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Fund Appeal for Rajapakse Litigation

Tamils Against Genocide (TAG) has been involved litigation in Western Courts to seek redress to Tamil victims affected by war and to bring alleged perpetrators of war-crimes to justice.

A historic milestone was passed on 16th December 2011 in the Torture Victims Protection Act (TVPA) lawsuit against Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse for the extra-judicial killings of six Sri Lankan Tamils pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia when Patton Boggs LLC, tacitly acknowledged receipt of the complaint and summons, formally bringing Rajapakse into the case.

For the first time Rajapakse will be “accountable to the rule of law, not the rule of the jungle,” said plaintiffs’ attorney Bruce Fein.

TAG is in need of funds to proceed to the next stage of litigation. Plaintiffs, Dr Manoharan, Kalaiselvi Lavan, and Jaykumar, are appealing to the expatriates to contribute to TAG to help the litigation move forward.

To defeat Rajapakse’s Motion to Dismiss TVPA suit on grounds of Head of State or Foreign Sovereign Immunity, Political Question, Act of State Doctrine, and Personal Jurisdiction with supporting views of U.S. State Department, will involve the following legal and lobbying efforts:

1. **NGO and Other Private Voices.** Solicit amicus curiae briefs or letters from NGOs, former Assistant Secretaries of State for Human Rights, Sri Lanka human rights groups, and former judges of the International Criminal Tribunals.
2. **Congress and the Executive Branch.** Solicit letters from Members of Congress sitting on Foreign Relations and Judiciary Committees to US State Department urging support or at least non-opposition to the TVPA lawsuit.
3. **Preparation of Memorandum in Opposition to Dismissal of TVPA suit** based on personal jurisdiction, act of state doctrine, foreign sovereign immunity, sitting head of state immunity, or political question doctrine.
4. **Facilitate media reports to encourage public support for the TVPA lawsuits.**

Legal action outside Sri Lanka is key to obtain justice to the Tamil people. TAG’s mission is to seek justice, and TAG is grateful to the donors for their support of TAG’s work.

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