No ceasefire under any circumstances - President Rajapaksa

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By Ravi Ladduwahetty Colombo (Asiantribune.com): The Government will not go in for any ceasefire with the LTTE under any circumstances, President Mahinda Rajapaksa told the UPFA Kalutara District United People’s Freedom Alliance organizers this morning.

"We will not cave into pressures from any international quarters locally and internationally and will not stop until the war was completely over," he said. He said that the delay in finishing the remaining parts of the war was due to the Security Forces being asked to exercising restraint in the conflict zones which have civilians. He also said that the US$ 1.9 billion credit line was taken keeping in mind the future generations and without conditions without compromising the interests of the nation. He also said that unlike past leaders who blamed the war as the impediment for national development, this Government had not forgotten the developments efforts while sincerely fighting a ruthless bunch of terrorists. The Government was carrying on with the Norochcholai Hydro Power project the Upper Kotmale Hydro Power Project and the Moragahakanda Reservoir while also simultaneously developing five ports: the Colombo South Port, and the Ports of Galle, Hambantota, Trincomalee and Oluvil. Commenting on the forthcoming Western provincial Council poll, he said that the criteria to become the Chief Minister would not only be the preferential votes but ability to serve and seniority within the party. So, do not fight within the party for preferential votes, he said. - Asian Tribune - Courtesy:asiantribune.com