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Press Release

All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tamils (APPG-T) Annual General Meeting 2025

The British Tamils Forum, Secretariat of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tamils (APPG-T), is pleased to announce that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the APPG-T was held on Tuesday, 29 October 2025, at 4:00 PM in Parliament, with participation from Members of Parliament across parties.

At the meeting:

- Dame Siobhain McDonagh MP was re-elected as Chair of the APPG-T.
- Vice Chairs: Uma Kumaran MP (Labour), Bobby Dean MP (Liberal Democrat), and Louie French MP (Conservative).

Other APPG-T Members present:

- Daniel Francis MP
- Dawn Butler MP
- Janet Daby MP
- Jo White MP
- The Rt Hon John McDonnell MP
- Luke Taylor MP
- Natasha Irons MP
- Dr Neil Hudson MP

Apologies Received from 6 parliamentarians:

- Catherine West MP
- The Rt Hon Sir Ed Davey MP
- Ellie Chowns MP
- Emily Darlington MP
- Kerry McCarthy MP
- The Baroness Verma

The AGM provided a platform for cross-party discussion on key matters concerning accountability, justice, and sustainable peace for Tamils in Sri Lanka. Topics discussed included:

- Regular statements from the APPG-T Executive Committee on Tamil issues.
- The Forensic DNA Databank Project.
- Pathways to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) or other international, independent investigation mechanisms.
- The current NPP Government in Sri Lanka, its political agendas, and the continuing impunity.
- The OSLAP evidence repository at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC).
- Advocacy efforts in India.
- Time-bound action plans focusing on reparations, resettlement, and reconstruction in the North-East.
- Preparations for an upcoming Parliamentary debate.

The APPG-T reaffirmed its continued commitment to pursuing justice and accountability, promoting human rights, and supporting long-term peace and development for the Tamil people.

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