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NOT CRICKET – SRI LANKAN TORTURE

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International Day in Support of Victims of Torture



Twelve years after the civil war in Sri Lanka ended, Tamils continue to be abducted in white vans and interrogated in blood-stained torture chambers by both police and army, said the International Truth and Justice Project (ITJP) in a statement to mark 26 June, the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.



“Cricket wickets along with chilli powder, plastic bags, petrol, construction pipes, water barrels, electric cables, lit cigarettes, barbed wire, branding irons, and pulleys make up the arsenal of the torturers,” said the ITJP’s Executive Director, Yasmin Sooka. *“Sri Lanka has become a world leader in torture, with more than a thousand victims having fled abroad since the end of the war, with the most recent case documented occurring in November 2020,”* she added.

The ITJP has examined a number of recent cases of abduction and torture of Tamils perpetrated by the Sri Lankan security forces under the government of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The organisation says that numerous victims arriving in the UK have been tortured, but the Covid pandemic delayed documenting their testimony. More than half of those interviewed appear to have been picked up because they were involved in campaigning against the election of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and participating in protests by the families of the disappeared.

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“They asked me in broken Tamil who else was involved in the protests and other activities against the government and who had helped the Families of the Disappeared to do these kinds of things. They asked me to identify the other people involved,” said a victim.

One of the youngest witnesses was only 19 when he was detained, tortured and brutally raped.

Three of the victims have attempted to kill themselves after reaching safety in the UK.

The perpetrators include the Sri Lankan Army and counter-terrorism police. A Tamil teenager described being pushed by men in camouflage uniforms into a green army van, abducted and then

tortured and subjected to repeated rapes that he said made him want to die. He described a senior military officer being present at the detention site:

“They removed my blindfold. I was kneeling on the floor. The soldier and the two men that took me from the house and another man who looked like an officer were in front of me. I say he looked like an officer because he had some medals on his chest and some stars on his shoulder. He wore a plain green Army uniform.”

Another young Tamil man who also fled to the UK after being tortured and raped by soldiers in late 2019, described three people abducting him, one in army uniform:

“They grabbed me, tied my hands behind my back, pushed me into a van and blindfolded me”.

One recent victim identified the location where he was detained by the Terrorism Investigation Division (TID) and drew a diagram of the exact location of police station and the building in which he was repeatedly tortured, including being branded:

“He burned me with a metal rod on my back and lower leg. He wore gloves. I did not see where he got the metal rod for or how he made it hot. I screamed in pain. That feeling of burning lasted for many weeks,” said the survivor, who also described being forced onto all fours and anally raped with a metal rod by counter-terrorism police last year.

“Sri Lanka is as well known for torture as it is for cricket. It’s time the whole country fully acknowledge the decades of systematic torture and abuse and stops cheering on the security forces. The victims deserve justice now,” said Ms. Sooka.

Torture is no game of cricket. Life and human dignity cannot be allowed to fall like wickets.

DIASPORA ORGANIZATIONS PROTEST AGAINST FAMILY MAN 2



On behalf of the Eelam Tamil diaspora organisations around the world we write this letter to seek your support for our campaign against the web series Family man 2.

We, as victims of the biggest genocide in this century, note with concern the falsification of the just struggle of Eelam Tamils against the state oppression in the above web series and strongly condemn it.

As the first step, we have registered our protest through memorandums to Amazon Prime head offices for their part in releasing this web series on their platform. Despite the difficult period of COVID-19 pandemic, the world-wide Tamil diaspora has spontaneously started to demonstrate in front of the Amazon Prime offices. First of such demonstration was in front of Amazon Offices in London on Monday, 21 June 2021 adhering to COVID-19 regulations.

It is very sad to note that the series has been produced using our own Tamil brothers and sisters, especially since some of the actors and the script writers are from Tamil Nadu. Even though we tend to believe that they have participated through their lack of understanding of the atrocities encountered by the Eelam Tamils and the micro political agenda in this series that try to tarnish the image of a victim community, such behaviours have hurt us very much and pained immeasurably.

Although the directors/producers of Family Man 2 series have stated that the series have been a fictional product, the usage of words such as 'Eelam Tamils', 'Point Pedro', 'Eelam' and 'North Sri Lanka' as well as similarity of scenes to the last stages of the genocidal war in Sri Lanka and

violent streaks exhibited by the characters clearly demonstrates the fabricated agenda to illustrate the Eelam Tamils as people prone to mindless violence.

The life of Tamil women in the freedom struggle has been falsely characterised, showing that these women would go to any extent, even to sexually expose themselves, to achieve their goals and this has spread shock waves to the world at large. This is deplorable.

In addition, this series depicts Eelam Tamils as terrorists, wherever they reside while the reality is the opposite. For the past twelve years, we have been seeking remedies against the injustices caused by the genocide in a peaceful manner and in accordance with the mechanisms of international laws. Still these kinds of steps are being taken with the aim of suppressing our efforts.

All the Tamil people in Tamil Nadu have always supported and continue to support their brothers and sisters in Eelam. Tamil Nadu film industry has also always supported the Eelam Tamils cause. Therefore, we humbly request that they should avoid the production of these types of films in the future. We also request that a resolution is passed in the South Indian Artists Association, Directors Association and the Producers Council not to produce or release this sort of films in the future.

We therefore request our brothers and sisters in the Tamil cinema field especially actors, script writers, directors, producers, and any other film industrialists not to take part in any similar actions in future.

Australian Tamil Congress (**ATC**), British Tamils Forum (**BTF**), Irish Tamils Forum (**ITF**), La Maison du Tamil Eelam (**MTE**), Norwegian Council of Eelam Tamils (**NCET**), National Council of Canadian Tamils (**NCCT**), Solidarity Group for Peace and Justice (**SGPJ** - South Africa) and United States Tamil Action Group (**USTAG**) have collectively written a letter to Tamil Nadu Films Directors Association, Tamil Film Producers Council, and the South Indian Artists Association in this respect.

We attach a copy of a letter sent to the South Indian Artists Association (**SIAA**) and request you to convey it to the public at large.

Yours truly,

Diaspora Tamil Organisations

THE COMING ANARCHY IN SRI LANKA

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera:



In stateless societies, the rule of law is usually suppressed. In such societies, people turn into unfree pawns as a result of worsening political conditions.

The arrival of anarchy to the island nation of Sri Lanka is due to a series of factors. It is mainly driven by the worsening domestic political environment, curtailment of democracy, weaponising and the exertion of undue influence on courts and Judiciary.

The recent political victimisation of neutral agencies is an attempt to rewrite rules by its politicians. In this backdrop the growing human rights conditions and arbitrary pardoning of criminals will weaken the rule of law. Such a dangerous tilt, away from democratic forms of governance will drag the nation towards an autocratic footing.

Democracies 'can be dissolved in spectacular fashion like from a coup detat or a less dramatic but equally destructive manner', argues Steven Levitz and Daniel Ziblatt in their book 'How Democracies Die'. The slow and equally destructive death of democracy has arrived in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lankans were confined to their homes during the lockdown following the government's 'disciplinary project', while the government was engaged in releasing a convict using a prison side door.

"The pardoning of Duminda Silva, whose conviction the Supreme Court had upheld in 2018, undermines rule of law," explains US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Alaina B Teplitz, referring to the Presidential pardon given to the former Member of Parliament and ally of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The former Justice Minister Thalatha Athukorala questions, "Today, those found guilty of the most serious crimes in our law enjoy presidential protection while the judges and police officers who brought them to justice have targets on their backs."

The Presidential pardon comes when the Sri Lankan government faces multiple challenges, especially weeks before the European Union (EU) has pinpointed the abuses of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) and growing human rights concerns in the country.

A warning to withdraw its GSP+ concession is already on the table. The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) condemning the decision expressed concern that "Presidential pardon of Duminda Silva, a former MP convicted of the murder of a fellow politician, is another example of selective, arbitrary granting of pardons that weakens rule of law and undermines accountability."

Sri Lanka's Bar association (BASL) questioned President Rajapaksa on the decision of the selection method and raised severe concerns on the administration's position towards rule of law. The decision from the government was not an ad hoc decision. The release was carried out along with the release of several other PTA detainees. Why was such a decision taken especially at a time of significant external pressure?

Human Rights Concerns

In a lengthy televised address on June 25, days after the release of the former MP, Rajapaksa stated his progress in his development plan and continuous commitment to rule of law, not referring to the PTA nor the pardoning act. The new European Union Parliament adopting a resolution to withdraw the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP+) is a clear warning to the Sri Lankan regime.

European Parliament adopted a resolution on June 10 calling for the repeal of Sri Lanka's draconian Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA).

Further, the resolution highlights Sri Lanka's 'alarming path towards the recurrence of grave human rights violations...accelerating militarisation of civilian governmental functions, the reversal of important constitutional safeguards, political obstruction of ac-

countability, exclusionary rhetoric, intimidation of civil society, and the use of anti-terrorism laws'.

The regime has failed to address the human rights concerns adequately highlighted multiple times, and procrastination in its process is the reason for this action by EU Parliament. Earlier in March, the government rejected the UNHRC resolution, giving a clear signal of the government's position of 'no external interference' towards the reconciliation process.

Ironically the real concern of many in the country is the absence of a reconciliation process. The departure from the internationally accepted process and continuous denial by the state on minority concerns is evident. The government has already lost its direction from a progressive path towards a more autocratic posture.

Jehan Perera correctly observes this ground reality, explaining that "The reality on the ground is that wounds of the country's 30 year war have not healed. The attempts to promote healing have lacked commitment. Thousands of acres of land in the North and East still continue to be under military control. This is land that was once lived on and cultivated by Tamil people. Today it is being used by the military, some of it being cultivated, some it used for recreation purposes including hotels, and some of it for security purposes. Thousands of families still await news of the whereabouts of their loved ones despite an Office on Missing Persons which has yet to give a ruling on even a single missing person although four years have elapsed since it was set up. There are also still a few hundred persons in detention for a large number of years, some exceeding a decade in prison without trial".

The government's denial and non-commitment will worsen the relationship with the EU and other western democracies.

GSP Benefits

Nearly 60 per cent of Sri Lankan exports benefit from preferential terms of trade from the EU's GSP+ and US GSP schemes. The EU is Sri Lanka's largest export market with 30 per cent of the total, while the US is the largest single export market at 27% of the total merchandise exports.

Sri Lanka's exports, including apparel, fisheries, ceramic, and rubber that uses the GSP concession, will be directly impacted. Sri Lanka has duty free access to 7, 200 products with the EU GSP+ Concession. It is estimated that the withdrawal of this concession would wipe out a significant chunk of foreign exchange earned through exports.

"We are concerned with the EU Parliament's resolution," says the Sri Lanka's Export Development Board Chairman.

The present state of the economy with the pandemic has been a challenge to Sri Lankan exports 'especially to the apparel industry' admitted even by President Gotabaya in his recent address, and GSP withdrawal will add significant pressure to the Sri Lankan economy.

The government's senior Ministers have ignored the GSP+ withdrawal warning saying that they are ready to move forward without the concession.

However, K.D. Vimanga, a policy analyst at Advocata, an economic think-tank, explains that the government needs to understand the merits of GSP+, and it is vital to retain the concession, when at present the country is facing a severe economic crisis, especially with serious issues in debt repayments, lack of foreign exchange and a balance of payment crisis.

"Understand the merits of it," warns the analyst.

Democratic Stability

President Gotabaya's regime has developed a norm towards weaponizing unfavourable outcomes towards their favour catering to the majoritarian Sinhalese Buddhist voter base. The outcome at the UNHRC resolution in Geneva in March, the EU GSP+ saying we can do without it or releasing a convicted parliamentary member for murder in the name of justice, is a move in the same direction.

The political strategy of this administration is to cater to the majoritarian voter base by making claims of protecting the nation's sovereignty from foreign interference. This narrow minded political strategy does not fit all cases when certain decisions have no relevance. The very act of convicting one regime and arbitrary pardoning from another regime is a sign of weakness, not a strength in the process.

According to a senior political scientist in Sri Lanka, "in the coming months, Sri Lanka's judicial sector will undergo significant reforms along with continuous interference despite a promise to amend the constitution".

When assessing Yale Professor Juan Linz's work on 'The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes' and 'How regimes paint a rather bleak picture of their ability to survive', the Sri Lankan case provides ample evidence of the regimes domestic political behaviour to survive.

The public's loss of trust in its democratic institutions is a visible characteristic that can have a long-term impact on the country's stability. An essential ingredient according to Linz is 'the belief in the legitimacy of democratic institutions as a factor increasing the likelihood of stability in a democracy'. The coming anarchy to the entire nation is in the breakdown of its democracy. This for sure will worsen economic conditions.

AROUND THE WORLD

Phil Mercer:

Australian Study Links Racism to Poor Health Among Aborigines

SYDNEY - The first national study of its kind has found “consistent links” between racism and poor mental and physical health of Aboriginal Australians. The study has found that discrimination is associated with elevated rates of depression, heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes.



This is the first time Australian researchers have found a connection between discrimination and health. Racism has been linked to higher rates of depression, heart disease and diabetes in Indigenous communities.

Almost 60% of respondents to the Australian National University study said they have faced prejudice in their everyday lives. It corrodes self-belief and their “cultural wellbeing,” the study said.

Alcohol dependence is another visible symptom of racism, according to the academics. They analyzed data from more than 8,000 Indigenous Australians between 2018 and 2020.

One of the authors, associate professor Raymond Lovett, said the impact of discrimination on health is profound.



“If people experienced even a small amount of discrimination and racism, then we saw a very high reporting of those poorer outcomes,” he said. “And then, when we looked at the really severe end about experiencing a lot of this kind of discrimination, those outcomes were multiplied even further, which tells us that, you know, the more you experience the more of an impact it has.”

Life expectancy for Aboriginal Australians is about eight years less than non-Indigenous people. Rates of unemployment and imprisonment are also disproportionately high.

Campaigners also claim racism is one reason why large numbers of Aboriginal children are removed from their families by child protection officials. Reports have said they are almost 10 times more likely to be taken into state care than non-aboriginal children.

Indigenous activist Ray Minniecon said parents are invariably bereft when judges order their children be taken away.

“The hardest and most harrowing thing that you can feel is, you know, when our mothers and fathers come out of that particular court and then their kids are gone and they cannot get them back, and they have got no power,” he said. “They are just powerless, and they are just sitting in the streets there on the gutter and we just can sit there and cry with them and that is all we can do.”

The Australian government has said there have been “heartening improvements” in “key areas” of First Nation health and education, but it has acknowledged that much more needs to be done.

Australia's original inhabitants make up about 3% of Australia's population and have a history dating back an estimated 65,000 years.

Thousands of Venezuelans Run for the Socialist Party Primaries



This political process occurs when Venezuela celebrates the bicentennial of its independence and ratifies its will to remain a free and sovereign nation.

On Sunday, over 35,000 militants of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) took part as pre-candidates in the nomination process for those who will compete in the August 8 primary elections.

The nomination process happened through popular assemblies that for 9 hours discussed who could be the aspirants for positions of governors, mayors, councilmen, and lawmakers.

As a result of this political exercise, 21,153 PSUV militants will compete for the different public offices that Venezuelans will define in the sub-national elections to be held on November 21.

At the end of the day, President Nicolas Maduro highlighted the unprecedented and impeccable character of this massive exercise of direct democracy.

"These results are faster than the elections in Peru, where they have not proclaimed President yet after three weeks," he commented and explained that 100 percent of the results of the nomination process will be available in less than 24 hours.

"On Monday we will know the names of the pre-candidates selected by the citizens, by

the common people because we must give power to the people and build power with the people," Maduro stated forcefully.

He also recalled that the nomination process of PSUV candidates occurs when Venezuela celebrates the bicentennial of its independence and ratifies its will to remain a free and sovereign nation.

"This is an example for the world. Let the world open its eyes and observe a people that fought

with rifles and bayonets 200 years ago and that it now fights this battle with ideas, votes, and peace," the Bolivarian leader said



Leonidas Iza Elected as CONAIE President in Ecuador



On Sunday, the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (CONAIE) elected the Cotopaxi's Indigenous Peoples leader Leonidas Iza as its president for the next three years.

At the 7th Congress of CONAIE, which was held in Tungurahua province, Sneidera Yasacama, a woman representing the Quichua people, was also elected as vice-president.

During this national meeting, Iza reached 821 votes while Saraguro people candidate Maria Andrade obtained 287 votes, and Sierra Norte community leader Marco Guatemal gained 153 votes.

After knowing the results, Iza thanked CONAIE delegates for the trust placed in him and stressed his commitment to work for the organization's unity and social transformation in Ecuador.

Before the Indigenous delegates cast their vote, they demanded that a woman be part of the CONAIE leadership in compliance with what this organization's last congress had ordered. However, members of the Electoral Committee stressed that men should also hold their candidature because Ecuador's Constitution does not allow discrimination.

Formed in Nov. 1986, CONAIE is currently the largest Indigenous organization in Ecuador. Among other elements, its political agenda encompasses the strengthening of Indigenous cultures and identities, the fight for land rights, the promotion of environmental sustainability, and the rejection of the U.S. military presence in South America.

During the last electoral processes, CONAIE has also rejected large mining projects and the extraction of natural resources in fragile ecosystems.

Colombia Still Has No Solutions After Two Months of Protests

Police brutality and state terrorism has been President Duque's main and only response to those who demand real solutions to the crisis.



On April 28, Colombians began a national strike to demand that President Ivan Duque drop a tax reform and austerity program designed to satisfy International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditionalities.

This neoliberal policy package, which was sent to Congress in 2019, further exacerbated the economic crisis previously generated by Duque and his cabinet. Instead of listening to the demands of a population experiencing serious levels of unemployment and poverty, the Colombian government responded to the protest by increasing police brutality.

So far, the NGO Temblores, the Institute of Studies for Development and Peace (INDEPAZ), and the National Strike Committee have documented 70 people killed be-

cause of the actions deployed by the Mobile Anti-Riot Squad (ESMAD) and the Army. Human rights defenders have also counted 81 people with severe eye injuries caused by tear gas projectiles.

The obvious human rights abuses have had a negative effect on citizen perception of Colombian institutions and the political class. According to the latest opinion polls, 64.6 percent of Colombians distrust the national police. Also, most citizens demand the dismantling of the ESMAD and reject the far-right violence promoted by former president Alvaro Uribe.

In the previous months, the National Strike Committee asked the Duque administration to sign an agreement to demilitarize all the country's regions and guarantee the right of citizens to protest without being assaulted by the ESMAD. The Colombian authorities, however, ignored the request for an agreement on minimum guarantees for peaceful social protest.

Faced with this and other non-compliances, the social leaders suspended negotiations with the government in early June. The National Strike Committee announced it will draft several bills to contain the economic and social crisis.

These proposals will be presented to Congress on July 20 when which workers, farmers, and students will also hold a new massive "March for Life, Peace, and Democracy."

FOCUS ON CUBA

Colombians Critique Duque for Abstaining on UN Cuba Resolution

The secretary general of the Dignity Party of Colombia, Gustavo Triana, described this Friday as a double standard the abstention of his country in the United Nations, during the vote against the U.S. blockade of Cuba.





Through his Twitter account, Triana pointed out that the government of Iván Duque opted again at the UN to support the infamous economic, financial and commercial blockade of Cuba that dates back 60 years.

"Economic blockades cause serious harm to the population, with their votes (Joe) Biden, Duque and others, they violate the human rights of the Cuban people, a double moral!," expressed the politician.

In Colombia other figures also expressed their dislike for the abstention of the South American nation in the vote on the resolution "The need to put an end to the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba," among them Ángela María Robledo of Alianza Verde.

The opposition legislator described Iván Duque's double standards on human rights as disgusting.

Likewise, human rights defender Reynaldo Villalba recalled that in the UN the nations of the world year after year have been voting against the criminal blockade of the Cuban people, and nonetheless, Colombia abstained from voting.

"A submissive international policy, on its knees, without an ounce of sovereignty," he emphasized on the same platform.

For his part, Jaime Monsalve, music chief of Radio Nacional de Colombia, stated that there are "Colombias" to which he does not belong.

"Former president of Colombia Ernesto Samper described as 'shameful' the abstention of the government of @IvanDuque in the vote at the UN against the blockade of United States against Cuba."

"One of them is the languid and indeterminate Colombia that preferred to abstain from voting to lift the suffocating blockade in Cuba," he said.



Similarly, Carlos Caicedo, governor of the department of Magdalena, stressed that the world pronounced itself against the blockade, but Colombia had a shameful position and is indifferent to a situation that threatens the rights and dignity of the Cuban people.

Meanwhile, former presidential candidate Sergio Fajardo assured that embargoes do not

change governments, they go directly against the people and increase their suffering.

He stressed that historically Colombia rejected this measure against Cuba, however, now it is one of the three countries that endorse with its abstention an anachronistic measure.

In his opinion, the government is wrong again, the Colombian politician wrote on Twitter.

On Wednesday, 184 countries voted in favor of the updated resolution presented by Cuba for the 29th time in the United Nations and only the United States and Israel voted against it, while Colombia, Ukraine and Brazil abstained.

Broad Participation in World Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba

The event will encourage international mobilization to condemn the criminal blockade imposed by the United States on the largest of the Antilles for more than 60 years and intensified during the previous administration of the White House.



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Cuba (CTC) and the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), began today with the virtual participation of friends and trade unionists from all over the world.

He said that this economic, commercial, and financial siege is the main obstacle in the development program of the Caribbean nation, imposes pressures on those who supply fuel and raw materials, in addition to the fact that its impact affects the welfare of workers and their families.

Regarding the complex international scenario marked by the challenging and devastating HIV/AIDS pandemic, he detailed that more than 300 million people have lost their jobs and the precariousness of many others is increasing.

The labor leader pointed out that the world appreciates with admiration the professional competence of Cuban scientists, who have developed five vaccine candidates to immunize their entire population, in addition to supporting other nations in their battle against SARS-COV 2.

The celebration of International Workers' Day will be another forceful demonstration of the people's support for their Revolution and its social project, as well as a stage for denouncing injustice and inequality in the world, said Guilarte de Nacimiento.

Meanwhile, Fernando González Llort, President of ICAP, highlighted the solidarity efforts of the 57 Cuban brigades that make up the Henry Reeve Internationalist Contingent, and their support to 40 countries around the world in their fight against the pandemic.

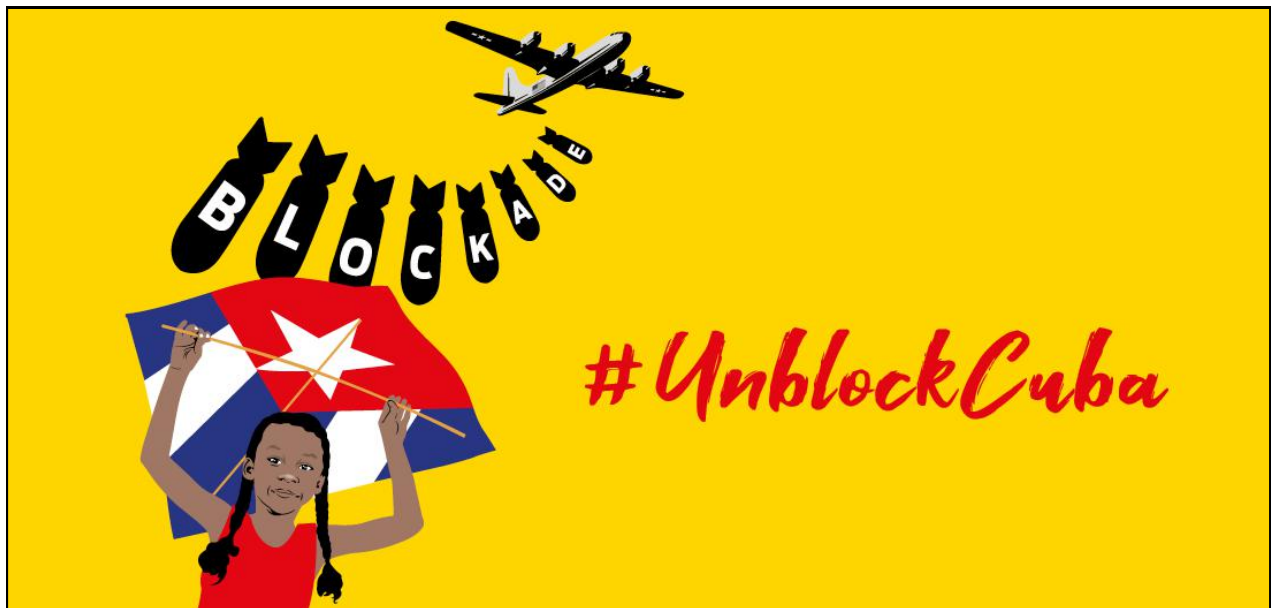
Millions of people have died from AIDS-19; however, Cuba today lives a different reality, not only in the health sector but also because of the political and popular will to achieve a

fairer and more inclusive society, he said.

As part of the meeting, the central forum Solidarity against the blockade of Cuba, from all the continents of the world, will be held today and tomorrow, in which the voices of prominent trade unionists and friends of the largest of the Antilles will be heard.

Biden,"Unblock Cuba": Global Protest Demands

Protests in over 50 cities around the world took place Sunday demanding an end of the United States economic, commercial, and financial blockade against Cuba.



Events took place in major U.S. cities such as New York, Washington, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Oakland, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, Seattle, and Indianapolis.

In Cuba, some 3,000 people rode Cubans caravans in two cities: Las Tunas and Villa Clara, which were selected for being the two of the least affected by COVID-19 contagions.

Similar caravans took place in Miami, New York, Tennessee, California, Illinois, Beijing, Illinois, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Winnipeg, and Montreal, among many others across the five continents.

This initiative came from Carlos Lazo, a Cuban professor living in the United States.

Caravans aim at showing worldwide rejection of the 60-year old blockade imposed on Cuba right after the Cuban Revolution led by Fidel Castro in 1959.

The blockade is a burden for Cuba's development. Since 1992, year after year the United Nations General Assembly approves by large margins resolutions calling the US to stop the unilateral and illegal punishment of the Cuban people. To no avail.



The laws and sanctions that make up the blockade are an illegal attempt of regime change, infringing severe food and medicine shortages on Cuba's 11 million people.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the embargo was heavily strengthened in 2020, causing losses of over US\$5 billion to the Cuban economy.

Cuba To Present UN Resolution To End the US Blockade on June 23

Cuba's Foreign Affairs Minister, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, said on Thursday that next June 23 the United Nations General Assembly will consider the resolution to put an end to the U.S. blockade against the island.



Rodríguez Parrilla stressed that the blockade is an act of genocide that constitutes a massive violation of human rights.

In his Twitter account, the Cuban foreign minister referred to the 243 coercive measures applied by former U.S. President Donald Trump, which remain in force under the administration of President Joe Biden.

"The blockade is a cruel policy, which causes suffering, deprivation, and shortages to Cuban families. It has been deliberately tightened during the COVID-19 pandemic; it hinders access to medicines, supplies, and necessary equipment," he stressed.

Rodríguez Parrilla affirmed that the economic, commercial, and financial blockade against the Island restricts the freedom of travel of Americans, and "its extraterritorial ap-

plication drastically reduces our income and hinders development."

"Like the virus that causes this pandemic, the U.S. blockade suffocates and damages Cuban families," he added.

The Cuban foreign minister also pointed out that Cuba trusts in the international community's support to put an end to this inhumane policy.

Cuba: Caravans Take to Havana's Malecon To Say "Unblock Cuba"

Similar actions have taken place in over 54 cities around the world so far.



On Sunday, in Havana, hundreds of young people demanded the end of the U.S. blockade against Cuba by participating in a caravan along the city's Malecon and crossing in front of the U.S. embassy in Cuba.

The caravan is part of the Bridges of Love initiative, under which over 54 actions have taken place worldwide, most of them in U.S. cities.

Cubans and friends of Cuba in Russia, Italy, France, Germany, Namibia, Gambia, Angola, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, among dozens of other countries, have carried out mobilizations, declarations, web publications, and actions to demand an end to this inhumane policy.

Besides Havana's caravan, today, the cities of Tampa, Hartford, Holyoke, Albany, Detroit, Chicago, and Minneapolis in the U.S, are joining the project for the first time.

Cuban Foreign Affairs Minister Bruno Rodriguez took part in the caravan and dialogued with the people present there, especially with the youth who led the day.

"The blockade has been harmful, illegal, immoral, criminal. The opportunistic reinforce-

ment of this policy by Trump's administration (2017-2021) amid the COVID-19 pandemic makes it even more genocidal, even more criminal. That's what brings us together here," Parrilla stated in a video posted on his Twitter account.

Cuba's President Miguel Diaz-Canel also supported the caravan on his Twitter account and thanked all those who have stood in solidarity with his country to demand an end to a policy that has lasted nearly 60 years

Protests in 60+ Countries Reject Genocidal US Blockade on Cuba

Citizens and organizations from at least 60 countries on five continents have begun activities this Saturday to demand the end of the U.S. economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba.

In a worldwide day, the initiative launched a month ago by the Europe for Cuba channel, in coordination with solidarity movements and groups in different parts of the planet, will take place today and tomorrow, Sunday, with car and bicycle caravans, rallies, marches and mountain climbing, among other diverse actions.

"The call is also to flood the social networks in days of denunciation and repudiation of the genocidal blockade imposed on the island, in which we expect a good response, despite the restrictions derived from the COVID-19 pandemic," José Antonio Toledo and Michele Mesagna, coordinators of the platform, told Prensa Latina.

They also assured that this first global caravan is only the beginning of activities that will last as long as Washington's criminal policy applied to the Caribbean country for more than six decades remains in force.

In the past days, cities in France, Ireland and Sweden kicked off the actions of global rejection of the blockade against Cuba.

In the southwestern French town of Périgueux, around 40 people took part in an event organized by the Cuba Linda association, in which they unfurled a banner against the siege that seeks to suffocate the people of the island.

Senator Marie-Claude Varailas and the leaders of the French Communist Party Laurent Péréa and Julien Chouet expressed their condemnation of the blockade and stressed the injustice it represents, by attacking a nation that shows solidarity and is very active in helping others in times of pandemic.

Banners against the blockade were also used in Dublin and Gothenburg, while in the mountains of Harjedalen the Swedish-Cuban Solidarity Association waved the Lone Star flag.

Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel today highlighted and thanked the world caravans

against the U.S. blockade organized by emigrants and friends of the country.

Through his Twitter account, the president stressed that in 50 cities around the world this initiative will take place to demand an end to Washington's economic, commercial and financial siege of the island.

"Thank you compatriots abroad, friends of all nationalities. The fight for what is right unites us," he added.

"This weekend, in half a hundred cities around the world, there will be caravans calling for the end of the blockade of Cuba. Thank you compatriots abroad, friends of all nationalities. The fight for what is just unites us.

Among the most recent announcements, the Italian-Cuban Association For a Dwarf Prince confirmed its participation with a virtual caravan that will join the international parades of cars, motorcycles, bicycles, walks, marches and acts in public spaces.

The editor-in-chief of Diario Latinoamericano and administrator of the NoBloqueoCuba.com page, Manuel Tejada, maintained that the humanitarian and family character of the global caravans influences the great support from various sectors.

"The project began nine months ago in the city of Miami, United States, and since then every last Sunday of the month has more participants," he explained to Prensa Latina.

According to the official website of the island's Foreign Ministry, the YouTube channel Europe for Cuba will launch calls in some 40 nations around the world to participate in this weekend's mobilizations.

"The days of solidarity will extend to Asia, Oceania, Africa, America and Europe," Cubaminrex points out.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry stresses that the blockade constitutes the greatest obstacle to national development and a violation of human rights.

"The accumulated damages in six decades amount to 144 billion 413 million dollars, and between April 2019 and March 2020, the action caused losses in excess of five billion

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wBU5IYJW07UjsI055I7mXLv1Lgcmh9w0/view?usp=sharing>

dollars, a record figure for one year," it emphasizes.

As part of the actions in Russia of the International Caravan against the U.S. blockade on Cuba, the Comandante Aerostat took to the sky today from the outskirts of Moscow.

With the image of Ernesto Che Guevara and his message demanding an end to Washington's economic, commercial and financial siege of the island, the balloon's ascension was one of the initiatives of the organizations in solidarity with Cuba in the midst of the restrictions established due to the epidemiological situation caused by the COVID-19.

Participating in the activity were the Cuban ambassador to this country, Julio Garmendía; the president of the Russian Society of Friendship with Cuba, Aleksei Lavrov; and the head of the Russian Committee for the elimination of the blockade against Cuba, Lena Loshkina, among other friends of the island.

Cubans Living in the US Demand an End To the Blockade

A caravan to show solidarity with Cuba took place in Miami, New York, Seattle, and Los Angeles.



Hundreds of Cubans living in the U.S. and social activists on Sunday held a caravan to demand improvement in Cuba-U.S. bilateral relations.

Under the slogan "Bridges of Love between Cuba and the U.S.," the caravan took place for the first time in Miami, New York, Seattle, and Los Angeles.

The activists called for the unity of all Cuban-Americans to demand an end to the U.S. blockade and the reopening of embassies.

In Miami's Coral Gables Park, the caravan paid homage to national hero Jose Marti on the occasion of the 168th anniversary of his birth on Jan. 28.

The meme reads, "The caravan against the blockade started in Miami with Cuba's national anthem sung by Cuban Americans."

They also advocated for the resumption of consular services and money transference following the halt to remittances by the U.S. company Western Union due to new sanctions

by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

On July 11, 2020, the Bridges of Love organizer Carlos Lazo began a 5,000-kilometer bicycle ride in Seattle to request the re-establishment of bilateral relations between the two countries.

"Democrats, Republicans, Cubans and non-Cubans, people of different creeds and ideologies from all over the world, we raise our voices to ask President Joe Biden to end the economic sanctions that weigh on the Cuban family," Lazo said.

Canada To Help Cuba Develop and Export Its Biofertilizer NEREA®

Vancouver, Canada based mineral exploration company and international marketer and supplier of natural zeolite products International Zeolite Corp (IZC) announced the landmark negotiation with the University of Havana Foundation (UH) and GEOMINERA, S.A. (GMSA).

The discussions between the Canadian and Cuban counterparts centered around a natural Cuban fertilizer, NEREA®, which the Caribbean island has been developing for the past 20 years.

Company director Mark Perlman represented IZC, while the negotiations are the result of months of planning and meetings to conclude three major agreements. Furthermore, the Canadian and Cuban negotiations formalized the working teams and garnered a better understanding of the NEREA® products Cuba has developed.

The parties plan to establish joint projects with the goal of creating an International Economic Association for the production, technology transfer, marketing and distribution of NEREA® products in the Canadian market, subject to Cuba's foreign investment laws.

According to Cuba Business Report, Director General for Foreign Investment in Cuba, Carlos Luis Jorge Mendez, is very hopeful about the project and reiterated that IZC would have full support.

NEREA®'s zeoionic technology has proven to provide higher yields of agricultural production by over 20-30%, as well as using less water and facing lower plant infection by fungus, viruses and microorganisms. Environmentally friendly, NEREA® substrates do not produce harmful wastes. According to Mr. Pearlman, "one of the highlights to the trip to Cuba was the visit to the NEREA® experimental farm. To date, I have reviewed several documents and studies showing the benefits of NEREA®, however as the cliché goes, seeing is believing." Both UH and GMSA have assigned senior leaders to form a team to carry out contracts and legal agreements, whereas IZC is assembling a high-level team to move the project forward.

அமிர்தநாயகம் நிக்சன் எழுதுகிறார்:

13ஆவது திருத்தச் சட்டமும் குமார் பொன்னம்பலமும்



13 ஆவது திருத்தச் சட்டம் இலங்கை அரசியல் யாப்பில் இருந்து என்றோ ஒரு நாள் நீக்கம் செய்யப்படும் சந்தர்ப்பம் வருமென மாமனிதர் குமார் பொன்னம்பலம் கூறியிருந்தார்.

2000ஆம் ஆண்டு ஜனவரி மாதம் அவர் படுகொலை செய்யப்படுவதற்கு மூன்று வாரங்களுக்கு முன்னர் எனக்கு வழங்கியிருந்த நேர்காணல் ஒன்றில் இவ்வாறு சொன்னார்.

13ஆம் திருத்தச் சட்டம் அரசியல் தீர்வு அல்ல என்றும், ஆனாலும் குறைந்தபட்ச அதிகாரப்

பரவலாக்கத்தைக் கொண்ட 13ஆவது திருத்தச் சட்டம் கூட சிங்கள ஆட்சியாளர்களினால் ரத்துச் செய்யப்படும் சூழல் உருவாகுமெனவும் அவர் அன்று தீர்க்க தரிசனமாகச் சொல்லியிருந்தார்.

கொழும்பில் உள்ள பிரபல அச்சு ஊடகம் ஒன்றில் நான் பணியாற்றிய போது, குமார் பொன்னம்பலம் வழங்கிய அந்த நேர்காணல், அச்சுக்குச் சென்று சிறிது நேரத்தில் திடீரென ஓடிக் கொண்டிருந்த இயந்திரம் நிறுத்தப்பட்டு அந்த நேர்காணல் அகற்றப்பட்டது.

உடனடியாக ஏதோவொரு கட்டுரையைப் போட்டுப் அந்தப் பக்கத்தை நிரப்பி மீண்டும் புதிய பதிப்பு அச்சிடப்பட்டது.

குமார் பொன்னம்பலத்தின் நேர்காணலோடு ஏற்கனவே அச்சிடப்பட்ட பல பிரதிகள் அப்படியே கட்டப்பட்டு வெளியே போகாமல் ஒரு மூலைக்குள் போடப்பட்டிருக்க வேண்டும். அல்லது எரிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கலாம்.

நேர்காணல் பிரசுரிக்கப்படக் கூடாதென, அச்சுக்குப் போய் சில நிமிடங்களில் எங்கிருந்து திடீர் உத்தரவு வந்ததென இதுவரை எனக்குத் தெரியாது. அப்போதிருந்த பிரதம ஆசிரியர் மனவேதனையோடு தனது மேசையில் இருந்ததை என்னால் உணர முடிந்தது.

அந்த நேர்காணல், குமார் பொன்னம்பலத்தின் 31 நாள் நினைவு வணக்க நூலில் பிரசுரிக்கப்பட்டது. ஆனால் சர்ச்சையான கருத்துக்களைத் தவிர்த்தே அதனைப் பிரசுரிக்க அனுமதியளித்தேன்--(கொழும்பில் அப்போதைய பாதுகாப்புநிலை ஆபத்தானதாக இருந்தது. அத்துடன் நான் பணியாற்றிய நிறுவனமும் என் மீது சட்ட நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும் என்ற அச்சமும் இருந்தது.)

1999ஆம் ஆண்டு ஜனாதிபதித் தேர்தலின் போது அப்போதைய ஜனாதிபதி சந்திரிகாவைக் கடுமையாக விமர்சித்த குமார் பொன்னம்பலம், கொழும்பு கோட்டையில் உள்ள இலங்கை வங்கியின் கேட்போர் கூடத்தில் சிங்களப் புத்திஜீவிகளினால் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருந்த கருத்தரங்கில் உரையாற்றினார்.

கேள்விகளுக்குத் துணிவோடு பதிலளித்த குமார் பொன்னம்பலம், போர் நிறுத்தப்படவில்லை என்றால், கடன்சுமை தாங்க முடியாமல் இலங்கை குட்டிச் சுவராகும் என்றும் எச்சரிக்கை விடுத்திருந்தார்.

அந்தக் கருத்தரங்கில் நானும் மாமனிதர் சிவராம் அண்ணணும் பங்கு பற்றியிருந்தோம். சிங்கள மக்களினால் கேட்கப்பட்ட குறிப்பிட்ட சில கேள்விகளைத் தவிர, அநேகமான கேள்விகள் இனவாதமாகவும், ஆத்திரத்தை ஏற்படுத்தும் கருத்துகளாகவும் இருந்தன.

ஆனால் பொறுமையாகவும் நிதானமாகவும் பதில் வழங்கினார் குமார் பொன்னம்பலம்.

அப்போது செய்தித் தணிக்கை அமுலில் இருந்ததால் குமார் பொன்னம்பலம் கூறிய பதில்களில் சில கருத்துக்களை மாத்திரமே நான் பணியாற்றிய அந்த அச்ச ஊடகத்தில் என்னால் எழுத முடிந்தது.

13 ஆவது திருத்தச் சட்டத்தை ரத்துச் செய்ய வேண்டுமென்ற தங்கள் விருப்பங்களையே

சிங்களப் புத்தஜீவிகளில் பலர், குமார் பொன்னம்பலத்திடம் முன்வைத்திருந்தனர்.

22 வருடங்கள் சென்று விட்ட நிலையிலும் சிங்கள மக்களில் பலரும், மிலிந்த மொறகொட போன்ற சிங்கள அரசியல்வாதிகளும், அமைச்சர் சரத் வீரசேகர போன்ற முன்னாள் இராணுவ உயர் அதிகாரிகள் சிலரும் அதே கருத்துடனேயே இன்றும் செயற்படுகின்றனர்.

13 ஆவது திருத்தச் சட்டத்தையாவது ஏற்றிருக்கலாம் என்று புலம்புவோருக்கு இந்தப் பதிவு சமர்ப்பணம்.

அமேசனை நோக்கி பிரதமர் வி.உருத்திரகுமாரன் கேள்வி:

நாசிகளுக்கு எதிரான யூதப் போரட்ட வீரர்களை இவ்வாறு காட்சிப்படுத்துவீர்களா?



தான் வரையறுத்துக் கொண்ட நியமங்களையும் விழுமியங்களையும் மீறும் வகையில் அமேசன் ஸ்ருடியோ The Family Man - 2 தொடரை வெளியிட்டுள்ளது என்று சுட்டிக்காட்டியுள்ள நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கத்தின் பிரதமர் வி.உருத்திரகுமாரன், விவேகமான, புரிந்துணர்வு கொண்ட (sensible) பொழுதுபோக்குத்



தளத்தில் நாசிகளுக்கெதிராகப் போராடிய யூத வீரர்களை இவ்வாறு காட்சிப்படுத்த அனுமதிப்பார்களா என அமேசன் ஸ்டூடியோ (Amazon Studio) நிறுவனத்தை நோக்கிக் கேள்வி எழுப்பியுள்ளார்.

ஈழத்தமிழ் மக்களின் நியாயமான நீதிக்கும் அரசியல் உரிமைக்குமான போராட்டத்தை பயங்கரவாத முலாமிட்டுக் கொச்சைப்படுத்தும் வகையில் Amazon Studio தளத்தில் சமீபத்தில் வெளிவந்திருந்த The Family Man - 2 தொடர்பில் அந்நிறுவனத்துக்கு கடிதம் ஒன்றினை பிரதமர் வி.உருத்திரகுமாரன் அவர்கள் அனுப்பியுள்ளார்.

உலகமெங்கும் பரந்துவாழும் தமிழர்களின் எதிர்ப்புக் குரல்கள் மற்றும் , இந்தியாவில் தமிழ்நாட்டின் பல தலைவர்களின் எதிர்ப்புக் குரல்கள் எதையும் மதிக்காமல் The Family Man - 2 தொடர்ந்து காட்சிப்படுத்தும் உங்கள் நிறுவனமானது ஈழத் தமிழர்களுக்கு அநீதி, இழைப்பதோடு சொல்லொணா மனவேதனையையும் ஏற்படுத்திவிட்டது. அதற்காக மன்னிப்புக் கேட்கவேண்டுமெனத் தனது கடிதத்தில் பிரதமர் வி.உருத்திரகுமாரன் கோரியுள்ளார்.

அமேசான் நிறுவனத்தில் தலைமை அதிகாரி Ms.Jennifer Salke , இந்தியத் தளத்துக்கான அதிகாரி Ms. Aparna Purohit ஆகியோருக்கு அனுப்பி வைக்கப்பட்ட கடித்தில் மேலும்



தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதாவது,

படைப்பாற்றலில் புதுமையை ஊக்குவிக்கும் நோக்கில் வழங்கப்பட்ட அனுமதியை, ஈழத் தமிழர்கள் மேல் இன்றுவரை தொடர்ச்சியாக மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வந்த கொடூர ஒடுக்குமுறைகள், இன அழிப்பு என்பனவற்றிலிருந்து விடுபட முயற்சிக்கும் ஈழத்தமிழர்களின் சுதந்திரமான வாழ்வு, அடிப்படை மனித உரிமைகள், மற்றும்; நீதி என்பனவற்றிற்கான போராட்டச் சரித்திரத்தைத் திரிவுபடுத்திக் காட்டுவதற்கெனத் திட்டமிட்டுப் பாவிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

ஒரு விழிப்பு பெற்ற சமுதாயத்தில் மக்கள் கொண்டிருக்கும் கருத்துச் சுதந்திரம் பேச்சுச்சுதந்திரம் என்பன இச் செயலால் பாரதூரமாக மீறப்பட்டதானது, தமிழ்மக்கள் மத்தியில் மன வேதனையை ஏற்படுத்தியிருப்பதோடு ஒரு தார்மீகக் கோபத்தையும் ஏற்படுத்தியிருக்கிறது. இதன் வெளிப்பாடாக ,தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் தகவல்துறை, தொழில்நுட்பத்திற்கான மாநில அமைச்சர் மதிப்புக்குரிய திரு. மனே தங்கறாஜ் அவர்கள் இந்திய நடுவண் அரசிடம் இத்தொடரை ஒளிபரப்புவதனை தடைசெய்யுமாறு கேட்டுக் கொண்டுள்ளார்.

எந்த ஒரு விவேகமான, புரிந்துணர்வு கொண்ட (sensible) பொழுதுபோக்கு தளத்தில் நாசிகளுக்கெதிராக யூத விடுதலைப் போரட்ட வீரர்களை இவ்வாறு காட்சிப்படுத்த

அனுமதிப்பார்களா

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The Family Man - 2 என்பதை காட்சிப்படுத்துவதானது Amazon Studio வரையறுத்துக் கொண்ட நியமங்கள், விழுமியங்கள் என்பனவற்றை மீறும் செயலாகும். புதுப்பிக்கப்பட்ட சேர்த்தல் கொள்கை (inclusion policy) அடங்கிய ('Inclusion Play Book-) சேர்த்தல் கொள்கையில், ' ஒரு காட்சித் தொடரில் காலப்போக்கில் பக்கச்சார்பு' ஏற்படுவதைத் தடுக்கும் நோக்கில் ஏற்படுத்தப் பட்டிருக்கிறது.

மேலும் Amazon Studio தொடர்ந்தும் ஈழத்தமிழர்களின் குரல்களை மழுங்கடிப்பதோடு தொடர்ச்சியாக அவர்களின் வரலாற்றை உண்மைக்குப் புறம்பாகப் பாதகமான முறையில் காட்சிப்படுத்துவதன் மூலம் அவர்களுக்குக் கேடு விளைவித்துத் தமிழர்கள் மத்தியில் எதிர்ப்புக் கருத்துகளை ஊக்குவிக்கிறது. ஈழத்தமிழர் மற்றும் தமிழ்நாட்டுத் தமிழர்களின் வேதனைகளையும் ஆட்சேபணைகளையும் பொருட்படுத்தாது இத்தொடரைக் காட்சிப்படுத்தலானது கண்டிக்கத்தக்கது.

அமேசன் நிறுவனம் தனது வலைத்தளத்தில் குறிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கும் இத்துறையில் தன்னை சமத்துவம், உண்மையின் அடிப்படையிலான பன்முகப் பாற்வை, புரிந்துணர்வு என்பவற்றைக் கொண்ட அமைப்பெனக் காட்டமுயலும் Amazon Studio ஆனது அதை தானே மீறுவதோடு, தனது நல்லெண்ணத்துக்கும் அப்பாலும் சென்று தானே பொறுப்புக் கூறலுக்கான நிலையில் செயற்படுவது Amazon Studioவின் பாசாங்குத்தனத்தை வெளிப்படுத்துவதாகும்.

Amazon Studio தனது பணிகளின் பொறிமுறைக்கான உறுதி மொழிகளுக்கிணங்க இதுவரை ஈழத்தமிழர்களுக்கு எதிராக புரிந்துணர்வற்ற தன்மையுடன் காட்சிப்படுத்தப்படும் The Family Man - 2 தனது தளங்களிலிருந்து முற்றாக நீக்குவதோடு இச்செய்கைக்கு தமிழரிடம் மன்னிப்புக் கோர வேண்டும் என நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கம் கோருவதாக பிரதமர் வி.உருத்திரகுமாரன் தனது கடித்தில் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார்.

நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கத்தின் அரசவைத் தலைவராகத் திருமதி பாலாம்பிகை முருகதாஸ் தேர்வு



ஜனநாயகச் செயல்முறையினை வலிமைப்படுத்தும் ஒர் செயற்பாடக நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கம் தனது அரசவைத் தலைவராக பிரித்தானியாவில் வாழ்ந்து வரும் திருமதி பாலாம்பிகை முருகதாஸ் அவர்கள் தேர்வு செய்துள்ளது.

கடந்த (ஜூன்) 19ம் தேதி சனிக்கிழமை இடம்பெற்றிருந்த சிறப்பு அரசவை அமர்வின் போது, பெரும்பான்மை வாக்குகளால் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளார்.

முன்னதாகத் துணைப் பிரதமராகப் பொறுப்பு வகித்த இவர், கடந்த 30 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு மேலாகத் தமிழீழ தேசிய விடுதலைப் போராட்டத்தில் தன்னை ஒரு செயற்பாட்டாளராக இணைத்துக் கொண்டவர்.

பிரித்தானியா தமிழர் ஒருங்கிணைப்புக் குழுவின் மகளிர் அமைப்பின் பொறுப்பாளராக இருந்துள்ளதோடு, நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கத்தின் முதற்தவணைக் காலத் தேர்தலின் போது, பிரித்தானியாவில் முதன்மை விருப்பு வேட்பாளராகத் தேர்தலில் போட்டியிட்டு அதிக விருப்பு வாக்குகளால் வெற்றியீட்டி இருந்ததோடு, தொடர்ச்சியாக நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கத்தோடு இணைந்து பணியாற்றி வருபவர்.

பெண்கள் சிறுவர் முதியோர் விவகார அமைச்சர், தாயக அபிவிருத்தி அமைச்சர், துணைப் பிரதமர் என பல பொறுப்புகளை நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கத்தில் வகித்திருந்தவர்.

உண்மைக்கு முன்னால் நடுநிலை என்பது இல்லை என்ற கப்டன் கஜனின் கூற்றுக்கு அமைய, நீதி, உண்மை, நியாயத்தின் பக்கம் நின்று இந்த அரசவை வழிநடத்துவேன் என அரசவைத் தேர்வுக்கு பின்னராக தனது ஏற்புரையில் தெரிவித்திருந்த திருமதி பாலாம்பிகை முருகதாஸ் அவர்கள் மேலும் தெரிவிக்கையில்,

பெரும் இனஅழிப்பின் ஊடாக சிங்கள அரசு பயங்கரவாத்தினால் அழிக்கப்பட்ட நடைமுறைத் தமிழீழ அரசின் தொடர்ச்சியாக உருவான நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கமானது, ஈழத்தமிழ் மக்களின் ஜனநாயகப் போராட்ட வடிவமாக இருக்கின்றது. உலகெங்கும் விடுதலைக்காகப் போராடி வரும் இனங்களுக்கு ஓர் முன்னுதாரணமாகவும், புதியதொரு அரசியல் பரிமாணத்தை உலகஅரசியல் வெளியில் ஏற்படுத்தியுள்ளதொரு புதிய வடிவம்.

நாங்கள் அரசுக்குரிய இனமாக இருந்தாலும், இன்று அரசற்ற ஓர் இனமாக நாங்கள் ஓர் அரசுக்குரிய இனம் என்பதனை உலகிற்குப் பறைசாற்றும் அரசாங்கம் இது.

இதில் கட்சி அரசியலோ, அணி அரசியலோ இல்லை. மாறாக விடுதலை அரசியலைத் தாங்கிய ஜனநாயக இயக்கம்.

ஈழத்தமிழ் மக்களுக்கான அரசியல் தலைமையாக இன்று இருக்கின்ற வி. உருத்திரகுமாரன் அவர்களைப் பிரதமராக நாடுகடந்த தமிழீழ அரசாங்கம் கொண்டிருப்பதில் பெருமை மட்டுமல்ல, வலிமையும் கொள்கின்றது.

நீதிக்கும், அரசியல் இறைமைக்குமாக வழிநடத்தும் அவரது போராட்டத்தினை நாம் அனைவரும் பலப்படுத்தி, அதனை மென்மேலும் வலுப்படுத்துவதே இன்றைய கடமையாகவுள்ளது.

அதனை நோக்கி இந்த அவையினை அனைத்து உறுப்பினர்களது ஒத்துழைப்போடும் வழிநடத்துவேன் என உறுதிக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

அவைத் தலைவருக்கான இன்றைய வாக்கெடுப்பு என்பது நாம் எமது ஜனநாயக செயல்முறையினை வலிமைப்படுத்தும் ஒரு செயற்பாடாகும்.

பதவிக்கான போட்டியல்ல. மாறாக செயற்பாட்டை முன்னின்று முன்னெடுப்பதற்கான முன்கையெடுப்பு இது. உண்மைக்கு முன்னால் நடுநிலை என்பது இல்லை என்ற

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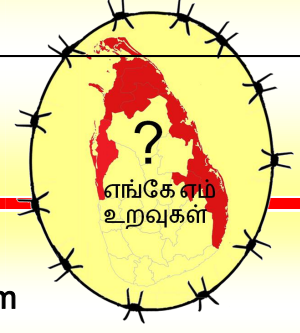
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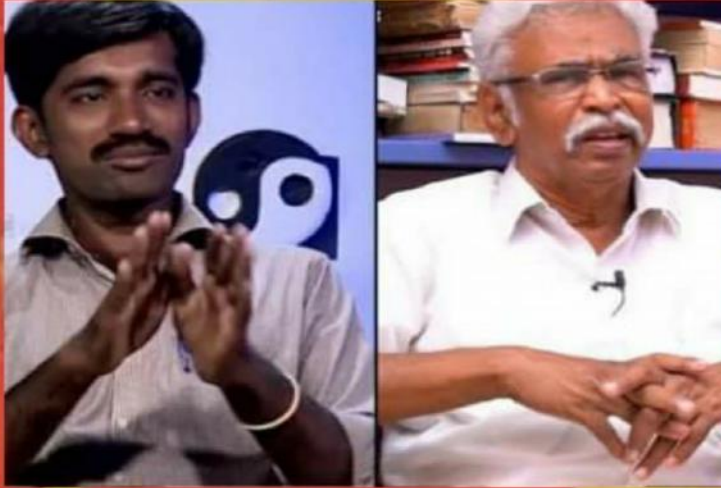
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கப்டன் கஜனின் கூற்றுக்கு அமைய, நீதி, உண்மை, நியாயத்தின் பக்கம் நின்று இந்த அரசவை வழிநடத்துவேன் என தெரிவித்திருந்தார். அவைத்தலைவருக்கான சிறப்பு அரசவை அமர்வினை பேராசிரியர் சந்திரகாந்தன், மேற்சபை உறுப்பினர் இராஜரத்தினம் அவர்கள் ஆகியோர் நடத்தியிருந்தனர்.

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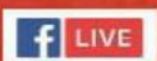


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