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Lending a voice to the voiceless

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Global Simulcasting of Mullivaikkaar Remembrance on May 18, 2020

The Australian Tamil Congress (ATC), the British Tamils Forum (BTF), the Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC), the Irish Tamil Forum (ITF), the Solidarity Group for Peace and Justice (SGPJ-South Africa) and the United States Tamil Action Group (USTAG) will be hosting a virtual joint worldwide **May 18 – Mullivaikkaar Tamil Remembrance Day** on Monday, May 18th 2020, to commemorate the 11th year anniversary of the loss of tens of thousands of innocent Tamil civilians, Maveerar and Tamil national heroes in Mullivaikkaar, Sri Lanka during the last stages of the war.

The 2-hour live event will start promptly at **5 PM for UK/Ireland, 12 Noon Eastern Standard time for US and Canada**, and 2:00 AM (19th) Sydney, Australia. Due to time differences, Australian remembrance day event will be a recording of their live event (Monday 7PM to 8 PM AEST) earlier on that day.

Please click the link below to join the remembrance via **Zoom**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83184897474>

To join through **You Tube**: Mullivaikkal 2020 (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIM0KuB0noC_hLEKlig1LJw)

BTF Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BritishTamilsForum>

AGENDA:

This worldwide event will start with a moment of silence conveyed online from Australia, UK, Canada, Ireland, South Africa, USA and other parts of the world, to pay tribute to the innocent lives killed. Following this, the worldwide participants, mostly from their homes, will lay flowers and light candles to pay respect to those who lost their lives in various phases of the Tamil Genocide.

Following the paying of respect, the leaders of ATC, BTF, CTC, ITF, SGPJ-SA and USTAG will speak with special emphasis on the continuing thrust for justice and accountability for atrocity crimes perpetrated towards the end of the war, and the expectations from the victimized Tamil community for stronger actions by the governments around the world towards the path of finding truth and restorative justice to the victims.

After losing thousands of loved ones, it can be tough to find the right words to express what you feel in a virtual memorial. By having a dance created for this memorial and playing songs for friends, family and the Tamil community of the bereaved can be a fitting way to honor the killed while bringing people together in such a difficult time. The remembrance will feature such dances and songs followed by

poetry reading in Tamil and English. We also lend our support to the **Global Campaign: “Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day,”** which calls for lighting of candles at 18:18 on May 18 in remembrance of the lives lost. The timing for various countries will be 6:18 PM UK, 1:18 PM EST Canada & USA and 03:18 AM (Tuesday) Australia. Lighting of candles from various homes in these countries will be shown live. We encourage others to do so at the same time from their homes.

The event will feature reading from a passage from the book by Frances Harrison “Still counting the dead”, and a special address by former United States ambassador-at-large for war crimes issue in the office of Global Criminal Justice (USA), Ambassador Stephen J. Rapp, Ms Navanithem Navipillai - former UN High commissioner for Human Rights, M E C Ravipillay - (Treasury) member of Executive council Provincial Government South Africa, The Right Honourable Sir Ed Davie FRSA MP - Leader of The Liberal Democrats, The Right Honourable Jeremy Corbyn MP, Former Leader of The UK opposition Party, The Right Honourable Theresa Villiers MP - Former Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Minister of State for Department of Transport, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Wes Streeting MP, Shadow Exchequer Secretary of State for the Treasury and Committee on the Future Relationship with the European Union, Paul Murphy for MEP (Ireland) and TD MP, Brian Maguire Professor of Fine Art at the National College of Art and Design, Chairperson of Irish Forum for Peace in Sri Lanka

Following the official closing remarks other messages from various country elected officials will continue to bring attention to finding truth and restorative Justice to the victims.