

"I have a high regard for the LTTE for its discipline, dedication, determination, motivation and technical expertise."

Lt. Gen. S. C. Sardeshpande,  
G.O.C. IPKF forces in  
Jaffna in his book "Assignment"

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# Economic Strangulation

## People Happy at Tiger Success

Operation Balavegaya - 2 - commenced with the imposition of curfew on June 26 and relaxed only on July 13 - seems to have left the Jaffna people happier than every before on any similar military effort. The reasons are obvious.

The whole of Jaffna peninsula is jubilant that the most hated giant Chinese made Y8 plane which had wrought tremendous destruction to Jaffna ever since the current war broke out in June 1990 was shot down by the Tigers on July 5 at Iyakachchy.

On July 5 too the Chinese 'dragon' was dropping locally made barrel bombs all over Iyakachchy, when the Tigers shot it down.

It is common knowledge that it is the Sri Lankan Air Force planes that are sustaining the war efforts of the Sinhala government. The

Air Force planes have done lot of damage and the feeling among the people now is that the Tigers are quite capable of meeting the onslaughts of 'enemy from the sky'.

Another boost for popular morale came in quickly with the complete destruction of the Sri Lankan Army Camp at Vannankulam in Cheddikulam, Vavunia District. According to reports over

50 Sri Lankan soldiers died for only 6 Tamil fighters. The Tigers also recovered a very large haul of arms.

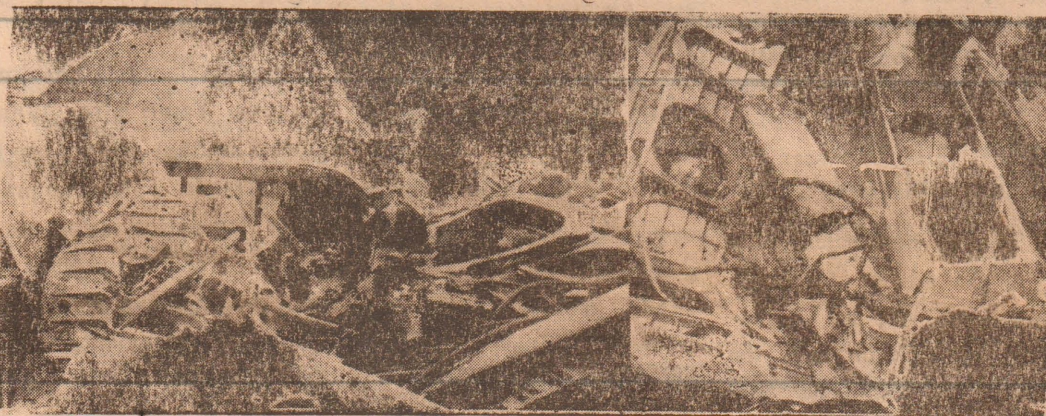
These two successful Tiger efforts have naturally helped

the local population feel elated.

On the other hand the Government has announced that the ends of Operation Balavegaya - 2 - have been achieved - though there were conflicting reports of Government's 'ends'.

In any event after the commencement of Balavegaya - 2 operations people have not been able to move out of the peninsula through the Kompady path. But Tiger mobility has not been affected as can be judged from the attack at Cheddikulam and Kanthalai in Trincomalee District. The Tigers have time and again proved that they are capable of penetration Sri Lankan Army barriers. In this context people also realise the truth of the Tiger warning to the Tamils that the present military moves of the Govt. are aimed at economic blockade driving the Jaffna population to starvation.

### REMAINS OF Y-8



Picture shows the parts of the Y8 - Chinese made plane which was shot down at Iyakachchy. The parts were exhibited by LTTE for public view.

## OPPRESSION AGAINST CIVILIANS

An indefinite curfew was clamped down in Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts from June 26 and no less a person than the Officer Commanding the Sri Lankan troops in Palaly, Brig. Wijaya Wimalaratne, came over a clandestine radio transmitting station operated by the Sri Lankan Army and warned the people of Thenmaradchy and Jaffna to vacate their homes and go to other areas of safety as the army proposed to march through Thenmaradchy into Jaffna. Thenmaradchy people were asked to go to Vadamaradchy and Jaffna town people were asked to go to Pandatarippu.

The people did not oblige. Most thought the Army wanted these people to go to the new places so that it would be easier for the Army to carry out mass scale murder. Vadamaradchy has always been a selective target for

the Army. Pandatarippu bordering areas such as Mathagal have come in for naval heavy bombardment.

The scare-monger let lose by the Brigadier therefore had the opposite result. People did not leave the place because they feared the Army was trying to lead them into a trap. The people were not proved wrong for when the Army started its attack, Vadamaradchy East was target and people of Thenmaradchy thanked their own prudence which prevented them from walking into the trap.

The war began with aerial bombardment and artillery shell attack of Paranthan, and Iyakachchy where many houses were damaged. Many people were displaced. At Palai Nanian Sinnarasa (38) was killed as result of bomber attack on June 28. At Kilinochchi the same day the Agriculture Dept, building and some

nearby houses were damaged. Vadamaradchy East area also came in for Naval Gun fire, aerial bombardment and artillery shell attack.

On 30-6-92 bombers attacked the area near Chavakachcheri Hindu College. The primary section of the college was destroyed. As it was no school time major calamity did not take place but a retired Police Officer, K. Rajadurai, who was sleeping at his house was killed when a bomb hit his house.

Meanwhile reports from Batticaloa stated that Sri Lankan army with helicopter support from above laid waste the villages of Nellikadu, Palampotamadu, Samanthi Aru and Panchenai on June 27. Twenty Tamil civilians were killed by the indiscriminate firing of the Sri Lankan Army. S. L. Army is also reported to have arrested 9 Tamil civilians and taken them along with them.

Seven civilians killed by the Army are identified. They are Vellachchi Malipodi, Thangamma Malipodi and Malipodi Pathmanathan (father, mother and son who were working in a field when they were shot from a helicopter), Mylar Snathamby and his wife Theivanaipillai, Kannappar Sinnavar and his wife.

Sri Lankan bombers bombed Kovil Vayal Govt. Tamil Mixed School and the Masar Government Tamil Mixed School. One house was also damaged at Masar. Artillery shell attacks hit Uduthurai in Vadamaradchy East. The villagers have been displaced.

On 1 July, four Tamil civilians were reported shot by the Special Task Force. at Ondatjeemadam. Their bodies were thrown on a roadside.

At Oddisuddan 4 Tamil civilians died and Several

others were injured on Friday, July 3, when Sri Lankan planes bombed Oddisuddan. The four are displaced persons from Alampil and Kumulamunai villages in Manal Aru. Lanka puwath, the Govt. news agency, found self-satisfaction in describing this attack as an attack on a Tiger meeting where top leaders of LTTE were killed. Lanka puwath believed that one of the dead was Mr. Yogaratnam Yogi.

At Chunnakam one person died and seven persons were injured when bombers bombed Chunnakam area. The dead and the injured were all civilians.

### Amparai

Eighteen Tamil civilians displaced from their homes and living in jungle areas due to the attack on them by Muslims were shot dead in the Amparai District by the Sri Lankan armed forces on July 6 according to reports from Amparai

# The Victim of an Indian Miscarriage of Justice

It is almost an year since a miscarriage of justice landed Mr. S. SIVANAYAGAM, the founder-editor of the SATURDAY REVIEW, in an Indian jail.

The irony of the whole episode is that Siva had to seek refuge in India to avoid ending up in Welikade as one of the victims of the 1983 pogrom which resulted in the bloody massacre of Dr. Rajasundaram (of GANDHIYAM fame) and others.

Siva told me once that he walked into the 'SR' editor's job with his eyes wide open.

He was fully conscious of the risks he ran in taking on a chauvinistic Establishment and its sycophantic, Colombo-centric mass media. He was so fully committed to the cause of Tamil freedom that he threw up a cushy, well-paid journalistic sinecure in Colombo to start the SR.

Apart from his undoubted commitment and dedication, he was the ideal choice as the SR editor because of his professional expertise.

From his student days in the Undergraduate Section of Jaffna College, Siva had

developed a mania (one can only call it that) for journalism. After leaving school, he served on THE TIMES OF CEYLON, THE DAILY NEWS and later served as editor of the Tourist Board Journal and the Colombo Plan journal. His stint as a copy writer at WALTER THOMPSONS, he told me, helped him immensely to hone his skills as a communicator.

The SR that he edited was the envy of many a professional, both here and abroad. Not only was it noted for his trenchant editorials but also for eye-catching lay-out. In

fact, Siva and the SR became virtually synonymous.

If any one individual can be said to have single-handedly internationalised the Tamil cause, that person is none other than S. SIVANAYAGAM.

India's monumental folly - and our tragedy - lies in the fact that it chose to clap

such a person in jail on trumped-up charges.

Sivanayagam's real 'crime' - in India's eyes, that is - was that he unequivocally championed the cause of our freedom and strove to transform "a state of mind" into a State.

- A. J. C.

## Action Committee to fight discrimination in University Admissions

An action Committee to fight the discrimination in the matter of admission to Universities towards students who sat the G.C.E. (A/L) examination in April, 1991 was elected at a meeting of parents, teachers, students

and others held on Sunday, July 5 at Jaffna.

At the outset of the meeting the convenors explained in detail the adverse effects the decision of the Higher Education Minister, Mr. A.C.S. Hameed, would have on admission of students to Universities from Northeast. The Minister's decision is meant to deprive students from Northeast their legitimate right to gain admission to Universities.

Representatives of parents, students, teachers, principals and Old Boys' Associations condemned the Minister's decision.

Finally a Committee consisting of the following was elected with the mandate to take all action to have the Minister's decision annulled:

Two Representatives each from. Principal's Association, Teachers' Union, Old Boys' Association, University Teachers' Association, School Development societies, University Students, Union and four representatives of affected students.

All members of the Committee were elected.

## OUR READERS SAY

### Ethnic Problem - whither the Tamil Speaking People ?

It is indeed a matter for great surprise and disappointment to read the latest pronouncement of H. E. the President R. Premadasa that in the contemplated political settlement the question of unifying the Northern and Eastern Provinces has altogether been blotted out.

In this context one cannot easily lose sight of the most significant but serene speech made by him at Battaramulla on the assumption of power, in December, 1989. He has not hesitated in conceding the unassailable fact that the Tamil-Speaking People had not been accorded their rightful status in the political arena. He went a step further in making a statement that he would be happy if any impartial and experienced person (or persons) would

come forward to mediate between the Government and the L.T.T.E. on the issue involved.

### Unchallengeable Political History

It cannot be denied that before the advent of foreign dominators, viz; the Portuguese, the Dutch and the British, the Sinhalese and the Tamils had had their independent sovereign kingdoms in Sri Lanka.

The Britishers had however, unified both sections into one on the plea of administrative convenience, if not unclean selfish motive.

It will not, therefore, be unreasonable to request the Government and the Sinhalese to give due consideration to the foregoing significant factors and to revise the latest decision to deny

the unification of the Northern and the Eastern Provinces.

S. Gnanamoorthy Valvettitussai

best we change with the Times - and profit by the earlier mistakes.

S. Jayaratnam Chavakachcheri

### North-East merger cornerstone to a solution

To any desirable and satisfactory solution to the Ethnic problem, the North-East merger must be the cornerstone. De-merging North-East will be unacceptable to the LTTE on behalf of the Tamil people of the North East at any rate. At the recent meeting of the President with the Tamil groups in Colombo, the latter insisted on stressing of the north East merger as a pre-requisite for a solution. The President, however, has rejected this position. The Parliamentary Select Committee being the mouth-piece of the Government, also appears to be of the same view. Anyway the Committee's impartiality is doubtful. First and foremost the Committee must heed the LTTE stand. There must be a 'political will' for a viable solution to the problem.

You could call the 'Unit of Devolution' by any name - Regional Autonomy Council N. E.; Regional State Government N. E. or Regional People's State but the springboard for a solution is a North East-merger.

The UNP Election manifesto does not state it and so too the All Party Conference or the Parliamentary Select Committee but the Time has come for recognition of the Tamils as a 'Separate Identity'. So its

### Sinhala only

Sinhala only has now become Tamil also. What I mean is that Tamil too has been made a state language. This legislation appears to be for record purposes and not for implementation. Some Local Government Officers who retired from service recently, came to me with their pension award papers, as I am supposed to know the mathematics of pension calculations. These officers were recruited through the Tamil medium and they (Continued on Page 5)

### Is this not genocide ?

Government of Sri Lanka repeatedly claims that it is carrying out a war against the LTTE but is extremely friendly to the Tamil People.

In the much published Operation Whirlwind undertaken by the Sri Lankan Armed Forces during their operations in Valikamam North, the Sri Lankan Air Force, bombed the following amongst others:-

1. Tellipalai Co-operative Hospital.
2. Mallakam R D S Building where the various clinics of the Tellipalai Government hospital were carried out after the war broke out in June 1990.
3. Vigneswara Dispensary and Surgery, Chunnakam.
4. Inuvil American Mission Hospital.

All the above four Medical institutions are along the - Jaffna K. K. S. Road and away from the area where the Sinhala forces sought to penetrate. There are no more medical institutions along K. K. S. Road until one reaches Jaffna Town Hospital.

What was the need to select hospitals as special targets of attack? To ensure killing injured and diseased? Also Govt. Ambulance vehicles were chased and attacked by the Air Force. Why?

If this is not genocide - what is?

### Tamil Political Will and Sinhala Political Will Inconsistent Admits Government

"Formulation and implementation of any meaningful development programmes are constrained by several factors. Few of such factors are identified below:-

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....

### 5. Lack of political, social and religious leadership AND INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE LOCAL POLITICAL WILL AND NATIONAL POLITICAL WILL."

From the Govt. publication *Vavuniya Today* issued on the occasion of the Presidential Mobile Service held at Vavuniya Gamini Maha Vidyalaya on 29th, 30th and 31st May, 1992 by the Northeast Provincial Council. (Emphasis ours)

# Lies, More Lies & All Lies

Sri Lanka's war effort Bala-  
vegaya II on Eelam started  
off with false propaganda.  
The Officer-in-Charge of the  
armed forces in the North  
came on the air over Jaffna  
Radio on 27-6-92 and warned  
the people that the army was  
going to launch attacks on  
Jaffna Town and Thenma-  
radchy area and asked the  
people to leave these areas and  
find safer areas. Probably  
the armed forces seem to  
think that all the Tamils are  
fools. Though these repeated  
broadcasts had some effect  
on a few, the majority of the  
people were not deceived.  
Having made this proclama-

tion, the Sinhala forces com-  
menced their attack in Vada-  
maradchy East. The troops  
which had been concentrated  
in Vettalaikerny and Kadda-  
kadu launched their attack on  
28-6-92. They boasted that  
they would reach Elephant  
Pass in 24 hours. But up to  
the time of writing this article,  
the Sinhala forces are still  
bogged down in the area  
around from which they  
started.

The strategy of the army  
command is to cut off the  
Peninsula from the mainland.  
Its plan is to commence attack  
from Vettalaikerny and Kad-  
daikkadu on three fronts and

to cut off the Kompadi route  
which is being used by the  
people. But this strategy  
could not be achieved be-  
cause of the fierce resistance  
of the Tigers. The Govern-  
ment is using 6000 soldiers  
on this task including tanks

## S. Thiagarajah

and armoured vehicles. Several  
naval boats and ships are  
also on the scene and are  
engaged in bombardment.  
The air cover is being given  
by bombers, Y 12, Y 8 planes  
and helicopters. The Tigers  
have smashed several tanks  
and armoured cars. They have

shot down a Y 8 plane while  
it was engaged in dropping  
heavy bombs. Six pilots and  
thirteen air force personnel  
died in the explosion in mid  
air.

But what does the Govern-  
ment in Colombo say about  
these setbacks? It says that  
Sri Lankan forces are advan-  
cing, Tigers have been killed  
in hundreds, Pirabakaran  
and the other leaders have  
fled from the Peninsula, the  
other Tigers are fleeing on  
bicycles etc. etc. But at the  
end of the news, it says that  
the fight is still going on.  
If the Tigers have fled, with  
whom is the fight going on?

Or how did this Y 8 plane  
get blasted? Is it engine  
failure or shortage of petrol?  
Can the Government hood-  
wink the people all the time?  
It is in order to hoodwink  
and show to the Sinhalese that  
the Government is engaging  
in a nationalist war against  
the Tamils that this war was  
launched. When, however, the  
results seem to be negative,  
the Government has to come  
out with lies more lies and  
all lies.

## "Vavuniya Today"

It is not only in the war  
efforts that the Sri Lankan  
Government is coming out  
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# KETPELI SETTLEMENT SCHEME

## TRO Relief Work for the Displaced

The Ketpeli Settlement  
Scheme is a major shelter  
programme undertaken in the  
Jaffna District.

Displaced families from the  
Islands off Jaffna consequent  
to Sri Lankan Army occupation

of these Islands have been  
settled at Ketpeli.

Three thousand and sixty  
seven persons belonging to  
668 families from the various  
Islands have been settled in  
this scheme at Ketpeli,

In all 590 huts have been  
constructed to accomodate  
these persons. The Tamils  
Rehabilitation Organisation  
(TRO), an NGO, has spent  
Rs. 1,125,000,00 in the cons-  
truction of these huts. This  
amount only represents 25%

of the total cost of construc-  
tion of the 590 huts. The  
balance expenditure on cons-  
truction of huts was met by  
the Rehabilitation Division  
of the Jaffna Secretariat.

According to 'future' a quar-  
terly newsletter issued by the

TRO for the first quarter  
1992 there are 90 widows,  
26 pregnant mothers, 84 lact-  
ating mothers, 61 elders,  
61 destitutes and 480 children  
below five years, among the  
3067 displaced persons settled  
in Ketpeli Settlement Scheme.

Common wells and toilets  
have been provided for the  
use of these persons.

The Ketpeli Settlement  
Scheme has also basic rural  
infra-structure.

A Dispensary, a Co-ope-  
rative Stores Branch and a  
school have been established.  
778 students are being taught  
at this school.

A Welfare and a Nutrition  
Centre too have been esta-  
blished.

Cooking utensils and cloth-  
ing were provided for these  
displaced persons by the Save  
the Children Fund (UK) an  
international NGO.

During the first quarter of  
1992 the TRO has provided  
dry rations and other consu-  
mable items as relief to these  
families. A sum of Rs. 447,  
151-20 has been expended on  
this account.

In addition the following  
assistance also was provided  
to eligible persons amongst  
the 3067 persons at the  
scheme.

Rs: 17,279-50 - to widows  
8,600-00 - to elders  
11,482-20 - to destitutes  
16,049-20 - funeral relief  
to 9 families.  
53,410-90 Total

# Self Employment Fund of T.R.O.

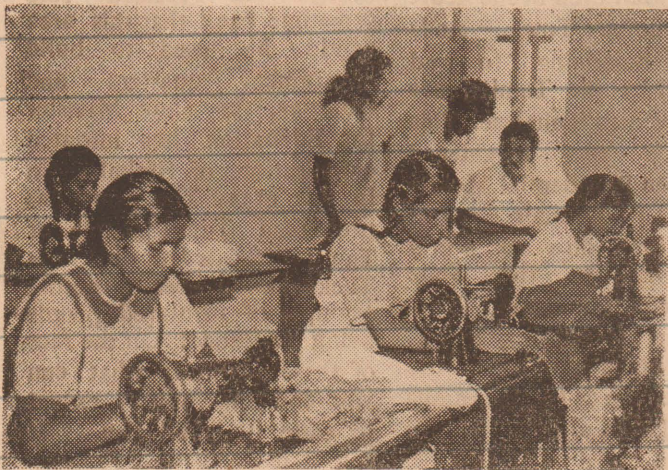
Since mid-year 1990, N. E.  
parts of the Island Nation  
of Sri Lanka is under conti-  
nuous military operation.

have spread on to the socio  
and economic fronts. The  
people of the North East are  
rendered helpless and desti-

In view of this situation the  
Tamils' Rehabilitation Orga-  
nisation has started a Self  
Employment Fund with the  
sole objective of giving  
relief to the economy and  
thereby uplifting the people  
from a dependent state to  
self-reliance through assisting  
in employment opportunities  
so as to achieve maximum  
utility from available econ-  
omic resources.

in various vocations such as  
small business, small indus-  
tries, fishing, agriculture and  
dairy farming. Meanwhile in  
the Districts of Kilinochchy,  
Mullaitivu and Vavuniya  
farmers alone were given pri-  
orities in order to boost agri-  
cultural production.

According to the Financial  
Report of the Self Employ-  
ment Fund for the period  
from 15-11-90 to 30-4-92, the



Training programme for poor Rural Women folk  
at Chavakachcheri.

Before the people could re-  
cover themselves from the  
trauma of Indian military in-  
tervention, they found them-  
selves burdened with another  
war which is dragging on  
endlessly for the last two  
years.

The effects of the war are  
felt not only in the military  
and political spheres but also

tute as never before due to  
land, air and naval attacks.

There was mass exodus of  
people in large numbers espe-  
cially from East, Coastal  
Areas of the Jaffna Peninsula  
and from Vanni and Mannar  
Districts. Most of the dis-  
placed persons are languish-  
ing camps.



Economic Activities in Welfare Centres

The T. R. O. has helped  
the people in the Jaffna  
District to engage themselves  
number of loans given is 4919.  
Loan paid amounts to Rupees  
1,07,99,945/-

## TEACHERS FEDERATION ACCUSES GOVT. OF

# Planned Disruption of— Education in Tamil Eelam

Tamil Eelam National Teachers' Federation has in a pamphlet detailed the various measures taken by the Sri Lankan Government with a view to retard and destroy the education of Tamil children. We give below a synopsis of the pamphlet:

\* There is an acute shortage of teachers in our colleges and schools. The Government shows scant interest in filling these vacancies.

\* In the Sinhala areas teacher - volunteers have been absorbed into the permanent cadre of teachers. Nothing has been done to absorb teacher - volunteers to the permanent cadre in Tamil Eelam territory. The Govt. seems to think that it's not its business.

\* The G. C. E. (O/L) and (A/L) examinations are often postponed in Tamil Eelam under the false pretext of war conditions. The Tamil pupils' interest in education is affected because of unsettled mind and the prospect of not being examined in due time. Pre-examination preparations are stultified. Delay causes lengthening of educational years and affects students' emotions.

\* The unreasonable ban on stationery used by students, teachers and Education Dept. officials (writing papers, roneo papers etc.) imposed by the Govt. and the unreasonable disregard in distributing other educational equipment to schools in Tamil Eelam is another impediment to the education of our children.

\* Free school text books are not sent in time to our schools. Such books have not been prepared at all for Tamil Medium students in certain subjects. For example history books for years 8-11 have not been prepared for Tamil students yet. The G.C.E (O/L) students are in a quandary in that they lack knowledge in these subjects and lag behind their fellow Sinhala students.

\* Students are unable to devote themselves to study in schools without being hampered by a feeling of insecurity. Because of irresponsible aerial bombardment many schools have been ably damaged. Heavy bom-

bing had taken place on schools allotted as examination centres. Students have been rendered refugees and go about seeking other schools for admission. This has a tremendous impact on student psychology.

\* Some areas of Tamil Eelam are under occupation by the Sri Lankan forces. Schools in these areas have been converted to Army camps or are a heap of rubble and debris. Students from these schools are going in search of places in various other schools. Accommodation problem, lack of amenities and facilities and insufficiency of teachers are all further accentuated. The educational welfare of pupils is badly affected by this situation - This is leading to the retardation of mental faculty of our students.

\* In the south and west of Tamil Eelam a number of principals and teachers have become the victims of in-

cessant Sri Lankan Army oppression. Some treacherous gangs who work along with the Sri Lankan Army are instrumental in directly or indirectly carrying out these murders. As these incidents erupt abruptly the Tamils fear that even schools are not secure. Many parents are reluctant to send their children to school because of this situation.

\* Many teachers who, afraid of the various pressures imposed in our territory, have gone over to Colombo. They have obtained temporary transfers to places convenient to them. The Govt. which is keen to disrupt the education of our children readily grants such temporary transfers. This has aggravated the bad situation of shortage of teaching staff in schools here.

\* The government is deliberately delaying opening the Engineering Faculty in the Jaffna University. The Govt.

is attempting to give up opening this faculty altogether.

\* The ban on fuel is throttling our education and our day to day life:

- (i) Night study is affected.
- (ii) Disruption in transport causes inability to keep punctuality in attendance at schools.
- (iii) Because of the lack of transport only push-bicycles are used by almost all. But the Govt has banned even spares for push bicycles. This has caused many students and teachers to walk many miles to attend schools.

\* The ban on electricity has completely prevented laboratory experiments for Higher class students. Night education is affected. Health is affected. Even toilets cannot be properly flushed or cleaned at schools and colleges.

\* Food stamps issued with world-wide publicity to Sin-

hala students are not regularly given to students of Tamil Eelam. Even the food stamps cannot be fully utilised by students. The rule is that students become entitled to food stamps only for the days of attendance at school. But by sudden imposition of curfew, irresponsible aerial bombardment and shell attacks schools cannot be conducted on many days and children don't attend. They also lose their food stamps for such lost days for no fault of theirs.

\* A ban has been imposed even in bringing school uniform cloth.

\* Political pressure introduced 'standardisation'. Military pressure has rendered education an orphan. Economic pressure retards mental growth for want of nutrition.

\* The economic blockade imposed on the Tamils under the pretext of war has tremendously increased the cost of living. This has in turn caused the growth of a weak-unhealthy student population.

## Lies, More...

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with lies, but also regarding administrative matters, its achievements, development efforts undertaken etc. Recently the Government has published a report titled "Vavuniya Today". This report was released on the occasion of the President's mobile service held at Vavuniya Gamin Maha Vidiyalaya on 29th, 30th and 31st May, 1992. The report was placed before the Ministries and agencies involved in the presidential Mobile Service with the aim of helping them in their endeavours to alleviate the sufferings of the people in this war-torn District of Vavuniya. The report was issued by the Office of the Chief Secretary, North-East Province, Trincomalee. There are eleven colourful pictures of various activities in the Vavuniya District on the front and back covers and inside of this report. These pictures endeavour to place the Tamils in a conspicuous way.

### Demography

The first four chapters deal with socio-economic conditions of the District. The fifth chapter explains the development efforts undertaken and the last chapter explains the rehabilitation

and re-construction activities. There is nothing in the report to say as to how the socio-economic conditions in the District deteriorated after 1983 and further deteriorated after 1990 and who was responsible for it. According to the report the population of the Vavuniya District was 95,428 in 1981 and it was projected that this number would increase to 152,000 in 1991. But the population now is estimated to be 117,000. The report does not give any reason for this decline and why the growth rate of population in the District which was 6.5% in the decade after 1950 and according to 1981 census the population had declined to 4.8% and in 1990 had further declined to 2.1%.

### Colonisation

Regarding rehabilitation huge amounts are shown as having been paid to persons who were displaced. But in reality, have these sums reached the Tamil people, who were displaced? We know for certain that Tamils were driven away from their traditional villages and not allowed by the armed forces to go back for re-settlement in their villages. Then these huge amounts shown in the report as having been expended to re-settle people must have been given to new Sinhalese colonists who were asked to

settle down in villages which were earlier occupied by the Tamils. This is rehabilitation and resettlement! According to the report there are only 1283 families who remain to be settled from among those displaced from the eleven villages in Vavuniya South Tamil Division as on 15-3-92.

### Thekkankadu

As far as settlements are concerned, we are receiving reports that even in the heart of Vavuniya Town, lands earlier belonging to and occupied by the Tamils, are being given to Sinhalese. This alienation was heightened during the Presidential Mobile Service. Another report states that due to secret manoeuvres of the State Minister of Education, Rajamanohari Pulendran, Sinhalese are being planted in the lands belonging to the Tamils in Thekkankadu, a village

situated to the South of Vavuniya Town. The Kachcheri officials who tried to prevent this Colonisation, failed. The Tamil people of this village were displaced due to army atrocities. Later when these people wanted to return to their village, the Government prohibited them. Thekkankadu area is now said to have come under the jurisdiction of the Land Ministry of the Central Government. Even though the President said sometime back that this area would be used to build government quarters and factories, the State Minister for Education has initiated colonisation of Sinhalese in in this area. The army has prohibited Tamil people or Tamil officials to visit the Thekkankadu area. Another example of displaced people being re-settled! On the face of these realities, what can you call this report except to state it is all lies. ●

## Kovai Mahesan Passes Away

Mr. Kovai Mahesan, a well-known Tamil Eelam journalist passed away in Madras recently after a period of illness.

Mr. Kovai Mahesan who started his journalistic career in the *Sutantiran* finally ended up as its editor.

Mr. Kovai Mahesan was imprisoned for some time under J. R. Jayewardhene's reign of terror and on release went to Madras. From Madras he was editing a Tamil magazine titled "*Veera Vengal*" (Heroic Tigers). He espoused the Tamil Eelam cause until his death. A commemoration meeting was held at Kopay his native village on Saturday, July 11.

# A PAGE FROM MY DIARY

Monday, 6th July 1992 - The curfew imposed by the Sri Lankan armed forces on 26th June, continues to be in force for the eleventh day. The Sri Lankan armed forces stationed at Vettalaikerni and Katalakkadu are stated to be attempting to advance towards Elephant Pass army camp to tighten the siege in force on the Jaffna Peninsula. Heavy fighting is said to be raging in the area with heavy aerial and naval bombardment taking place to give cover to the ground forces who are finding it difficult to advance due to the resistance given by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

It sounds ridiculous. The army is equipped with T. 55 tanks, armoured vehicles, thousands of soldiers and ship lords of arms and ammunition, helicopter gunships, over a dozen bombers and other planes dropping barrels of explosives giving support to the ground forces. In spite of all these resources of the State at its disposal, the armed forces are said to be only inching their way towards their destination. The LTTE fighting with limited weaponry but with determination as their main weapon, is stated to be giving fierce resistance.

When one considers the balance of power between the two sides, militarily, the Tamil Freedom fighters are no match at all. Yet they are able to display a remarkable capability to fight the aggressor. It was only yesterday, 5th July that they succeeded in shooting down a giant Y. 8 Chinese plane whilst dropping barrel bombs. *This made me feel that there must be an extraneous factor at play.* I remember that it was on Thileepan's Commemoration Day that the Jaffna Fort was rid of the Sri Lankan army of occupation and the Tiger Flag hoisted there. I also clearly remember viewing the telecast of Thileepan's famous speech near the Jaffna Fort on TV. In front of a large gathering and with hordes of Indian army personnel, pointing at the Sri Lankan flag flying over Jaffna Fort, Thileepan said that it was only when the national flag of the Tamils was hoisted in this Fort that the Tamils could consider themselves free. How strange! On the very day commemorating Thileepan's memory, the flag of the LTTE was hoisted much to the rejoicing of the Tamils. This cannot just be more coincidence.

Again consider the shooting down of an enemy plane on 5th July. This day was the Day of Commemoration of Black Tiger, Miller and other

# Enemy plane shot down on Captain Miller's Day

**Black Tigers.** It was on this day the giant enemy plane which was tormenting the Tamils by dropping barrel bombs and destroying their properties, was downed by the Tigers.

The term 'Dharma' is dealt with in all religious works. The noble life of Lord Buddha is described as the very embodiment of Dharma. Duty is considered as the nearest word in English, meaning *Dhama* which is said to include all ethical and moral principles. The essence of Dharma is said to be "Do un to others what you desire and long for yourself". Clearly the Sri Lankan government which professes to give the foremost place to Buddhism is not practising Dharma. On the other hand, it is practising *Adharma* the opposite of Dharma.

It is evident that the Tamil youths who are fighting for a just cause are the

Cabinet Minister S. B. Chavan of the Indra Congress at New Delhi appears to be goaded by riotous imagination. His latest performance was to grant a Press Interview at which he gave his opinion which runs counter to what he and other big-wigs in New Delhi and Madras used to say. Hitherto the view expressed was that the Liberation Tigers alone could have carried out the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. Now he veers round to the view that the Liberation Tigers could not have accomplished the assassination without the assistance, he thinks of the Pakistani Intelligence Agency. This runs counter to common sense and what may be called market information. The Muslims in Tamil Eelyom have been instigated by the Sinhala Government against the Tamils in their midst. A movement called *Jehad* was created among Muslims and these Muslim *Jehads* set about with knives, swords, axes and other weapons. This happened in the Eastern Province and it was soon discovered that Muslim businessmen have brought to the Peninsula lorry loads of such weapons. Obviously these would be used by the *Jehads* who could sprout anywhere

embodiment of Dharma. It is their correct moral and ethical values that seem to be providing that extra, extraneous factor which is helping to tilt even the military balance in their favour. Tamils in the past have built temples for some of their national heroes and

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heroines such as Kannaki Amman. It is clear that the Tamil freedom fighters who are sacrificing their very lives to fight aggression and restore self-respect of the Tamils, are persons to be held in high esteem and venerated. The way Jaffna Fort was captured and Y 8 plane was shot down, demonstrates that they have attained super human Stature.

It is this realisation among the Tamils of the providential gift of a unique national

in Eelyom and begin their rampage if the Sinhala army begins to advance. Everybody knows that Muslims act as a body being guided by the response of the leaders. Obviously Pakistan, an Islamic State, could therefore never thought of acting together with the Liberation Tigers.

Rajiv Gandhi is supposed to be a Hindu. Perhaps he

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does not believe in the Karmic theory. His murderous soldiers looted, raped and killed more than seven thousand innocent Eelyom Tamils. In at least seven thousand births in the future Rajiv Gandhi will have to die by violence if the Karmic theory holds good for his wilful and wanton criminal acts in letting his murderous soldiers go on the rampage on innocent Eelyom Tamils.

In the English language a professional soldier fights

leader for them; the rallying of Tamil youth under his leadership and the glory of the struggle that is being waged that have stood them in good stead in these trying times.

As I was thinking of all these events, I suddenly realised that large number of exuberant people were collecting alongside the road. For miles on end large number of people both young and old have been gathering enthusiastically. Large number of youths were gesticulating and advancing. I stopped my bike and inquired from a passer-by as to what the occasion was. I was told that parts of the "Cheena Sakadai" (Chinese barrel bomber as was popularly known) were expected to be brought there. Their pent up feelings of anger

for "his king and country" i.e. in defence of his fatherland. One does not understand for what "king and country" the soldiers who went on rampage in Tamil Eelyom, fought for. The Tamils never invaded the Sinhala country, when they have to answer before the Supreme Being there would be no Rajiv Gandhi or President Premadasa to plead for them. Each indi-

vidual soldier will have to face the punishment, the Karmic Force decrees.

According to a Tamil Press report, Kumar Ponnambalam, it is stated, described as buffoonery and frustrating, the meeting between the President and the delegates of the eight Tamil political groups. The Report proceeds further to say that according to a Press Committee, unique, from the Presidential Secretariat, that Kumar

against the aggressor and their sense of satisfaction at the downing of an enemy plane were very noticeable. As I proceeded on my journey, I crossed the vehicle that was carrying the remnants of the plane - its doors, and the motors of its ventilation units could be seen.

What an irony! The 15 million rupees worth plane that was dropping barrel bombs on properties of Tamils, their houses, schools, temples and churches and causing damage many times its worth to the hard-earned properties of Tamils and blowing them to smithereens, had been totally annihilated with its occupants. It appears that the emancipation of Eelam Tamils clearly depends on the destruction of the war machinery of the marauding enemy. It is here that the 'Dharma Yuththam' (Just War) of the Eelam Tamils is being aided by the immortal stature of the Liberation Fighters end the extraneous element - the hand of Providence.

Ponnambalam's description must be his personal experience. The whole story is rather confused. A Press communique by the office of the head of the Executive Government is usually issued immediately after the interview - not after some one makes a comment about the delegation. Incidentally Kumar Ponnambalam has been so often changing his track that one does not know whether he is *in* or *one outside the light*. Kumar Ponnambalam has gone along the wrong track. The best course open to him is to remain silent  
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**Sinhala only**  
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served in Tamil speaking areas and their knowledge of Sinhala was very poor. I should admit that I was no better and their mission failed. These poor officers were entitled to and should have been written to in Tamil. Enacting a legislation and failing to implement it, is as good as non-enactment. In other words Sinhala only is in force even now.  
Meesalai.  
M. Kanagalingam

# HOT SPRING

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## CANNOT BE WIPE OUT

Cecil Waidyaratne, the Commander of the Army, was recently heard to say that the concept of Eelam should be totally wiped out.

The grand scheme of the Army Commander to wipe out the concept of Eelam is of course military. His scheme is to divide the Northeast by a military wedge at Manal Aru cutting North and East apart.

The Army Commander's scheme is nothing new to Sinhala imperialism.

The Padaviya, Allai and Kanthalai colonisation schemes were meant to achieve the same result. From D. S. Senanayake downwards every Sinhala Politician has endeavoured to divide Tamil Eelam territory, imperceptibly of course, by talking of agricultural development and economic advancement. They have not been able to fool many for a long time - least of all the Eelam Tamils.

Right from the forties the Tamils realized the motive force behind the colonisation schemes and opposed them - but because governmental power was in the hands of the Sinhalese the Tamils could not successfully resist land-grabbing by Sinhalese.

Loot enriched Sinhala chauvinism and it became more aggressive and oppressive and at last the Tamils had to resort to arms to protect themselves. Hence a war - an inevitable consequence of Sinhala imperialism.

However, Sinhala chauvinists do not seem to have still realised that this useless war seeking to retain in Sinhalese hands the right to rule the Tamils is not going to succeed in the end.

The Tamils in their long history never agreed to such pretenders' rule. It would be tragic if the Sinhalese think that after so much of sacrifice on their part they would consent to give up their freedom battle and agree to be ruled by Baudha - Sinhala chauvinism.

Where his political masters - down from the time of D. S. Senanayake - failed the Army Commander hopes to succeed in wiping out at the concept of Eelam by military measures at Manal Aru. But what the Army Commander has failed to realize is that the concept of Eelam was not born out of the gun or from the gun for him to to succeed by straining his gun.

The concept of Eelam is born out of and from the hearts of every Tamil and we make bold to say that the Army Commander's bullets will not be able to reach the heart of the Tamils where political gimmicks have failed.

Eelam can therefore be never wiped out.

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without besmirching his father's name. The only contribution he can make to Eelam Tamil politics is to make a cash contribution to one or the other of the numerous services in Tamil Eelam which cry for funds.

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The next target of attack is said to be Vadamardchy. Vadamardchi was the target of the most virulent attack by the Sinhala Armed forces in the pre - Accord days as

well as by the Indian armed forces, the agents and servants of Sinhala Sri Lanka. Now that some persons are claiming to end the war in two months, perhaps the next attack on Vadamardchy might be the most virulent of all. The question automatically suggests itself. Why is Vadamardchy the most - sought - after candidate for Sinhala vehemence and hostility? Is it because Pirabakaran's native village is there or is it because Vadamardchy produces the largest number of successful students of mathematics?

# SINHALESE LANGUAGE COMPULSORY FOR TAMIL STUDENTS

It is learnt that the Sinhalese language has been made a compulsory subject for Tamil students in over thirty schools in the Batticaloa District.

It will be remembered that Tamils refused to study Sin-

halese when it was sought to be enforced on Tamil Government Officers. Already when attempts were made to make Sinhalese the only official language in 1956 teaching of Sinhalese language was stopped in schools that had ear-

lier volunteered to teach Sinhalese language as a subject to Tamil students,

The present report from Batticaloa suggests that the Government is keen to spread Sinhala imperium in the Tamil areas under its military occupation.

28-6-92

Tigers attack Sri Lankan Army at Kalliyantivu when the latter tried to enter the village. The Sri Lankan Army unable to meet Tiger attack ran into the adjoining jungles. Sri Lankan Army losses not known. One LTTE fighter died.

29-6-92

Aerial bombardment and artillery shell attacks continue in Kaddaikadu and Pullaveli areas. Three Tigers killed. Army casualty not known.

30-6-92

Fierce battle at Pullaveli. Six armoured vehicles of Sri Lankan Army destroyed. Four Tigers killed. Sri Lankan Army casualty not known.

1-7-92

Aerial bombardment and artillery shell attacks continue in Vadamardchy East. Six Tiger fighters killed. Army casualty not known. But Govt. admitted death of 33 soldiers including an officer on their side. 49 soldiers also admitted to have been injured.

Battle erupts in Alampil in the Mullaitivu District. No Tiger casualty. Sri Lankan casualty not known.

2-7-92

Aerial bombardment and artillery shell attacks continue in Vadamardchy East.

Fight at Mantivu in Poona-kari - Four Tigers killed. Sri Lankan casualty not known.

3-7-92

Fresh fighting erupts at another front at Mandalaï near Kattaikadu Heavy artillery shell attack and aerial bombardment. An armoured vehicle of Sri Lanka completely destroyed. Seven Tigers killed in action. Heavy army casualty estimated but details not known.

Tigers attack Air Force personnel at Pankulam in Trincomalee. Eight Air Force men killed. Two reported missing. One LTTE fighter killed in action. Another succumbed to his injuries the following day. Tigers recover arms and ammunitions and other military - ware from the Sri Lankan Air Force.

4-7-92

Fighting continues in Vadamardchy East. Heavy aerial bombardment and artillery shell attacks. One LTTE fighter killed. Sri Lankan casualty not known.

5-7-92

War takes a turn with the LTTE shooting down a Sri Lankan Air Force Chinese-made Y-8 model air carrier plane. Govt. admits 19 Air Force men including 6 officers died. Tigers also destroy

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one armoured vehicle of Sri Lanka. Two Chinese Tanks also destroyed by Tigers at Pullaveli. One LTTE fighter killed. Sri Lankan Army casualty not known. Later Govt. reports admitted death of 37 soldiers on the Sri Lankan side.

6-7-92

Aerial bombardment continues at Vadamardchy East war front.

Sri Lankan Army attempt to capture Tiger Camp at Pendugalchenai in Batticaloa. Fierce fighting breaks out. Thirteen Tigers killed. Army casualty not known.

9-7-92

Fighting erupts after two days lull near Iyakachchi. One

tank completely destroyed by Tigers. Eighteen Tigers killed in action. Army casualty not known. But Govt. later admitted 20 soldiers dead and 35 injured and said further that Operation Balave-gaya-2 has been ended.

10-7-92

Tigers attack Sri Lankan Army on patrol at Kanthalai in Trincomalee District. Eighteen Sri Lankan soldiers killed. No Tigers casualty. Tigers also recover weapons from Sri Lankans soldiers.

Tigers attack two Sentry points of Sri Lankan Army at Valalai in Valikamam East Jaffna District. Three Sri Lankan soldiers killed. Sentry points destroyed. Tigers also recover arms and ammunition. Four Tigers killed in action.

11-7-92

Tigers successfully overrun Sri Lankan Army Camp at Vannankulam in Cheddikulam AGA's Division, Vavuni District. Four Armoured vehicles and a Bulldozer of Sri Lankan Army destroyed by Tigers. Tigers recovered a very large haul of arms and other military-ware and set fire to the camp. Forty seven Sri Lankan soldiers killed. Six Tigers also killed in this combat.

## Cricket

St. Patrick's College entered the Finals of the School Cricket Tournery by beating Jaffna College in the under 17 match whilst in the under 15, they beat Kokuvil Hindu. These matches were played over the week end.

## Indian General's Tributes to LTTE

"Numerous questions were to be asked as to why the IPKF could not capture or kill Pirabakaran, another equally wild allegation was that the IPKF had orders not to kill Pirabakaran. Apart from the impossibility of singling out an individual target for destruction or protection in such an environment, we must remember that, by virtue of the fact that the LTTE had an effective junior leadership, the loss of Pirabakaran could never have resulted in the disintegration of the LTTE... The Indian armed forces will always have a healthy respect for the LTTE's incredible motivation and magnificent fighting prowess."

Lt. Gen. Dependir Singh  
Overall IPKF Commander in his book  
"IPKF in Sri Lanka"