

The Global Money Web — Where It Came From, Where It Went

Jane's \$200M/yr revenue estimate; TRO and WTM designations; EDNY arms-procurement convictions; the ~\$1B in overseas LTTE assets disclosed by KP under interrogation (WikiLeaks Colombo cables); a comparative IRA/GAM/PLO table; and the structural silence of every host jurisdiction.

Three reckonings remain outstanding. Sri Lankan state accountability is one. Post-war material recovery is another. Between them sits the question this dossier exists to keep open: the diaspora gave money, labour, hope, and sometimes their lives. There has never been a public audit of what was raised, what was spent, what was lost, or what is owed.

§1 Revenue, as it appears in the open record

Jane's Intelligence Review (2007) estimated total LTTE revenue at ~USD 200–300 million per year at peak. UN PoE 2011 (Annex I.A) identifies diaspora remittances as a central funding pillar and notes coercive collection in documented cases. HRW (Funding the 'Final War', 2006) documented coerced contributions — making those donors, in legal terms, extortion victims.

§2 Designations and convictions

Tamils Rehabilitation Organisation — designated by the US Treasury in 2007. World Tamil Movement (Canada) — listed under Canadian counter-terror financing measures in 2008. EDNY 2007–09 produced convictions for LTTE arms-procurement conspiracies routed through US shell entities.

§3 The KP disclosure

Following the May 2009 capture in Malaysia of the LTTE's chief international procurer, Sri Lankan authorities briefed selected diplomatic missions. Colombo embassy cables released via WikiLeaks reference approximately USD 1 billion in identified overseas funds. No host jurisdiction has published a corresponding quantum frozen.

§4 Comparative cases — IRA, GAM, PLO

Each of the IRA, GAM (Aceh, Indonesia) and the PLO has at least partial public accounting for movement-era finance, restitution mechanisms, or both. The LTTE record has none. The 2005 Helsinki MoU process for Aceh produced a structured demobilisation finance audit.

§5 The structural silence

No host jurisdiction (UK, Canada, Switzerland, Germany, France, Australia, US) has published a quantum frozen. No public audit of what was raised has been produced. No successor body has published an accounting of predecessor funds. Each silence is itself a finding.

§6 What this dossier asks

Not a name. Not a prosecution. That the ledger be opened — by the bodies with legal personality and intake structures to do that work (NCA, SFO, FIUs, EGMONT, UNCAC focal points, APG MER civil-society submissions). Recovery should flow to community-trust beneficiaries — not to Colombo. See dossier 05.

Sources

- UN Panel of Experts 2011 — Annex I.A on funding.
- HRW — Funding the 'Final War' (2006).
- Jane's Intelligence Review — LTTE revenue estimate (2007).
- WikiLeaks Colombo embassy cables — KP debrief references.
- US Treasury — TRO designation (2007).
- US OFAC — SDN list.
- UK OFSI consolidated list.
- EDNY 2007–09 — LTTE-related convictions.

What this is not

- This dossier does not name a single diaspora donor, fundraiser, or accused individual.
- This dossier does not call for blanket sanctions on Sri Lanka or on diaspora communities.
- This dossier does not accept witness intake on the public site — route to NCA, SFO, Transparency International, or your host-state FIU.
- This dossier does not investigate, prosecute, or adjudicate. That is for accredited bodies.