India says LTTE should stop its barbarism against civilians

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By: Walter Jayawardhana India said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) should stop its barbaric acts to hold civilians leaving from its last foothold in Sri Lanka. India also expressed its discontentment over the continued killings of innocent Tamils in Sri Lanka. The statement was released after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh reviewed the current situation in the island nation.

When over 100,000 civilians held hostage by them started to seek refuge with Sri Lanka Army since Monday (Apr 20), LTTE terrorists have been spraying bullets on the fleeing civilians in a desperate bid to protect the human shield they once enjoyed. On the first day itself, LTTE exploded three of its brainwashed suicide bombers killing 17 people including infants. So far, Sri Lanka Air Force has air lifted 238 others injured in the LTTE attacks to the government hospital in Anuradhapura. Army medical personnel also have treated hundreds of others for gunshot injuries before they were admitted to the hospitals. An agency report said, "A special meeting, attended also by External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee, Defence Minister A K Antony, National Security Adviser M K Narayanan and Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon was convened amid mounting pressure from Tamil Nadu parties on the Centre to stop war in Sri Lanka.” "We are very unhappy at the continued killing of innocent Tamil civilians in Sri Lanka. These killings must stop," Mr. Mukherjee told reporters after the hour-long meeting called to discuss the situation in the island nation. Courtesy: defence.lk