



British Tamils Forum United Kingdom

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BTF pays tribute to former Prime Minister David Cameron and welcomes the new Prime Minister Theresa May

On behalf of the Tamil community in the United Kingdom, the British Tamils Forum thank the former Prime Minister David Cameron for his efforts in bringing the human rights issue of the Tamils in Sri Lanka to the international community.

We thank Mr Cameron for his visit to Jaffna in Northern Sri Lanka in 2013, first ever by a world leader and for visiting the refugee camps and shedding a spot light into their deplorable conditions. We thank him for his call for an international independent investigation into war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Sri Lanka. The British Tamils Forum has been demanding such an investigation since 2009, soon after the end of the war in Sri Lanka, for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. We wish every success in his future endeavours and thank him for all his efforts wholeheartedly.

Mr Cameron's efforts through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office have resulted in UN Human Rights Council passing resolutions on accountability in Sri Lanka.

We congratulate the new UK Prime Minister Theresa May on her appointment. We urge Mrs May to continue the legacy of Mr Cameron in seeking justice, accountability and demilitarisation of North East in Sri Lanka. We urge her government to continue the efforts and take them further at United Nations to establish a truly independent international investigation in Sri Lanka. We wish Mrs May all the best for her vision in leading the United Kingdom into a new bright future in the global arena.

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Notes to Editors:

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