



## TAMIL WRITERS GUILD

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Dear Sir

### **Genocide of the Tamils of Sri Lanka**

There is currently an evil war of annihilation of the Tamils taking place in the island of Sri Lanka that most media organisations in the West have unfortunately characterised wrongly as a war against terror. This failure to recognise the holocaust of the Tamils - over 100,000 Tamils killed and nearly 2.5 million Tamils driven out of their homes, some to live in the jungles of the Vanni and others to seek asylum in foreign countries - is no doubt due to the sustained dissimulation and well financed campaign of the Sri Lankan government and its racist media to portray the Tamil struggle against Sinhala Buddhist oppression as 'terrorism'.

The Tamils wholeheartedly support the USA and the West in their war against the terrorism of Al Qaeda as it threatens the fabric of our society, by attempting to export its evil doctrine. But the resistance of the Tamils to Sinhala Buddhist fascist rule in their traditional homeland should never be interpreted as international terror that threatens anyone, particularly those of us living in the West. The world does not know that a modern Sinhala Buddhist army, airforce and navy, larger than the armed services of Britain, are currently engaged in a ruthless war of extermination and destruction. The Defence Secretary of the Sri Lankan government who commands this merciless assault on the Tamil civilian population is Mr Gothabaya Rajapakse, who is President Mahinda Rajapakse's own brother. In a recent report, the Asian Human Rights Commission has named him as the chief Human Rights offender in this incubus of evil. What is even more shocking is that he carries out these repugnant deeds with impunity, probably feeling that as a citizen of the United States he is beyond the reach of international humanitarian law.

The respected Washington Times, however, in a Commentary dated 20 August 2008 has called for the indictment of Gothabaya Rajapakse for being complicit in the ongoing genocide of Sri Lanka's Tamils. I have attached below this Washington Times Editorial for your perusal, since you too in your newspaper's distinguished role of the 'Thunderer' over many centuries, have established a reputation to speak the truth and to serve the underdog without fear or favour. The world is starting to unravel the truth in Sri Lanka's war and is learning with abhorrence the ghastly price paid by innocent Tamil civilians in blood and lives. You too must be aware of these heinous human rights crimes committed under the orders of US citizens such as Gothabaya Rajapakse, the Defence Secretary and General Sarath Fonseka, the Army Commander and a US Green Card holder.

I, as Chairman of the Tamil Writers Guild of the UK, appeal to you as from one writer to another, to lend your powerful voice for the poor voiceless Tamils of Sri Lanka, and to save them from devastation and the early grave that the Buddhist Sinhala government of Sri Lanka has planned for them.

Yours sincerely

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**PS. A genocide inquiry?**

<http://washingtontimes.com/news/2008/aug/20/a-genocide-inquiry/>