

Table: Mandela and Prabhakaran Compared
(prepared by Sachi, March 2012)

Criteria	Nelson Mandela	Velupillai Prabhakaran
<i>date of birth</i>	1918 July 18	1954 November 26
<i>father</i>	Gadla Henry Mphakanyisawa; polygamist	Thiruvengadam Velupillai; monogamist
<i>Mother</i>	Nosekeni Nkedama; 3 rd wife of husband	Parvathy; only wife of husband
<i>sibling status</i>	eldest of four siblings to his mother	youngest of four siblings
<i>ethnicity</i>	Xhosa tribe, South Africa	Sri Lankan Tamil
<i>religion</i>	traditional Qaba faith (father), Christian (mother)	Hindu (both parents)
<i>given name</i>	Rolihlahla (Xhosa), literal meaning: pulling the branch of a tree, colloquial meaning: troublemaker	Prabhakaran, literal meaning: source of light, i.e. the Sun
<i>wife(s)</i>	Evelyn Ntoko Mase (1944-58), divorced Nomzamo Winifred (1958-96), divorced Graca Machel (1998-)	Mathyvathani (1984-2009)
<i>children</i>	Thembekile (1945-69, in accident) Makaziwe (1947, in infancy) Makgatho (1950-2005, by AIDS) Makaziwe (1954- living) Zenani (1959- living) Zindziswa (1960- living)	Charles Anthony Seelan (1985-2009, in battle) Thuwaraha (1986-2009, in battle) Balachandran (1997-2009)
<i>personal habits</i>	austere, nonsmoker, alcoholphobic	austere, nonsmoker, alcoholphobic
<i>personality</i>	autocratic, stubborn	autocratic, stubborn (intransigent)
<i>fame</i>	founder of MK	founder of LTTE
<i>private life</i>	plagued by difficulty and disaster	tumultous and pleasant
<i>prison life</i>	Rivonia treason trial and life imprisonment for 27 years (1964-1990) at Robben Island (off Cape Town) and Pollsmoor Prison.	free movement 'restricted by gumshoes' in implicating him with Rajiv Gandhi killing, for 17 years (1992-2009)
<i>prime adversary</i>	South African minority white government	Sri Lankan majority Sinhalese government
<i>betrayers</i>	Bruno Mtolo Patrick Mthembu (killed by MK in 1978)	Mahattaya (killed by LTTE in 1994) Colonel Karuna Kumaran Pathmanathan, aka KP
<i>Establishment award</i>	Nobel Peace Prize for 1993, at 75 years	None
<i>Current status</i>	living, in frail health	died in 2009 May 17, at 54 years