



# TAMIL SOLIDARITY

## **Tamils will not be silenced - Build a mass struggle for our rights!**

Brigadier Priyankara Fernando's cut-throat threat at peaceful protesters outside the Sri Lankan High Commission on 4 February has caused mass outrage and has increased the determination of Tamil youth to bring the war criminals to account. Leading Tamil Nadu news media News 7 had over 100,000 views and 4,000 shares of the footage – on the day of the protest alone! Tamil Solidarity's online petition to complain to the foreign ministry in Sri Lanka and UK have reached over 1,500 signatures.

This mass action caused a temporary victory on 6 February when the Sri Lankan foreign ministry suspended Brigadier Fernando. However within a day the Sri Lankan president, after talks with army chiefs, got involved to remove his suspension - causing more outrage. This highlights the hypocrisy of the current government in Sri Lanka confirming that it is following the footsteps of the Rajapaksa regime by ignoring video evidence and not carrying through investigations.

**We demand the immediate dismissal of Brigadier Fernando from the High Commission staff.**

**But Fernando is not just an individual. He also represents the arrogance and oppressive nature of the Sri Lankan state.**

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Nine years has passed since the mass slaughter of Tamils and the victims of the war still continue to be denied justice. Land grab, military occupation, disappearances and oppression are a daily feature of the lives of those in Sri Lanka.

Since 2009 Tamil Solidarity has kept the struggle going. We have always exposed the hypocrisy of the British government – talking about rights while selling arms to the Sri Lankan army and doing big business deals.

We have shown up the inaction of the United Nations and other international bodies – passing resolutions for war crimes investigations but doing nothing about it.

Instead, Tamil Solidarity highlights the need to build a common struggle with our natural allies – oppressed communities, workers' trade unionists and other activists.

It is our united mass strength that can be a powerful force for change.

Tamil Solidarity appeals to all those who want to continue the struggle of the Tamil-speaking people to get active.

We need to make sure that the anger and determination shown on this protest is organised and built on. If you want to be part of this fight-back, join Tamil Solidarity today!

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எமது போராட்டம் விடாது தொடரும்.

தமிழ் சொலிடாரிட்டி அமைப்பு போராட்ட அரசியலின் அடிப்படையில் மக்களையும் இளையோரையும் திரட்டி வரும் அமைப்பு.

போராட்ட அரசியலில் இணைந்து கொள்ள விரும்புவோர் எம்முடன் இணைந்து கொள்ளுங்கள்.

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