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## The 5th Anniversary of the Pottuvil to Polikandy People's Uprising and the Five-Year Journey of the Pottuvil to Polikandy People's Uprising Movement

After the Tamil people's liberation struggle, which marched forward with determination until 2009, was brought down through injustice and betrayal, false propaganda was introduced claiming that the Eelam Tamil nation had abandoned its political aspirations and was seeking only development. It was at that very moment that the fallen Tamil nation rose again with renewed courage and raised its voice for its rights — a historic and dignified event embodied in the People's Uprising from Pottuvil to Polikandy.

Inspired by the thoughts of our national poet Pudukkottai V. V. Srinivasan and carrying the verses titled "From Pottuvil to Polikandy," the people's uprising marched resolutely from Pottuvil, the southernmost point of Tamil Eelam, to Polikandy, the northernmost boundary. At a time when the Sinhala state believed it had subdued the Tamil people by stationing military forces and intelligence personnel across the North and East and turning the region into an open prison, this uprising stood as a direct challenge to that assertion. It was also a firm declaration to the international community that we are not a people who would trade our rights for concessions.

Born out of this mass uprising, the Pottuvil to Polikandy People's Uprising Movement now completes five years since its inception. During these five years, governments in the Sinhala polity have changed. Two executive presidents have left office, and a third is now in power. However, the agenda of Buddhist Sinhala domination has continued without interruption and at the same pace.

Today, once again under the guise of offering a political solution to the ethnic conflict, new schemes are unfolding that seek to deceive the Eelam Tamil people. The Tamil nation is not prepared to be deceived again. On that basis, and to confront the challenges laid before us, we put forward the following demands:

If the Sri Lankan government and the Sinhala state genuinely intend to take meaningful steps toward resolving the ethnic conflict, the following measures must be undertaken as a starting point:

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1. The Sri Lankan military stationed throughout the Tamil homeland in the North and East must be withdrawn, and normalcy must be restored in the Tamil homeland.
2. International crimes committed against the Tamil people, including genocide and enforced disappearances, must be permitted to be investigated through an international accountability mechanism.
3. State-sponsored Buddhisisation and land appropriation in the Tamil homeland must immediately cease. Illegally constructed Buddhist viharas must be removed, and lands forcibly seized from Tamil owners must be returned to their rightful owners.
4. The Prevention of Terrorism Act must be repealed, and all Tamil political prisoners must be released.
5. The Sixth Amendment must be repealed in order to create a genuine political space for the Tamil people.

Furthermore, any country wishing to act as a mediator in the ethnic issue must demonstrate its neutrality by:

1. Recognising the Eelam Tamils as a distinct nation.
2. Acknowledging the genocide committed against the Eelam Tamil people by the Sri Lankan state.

Moreover, any permanent solution to the ethnic conflict must be determined through a referendum conducted among the Eelam Tamil people under international supervision and monitoring. This alone will pave the way for lasting peace on this island.

The pledge of the Pottuvil to Polikandy People's Uprising affirms that the just demands of the Tamil people —

- Our traditional homeland
- The right to self-determination
- Tamil nationhood

— must be recognised.

Additionally, international justice must be delivered for the genocide committed against the Tamil nation, and for the continuing acts of genocide.

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We reaffirm our commitment that our struggle will continue until the Tamil nation flourishes.

Thank you.

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