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# SRI LANKA SITUATION REPORT









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## Iran snubs Sri Lanka

The visit of a high-powered 3-member delegation scheduled to leave for Iran on 10th November was cancelled by Iranian authorities immediately prior to the scheduled departure. The team was to consist of Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Tyrone Fernando, Chairman of the ruling party Harsha Abeywardene and SLFP MP Halim Ishak. The reason for the cancellation was to show Iran's displeasure over Sri Lanka's contacts with Israel, particularly President Jayawardene's recent meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Paris, according to Iranian newspaper "Islamic Republic". "This was later confirmed by the Iranian Foreign Ministry. The Sri Lanka Foreign Ministry contacted by the Colombo newspaper "The Island", declined to comment on the matter. (Virakesari 13/11 and Island 12/11 and 13/11)

## U.S. Nukes off Colombo

Did the giant American Aircraft Carrier "USS KITTY HAWK" which visited Colombo between November 10 and November 14 have nuclear warheads aboard? Replying to a question by SLFP MP Lakshman Jayakody in Parliament on November 8, Foreign Affairs Minister A.C.S. Hameed said the government had verified that the vessel would not enter Sri Lanka's territorial waters with nuclear warheads on board. The naval authorities had "checked available information" following a US Embassy application for Kitty Hawk to dock in Colombo. (Daily News: Nov.9). But "The Island" of Nov.13 reported: "The Public Affairs Officer Lt. Art St. John J.G. of the American aircraft carrier which arrived in Colombo on Sunday said that the official position of the United States Navy with respect to nuclear warheads aboard Kitty Hawk was to neither confirm nor deny it".

## Rs.6169 m. on Defence!

The country's economic gains would lie in ruins if the ethnic crisis is not brought to a halt. This was the warning given by Sri Lankan Finance Minister Ronnie de Mel in presenting his 9th consecutive budget in Parliament on 13th November. "A poor country like Sri Lanka cannot afford the defence expenditure of Rs.6,196 million in 1986 whereas in 1978 it was only Rs.560 million. (The Island 14/11).

## Refugee Situation in Trinco

The Committee Monitoring the Cessation of Hostilities in a report issued on 14 November states that 23,465 persons belonging to 5262 families of the Trincomalee District are now being housed on 51 refugee camps set up in the District.

The Committee which issued its report following its visit to Trincomalee on 9, November

has said that of this number housed in the 51 refugee camps 11,457 are Sinhalese and 12,008 Tamils.

Besides these refugees there have been many who have left the area for other places.

The Committee quotes the Government Agent of Trincomalee saying that following these disturbances in the most affected areas of Seruwila, Muttur, Kuchchaveli and Morawewa both Sinhalese and Tamils have left these areas. The Government Agent has told the Committee that while the Sinhalese moved to Kantalai and a fair proportion into other areas in the South, the Tamils have gone to Trincomalee town and Batticaloa.

The Committee quotes the Government agent: "While small numbers have been returning to Muttur and Morawewa, the position at Kuchchaveli continues to remain the same. In addition Gomarankandwela adjoining Thihariya has been badly affected. Buddhist temples there have been evacuated and are now unoccupied."

(The Island - 15th November).

## Trinco - A Forbidden Area

Continued unrest in Trincomalee, the eastern coastal district, forced the authorities to close this former tourist paradise to foreign visitors and journalists, a senior military officer said.

The commanding officer of the district's security forces, Brigadier Harsha Guneratne, said they decided to keep journalists out of Trincomalee to prevent possible 'mischievous reporting' which could trigger bloody rioting.

Tension has been steadily mounting since August 18 when armed terrorists stormed a village called Namalwatte, about 20 miles north of Trincomalee, and killed six civilians.

The latest clashes between security forces and separatist fighters, and the terrorist massacre of civilians have claimed at least 57 lives.

At least 33 terrorists were killed when security forces raided four separatist hideouts and terrorists killed 24 Sinhalese. Tamil and Moslem civilians during the last five days.

More than a dozen homes have been burnt, adding more people to the 35,000 refugees already in the district, government officials said. Feeding the refugees cost the government millions.

Brigadier Guneratne is touchy about foreigners visiting his district.

"There is absolutely no tourist here now. We are keeping foreigners out because journalists could slip in as tourists", he said.

Tourist hotels were a favourite terrorist target, with at least two being wrecked in major raids.

Brigadier Guneratne said accredited correspondents, however, could go up to the resort district if their visit was arranged with the Joint Operators Command headquarters, with

Information Department approval.

Trincomalee's government agent, Camillus Fernando, was unable to single out any instances of "misreporting", but said they were not prepared to take any chances in the greater interest of peace.

(Daily News, 13, November 1985)

## The State of Tourism

Charter operators from Western Europe have cut flights to Colombo heralding a bleak winter season for the tourist industry, the trade said yesterday.

President of the Association of Group Tour Agencies, Mr. R. Sivaratnam, said three charter operators, Condor, Balair, Finnmatkat, have reduced the frequency of their flights due to slack demand.

The cut backs have taken the tourist trade by surprise. The trade expected the sector's revival last year, after the 1983 violence, to continue, says Ken Balendra of Walker Tours. Walkers are the local agents for Neckermann, Hotelplan and Tkaerbprg travel agencies.

Tourist Board statistics show about 169,000 arrivals between January and August this year, compared with 212,674 during the same period last year. The board spent Rs. 47 million publicity last year, but no money was spent on promotion this year.

(Daily News, November 13, 1985).

## Oberoi in the red

The Asian Hotels Corporation Ltd., owners of the Hotel Lanka Oberoi, reported a net loss of Rs.27.5 million after tax for the year ended March 31, 1985. The Oberoi, which had increased its room capacity from 376 to 562 rooms, has reported 48.6 per cent occupancy during the period under review, down from 53.7 per cent a year earlier.

## Budget: Blows after blows

Here are highlights of the Sri Lanka budget, as affecting the average citizens in that country:

### Rail Fares:

3rd Class and Season ticket fares up by 8 per cent. First class by 30 per cent and 2nd class by 15 per cent.

### Cigarettes:

Up by 5 cents. Today's prices of well-known brands are (per cigarette): Gold Leaf - Rs.1/05; Capstan - 90cts; Bristol Mild - 85cts; Three Roses - 85cts; Four Aces - 75cts.

### Liquor:

Up by Rs. 5/- all locally made liquor. Corresponding increase of duty on imported liquor.



## Postal Rates :

Ordinary letters raised from 60 to 75cts. Post cards from 35 to 50cts. Registered letters from Rs. 4/60 to Rs. 5/75. Aerogrammes from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 6/-.

## Telegraph Rates :

Up from Re. 1/- for the first 15 words to Rs. 1/50. Each additional word up from 15cts to 25cts.

## Stamp Duty :

Increase from 50cts to Re.1/-.

## Telephone Charges :

Local calls raised from 90cts to Rs. 1/10. Charges for New Connection from Rs. 7,300/- to Rs. 7,500/-. Coin Collecting Box unit rate up from Re. 1/- to Rs. 2/-. Non Business Rental Rs. 360/- to Rs. 400/-. Business Rental Rate from Rs. 900/- to Rs. 1000/-.

## Airport Tax :

Embarkation fees raised from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 200/-.

Rice, flour and sugar had already gone up in prices one week before the budget.

## Navy men rob Jewellery shop

A gang of eight armed with sub-machine guns, iron rods and leather belts allegedly broke into a jewellery shop at Bristol Street, Fort, on Wednesday, threatened the salesmen and got away with Rs.25,000/- in cash after damaging the shop. Investigations are being conducted by the Fort Police on a complaint to Crime Headquarters that those allegedly involved were naval officers. Four salesmen who were allegedly brutally assaulted have been admitted to the Colombo General Hospital.

The complainant had alleged that around 4 p.m. on Wednesday, a naval officer from the Rangalla camp in Kochchikade entered the shop with three others and an altercation ensued over a minor matter. A security guard attached to the People's Bank branch on the same street intervened and stopped it. The naval officer is supposed to be known to the security guard.

Later around 7.30 p.m. this naval officer had arrived at the shop with seven others also suspected to be navy men armed with SMGs, iron rods and leather belts and attacked the shop, the complainant alleges. Later he had found that Rs.25,000/- was missing. (The Sun : 9 November).

## Demos against arrests

More than 150 people staged a protest outside the Batticaloa kachcheri yesterday demanding a meeting with the Committee Monitoring the Cessation of Hostilities (C.M.C.H.). Parents and wives of several hundred persons who

had been taken in for questioning by the security forces led the protest. According to reports, around 200 persons had not contacted their families after arrest by the forces. (The Sun : 14 November).

## Robbery at Rakwana

An unidentified gang robbed Rs.226,000/- from an estate managed by the State Plantation Corporation at Rakwana on Monday. (The Sun : 14 November).

## To Dhaka on Dec.6

President J.R. Jayawardene leaves Sri Lanka on December 6 to attend the first summit level conference of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (S.A.A.R.C.) in the Bangladesh capital of Dhaka. (The Sun : 14 November).

## Who foiled Whom ?

*Under the headline : "Public foil terrorists", the Daily News of 13th November carried the following news item :-*

"Some members of the public yesterday foiled an attempt by a group of armed terrorists to rob the Jaffna Railway Station. Police said the unity among the public who felt it was they who suffered by such acts prevented the incident. According to railway sources, at the time of the incident, the day's collection of about Rs.80,000/- was in the station safe."

The same day's issue of the Tamil language newspaper "Virakesari", also published from Colombo, carried the following report on the same incident :-

An attempt by a gang of armed youths to rob the day's collection from the Jaffna Railway Station yesterday, was foiled by a large militant group. It happened when the Colombo-bound Yal Devi arrived at the Jaffna station around 7.45 a.m. There was a large crowd of passengers who were jostling to get into the train. At this point of time nine armed youths walked into the station room where the cash safe was kept and threatened the officer in charge to hand over the keys. A van load of youths armed with automatic weapons belonging to a major militant group suddenly arrived on the scene and questioned the identity of the armed gang. On their replying that they belonged to the "Makkal Peravai", they were ordered to leave the place without being harmed. The members of the militant group thereafter apologised to the station staff and ensured the continued functioning of the station. Within minutes of the incident, the Yal Devi left on its journey.

## "Eelam Currency !"

A substantial number of one-thousand rupee notes with Eelam propaganda slogans defacing them are now in the custody of the Central Bank, a senior official said yesterday. He said officials were trying to trace where the

defacement was done... (Daily News : 1 November).

## Hatton students protest

Students of Highlands College, Hatton, boycotted classes yesterday in protest against the arrest of three students of the school for suspected terrorist activity. About 2500 students attend this mixed school (The Sun : 16 November).

## Dear Reader,

Due to financial and other constraints we were unable to maintain regular periodicity in the publication and in the worldwide air mail posting of TAMIL INFORMATION magazine. The last issue to appear was Issue No. 10, dated 1st October 1985. We are now compelled, much to our regret, to stop publication TEMPORARILY of TI until we find the necessary financial support. We are happy however to inform you that you will receive in lieu of TI :-

1. A Sri Lanka Situation Report EVERY FORTNIGHT beginning January 1986, to be published in Madras every 1st and 15th of the month.
2. A monthly release containing a BACKGROUND BRIEFING on problems affecting Sri Lanka with specific reference to the problems of the Tamils, to be published every third week of the month in Madras, beginning January 1986.

This issue comes to you as a sample introductory one; the next one will appear on January 1 and thereafter the Situation Report will come to you fortnightly.

While TI subscribers will continue to receive both publications, new readers, outside India, who would like to gain an authentic knowledge of Sri Lankan affairs and be briefed about happenings there regularly, may contact Tamil Information Centre, 3rd Floor, 24-28 Clapham High St. (Voltaire Road Entrance), London SW4 7UR, UK, for details of subscriptions. Readers within India who would like to receive the publications continuously may please write to TIRU, No.1, 3rd Cross St., off 1st Main Road, Besant Nagar, Madras-90.

## Erratum

*A slip in memory caused an unfortunate error in the lead article "The Price of Violence" in the last issue of Tamil Information. The day the "Sinhala Only" Act was passed was 5th JUNE 1956 and not 5th APRIL 1956 as was stated. We regret the error.*



## Human Rights Violation

October 15 -

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Colombo-Jaffna train service, interrupted since August 27, resumes. Report received of yesterday's incident at Mallikaitivu, between Dehiwatte and Muttur, where 3 Muslim Tamils — Packirkuddy Salim (26), Mohamadu Rasathamby (45) and Mahamadu Ismail Nazeer (17), who were going in two carts, were stopped by a party of about 10 army men. Army men demanded their identity cards, then tore them up, ordered them to proceed and shot all three dead.

Panic in Batticaloa district as Police Commandos terrorise population in the course of a "search operation". Buring of houses on refusal to give information and indiscriminate arrests reported in following villages —

Alankulam, Mandur, Mankerny, Ariyampathy, Punnaichcholai, and Vadamunai.

Search operations by army continue in Vavuniya and Mannar districts.

Mylyiddy residents send protest to President Jayawardene over the compulsory acquisition of 500 acres of land, part of it high arable land, for the expansion of Palaly Army camp. 2,200 people will be de-housed and lose their livelihood as a result.

Govt. says an attempted attack on Batticaloa prison was thwarted by security forces.

One million rupee worth jewellery and cash reported stolen from the house of a businessman at Valetturai.

Oct. 16

About 50 to 60 army men go on a rampage at Point Pedro, in the northern coast. A woman resident received a shot wound on the throat, and a man received an injury in the arm; both were hospitalised.

At Nanattan in the Mannar district, two Tamil civilians were killed as a result of army firing, one other injured and several others arrested. Civilians were also shot at, in the Manthai area a few miles away.

Information received that two more Muslim Tamils were killed by army men at the Mallikaitivu incident on the 14th. They were : Mohamadu Sheriff Jazili (22) and Jazili Ansar (26), both of Jinnah Nagar, Muttur. One in the party of six who escaped, Seyadu Mohamadu Uvais

(place of residence withheld) lived to tell the story.

(Government MISINFORMATION media in Colomb. says that/Tamil "terrorists" killed 3 Muslims, and this "official" information was given to the international media as well, which duly used it !)

Minister for National Security Lalith Athulathmudali addresses the first meeting of the Ceasefire Monitoring Committee.

Prime Minister Premadasa leaves to attend 40th anniversary celebrations of the United Nations.

Govt. claims that Mannar leader of EPRLF named Rajan was shot dead by security forces.

Oct. 17

Sri Lanka faces disaster if ethnic conflict goes on, says Prime Minister Ronnie de Mel.

Leading Vishnu temple in Jaffna — Perumal Kovil — robbed of jewellery and precious stones worth several lakhs, along with cash Rs.35,000/-. Masked men force trustees at gunpoint to open temple safes. For the first time a liberation group is held responsible for a temple

robbery. Public outcry.

From Vavuniya, report of a young Tamil woman being raped by Air Force personnel.

Public outcry in Puttur in Jaffna district over extortion of money and property by armed Tamil youths. Residents put up road blocks to prevent vehicular movement in the area.

Oct. 18

Six civilians killed in Amparai district as a result of aerial strafing from a helicopter. Security forces encircle Karadian Aru in Batticaloa district and engage in "search operations".

Govt. claims 7 "terrorists" were killed in Amparai district (possibly referring to the 6 civilians killed from the helicopter) and 32 other "terrorists" captured when security forces raided a camp in the district.

(Editor's Note : Members of the armed forces in the North and East enjoy a special reward system, entitling

any member of the armed forces who makes the claim to have killed a "terrorist" to a special reward. The claim has to be "approved" by a superior officer. Very often, "evidence" is planted on the dead bodies of young civilians killed, sometimes with the superior officer's connivance and the reward money is duly paid. While serving in the North and East is certainly known to be highly risky, we are informed that it is also a highly paying business !)

Major fire guts a row of offices at the Hilton Hotel project site in Colombo Fort.

Oct. 19

8 members of the 11-member Ceasefire Monitoring Committee visit the Boosa detention camp in the Galle district in the south coast where Tamil youths are kept without trial or inquiry.

140 specially-trained Police Commandos sent to Batticaloa district, 10 to be attached to each of the 14 Police Stations in the district.

Road blocks set up by Puttur residents removed on the understanding that night vigilance committees with the help of some militant groups will do night policing hereafter.



## nd & Cease-fire Violations

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Gunny bags containing 100 detonators and other items used to explode bombs along with posters belonging to two militant groups discovered abandoned in the Yal Devi train that arrived from Jaffna.

5 soldiers seriously wounded when army vehicle hit a land mine on the Mannar-Marukan road.

Family members and relations of five Tamil women, 3 of them married, arrested by armed forces and detained without any inquiry, appeal to Batticaloa Citizens' Committee to have them released. They allege that the

Landmine placed by army authorities outside Mullaitivu Army camp for their own protection, goes off unexpectedly killing one soldier and seriously injuring another.

More than 300 Tamil refugees from Trincomalee stage a 15-mile protest march in Jaffna demanding protection

7 Army men killed and 13 injured in a landmine explosion at Cheddikulam in the Vavuniya district. Security forces in the area get into a frenzy following this incident. Over a 1,000 people, residents of Vavuniya and environs picked up from roads and homes and detained for questioning. All cars, vans, bicycles on roads stopped and users of the vehicles bundled into army trucks and taken away, with the vehicles lying abandoned on the roads. About 75 out of the thousand later sent to the Vavuniya army camp and others released.

Unprovoked show of force by Army in Jaffna after a long spell of subdued presence. In the morning, army men on foot fire at random in the busy Hospital Street, injuring more than 10 civilians including a one-year old infant in a house. People in nearby shops attacked.

Around midnight, Jaffna city residents woken up by a one-hour demonstration of fire power from inside the Jaffna Fort. The army shelling destroys part of the Veerasingham Hall building, the tallest in the town.

President Jayawardene interviewed by BBC says the govt. will defeat the "terrorists" in one year.

Monitoring Committee goes to Trincomalee on a 2-day visit. While in the presence of the Committee members, GA. Trincomalee offered the assurance to some Tamil refugees that they would be given Rs.1,000/- per head to re-settle in their villages, armed "Home Guards" explode a bomb in the vicinity.

Seven Policemen, including a Police officer killed in a landmine ambush, near Batticaloa. Police party in two jeeps was escorting a water bowser when incident

Security in Tangalle district in the deep south tightened following threatening letter in Sinhala addressed to Chief Priest of Buddhist temple. The letter, with a northern postmark, signed by a mysterious person claiming to be "Balasingham" had threatened to blow up the temple. Govt. alleges that "terrorists" had robbed Rs.200,000 worth rice and cement at a government stores in Vavuniya.

women had been subject to torture and harassment.

Ceasefire Monitoring Committee in Colombo says that they had not received any complaints about ceasefire violations until today.

and financial assistance to get back to their ancestral homes.

Tamil boy shot dead on the road at Velaichchenai by Police commandos.

Roar of helicopters near Batticaloa sea-shore during the night keep residents awake and in tension.

At Araipatrai, Navatkudah and Karativu in the Eastern Province, nearly 50 Tamils arrested, two women were raped and children chased away from schools in the course of a "search operation".

In Colombo, a Tamil mother of five, Mrs. Vigneshwara Moorthy of Vavuniya, sentenced to two weeks' simple imprisonment under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, on her pleading guilty of "withholding information regarding terrorist activity in the North". This was the first and only instance in which an accused had pleaded guilty under the PTA.

Govt. alleges later that "Security forces repulsed an attack on Jaffna Fort by about 150 armed terrorists". "There were no casualties among the forces, but it is reported that a number of terrorists were wounded in the exchange". (Daily News : 26th Oct.)

At Anuradhapura, railway employees prevent Inter-city express from leaving as protest against abduction of 4 railway employees by Tamil militants. Colombo-Jaffna train services again suspended.

Govt. claims four "terrorists" were shot dead by security forces in a village called Kalavikkulam in Vavuniya district.

At Veeramunai in the Batticaloa district, Police commandos encircle an educational tutory, open fire indiscriminately and kill 7 Tamil school children, all between the ages of 10 to 15. Several others injured. Bodies of the dead children were carried away by the Commandos.

occured. Officer in charge of Vellaveli Police station also reported missing after incident.

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# Diary of Events

	<p>Elsewhere, at Eravur, 2 members of the Police Special Task Force injured in a bomb explosion.</p> <p>Tamil guerrillas, identified as belonging to EPRLF by govt. sources, take control of a section of Jaffna General</p>	<p>Hospital and compel surgical and other staff to attend to some of their wounded comrades.</p> <p>Kamaraj Congress leader P. Nedumaran at the end of his secret visit to north and east Sri Lanka meets pressmen in Jaffna.</p>
<p><b>Oct. 29</b></p>	<p>Tamil militants blow up power supply lines at Trincomalee, plunging the town and the environs in darkness.</p> <p>Farmers at Vellaveli flee their homes and escape to Porativu, fearing reprisals by armed forces after landmine incident.</p> <p>Sudden appearance of army unit of about 75 personnel who marched on foot from the Jaffna Fort to Main Street followed by armoured cars, causes panic in city area. No incidents reported however.</p>	<p>At Thondamanaru in Jaffna district, 8-year old boy Thilakarathnam Gajendran and 28-year old Karunaipragasam Jeyapragasam killed in their sleep by army shelling from Thondamanaru army camp. Gajendran's sister Gajalakshmy (11), his grandparents among others injured by the shelling. Goats and cows also killed. Several houses damaged.</p> <p>Govt. later claimed that "terrorist attack" on the army camp was repelled by security forces without any casualties.</p>
<p><b>Oct. 30</b></p>	<p>Brutal killing of five Tamil farmers who were working in their field, by army men. All five were clubbed repeatedly with the mammoties they were using (farming implements). Incident happened at Periakattu in the Vavuniya district. Some other farmers in the near distance managed to escape. It is believed that army men did not want to use their firearms for fear of attracting the situation of Tamil militants in the area.</p> <p>Strafing by helicopter reported from Arampaththai in Batticaloa district. Casualties not known.</p> <p>Army men who came out of Jaffna Fort in about 10 vehicles around 9 in the night swoop on people on the road and take about 20 of them into custody. Their fate</p>	<p>not known.</p> <p>Clash between Tamil militants and Police commandos reported near Kallady in Batticaloa. Several Policemen believed injured. Later, area was strafed by helicopters believed to have been flown from Trincomalee.</p> <p>Four gold-plated Hindu temple icons discovered in an abandoned parcel opposite Bank of Ceylon building in Pettah in Colombo. Initially suspected to be bombs, their antiquity and worth could not be estimated immediately.</p> <p>After P. Nedumaran's departure from Jaffna, possibly 48 hours later, Sri Lanka govt. Intelligence agencies begin probe about the genuineness of his presence.</p>
<p><b>Oct. 31</b></p>	<p>Naval officer Lt. D.J.A. Denegama, his wife and child and naval patrolmen Y.M.C. Yapa, A.T.N. Bothota and D.R.N. Dassanayake and driver S.D. Siriwardene were all killed when the jeep in which they were travelling was blown up by a landmine between the Trincomalee dockyard and Naval headquarters.</p> <p>Govt. states that Tamil militants had removed electrical</p>	<p>equipment worth Rs.500,000 from the Ceylon Electricity Board stores at Vavuniya by forcing open the place.</p> <p>Subramaniam Kathiresu, believed to be a habitual drunkard, shot dead by army men opposite the heavily guarded Jaffna Fort army camp. It was later explained by army authorities that he kept on advancing towards the Fort entrance despite being warned to stop.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 1</b></p>	<p>Ceasefire Monitoring Committee meets President Jayawardene for 90 mins. On the eve of the army take-over of the Cey-Nor factory at Karainagar, armed youths are alleged to have robbed goods from the factory worth over Rs. 3 lakhs.</p> <p>Tamil youth S. Kathiresan of Koddady who was cycling past the Jaffna Police Station was shot dead without any provocation.</p> <p>Ten Tamil civilians were killed when armed forces</p>	<p>surrounded a village in Mulankavil on the Mannar-Poonakari Road and began firing at random. Govt. sources later explain that they had information that "terrorists" had a secret hideout in the village.</p> <p>Two army men were killed and four others seriously wounded when the jeep in which they were travelling was blown up by a landmine at Thirukonamadu in the Trincomalee district.</p> <p>Colombo-Jaffna train service resumed again.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 2</b></p>	<p>Intensive army search operation in jungle area between Saathiri Koolam and Pambaimadhu. Intermittent firing and explosions heard for several hours.</p> <p>Govt. sources admit that Ceasefire Monitoring Committee had recommended that six Tamil women detained without inquiry at Boosa camp be either released or a speedy inquiry be held.</p>	<p>Farmers in Mullaitivu area ordered to get special permission from Army camps at Mullaitivu or Oddisuddan before going to tend their fields.</p> <p>EPRLF announces daily Eelam broadcast from 3-3.30 p.m. and 8-8.30 p.m. on short wave 41 metre band, beginning from Thursday the 7th.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 3</b></p>	<p>Sri Lanka finally establishes that Kamaraj Congress leader P. Nedumaran was in fact present in Jaffna and takes up with Indian govt. the question of his illegal entry into the country.</p> <p>State and Tourism Minister Dr. Anandatissa de Alwis</p>	<p>stops proposed Rs. 20m. tourism promotional programme in Western Europe.</p> <p>Govt. claims to have captured "17 hardcore terrorists" after a cordon and search operation at Kallady in Batticaloa district, belonging to EROS, EPRLF, PLOTE and LTTE !</p>



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Tamil Nadu Congress leader Mr. P. Nedumaran is well known in Sri Lanka for his antics. While we Sri Lankans do have a sense of humour and can appreciate the comic demonstrations of politicians — both local and foreign — we are unable to do so in the case of Mr. Nedumaran because his antics are being performed in a theatre where there could be tragic consequences.

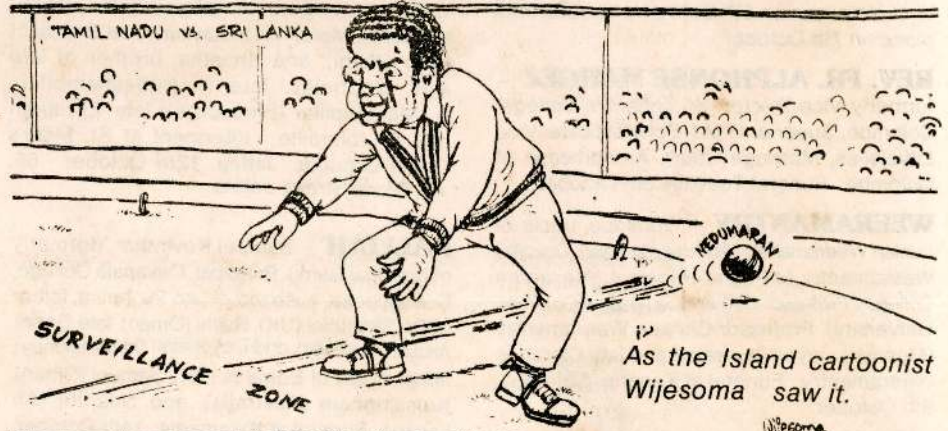
In 1983 during the darkest hours in living memory of Sri Lankans Mr. Nedumaran decided to set to Sri Lanka with thousands of fellow misguided inhabitants of Tamil Nadu in a flotilla of bum boats apparently with the idea of invading Sri Lanka. The Indian authorities did intervene in this instance for had he entered the territorial waters of Sri Lanka with his invading "army" there could have been disastrous consequences. Now Mr. Nedumaran had staged another performance for his Tamil Nadu audience — this time solo. He is said to have entered this country through illegal means and done a personal study of the situation prevalent in the Northern and Eastern provinces.

At a press conference held in Madras this week, he has called the ceasefire a "fraud" and said that "fear stalks Jaffna that it might be subject to aerial bombardments". According to Mr. Nedumaran (as reported in "The Hindu") all activity in the North and Eastern provinces have come to a halt and helicopters were shooting people from the air. The people of Jaffna can now decide for themselves whether the Tamil Nadu people and the World are being told the truth.

While the situation in the North and Eastern provinces is far from normal as today's reports clearly demonstrate — seven policemen and three soldiers being killed by terrorists — the activities of Mr. Nedumaran and the like

## "Mr. Nedumaran's Antics", says "The Island" in anger

Editorial in *The Island*, the Colombo newspaper, of 7th November, 1985



As the *Island* cartoonist Wijesoma saw it.

both here and in Tamil Nadu are bound to take us further into the morass.

In this respect it is worthwhile asking the Indian authorities where they stand in regard to such activities which are bound to foul the settlement efforts that are being made by the Central Indian government. Mr. Nedumaran is of course free to disseminate his lies and anti-Sri Lankan propaganda amongst the people of Tamil Nadu. But should he be permitted to cross over to another country illegally and return back home to destroy whatever progress that has been made in reaching a negotiated settlement?

Mr. Nedumaran certainly did enter Sri Lanka illegally as he had admitted at a press conference in Madras. But did he violate Indian immigration laws in the manner in which he left India? Or did he do so with the blessings of the authorities there although it was an unorthodox mode of travel.

On the other hand the ability of a person such as Mr. Nedumaran to enter Sri Lanka so freely and leave without being detected is

a demonstration of our inability to patrol our own coasts. While the country today is talking about the colossal expenditure for the Defence Services for next year, it is evident that much has to be spent if Sri Lanka is to have an effective coastguard. Our authorities should watch out whether the escapades of Mr. Nedumaran could inspire similar adventures by other Tamil Nadu politicians.

Mr. Nedumaran's antics points at the festering sore of the communal problem in Sri Lanka: the Tamil Nadu connection. As long as terrorists leaders are treated as VIPs in Tamil Nadu and are directing subversive activities from that country the demands of the terrorists are bound to increase. For politicians like Mr. Nedumaran the corpses of the Sri Lankans — both Sinhala and Tamil — have become votes in their ballot box.

The Government of India desirous as it is, of a negotiated settlement should realise how difficult such a task would be, as long as Lanka's terrorists continue to inspire Tamil Nadu's fanatics.



Flashback to 1983 when Nedumaran made a symbolic protest of crossing the seas as expression of solidarity with Sri Lankan Tamils.



*In a land where Death by Violence is a common occurrence and the names of the victims rarely get obituary notices, here are some "fortunate" few who passed away into the void, duly noticed in Sri Lankan newspapers :-*

**T. KULAVEERASINGAM** — Retired Accountant, R.V.D.B., died under tragic circumstances on 5th October. Funeral took place on 7th October.

**REV. FR. ALPHONSE MARGEZ** — formerly Vice Rector, St. Joseph's College, Colombo, Superior O.M.I. Scholasticate, Vice Officialis, Marriage Court, Archdiocese of Colombo. Funeral Tuesday 8th October.

**WEERAMANTRY** — Boniface, uncle of Lucian Weeramantry (Attorney-at-Law), Douglas Weeramantry (J.P. and Principal, Alexandra College), Professor Osmund Jayaratne (Colombo University), Professor Christie Weeramantry (Monash), Joyce Jayaratne and late Clarence Weeramantry. Funeral at Kanatte, Colombo, 9th October.

**SABASEN** — Mrs. Niranjana. Daughter of Mr. Nithiandan of Oman and Mrs. Nithiandan ex-walkers, expired under tragic circumstances in Madras.

**BASIL TISSEVEERASINGHE** — of Lake House, Colombo. Husband of Ranjini, father of Krishanthan and Preshanthan. Interment, Alaiyadiholai Cemetery, Batticaloa, 10th October. 17, Collette Lane, Batticaloa.

**R. SOMASUNDARAMPILLAI** — of Nagolla Road, Matale, father of Muthukumaraswamy, Shanmuganathan, Sarojinidevi, Sarathambal, and Shanthakumari. Expired and cremated in Madras. 255/3, Pioneer Colony, Anna Nagar Western Extension, Madras 101, India.

**A. THURAIRATNAM** — formerly Sales Manager, Bata Shoe Company, Colombo, son of late Mr. & Mrs. Arumainayagam, husband of Kanmani, father of Logan, Dushi and Chuti. Passed away in Madras and remains interred in Madras, 11th October.

**GNANAPRAGASAM P.** — of Periyapullumalai, Batticaloa district, died under tragic circumstances on 12th October. Husband of Ruth, father of Christy, Reginald, Berty and Gregory.

**HANDY** — Carol Sureshkumar (Hatton National Bank, Darley Road branch), husband of Sugunajothi, father of Ashani and Roshani, son of S.A. Handy and Mrs. Handy, son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Dharmaratnam of Alwis Town, brother of Priya, Rohan (Union Carbide), Vijay, Chrisso (George Stuarts). Burial 12th October, General Cemetery, Kanatte, Colombo. 118, Alwis Town, Hendala, Wattala.

**ALPHONSUS** — Husband of late Phelomina (Malar), father of Vanmala, Dr. Rajkumar (Canada), Angelo Wijekumar (Engineer, Malay-

sia), Sharmala (Abu Dhabi), Suriyakumar (Accountant, London), and Amalkumar, father-in-law of Umakanthan (Nigeria), Dr. Shalini (Canada), Manoma (Malaysia), Joe Benedict (Abu Dhabi), and Shantha, brother of late A.R. Nocholas, late A. Sebastiampillai, A. Manuelpillai (Singapore), late Elizabeth and A. Johnpille. Interment at St. Mary's Burial Grounds, Jaffna, 12th October. 55, 4th Cross Street, Jaffna.

**NALLIAH** — Samuel Kovintha, (formerly of National Bank), Principal, Devapala College, Dematagoda, husband of late Pushpam, father of Dr. Shanthini (UK), Rajini (Oman), late Gnani, Arulini (Australia), and Devapalan (Hebtulabhoy), father-in-law of Edwards (UK), Samuel (Oman), Kulasingham (Australia), and Nilanthi (Air Lanka). Funeral at Karainagar, 14th October.

**BALASINGAM** — Mrs. Thavakiavathy (Moolai), wife of Balasingam (Asst. Director, Ministry of Fisheries), mother of Thavabalan (Oman), Chandrabalan (Oman), Sivabalan (Dubai), and Indrani (UK), mother-in-law of Ranjani, Pathmaleela, Indramany and T.S. Tharmalingam (UK). Cremated Kanatte Cemetery, October 20. 50, Vivekananda Road, Wellawette.

**PUNCHIAPPUHAMY T.G.** — Deputy Governor, Central Bank, Chairman Ceylon Gems Ltd., former Chairman, State Gem Corporation. Cremated at General Cemetery, Kanatte, Colombo on 21st October. 9, 1st lane, Jambugasmulla Road, Nugegoda.

**LADD, Percy Kadiravel** — formerly Foreman Port Cargo Corporation, husband of Manonmany, father of Rajan (Savoy Emporium), Sri (Canada) and Shyamala (UK), father-in-law of Naguleswaran, Hyacinth and Panchalingam (UK). Cremation 4th November, Colombo. 65/1, Moor Road, Colombo 6.

**FRANCIS A.N.** — of Naranthanai, Kayts, retired Chief Clerk, Excise Dept., Jaffna, husband of Pearly, father of Rajini (UK), Malini, Sharmini (UK), Carmini, Mahendran (Norway), Subothini and Nalini, father-in-law of Basil (UK) and Dharmajothi (Samuel & Sons). Funeral November 2, Naranthanai South, Kayts.

**JOHNPILLAI, Anton** — former Managing Director, Brown's Group, Colombo, expired on 29th October. Funeral in Australia.

**PERERA, Atula** — Sub-Inspector of Police, son of N.T. Perera, retired Inspector of Police, died under tragic circumstances. Interment 30th October. 108/2, Temple Road, Maharagama.

**SEGARAJASINGHE** — Ariam Benito, formerly of People's Bank, interment at St. Mary's Burial Grounds, Jaffna, 31st October. "Sega Wasa", 57, Vembadi Road, Jaffna.

**Dr. S.A. VETTIVELU** — Husband of Parasakthy, father of Dr. Gnaneswaran (UK), Yoogeswaran (ex-MP, Jaffna), Dr. Maheswaran (USA), Dr. Rajeswaran (UK), Balayogini, Kamaleswari, Sivakumari (UK), Dr. Jegatheswarie, father-in-law of Dr. Ramanathan, Ministry of Rural Industrial Development, Dr. Nadarajah (General Hospital, Colombo), Dr. Thayaparan (UK), Dr. Jegapragasan (Hospital, Pt. Pedro), Anne (UK), Sarojini, Vasuki (USA), Dr. Chandra (UK), brother of Proctor Nalliah and Dr. S.A. Tharmalingam. 22, Rasavinthottam, Jaffna.

**THAMBIRAJAH, Prudence Inpamalar** — wife of John Thambirajah, retired Station Master, sister of Pushpam Edwards and Wilson, mother of Morgan (Hotel Lanka Oberoi), Marcia and Milroy. Funeral 5th November. 11, Barr Lane, Tellipallai.

**V.S. NADARAJAN** — Attorney-at-law, retired Deputy Registrar of Companies, husband of Kamala (nee Gulasekharam), father of Ranjini (Australia), Rohini (Maldives) and Shantakumar. Interment Colombo 6th November. 31/4, Sea Avenue, Colombo 3.

**C.D.S. SIRIWARDENE** — a former Senator, served as Sri Lanka Ambassador in the Soviet Union and in Pakistan. Cremation Colombo 6th November. 686, Havelock Road, Pemankade, Colombo 6.

**T. JAYALINGAM** — well-known businessman and sportsman, former Deputy Managing Director of Brooke Bonds Colombo, son of the late C. Thiagalingam Q.C., husband of Jean, father of Shalani (Sakina), Naresh, Dinesh, and Kamalini, died in London following coronary by-pass surgery. Cremated in Colombo on 10th November. 16, Albert Crescent, Colombo 7.

**DURAIRAJAH** — Dr. K.C. and Mrs. Kamalasan Durairajah, parents of Chandravatani (New Zealand) and Prithiviraj (Guyana), father-in-law and mother-in-law of Laxman Perera (New Zealand) died under tragic circumstances in London. Cremation in London. 49, Fitzgeorge Avenue, London West 14.

**V. CHELLIAH** — retired Headmaster, husband of Vallipillai, father of Suntharamoorthy (RVDB), Dr. Vinayagamoorthy (U.K.), Ganeshamoorthy (Kuwait), Punithawathy, Yogamoorthy (U.K.), Thiagavathy, Sathiyamoorthy (Singapore), Krishnamoorthy (U.K.), and Murugamoorthy (U.K.). Funeral 14th November. Athuluwar Walawu, Karaveddi.







