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ICPPG Urges the UN Human Rights Committee to stop the participation of an alleged perpetrator Maj. General Jeewaka Ruwan Kulatunga in the government delegation for the current review of Sri Lanka's human rights record.

London: The International Centre for Prevention and Prosecution of Genocide (ICPPG) has requested to stop the participation (virtually) of an alleged perpetrator Maj. General Kulatunga in the government delegation during the UN current review of Sri Lanka's human rights record.

The ICPPG has taken immediate action and submitted a formal letter to the UN Human Rights Committee. This is of grave concern to the victims and human rights international nongovernmental organisations like ours who represent victims of torture. From 7 Nov 2016 - 27 July 2017 Kulatunga was the Joseph Camp (SFHQ-W) commander¹. Several victims of torture at Joseph Camp during this period lives in the UK and across the globe.

ICPPG on behalf of the victims plead to stop his participation. ICPPG also requests at least question him about his role, as Felice Gaer did in 2016 when Kulatunga's predecessor, Sisira Mendis, was sent to the UN Committee Against Torture². ICPPG demands the UN to send a serious message to former, current and future perpetrators that will also deter others from being a perpetrator of human rights.

ICPPG Director Mrs Ambihai K Selvakumar calls upon all Tamil Diaspora Organisations and other Human Rights organisations to unite and urge the UN to stop the participation of an alleged perpetrator Maj. General Kulatunga in the government delegation during your current review of

¹ <https://alt.army.lk/sfhqwanni/history-sfhq-wanni>

<https://www.army.lk/news/wanni-commander-makes-his-first-formal-visits-54-61-divisions>

² <https://www.tamilguardian.com/content/sri-lankan-official-evades-questions-torture-un-committee-hearing>



Sri Lanka's human rights record and also questioned "How can UN allow a alleged war criminal to review the current Human rights situation in the Sri Lanka?".

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About the ICPPG:

The formation of the International Centre for the Prevention and Prosecution of Genocide (ICPPG) in London was initiated by Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE). The ICPPG, however operates as an independent body, serving all people who have been affected by or threatened with genocide. Its immediate focus remains the genocide that occurred in Sri Lanka. The ICPPG remains as an International Non-Governmental Organisation and an Independent Legal Body and one of our primary objectives is to collect evidence against perpetrators of genocide and work towards justice, peace and reconciliation³.

The operational strategy was designed under the guidance of Professor Muthucumaraswamy Sornarajah LLB (Ceylon), LL.M (Yale), LL.M, PhD, LL.D (London) is CJ Koh Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore. He is Visiting Professor at the Centre for Human Rights, London School of Economics. He was the Tunku Abdul Rahman Professor of International Law at the University of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur. He was Head of the Law School of the University of Tasmania, Australia. He studied law at the University of Ceylon, the London School of Economics, King's College, London and the Yale Law School. He remains as an independent advisor and we to operate with his blessings.

We began assisting the Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) investigations on Sri Lanka by submitting testimonies and organising victim interviews in 2014. In its resolution [A/HRC/25/1](#) adopted in March 2014 on "Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka", the UNHRC requested the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to "undertake a comprehensive investigation into alleged serious violations and abuses of human rights and related crimes by both parties in Sri Lanka during the period covered by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC), and to establish the facts and circumstances of such alleged violations and of the crimes perpetrated with a view to avoiding impunity and ensuring

³ <http://icppg.org/about/>



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accountability, with assistance from relevant experts and special procedures mandate holders". The Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update at its twenty-seventh session and a comprehensive report on the investigations at its twenty-eighth session. In accordance with this mandate, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights established the OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL), based in Geneva⁴. The final report of the OISL commission was published in September 2015 confirming the serious violations, abuses of human rights and war crimes committed by the Sri Lankan authorities⁵. In the basis of this report, we continue to work with international prosecutors with a view to bringing criminal and civil prosecutions.

⁴ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/hrc/pages/oisl.aspx>

⁵ https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/.../A.HRC.30.CRP.2_E.docx