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Dear,

How many more must die before you act?

I write to you with urgency and in the hope that you will use your good offices to exert pressure on the Government of Sri Lanka to immediately end the genocidal campaign it has launched on civilians in the Northern areas.

Today alone, more than 300 Tamil civilians were killed in an indiscriminate artillery attack on a village in the Northern district of Mullaitivu in Sri Lanka. In this brutal attack another 1000 have been seriously injured. New reports indicate the civilians are left to die bleeding as the army continues to engage in artillery attack even on hospitals. There is an absolute need for emergency medical supplies and treatment of the wounded.

"In a scene of carnage of untold proportion on civilian targets hit by hundreds of Sri Lanka Army fired artillery shells, more than 300 people have died and several hundreds are bleeding to death within the last 24 hours, amidst pouring rain inside the 'saftey zone' declared by the Colombo government. Houses and vehicles burn for a stretch of three km between Va'l'lipunam Kaa'li temple and Moongilaa'ru towards Paranthan road, reports from Vanni said on Monday. Unattended bodies and injured people unable to move are lying around everywhere, while a remaining doctor fled and helpless ICRC officials virtually cried at the scene from their bunkers"

- TamilNet.com, January 26, 09

This carnage is enough to shock even the most heartless of individuals, if there were any. Yet, our government or even the United Nations has not spoken out. This deafening silence is adding to the Tamils' misery and I would like to point out kindly that your inaction is also another contributing factor to this genocide.

And, let it be known that this is not an isolated incident. On January 18th 2008, a similar indiscriminate artillery barrage on civilians killed 18 civilians and wounded more than 42. According to International Herald Tribune, between January 20 and 23, 2009 alone, nearly 100 Tamil civilians have been killed by Sri Lankan government's aerial bombardment and artillery barrage of a hospital and other sites declared by warring parties as safe zones.

"In an effort to coax civilians to leave, the government dropped leaflets throughout the region Wednesday announcing the establishment of a "safe zone" on the edge of rebel-held territory that it would not attack. But an hour after the leaflets were dropped, two shells hit a makeshift hospital in a school in Vallipunam, a village inside the "safe zone," said Kandasamy Tharmakulasingham, a health official. No one was wounded in that attack, he said. On Thursday morning, the hospital and a nearby village were hit again in an attack so devastating that health officials had difficulty counting the bodies because many of them were dismembered, he said."

- International Herald Tribune, www.iht.com, January 22, 09

Therefore, I plead with you, in the name of humanity, to stop Government of Sri Lanka's genocide of Tamils.

Don't we have the moral responsibility, as members of a civilized society, to speak out against this massacre? Don't we have the responsibility to put an end to this genocidal war? At the least, don't we have the civility to condemn such a gruesome attack on unarmed women, children, and the elderly?

Please act now to stop the Government of Sri Lanka's Genocide of Tamils.

Thank you,

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