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In such blight circumstances, the "Petrie Report" has brought to light the dismal failure of the UN in safeguarding the lives of innocent Tamil civilians and suppressing the facts they had been through during the war. Though we feel the report insufficient in many aspects, we are shocked to hear the "confession" that many of the UN high officials have deliberately ignored the plight of the innocent civilians and let down the Eelam Tamils. The report has shattered our confidence on the "civilized world" which the West boasts about with self pride. The shocking revelation of UNICEF supplying cricket bats and smuggling of propaganda pamphlets against the LTTE in its convoys is just a tip of the iceberg of UN's complicity in the Genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka.

We read with utter disbelief, the report detailing the suspension of humanitarian aid after January 15,2009 obstructing information that would reveal the crimes of the GoSL(Government of Sri Lanka) to the world, and in particular the role played by the Chef de Cabinet Mr. Vijay Nambiar in impeding the figures of death toll in March 13, 2009 and his

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explicit displeasure towards UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms. Navi Pillai over "treating LTTE on a par with the GoSL" (Petrie Report: paras 26, 67, 68 & 83).

The report also narrates in detail how figures of death toll prepared by the UN field workers were declared unreliable by its own high officials. In spite of that, the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide realizing the ground situation had warned the UN Head Quarters that the UN will have to face the charge of being in complicit with genocide but chose to play "quite diplomacy". The Chef de Cabinet Mr. Vijay Nambiar who is fully aware of the fact that the Sri Lankan government was manipulating the essential needs of food and medicine as weapons of war however chose not to disclose the facts and declined to include members from the UNHRC in the committee nominated to deal with the Sri Lankan issue (Annex IV Para1, 2 & 8).

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (SRSG-CAAC) chose to sent his report several weeks after the war concluded and the protocols of Resolution 1612 which makes it mandatory to record instances of abuse of children were not executed in line with the established norms, which amounts to a blatant crime on the part of UN. Above all, the UN's decision to quit the war zone despite pleas from the Tamil civilians is beyond amnesty.

Apart from these grave issues, we would like to raise the following questions. The then Chef de Cabinet of Secretary General Mr. Vijay Nambiar deputed to deal with the Sri Lankan crisis is the brother of Mr. Sathish Nambiar who functioned as military consultant to the Sri Lankan government. Again, with regard to delegating Mr. Vijay Nambiar to deal with crises the UN was unusually and abnormally against its accepted protocol of not assigning personnel to a mission that is close to the country in crisis.

#### The Secretary General himself is guilty of grave misconduct in this issue.

Mr. Ban – ki – moon who didn't take the trouble to visit Sri Lanka at the height of Genocide of Tamils chose to visit the country on the occasion of the Sri Lankan government's victory celebrations ignoring the counsel of responsible UN personnel. Mr. Ban – ki – moon rejected the recommendations of his legal advisory team which reminded him of his exclusive powers to institute an independent international investigation on Sri Lanka, and chose to allow the Sri Lankan regime to proceed with its own internal inquiry known as the LLRC. The LLRC has been declared a sham by the "Panel of Experts Report" instituted by the self same Secretary General.

Moreover, the Secretary General's son – in – law Mr. Siddarth Chatterjee, ex-Indian Army personnel, stands accused of undeserved promotion in the hierarchy of UN is an ardent proponent of anti – Tamil Eelam views in the media. The Honorable Secretary General stands charged of nepotism!

In the light of the "Petrie Reports" revelations and shedding light on the dark areas which it chose to remain silent, UN top officials including Secretary General Ban – ki – moon, Vijay Nambiar, John Holmes, Rechero Takachi stand accused of being complicit with Genocide. We would like to emphasize that these top brass is not exempt of accountability.

The follow up to the Petrie Report, "Rights Up Front Report" made various recommendations including ripping off most of the critical responsibilities of the Secretary General. These recommendations were made based on the intentional fiasco of the top brass and this forced Secretary General to admit in General Assembly that UN failed in island of Sri Lanka. These recommendations aim at remedial internal restructuring of UN. But what remedy does UN offer to the victims, Eelam Tamils?

Post Rwandan Genocide, lot of new procedures were laid down by UN to prevent another genocide being happened. But another genocide, most horrendous, has happened in this century in an island in the Indian Ocean. Will it be sufficient, if UN again restructures, without offering remedy to victims, Eelam Tamils? An institution which was carved out by tall leaders like Hammarskjöld is losing faith among the common public.

Witnessing the inaction of UN, the Permanent People's Tribunal convened at Germany in December 2013, gave verdict that 1. Srilankan State is guilty of crime of Genocide, 2. Genocide is ongoing and 3. States of India, US & UK are complicit of Genocide. After this verdict, it is high time that UN takes strong and credible actions to punish the perpetrators and offer remedial justice to victims.

Accountability is not just punishing the perpetrators, but also a process of reparation for the victims based on their political needs and aspirations with broader citizen participation.

The UN should initiate an independent international investigation on Sri Lanka for its explicit in perpetrating crimes against humanity and genocide besides a transparent inquiry over charges of eliding accountability by the above mentioned individuals. It should also initiate the procedures to conduct an independence referendum for Eelam. Unless and otherwise

the UN moves in such a direction it will be condemned to have failed as the global organization of the peoples and be designated as a stooge of the oppressive states.

We would like to drive the point that unless UN dares to initiate steps towards such a positive direction the struggle against UN as a corrupt institution will intensify and this campaign is only a beginning. This protest against UN on February 12, we would like to remind, was the day our martyr Comrade. Murugadasan self – immolated himself in 2009 in front of the UN premise demanding justice. This day will be day of symbolic representation of protest against the unethical, dishonest conduct of UN against which the oppressed people world over will rally.

This symbolic siege on 12/02/2014 against UN will take place in Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, New Delhi in India, and in front of the UN premises in Norway, Australia, France, UK and New York, which we hope will be extended to other nooks and corners of the globe in the coming years. We would like to inform that the protest is not limited to the Tamils and sections from various nationalities as Kannada, Martha, Punjab, and Bengal have extended their greetings and participate in organizing struggles at their locations. Writers, poets, musicians, intellectuals, physically challenged advocacy groups, academics, advocates, media persons, dramatists, human rights activists and individuals and groups from various other professions have expressed their solidarity and participation with us.

Sincerely

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