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Remembering the Tragic Events of July 23rd, 1983

Today, I join the Tamils around the world in marking 30 years since the tragic events of July 23, 1983, a day where anti-Tamil riots resulted in the death of over 3,000 innocent civilians and left thousands displaced.

Although three decades have passed, the violence and the unrest continue today where the government of Sri Lanka has not stood by its democratic principles or respected its international human rights obligations. As Canadians, we pride ourselves of our democratic values, and as such, the Liberal Party will continue to seek for accountability and justice in Sri Lanka.

Some have lost their homes and businesses. Others have lost their families and friends. I extend my condolences to all those who had endured pain and suffering throughout the war.

Together, we will strive to create permanent peace and stability in the affected regions.

Sincerely,

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