



ILANKAI TAMIL SANGAM, USA, INC.
ASSOCIATION OF TAMILS OF SRI LANKA IN THE USA

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Statements attributed to the Sangam on the John Kerry Presidential Campaign are not factual

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Maryknoll, NY – Several articles have been posted on the Internet recently claiming that the Ilankai Tamil Sangam made statements about the position of John Kerry's Presidential Campaign on the Sri Lankan situation. These reports are false and misleading. The Sangam has not made any statement to this effect and is not aware of the Kerry Campaign making a statement either.

The Ilankai Tamil Sangam is 27 year old non-profit organization based in the United States that promotes Tamil culture and an awareness of the conditions of the Tamil-speaking people in Sri Lanka. The Sangam has successfully fulfilled that mandate by organizing cultural events, workshops on conflict resolution and social gatherings. It has working relationships with lawmakers and cultural organizations in the United States, Sri Lanka and India. It has supported rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the war-devastated areas of Sri Lanka. Sangam.org, the organization's website, has functioned as an effective forum for the publication of news and analysis on Tamil affairs. The Sangam is well known and respected throughout the worldwide Tamil community.

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