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The real reason for the United States of America resolution against Sri Lanka

The mainstream news released what is said to be the script of the supposed Resolution (3rd) was a calculated move to send 2 messages to Sri Lanka's leaders" to subtly give a clue what the U.S. wants and how Sri Lanka's leaders can get off the hook by giving what the U.S. wants.

While the U.S. is dangling carrots before Sri Lanka's leaders, the world public and Sri Lanka needs to take note of some facts:

LTTE is a terrorist organization

LTTE is banned by 32 nations including America. In spite of that US even considered saving the LTTE during the final stages of the conflict in 2009. http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=68207 While the ground force and LTTE leader may be eliminated, the other brains behind the LTTE are very much alive and domiciled overseas owning foreign passports which calls for their accountability.

What did the U.S. do to stop LTTE terror & what will the U.S. do about LTTE fronts?

The people of Sri Lanka did suffer. Why did the U.S. and allies call for only the last 4 months to be investigated? Have they forgotten that LTTE terror reigned for 30 years? Why did the U.S. and other entities now calling for accountability fail to submit Resolutions against LTTE?

The U.S. is a criminal says War Crimes Tribunal

The LLRC was appointed by the Sri Lankan Government in March 2010 and despite this the UN Secretary General thought fit to appoint a Panel of Experts and this has become the source on which the U.S. and Navi Pillay are attacking Sri Lanka. What about the U.S. war crimes in Iraq. A Citizens Tribunal was held after Gulf War 1 (<http://deoxy.org/wc/wc-index.htm>) The Members of this Tribunal concluded : "The Members urge public action to prevent new aggressions by the United States threatened against Iraq, Libya, Cuba, Haiti, North Korea, Pakistan and other countries and the Palestine people; fullest condemnation of any threat or use of military technology against life, both civilian and military, as was used by the United States against the people of Iraq" . The U.S. was found guilty of 19 crimes. The U.S. intentionally deprived Iraqi people of medicines, water, food. such a country should be prohibited from drafting any resolutions.

The U.S. sold chemicals to Iraq and accuses Iraq of possessing chemicals

To kill one man (Saddam Hussein) did the U.S. need to use 88,500 tons of bombs dropped in over 109,000 sorties flown by a total of 2,800 fixed-wing aircrafts as well as 2,095 HARM missiles, 217 Walleye missiles, 5,276 guided anti-tank missiles, 44,922 cluster bombs and rockets, 136,755 conventional bombs, 4,077 guided bombs. What is laughable is that U.S. accuses Iraq of possessing WMDs and America is found to have given them to use against Iran (Islamic Republic of)! <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-153210/Rumsfeld-helped-Iraq-chemical-weapons.html> " and this is the country that has the audacity to bring Resolutions against Sri Lanka that saved 300,000 civilians at the cost of 2600 military lives! In terms of military lives how many of the American people know that Gulf-era veterans since 1991 number 518,739, that out of 580,400 soldiers who served in the Gulf War 1, 11000

are dead, by 2000, there were 325,000 on permanent medical disability. 56% of all soldiers served are suffering medically. (Terry Jemison/Dept Veterans Affairs)

"Tamil Grievances" name them first

What needs to again be reiterated is that Sri Lanka fought and defeated Terrorists and not Tamils. Tamils need to realize this. If Tamils claim to have a grievance those grievances have to be ones that they exclusively suffer from and are only enjoyed by Sinhalese alone. We need real grievances with facts and not concocted ones. There is not a single grievance that can be given that ONLY Tamils suffer legally denied to them.

What rule of law in the U.S.!

Rule of War and the supposed freedoms and decentralization of powers the U.S. pretends to promote omits to say that in America, every American is being watched (NSA Whistleblower William Binney) while America tells Sri Lanka to give more freedom, America does not mind eavesdropping on German Chancellor Angela Merkel and the entire European Union! A good read of the USA Patriot Act and Homeland Security Act reveals that unknowingly Americans are prisoners in America under a bogus "protecting America" slogan "

Sovereign nation cannot be dictated to

The U.S. is just another nation " how can the U.S. decide the internal processes of another country or how those processes should be conducted? Do we pass Resolutions to ask the U.S. to stop surveillance in America? Do we ask to visit America's prisoners and question how well the U.S. prisoners are being looked after?

Sri Lanka's military is located on its own sovereign soil. The land whether north, east, south or west belongs to Sri Lanka and the Government has every right to decide where to position its troops which can be done for strategic reasons or even security reasons or for any other reason. There are 1.3million Iraqis who are homeless since 2003. Sri Lanka resettled virtually all of the 300,000 within less than 3 years of the end of war. Yet, after all its violations the U.S. has only allowed 19,491 to be settled in the United States. <http://refugeeresettlementwatch.wordpress.com/2013/10/11/iraqis-top-the-list-of-refugees-admitted-to-the-us-in-fy2013/>

Name the allegations

Instead of making sentence allegations, it is good for the US state department to provide what these allegations of torture, abuse of detainees, arbitrary arrest and detention are " when US talks of detainees all that comes to mind is what are the US doing about detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Diego Garcia and the scores of extraordinary rendition programs. We recall the reference to 19 journalists in an attempt to accuse Sri Lanka of media attacks yet it turned out that of the 19, 4 of them were not journalists but members of the LTTE, while 7 of the 19 were killed by the LTTE " therefore all these loose allegations need to come with names.

The press and those local NGOs who are paid from foreign sources did not condemn the LTTE beyond a general statement no different to the diplomatic ones issued. None of the current lot of 'intellectuals' 'lawyers' 'media personnel' went out of their way to globally travel and call for bans and arrests of LTTErs but now they have enough of funds to claim there is no rule of law! Interesting.

Grievances are political opportunities

Whereas certain politicians, paid local NGO heads, anti-nationalist media working cohorts with West, anti-national lawyers may claim Sri Lanka had an ethnic problem, the rest of the

people including the majority of Tamils are living and getting on with their lives. Reconciliation does not require foreign interference, foreign intervention, UN, UN HRC head, or international agencies. Throughout the war, the people worked and lived together and we had no issues. The politicians have issues because they need issues to survive.

Sri Lanka general public are happy. Do not use them as guineapigs

The people are well aware that Sri Lanka had a terrorist problem. Their terror came to an end after scores of peace talks, negotiations and ceasefires all promoted by the West failed miserably. The West could not offer any solution in all of the 30 years that terror prevailed nor did the West stop the LTTE inspite of allowing key LTTErs to live and function on their soil.

Reconciliation cannot have deadlines by West or UN

Similarly, we question how far Reconciliation will succeed by allowing media, international aid agencies, human rights groups into all regions of the country. Is it for them to create the foundation for lies and set the ball rolling for a Western base in Sri Lanka thereafter turning the nation into no different a climate than Libya, Iraq, the Republic of Kosovo, Haiti etc.

So what are the U.S. “interests” and it is because Sri Lanka is not giving these “interests” that these Resolutions are being brought.

As for Sri Lankans it is imperative to now look beyond the current levels of thinking in particular the Opposition MPs and take cognizance of scenarios in all of the nations that the U.S./West through the UN/UNHRC have toppled by various ways but with the same objectives ” securing Western white interests. In these countries none of those who helped topple the Government/Leaders ended up enjoying their perks!

The people of Sri Lanka now need to look beyond and realize the dangers in store for Sri Lanka. why/39148/

As for countries voting against Sri Lanka at the UNHRC they must now ponder over one question only” “Today Sri Lanka: Tomorrow Us” (Rreference - *Shenali D Waduge*)

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