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Dear Sir

**" If repeated often enough, a lie will become the new truth. " Paul Joseph Goebbles,
Minister of Propaganda, Nazi Germany**

Your Five Live report Cats, Cash and Kalashnikovs of Sunday, 27th May by Nick Davis refers. It is probably a fact that the police are investigating an international credit card fraud centred on some petrol stations in North East England. It might even be true that some Sri Lankan gangs are involved although the police have still to confirm this as a fact. But it is quite facile for your reporter to jump on the racist Sinhala government's bandwagon and accuse the Tamil Tigers of involvement in this crime without an iota of evidence.

Davis contrives to make the Tigers guilty by association, a confidence trick practised by an indolent and vacuous reporter. The spokesman in the Sri Lankan High Commission in London, Maxwell Keegel - a most improbable Sri Lankan name possibly assumed to give his fabrications greater credibility in the West, started this notorious lie by accusing the Tigers and the Tamils of this country of engaging in this crime without any regard to the facts or the circumstances. He was not concerned with the truth and he is not paid to speak the truth by his government. He and his government take their cue from the Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbles, the master of propaganda lies, who quite cynically said that " if repeated often enough, a lie will become the new truth". Is it not a sad fact that Nick Davis has taken the easy route of besmirching the reputation of the Tamils in this country and the Tigers by repeating the propaganda lies of the Sri Lankan High Commission in this country which represents the majoritarian Sinhala fascist state in Sri Lanka.

The Police and the Home Secretary have issued statements that there is no evidence of involvement of the Tigers in this scam, but it does not suit the BBC (both radio and TV) to countenance such 'inconvenient' truth in the face of its corporate strategy to woo the Sri Lankan government. Would it not have been better for the BBC to do a programme or two about the bombing and killing of innocent Tamil civilians by a Sri Lankan government hell bent on erasing the minority Tamils from the face of the country? The BBC has lost its moral compass and is competing for the slops in the media. The UN, EU, NGO and even the Ambassadors in Sri Lanka have been critical of the humanitarian crimes committed by the Sri Lankan armed forces and their allied para-militaries.

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Thousands of Tamils have been kidnapped, tortured, killed or disappeared but the BBC and the British media have been signally silent in reporting these grave state crimes but instead choose to highlight a fraud committed by gangs in this country. These gangs should be caught and punished in accordance with law in this country but let us not use the easy option of attributing these to the Tamils or the Tigers without a shred of evidence. Let the liars in the Sri Lankan High Commission spread the gospel of anti-Tamil racism and hatred but I ask the British media not to fall prey to this venom. The free press of this country has a moral responsibility to reflect on a grave ethnic cleansing campaign conducted against the Tamils of Sri Lanka using all the resources of a modern state, which are hidden behind a veil of slick government propaganda and lies.

In the interests of truth and justice, we ask the BBC to give us also an opportunity to present our case in a programme to the British public to reflect the standing of the British Tamils in society in the UK and their support for their victimised and brutalized brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers in Sri Lanka.

We are enclosing a DVD showing the bombings, shelling and atrocities committed by the Sri Lankan armed forces and the police against the innocent Tamil civilians living peacefully in their homeland. A nation in the midst of their own holocaust cries out for your support.

With regards

Yours sincerely

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