



# British Tamils Forum United Kingdom

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## Former Home Secretary David Blunkett supports international inquiry into war crimes and believes genocide is occurring in Sri Lanka

British Tamils Forum members and a constituent met former UK Home Secretary David Blunkett MP last Saturday to garner support for UK Tamil organisations and individuals that have been targeted by Sri Lanka's efforts to silence dissent through the use of UN Security Council Resolution 1373.

During the meeting, Mr Blunkett told the delegation that he believed genocide was taking place on the island of Sri Lanka and that evidence that human rights violations had occurred during the armed conflict in 2009 must be properly investigated.

Mr Blunkett expressed disappointment at Sri Lanka's obstruction of the currently ongoing UN Human Rights Council mandated investigation into human rights abuses in Sri Lanka and lent his support to the need for an independent international investigation on abuses that have and continue to happen in Sri Lanka.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

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