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PETITION TO

(1) LONDON ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES (LOCOG)
(2) FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO), UK

Sri Lankan leaders should be barred from participating in Olympic events

Sri Lanka's civil and military leaders have long been involved in a systematic campaign of state orchestrated genocide against the Eelam Tamil nation. The UK, as the power that handed over control of the Eelam Tamils' homeland in the north and east of the island to the neighbouring Sinhala nation, has been most informed of the international crimes of Sri Lanka state and its officials. Entertainment of Sri Lankan leaders responsible for international crimes at celebrations associated with the Olympics will only tarnish events that are supposed to be a celebration of humanity.

Generations of Eelam Tamils in their homeland, encompassing the north and east of the island now known as Sri Lanka, have been subjected to a systematic campaign of genocide since the British departed from the island in 1948.

Beginning with telegrams to the Queen, Eelam Tamils have taken many measures to keep the United Kingdom well informed of the genocide, which is a direct result of Britain's colonial legacy.

United Kingdom's claim that its foreign policy is based not only on physical and economic security but also on British values including human rights is proven to be somewhat true by the clear stance taken against the current Syrian regime. Many leaders accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide have been barred from entering the UK.

Thus, there remains the possibility that the Olympic events in London will indeed be a celebration of humanity that will inspire a generation.

The expected participation of current and previous leaders of Sri Lanka who had directly orchestrated, as agents of the state, the crime of genocide, however, stands to overshadow celebrations and raise questions about the validity of the UK's stated commitment to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Eelam Tamils and their friends gathered outside the Olympic Park in Stratford, London, on 22 July 2012, urge LOCOG and the FCO to withdraw invitations to all current and previous leaders of Sri Lanka to any events associated with the Olympics.

Signed

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