

A Genocide Unseen on Distant Shores – Sri Lanka’s War on Tamils

Far away in distant Sri Lanka and hidden from our gaze, the government continues its daily slaughter of Tamil children and civilians. The skies rumble and the earth shatters as they use cluster bombs and fuel-air explosives, the latter banned under the UN Convention on Genocide, to kill over 80,000 civilians and displace over 500,000 people.



The army ordered civilians to take refuge in Navali St Peters church and then bombed the church killing over hundred and injuring 120 including women and children (9th October 1995)



Victims of aerial bombing in Kilinochi (2008). Indiscriminate bombing raids by supersonic fighter jets in the Tamil homeland is a daily occurrence.



Carnage at the orphanage: Sencholai children’s home at Vallipunam, Vanni on 14th august 2006. 61 children died and 129 were wounded.

The Torture and Murder of Civilians to win Submission



The whole family was brutally tortured and killed by the Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF) personnel in Vankalai, Mannar (9th June 2008). The bodies were exhibited to intimidate the population.

Victims: Father - Moorthy Martin, Mother - Mary Medaline (raped before murder), Children - Ann Nixon 7 and Ann Luxica 9



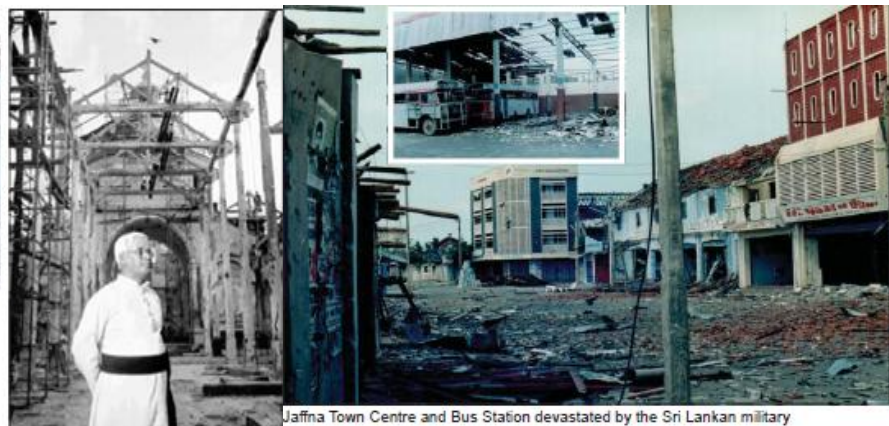
Tamil IDPs July 2008. One third of the Tamil population are IDPs, another third have fled overseas.



Whilst the Gaza atrocities occupy our attention, the Sri Lankan government's daily aerial and artillery bombardment flattens homes, schools, hospitals, temples and churches and has killed many thousands. Two generations of Tamil children are left without proper education, food and medicine. The old and the infirm cannot flee any more. This is the scale of the ongoing genocide.



Bombed churches and temples



Jaffna Town Centre and Bus Station devastated by the Sri Lankan military

The Destruction of Infrastructure in the Tamil Homeland



Many Tamil children were killed in aerial attacks on schools



Classroom devastated as a result of aerial bombing by SLAF



School children killed by the Sri Lankan forces



Tamil school children taking cover from aerial bombing

The onset of Tamil armed resistance in 1983 followed 35 years of peaceful protest, which was met by the repeated brutality and carnage of the Sinhala Sri Lankan state and its racist thugs.

Ethnic Cleansing



July 1983 anti-Tamil pogrom in which 4,000 died & 95% of Tamil industrial property destroyed.



Sinhala thugs and a Buddhist monk with guns at the new settlements

State-sponsored Riots against Tamils



Tamils murdered by Sinhala mobs



Devastation of Tamil neighbourhood



One of the many Tamil businesses torched in Colombo



Army complicity in the riots

The US led global war on terror which allowed some states to conduct a repressive war against it minorities, accompanied by the overt and covert military and economic support of the USA, UK, India, China, Pakistan, Iran, Israel, Japan and other 'leading' governments result in the Sri Lankan state believing it has a global mandate for its genocidal war against the Tamils.



These states claim that the Tamil Tigers are a ruthless terrorist group with no democratic mandate and have proscribed them. These claims are not borne out by facts and reality. The 1977 general election, the 1985 Thimpu (Bhutan) Declaration and the 2004 election results in Sri Lanka all provided an overwhelming mandate for a separate state of Tamil Eelam.

So, reader where do we go now and is it not all proven in history; a story of people seeking their independence from subjection, humiliation and death by alien and ruthless rulers? The USA, Israel, Algeria, Kenya, South Africa, Northern Ireland and Kosovo are just a few of those instances where ‘terrorism’ has been subsequently deemed to have been political struggles for independence.

Tamil Eelam may not be achieved tomorrow but as surely as day follows night, there can be no more certainty than that the Tamil people’s will cannot be denied forever. The pain, anguish, suffering, death and destruction can be foreshortened with your understanding, help and action – **please act now** (see attached sheet)!



▲ Pongu Tamil uprising in Tamil Eelam 2004 ▼ 40,000 Tamils at the Pongu Tamil in London 2008



▲ Tamil Nadu, India: Tamils of all political parties showing their solidarity with Eelam Tamils



Over 100,000 Tamils at the Pongu Tamil (Tamil uprising) in Canada



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