

Karunanidhi wants Sri Lanka censured for 'genocide'

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi Monday urged Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to condemn Sri Lanka's 'genocide' of the island's Tamil minority.

'The chief minister stressed that the Sri Lankan high commissioner be summoned and told that India condemns the genocide of the Tamil minority and (that) its navy is killing innocent Indian fishermen,' an official communique said. 'The prime minister has promised to carry out the chief minister's wishes,' it said.

'The prime minister was also requested to do the needful to ensure the immediate end of attacks on Indian fishermen at the hands of Sri Lanka's defence establishment,' the statement added.

Karunanidhi had opposed Saturday moves to involve the Indian and Sri Lankan navies to end the alleged killing of Indian fishermen in the narrow expanse of water that divides the two nations.

Opposition leader and former chief minister J. Jayalalitha also demanded an immediate end to the killings of Tamils.

Except those belonging to the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party, politicians across the board in Tamil Nadu have objected to the Sri Lankan defence personnel's alleged killing of Indian fishermen on the sea.

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