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There are nearly 300,000 Tamils in several refugee camps. These are kept as prison camps without free access and mobility for the inmates who are kept there mostly against their wish. At the beginning government claimed that there are LTTE contacts that are mixed with the inmates that have to be separated. They claim to have found nearly 10,000 LTTE contacts that are now separated. The rest are ordinary citizen of this country with full human rights. But the government forcibly keeps them without allowing them to contact anybody including the parliamentarians whom they elected. Of course the government is responsible for giving accommodation, food, healthcare, education etc. to the IDP s. But that does not mean that the government has the right to keep them in prisons violating there fundamental rights.

We demand that the government accept them as free citizens and allow them to contact outsiders freely. Also to allow UN officials, well wishers to contact them at any time of the day. We condemn the government, which claims to have rescued these people, for violating their basic human rights.

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