

It arouses our curiosity to know what makes the Australian Greens in particular Senator Lee Rhiannon so anxious to move the Australian senate to bring a motion to suspend Sri Lanka from the Commonwealth and to even push for a war crimes tribunal against Sri Lanka? The motion was debated on September 22, 2011 and a second motion brought by the same Senator was defeated on February 9, 2012?

So why does the Australian Green party seem to think the LTTE is the victim and not the villain? Let's imagine the scenario pictured by the Australian Greens. So the government of Sri Lanka and its Armed Forces are totally responsible for the carnage in Sri Lanka over three decades, the GOSL has been killing thousands of civilians, bombing hospitals, orphanages, terrorizing Tamils .... total carnage by the GOSL, every Tamil is discriminated against, total anarchy. But something is missing. Where were the LTTE all this time, what were they doing? Australian Greens seem to have left out some simple but important facts. Who killed Alfred Duraiappah the Tamil Mayor of Jaffna and scores of Tamil police officers in the early 1970s, so much so, Tamils feared joining the police? - the LTTE. Who has killed all the moderate Tamil politicians, academics and intellectuals numbering over 130 respected Tamils, including Sri Lanka's Tamil Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar - the LTTE.

### **Gruesome killings**

Australian Greens if you do not remember, please refer your governments condolence statements each time the LTTE struck civilians in a history that will give you not only facts but present to you all the gory pictures of mutilations, barbaric murders of innocent civilians, where even student monks were not spared and had their heads chopped to pieces.

Who kidnapped young girls and boys from the bosom of their parents and trained them into killers - the LTTE and it is the UN that says so! If there is discrimination of Tamils, why does more than half of the Tamil population choose to live amongst the Sinhalese? How are Tamils owning property, running their own businesses, their children attending public, private and international schools? How are Tamils able to own luxury vehicles and how is it that Tamils own over 200 condominiums in Colombo itself?

### **Can the Australian Greens please answer above?**

Can the Australian Greens supporting the LTTE and its front organizations in Australia care to explain where are these 40,000 dead Tamil bodies of civilians that the Armed Forces are supposed to have killed and why are Australian politicians and media ignoring the thousands of innocent men, women and children killed by the LTTE. Their disfigured and mutilated bodies are available to see in file photos of every gruesome murder carried out by the LTTE. These are

examples that lie before Australia - why are they ignoring these facts and prefer to cling on to numbers that have been given to them by LTTE lobbies in Australia which they cannot prove - these are only ghost numbers?

Therefore, Australian Greens - we implore you to stop this nonsense of projecting the LTTE as lily white and when it suits you to conveniently omit reference to the LTTE and merely highlight Tamil civilians.

We don't need to hire foreign companies to make films on these killings using high tech visuals for every time these gruesome killings occurred. The world saw what LTTE was capable of. These killings on civilians number over 10,000 and an equal number have been injured. Maybe the Australian Greens has also forgotten how the LTTE killed Rajiv Gandhi on Indian soil and their explanation years later - 'let's forgive and forget'.

So, your 'victim' is certainly not the dove that you are presenting to the world by rubbing shoulders with LTTE front organizations that have steadily become 'respectable' engines to raise funds for the LTTE. The Australian Green party is doing damage to the image of Australia by continuously associating with these terrorist front organizations.

It is rather a sorry state of affairs to use LTTE front organizations as the source of information - the ABC news found that out when it was embarrassed by Sri Lanka's Defence Ministry which proved in no uncertain terms that the woman portrayed by ABC news to be a victim of the government of Sri Lanka was none other than a core member of the Tamil Youth Organization, married to another LTTEr and now handling LTTE propaganda located in Australia. Meena Krishnamurthy does not mention the name of a single hospital, nor does she give names of areas which she witnessed the attacks by government troops and she fails to mention where she saw massacre of civilians by government troops. Even the name of the orphanage she is supposed to have worked in is not given. These names are not divulged because if she does, her string of lies will be revealed!

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We can only deduce that these LTTE front organizations have penetrated into Australian political, media and NGO circles - it is best that each of their bank accounts be checked. When Amnesty International confirmed it has accepted \$ 50,000 from another LTTE front organization - can we expect unbiased human rights reporting? If these 'humanitarian' angels are plagued by falling prey to money we certainly question everyone's integrity at all levels.

Let's face reality. Australian's are none too happy about the asylum situation it is facing. In fact most Australians are disgusted with the arrivals of refugees. The simple logic of Sri Lanka's boat people is if they are escaping Sri Lanka - why bypass so many countries to go to Australia? Surely the logic should be any country is better than Sri Lanka? Why are these Tamils always

trying to dock in Western countries using the sympathy ticket? Why is the Australian Green party in favour of refugees? Is it a coincidence that most of the supporters of the LTTE are also members of the Australian Greens?

With peace prevailing in Sri Lanka one by one the Tamils who were now allowed to leave the Vanni areas by the LTTE are coming out to give their stories of horror experienced at the hands of the LTTE. From this we can confidently deduce that it is only the foreign living Diaspora and elitists that desire to play the 'grievance' card and bring war crimes allegations against the Sri Lankan government.

What must never be forgotten also is the fact that LTTE openly fought the Sri Lanka Armed Forces. They were in terrorist fatigues and procuring arms from overseas vendors and some of these arms and ammunitions were far more sophisticated and modern than the ones possessed by the Armed Forces. What terrorist group in the world has its own air strips and flies planes on suicide missions? Australian Greens need to be reminded these LTTE terrorists were no innocent lambs.

### **Peace doves**

Janes Intelligence is quoted to have declared that the LTTE makes USD 300 m and its running cost for the Sri Lanka operation is just USD 8 m which gives the Diaspora the unit responsible for collecting funds a profits of USD 292 m. Unless they continue to sell the LTTE resurgence and the 'discrimination' card they are unlikely to raise such funds which is done mostly by illegal and illicit means including extortion money from their own people now living abroad. Much of this money is spent towards bribing foreign officials, diplomats, NGOs/INGOs, lawyers etc. Can the UN Human Rights Chief be unbiased in her decisions? So is such a person morally and ethically equipped to give an unbiased decision?

We all abhor violence but Australian Greens must realize that violence began with Prabhakaran and the LTTE and there is little point painting the LTTE as peace doves.

Australian Greens if your party is so concerned about the community are you not aware that these LTTE members now in Australia are robbing your own citizens through credit card scams which has cost about 6,000 West Australians more than \$ 6.5m from EFTPOS machines?

### **LTTE child combatants**

The Australian Greens may like to ponder over this final statement that while the LTTE may have been ruthless killers in Sri Lanka, by associating with the Tamil front organizations of the LTTE, the Australian Greens are partnering with the LTTE's violence and mayhem over three decades. Accepting tons of money by these front organizations is one thing but as foreign MPs of a country whose population is more or less the same as Sri Lanka, the Australian Greens must understand or at least be able to separate fact from fiction.

Every person has every right to express their concerns - but they must do so in the correct way. Has any of these Australian politicians cared to even see the changes that the country is experiencing post-LTTE defeat? Young girls and boys are moving freely, the parents are not scared to send them out of the house for they know that their children will not be kidnapped and turned into killers, even former LTTE child combatants have started to continue their education. There are former LTTE cadres now doing things they never thought possible, development is taking place, for decades that the LTTE and NGOs/INGOs were moving side by side in the North not a single building, school or health facility was built. Today, it is a different story and only a visit to the North and to the East will open people's eyes unless it is already blinded by money and other remunerations given by LTTE front organizations.

As a sovereign country, we are upholding our right to ensure that it remains sovereign and unitary. Similarly, would Australian Greens like it if suddenly one ethnic group in Australia suddenly turns into liberators and demands a separate state in Australia for its people?

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