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Dear Prof. Alston,

Wild Allegations of War Crimes based on Fraudulent Video aired by UK's Channel 4

You have brought the United Nations to ridicule by your wild allegations of war crimes against Sri Lanka based on the findings of three so called experts hired by you to conclude that the video screened by Britain's Cannel 4 News on August 25, 2009 was authentic, when you admitted that certain movements of the depicted victims and the contents of the last 17 frames had unexplained elements that even baffled your chosen experts. You are also aware that Sri Lanka too had this same video tested by four other experts who provided evidence that clearly showed that it was a doctored piece apparently produced by the Tamil Tiger's propaganda unit, which was fraudulently released to Channel 4 to frame false charges against the Sri Lankan state.

We too have viewed the above video broadcast on the 25th of August 2009 with a narrative by the foreign affairs correspondent Jonathan Miller purporting to portray a Sri Lankan soldier from the Sinhalese community shooting a naked man whose arms are bound in the back of his head. The victim is purported to be a member of the Tamil community. The alleged incident is said to have taken place in January 2009 in an unidentified location, and secretly videoed by another soldier whose identity is not revealed. This video is said to have been delivered to Channel 4 by exiled journalists claiming to be from an unknown group called 'Journalists for Democracy in Sri Lanka'. Eight other alleged victims similarly gunned down are also lying naked but for one who was fully clothed, who are deemed to be Tamils but not identified just like the uniformed soldiers whose rear views alone are visible.

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On a prior occasion, Channel 4 in their coverage on Sri Lanka announced that a local man and a foreign woman linked to NGOs' claimed the mistreatment of internally displaced Tamils housed in the transition camps pending resettlement, were being raped, abducted at gun point and removed to unknown locations, the presence of badly decomposed bodies of dead IDPs, and a long list of abuses, which turned out to be a whole lot of crap, which were rejected by representatives of international relief agencies such as UNHCR, Care, Oxfam and local NGOs such as Sarvodaya who worked within these camps. This fabricated piece of reporting intended to name and shame Sri Lanka only went to prove how unreliable this news channel is.

It would be utterly foolish to give any credit to this fabricated video broadcast by Channel 4 due to the numerous unknown factors, such as the unidentified gunman dressed in military attire resembling that of the Sri Lankan Army, the unidentified victims, the unidentified location, unidentified maker of the video said to be another soldier, and some unclear Sinhalese words being spoken in the background without the face of the speaker, leaving the real possibility of dubbing the sounds to make it appear that the armed men were Sinhalese soldiers. If in fact it had been filmed in January 2009, the delay of 8 months in delivering it to Channel 4 becomes extremely suspicious, when same could have easily been e-mailed to the TV station. If such executions had taken place in the war zone during the military action by the Sri Lankan forces against the Tamil Tiger terrorists, the Tigers would obviously become aware of their missing men as they move in packs, and taken action to immediately announce it to the world through their overseas supporters who were continuously demonstrating in western capitals, even making bogus allegations of cluster bombs being dropped on Tamil civilians when Sri Lanka did not possess such sophisticated war material.

The Tamil Tiger terrorists had an abundant supply of Sri Lankan Army uniforms gathered in earlier raids on army camps. It is well known that the Tigers often dressed in Sri Lankan Army uniforms whenever they carried out atrocities mainly against their own people whom they executed if considered dissidents or those suspected of collaborating with the enemy. Furthermore, it is a well known fact that the Tamil Tiger terrorist propaganda machine fabricated bogus videos in their attempt to discredit the Sri Lankan authorities and her security forces, which became clear when they had to pull them from their websites due to glaring errors confirming their having staged the scenes. There is a great possibility that the tiger organization which openly functions in western countries decided to concoct such a video using one of their own execution videos in their library, in order to frame the Sri Lanka security forces after their total defeat in May 2009.

The video is said to have been delivered to Channel 4 by an unknown multi-ethnic group of exiled journalists. These are self-exiled anonymous journalists, many of whom have obviously been in the pay of the Tamil Tiger terror movement, who were also adored by INGO and foreign funded NGO who were sympathetic to the tigers, who used them to carry out their anti-Sri Lanka agenda. These journalists greedily lapped up the dollars, pounds, foreign trips and goodies coming their way, and prostituted themselves to twist the real situation in Sri Lanka to suit their funding agencies objectives, and have no credibility to speak of.

There are too many unknown factors, the inordinate delay in the delivery of the video to the broadcaster, contradictory findings by two sets of experts, and in your own words 'unexplained elements' relating to the format of the video, plus the 17 frames at the end and the date of July 17, 2009 being encoded in it when the event is said to have taken place in January 2009. It is clear from the above, that you have acted in an irresponsible manner. In addition to making an apology to Sri Lanka for the damage caused by your unsubstantiated conclusions and utterances to the media, you should tender your resignation from the highly responsible position entrusted to you that requires integrity and better judgment.

Yours sincerely,

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Honorary President

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