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British Tamils protest in front of the Indian High Commission

Over two thousand British Tamils protested in front of the Indian High Commission in London demanding India to stop the genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka. In the protest, which took place on Wednesday 18th February between 10am and 2pm, Tamils of all ages from children to senior citizens took part.

The slogans of an enthusiastic protest, accompanied by placards carrying harrowing pictures of the unfolding genocide in the Tamil homeland, attracted the attention of passers by, many of whom stopped to listen sympathetically.

The protestors demanded India to stop its duplicitous collaboration and active support to the Sri Lankan state in the genocide. The slogans shouted by the protestors included,

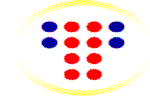
"India Stop the War in Sri Lanka"
"India Stop Military Aid to Sri Lanka"
"India Save Tamils From genocide"
"India why did you deceive Tamils?"
"India open your eyes"
"Send medicine to the Tamils"
"Tamils want peace"
"Tamils demand Tamil Eelam"
"Charge Rajapakse for War Crimes"

Journalists from BBC World Service, BBC Tamil Service and GTV recorded the event. The Metropolitan Police provided friendly assistance to avoid inconvenience to the public.

At the end of the peaceful protest, the attached memorandum was handed in to the Indian High Commission. The event was jointly organised by the British Tamils Forum, the Tamil Youth Organisation and the British Women's Association who have stated that this campaign will continue until India changes its barbaric stand against the legitimate aspirations of the Tamil people for freedom with dignity.

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Notes to Editors:

British Tamils Forum exists to harness the skills and the knowledge of the members of the forum, well-wishers and significant others including mainstream decision makers in the UK with the aim of alleviating the sufferings of the Tamils community in the Island of Sri Lanka and to further their right to self determination within a democratic frame work under pinned by international law, its covenants and conventions. The forum was set-up in 2006 when, with the support 88 British Tamil community organisations, it also published an open letter in the Times newspaper. For more information admin@tamilsforum.com and/or visit: www.tamilsforum.com