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US and Canadian based Tamils protested near Washington DC on 20 November to draw attention to the end of the 180-day period promised by Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon for the release of an estimated 300,000 Tamils held in government camps in Sri Lanka. About half the Tamil civilians continue to remain in the camps, but with no plans announced for supporting any of them after release. *Photo Nicholas Kamm/AFP/Getty Images*

Protest unsettles Victoria's Secret catwalk

SEVERAL American activists protested in front of the midtown Manhattan New York State armory building where Victoria's Secret catwalk event was being held Thursday, November 19.

While celebrities were arriving to attend the popular event, the protesters highlighted the Corporation's trade with Sri Lanka as aiding and abetting crimes against humanity, and war-crimes.

"The New York Police attempted to harass the protesters, but we carried on our protest much to the dismay of the catwalk organizers," said a protest organizer.

The protesters distributed brochures that urged ethical

American consumers to boycott Sri Lanka's products, and carried banners and placards that accused Victoria's Secret of continuing to trade with a Sri Lankan State that is widely believed to have committed war crimes on Tamil civilians during the State's offensives against Tigers early this year.

Ellyn Shander, the Connecticut physician, who was one of the attendees, said that "a wider boycott campaign" is being planned for the end of November as a part of mobilizing the Tamil diaspora to continue sustained boycott campaign to make significant dents in Sri Lanka's international trade.

