

Eelamist claims of a Genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka.



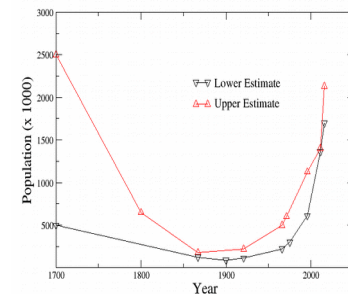
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▯ **Chandre Dharma-wardana**

▯ Ontario Policy Research Symposium, 6-06-20

Genocide bills in Canadian LOCAL politics.

- ¹ An official commission has concluded that Canada's aboriginal people faced genocide !
Millions died.
- ▯ Three Ontario municipalities
- ▯ passed Genocide bills, **STRANGELY**
- ▯ **not about domestic genocide**, but
- ▯ about an alleged Tamil genocide in far away Sri Lanka
- ¹ Now the Ontario Legislature is studying **bill 104** to pass a “Tamil Genocide Education week” !



Why is there such great interest in an alleged Tamil genocide?

- ▯ **Is the issue of genocide within the purview of local politics? NO**
- ▯ **Has Tamil genocide been established by an official commission of inquiry? NO**
- ▯ **Is alleged Tamil Genocide more important locally than Canadian aboriginal genocide? NO**
- ▯ **Is the alleged Tamil genocide a greater HR issue than aboriginal Genocide OF MILLIONS ?NO, . Then Why?**

The Ontario bill 104 has raised much concern and consternation in Sri Lanka

See

http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=223210

Canadian move to legitimise genocide brought to govt. attention

... (pre-oration to) controversial Bill 104 alleges 146,679 Tamils killed in May 2009 alone.

by Shamindra Ferdinando

Bill 104 on alleged Tamil Genocide

- ▮ **Bill 104, brings into Canada divisive politics that plagued Sri Lanka's ethnic harmony for decades.**
- ▮ **Bill 104 is an affront to the aboriginal people of Canada whose proven Genocide deserves recognition before any foreign genocides.**

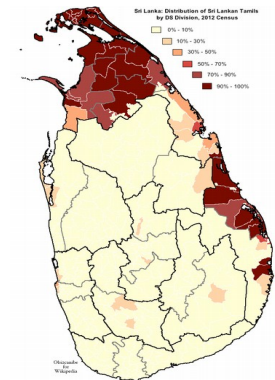
We examine the alleged Tamil Genocide using the views of Tamil politicians, intellectuals, journalists and diplomats.

- ¹ **The TNA, University Teachers for Human Rights-Jaffna, DBSJeyraj, Rasalingam, The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Wikileaks, US diplomats, Marga Institute, Lord Naseby, etc etc.**

Genocide of Sri Lankan Tamils?

- Sri Lanka's Majority Tamil Provincial Council resolved (10-02-2015) that the guilt of Lankan governments since 1948 in Genocide against Tamils be **INVESTIGATED.**

- Mr. Wiigneswaran, Chief Minister of the Northern Provincial council (**NPC**).



▫ **Sri Lanka's Majority Tamil Provincial Council resolved (10-02-2015) that genocide against Tamils should be investigated by the UN and the ICC.**

▫ Mr Thanigasalam, MPP Scarborough-R claims more than Wigneswaran, and proposes Bill 104,
▫ Tamil Genocide Education week **even without investigation**



Genocide claim of Sri Lankan Tamils – Do other Tamil leaders accept it? NO

▯ **Wigneswaran's claim of a Genocide is NOT accepted by most other Tamil leaders and intellectuals**

▯ **So the Canadian legislators are even more EXTREME.**

▯ **Canadian legislatures have ignored the aboriginal genocide.**

▯ **But they rush to accept Tamil Genocide !!!!**

What does the main Tamil political Party in Sri Lanka say about Tamil Genocide?

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1 The Main Tamil political Party in Sri Lanka is the

□ TNA – (Tamil National Alliance)

Main Lankan Tamil Party Lawyer on folly of “Genocide” claim.

▯ The TNA spokesman
declared Genocide
claim “FOOLISH”.
[TamilNet, Saturday,
19 September 2015]

▯ “Mr Sumanthiran was
shocking the Tamil psyche”,
Thirumurugan Gandhi [May17
Movement from Tamil Nadu]

▯ Mr. Sumanthiran of the
Tamil National Alliance
has been labeled a
“**Thurogi**” துரோகி Traitor
for telling the TRUTH.



Main Lankan Tamil Political Party spokesman: No “Genocide”.

- ▯ **Northern Provincial Council resolution...**
- ▯ **Within the definition that is accepted by
the world today THIS IS NOT GENOCIDE”
-Sumanthiran
Tamil Net, 19 Sept 2015.**



Rejection of Tamil Genocide by the UN High Comm. for Human Rights

- 1 UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, very specifically said, “it hasn't satisfied the test of genocide”. He said it. When he was asked at the press conference”.

Tamil Net, 19th Sept. 2015]

- ▯ Genocide proposed in the Bill 104 stands already REJECTED by Zeid R Al Hussein, the UN High Commissioner for HR, already in 2015.



Sangaree, leader of the TULF indicts the LTTE for Mass killing of injured cadre.

▯ **Mr. Sangaree,
addressing the Annul
convention of the TULF
in 2008, 29th Dec.
revealed LLTE's mass
killings of its own cadre.**

▯ **So who is doing mass
killings?**

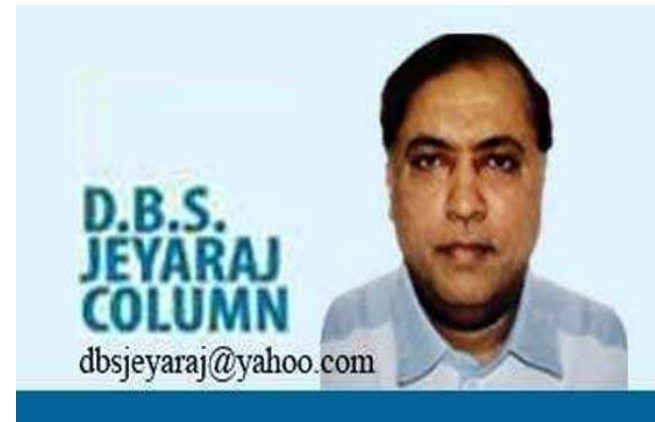
▯ **Mr. AnandaSangaree,
leader of the Tamil
United Liberation
Front (TULF)**



Veteran Tamil journalist DBS Jeyaraj on Tiger killings of civilians:

¹ The Sri Lankan government had... declared two limited ceasefires. LTTE positioned its artillery and mortar assets near or in the middle of civilian concentrations. These tactics were confirmed by a range of media outlets including Reuters India in February 2009, which quoted a 74-year old Catholic nun as claiming: 'The LTTE fired from close to civilians. We had objected, but that didn't work.' The LTTE wanted to create many victims, expecting foreign intervention.

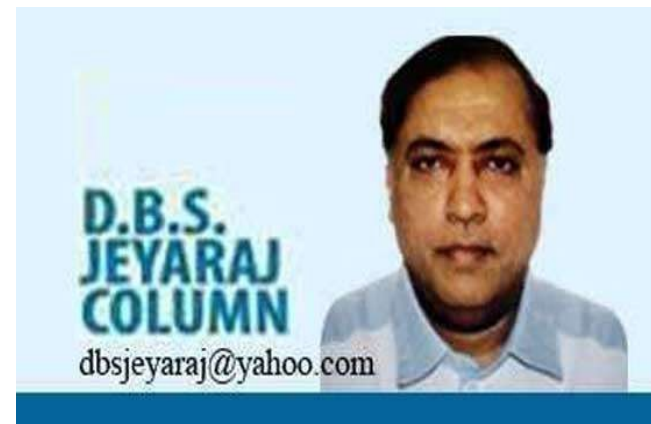
This shows that the army took significant efforts to minimize civilian losses, while the LTTE sought to increase civilian losses, during the last 6 months of the Eelam war.



Many more reports by DBS Jeyaraj on Tiger killings of civilians:

- ▯ The 59 division was to move north from Karaichikkudiyiruppu. The LTTE resorted to a cruel and inhuman stratagem by moving the civilians into this coastal strip in large numbers. It was an inhumane “human deterrent ” placed by the LTTE. The security forces were compelled to abandon the original manoeuvre.

The LTTE wanted to CREATE a humanitarian disaster to blame the army and also get foreign intervention.



University Teachers for Human Rights- Jaffana (UTHR-J) On LTTE massacres of civilians during last days of the war.

- ▯ The LTTE sent out teams to return with 30 conscripts,” Hoole wrote. “If they fail they are subject to often lethal punishment.
- 1 Ganeshapillai and other civilians were advancing towards the Army line in Iruddumadu. The army was careful to not to shell the road, while the LTTE used snipers to kill.

These again shows that the army took significant efforts to minimize civilian losses, while the LTTE sought to increase civilian losses, during the last 6 months of the Eelam war.



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1 However, UTHR-J is quite critical of the government in their report entitled:

Special Report No: 34

Date of release: 13th

December 2009

Let Them Speak:

**Truth about Sri Lanka's
Victims of War**

*Here the report mentions of
airforce operations and shellings
that did not spare civilians.*



What US Diplomats said.

(from Wikileaks)

- Ambassador Robert Blake noted in a confidential embassy cable ([Wikileak 09COLOMBO86](#)) to Washington on January 26, 2009 that: [the] Army has a generally good track record of taking care to minimize civilian casualties during its
- **Jacques de Maio ICRC ([Wikileak 09GENEVA584](#) – quoted by John C Williamson, US diplomat)**
 - [...] the Army had stopped shelling when ICRC informed them it was killing civilians. In fact, the Army actually could have won the

Tamil National Alliance spokesman says “No Genocide”, but in CANADA

- ▯ Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown declared May 18 as the City’s Remembrance Day of Tamil Genocide

- ▯ **Jagmeet Singh**

- ▯ Sikhs have endured similar tragedies,
- ▯ including a genocide in 1984 and continued oppression by the Indian govt. like you've faced with the Sri Lankan govt – Jagmeet Singh IS WRONG – as said by UN-High Commissioner for HR, by Mr.Sumanthiran, Mr. Anandasangaree, Jaffna UTHR, Jeyraj, etc.



Canadian Law makers, like **Jagmeet Singh**, have made unsubstantiated assumptions and Conveniently made NO INVESTIGATION of What happened in Sri Lanka.

He IGNORES THAT UN-HC for HR, Al Zeid Hussein has ALEADY rejected the Genocide Claim.

Ethnic Tamil MPPs like

Vijay Thanigasalam

are subject to enormous pressure from Tamil Organizations who are Eelamist and separatist. These organizations look for **retribution instead of reconciliation.**

Mr. Thanigasalam won by some ~900 votes only, and has to keep his ethnic vote.

Various estimates of the civilian Death Toll in the Vanni, 2009

Lord Naseby-British House of Lords study, 2018 Most comprehensive study so far.	5000-7000
US state Dept. (2009), report to the congress	7700
UN country team (2009) Estimates by representatives in the country.	7700
Sri Lanka Dept. of Census and Statistics. Based on official field survey 2011-2014	7400
Darusman Report to Ban-Ki-Moon (2011) based on undisclosed witnesses; were not verified	40,000
Vijay Thanigasalam, at the 19-05-2019 oration of Bill 104	146,769

The “Death Toll” means what?

- Deaths are from cross fire, and mass killings by the LTTE as evidenced by UTHR-Jaffna, DBS Jeyraja, TULF Leader Anandasangaree, etc.
- Given even the 7000 death toll of Lord Naseby, over a period of 5 months, about 40-50 casualties/daily.
- Compare: Lancet Study ~600 deaths/day in Iraq war.
- Read **Ferdinando** on the “War on Terror” unleashed by the LTTE, <http://pdfs.island.lk/defence/defence.html>

The Death Toll- the most comprehensive & most recent study.

The most recent British House of Lords study by **Lord Naseby** in 2018 showed that only about **5000-7000** have been killed,



consistent with about 18,000 injured found among the 300,000 civilians saved by the govt. forces.

- Agrees with academic studies, UN dispatches
- **Mr Thanigasalam claims 170,000 deaths. Then there should be mass graves, and some 350,000 injured. CONTRARY TO FACTS**

The “Death Toll” means what?

As said by all the cited witnesses, the Army even

changed its tactics continually, to avoid civilian casualties.

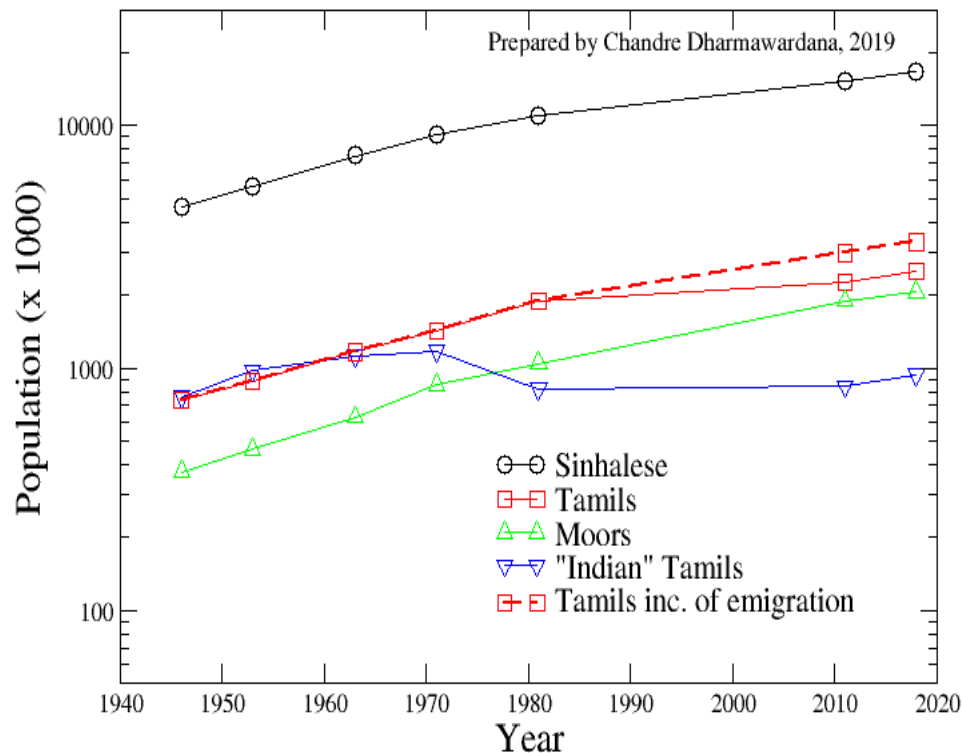
Finally there were some 300,000 civilians saved by the Army. There were some 18,000 injured with them



With 2-3 injured for every death, this implies a casualty figure of $18,000/2.5 = 7,200$ consistent with Lord Nasedby's estimate.

Error Bars: Island Article, 26-July-2019

The Demographic argument



- ▮ The figure shows that the population of Sri Lankan Tamil has grown **STEADILY** (see **red curves**), even during the war, at a rate similar to other **Ethnics**.
- ▮ This is in stark contrast to Canada's aboriginal population which plummeted by millions.
- ▮ **All Ethnic groups suffered from the war.**

summary

- **MPP Thanigasalam's Bill 104 is *ultra vires***
- **Bill 104 is factually wrong**
- **It promotes ethnic dissension**
- **It is an affront to the aboriginal people's genocide of millions, compared to 7000 in the final Eelam war**
- **It imports to Canada the divisive ethnic politics back home that immigrants wish to escape.**
- **The bill should be rejected IN TOTO**

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