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Enforced Disappeared Tamil Babies of Sri Lanka

Today is the Children’s day in Sri Lanka, The Sri Lankan Government is reacting passionately on the welfare of the Sinhala children. But there is a question arises whether our Tamil children are enjoying peace and happiness. The answer is ‘’No’’. Many hundreds of infants and children were killed by the Sri Lankan Army during the last phase of the war in Wanni in 2009. Besides these killings many infants were made to disappear while their parents surrendered to the Sri Lankan Army. Apart from this, due to the parents were made to disappear many children had deprived of the affections and cares of the parents are mentally deranged and left to destitution. When will be the justice meted out to these children? The Sri Lankan Government rodomontade about the welfare and rights of the children only during the children’s day. What the International Organizations such as Unicef ,Children Fund etc who chatter that they are the one who save guard the rights and the welfare of the children in Sri Lanka are doing practically with regard to these forcibly disappeared Tamil children

As such we are writing to seek your help to locate enforced disappeared Tamil babies in Sri Lanka. We are confident that under your leadership these babies will be found very soon.

Sri Lanka stands out as the only country in the world where babies, as young as eight months old, have enforcedly disappeared by the Government. All these babies are from the Tamil ethnic group.

Several of these Tamil babies enforcedly disappeared when their parents surrendered along with their babies to the Sri Lankan Security forces at the end of the war ten years ago in May 2019 in reliance on assurances that they would be safe. But almost ten years have passed; there is no answer from the Government about these babies or their parents.

Some babies also disappeared when their parents were abducted along with their babies by the Sri Lankan Security Forces.

There are several eye witnesses for the surrender and the abduction of these babies.

Over the years relatives of these babies and others are desperately searching for these babies, despite numerous challenges, including abuse by the Sri Lankan Security forces and Military Intelligence, not only in Sri Lanka but also at the UN Human Rights Council.

Out of desperation to bring attention to our disappeared babies, we continuously hold peaceful protests and hunger strikes.

Despite numerous appeals to the President and the Prime Minister, Sri Lankan government is refusing to give any details of these enforcedly disappeared Tamil babies.

When Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, visited the Northern city of Jaffna, he said in a public meeting on January 15, 2016 that: “Those who surrendered to the Sri Lankan Security forces at the end of the war in May 2009 are no longer alive”. We are worried whether our babies are also not alive. The youngest baby should be around eleven years old now.

Even though numerous Tamil babies have enforcedly disappeared, below please find the details of twenty nine (29) Tamil babies and young children who were enforcedly disappeared. This includes photos, names, and age of the babies at the time of enforcedly disappeared.

We respectfully urge you to take steps to help locate our babies. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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