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Sir:

'UN expert urges probe of Tamil execution' as announced to the media by Philip Alston, the UN's special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions, as shown on the video footage aired on BBC's Chanel 4 last August is in itself troubling.

While Alston has decided to act God by continuing to hunt down Sri Lankan government as war criminals for having succeeded in eliminating the most ruthless terrorists the Tamil Tigers to the chagrin of the US, UK, Canada, Norway, France and EU countries who wanted a 'ceasefire; at the latter days of the war to save the annihilation of the Tamil Tiger leaders for them to fight another day, he has taken an unethical approach by violating UN's protocols by going to the media without presenting the findings of his independent experts to the Sri Lankan government first for their study.

At the outset during his presentation to the media he mentions that his independent experts were unable to resolve several issues based on the absence of the video for a conclusion to be reached definitively. Well, then, Alston, what the heck did your experts analyze to come to your conclusion to try and march the Sri Lankan Government to your gallows?

More over when Alston decides that the independent experts hired by the Sri Lankan Government who had submitted their case with technical details saying that this video was fraudulent, that these experts were not independent enough for his acceptance of their report, what makes Alston believe that the UN experts report will be accepted by the Sri Lankan Government and will not be dismissed by them as they too feel that the UN hired experts are not independent enough in their eyes?

This issue is going to be fun and games and would be interesting to see how all this is going to unravel itself, whether Alston will keep acting God dismissing stark facts which are in favour of the Sri Lankan Government's arguments as "not compelling". But one thing is for sure as day follows night, that this issue will certainly prove that the UN is suspect in the eyes of the developing world, questioning the honesty and veracity of this supposed to be a neutral international body.

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