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A GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL TO THE TNA & TNPF

TO UNITE AS ONE VOICE FOR THE TAMILS

Greetings to all the Members of the TNA and of the TNPF

On this Good Friday when Christians recall the Sacrifice Jesus made on the Cross to unite a sinful humanity to God, I am writing this letter of appeal to you all as a last minute call to become one Voice for the voiceless Tamils at the coming Parliamentary Elections in Sri Lanka.

After the deadly and tragic events leading up to the end of the war in May 2009, when the still surviving Tamil people were at the very bottom of existential needs, a Presidential election was not only imposed on them, but the two main contending candidates were in the opinion of Tamils, war-criminals.

Now on the eve of another imposed parliamentary election, there were some differences among the members of the TNA. As soon as I felt that a split was possible within the TNA, I as an individual priest wrote an open letter to all five leaders of different political parties within the TNA through the TamilNet and other media appealing to you all (Please see TamilNet 18.02.10) **“Tamil National Alliance has the noble responsibility to maintain its unity in being the true voice and champions of Tamil aspirations”**

It was shocking and disappointing when the most feared split took place.

Hence, when the GTF held its Inaugural Conference in London from 24th- 26th Feb 2010 in London, we were confronted with this unhappy situation of a divided TNA. Hence I, as President of the GTF, wrote a letter initially expressing our deep solidarity with the suffering Tamils in Sri Lanka and then giving our Diaspora-view regarding the impending Parliamentary Elections in the last two paragraphs thus:

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Belgium

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Denmark

France

Germany

India

Italy

Malaysia

Mauritius

Netherlands

New Zealand

Norway

South Africa

Sri Lanka

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom

USA

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'While we hunger and thirst, frightened and threatened, our brothers and sisters within the island have a vital responsibility to remain the root and basis for the true liberation of Tamils which will end all these tragedies and sufferings. Hence in casting their votes and electing members for the Parliament, we urge and exhort them not to support pseudo-political leaders who betray our Tamil cause for liberation but to support candidates or parties who are loyal to the fundamental aspirations of all the Tamils within and outside Sri Lanka, Global Tamil Forum mobilising the varied resources and aspirations of the Tamil Diaspora will support and work with Tamil political leaders and parties who on the basis of inherent right of self-determination, adhere to the fundamental aspirations of the Tamils and courageously stand up for the nationhood, homeland and autonomy of the Tamil people.'

GTF knows well that in contrast to the Independent and Govt-backed Candidates, all of you have the Tamil cause in your heart. Differences may have arisen as to how best to achieve our goals. The voters, we feel, have a difficult task of making the distinction between you all. And our fear is that by the reason of this disunity, candidates with a voice against the Tamil aspirations stand to gain. That is the worst that can happen to our Tamil cause. Hence the GTF will appeal to you all, on behalf of the Tamil Diaspora, even at this last minute, to make the necessary sacrifices and adjustments towards a unity, to enable the voters to elect easily only those who will courageously stand for the fundamental aspirations of the Tamils.

Yours Sincerely,

Father S.J. Emmanuel

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