spokesperson said that "Any new conversation should start from where the last one ended," recognizing that the current conditions in Sri Lanka make it an opportune time to push for an independent Tamil homeland. The hope is for a U.N.-monitored referendum to

resolve the matter through the democratic process, with pressure applied from the IMF and Sri Lanka's other creditors. Nations like Norway and the United States can play a pivotal role in the political future of the island.

However, the organization spokesperson noted internal opposition from entrenched Colombo-based Tamil politicians like R. Sampanthan, C. V. Vigneswaran and Ponnambalam who are allied with Sinhalese leaders, including Sri Lanka's President Ranil Wickremesinghe. The President has pledged a resolution before the country's 75th Independence Day this coming February, although there appears to be no progress toward a solid plan.

As of yet, the Norwegian Ambassador's offer has not been accepted.

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