

ASSOCIATION Caribous Libérés

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Thank you chair,

Eelam Tamils are facing Socio-economic Empowerment embargo from Eelam occupation by singhala colonization. Sri Lanka got its independence from the British in 1948.

Since the early 1960s, the Tamils led a very peaceful protest to secure their rights to only being subdued by harsh violence. In the early 1970s, the young Tamils who were denied admission into the Universities in the Tamil areas took up to arms to fight the injustices done to them.

The TULF contested the elections in 1977 on the promise of implementing the Vaddukoddai resolution and the election was taken up as a referendum by the Tamils.

In 1979, the Prevention of Terrorism Act came into effect and this has been exclusively used against the Tamils till date. In 1981, the most important cultural symbol of Tamil heritage and culture, the Jaffna library was burnt down by the state sponsored mobs. In July 1983, more than 5,000 Tamils were burnt alive in marking the beginning of a Genocide which continues unabated even to this day.

During the final course of the War in May 2009, thousands of Tamils perished and faced untold misery at the hand of the Sri Lankan armed forces who killed or enforced disappeared 146,679 unaccounted Tamils. The Charles Petrie commission appointed by the UN in 2012 estimated that more than 70,000 Tamil civilians may have been killed during the final stage of the war.

More than 60,000 acres of Tamil land is occupied by the 99% Sinhala dominated Sri Lankan armed forces. All economic, social, cultural and political activities are controlled by the Sinhala armed forces.

- ☐ UN Security Council should refer Sri Lanka to the International Criminal Court for investigation and prosecutions into war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.
- ☐ Tamils should be recognized as a separate Nation
- ☐ The Right to Self Determination of the Tamils should be recognized by the International Community
- ☐ International Investigation into the crime of Genocide against the Tamils must be conducted immediately
- ☐ Demilitarisation of the Tamil areas must be implemented immediately