

Update: Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam's Parliamentary Sitting Begins in London - Joined by Int'l Dignitaries

*** When: From Friday December 2nd to Sunday December 4th, 2022. -- ** Watch: TGTE TV will broadcast live the Sitting. Link: <https://tgte.tv/live/>*

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The Eighth Sitting of the 3rd Parliament of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) will take place in London from Friday December 2nd to Sunday December 4th, 2022.

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Several international dignitaries, including British Members of Parliament and Political leaders, will address the Parliamentary Session.

TGTE Members of Parliament from around the world along with TGTE Members of the Senate, its Advisory Committee, Ethics Commission, and Election Commission, will be in attendance.

TGTE Parliament is expected to debate several issues of importance to Eelam Tamils and about the Tamil National Struggle in today's context and its priorities for the years ahead. A number of Resolutions are expected to be adopted at this Sitting.

Reports from the Cabinet of Ministers as well as TGTE's Annual Budget will also be tabled at the Parliament Sitting.

**** PARLIAMENTARY SESSION:**



The Theme of this year TGTE's Parliamentary session is: 'Tamil Eelam and the challenges of Food Security, Environment and Foreign Policy'

1) The Covid pandemic, the Ukraine war and corrupt /short sighted political leaders have created a massive food crisis in many parts of the world. Food security is a major challenge globally as well as locally. Discussion and deliberation will be centered on how the Eelam Tamil nation - a nation without a state – can achieve food sovereignty. It will also focus on how, after achieving statehood, Tamil Eelam can contribute food security for itself and for the world.

2) Climate change is other major catastrophe that all of humanity faces. South Asia is expected to be impacted the most by changing weather patterns that will bring very high temperatures, excessive rainfall as well as regular spells of drought. All this will impact food production, soil fertility, ability of people to work outdoors and could also trigger mass migration. Tamil Eelam, with or without a state of its own, will have to face this challenge head on and contribute to mitigating the impact of climate change, to the best of its abilities. The TGTE parliament will discuss the ways and means through which the Tamil Nation can mitigate the damage to the environment resultant from climate change. Like with respect to food security, discussion will also focus on how the tomorrow's state of Tamil Eelam can partner with other members of the international community to save the planet.

3) Finally, the TGTE parliament, taking into consideration the historic linkage of Tamil quest for statehood with geopolitical dynamics, will discuss what kind of foreign policy to adopt to realize it's political goal - the establishment of an independent and sovereign state of Tamil Eelam. The discussion will also focus on what kind of foreign policy, tomorrow's Tamil Eelam should have to ensure security and friendly relations across the globe.

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 132 Members of Parliament. It has two chambers of Parliament: The House of Representatives and the Senate and 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.

A 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. 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.

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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