

Dear Friend,

### **Are we helping the Sri Lankan government to destroy our own people?**

Has it ever occurred to you that many of us may be, unknowingly, helping the Sri Lankan government to buy arms to devastate our own people?

Today more than ever, Sri Lankan government policy towards our people is increasingly marked by arrogance and brutality.

The Government of Sri Lanka buys their weapons to attack our people from abroad. They do not manufacture any weaponry of mass destruction in Sri Lanka.

An economic boycott by those who buy goods and services produced in Sri Lanka is an effective non-violent tool with which we the concerned citizens around the world can blunt their ability to buy weaponry. We can and should vote with our wallets against Sri Lanka.

By **boycotting Sri Lankan government products and services**, we can put pressure on the Sri Lankan government to adhere the international communities' request to pursue peace, comply with international law. The same way Mahatma Gandhi drove out the British Empire out of India.

We must encourage our Diaspora to boycott Sri Lankan products and services; not to buy airline tickets from Sri Lankan Air; not to invest in Sri Lanka, not to travel to Sri Lanka unnecessarily and we must do this as a systematic campaign.

"This would also mean putting on hold the purchase of apartments in Colombo and investment in the Colombo stock-exchange" said another who thought it was the right thing to do.

### **Avoid using these services or commodities from Sri Lanka.**

- Use of airline services (Sri Lankan Airlines)
- Tourism
- Remittances (foreign and Rupee accounts in Sri Lankan banks)
- Purchase of products made in Sri Lanka.



### **Success will depend on the consumers in the Diaspora:**

This then is the whole crux of the matter; that the boycott of Sri Lankan products and services would ultimately depend on the expatriate consumer and his attitude. One's faith and confidence in Sri Lanka has not yet waned; what is envisioned is cooperation and a change in habits and thinking; that involves avoiding Sri Lankan products and services at least for the foreseeable future. It shouldn't be too difficult for the expatriate's Diaspora to avoid the products and services of a country that's killing its kinsmen. It must almost become second nature.

**As consumers we do not want our money to be used by the Sri Lankan government to fuel its war against our own people, nor on environmental destruction and human-rights violations.**

Additional link: <http://www.boycott-gosl.org/>