

Hello your Excellency the Mayor and elected ones of the political majority and political opponents. I speak on behalf of Mister Stenyjeeva Sivasooriyalingam and of myself. We submit today to the Municipal Council a motion of solidarity with the Tamil people of Tamil Eelam, in the first place as a mark of recognition of the genocide of the Tamil people in Sri Lanka, and in the second place for the defense of the rights and liberties of the Tamil people on the territories of Tamil Eelam.

In fact, the genocide of Tamilians in Sri Lanka over seventy years has caused more than 150000 deaths and a massive immigration of Tamilians all over the world, owing to the systematic violation of human rights for which they are the victims and this genocide isn't finished yet. Since the return to power, one year ago, of those who are responsible of the death of more than 45000 persons between 2008 and 2009, during the bloody repression committed by the Sri Lankan army against Tamilians inhabiting the region of Tamil Eelam, the Sri Lankan state has withdrawn itself from the resolution of the United Nations, the later aiming at promoting reconciliation, responsibility and human rights in Sri Lanka, namely the 30-1 resolution.

Thus, the new President Gotabaya Rajapaksha has nominated the General Savindra Silva as Commander of the Sri Lankan army, despite serious allegations of blatant violations of the International Humanitarian Law and related to human rights committed against him and his troops during the war, and the Sri Lankan President promised that the army staff will not render themselves liable to proceedings.

Besides, the Sri Lankan government has recently forbidden the commemoration of the Tamilian victims of the civil war that took place in Sri Lanka and authorized the destruction of the commemorative monument ???? located inside the university of Jaffna itself, thus showing its willingness to delete from memory the history of Tamilians of Tamil Eelam and their fight for freedom and to establish a Sinhalese Buddhist state. The willingness of destroying Tamil youths too, by making difficult for them the access to certain higher studies and jobs by destroying their socio-cultural benchmarks.

Since the end of the civil war, the Sri Lankan government maintains thousands of soldiers in the North and the East, thus controlling the territories and the accesses to the sea. Tamilians do claim for justice from their government, or we might say from their executioners and they request foreign states to support them for their struggle. Tamil families would like to know, after the end of the war, where their demised dear ones' mortal remnants are located. No clear and satisfactory answers have been given to them in these respects despite various commissions of inquiry that have been called for since more than ten years.

At the present time some Tamilians still live in a state of terror. We massively request the French President to officially recognize the genocide of the Tamil people in Sri Lanka and to call for the International Community to put an end to all violations of human rights in this country. We request all Mayors Of France to adopt a motion in these respects during a Municipal Council. Thanks.