Please note that a <u>candle light vigil</u> has been organised by the British Tamils Forum in association with the Tamil Councillors Association on 23 July 2008 between 8pm and 10pm, at the Parliament Square.

This is organised to mark respect and in remembrance of over 3,000 Tamils who were killed as part of the Sri Lankan State sponsored riots back in 1983. July this year marks 25 years since this genocide and 50 years since the 1956 communal riots in Sri Lanka.

Details are as follows:

Date: 23 July 2008, Wednesday

Time: 8 pm till 10 pm

**Location: Parliament Square, London SW1P** 

(Nearest Tube Station: Westminster)

Please request as many people as possible to attend to show solidarity and our strength to the international community, the UK political establishment and the Government of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lankan Government and their State press have been reporting that 'Black July' events organised by the Tamil Diaspora should be interrupted by the Sri Lankan High Commissions in respective countries.

The above makes it more of a reason for every Tamil here in the UK to show solidarity and be joining the vigil to mark respect to the victims of communal riots particularly in 1983 and 1956. It is also to protest against the current Sri Lankan Government's WAR against the Tamils and it's fast deteriorating human rights record!

Thanking you

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