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Your Excellency

By Courier

RE: WAR CRIMES IN SRI LANKA

To begin with we would like to extend our Heartiest Congratulations to Your Excellency on Your Excellency's re-election as UN Secretary General for a second term.

This is a global endorsement of your meritorious services to humanity in the course of Your Excellency's first term.

The Federation of Malaysian Sri Lankan Organizations (FOMSO) is a non-political umbrella body formed in 2006 under the laws of Malaysia. Its main objectives are to unite, coordinate and strengthen the economic, cultural and social needs of Malaysians of Sri Lankan origin. Currently, FOMSO has 18 affiliates, the membership of which constitutes a substantial number of Malaysians of Sri Lankan origin.

Our concern with regard to Sri Lanka is primarily humanitarian.

On 16 March 2009 we wrote to Your Excellency about our concerns regarding the escalating war in Sri Lanka and urged Your Excellency's intervention to abate it. A copy of our letter is attached.

As part of FOMSO's humanitarian program from early 2009, FOMSO has been providing relief and aid to some of the thousands of displaced Sri Lankans in Sri Lanka and those refugees in Malaysia. Humanitarian relief includes provision of medical services, distribution of food items, education for the children and adults, securing and providing accommodation, encouraging self-support programs, support orphanages, provide counseling services etc. As part of the post war rehabilitation program, FOMSO has visited Sri Lanka several times and set up computer learning centers, artificial limb replacement facility, distributed 300 bicycles, supported libraries, donated medicines and provided financial aid in the North and East. This program of rehabilitation and rebuilding continues.

In our ongoing interaction with the displaced Sri Lankans, we have come to better understand the plight of innocent Tamil civilians. During our visits we have also seen the damaged houses, hospitals, schools, commercial establishments and infrastructure. Thus far there is no visible evidence of rebuilding of homes in the North and East although much has been promised. People in the North and East continue to need substantial financial aid, medicines, schools, homes, roads and many basic necessities to get back to semblance of normalcy.

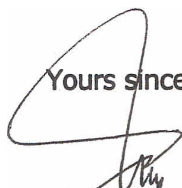
While humanitarian efforts by other organizations and FOMSO continue, we have also written to the President of Sri Lanka twice, met with him in Colombo and impressed upon him and some senior cabinet ministers, the need to rehabilitate and reconstruct the destroyed North and East Sri Lanka on an urgent basis. Importantly, we have urged the Government to give the Tamils their due rights so that they can live in peace, harmony and with dignity as they have lived in their motherland for centuries.

The recent worldwide telecast by BBC Channel 4 about the “killing fields of Sri Lanka” is probably the most telling and vivid pictorial description and documentation of the apparent massacre by the Sri Lankan army mostly done in May 2009. The LTTE apparently used civilians as human shields and killed those fleeing for safety. They too must be made accountable for their crimes. We are shocked, saddened and indeed upset that the United Nations and the rest of the world watched this massacre and did not help the Tamils in their hour of need. In contrast, the recent turmoil in the middle-east has drawn world attention for sympathy and support.

Your Excellency, we urge on the strongest possible humanitarian grounds, that the United Nations initiate immediate investigations and if the findings confirm that indeed war crimes were committed in that magnitude, appropriate action be taken against the perpetrators consistent with international law. Killing, rapes, torture of thousands of innocent helpless lives cannot be overlooked. This is man-induced catastrophe done with the support of some world powers with complete disregard to human life.

Without justice is done, we believe there will be no lasting peace or prosperity in Sri Lanka. Until commensurate action is taken against the wrong doers, the stigma will haunt the United Nations and the civilized world for a serious wrong done and not punished. The world is anxiously watching, waiting for answers.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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