

# India's New Prime Minister Modi Invites a UN Accused War Criminal to his inauguration

*Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse was accused by a UN panel for War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity for killing thousands of Tamils in Sri Lanka.*

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70,000 Tamils were killed in six months in 2009 by the Sri Lankan Security forces. Tamil women were raped.”

*UN Internal Review Report*

Recently elected India's new Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's inauguration is taking place on May 26th in Delhi and leaders of the neighboring countries have been invited to attend his inauguration.

One of the invited leader is the Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse, who has been accused by a United Nations panel for have committed War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity

against the Tamil community in Sri Lanka.

According to a UN Panel report around 40,000 Tamils were killed in a five month period in 2009; but a later UN report (Internal Review Report) raised the figure to 70,000 killed in five months.

Women were also sexually assaulted and raped by the Sri Lankan security forces. A UK report says that currently there are 90,000 Tamil war widows.

UN Panel report: [http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/Sri\\_Lanka/POE\\_Report\\_Full.pdf](http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/Sri_Lanka/POE_Report_Full.pdf),

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The Panel report says:

“The Government shelled on a large scale in three consecutive No Fire Zones, where it had encouraged the civilian population to concentrate, even after indicating that it would cease the use of heavy weapons. It shelled the United Nations hub, food distribution lines and near the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) ships that were coming to pick up the wounded and their relatives from the beaches. Most civilian casualties in the final phases of the war were caused by Government shelling.

The Government systematically shelled hospitals on the frontlines. All hospitals in the Vanni were hit by mortars and artillery, some of them were hit repeatedly, .... The Government also systematically deprived people in the conflict zone of humanitarian aid, in the form of food and medical supplies, particularly surgical supplies, adding to their suffering.

Tens of thousands lost their lives from January to May 2009, many of whom died anonymously in the

carnage of the final few days.

The UN Panel recommended that The Secretary-General should immediately proceed to establish an independent international mechanism.

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