

Minority Forum

Item 3: Legal and institutional framework: the human rights of minorities and conflict prevention

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My organization want to alert this forum on the Historical Racial Discrimination against Eelam Tamils in Sri Lanka and the need of international legal and institutions framework to save tamils from ongoing Genocide.

Specially there are state sponsorize Violence and intimidation against Tamil Women.

The situation for Tamil women in the north and east of Sri Lanka remains deeply insecure. Thousands of Tamil women lost husbands and other family members to death or disappearance, while human rights abuses and violations ranging from sexual violence to land grabbing have continued.

The Tamil female leaders namely Mrs Thevasagayam Ranjana from Mannar, Mrs. Selvarani Tambirasa from Amparai, Mrs. Mariyasuresh Easwari from Mullaitivu, Mrs Sebasitan Devi from Trincomalee, Mrs. Amalanathan Amalanayagi from Batticaloa and hundreds of others of the Association of the Relatives of the Enforced Disappeared people are being tortured and monitored by the Sri Lankan military, the policemen and the court for working for justice and conducting a public rally on the world international day of the enforce-fully Disappeared People (30. 08. 2021) in the North and Eastern Province of Sri Lanka.

The militarization of the north and east from 2009 has contributed to continued insecurity for Tamil women. Many, especially widows and the wives of disappeared or 'surrendered', are vulnerable to sexual harassment, exploitation or assault by army personnel or other militias.

According United Nations inter review Charles Petrie Report there are over 70 000 tamils were killed During the last Genocidal war in Sri Lanka. The former bishop of Mannar had proved that 146,679 Tamils remain unaccounted, but the UN mechanisms had never taken this huge number in to account for the fear of antagonizing the racist Sinhalese regimes.

We urge the international community:

- to Refer Sri Lanka to the International Criminal Court.
- Appoint a country-specific Rapporteur for Sri Lanka to monitor and report to the International Community