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**Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves**



Recently liberated Sri Lanka lead by its respected president Mahinda Rajapaksa is currently under siege by the European Union, the USA and even some UN agencies such as UNICEF. Feral human rights organisations such as Human Rights Watch, who are deaf and dumb when it comes to atrocities committed by the Allied Forces on Afghans but vociferous when it comes to IDP conditions in democratic Sri Lanka, have also joined in the fray looking for its own pound of flesh or the pint of blood. A key decision affecting Sri Lanka's economic performance, the wellbeing of thousands of working women and its commitment to safeguarding its hard won peace is the EU's forthcoming consideration of continuing with the GSP+ concessions for the Nation. The country must not compromise its principles and go cap in hand to the EU although significantly adverse economic impact will result from losing GSP+ concessions. Our sovereignty, dignity and most of all protecting the honour of the fallen soldiers are more important than securing trade concessions from the spiteful EU which is still smarting from the comprehensive rebuff it got from the UN's committee on Human Rights when it attempted to have Sri Lanka investigated for LTTE sympathiser fabricated war crimes.

NGO's and opposition politicians in Sri Lanka are once again conniving and plotting together to bring down the legitimately elected government by hurling at it, a potent cocktail of fabricated stories of human rights violations, lack of media freedom, threats to personal safety and in some cases, blatant lies. The leader of the UNP Ranil Wickremesinha and the two other three wheel party leaders Mano Ganashan and Mangala Samaraweera are well known within the Sri Lankan electorate for their chequered history, where they were either proven to have associated the LTTE (in the case of Mano Ganeshan), lied to the public on numerous occasions (Mangala Samaraweera who said the President paid money to the LTTE to block the last presidential election) or fast becoming irrelevant even within their own party (in the case of Ali Baba, Ranil Wickremasinha). It is time these public figures stop humiliating the voters and colluding to destroy the reputation of the Nation for political gain. The diaspora community lead by SPUR have been keeping a watching brief on the treacherous activities carried out by the named leaders and urge them to stop sullyng and discrediting our nation for petty political gain. They should mimic the leadership shown by the TNA and work with the Government to secure sustainable peace for all its citizens sans any ethnic divide.

Those traitors who conspire to denigrate our Nation in front of the international media under the vile belief that by destroying the country's economy, they will find a way to come to power are put on notice. The patriotic Diaspora will not sit on the sideline as a silent observer. If the Tamil Diaspora raised \$300Million annually to aid the LTTE (some times by hook and at others by crook), there is no reason why the peace loving Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims and Burger Diaspora unite to collect \$500Million annually to sustain peace in Sri Lanka. It is time we retire these treacherous polity, permanently, by using the ballot at the forthcoming elections in democratic Sri Lanka.

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