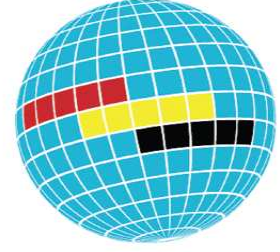


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Global Tamil Forum meets with US Assistant Secretary Blake

Global Tamil Forum met with US Assistant Secretary Blake as it continues to engage the Global community to bring focus to the resolution of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka. The GTF delegation led by its President, Rev. Father S.J.Emmanuel (Germany) included President of the USTPAC, Dr. Elias Jeyarajah, Mrs. Grace Williams (USA) and Suren Surendiran (UK).

Representatives of the Global Tamil Forum, met with the United States Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, Honourable Robert Blake on Monday, 28 March 2011 at the U.S. State Department in Washington. The meeting between the Assistant Secretary and the GTF was organised by the United States Tamil Political Action Council (USTPAC).

The GTF highlighted the current plight of the Tamil people in the North-East. Key concerns of the Tamil people and ways of addressing their grievances were discussed at length. The recent communication from the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) was also shared with Assistant Secretary Blake and his team.

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Notes to Editors:

Global Tamil Forum exists to harness the skills and the knowledge of the members of the forum, well-wishers and others including mainstream decision makers in the international governments, institutions and organisations with the aim of alleviating the suffering of the Tamil community in Sri Lanka and to further their right to self-determination (as defined by Article 1.1 'United Nations: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights' 1976) within a democratic framework underpinned by international law, its covenants and conventions. The forum was set-up in 2009 with the support of many International Tamil community organisations. For more information please contact info@globaltamilforum.org and/or visit: www.globaltamilforum.org

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