

# SOME FACTS ABOUT CEYLON (SRI LANKA)

*Within the last three weeks:*

- 40 Tamils in Point Pedro, near Jaffna and another 65 in Tambiluvil, near Batticolo were buried alive by the army.
- 56 Tamils were burnt alive in two buses by naval personnel in Karainagar, Jaffna.
- 75 Tamils of all ages were bundled into a community centre and blown to bits by the army in Urani, near Jaffna.
- 60 Tamils were massacred in and around the town of Batticolo and another 70 in random killings in the Jaffna district.
- Several burnt bodies of Tamil women who were kidnapped, were found in an army compound in Vavuniya.
- More than 3,500 houses burnt and 100,000 Tamils are made refugees.

It is said to be an island of paradise. Not for the Tamils. Charred bodies, mass graves and the tortured history of the Tamils under 40 years of Sinhala rule could hardly justify that claim.

It is presented as a Bhuddist country. But, since its indepedence, more than 6000 Tamils have lost their lives in the anti-Tamil pogroms of 1956, 61, 77, 79, 83 alone.

It is supposed to be a democracy. But, since its indepedence 1,000,000 Tamil plantation workers had their democratic & human rights taken away and are condemned to eternal slavery, earning 60% of the foreign exchange; and since 1983 Tamil parliamentarians have been exiled in India.

The island constituted three separate states, one Tamil before the British invasion; and the which was the last to be conquered was ruled by a Tamil.

Since its independence, Tamils of Ceylon, until 1983 the form of fighting for their rights was Gandhian. During which only the Tamils in their thousands have perished, but, not the Sinhalese.

***The British connection:***

- **British government has provided £20 million to Sri Lanka for purchases of weapons.**
  - It is supplying 9 gun boats, built by a Southampton company. Sri Lanka has already killed hundreds of innocent Tamils in its naval bombardments, with a few it has got.
- **British taxpayers money is spent in millions in settling armed Sinhala chauvinists in Tamil areas to bring about a demographic change.**
- **British SAS with Mossads train the elite Sri Lankan police commandos, who massacre innocent Tamils in hundreds.**
- **Sri Lankan troops are sent to Britain for trainings in the camps with its army.**

WE appeal to those concerned people of this country to support our campaign for our basic human dignity. Please write to your MPs, media etc, and participate in our efforts to prevent further tragedies. Think of the plight of the Tamil plantation workers whenever you have a garden party or simple evening tea.

We believe, humanity cannot forever preoccupy itself with the 2nd world war, and the guilt complexes aroused by the Jewish holocaust, while the blood being spilt a hundred times as much.

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