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To: Diaspora Tamils and Friends

Sri Lanka's President Mahinda Rajapakse is on a private visit to the United States, and is reported to be staying with his brother Dudley Rajapakse in Houston.

TAG is filing a civil action on behalf of three plaintiffs in the Southern District Court of Texas charging Mahinda Rajapakse as liable under the doctrine of command responsibility for

- the Trincomalee killing of 5 students (all nearly 20 years old awaiting University admissions),
- extrajudicial killing of 17 ACF workers, and
- the massacre of 40,000 Tamils in Vanni in 2009,

and asking monetary damages for the plaintiffs, the only possible redress available in a civil action. This legal action will continue even if Mr Rajapakse finds a quick exit from the U.S.

While the civil suit works through the Courts, TAG requests Tamils worldwide to mobilize and jointly bring pressure to the U.S. Justice Department to arrest Rajapakse and file criminal charges under the Genocide Act (18 USC 1091), War Crimes Act (18 USC 2441), and the Torture Act (18 USC 2340A).

Please contact the United States Department of Justice by calling 202 514 2000, ask for Department of Justice, and record your comments urging the Attorney General Eric Holder to investigate Mahinda Rajapaksa. You can also email the request to: askdoj@usdoj.gov.

Please also call the State Department's Office of War Crimes issues at 202 647 5072 and leave a message for Ambassador-at-Large Stephen Rapp, urging him to take steps to investigate the Sri Lankan President while he is on the US soil.

Organize world-wide protests in front of US embassies pointing out that US is obliged to apprehend, investigate and prosecute Rajapaksas for violating Geneva Convention and Genocide convention.

Talking Points:

- US Ambassador in Colombo, Ambassador Butenis, has acknowledged that Mahinda Rajapakse and his brothers are allegedly responsible for war-crimes.
- Congress enacted Genocide Act to prevent Genocidaires such as Rajapakse to seek safe refuge in the U.S.

Tamils in the U.S. led by the youth groups are organizing a protest in front of the White House on Monday between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please attend this rally and show your support.