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## Lord Naseby asks UK, US to withdraw UN resolution against Lanka

(Island.lk) - In the wake of the revelations made by the UK parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee report, Lord Naseby has issued a media statement exposing the hypocrisy of Western Governments, such as the UK and USA, who have been so critical of Sri Lanka's defeat of the Tamil Tigers, that they felt it necessary to jointly sponsor a critical Human Rights Motion, whilst at the same time being complicit in atrocious Human Rights abuses themselves. Lord Naseby's full statement: "Commenting after reading the UK Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee report published on 28 June 2018 entitled Detainee Mistreatment and Rendition 2001 - 2010 Lord Naseby



Lord Naseby

President of the All Party British Sri Lanka Parliamentary Group said, "I am shocked and appalled that my Country should not only condone torture and extensive mistreatment of prisoners but actually in certain cases instigate it. To me as a senior Politician of 44 years in Parliament whatever the threats may be, such practices are totally unacceptable. As I read the report I reflected on the nearly 30 years of fighting in Sri Lanka between the Forces of the democratically elected Government and the LTTE Tamil Tigers, the worst Terrorist Body in the World & proscribed in over 30 countries: a War that only ended on May

18th 2009 with the total defeat of the Tamil Tigers. I thought how could it be that Countries most critical of Sri Lanka's action to defeat the Tigers so much so that they the UK & USA felt it necessary to jointly sponsor a critical Human Rights Motion whilst at the same time being complicit in atrocious Human Rights abuses. In my opinion it stinks & is totally unacceptable. Sri Lanka knew they were innocent of the charges made with proof coming through from the extraction of Colonel Gash's Despatches by Lord Naseby under the Freedom of Information Act. Added to which there ever increasing evidence that the numbers of civilians killed were never anywhere near the 40,000 claimed by the UN; possibly as low as 5,000-6,000 nor that there was ever a policy to kill civilians. Indeed such was Sri Lanka's confidence in its position that they agreed to co-operate to, in effect, disprove all the allegations. Now we know the truth that the UK /USA were really guilty themselves of atrocities. In my opinion these two nations should now tell

the Human Rights Commission in Geneva to withdraw the motion against Sri Lanka. After all it is already clear that good progress is being made to find out the missing persons, enact a new Prevention of Terrorism Act & create an independent Truth & Reconciliation Commission. Both the UK & USA must know their actions total undermine the UN Charter & its Human Rights provisions. Even now we do not know the whole truth behind 'Detainee Mistreatment & Rendition' including torture as the UK Government have refused to publish all the material they have. One wonders why in terms of Sri Lanka the UK government refused to release the Gash Despatches in full. It is increasingly clear to me that these refusals may well hide data that in the case of Sri Lanka will exonerate the actions of Sri Lanka's forces or they will expose some actions that the UN/ UK/USA took to undermine Sri Lanka and their publication would in effect fully vindicate Sri Lanka."



### SL children's choir wins silver at World Choir Games

The Soul Sounds Academy Children's Choir from Sri Lanka has won a silver medal in the Children's category and a bronze medal in the Folk category at the prestigious World Choir Games in Tshwane, South Africa. The members of Choir are scheduled to arrive on Tuesday (10).

### C'wealth chess gold for SL

(Dailymirror.lk) - Harshana Thilakarathne of Maliyadeva College, Kurunegala has won the Gold Medal in the U16 Open category at the Commonwealth Chess Championship just concluded in New Delhi, India. Harshana, who has won dozens of international chess titles, won the under 11 Gold Medal at the World Schools Chess Championship held in Brazil in 2014.



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### Congratulations St. Peters OBU UK - FOC 2018 Champions

Congratulation to the Champions St. Peter's College OBU UK for winning the Festival of Cricket 2018 Runners-up: Maliyadeva College, OBA UK, Plate Winners: Thurstan College, OBA UK Player of the Tournament: Randheer Bandara - Maliyadeva College, OBA UK. Man of the Match: Akshu Fernando - St Peter's College, OBU UK Ladies tournament winners: Girls' High School, Kandy, OGA UK

See page 16/17 for the people who organised the whole event. See next week for all the teams that took part.



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