

Re: Terror Friendly Tamils On Parade, editorial, July 8.

There is no doubt that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) is guilty of human rights abuses, along with the Sri Lankan government. However, the global community is culpable in the creation of this movement. From 1947 to the 1970s, the Sri Lankan government engaged in horrific abuse and discrimination against the Tamil minority, and yet peaceful Tamil protests yielded zero results. This provoked the creation of a violent separatist movement.

The lesson to be learned is that when oppressive dictatorships like Communist China and Islamic Malaysia commit horrific abuse against peaceful minorities, like Tibetans and Malaysian Hindus, other democracies must intervene and force justice for the oppressed. Otherwise, frustrated minorities may be forced to take up arms to achieve justice.

This applies only to dictatorships which abuse human rights, not democracies like India and Israel.

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