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An Announcement **06 April 2006**

Agni Subramaniam Acquitted

The Tamil Information Centre (TIC) is delighted that Agni Subramaniam, the indefatigable defender of human rights has been acquitted of all charges by a Judicial Magistrates Court in Tamil Nadu today. Mr Subramaniam was arrested in January 2000, after he agreed with expatriates Tamils in Canada to distribute humanitarian aid to Tamil refugees. He was accused of links with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and incarcerated for nine months. He was granted bail in October 2000, but the case against him continued. His acquittal is a victory for the cause of human rights.

Agni Subramaniam is the Executive Director of the human rights organization 'Manitham'. He is also a member of the Indian national committee of Amnesty International. He has been involved for many years in a variety of human rights issues such as the promotion of the rights of minority communities, women and children. He has been in the forefront of many campaigns including opposition to the death penalty, corporal punishment in schools, environmental issues and human rights violations of the authorities. Under his leadership, Manitham has carried out a study on the environmental impact of India's Sethusamudram Ship Canal Project and has submitted a report to the authorities.

Mr Subramaniam maintained links with the TIC and assisted us in many of our campaigns, particularly creating awareness relating to the human rights of Tamil refugees and Tamil prisoners held in special camps in Tamil Nadu. The TIC wishes him well towards continuing to contribute to the cause of human rights.

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