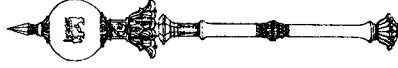


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Dear Sir/Madam

PLIGHT OF TAMIL REFUGEES

I, Selvam Adaikalanathan, MP for Vanni District, Sri Lanka, presently in the United Kingdom, wish to bring to your kind attention certain factors with regard to the Tamil Asylum Seekers in the United Kingdom.

While attending several community-based meetings and functions, I gathered that the British Government is taking measures to repatriate the failed asylum seekers to Sri Lanka. As a Member of the Sri Lankan Parliament representing a cross-section of Tamils in Sri Lanka, I feel that I would be failing in my duty if I do not enlighten you on the current state of affairs in Sri Lanka.

You are perhaps aware about the peace initiative facilitated by the Norwegian Government as a result of which the Sri Lankan Government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) leadership signed a Memorandum of Understanding recently. The said Memorandum paves the way to direct talks between both parties with the Norwegian