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Dear Sir

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There are Israeli made Supersonic bombers flying daily sorties over the populated land. They drop bunker busting bombs supplied by the USA over a terrified civilian population. There are Israeli made Dvora fast attack boats shelling the fishermen and their boats, killing them and destroying their livelihood. There are Chinese and Pakistani supplied Multi Barrelled Rocket Launchers raining death over the hapless civilian population. While your reporters are covering Kenya, Iraq and Afghanistan which properly they should, there is none to report on this cruel war that is consuming thousands of lives. The people are left to defend themselves with bare hands against the sophisticated weaponry of the enemy.

Where is this unreported war you might ask? It is a 25 year old war to decimate the Tamils in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan government has scrapped the Cease Fire Agreement that was monitored by the Sri Lankan Monitoring Mission (SLMM) and has sent the Nordic Monitors home. The UN, the International NGOs and anyone who has worked in the humanitarian field in Sri Lanka, have all screamed until they were blue in the face about the torture, kidnapping and death of innocent Tamil civilians by the government forces and their paramilitaries. Tamil MPs are being assassinated by them in order to eliminate the Tamil leadership. Your news has not said anything about this fast evolving tragedy of epic proportion.

The world waited and watched the Rwandan massacres and wrung their hands after it had happened. The Sri Lankan government has sent out the foreign witnesses before they wipe out the Tamils in their homeland in the Vanni. Their army is massed and ready to go in. The supersonic bombers pound the Tamil homeland every day and the President claims that he wants to kill a thousand Tamils a month before he can achieve Sinhala victory. This is genocide masked by a vainglorious cry of rooting out terrorism. The scales on the eyes of the world must drop now for this humanitarian calamity to be averted. Tomorrow is too late.

Who is going to stop this execrable state terrorism? The options for the Tamils are to be killed by the rabid Sinhala nationalistic forces or to live as second class citizens in perpetuity. Can we expect this great organ of propriety and moral crusade, the BBC, to take up the cause of saving the battered Tamils of Sri Lanka from extinction. Those Tamils who are in the UK form a bastion of British citizenry. Please bring the cry of their brethren to the hearts of the British people.

Sincerely yours

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