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Heroic Salute to Tamil Eelam National Leader His Excellency V. Pirabaharan

Our Beloved Tamil Speaking People!

Department of Intelligence of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam has now confirmed that the Leader and the Commander—in—Chief of our organisation, Tamil Eelam National Leader His Excellency V. Pirabaharan has attained Martyrdom.

The Leader's Martyrdom has been confirmed through sources including our Intelligence cadres in the know of the final incidents concerning attempts to move the National Leader to a safer location who have now reached safety, Fighters of other departments and our informants with links to the High Command of the Sri Lankan armed forces.

Conflicting reports had been emanating from Wanni- Mullivaaikkaal front in mid May from 15th (Friday) to 19th (Tuesday).

Reports received from our Intelligence cadres en route to safer locations who had limited communication facilities were in incomplete formats.

As a result, with the facts gleaned from them and believing that our beloved Leader was well we decided to release a report on 22^{nd,} May.

At the same time, conflicting messages had also been sent by our Commanders responsible for the safety of the Leader who happened to be with him to the end. We are able to discern that even Mr. Selvarajah Pathmanathan, Head of the Department of International Relations of our organization, found himself in a situation making two conflicting statements.

While regretting for releasing that unconfirmed report on May 22nd in respect of the Great Sacrifice of Tamil Eelam National Leader, Department of Intelligence of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam seeks forgiveness from the our beloved people for leading to confusion by releasing that report.

Various sources gave varying information on the Martyrdom of our National Leader. Contradictory information are circulating that he was arrested, that he surrendered, that he was killed after interrogation and that he committed suicide.

In this situation, we, the Department of Intelligence have the responsibility to release confirmed news and information. Arising from this responsibility we confirm emphatically that the National Leader did not surrender and was not arrested but fought attaining Martyrdom.



At this critical juncture we have to carry forward our liberation struggle with the same steadfastness, discipline and co-ordination as done by our Great Leader who created and nurtured it.

The task before is to get together for the 'Provisional Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam' that is to be formed as the next phase of our struggle to achieve the goal of securing the political aspirations of our people.

While paying our Heroic Salute to the Tamil Eelam National Leader, our Heroic Fighters and Commanders, the Department of Intelligence of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam Salutes our Beloved People subjected to genocide.

Thank you.

Yours truly, Kathirkamathamby Arivazhakan Head, External Affairs Wing Department of Intelligence

This report is released on behalf of Mr. Kathirkamathamby Arivazhakan, Head, External Affairs Wing, and Department of Intelligence of the Liberation Tigers.