

Seeman Statement Translation

It is shocking that the commemorative monuments of the Mullivaikal Massacre has been torn down in the middle of the night as an attempt to provoke Tamils who have faced genocide and are currently suffering unmitigated battle scars and brutal ethnic cleansing. **This has to be regarded as the continuation of genocidal activities of rulers who perpetrated ethnic cleansing.** The demolition of the commemorative structures of Mullivaikal has caused an outrage amongst Tamils across the world. As global Tamils fight to secure justice for the 200,000 Tamils who were massacred in Eelam, **this gory act of Sinhala-Buddhist chauvinism is unacceptable and highly reprehensible.**

It only demonstrates that the hatred and animosity of the Sinhalese against Tamils hasn't reduced one bit even after they have pushed the Tamils to genocide, murdered 200,000 Tamils, obliterated their life, livelihood and nation, confiscated the land, violated their women and appropriated the entire country for themselves. Those who said the war has ended and peace returned; what is their answer to such kind of erasure of identity? **The Jaffna Library was incinerated that day. Today the memorial in Jaffna University has been demolished. This is certainly a continuation of the genocide of Tamils.** The world community must understand through this incident that as long as Tamils continue to live **in a united Sri Lanka under the rulership of the Sinhalese, no matter the change of regime in government, this is the predicament of the Tamils.**

In the month of *thai*, a month of festivities to the Tamils, the government of genocide-perpetrator Rajapaksa has carried out the destruction as a gift for Pongal.

They can devastate our language; obliterate our race; snatch our rights; encroach our lands; incite oppression; unleash repression or call us terrorists. **But no hegemon or chauvinism can comprehend our yearning for freedom.** Whenever one seeks to oppress, we people of the Tamil race would rise up in indignation. The Indian hegemon or the global community could betray us. One day, this state of affairs will change. The realm and providence would rest in our hands. We will reclaim our country that day.

When morality dies; courage emerges; when courage perishes; morality blooms. In accordance with this law of nature, in a righteous manner, we are campaigning for the independence of our homeland and against the injustices that were perpetrated against us in the international stage. Some day, we will secure the reins of administration. **As we reel from genocide, the Sinhalese government is not even allowing us to mourn with our memories.** We will, one day, reign over the same land from which Sinhalese chauvinism has now erased the only testament to our genocide. We will rebuild our homeland. We will erect structures to commemorate our triumph in the very same Jaffna University. We will not rest until our country and our land returns to our hands.