

Diaspora Economic Web — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- UK MPs
- Treasury Committee
- Business and Trade Committee
- Home Office (sanctions)
- FCDO South Asia

Best used for

- Treasury Committee written evidence on diaspora finance
- PQs on OFSI implementation of Global Human Rights Sanctions (Sri Lanka)
- Letters on transparency of remittance corridors (KNOMAD / CBSL data quality)
- Trade-policy briefings on diaspora chambers (CTCC, BTCC, Eastern Muslim Chamber, up-country cooperatives)
- Engagement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Anti-Corruption & Responsible Tax

Tier-A evidence anchors

- World Bank KNOMAD — Migration and Remittances data
- Central Bank of Sri Lanka — annual report (workers' remittances chapter)
- IMF Article IV — Sri Lanka country reports
- International Crisis Group — Sri Lankan Tamil Diaspora after the LTTE (Asia Report 186)
- UK Sanctions List — OFSI consolidated list
- US OFAC Specially Designated Nationals list
- Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 (UK Magnitsky)
- Canadian Tamil Chamber of Commerce — public profile
- British Tamils Chamber of Commerce — public profile

Policy asks

- UK Government (HM Treasury / OFSI): Publish UK assessment of Global Human Rights Sanctions implementation in respect of Sri Lanka, with reference to OHCHR-documented patterns.
- UK Government (DBT / FCDO): Engage diaspora chambers of commerce (CTCC, BTCC, Eastern Muslim Chamber, up-country cooperatives) as multi-community stakeholders — never Tamil-only — in trade-policy consultation.
- UK MPs: Cite KNOMAD and CBSL figures verbatim with date and URL. Never publish a 'Tamil GDP' or

aggregate diaspora wealth figure — the data does not exist at that granularity and the framing is politically distorting.

Draft parliamentary questions

- [FCDO] What assessment has the Government made of the implementation of the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 in respect of Sri Lanka?
- [HM Treasury] What discussions has HM Treasury had with the World Bank on the quality of remittance corridor data for Sri Lanka?
- [DBT] What engagement has the Department for Business and Trade had with UK diaspora chambers of commerce on trade with Sri Lanka?
- [FCDO] What recent representations has the Government made on transparency of beneficial ownership in Sri Lanka, with reference to GAN Integrity and Transparency International reporting?

Civic remembrance

The diaspora economic web is the quietest of the files — and the easiest to mis-frame. Cite Tier-A (KNOMAD, CBSL, IMF) verbatim, treat chambers as stakeholders not subjects, and let the multi-community shape of the file (Tamil + Eastern Muslim + up-country) do the political work.

Pack rules

- Never publish a 'Tamil GDP', 'total diaspora wealth', or aggregate remittance figure attributable to Tamils specifically — KNOMAD/CBSL do not disaggregate by ethnicity and the framing is harmful.
- Never name individual diaspora business owners. Cite chambers and credentialed bodies only.
- Never call for blanket sanctions on Sri Lanka. The pack supports targeted Global Human Rights Sanctions where OHCHR/UN evidence already exists, and supports transparent capital — that is all.
- Always pair Tamil diaspora chamber references with Eastern Muslim and up-country chamber references where they exist.
- Always cite the source body (KNOMAD, CBSL, IMF, OFSI, OFAC) with date and URL — never our own calculation.

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