

# **CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON THE EXPULSION OF MUSLIMS FROM THE NORTHERN PROVINCE BY THE LTTE IN OCTOBER 1990**

## **CALL FOR INTERNS**

The Law & Society Trust (LST) together with the Community Trust Fund (CTF), the People's Secretariat (PS), the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) has established a Citizen's Commission to investigate the expulsion of Muslims from the Northern Province by the LTTE in October 1990.

The LTTE expulsion of Muslims from five Northern districts in October 1990 has not been adequately integrated into any mainstream historical narrative in Sri Lanka. Most commentators routinely get the date of the expulsion wrong and few give the event the status of a highly significant historical event that it warrants.

The Law & Society Trust in partnership with three Northern Muslim organizations based in Puttalam, and an advisory group of prominent Muslim civil society actors, have formed the Citizen's Commission on the Expulsion to address some of these issues. The principle objective of the exercise is to produce authoritative documentation of the expulsion and its consequences that is sanctioned by the community, and to list the community's grievances through a document endorsed by a commission of inquiry consisting of prominent local civil society actors.

The commission has been in operation since August 2009 and has currently conducted four sittings in Puttalam and Colombo.

The Commission Secretariat housed at the Law & Society Trust (LST) is looking for students from any discipline interested in issues of History, Politics and Social Justice to work as interns on the commission. They should be fluent in Tamil and English and be computer literate.

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