

**“LTTE should have implemented the CFA of 2002 in 2002 ...”  
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**The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office at Geneva**



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**Presenter:**

... The LTTE has issued a press release stating that, despite the government’s decision to abandon the Cease-Fire Agreement (CFA), it (the LTTE) has decided to continue to abide by it. The release further states that it was deeply disappointed by the Government’s decision to withdraw from the CFA. According to the LTTE, it was the Sri Lankan Government which has continuously violated the CFA. To learn more about the Government’s reaction to these statements, BBC Sandeshaya spoke to Dayan Jayatilleka, the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva.

**Dayan Jayatilleka:**

The LTTE should have implemented the CFA of 2002 in 2002 and not in 2008! Having violated the Agreement in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008, the LTTE now says that it is willing to implement the 2002 CFA in its entirety without any changes. This is a joke.

**Presenter:**

But they also say that the state security forces, in other words, the state too has violated the Cease-Fire Agreement on a number of occasions.

**Dayan Jayatileka:**

You see, the SLMM (Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission) has released statistics. According to those statistics, the number of occasions on which the state security forces had violated the Cease-Fire was very low. On the contrary, there were about 10,000 instances on which the LTTE had violated this Agreement. When they are in trouble, when they realize that they are going to lose the war, they say that they would respect the Cease-Fire. But, as they say in English, their commitment to the CFA is “too little, too late”.

**Presenter:**

Now, the LTTE statement shows a certain willingness, an interest on the part of the LTTE to return to peace negotiations...

**Dayan Jayatileka:**

How can that be? In 1987, in July 1987, the LTTE chief Prabhakaran said in Sudumalay that he was willing to accept the Indo Sri Lanka Peace Accord. But on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1987, he started waging war against the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF). This is what Prabhakaran always does. When he is in trouble, he says that he is ready for peace negotiations. But, later the LTTE rearms itself and attacks. We place no trust in anything that the LTTE says.

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