

Tamils in Sri Lanka Need Help from International Community

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Drop 28

Civilian deaths in the North and East since Rajapakse's election

(November 19, 2005 to Date)

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IMAGE OF THE DAY



Image Courtesy: Daily Mirror (Dinuka Liyanawatte)

Members of the Patriotic National Movement carrying an effigy of UN Special Advisor Allan Rock protesting opposite the UN headquarters in Colombo yesterday [[more](#)]

[Unsure future for displaced people](#)

[Dan Church Aid][Nov 20 14:52 GMT]

More than 100.000 displaced people are cut off from humanitarian aid as Sri Lanka conflict escalates. The internally displaced people (IDPs) are cut off from international assistance and cannot return to their homes. The IDPs are living in open halls or temporary structures provided by the church and there is no privacy for the women at all. Men and women, who do not know each other, are forced to live in the same hut, which is culturally inappropriate...They are using the 24 common toilets available at the church and also using open air toilets in the bushes around the church premises. [[more](#)]

[S.Lankan troops opened fire on students -- monitors](#)

[Reuters][Nov 19 13:03 GMT]

Nordic truce monitors said on Sunday Sri Lankan troops opened fire on a group of agriculture students at close range in the island's north on Saturday, killing five, after a deadly rebel ambush on government forces. A military spokesman said ground troops told him the civilians were killed in crossfire after a Tamil Tiger blast in the northern district of Vavuniya killed five soldiers on Saturday, and that police were investigating. **"Witnesses say that soldiers jumped over the fence, into the agricultural school premises, and opened fire," she added. "They shot from close range, five of the students were killed and at least 10 others were injured."** [[more](#)]

[LTTE are genuine freedom fighters - Dr Lalith Kotelawala](#)

[Gulf News][Nov 21 03:05 GMT]



They have done great service to their people and you can't brand them as pure terrorists as they are genuine freedom fighters. That is the structure that needs to be discussed. **The current policy of the government is a hit-back policy and that is an Israeli policy. I don't think it's right.**

Mahatma Gandhi said that the eye-for-an-eye, a-tooth-for-a-tooth policy makes the world blind and toothless. And it will only keep escalating. We can't ask them to disarm in order to sit down and talk while we hold onto our arms. Things must be left as they are and we must talk about devolution, federal state or autonomy. [[more](#)]

[Colombo ignoring humanitarian catastrophe - Thamilchelvan](#)

[TamilNet][Nov 20 18:29 GMT]

Colombo was engaged in "last minute tactics to placate the international community," prior to a scheduled meeting of Co-Chairs in Washington, by dispatching a single lorry into Vaharai where 38,000 civilians were starving for the past fortnight. Likewise, Colombo was showcasing to the media that it would dispatch a single convoy of supplies through A9 into Jaffna where 600,000 Tamils are under military siege in an "open prison," charged S. P. Thamilchelvan, political head of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) Monday. [[more](#)]

The genocide of Tamils is continuing and the killing fields are extending. Therefore a humble request to Government, Ministers, Members of Parliament of New Zealand and NGOs representatives:

- Persuading the GOSL (Government of Sri Lanka) to curtail the killing of Tamils and activities of the armed gangs and paramilitaries operating in the Northeast of Sri Lanka
- To support a political arrangement reflecting the Tamil people's right of self-determination

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