

Nallur Declaration

Declaration of Land Campaigners to win land rights in Sri Lanka

Around 50 members of the following communities Panama, Irudeniya, Pulakkudiruppu, Sampur, Valikamam North, (Myleddi), Keppapliawu, Kalpitiya, Colombo Port City, Pelawatte, Pallimunai, Ashrof Nagar & Mullikulam gathered in Chunnakam from 2nd to 4th April, to share our experiences and reflected upon our own struggle. We are the representatives and active members of the above mentioned communities engaged in the continuous struggle in obtaining the right to exercise our land rights, hereby declare our expectations.

Many of us lost our houses, our agriculture lands and our coastal fishing areas due to war and enforced economic policies. Businesses and security forces are occupying our ancestral land and restrict our livelihoods.

We as citizens of Sri Lanka were awoken with hope by the change that was brought by the majority of people on 8th of January 2015. Many times the Sri Lankan Government promised to release our lands and coastal areas but they never kept their promises.

Our demands:

- We want our basic needs fulfilled and infrastructure developed
- We want our lands back
- We want our coastal fishing areas back
- We want our cultivation land back
- We want legal ownership of our lands
- We want to live in our own Houses
- We want our destroyed houses being rebuilt in the same manner
- We want compensation for the time of occupation of our lands
- We want support to restart our traditional livelihood
- Give us hope and win our trust, We expect the Government to keep to its promises
- Allow us to act freely, without fear and stop surveillance by the Intelligence personnel as we engage in our struggle to win our rights for life.
- We appeal to all people from all communities to join hands with us in our struggle

On this day 4th of April 2017, at the premises of Nallur Temple we pledge to continue our struggle for our own rights and demands until they are fulfilled.

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