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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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* Issued as received, in the language(s) of submission only.



Srilanka's Destruction of Mullivaikkal Genocide Memorial Tomb on May 12, 2021.

The Tamil Genocide Memorial in partnership with ABC Tamil Oli, The Tamil Genocide Memorial¹ is formed in 2016 to preserve the history of Tamil Eelam. It's a registered not-for-profit organization in Canada. To remember the Tamil Genocide, every year, Tamils around the world commemorate May 18 as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day. The week prior to May 18, observed as Tamil Genocide Education week. Sri Lankan government destroyed the cemeteries of Tamils immediately after May 2009 as part of the final stage of genocide that is the destruction of memory.

On May 12, 2021, a monument in Mullivaikkal vandalized by the Srilankan security forces. It is a continuation of genocidal uncivilized acts planned by the chauvinistic government and executed by the security forces. Since 2009, Sri Lanka continued to commit the last phase of genocide which is eliminating evidence. Tamil Nation that existed since ancient time is being eliminated and their homeland being destroyed.

An agenda of genocide against Tamils was initiated in 1948 through Sinhalization, Buddisization, Militarization, Marginalization coupled with several pogroms in 1958, 1977, 1981, 1983, 1987, and the war from 2006 to 2009 being part of the genocidal process. Besides more than 156 massacres were carried out from 1948 until the Mullivaikkal genocidal killings which can be described as the crown of all massacres and genocidal killings harvesting more than 70,000 lives with about 140,000 disappeared and unaccounted for.

Furthermore, a program of structural genocide was also set in motion by the majority Sinhalese governments which were carried out through state discrimination, forcible seizure of civilian lands, displacement of civilians, erection of Buddha statues, and building of Buddhist Vihares in areas inhabited by Tamils as part of erasing Tamil identity.

In this context, the above said the destruction of Mullivaikkal Memorial Monument and stealing of the Memorial stone is another sordid chapter in the agenda of structural genocide aimed at destroying the evidences and symbols of massacres carried out by the rampaging Srilankan Security forces in May 2009 climaxing on May 18, 2009, which claimed more than 70,000 lives according to UN Rapporteur's report.

The said destruction and theft are not simple momentary acts of desecration but preplanned intended genocidal acts as part of the 70 years old agenda to make Srilanka a pure Sinhala-Buddhist State. In this process, humanism, decency, human values and respect including civilized conduct for the dead, good or bad, have been simply spurned and discarded by those perpetrators.

Above all, the Memorial Monument and Stone which were meant for remembrance of those mercilessly killed in the war were cut down by the unruly security forces intended for remembering their sacrifices for the just causes of Tamils, besides remembering the site where the liberation struggle was brutally snuffed out over the dead bodies and wounded wailing civilians when hundreds of them died due to deprivation of medicine and food which were blocked and inhumanly denied by the government.

However, a light is seen at the end of the tunnel in the form of the Ontario Genocide Education Act, Number-104, which was unanimously passed in the Ontario Legislature in Canada on May 12, 2021, paving the way for the recognition of genocide against the Tamils in Srilanka by the UN, UNHRC, and International Community. Since UNHCR couldn't get the hybrid court implemented, we hope UNHCR will help Sri Lanka's genocide against Tamils recognized so that the victims can have healing as justice is continued to be delayed.

¹ (<https://www.tamilgenocide.com/>)

The Tamil Genocide Memorial, Canada, NGO(s) without consultative status, also share the views expressed in this statement.