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Your Excellency

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS'S VISIT TO SRI LANKA

We are delighted to learn that Your Excellency is visiting Sri Lanka in June 2025.

Considering the time of essence of the forthcoming 60th UNHRC, September 2025, Session Resolution on Sri Lanka, we sincerely regard that this visit will substantially justify the findings of the OSLAP's collation of evidence that it has hitherto scrutinized.

While OSLAP's findings, in addition to that reflected in OHCHR's Report A/HRC/57/19 of 27 August 2024, should have prompted for paying this visit to Sri Lanka, we would urge Your Excellency not to miss out the following war-affected areas to rationalise the true difficulties that Tamil people are undergoing, despite Sri Lankan governments' efforts to conceal the scars and ongoing impacts of the atrocity crimes committed in the past 7 decades.

Your Excellency is encouraged to visit the following places where some of the worst crimes were committed against Tamils and meet prominent Tamil people, relatives of the victims of enforced disappearances, human rights defenders, Tamil politicians and parliamentarians to gather firsthand information and enable victims centric consultations.

- **"Mullivaikkal"**, where the climax of the genocidal war staged by expelling the UN representatives, NGOs, foreign reporters and media.
- **"Chemmani"** in Jaffna, where a developer had recently unearthed a mass grave while excavating for foundation. This is one of several reported mass graves exposed by developers during the project execution in Sri Lanka. It must be noted that there have been a significant number of unreported mass graves, clandestinely hidden by the developers for the sake of completing their projects as the reported ones have been held up for further investigations endlessly. Chemmani was a well known mass grave of hundreds of victims who succumbed to torture, sexual violence, inhuman treatment and were buried.

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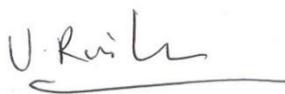
- Selected places in Jaffna, Kilinochi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya, Mannar districts in the northern province and Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Amparai districts in the eastern province to witness the deprived areas even after 16 years of ending the war but sowed with concentrated military whose primary task has been continuing the occupation, surveillance, intimidation, many forms of land grabs, systematic destruction of Tamil heritage and historical Hindu temples and proliferating Buddhist structures.

Sri Lanka may play its trump-card of security risks and prevent Your Excellency's visits to Tamil areas to hide its crimes and block access to the voice of the victims, but we wish Your Excellency to be sagacious for not falling into such traps.

We have added some supplementary information for Your Excellency's further consideration.

Thank you, Your Excellency.

Yours sincerely,



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