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Global Tamil Forum



May 18th Statement by President of the Global Tamil Forum, Rev. Dr S.J. Emmanuel

Dear Brothers and Sisters, it is now two years since the end of armed conflict in Sri Lanka.

Today is a day to commemorate all those family, friends and loved ones who died in such tragic circumstances.

Today is a day to reflect on the injustices suffered by the Tamil people at the hands of the Government of Sri Lanka.

And today is a day to look forward in hope to a time when truth, justice and reconciliation prevail.

The recently released UN Panel of Experts report has provided damning testimony as to the concluding months of the civil war. Justice demands that all credible allegations be investigated by an independent and international mechanism, as recommended by the Panel. For any meaningful and sustainable reconciliation to succeed, accountability for the past is mandatory.

The crimes against our people can never be forgotten and the continuing injustices faced by so many of our brethren in Sri Lanka cannot be ignored. The Global Tamil Forum is playing a key role in engaging with governments and international organisations on these issues, in order to ensure that all victims of the war and its aftermath are treated with dignity and given justice.

They deserve nothing less.

Yours,

Rev. Dr S.J. Emmanuel
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