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Thank you Madam Chair

The Unilateral Genocide upon Srilankan Tamils did not end with the war in 2009.

Srilankan Tamils still face the same covert Torture and Discrimination by a fascist and dictatorial state, which accepts no liability for infinite war crimes.

Tamils are still treated like second class citizens and given no governance over their own lands.

Military occupation on public and private Tamil property is an ongoing cruel legacy of the nearly 3 decades of Civil war.

Government Forces have not only occupied Tamil own territory to set up military camps and Bases but Tamil farms has been seized by private sinhala land lords with no renumeration.

Tamils are thus displaced and left unjustly homeless by an oppressive State.

This is an another example of an oppressive Srilankan government attempt at diluting a Tamil dense region through Government acquisition of public land and industrial development, designed purely to cater for unequal Singhalese housing, ownership and work opportunities.

Following the exit of British colonization the Singhalese seized the reigns of power over Srilanka, declaring Singhalese the National language.

Attempts ensued to forcibly infiltrate Tamils dense areas.

As a consequence, the Tamil population of Trincomalee district and Ampara district in eastern province has decreased from 58% and 37%, respectively in 1911 to 30% and 20% in 2012.

The Tamil percentage in these areas continue to decrease as an increasing number are displaced from homes and properties with enforced dilution of the Tamil population.

The concentration of Tamils in Ampara district has decreased from 37% in 1911 to 20 in 1981.

Madam Chair , I ask the guidance of UNHCR as policy makers, How to we as Tamils stop this brutal take over of our sovereigns land and regain our state?

I thank you madam chair