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To all NATIONALIST MINDED SRI LANKAN INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS

STOP THE DOUBLE EDGED ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE TRADITIONAL TAMIL HOMELAND MYTH

Of late, we continue to hear double edged speeches and actions on the part of leading Tamil politicians and Northern Provincial council members denying the right of Sinhalese to live in the Northern and Eastern provinces and to construct Buddhist temples in these two provinces of Sri Lanka. Even though the Government has opted to turn a Nelsonian eye to such utterances which can lead to unrest, the time is indeed ripe to engage the nation on the related issues and cry a halt to this grave injustice and danger to the stability of the nation.

Some of the perilous instances of obvious and hidden threats to the Sinhalese and the Sinhala Buddhists in the North and the East are given below:

1. The statements that the Sinhalese have no right to live in these provinces;
2. The sudden inspections of the Buddhist temples carried out by the Tamil politicians;
3. The objections raised to the Buddha statues and Dagoba erected at the temples;
4. The discriminatory policies of the local government institutions in the North and the East towards the Sinhala villages in the North and the East;
5. The demand to stop erection of the Buddha statues in the North and the East;
6. The request to appoint a task force of the Tamil politicians to stop the settlement of the Sinhalese in the North and the East.

Such covert and overt attempts obviously spring from the fallacious belief that the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka are the traditional homelands of the Tamils, the myth which has been debunked by many well-known scholars. It is time that the responsible national minded individuals and organizations air their views that any individual or group of people can live in any part of the island and follow and worship his or her religion irrespective of his or her ethnicity and religious belief.

The hatemongers should be shown the door NOW.

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