



## **CANADIAN TAMIL CONGRESS ■ CONGRÈS TAMOUL CANADIEN**

### **British Columbia's Tamil Community Commemorates the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Largest Anti-Tamil Violence**

The Anti-Tamil riots of July 1983 are poignant for the entire Tamil population around the world. Between July 24 and 29, Tamils were systematically targeted with violence in Sri Lanka, with the undeniable involvement of the Sri Lankan Government in the genocidal acts against Tamils.

Over 5,000 Tamils across British Columbia commemorates the 25th anniversary in the form of a prayer in honour of all those who lost their lives and the victims still living with wounded memories.

**Venue:** Thurkadevi Hindu Temple,  
7468 Edmonds Street, Burnaby

**Date:** Saturday, July 26, 2008

**Time:** 12:00 noon

Canada opened its door and its heart to the hundreds of Tamil refugees fleeing the Anti-Tamil violence that took place in Sri Lanka in July 1983. In gratitude for the kindness offered by Canada in providing a safe haven for Tamils, the community in return has chosen to give back to Canada in the form of blood. Throughout the month of July, the Tamil community in British Columbia will join Tamils across the nation in a blood drive to increase Canada's blood supply.

The Tamil Canadians have signed on as a Partner for Life with Canadian Blood Services and have challenged themselves to donate an astounding 5,000 units of blood to give others the gift Canada gave them 25 years ago, the gift of a 'lifetime'.

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