

Thousands of Tamils are slaughtered and starved to Death in Sri Lanka!

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Dead bodies of the innocent Tamils are dragged away by stray dogs and wild beasts while the survivors hide inside the bunkers. Little babies cry for milk all day long but the mothers have nothing to offer. Sri Lankan forces are dropping cluster bombs and firing artilleries everyday into the so called safe zone declared by the Sri Lankan government .

Hundreds of Tamil civilians are dying and many hundreds are getting injured daily while the whole world is remaining silent. They have no food to eat and there is no medicine to treat their wounds. Sri Lankan government has barred aid organisations from entering this area. Reporters and Journalists are also not allowed to go into the zone where the war crimes are committed against innocent civilians.



In terms of hardships, what Tamils are going through today in Sri Lanka is hundred times more severe than what they went through thirty years ago in the hands of the Sinhala oppressive governments. Many of them have been driven out of their homes and lands and sent to refugee camps and desert places. Lands that Tamils lived before are now occupied by more than three hundred thousands of Sinhala armed forces . They have destroyed and looted Tamil people's homes. Farm lands have been made into graveyards for the dying Tamils.

Sri Lankan government is denying food and medicine donated by the foreign governments, to be taken into the territory where more than three hundreds of civilians are forced to live in a tiny strip of land . In recent times many people are even starving to death. Diseases are spreading like wild fire inside the refugee camps. Tamils are humiliated, tortured, raped and killed all over Sri Lanka.

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Tamils in Sri Lanka fought for their rights for a long time but now they are fighting for their very survival. Sri Lankan government surely knows that Tamils in Sri Lanka fear for their lives no matter which part of Sri Lanka they live in. By winning a war in Vanni temporarily, Sri Lankan forces will never be able to give solution for the Tamils but will only make the majority Sinhala people happy and this will ensure the survival of the oppressive Sri Lankan regimes.

Where did this all begin? What has gone wrong with Sri Lanka?

There were three kingdoms in Sri Lanka. Tamils once had their own Nation. When Sri Lanka was under the British rule, they put all three kingdoms together to make the administration easier for them. When they left this beautiful island in 1948, it was left to function as one country. Democracy failed in Sri Lanka because the successive governments that came to power were always chosen by the majority Sinhalese people.

Sinhala governments backed by the Sinhala Buddhist extremists, always tried to please the majority in order to remain in power. They came up with policies to discriminate Tamils in education, employment and other arenas. Sinhala was made the only official language and Tamils were made as second class citizens.



Tamils can be compared to the Jewish people who lived under the Nazi regimes. Even under persecution, they worked hard to make their lives better. Sinhala regimes became jealous of the progress made by Tamils in education and business. Sinhala governments had many times ordered their agents to kill Tamils and destroy their properties.

More than two thousand Tamils lost their lives in 1983. All of them were murdered by the Sinhalese in the south of Sri Lanka. They were murdered in prisons, schools, hospitals and even in churches. Tamil Libraries were burned to dust in order to wipe out the history of Tamils from Sri Lanka.



Those who are dying today without food in Vanni and rest of Tamils living in the other parts of Sri Lanka didn't beg for food thirty years ago. **Their standard of living was much higher than their counterparts in South Korea and Singapore in those days.** There were able to thrive even under the racist and discriminate policies of the Sinhala governments. Hard working Tamils had their barns full of grains throughout the year. Lands in Vanni were flowing with milk and honey. They produced grains, vegetables, fruits and milk products . They exported their produce to the other parts of the country.

Tamils in Jaffna and the eastern parts of Sri Lanka also owned big farms and businesses. Rich Tamil parents in Jaffna sent their children overseas not as refugees but to educate them. Those who didn't have enough money to send their children overseas, mainly relied on the local university places that were allocated by the government.

Many Tamil students were refused places in the Sri Lankan universities though they received higher grades in the university entrance exams. Sinhala governments were using discriminative policies to deny opportunities for the Tamil youth in education and employment. This ignited the fire among the frustrated Tamil youth who decided to give a new dimension to the ongoing struggle against the Sinhala Buddhist chauvinism that existed for many years.

What we all see in Sri Lanka is that the Tamils have been fighting against State Terrorism and the Sri Lankan forces are responding to it by killing more and more Tamils with the weapons it purchase from the rock states that give no value for human lives. Majority Sinhalese desire Tamils to be wiped out of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lankan government is determined to fulfil that desire in order to remain in power.

International community has failed to save the Tamils

In the developed countries, children are taken away from their families and given to foster parents if the social services find out that the parents are physically harming their children. **If a democratically elected government bombs it's own citizens and destroy their livelihood and properties continuously, other nations with the right conscience should come for the rescue of these innocent lives. If they don't, they are running away from their moral responsibility to save lives specially when they have the ability and resources to do so.**

International community still hasn't completely understood what the Tamils are going through in the hands of the Sinhala governments for so many years. There is a little story in the bible about a lady called Hannah who came to a priest for prayers after crying for so long. She was deeply hurt and she was tormented in her spirit because she was barren and she wanted God to give her a child. The priest looked at her face and told her off for being drunk all night. Instead of showing love and compassion for this hurting woman, the priest reacted in anger because he misunderstood the woman who was in fact filled with pain and sorrow.



Are Tamils being misunderstood just like the priest misunderstood this crying woman? Can the Nations see the pain and sorrow on the faces of suffering Tamils in Sri Lanka. They have lost their lands and homes. They have lost their loved ones. They are being imprisoned and tortured. They have lost their livelihood.

Thousands of Tamils are left to live as orphans, widows and mentally retarded . They live as refugees in their own lands. Their voices are silenced. They have been fighting against state sponsored terrorism for more than fifty years. Many innocent Tamils are misunderstood as terrorists but in reality they are the real victims of an organised state terrorism that is backed by the Buddhist extremist elements.

Strategic partners of Sri Lanka are playing an ugly game

Prolong silence of the international community has raised real doubts in the hearts of those who cry for the freedom of the oppressed. It is quite obvious that there are some countries still blindly supporting the current operations by the Sri Lankan armed forces without taking into consideration of the root cause behind this ugly war. They have put their own strategic interests above the humanitarian crisis. Russia and China not being supportive in the UN Security Council to discuss the crisis in Sri Lanka itself shows that there is something seriously going wrong with this tiny Island.



This is not just a war between Tamil rebels and the government forces as many think . Pakistan, China and Iran are competing with each other to supply deadly weapons including cluster bombs to the Sinhala armed forces not just to fight with the rebels as it claims but to annihilate the Tamils. Seeing China and Pakistan in it's backyard, India is not at all comfortable therefore it is trying it's best to keep the Sri Lankan government happy by providing military assistance in various ways.

Killing the Tamils pleases the majority Sinhala population and the government that supports these killings can remain in power for many years. Countries that help the Sri Lankan government on this

war are assured of their slices. China is already working on building a port in the South of Sri Lanka. Majority of the ships taking oil and minerals for China, go through the seas of Sri Lanka therefore they have their own agendas in protecting their interests in Sri Lanka. India is building a coal powered plant in the east of Sri Lanka. An internal issue has now been turned into an ugly game between some international partners for them to protect their own strategic interests.

Can the Sri Lankan government win this War?

Any doctor would know that dealing just with the symptoms of a disease will never bring healing to a person. **But if the symptoms are dealt with by giving a wrong and dangerous medicine, it will not just worsen the symptoms but the root medical condition will also be deteriorated further.** What is happening in Sri Lanka is exactly the same. Those who have been monitoring the events in Sri Lanka will know that the current military operations by the Sri Lankan government has worsened the situation already.



Tamils in Sri Lanka are like patients who are locked inside an operation theatre. They are seeing the hands of a murderer who is pretending like a life saving surgeon to the outside world. They have identified the murderer and crying out for help but nobody is responding. Though the Sri Lankan government is telling the world that they are liberating the innocent Tamils from the rebels they are indeed killing Tamils all over the country. Killing babies, torturing the innocents, raping Tamil women and denying food and medicine for the Tamil civilians are obvious indications that this current war is not against Tamil rebels but against the innocent Tamils.

Tamil people have never felt safe in the hands of the Sinhala military. After seeing the atrocities currently being committed by the Sri Lankan government forces, Tamils will never be able to live peacefully with the majority Sinhalese, unless something supernatural takes place in this tiny island. **Many Tamils in Sri Lanka live like innocent lambs in a lion's den.** Tamils are abducted and killed everyday even in the areas that are controlled by the Sri Lankan government.

If the Sri Lankan government think that they can bring a solution to Sri Lanka just by defeating the Tamil rebels militarily, they are making a historical blunder. Sri Lanka has already dropped more bombs in the Tamil land than the bombs that were dropped by the American forces during the Vietnam war. If they continue with this war agenda, Sri Lanka will no longer be a paradise but it will be called "**Hell on earth**". Peace can never be achieved through bombs and shells.

Sri Lanka can learn many lessons from Britain. UK forces didn't use cluster bombs and they never targeted the civilians in the Northern Ireland to deal with the IRA issue.

How can the international community help the Tamils in Sri Lanka?

National and international laws are there to protect the innocents and to bring charges against those who commit crimes. Laws are there to bring order when there is no order . Unfortunately there are always loop holes in the law that those who are greedy and selfish will try to exploit the law to look after their own interests. They could be bankers who exploit the laws to make money by selling complex derivative products and toxic loans or corrupt leaders in some countries who exploit international laws to fulfil their own agendas.



Though it may be impossible to enact laws to stop all the abuses, it is always possible to monitor and take proactive measures in order to prevent man made financial and humanitarian disasters. When the alarm sounds, it is time to take action. **Delay in action or inaction will cost lives and money.** Best examples would be the current credit crunch and genocide in Rwanda. Many came to know about the current credit crisis only when few investment banks fell apart. World woke up to see the genocide on their TV screens only after millions were brutally killed. **We failed to listen to the alarm bells or the ones who listened didn't want to act.**

Many international organisations have already raised the alarm bells about the humanitarian crisis in Sri Lanka. More than two thousands have been killed just within the last two months and several thousands have been injured . Sri Lankan forces are even using cluster bombs to target the civilians. Reporters and Journalists are banned from entering the war zone. Those civilians who come into the government controlled area are arrested, tortured and they are not allowed to meet their relatives. Sri Lankan government wants to hide everything from the international community.

One doesn't need to be a rocket scientist to understand what is going on. Countries that are partnering with Sri Lanka in this war will not raise their voices to save innocent lives. Instead they will try their best to prevent this issue being raised in the UN Security Council.

Countries that remain neutral, give respect for the human rights and understand the suffering of the innocent Tamils should persuade the Sri Lankan government to stop killing the civilians. Aid organisations should be allowed immediately into the war zone to feed the hungry and to treat the wounded. Reporters and Journalists should be given permission to work in areas where the civilians are affected. UN should send a fact finding mission to see the traces of war crimes.

In order to bring peace in Sri Lanka, those Tamils who live as refugees in their own land should be allowed to return and live in their own homes. Their genuine grievances should be addressed and dealt with through political means. Sri Lankan military and their killer machines should be withdrawn from the Tamil land. Children of the Tamils should be given the right sleep peacefully without the fear of bombs and guns.

In the long run, Tamils should be given the opportunity to choose their own destiny!

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Comments**DOXON OF DICK GREEN**

You posted this a few days ago....terrorists don't get much sympathy in Britain. By the way, didn't Tamil terrorists "invent" suicide bombing?

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**Eusebius**

Tamils already have their own state and it is one of the most racist and oppressive in India shamelessly persecuting minorities. Now they have almost destroyed Sri Lanka. I'm sorry that innocent Tamils have been caught up in the terrorist campaign begun by their own people - are you really? If you need a sub so that you can go back there to help them let me know.

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Doxon of Dick and Eusebius, I really appreciate your comments. I myself personally don't support any kind of Terrorism. If you read my blog again, you will be able to figure out that I am only trying to highlight the humanitarian crisis in Sri Lanka that the women and children are dying everyday in hundreds by bombs and shells fired by the Sri Lankan armed forces.

Sri Lankan government has been committing war crimes against unarmed Tamil civilians for many years. State Terrorism started in Sri Lanka more than fifty years ago. They use torture, rape and murder against innocent Tamils, suppress the media, kick out international aid workers, kill journalists and burn churches, this list will go on. Tamils in Sri Lanka have been oppressed for many years and now they are fighting for their very survival. If nothing is done about it, we will all see another "Rwanda" or "Kosovo" as Tamils are being wiped out.

The word Terrorist is not an absolute term, but it is a relative term that can vary person to person and time to time. One man's Terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. Nelson Mandela was called a Terrorist once but today the world celebrate him as a hero. Jesus was crucified on the cross and he was blamed as a Terrorist. He was accused of causing disputes and acting against the State. Today He is worshiped as a Son of God by billions around the world.

You might probably be aware that many world leaders now believe that the doctrine of "War on Terror" itself is a complete flop.

Richard Dixon complex world that we can't use same the approach to resolve problems in all the countries. It is always important to define a problem and find out the root cause behind it, before we jump the guns on decisions that would affect so many lives.

I have pointed out in my blog that our government didn't do carpet bombing in Northern Ireland to deal with the IRA. Cluster bombs were not dropped on women and children.

Problems in Sri Lanka are also completely different from what we see in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Peace can be found in Sri Lanka without killing the innocent civilians.

I would recommend both of you to study more about the crisis in Sri Lanka. It is a very positive step that you have at least read my blog and commented on it.

You might probably want to look at the following links

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