

The Baseless & Diabolical Claim of Tamil Genocide In
Sri Lanka

Its Genesis and The Way To Counter and Eliminate It.
A Perspective From Zealand

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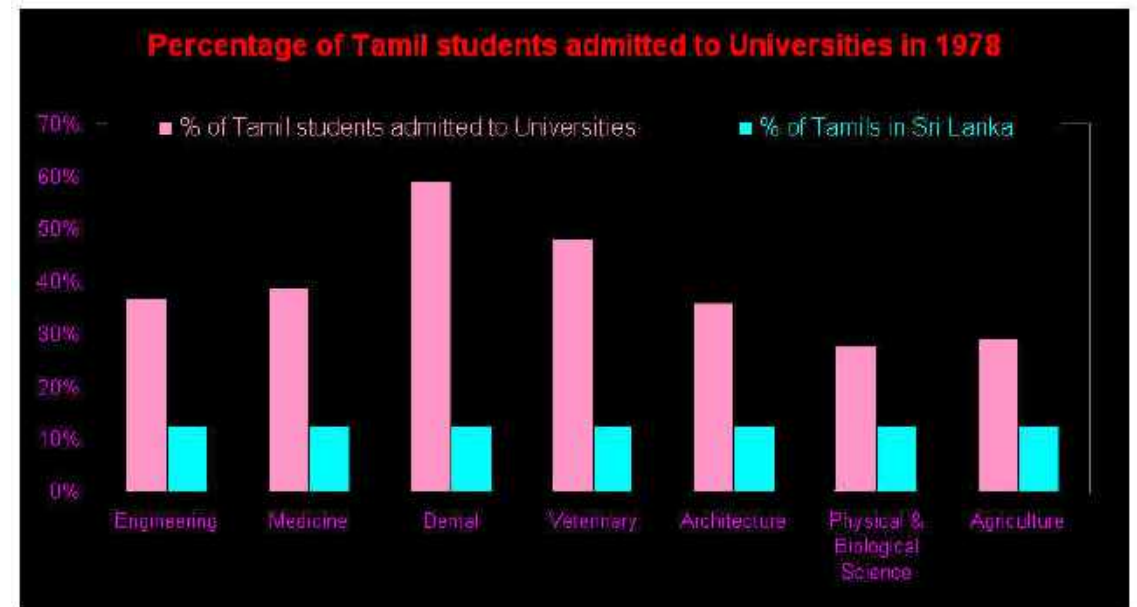
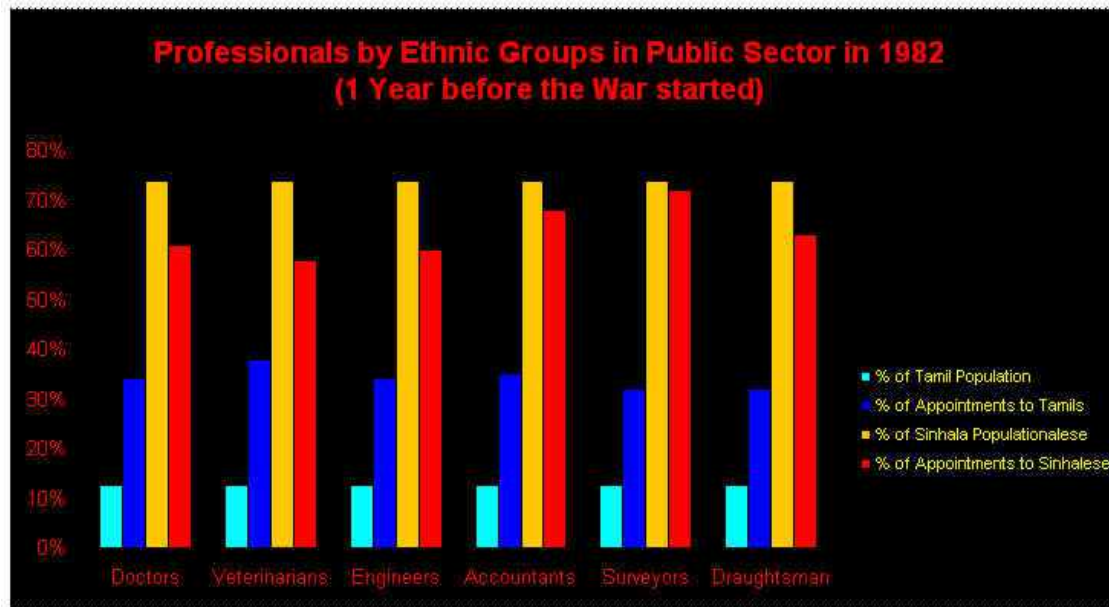
Tamils , who formed 10% of the population were The Privileged Minority In 150 years of “ Divide & Rule” British Colonial Administration & The Sinhalese that formed the 75% of the population were The Disadvantaged Majority –

- At Independence, In 1948, 80-90% Engineers & Surveyors, 60% of Doctors, Vast Majority of Civilian Administration were Tamil.
- In 1954 The First Sri Lankan To Act As Head of State , As Governor General in of Post Independent SL, Justice C. Nagalingam was Tamil.
- First Sri lankan commander of SL Army, Brigadier Anton Muthukumaru was Tamil.
- The Longest Serving Attorney General of SL was Mr. Siva Pasupathy He was also Tamil

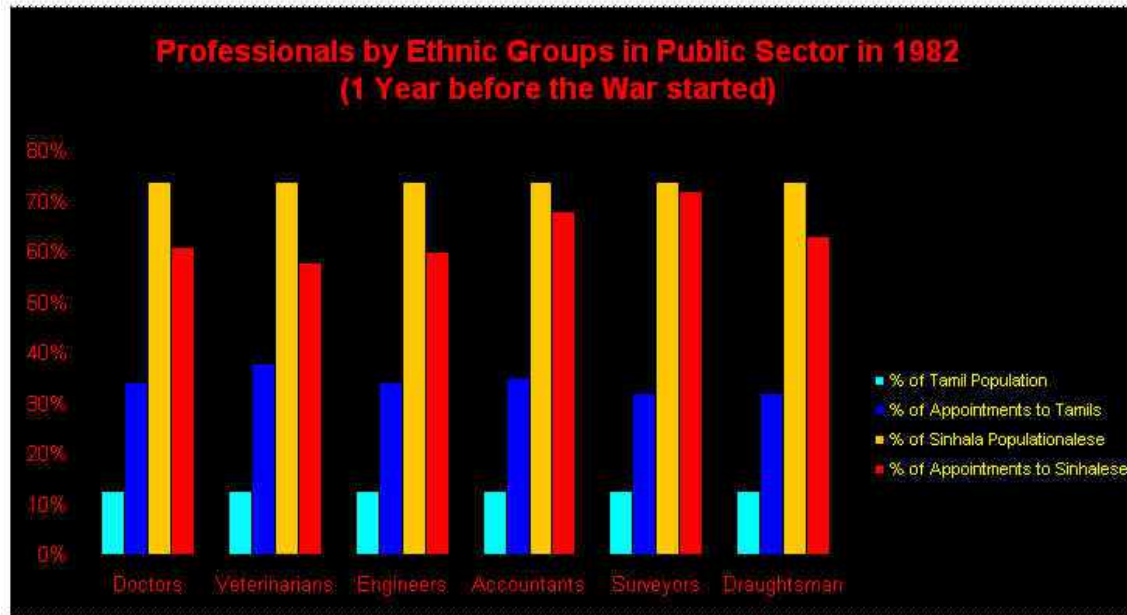
Tamils (10%) The Privileged Minority & The Sinhalese The Disadvantaged Majority (75%) – In 150 years of “ Divide & Rule” British Colonial Administration (1)

- Following independence in 1948, redressing of Sinhalese disadvantages, especially educational, led to the erosion of this privileged status Tamils
- This was seen by some Tamils as discrimination against the Tamil minority, & presented as such to fellow Tamils & the world
- In 1976 , in Vadukoddai in Northern SL, a Tamil political party TULF resolved to create an Mono Ethnic independent state of **Tamil Elam** where this privileged status could be reinstated.
- This Was despite Tamils Not Being Under- represented in any walk of Life In SL ,upto that time & even now.

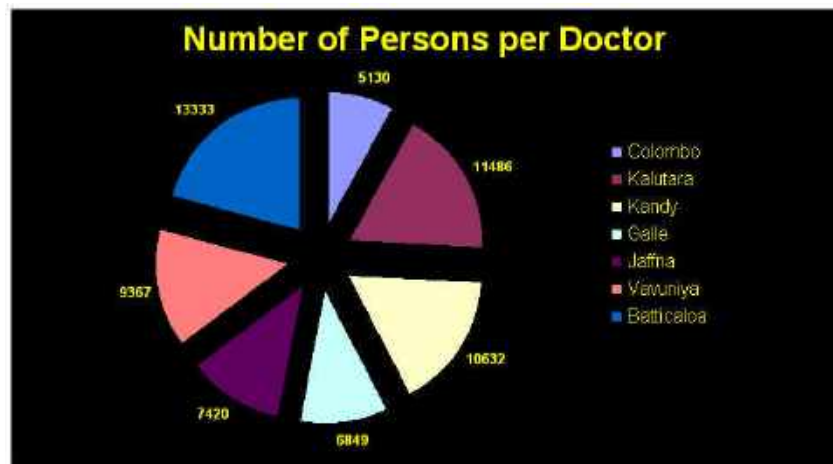
% of Tamils & Sinhalese In The Professions In 1982 In comparison to their % of the population & University Entrance of Tamil as % In comparison to their % of the population in 1978 Faculties – Is This Tamil Discrimination?



Comparison of (2) Maternity Hospital Bed Availability In Sinhalese & Tamil Areas 1982/100,000 population. ? Is Their Tamil Discrimination In SL



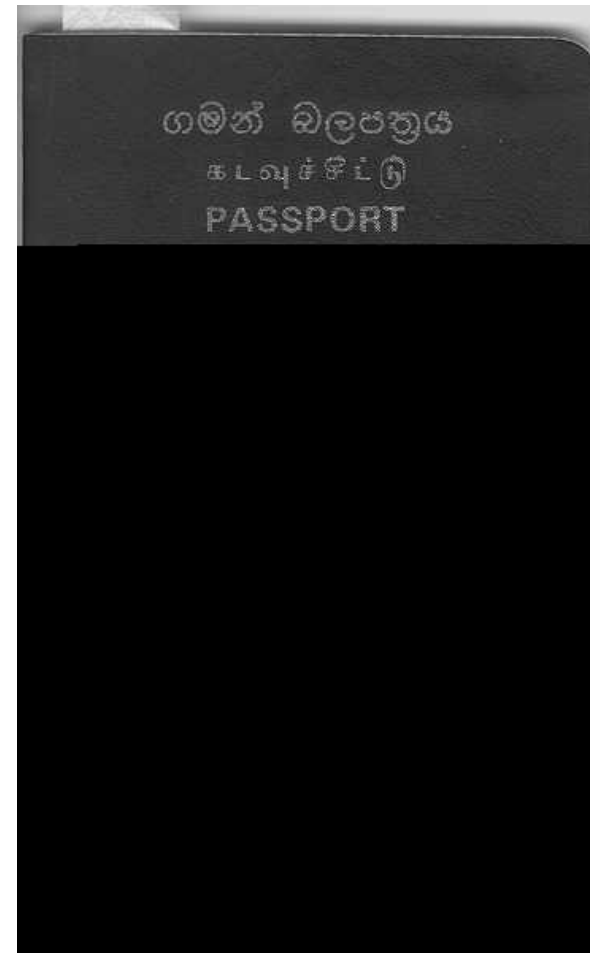
Is Their Tamil Discrimination In SL ? (2) Doctor Supply Tamil Areas Far Better Than Rest/ Govt Forms In All 3 Languages (In NZ No Maori In Forms Though >20% Population) 1982

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Is Their Tamil Discrimination In SL ? (3)/ Aerogram In All 3 Languages (In NZ No Maori In Aerograms Though >20% Population



Is Their Tamil Discrimination In SL ? (4) Currency Notes/Passport (In NZ No Maori In Currency Notes or Passport Though >20% Population)



Tamil Elam Delimitations

- The Tamil Elam's delimitation would consist of 2/3rds of SL's coast and one third of it's land area for the 8% population of tamils that would ultimately live in these areas
- Such an avaricious and unreasonable demand probably reflected the privileged mind set they came from

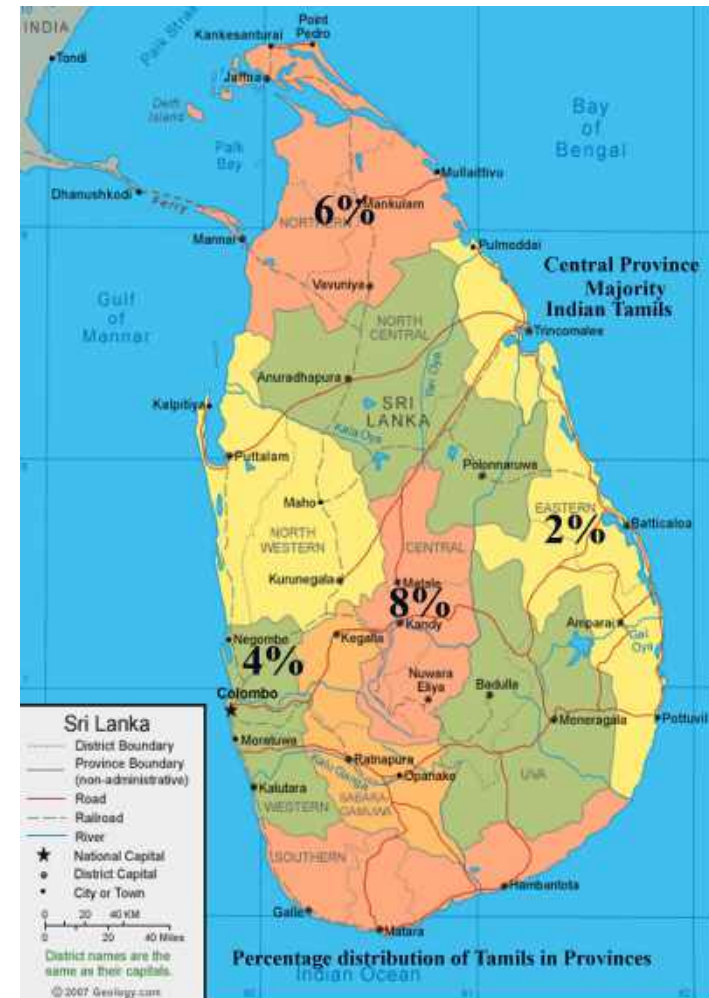
Map 1 – Area Tigers Want As EElam

Map 2 – Showing the 9 Provinces In Different Colors and The Distribution of 20% Tamils In Western, Northern , Eastern & Central province – EElam Consisting of North & Eastern Province Reserved For The Tamils Only, Would Only have 8% of Population. Tamils From West & Central Are Unlikely To Move There.



LTTE Claiming 30% of land mass

70% of coast (fishing)



Flawed Attempts At Justifying This Avaricious Grab

- They attempted to draw justification for this avaricious demand by claiming that the North & Eastern provinces (a British colonial administrative division) were the Traditional home lands of the tamils
- As these collection of Buddhist stupa's of 2300 years standing still preserved in the heart of Jaffna, bears evidence that all of Sri Lanka was the Traditional homeland of Sinhala Buddhist as the Mahavamsa documents, for 2500 yrs
- As acknowledged many times by Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, Head of Roman Catholic Church in SL ,It was the magnanimity of Sinhala Buddhist kings, in keeping with benevolence of Buddha's teachings, that later settlers like the Tamils, Arabs & Malays were permitted to settle in the the North and East

- Kadurugoda Purana Viharaya is located 18 km from Jaffna, and is believed to be dating from the 3rd Century BC. There are 61 small stupas scattered over 1/2 acre land. The special feature of these ancient Buddhist structures is that there are no square stupa constructions above the global structures.



Making The Language of The 75% Majority Sinhalese As State Language In 1956 Was Presented As Discrimination

- But provisions were made for **reasonable use of Tamil**, including the right of every Tamil Child to a free education in tamil from primary to end of tertiary, right for a Tamil to deal with government in Tamil , language of courts in tamil areas would be Tamil, entry into public service positions for Tamils would be in Tamil – But Competence In Sinhala would be required for progression But NOT in professional fields –
- All this did nothing to allay the claims of Discrimination and call for Elam – Not with their privileged mindset
- Since 1987 Tamil has also been made state language of SL

Resettling Sinhalese In The Newly Opened Up Areas In The East For Paddy Cultivation Was Also Presented As Attempts To Change Demographics & Hence Discrimination

- In reality this was resettling Sinhalese from high population density areas of the south to the low density areas of the east to take advantage of the newly created irrigations schemes for paddy cultivation

Following The Vadukoddai Resolution In 1976, In 1983 LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam) Commenced A Campaign Of Terror To Achieve Elam –Would Last For 3 Decades

- It was the the **Internationally based Tiger diaspora**, by now well established in the west, especially UK , USA & Canada that supported this war effort , throughout with money & propaganda, using:
- **Distortion** – Internationally orchestrated misinformation about Tamil **minority discrimination** that the west accepted unquestioningly
- **Extortion** - compelling Tamils they had helped into the west as refugees, to pay out large portions of their social security hand outs to the Diaspora and compelling by now thriving Tamil businesses in west - to make regular payments too – **To Fatten Their War Chest**
- **Trafficking** –Drugs and refugees . Tamil Diaspora well known to use these to **fatten their war chest**
- These enabled the Tiger diaspora to build a **war chest of billions of dollars** to fund three decades of terror in SL (Jane's Intelligence Review & Janes World Insurgency & Terrorism – Joshi 1996)



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**The Tigers Abroad: How the LTTE
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19th May 2009 After 3 Decades Tiger Terrorism Came To an End

- On the shores of Nadikadal Lagoon in Northern SL where the Tiger leader Prabakaran lay slain with the last of his terrorist fighters.
- This was thanks to the professionalism of SL security forces, who had minimized civilian casualties despite it's a cost of SF lives. This was acknowledged by defense attache's dispatches from UK & US Embassies in Colombo, in May 2009

Karuna (former Tiger deputy leader) Stands Tall as He Views the Fallen Prabakaran (Tiger Leader)



However , the end to the Battles on the ground did not spell an end to the conflict as many had hoped for.

Following The Military Loss Tiger Diaspora Hit Back Within Days – Alleging War victory was at the cost of excessive civilian casualties, 40-100 Thousand In the last few weeks of the war hence amounting to War Crimes & Tamil Genocide - *So The Genocide Claim Was Born*- Rapidity of it's generation suggests a Pre prepared plan B

- These Claims were entirely unsubstantiated, with all the evidence against it but was internationally orchestrated with the usual Tiger Diaspora Zeal , still calling for Elam
- These continued to go down well with unquestioning west,
- In 2020, These orchestrations still go on. The real underlying motivation now is probably to **secure permanency of residency** for the several hundred thousand **Tamils**, still enjoying western comforts, but only **as refugees.**,
- A peaceful SL would mean , return of refugees back to SL & hence loss of western comforts

Despite the Orchestration Support For the 40-100,000 Civilian Casualty Claim Was Minimal & Highly Questionable

- 1st from Gordon Weiss, a UN Employee based in Colombo at the end of the war. May 2009
- Who had a book on the war to sell on the war, so needed to dramatize it
- Initially claimed the figure was from unnamed source
- On Repeated questioning , admitted to it being an exaggeration

Darusman Commission – The Major Impetus To Justify The Claim

- Appointed by UNSG Banki Moon To Advise Him On accountability Issues in SL
- **They were appointed without UN or UNSC authority, in fact despite objection from two members Russia & China- So was not a UN commission and was**
- Further All three commissioners had an axe to grind with Sri Lanka –So loaded against SL from the start
- Received evidence only from the Tiger Diaspora, not SL who rejected them
- In their report there was a statement stating that there was “credible evidence” of excessive civilian casualties at the end of the war.
- But **refused to reveal their sources for thirty years**
- So much for the credibility of this finding

Tiger Diaspora Quick to latch on to this

- Dropped the UNSG appointment bit and makes it a “ UN commission”
- Made the narrative “ **UN Commission has acknowledged excessive civilian casualties, and hence HR violations and Tamil genocide, a credible allegation**”
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- They have orchestrated this since with Joseph Goebbelian zeal.
- Hence the allegation has stuck especially with well meaning west unsuspecting of the reality

Plenty of Evidence Exposing The Genocide Claims Being False

- Sir John Holmes ,UN resident representative, based in Colombo, at end of war in May 2009, assessed civilian casualties at around 7000.
- Census carried by Jaffna University teachers revealed similar figures for “ missing after the war”
- As stated earlier, Defense attache’s dispatches from US & UK embassies in Colombo, revealed by Wiki Leaks revelations, similar assessments.

The Evidence Confirming That The Genocide Claims Are False

- Lord Naseby, from the British House of Lords Confirmed these by tabling the originals of the British H/ C Defense Attache's dispatches obtained after a hard battle with British authorities In 2017
- The Paranagama Presidential Commission , appointed to investigate " Missing Persons Allegations" cleared SL Security Forces, of systematic or directed killing of Civilians as alleged, Endorsed By panel of International legal experts headed by Sir Desmond de Silva QC of UK

The Evidence Confirming That The Genocide Claims Are False

- If Tamil civilians were being deliberately subjected to security forces fire, would 300,000 of them flee into the arms of these same forces In full view of the world , at the first opportunity afforded when released from Tigers who had held them hostage as human shields for the last months of the war, as confirmed later by these rescued hostages.

Despite These Orchestration Of Genocide Claim Has Continued

- Making full use of their billion dollar war chest , for orchestrating such misinformation , with no arms to buy now..
- They garnered the help of cash strapped news agencies like UK Channel 4, to produce highly questionable documentaries like “ Sri Lanka Killing Fields “ , to orchestrate such misinformation
- NY times characterized this documentary , “as a collection of film strips unauthored , undated & from unknown sites showing gruesome acts, held together by a partisan commentary leading the viewer to believing that these were acts committed by SL/SF
- Many of These were later confirmed as having been committed by the Tigers donning the uniforms of captured SF personel, to attribute the blame to SL /SF

Most recently May 2020 – Poorly informed western politicians being used to Orchestrate Tamil Genocide Claims On Internet

- Mayor Combie From Canada
- NSW Australia State MP Hugh McDermott

What Should Be Done To Counter This Baseless & Blatantly False Genocide Claim

- Make Known Widely The False Hood Of These Claims As described , among Media ,Editors, Reporters, Politicians, State & federal In the West, particularly, It would seem Canada , UK & Australia
- Use Email, Other modern communication and social media devices , to feed the information, repeatedly and in short bursts, using bold & brief titles to repeatedly to convey the message, mindful that most will only read the title if at all.
- These are principles I have used for three decades in Wellington with reasonable success.
- Create opportunities **proactively**, for regular interactions with these persons and agencies , to convey these messages

The Objectives of Such Interactions

- First objective to convince them that:
- **“Tamil Genocide has no factual basis”** nor the clam of **Tamil Discrimination**. That it was **“ post independence loss of privileges enjoyed under British colonial rule, that was being presented as discrimination”**.

2nd Objective of Such Interactions

- is to highlight that the motivation among a large section of the Diaspora, to continue to paint **a falsely negative picture of Sri Lanka is that their continuing to enjoy western privileges as refugees** , depends on SL being painted negative

Third Objective

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- The **third objective** should be to call for monitoring & sanctions of “**The Tiger Diaspora, that funded three decades of terror in Sri Lanka that saw the loss of over 300,000 lives** , , now sitting snug in the comfort of their western homes. The call should be to have, **sanctions imposed on them in their activities of raising funds and orchestrating blatant falsehoods**, that are a violation of the HR of the victims of these false accusations . Their **complicity with funding terror** should be investigated & if found guilty should be brought before courts, even international courts, for their heinous crimes.

Tiger Diaspora Leader & Global Tamil Forum Leader **Fr. S J Emanuel** With Tiger Leader Prabakaran –Now UK Based



Two Other Tiger Diaspora Leaders, In Company of Prabakaran - Adel Balasingham & Rudrakumaran



RUDRAKUMARAN with the LTTE hierarchy 2001/2002



RUDRAKUMARAN addressing TGTE, New York 2010

Countering This Baseless Blatantly False Genocide Claim

- This three pronged approach should be coordinated and driven from Sri Lanka, through at least a dedicated **Foreign Information** unit of the foreign ministry , prepared for the long haul, possibly decades, against a **wily opponent**, more devious than the opponents encountered on the battle field
- Expatriates on the ground could be used for advice , ideas and for execution .
- The expatriates should **use their clout with the vote** to get the message across to their rulers , as the Tiger Diaspora has done so effectively.
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Left Unchecked Undermine SL's Development Effort

- There should be a realisation in Colombo that, left unchecked or countered half-heartedly, the Tiger Diaspora has the capacity to undermine the SL administration's best developmental efforts, for a long time to come, using mislead western governments, and UN agencies, to aid them in this ,as we have seen since 2009

Ethnic Reconciliation In SL

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- However, these efforts, should not detract from ongoing efforts at **Integration** rather than **segregation** as the answer to SL' ethnic issues. Being **truly trilingual** and encouraging a fusion culture, perhaps fusion dances of the two cultures Barata Natyam and Kandyan Dancing , as we have in NZ ,who always sing the National anthem in two languages English & Maori are some thoughts.

- Thank You

Conclusions (1) :

- **Human Rights Violations & Tami Genocide** In Sri Lanka Are A Baseless Construct Of The Tiger Terrorist Diaspora Based in The West To Protect Their Continued Stay in the West , As Refugees. **This should be made known widely In the West**
- The Tiger Diaspora That Funded Three Decades Of Terror In Sri Lanka That Cost Three Hundred Thousand Lives and Many Times More Maimed In Sri Lanka Needs To Be Made Accountable For These Crimes

Conclusions (2)

- The Sri Lankan Government Should Spear Head Action Towards This End
- Co-opting Expatriate Peace Loving and Patriotic Sri Lankan Groups Based In The West Would Be essential To Achieve This
- Promoting Integration rather than Segregation amongst all communities back in Sri Lanka , should continue relentlessly