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Cardinal Ranjith calls on ICC to investigate the Easter attacks



The Archdiocese of Colombo has declared 7 March as 'Black Sunday' to protest against the lack of justice for those killed and wounded in the Easter Sunday terror attacks of 2019.

On 21 April two years ago, suicide bombers targeted three churches – two Catholic and one Protestant – and three hotels in different parts of the country. The blasts killed 280 people, including 45 foreigners, and wounded almost 600. The victims and their families deserve justice for this grave crime. The report of Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) into the terror attacks, which was supposed to be the provider of justice, failed to inform the public of the true masterminds behind the attack. 'Black Sunday' is a protest declared by the Colombo Archdiocese asking people to wear black when attending Sunday mass. The decision was taken to demonstrate the Catholic Church's disapproval of the PCoI report for turning a blind eye to the perpetrators of the attack. Archbishop of Colombo, Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, has said "We urge the

authorities to look for the masterminds behind the bombings, those who aided and abetted it, as well as those who interfered in investigations into such matters," adding that the Catholic community has been silently waiting for justice for nearly two years, and that for the first time next Sunday (7) they will enter a silent protest. "If we do not see justice being served through a transparent investigation by 21 April, we will have to ask people across the country to hoist a black flag on that day," he said.

The victims' families suspect the government is trying to hide the investigation's findings, so they want an international court to intervene. In case the local justice fails, the prelate wants the International Criminal Court in The Hague to intervene.

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GTA HOME AND CONDO SALES REACH NEW HEIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

Record home sales in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) continued in February as buyers remained confident in their employment situations and took advantage of ultra-low borrowing costs.

With multiple buyers continuing to compete for many available listings, double-digit annual price growth was the norm throughout the GTA, with stronger rates of growth in the suburbs surrounding the City of Toronto. GTA REALTORS® reported 10,970 sales through TRREB's MLS® System in February 2021 – a 52.5 per cent increase compared to 7,193 sales reported in February 2020. Looking at all areas of the GTA combined, the condominium apartment segment led the way with a 64 per cent sales increase compared to last year, with similar rates of increase in the '416' and '905' area codes. "It's clear that the historic demand for housing experienced in the second half of last year has carried forward into the first quarter of this year with some similar themes, including the continued popularity of suburban low-rise properties. It's also evident that the supply of listings is not keeping up with demand, which could present an even larger problem once population growth picks up following widespread vaccinations later this year and into 2022," said TRREB President Lisa Patel.

The MLS® Home Price Index Composite Benchmark was up by 14.8 per cent year-over-year in February 2021. Over the same period, the average selling price was up by 14.9 per cent to \$1,045,488. While market conditions were tight throughout the GTA region in February, the detached, semi-detached and townhouse market segments in suburban areas were the drivers of average price growth, with annual rates of increase above 20 per cent in all three cases. "In the absence of a marked up tick in inventory, the current relationship between demand and supply supports continued double-digit average home price growth this year. In addition, if we continue to see growth in condo sales outstrip growth in new condo listings in Toronto, renewed price growth in this market segment is a distinct possibility in the second half of the year," said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer. "The pandemic has not stunted GTA residents' appetite for owning a home. Once the economy opens further and immigration into the GTA resumes, there will be an even greater need for housing supply. Understandably, COVID-19 has been front and centre for policymakers. However, it will be important to build upon the proactive work already started by local and provincial governments to promote the development of a more diverse and affordable housing supply in our region," said TRREB CEO John DiMichele.

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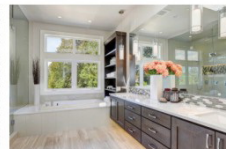
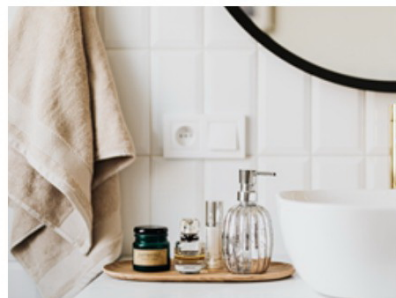
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BATHROOM MAKEOVER TIPS

(NC) Did you know the bathroom is the most renovated space in the home? Use these quick tips to create a relaxing retreat from everyday life: Consider open shelves

Create the illusion of more space and add room to store and organize your items with open shelving. Floating and standing shelves are inexpensive but can be cutely decorated with baskets, plants and candles. Choose durable materials. Whether you're changing the paint, tile or flooring, remember that all surfaces in a bathroom are exposed to more water and moisture than other areas of the home. So, invest in high-quality materials such as porcelain or cast iron that will look fantastic and stand the test of time. Leave plumbing alone. While tempting to relocate the tub or sink, moving plumbing fixtures is a major and expensive undertaking. For a fresh and affordable change, swap out the hardware for trendy matte black or bronze. Refresh your medicine cabinet. Now's the time to make sure you have all the essentials and splurges that add comfort and a touch of luxury to your bathroom. Great for moisturizing dry skin, lanolin cream is perfect for combatting artificial air and extra handwashing. Try Medela's Puralan lanolin cream to lock in moisture all day. Find more information at [medela.ca](https://www.medela.ca).



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UPHOLDING OR UPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND JUSTICE



By: **Thambu Kanagasabai**

LLM The 46th Session of UNHRC now in progress has generated heated comments and discussions in Sri Lanka and elsewhere among Tamils as well as the Council is readying to pass a final Resolution against Sri Lanka after five tiring years which witnessed 3 Resolutions earlier. [30/1, 34/1, 40/1]. It is a distressing fact to note Sri Lanka's non-implementation of most of the crucial Recommendations pertaining to Accountability, and Justice. The expected final Resolution comes in the wake of Sri Lanka's rejecting and withdrawal from compliance of all the Resolutions and their Recommendations. Still Sri Lanka remains as a defiant member of UNHRC while committed to observe and comply with the provisions of UNHRC Charter and pledging several times to implement its Recommendations. In the current Session on February 23rd the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Mr. Dinesh Gunawardene as usual exploded with rhetoric peppered with naked lies while levelling much and often heard repeated wild accusations against member countries who are sponsoring the final Resolution which they are duty bound to submit as Core members discharging their UNHRC universal obligations. It is stomach turning to note Sri Lanka's flagrant rejection and deserting its oral and written pledges to UNHRC and UN Office on several occasions while reinforcing their commitments to honor the UNHRC Recommendations. Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardene's statement in defiance of Sri Lanka is plainly contemptuous and slings mud on countries who are finalizing the Resolution brandishing them as supreme rulers of the Council while casting slurs on the credibility of several Rapporteurs, Human Rights Organizations and independent human rights activists including former UN Secretary General Ban-ki-Moon and former UN High Commissioners for Human Rights. The Foreign Minister confirms the usual stand of Sri Lanka in defence of its blood stained record of human rights violations. He has stated that:-

1. The armed forces of Sri Lanka are heroic for defeating the LTTE
2. Terrorism of LTTE was ended
3. Hegemonic forces are now in collusion against Sri Lanka in bringing an unsubstantiated Resolution against Sri Lanka.
4. The commitments on the Resolution 30/1 also co-sponsored by Sri Lanka are not deliverable and they are not in conformity with the constitution in Sri Lanka
5. We will remain engaged in the UN system including UNHRC
6. Elements working against Sri Lanka intend to table another Resolution on the basis of OHCHR Reports in domestic matters
7. UNHRC must not depend on hearsay or oral one angled double source.

When dealing with each of the above substance less assertions, one would see them as hiding the whole pumpkin in a bowl of rice. - a well known proverb - His assertions are plainly concocted and woven with tissue of lies and contradictions insulting the intelligentsia, erudites, international observers and jurists. The first assertion of heroic armed forces is partly true as the alleged heroism was partly contributed by the military and logistical assistance given by 22 countries as admitted by the former President Mahinada Rajapakse. Also one would remember the 'heroic acts' performed by a group of so called disciplined soldiers who indulged in rapes, tortures and killing of captured and/or surrendered prisoners. The notorious incident involved 'Isaipriya' [well known journalist who was raped and killed ending with celebrations by the soldiers who participated in this ugly war crime. The second assertion that terrorism was ended was not true and correct as root cause of alleged terrorism is perpetrated by Sri Lankan security forces while unleashing of state terrorism against Tamils since 1956 [followed in 1958, 1971, 1977, 1983 & Genocidal war from 2006-2009] While alleged terrorism by militants is an offshoot of non-violent struggle against the state to obtain justice, equality and independence of the battered Tamils. Instead of protecting its own citizens Sri Lanka employed state terrorism against its own citizens which is not the behaviour and action of a democratic state but only by a brutal dictator who is ruling the country. The statement of UN High Commissioner Madam Michelle Bachelet is worth quoting. She calls on "UNHRC to explore new ways to advance various types of accountability" and points to the "Warning signs that past patterns of violations could be repeated. The third assertion described USA, UK, Germany etc. as hegemonic forces acting in collusion on an unsubstantiated Resolution. This is like an ostrich burying its head under the sand believing that the whole world is dark. It is well known that heaps of Reports by UN Officials including UN High Commissioners who visited Sri Lanka are in the custody of UNHRC containing irrefutable evidence which included statements of victims, documents, ground evidences, correspondences, videos, photos and satellite imagery analysis, for example killing of Isaipriya and others stripped and naked prisoners is one many several videos and photos seen by the whole world. As such the assertion that UNHRC depends on hearsay or oral one angled source is a frivolous statement which will not be bought by anyone. The next assertion is that the Recommendations in 30/1 Resolution are not deliverable for example to state that the Recommendation calling for "Individual prosecutions are not deliverable is an affront to the concept of accountability, justice, and rule of law for it is largely true as far as Sri Lanka is concerned because it follows the entrenched culture of impunity from 1956. The next assertion is that the Recommendations are not in conformity with the constitution of Sri Lanka. However Sri Lanka has opted to set up an independent local investigative mechanism headed by a Special Counsel in conformation with its constitution. As expected, so far Sri Lanka has not taken any steps to set up this mechanism and the truth is that it will never be set up. The assertion that the Resolution is based on domestic matters is illogical and unacceptable as Sri Lanka having subscribed to UN and UNHRC Charters including various UN Conventions like the Convention on Enforced Disappearances, pledging to observe them, it is just simple chicanery to deny or discard their commitments to human rights laws and international humanitarian laws. Viewing this position, human rights and their violations are not domestic matters for Sri Lanka due to its membership in UN, UNHRC and accessions to several UN Conventions. The defence of violation of sovereignty is also not sustainable as 30/1 Resolution. "Reaffirms its commitments to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of

Sri Lanka." To sum up, the quality and validity of Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister statement is simply unconvincing and defies sense and logic devoid of any substance. The contents of the Council's corrected new Resolution leave much to be desired for the victims and human rights activists who have been pressing for a much stronger and demanding Resolution against Sri Lanka. The glaring omission is the referral to the International Criminal Court as justice and accountability for war crimes etc. committed by the Sri Lanka's security forces is only possible through the ICC as Sri Lanka has vowed to protect its security forces from any prosecution internally or externally. With this crucial omission, Sri Lanka has succeeded in crossing its major hurdle though it is still possible for the affected victims to approach the ICC through a member country which can agree to take a complaint to the ICC Special Prosecutor by submitting comprehensive reliable evidence, by way of documents, statements, witnesses and victim's direct evidences. It could be a difficult task but not an impossible one.

The Core members should nevertheless at least consider the Recommendation of Universal Jurisdiction along with Magnitsky Act sanctions leaving each UN member state to opt for one of the above measures. In this respect, USA has set up an example by banning Army Commander Shevindra de Silva's visit to USA and President Joe Biden's proposed actions against alleged killers of Jamal Khashoggi are infusing hopes for victims of human rights and warning to rogue countries who indulged and are indulging in human rights violations. Similarly President Gotabaya during a meeting with former US Ambassador At Aarge for Aar Crimes Stephen Rapp in 2012 stated that "I KILLED THEM" "I KILLED THEM" referring to the killings of more than hundreds of LTTE cadres who surrendered to the security forces in 2009. By making these statements, he has designated himself as a 'War Criminal'. It is puzzling to note the International Community including UN's continuing deadly silence by not taking any action in this matter. If he is let off, then it can only be considered as an acquiescence with bestowing of impunity for the confessed commission of a horrible war crime by the President. All in all International Organization where the war victims can obtain some relief through its forceful recommendations for follow up actions by the UN and or Security Council. In this respect, the recent comments of UN Special Rapporteur Pablo de Greiff who stated "UNHRC will not be able to deliver anything for the Tamil victims and also exerted them to seek alternative measures for their grievances." are worth quoting. To sum up, a Resolution incorporating the Recommendations of UN HIGH Commissioner for Human Rights Madam Michelle Bachelet would have delivered accountability and justice for the victims.

Instead a diluted and shredded Resolution will only go to protect the war criminals and shielding Sri Lanka while encouraging it to continue and possibly expand its human rights violations in all walks of life in Sri Lanka with a President accused of war crimes is controlling the legislature, judiciary and executive exercising dictatorial powers under the 20th Amendment to the constitution. For some unexplained reasons, the UNHRC Resolutions and also the word 'GENOCIDE' which with no inch of doubt satisfies the request of its definition in the UN Convention 1948. In view of the above circumstances. It appears that certain the victimized Tamils are constrained for a long haul under a 'LOCKED DOWN' while Sri Lanka succeeds by employing its usual tactics of "Delay, Distract, Dilute, Deny and Defeat" any or all actions of UNHRC and UN. Lord Buddha's teachings of 'MAY ALL BEING BE SAFE, FREE FROM SUFFERINGS AND BE HAPPY' are followed in Sri Lanka as 'LIVE WITH FEAR, INSECURITY AND WORRIES'. Thambu Kanagasabai LLM [London] Former Lecturer in Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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Stock up like the chefs and be prepared for spring celebrations

(NC) Spring marks celebration, surviving winter, honouring ancestors and finally breaking bread. Whether it's a cozy Easter brunch at home, Suhur, or perhaps a family game night, everyone celebrates with food in different ways.

Fortunately, festivities don't need to go away because of COVID. Although it might look different, there is still opportunity to celebrate a new year, a birth, or a unique cultural tradition.

Proper celebrations require restaurant-quality food, but any meal is only as good as the planning that leads up to it and the quality of ingredients used. Unfortunately, curating food for special events is trickier with COVID, and making multiple trips to the grocery store is discouraged. "Shopping in bulk is a great way to safely cut down on trips outside the home while also receiving restaurant-quality foods to support whatever delicious feast you are preparing for your family. I like a mix of seasonal favourites and also frozen classics to be ready for whatever my family throws at me," says Sherri Vanderleeuw, director of Sysco@Home, the new home food delivery option from the long-time industry supplier for restaurants. Shopping in bulk requires planning and consideration for an extended period when most of us are used to only shopping for one week in advance. Although ordering in bulk during months of celebrations requires careful planning, it can be beneficial for budget and time management.



Start with a quick inventory of the supplies, consider each special occasion and make the shopping list. Then visit Sysco@Home to check availability where you live and get additional inspiration from special offers and seasonal items. Edit the shopping list accordingly and begin the shopping. Choose wisely and consider necessary items as well as foods that are hits with the family. Steaks are great in springtime, but if most in the household are pescatarians, then perhaps salmon is a wiser decision. This versatile choice nicely complements a brunch or special dinner and can even be used as a topper for an easy salad at lunchtime.

Answering the question "what's to eat?"

(NC) Spring is a great time to refresh and renew — starting with a full food inventory and overhaul of the refrigerator, freezer and pantry.

An organized food supply means less chance of family members asking that dreaded "what is there to eat?" the lockdown question no one ever wants to hear.

Here, Sherri Vanderleeuw, director of Sysco@Home, the new home food delivery option from the long-time industry supplier for restaurants, shares tips for busy families on how to maximize grocery shopping with restaurant-quality bulk food. Take inventory

Take stock of what is in the fridge, pantry and freezer. Toss anything compromised — food safety must be the priority. Inspect each item for expiration dates, poor or compromised packaging, signs of food decay like freezer burn or mould. Be cognizant of exactly what you are throwing out and why. Take note of what was used and not used to avoid purchasing items that will later be wasted. Now, clean, organize and make a proper shopping list.

Revamp supplies Spring is naturally transitional and the perfect time to restock your food supplies. With inventory complete, the fun begins. Start by checking out Sysco@Home, the new home food delivery option from the long-time industry supplier for restaurants, to see what restaurant-quality local offerings are available.



Transition meals After a winter spent slow-cooking and losing the meat in sauces, it's time to let the meat do the talking. Springtime put the focus back on quality meats and fish. Salmon fillets, chicken breasts and some delicious cuts of steaks are the perfect items to fire up the grill for. Finish leftovers

Given unpredictable weather, grilling isn't always fun. During the transitional spring season, maximize some of the old inventory, and don't forget to order your family's frozen favourites for frantic times when dinner needs to be served quickly. A good pub-style night at home with wings, ribs and fries is always a nice reward on damper evenings.

How to shop in bulk like a chef

(NC) Did you know that prior to COVID, Canadians were eating, on average, 50 per cent of their meals outside the home? But now with the increase in home-cooking, most of us are shopping in bulk with high hopes of bringing mouth-watering meals to the table. However, unlike trained chefs and restaurateurs, home cooks can often feel overwhelmed once boxes of food arrive at their door. Here, Sherri Vanderleeuw, director of Sysco@Home, the new home food delivery option from the long-time leading global industry supplier for restaurants, shares some industry tricks around planning for that next meal.

Home chefs are constantly thinking about that next meal. This planning involves identifying the specific needs of the household, including who's eating inside and outside of the home; identifying what the family staples and favourites are; and creating the weekly meal plan, which includes recipe ideas, planning for leftovers and ready-made freezer favourites.

Once the food arrives, the real work begins — and thinking like a chef should be the goal. Planning the meals, preparing and packaging are key to this stage. Allow plenty of time to thoroughly clean, package and label the bulk food. Don't cut corners, or you can compromise the food — an air-tight seal is critical.

Properly label food with a name and date and safely store it. Be aware of how long foods can stay in your freezer. Consult the Canadian Food Inspection agency, or even check the directions typically included in most recipes.



Workin' moms' tips for returning to work

(NC) Many of us have spent the past year working remotely or waiting for our workplaces to open up again. But with the kids doing virtual schooling or in-person classes with new protocols, it can be hard to stay focused. Here are some expert tips for keeping everyone on track:

Swap screen time for a podcast Lots of parents are wary of too much screen time, as TV and tablets take over school and play. But they're helpful for keeping the kids entertained so you can work, cook or drive safely. Instead of another show or game, try introducing them to a podcast. An educational podcast or one that reads stories will encourage them to use their imaginations while giving their eyes a rest. Get organized well in advance

Organization can go a long way towards saving you stress and increasing your productivity. If the kids are learning online and you're working from home, make sure they have everything they need laid out the night before so they don't have to interrupt you as much. Pre-portion snacks and drinks, and leave them in an accessible location so they can reach them on their own as needed.

Use the latest tools for moms

If you're returning to work after having a baby, you have some extra challenges to consider. Whether you're working remotely or going in person, a breast pump is a great way to manage feeding times so everyone can stick to a schedule and share the responsibility with a partner.

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Tips to stay motivated and active this spring

(NC) Living an active lifestyle is important for staying healthy all year round. The trick is to find something you enjoy doing. That could be walking around your neighbourhood, following along a YouTube yoga or workout video, or going out for a bike ride just get moving.

Activity is important for our mental and physical health, but it can be difficult to find a consistent workout style that's right for you. Here are some tips to help you stay motivated and active this spring:

Find your groove

Many people find it helpful to start the day with some type of movement. This can be a great way to maintain a routine no matter what time of day you choose to get active. Walking your dog on lunch break, a virtual class, jumping jacks, skipping, resistance training or at-home weightlifting can all be great ways to find an active groove.

Set up your space

Working out at home can be challenging, especially if you don't have the space or equipment. But creating an area can be as easy as moving a coffee table out of the way and investing in simple products like skipping ropes, yoga blocks and mats, walking sticks and ankle weights. You can find a great selection of products for your home gym from Decathlon, a Canadian brand found on the [pcxpress.ca](https://www.pcxpress.ca) marketplace site.

Dress for success

Workout gear not only looks good, but it's comfortable, which is important during your workout. Take advantage of the athleisure wear trend and throw gym clothes on at every given opportunity.

Create a support system

Consider staying active with someone in your bubble, whether that be a friend, family member, neighbour or a personal trainer who can help motivate you to meet your goals. With a little creativity, finding ways to stay active this spring doesn't have to be daunting.



Pandemic parenting: tips for when you reach burnout

(NC) Being a parent during the pandemic is a challenge, testing all of our physical and mental strength. After a year of doing it, many of us are facing burnout and that's normal. Fortunately, there are a few things you can do to keep your spirits up when you hit a wall.

Prioritize your own well-being

It might seem counterintuitive, but you can't take care of anyone else if you're not in a good place. So, prepare easy, nutritious meals; exercise 30 minutes a day; get outside; talk to friends and family; and do something you love every day. Even if it's just reading a chapter of a good book before bed or watching an episode of your favourite show on the weekend, consider it essential self-care that you need.

Tag team with another adult

Whether it's your romantic partner, co-parent or another adult like your mom or dad, staying sane during this time means finding ways to share the load. Schedule "shifts" of parenting time, where it's your turn to deal with meals, schoolwork and any issues that come up. During your "off time," you can work, shower or just relax guilt free.

Schedule independent kid time

Whether you need to catch up on work emails or have some "me time," all parents need ways to keep little ones busy independently. Older kids will love mini stations in the playroom with designated spaces and baskets for crafts or building blocks. If you have a baby, a soothing pacifier helps regulate their emotions and provides exercise for mouth muscles. Speech-language pathologists recommend lightweight pacifiers with an ergonomic shape, like those in the Medela baby pacifier line.

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கனடா நகர்கிரன்

கடந்த 10 ஆண்டுகளில் 40 க்கும் மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளின் இராணுவம், புரட்சி மூலம் ஆட்சியைக் கைப்பற்றியுள்ளது. இதில் இராணுவப் புரட்சி செய்ய முனைந்து தோல்வியடைந்த நாடுகளும் உண்டு.

இப்போது 01 பெப்ரவரி, 2021 இல் மியன்மார் புரட்சி மூலம் இராணுவம் ஆட்சியை கைப்பற்றியுள்ளது. மியன்மார் இராணுவம் ஆட்சியைக் கைப்பற்றியது இது முதல் தடவையல்ல. 1962 இல் முதல் இராணுவப் புரட்சி நடந்தேறியது. அதன் பின்னர் 26 ஆண்டுகள் சோசலிச நிகழ்ச்சி நிரல் கட்சி என்ற பெயரில் இராணுவ சர்வாதிகார ஆட்சி நடைபெற்று வந்தது. 2011 இல் இராணுவ ஆட்சி உத்தியோகபூர்வமாகக் கலைக்கப்பட்ட பின்னர் நடந்த பொதுத் தேர்தலில் மக்களாட்சி அரசாங்கம் நிறுவப்பட்டது. மியன்மார் இராணுவம் அரசியலமைப்பு உருவாக்கத்தின் போது தேசிய விவகாரங்களில் தனது மேலாதிக்கத்தினை உறுதி செய்யும் வகையில் சில நடவடிக்கைகளை மேற்கொண்டிருந்தது. அரசியலமைப்பு விதிகளின் படி நாடாளுமன்றத்தின் இரு அவைகளிலும் 25 விழுக்காடு இடங்கள் இராணுவத்திற்கு ஒதுக்கப்பட வேண்டும் எனவும் அதனைவிட மேலதிகமாக 25 விழுக்காடு இடங்களைக் கைப்பற்றுவதற்கு தேர்தலில் போட்டியிடுவதற்கு ஒர் அரசியல் கட்சி மூலம் முனையலாம் எனவும் குறிப்பிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இராணுவப் புரட்சியை அடுத்து ஆங் சான் சூ கி (Aung San Suu Kyi) தலைமையில் ஆண்டு கொண்டிருந்த சனநாயகத்துக்கான தேசிய லீக்கின் தலைவர்கள் மற்றும் நாடாளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர்களுடன் சனாதிபதி வின் மைண்ட் (Win Myint) மற்றும் மாநில ஆலோசகர் ஆங் சான் சூ கி ஆகியோர் கைது செய்யப்பட்டனர்.

கடந்த நொவெம்பர் 08 இல் 2020 நடைபெற்ற தேர்தலில் நாடாளுமன்றத்தின் கீழ் சபையிலும் மேல் சபையிலும் சூ கி



தலைமை தாங்கிய சனநாயகத்துக்கான தேசிய லீக் 476 இடங்களில் 396 இடங்களை கைப்பற்றி மகத்தான வெற்றி ஈட்டியது. 2020 தேர்தலில் தேர்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட உறுப்பினர்களில் மியன்மார் நாடாளுமன்றம் உறுதிமொழி எடுக்க இருந்ததற்கு முதல் ஆட்சிக் கவிழ்ப்பு நிகழ்ந்தது. இராணுவம் நொவெம்பர் 2020 இல் நடந்த பொதுத் தேர்தலின் முடிவுகள் செல்வாது என்று அறிவித்ததுடன், அவசரகாலத்தின் முடிவில் ஒரு புதிய தேர்தலை நடத்துவதற்கான ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டு எனவும் கூறியது. பெப்ரவரி 3, 2021 அன்று, இயற்கைப் போழிவு மேலாண்மை சட்டத்தின் 25 வது பிரிவின் கீழ் பாப்புரை வழிகாட்டுதல்கள் மற்றும் கோவிட்-19 தொற்று கட்டுப்பாடுகளை மீறியதற்காக வின் மைண்ட் மீது குற்றம் சாட்டப்பட்டது. அவசரகால கோவிட்-19 சட்டங்களை மீறியதற்காகவும், வானொலி மற்றும் தகவல்தொடர்பு சாதனங்களைச் சட்டவிரோதமாக இறக்குமதி செய்ததற்காகவும், குறிப்பாக அவரது பாதுகாப்புக் குழுவிலிருந்து ஆறு ICOM சாதனங்கள் மற்றும் ஒரு வாக்கி-டாக், மியன்மாரில் தடைசெய்யப்பட்டவை மற்றும் இராணுவம் தொடர்பான அனுமதி தேவை என்பதற்காகவும் ஆங் சான் சூ கி மீது குற்றம் சாட்டப்பட்டது. பிப்ரவரி 16 அன்று, தேசியப் பேரீடர் சட்டத்தை மீறியதற்காக சூ கி மீது கூடுதல் குற்றவியல் குற்றச்சாட்டு போடப்பட்டது.

2020 இல் நடந்த தேர்தலில் வாக்கு மோசடி நிகழ்ந்தது என்று கூறி இராணுவம் முடிவுகளை ஏற்க மறுத்தது. இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து ஜக்கிய இராச்சியம், பிரான்ஸ், அமெரிக்கா மற்றும் ஆஸ்திரேலியா போன்ற மேற்கத்திய நாடுகள் கவலை தெரிவித்து அறிக்கைவிட்டன.

மியன்மார் என்றால் ரோஷியா முஸ்லிம் ஏதிலிகள் நினைவுக்கு வருவார்கள். அவர்களுக்கும் ஈழத்தமிழர்களுக்கும் பல ஒற்றுமை உண்டு. இருசாராரும் பலத்த தீவிரவாதத்துக்கு இலக்காகி வருபவர்கள். 15 ஆம் நூற்றாண்டுகளில் இருந்தே மியன்மாரில் ரோஷியா முஸ்லிம்கள் வாழ்ந்து வந்துள்ளார்கள்.

2017 ஆம் ஆண்டு முதல் ரோஷியா முஸ்லிம்கள் மீது மியன்மார் இராணுவம் மேற்கொண்ட தாக்குதல் காரணமாக சுமார் 700,000 இலட்சம் மக்கள் அனாதை நாடான பங்காளதேசத்துக்கு இடம்பெயர்ந்தார்கள்.

2012 தொடக்கம் பலத்தாக்குதல்களும் முஸ்லிம்களுக்கும் இடையில் நடைபெறும் தாக்குதல்காரணமாக 1,20,000 ரோஷியா முஸ்லிம்கள் பங்காள தேசம் உட்பட அயல்நாடுகளில் அகதி முகாம்களில் அடிப்படை வசதிகளின்றி அவர்கள் தவித்துவருகிறார்கள்.

ரோஷியா முஸ்லிம்கள் பலத்தத்தை மதிக்காதவர்கள், அவர்கள் இம்மண்ணில் வாழத் தகுதியற்றவர்கள் என்று அறைகூவல் விடுப்பதன் மூலம் பலத்த பேரினவாதம் அவர்களைத் தாழ் பிரித்து முற்றாக அழித்தொழிக்கும் செயற்திட்டத்தை 969 பலத்த தீவிரவாத இயக்கம் நடத்தி வருகிறது. அதன் தலைவர் அசின் விராது தேர் என்பவர் மியன்மாரில் பலத்த மதத்தை பாதுகாக்க வேண்டுமென்ற கூச்சலோடு செயற்பட்டு வருகிறார்.

மியன்மாரில் இராணுவ ஆட்சியைத் தோல்வியடையச் செய்ய ஐநா சபையால் ஏற்றையெல்லாம் செய்ய முடியுமோ அவற்றையெல்லாம் செய்வோம் என ஐநா சபையின் பொதுச் செயலாளர் அன்டோனியோ குடெரெஸ் (António Guterres) தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.



பாதுகாப்புச் சபையில் வீட்டோ பலம் கொண்ட சீனா, மியன்மார் இராணுவ ஆட்சிக் கவிழ்ப்பைக் கண்டிக்க மறுத்துவிட்டது. இதனால் பாதுகாப்புச் சபையில் ஒரு பொது நிலைப்பாட்டை எட்ட முடியாதுள்ளது. சீனா பல சகாப்தங்களாக மியன்மார் இராணுவ ஆட்சியாளரோடு நெருக்கமான உறவைப் பேணி வந்திருக்கிறது. கடந்த பல ஆண்டுகளாக மியன்மார், சீனா சர்வதேச விசாரணையிலிருந்து பாதுகாத்துக் கொண்டிருப்பதும் இங்கு நினைவு கூறத்தக்கது. ரோஷியா முஸ்லிம்கள் சிக்கலில் சீனா, உருசியாவோடு இணைந்து மியன்மாரைச் சர்வதேச விமர்சனங்களிலிருந்து பாதுகாத்து வருகின்றது.

மியன்மார் இராணுவ ஆட்சிக்கு எதிராக மக்கள் அமைதியான முறையில் போராடி வருகிறார்கள். இருந்தும் பொலீஸ் சட்டத்தில் 50 க்கும் மேலான ஆர்ப்பாட்டக்காரர்கள் இதுவரை இறந்துள்ளார்கள்.

சனநாயக அறிவுறுத்தல்கள் செயற்படுத்தப்பட வேண்டும் எனத் தெரிவித்துள்ள ஜக்கிய நாடுகளின் பாதுகாப்புச் சபை வன்முறைகளை நிராகரிப்பதாகவும் மனித உரிமைகள் மதிக்கப்பட வேண்டும் எனவும் அடிப்படை மனித சுதந்திரத்திற்கு இடமளிக்க வேண்டும் எனவும் வலியுறுத்தியுள்ளது.

கைது செய்யப்பட்டுள்ள ஆங் சான் சூ கி உள்ளிட்டவர்கள் விடுதலை செய்யப்பட வேண்டும் என்பதுடன், சனநாயகம் மீண்டும் நிலைநாட்டப்பட வேண்டும் என அமெரிக்கா, சீனா உள்ளிட்ட உறுப்பின நாடுகள் பாதுகாப்பு பேரவையினூடாக மியன்மார் இராணுவத்துக்கு கோரிக்கை விடுத்துள்ளன. மேலும் மியன்மாரின் இறையாண்மை, அரசியல் சுதந்திரம், பிராந்திய ஒருமைப்பாடு மற்றும் ஒற்றுமை ஆகியவற்றில் தங்கள் வலுவான உறுதிப்பாட்டை மீண்டும் உறுதிப்படுத்துள்ளன.

மியன்மார் மக்கள் மீண்டும் இராணுவ சர்வாதிகார ஆட்சியின் பிடிக்குள் சிக்கலுள்ளார்கள்! சனநாயக ஆட்சிமுறைமை வழங்கும் சுதந்திரம், சமத்துவம், நீதி மற்றும் அடிப்படை மனித உரிமைகளை முழுதாக அனுபவிக்க முடியாதபடித் தள்ளப்பட்டுள்ளார்கள்.



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