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Dear Dr. Kalaignar Karunanidhi,

Re: Genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka

We are grateful that the Tamils in Tamil Nadu are showing their solidarity with their brutalised cousins across the Palk Strait in Sri Lanka, and have organised campaigns to agitate for action by the Central Government. The support manifested by you is an important measure for the security and welfare of the Tamils of Eelam.

Rarely has a democratically elected government bombed its own citizens without any care or concern. It is happening now to our Tamil brethren in their traditional homelands in Sri Lanka, while the rest of the world is turning a blind eye. After 60 years of unrelenting Sinhala oppression since the granting of independence, the Tamils been driven to resist cruel Sinhala hegemony in their own historical land. They have been forced to fight for their right of self-determination in the land of their forefathers but the government has callously branded it terrorism.

The recent barbaric bombardment by government forces in the Vanni has resulted in more than two hundred thousand Tamils fleeing their homes, which has caused grave concern even in the UN. You are probably aware that these refugees live in abject conditions under tents and trees without food and medical supply, and in degrading sanitary conditions. This is in addition to the one million previously displaced. To make it even worse all U.N. and NGO organisation officials in the Vanni have been told to leave these areas immediately on the bogus grounds of safety, which is an euphemism for further and aggravated government bombing and shelling of Tamil civilians.

The government of Sri Lanka is hiding this humanitarian crime of epic proportion from the rest of the international community by its false propaganda. What is even more shocking is that the international community has been led up the garden path by this propaganda that everything is rosy and that the conflict is only a war against terrorism.

In 1987 when there was a shortage of food in the Tamil areas, the Indian government of Indira Gandhi put humanitarian need above the protocol (of air space) and dropped food supplies from aeroplanes. But now a few decades later and after the loss of over one hundred thousand Tamil lives, we are seeing the spectre of Indian radar experts assisting Sri Lankan military air force pilots to bomb Tamil civilian settlements with impunity.



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Our brethren, the Tamils of India have to persuade and pressure the Indian Central government to stop supporting this ruthless Sri Lankan government in its racist war against the Tamils of Sri Lanka and to work for a negotiated and equitable political settlement.

In an interview recently with the Canadian National Post newspaper, Gen. Sarath Fonseka, Commander of the Sri Lankan army, has said that Sri Lanka is a 'country that belongs to the Sinhalese and they must keep it that way'. He also said that 'the minorities should not demand undue things'. This is the bigoted mindset of the Sri Lankan government, the armed forces and the Sinhalese people. The Tamils of Tamil Nadu are our closest consanguineous brothers and sisters who we call on to join us to repudiate this evil racist Sinhala doctrine. The world has to understand that this is the just grievance of a minority Tamil nation that cannot be beaten into submission by brute force.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly do whatever you can to unite all people of goodwill in Tamil Nadu and in India for this just cause. The Tamils are a historic people. United we stand, divided we fall.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,

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Dear Dr. Kalaingar Karunanidhi,

Tamil Writers Guild UK Salutes You!

The Tamils of Eelam are being butchered by the xenophobic government of Sri Lanka. We are encouraged and grateful that you have raised your voice to support the fasting campaign and related civil actions to bring pressure to bear on the Indian Central government that covertly abets in this massacre by supplying war material and advisory personnel to Sri Lanka. We look to the leadership of Tamil Nadu to prevent the imminent and genocidal consequences of the Sri Lankan government's unbridled thirst for the wholesale massacre of innocent Tamils in Sri Lanka. The refugees in the Vanni are treated as sitting ducks.

We agree with you that the war being waged by the Sri Lankan government is against the Tamil speaking population in general and not a war against a militant/terrorist movement. We are intensely proud that the Tamils of Tamil Nadu and Tamils throughout the world are one with the Tamils of Eelam and are indivisible in their common aspirations for their language, culture and development. In the United Kingdom, the Diaspora Tamils have been expressing their overwhelming outrage at the continued failure of the American, European and Japanese governments in particular to apply effective sanctions to a marauding Sri Lankan government on the one hand and their callous and indifferent approach to the sufferings of the Tamils who have been resisting the Sri Lankan government's brutalities.

In the continued failure of these governments to decisively intervene to prevent the impending holocaust against the Eelam Tamils, we particularly welcome your demand for an immediate halt to New Delhi's covert support to the genocidal war against ethnic Tamils and for a stop to its anti-Tamil policies.

Time is of the essence, as you will be aware that not only has China's aid to Sri Lanka increased fivefold to almost £500 million a year but also that Sri Lanka's blossoming relationship with Iran has led to the latter pledging more than £900m in soft loans, grants and cheap oil, making it Sri Lanka's largest foreign donor overnight. "In Asia, we don't go around preaching to our neighbours and our friends," said Sri Lanka's foreign secretary, Palitha Kohona, during the Iranian President's recent visit to Colombo. "This public naming and shaming process that seems to have become so popular in the West is really not so accepted here." The soft underbelly of Tamil Nadu and its nuclear facilities are at risk from a belligerent and well armed Sri Lanka.

The message is clear. With friends like China and Iran behind them, Sri Lanka feels that it can cock a snook at India. It no longer needs to allow the human rights concerns of Western powers to stop its murderous onslaught against the Tamils of Eelam.

The Indian government as a regional power has considerable influence and should use it judiciously to pressurise the Sri Lankan government to immediately halt the killings and to return to the path of negotiations. We sincerely hope that your voice will continue to grow stronger until such time as your government finally accepts its responsibilities for the safety and welfare of the Eelam Tamils and for a just and equitable settlement.

Yours sincerely

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A Cogent and Effective Response from a Tamil Perspective