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Re-launching NESOHR

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NESOHR was born in the northern part of the island of Sri Lanka in July 2004 during an internationally sanctioned ceasefire and it was destroyed in January 2009 in the genocidal war. Some of NESOHR founding members, who have escaped the island, together with some younger generation members of the Diaspora are re-launching this body under the name NESOHR(Intl.) with the aim of bringing out regular reports to inform the world about the continuing genocide of the Tamil people in Tamil Eelam.

During the intervening period NESOHR published one of its major reports, Lest We Forget – Massacres of Tamils 1956-2008, in book form in Tamil, English and German.

Four years have passed since the end of the genocidal war between the two nations of Tamil Eelam and Sri Lanka in the island. Two US sponsored resolutions at the UNHRC sessions in 2012 and 2013 urging the Sri Lankan government to address the human rights situation in Tamil Eelam had the opposite effect of stepping up the rights violations against the Tamil people by the Sri Lankan military.

When the most fundamental rights of the Tamil people is currently violated by the sheer fact of military rule of a foreign government in Tamil Eelam, a military that conducted a genocidal war on the Tamil people, that had carried out genocide in many forms for many decades on the Tamil people, it is a an exercise in futility to issue reports on the human rights situation in Tamil Eelam. We are however forced to carry out this exercise because all international institutions and instruments are failing to deal with the reality of the genocide in 2009 and the on going destruction of all facets of democratic life of the people of Tamil Eelam.

NESOHR aims to issue regular reports from ground on how the Sri Lankan military is employed to destroy the democratic life of the Tamil people, thus continuing the decades long genocide of Tamils.