

Reconciliation Audit · Sri Lanka's atrocity-denial gap — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- UK MPs
- FCDO South Asia
- APPG for Tamils
- Foreign Affairs Committee
- EU GSP+ monitoring
- OHCHR

Best used for

- FCDO written questions on Sri Lanka's ICCPR Art 20 / ICERD Art 4 compliance
- GSP+ submissions framing minority-targeted hate as a benchmark, not a Tamil grievance
- Westminster Hall debates pairing Tamil grief with Sinhala-majority institutional findings (HRCSL, CPA)
- Foreign Affairs Committee written evidence on the structural impunity culture documented by Channel 4 and HRCSL

Tier-A evidence anchors

- HRCSL — Annual Reports
- Verité Research — Hate Speech Monitor
- Centre for Policy Alternatives — Confronting Accountability
- Hashtag Generation — Online hate-speech monitoring
- Adayaalam — NE monitoring updates
- EU Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA
- Rwanda — Law N°59/2018 (cautionary comparator)

Policy asks

- UK Government (FCDO): Raise Sri Lanka's ICCPR Article 20(2) and ICERD Article 4 enforcement gap on majority-targeted-on-minority public incitement in the next UPR cycle and in bilateral human-rights dialogue.
- UK Government (FCDO): Use the EU GSP+ monitoring framework as the benchmark for measuring Sri

Lanka's compliance with its existing treaty obligations on minority-targeted hate speech — without calling for withdrawal.

- UK MPs (APPG for Tamils): Host one Westminster panel per Parliament featuring HRCSL, CPA, Verité Research and Hashtag Generation on the atrocity-denial enforcement gap.
- Foreign Affairs Committee: Frame committee analysis of post-2009 Sri Lanka around the documented gap between treaty ratification and enforcement — citing Sri Lanka's own NHRI findings before any diaspora source.

Draft parliamentary questions

- [FCDO] What assessment has the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office made of the Government of Sri Lanka's enforcement of Article 20(2) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on public incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence targeting Tamil, Muslim and up-country Tamil minorities?
- [FCDO] What discussions has the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office had with the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka on its published findings regarding minority-targeted hate speech and atrocity-denial?
- [FCDO] What weight does the Government give to findings published by the Centre for Policy Alternatives, Verité Research and Hashtag Generation when assessing Sri Lanka's compliance with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination?
- [FCDO] What representations has the Government made on the application of European Union Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA standards as a benchmark for Sri Lanka's GSP+ commitments on combating racism and xenophobia?

Civic remembrance

This pack does not ask the UK or the EU to police speech in Sri Lanka. It asks that Sri Lanka be measured against treaties it has already signed, using findings published by its own constitutional human rights commission. Tamil grief is named; Sinhalese citizens are not the adversary; Sinhala-majority institutions are the primary cited authorities.

Pack rules

- Never name an individual social-media account, commenter or family member.
- Never publish or aggregate hate-speech counts on the TLTE surface — defer to Hashtag Generation and Verité published figures.
- Never frame this as a Tamil-vs-Sinhalese conflict. The adversary is the enforcement gap, not a community.
- Always pair a Tamil-source citation with a Sinhala-majority institutional citation (HRCSL, CPA, Verité).
- Never call for the Rwandan genocide-ideology model. Cite Rwanda only as a cautionary comparator.
- Never ask the UK or EU to legislate Sri Lankan speech — only to apply benchmarks Sri Lanka has already ratified.

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