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Hon. Nisha Biswal - Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, USA
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Dear Sirs,

LTTE Fronts abusing their delisting from Terror List to create racial hatred and disharmony

In 2015 November the present Government citing a gesture of reconciliation brought an extra ordinary gazette to delist 8 organizations declared as LTTE fronts by UNSC Resolution 1373 in April 2014 for supplying LTTE material support. Below are the delisted LTTE fronts. In all 16 organizations and over 400 individuals were declared LTTE fronts. What is important is that these entities and individuals were all living overseas and foreign governments had not investigated them for material support given that LTTE terrorists continues to be banned in their countries. Therefore, in spite of the GOSL delisting on a flimsy excuse of reconciliation the legal arguments used to ban them remain valid. Therefore, UNHRC should also be mindful of allowing lobbying by these groups inside the UN as their websites are clearly aiming for a separate state in Sri Lanka.

1. Global Tamil Forum (GTF),
2. British Tamil Forum (BTF),
3. National Council of Canadian Tamils (NCCT),
4. Tamil Youth Organization (TYO),
5. World Tamil Coordinating Committee (WTCC),
6. Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC),
7. Australian Tamil Congress (ATC), and
8. Tamil National Council (TNC)

Instead of creating harmony among communities these entities are spreading hatred within the Tamil community against the rest of the communities in Sri Lanka as well as falsifying information. A few examples are given below:

- Influencing Northern Chief Minister to create divisions between Sinhalese and Tamils abusing term ‘genocide’ ‘rape’ which are serious allegations but lack supporting evidence,
- Immediately following the delisting the British Tamil Forum has launched a book titled *‘Proliferating Buddhist structures in Tamil Homeland sowing the seeds of Disharmony’*, launched in both UK and Australia on 23rd (by Australian Tamil Congress) & 26th October 2016.

- To counter book by former LTTE women's wing leader who wrote a book praising the Sri Lanka Armed Forces, the Sinhala Community but blaming the LTTE before her death from cancer, these LTTE fronts created false propaganda that LTTE cadres were poisoned during rehabilitation.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/proliferating-buddhist-structures-in-tamil-home-land-book-launch-event-tickets-28459476059?aff=erellivmlt>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Y30QX8th_Q

<http://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2016/05/30/buddhism-in-ancient-jaffna/>

These delisted entities living in foreign countries have not made use of their delisting to usher peace but are out to again create dissent and division. Dividing nations on ethno-linguistic lines failed – Kosovo, Serbia, South Sudan, are examples. Invasions, occupations and forcing alien solutions to countries have also failed – Iraq, Libya, Haiti, Somalia, Afghanistan etc.

The international community & the UN must realize that historically no such Tamil homeland existed in Sri Lanka though there is a state for Tamils known as Tamil Nadu where 72million of the world's 76million live. Tamil Nadu is where Tamils originated, their language and culture originated – not in Sri Lanka. The same ethnic group cannot originate in two countries. Moreover the self-determination for Tamils began first in Tamil Nadu not Sri Lanka. Tamils (Malabars) were brought from South India. Tamils were known as Malabars and the use of Ceylon Tamils was only after 1911.

<http://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2016/10/07/we-have-a-problem-can-the-same-ethnic-group-demand-homelandself-determination-in-2-different-countries/>

<http://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2016/02/20/demolishing-the-tamil-homeland-myth>

<http://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2016/02/08/wigneswaran-should-know-eelam-ceylon-tamil-ethnicity-is-only-105-years-old/>

<http://www.sinhalanet.net/east-is-also-ready-for-malabar-settlements-as-was-done-in-jaffna-british-viscount-torrington-writes-in-1848-ceylonsri-lanka>

Anyone claiming a Tamil homeland in Sri Lanka must first nullify existing historical, archaeological and hydraulic evidence showing a Sinhala civilization in the North since 5th century BC far before Tamils arrived from South India. The report sent to UNESCO by late Minister Cyril Mathew in 1983 of all the Buddhist sites, monasteries, Buddhist temples and Buddhist architecture in North Sri Lanka and East demolishes the lies being spread.

<http://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2016/04/26/unp-mp-cyril-mathew-report-to-unesco-proof-sinhalese-were-living-in-the-north-before-tamils/>

Sri Lanka as an island nation was ruled by the Sinhalese kings. The country was divided for administrative purposes only. Jaffna was a sub-kingdom under the Kotte King and thereafter the Kandy King proof of which is confirmed in the Temporal & Spiritual Conquest of Ceylon by Portuguese Father De Queyroz.

<http://www.sinhalanet.net/jaffna-was-a-kinglet-subject-to-the-kandyan-kingdom-military-expedition-under-mudaliar-attapattu-despatched-by-kandyan-king-senerath-to-defend-jaffna-tamils-from-portuguese-conquest-in-1619-is-furthe>

The East was never part of any Tamil Kingdom and was always ruled by the Kandy Kings.



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Propaganda of lies and myths cannot deny or confiscate the Buddhist history of Sri Lanka and the Sinhalese civilization that existed in the North and East since 5th century BC which are collaborated by 3 colonial occupiers and even foreign historians. The present Buddhist structures in both North and East are what left after 17 invasions by South India which destroyed much of these structures and the 3 colonial occupiers who did

the same. In spite of these destructions that a significant number are still left goes to showcase how many would have existed in the past.

The delisted organizations by launching books based on lies and spreading falsehoods are confusing and fooling western readers and the UN.

Falsehoods and unethical propaganda need to be exposed. We are willing to accept facts. Place them with evidence before the public. Our island nation has been a victim of South Indian invaders, three colonial occupiers and 3 decades of terror created initially by our immediate neighbor. We have as a nation borne the brunt of terror and now we are subject to a plethora of false propaganda seeking to separate and divide the nation based on lies.

Tamils originated from South India. Self-determination bid began in South India. Request for a separate homeland was made and denied by the Cripps Mission before India was given independence. Already a state for Tamils exists in Tamil Nadu where 99% of the population Tamil. If Tamils want to only live among their own, Tamils should live in Tamil Nadu and return to request India again to separate Tamil Nadu as a separate Tamil Nation.

Sri Lanka is an island nation. Sinhalese built the nation and is the majority populace. We want to live with the other communities in peace without anyone seeking mono-ethnic enclaves to call their own. That is what is called peaceful co-existence.

Yours Sincerely,

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