

## HOT SPRING

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Noble men who loved the  
liberty of their fellowmen*"The lines of red are lines of blood,  
nobly and unselfishly shed by men who loved  
the liberty of their fellowmen more than they  
loved their own lives and fortunes."*

Thomas Woodrow Wilson

ENEMY BENT TO DESTORY  
BUT WE WILL FIGHT—

- ✱ There are none to equal our martyrs in valour, charity and love of ideals.
- ✱ As long as the Sinhala nation is immersed in chauvinistic politics, we cannot expect any just political solution.
- ✱ The enemy is determined to disintegrate our homeland and annihilate our race.
- ✱ We will fight to safeguard our people and land.
- ✱ We keep our doors open for peace.

These are contained in a statement issued by Mr. Pirabakaran, to mark the commemoration of National Heroes' Day. The full text of Mr. Pirabakaran's statement released on November 27, reads as follows:-

Today is Heroes' Day.  
It is a Holy day when we remember and worship those who had sacrificed their lives and converted our struggle into a heroic epic in the annals of world history. Our heroes are great idealists. They loved their ideals more than their lives. They embraced as their aspiration, the liberation of the people and targetted liberation as their life-long goal. They died for those ideals.

Independence is the highest point in human life. It is the best of all human characteristics. It is the foundation for human development and greatness. Independence gives purpose and wholeness to life.

The desire for independence arises as the deepest aspiration of the human mind.

As civilization progressed human beings struggled for hundreds of centuries aspiring for freedom. It is struggling to free itself from bonds of slavery and oppression. The struggles, revolutions, wars that occurred in this world from time to time are all nothing but the outcome of human tendency to emancipate itself.

Man enslaves man and destroys him. Man exploits man. From the past to the present, man is the foremost enemy of man. When one wants to devour the freedom of the other, righteousness dies. Unrighteousness and injustice appear. Contradictions among men in the form of caste, class and race arise;

confrontation occurs. As long as injustice and slavery exist in this world, as long as there exist people who have lost their freedom, there will be struggles for freedom. This is a historical occurrence that cannot be avoided because history itself is made by the struggle for independence.

As part of a people who are oppressed in the world, we are also fighting for independence. Among all the struggles in the world, our

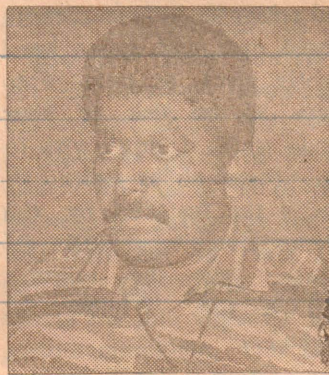
war cry for independence sounds most. Our freedom struggle is different in substance than any other struggle for freedom. It has its uniqueness and unrivalled special features.

In our Motherland unheard of and extra-ordinary sacrifices have been made which had not happened anywhere or at anytime in the history of the world. I can proudly say that there is none equal to our martyrs who are

famous for their military valour, charity and love for their ideals. Our martyrs have created such a gallant and excellent heroic epic. Because of what our martyrs have achieved, our struggle will give to the oppressed people of the world a boost and will be looked upon as a pointer.

The strength of our struggle arises from the courage of our fighters. The power and resources of our freedom struggle springs from their lack of fear for death and their determination. World is giving weapons and money to our enemy in a big way. We do not beg from the world. We do not depend on anybody. We are on our own, in our own land depending on our people. We are fighting with our own hands.

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## National Heroes Honoured

National Heroes Commemoration Day began sharp at 12.01 midnight on 27

November, with ringing of bells in temples and churches for a minute followed

by the lighting of lamps all over including all houses at 12.02 am. on November 27.

This Programme was preceded by commemoration activities for two weeks and followed on November 27 also.

At 3.00 P.M. a march past of the various Tiger Divisions started from Kantharmadam junction and proceeded to the grounds opposite the Medical Faculty of the Jaffna University where a public meeting was held chaired by Mr. Namparithi, Head of the Political Division, Jaffna.

A number of LTTE leaders addressed the gathering which ran to several thousands.

The hovering Air Force bombers and other planes did not prevent people gathering in thousands to see the march past and listen to the speakers at the meeting. In

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Supersonic Jets  
Bomb  
Chavakachcheri

Sri Lankan supersonic jet bombers bombed at Nunavil East in Chavakachcheri, Nov. 26. Two houses were damaged. Three persons—a sister and two of her brothers died. Their father had gone for a funeral and the mother, a teacher, had gone to school and thus escaped death. The dead sister and her two brothers were buried under earth near the trench which gave way as a result of the impact of the bombs.

## Battle Close to Palaly

Four and a half k.m. long S.L. Defence Line wiped out  
Over 150 Sentry Post Destroyed

After a four hour long battle the LTTE destroyed Sri Lankan Army's Forward Defence lines extending to a distance of four and a half k.m. in Valikamam East area. Over 150 S. L. Army posts and bunkers were destroyed.

The news in this connection states that Monday, November 23, at 11.30 P.M. the LTTE launched an attack on Sri Lankan Army Forward Defence lines extending from Thondamannaru to Ottakapulam, covering a distance of four and a half k.m. in Valikamam East division. The battle went on for four hours until 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24.

The LTTE destroyed over 150 sentry posts and bunkers erected along the line from Thondamannaru to Ottakapulam by the Sri Lankan Army. The LTTE estimated more than 50 Sri Lankan soldiers including two officers killed in this encounter. Many more were believed injured. The sentry posts were put up by the Sri

Lankan Army to secure the Air base at Palaly.

According to LTTE news release the Sri Lankan Army was pushed back more than a mile away from these sentry posts.

The LTTE also recovered a large haul of arms, ammunition and other military-ware and blasted a cannon which had been fixed on to a vehicle in a sentry post.

The LTTE also announced that 46 of its fighters died in this battle to liberate Tamil Eelam motherland occupied by the enemy. The dead liberation fighters included both men and women.

# Whither P. S. C. ? Whither Sri Lanka ?

The Parliamentary Select Committee, after an year of lethargic indifferent existence tends to be oblivious of the imperatives. The gravity of the issues facing this Island, seems to be the lack of grasp of realities by the PSC membership. Ethnic conflict resolution very much differs from an agenda of a village school O.B.A., as it had been with Pacts (written and Secret), Round Table Conference, Accords and All Party Conference. Whither PSC?

As with Lanka, let us hide Sri for a while until PSC awakes to realities.

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead,

Who never to himself hath said,

This is my own, my native land?"

## OUR READERS SAY

### Need of the Hour

The war has taken the life of thousands and thousands of people in the North-East. Serious consideration must be given to bring in peace.

Peace can only be on the basis of a permanent Solution.

Negotiations cannot be a blank game. The Sinhala leadership is unreliable and untrustworthy. Therefore, it is only international pressure that can bring sense to the Sinhalese leadership. International organizations like the Commonwealth and the United Nations must exert pressure on the government of Sri Lanka to enter into negotiations with L.T.T.E. Events have showed the futility of any solution which does not recognise the right of the Tamils to rule themselves in their homeland. It is therefore necessary for International Organizations to tell the government of Sri Lanka that enough is enough and that it should negotiate with the Tamils, based on the principle of self-determination.

I am not a political theorist. As a layman, I think a confederal union of two sovereign States is a solution - Tamil state in the North East and the Sinhala state in the South.

Violence should not continue resulting in death of both Tamils and Sinhalese.

S. Jayaratnam  
Chavakachcheri.

This should be the anguish of many a right - thinking Sinhalese.

Lanka - a black sheep among the comity of nations, an object of ridicule even at the American Presidential election campaign by the winner Bill Clinton, a prodigal prodigy for obsolete military hardware and a truant for human rights enforcing agencies.

But the Sinhala Buddhists chauvinists little realise, these are their blessings to this little isle and these actions continue to be sacreligious to the very faith they profess to pursue, a noble religion indeed - Buddhism. The calm and serene Buddha statue with closed eyes and raised hand rightly gives a message to them. "I am sick of your deeds which I don't wish to see. Please abhor violence". That's the restraint by the Divine Hand as well. Of course, not the military solution too. Whither Sri Lanka?

Consultation, Compromise and Consensus - these are the advocates of President R. Premadasa for sometime. But his actions are entirely contrary. The current National Budget reflects. But more reflective sanguine realities view, comes from none other than a respected doyen of Sri Lankan journalism - Tarsie Vittachi. He observed, "the three 'C's are of no avail, if there is not the fourth 'C' - 'Credibility'. Like the Sri Lankan government, the PSC lacks credibility in abundance.

### The Lankan magic show

Lately, the PSC chairman came out with two anniversary 'Tamashas' - magic shows. A double provincial council for North and East, i.e. one for each and each for both regional councils with rotating heads (Chief Ministers) annually etc. Even before a 'Review' of this 'show' was forthcoming, there was another magic item - a 5 member second chamber to guarantee devolution of power. As if that is not enough, the Chairman says other items are due to come out from his sleeves.

Nevertheless, to delve into details is a useless exercise and a strain on rational thinking. It should be all right with the 'other groups in Colombo. But the Chairman is perhaps unable to differentiate between a Parliamentary Select Committee constituted for a specific purpose and a constitution drafting committee empowered to draft

a new constitution for the government by a government which has the Pre-requisite 2/3rds majority command to do so. It is specifically to gain the 2/3rds majority which the UNP and the SLFP jointly command in the house to arrive at an ethnic conflict to resolve that the PSC was constituted.

Lamentably enough, the two parties are yet to place their 'briefs' on the PSC table, even after a year. The chairman lacks that will,

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authority or command whatever it is, to order for their briefs. Hence the Chairman had to indulge in 'magic shows. This little Island has already lost its sense of humour for such silly shows.

## Sinhala State Thuggery in the Seas

Two Sri Lankan naval boats captured a fishing vessel and beat the five fishermen on board savagely. This incident happened on Monday, November 16th about 8.00 a.m.

Because the Navy has prevented from fishing, only a few fishermen venture out to sea and that too to a few hundred yards from the shore and contrary to usual practice only after dawn.

On November 16th about two dozen boats were out at sea in the early morning fishing off Valvettiturai coast. About 8.00 a.m. two navy speed boats were seen speeding towards them and all the fishing boats except two managed to scamper back to shore and safety. The two unlucky ones had their nets entangled and could not get back. Of the eight fishermen in the two boats three jumped into the sea and swam ashore.

## SPORTS SOCCER

In the Mid-town Soccer tournament organised by the Rotor Act, St. Roche's and Potpathy S.C. drew 2 all in a match played at the Central College grounds. At Half time, St. Roche's led 2-1. Mr. Karunakaran was referee.

In another match, Thunder S.C. drew 3 all with Koiyathoddam S.C. at St. Antony's grounds, Passaiyoor. Mr. Sooriyakumaran was referee at this match.

Vijayakumar

Enough of this Comedy of recurrent errors!

If the Chairman is not going to act with fortitude, it is the real politic of Mangala Munasinga that is at stake.

Why can't the Chairman give an interim report for the one year activity or otherwise of the PSC. The Sinhalese people at least have the right to know and the Chairman the duty to reveal. These people cannot be left alone star-gazing in bewilderment anymore. They need visible action; action to move in a definite direction to reach results; results to live in honourable peace and harmony. The PSC should shed off its lethargic indifference or say quits.

### Climate of Cordiality

If sincerity of purpose is to prevail, there is an urgency for the 5th. C- Climate. The Climate for cordiality has got to be created. Enforce a cease-fire, lift the economic embargo, let the people

and Press from Colombo and the South visit the North and East and see for themselves the devastation - the monstrous activities for a military solution. Let the families of service personnel held captive by the LTTE come over. They can be real messengers of peace when they get back. They were due more than a year back.

Their yearnings were thwarted not by the LTTE but by Lalith Athulathmudali's Impeachment Motion which set the clock back for an ethnic resolve. Let the Mothers' Front from the South come over, they would realise the woes of children. Let there be no zoo enclosures for North and East. Let the various embassy personnel and N.G.O's visit freely. Can this be done? Cats and dogs are domestic animals all right. They do cuddle in one another's laps. But who made Tigers and Lions out of them? We need a scenario a repetition!

## Mr. N. Sabaratnam Passes Away

Death occurred on Sunday, November 22, of Mr. N. Sabaratnam, one of the erudite scholars of Jaffna.

Mr. N. Sabaratnam entered the teaching profession as a graduate teacher and ended his long and distinguished service as Principal of Jaffna Hindu College. He was also an old student of Jaffna Hindu College. He had taught at his native village of Karainagar (Hindu College) and at Chavakachcheri Hindu College too as an Assistant teacher.

Mr. Sabaratnam was a very popular teacher. He excelled in the teaching of English language and literature. Even today his past pupils recount proudly how he kept his students spell-bound in the English literature classes he took for the students of the higher forms.

Apart from being a teacher par excellence Mr. Sabaratnam also became active

in Teachers' trade union activities and was President of the All Ceylon Teachers' Union.

After retirement Mr. N. Sabaratnam took to journalism for some time and functioned as Editor of 'Eelanadu', the oldest Tamil daily published from Jaffna. His editorials were later compiled in book form and published in Madras.

A large and representative gathering was present at his funeral which took place on Monday, November 23 at Jaffna.

With the passing away of Mr. Sabaratnam, Jaffna loses one of her eminent scholars.

Mr. Sabaratnam leaves behind his widow and five children. Mr. Sabaratnam's memory will go down to ages through his students and educational institutions which he helped to build up.

# AN APPEAL TO GOD SAMAN

Sunday the 15th of November, 1992.

Place:- Rosemead Place

Time:- Ten O'Clock in the night.

Rain drizzling

Mrs. Sirimavo lying in bed restlessly without sleep. It is like this for sometime, no peaceful sleep for her. Even if it were possible to sleep for sometime dreadful nightmares awaken her. Mostly a giant crab appears in her dreams with its poisonous claws spread. Sometimes the crab has a human face. At times that human face resembles the face of her only son, Anura. On certain occasions Dayan Jayatileke and cartoonist Opatha of the Sunday Observer also appear in her dreams with pointed, giant-sized pens in their hands. They were trying to pierce her eyes with those pens. At the point of time the pen points were about to pierce her eyes, through fear, she gets awakened.

Sirimavo used to think that whether the sleeplessness and the dreams were the result of the actions of the demons the President had invoked against her. There is a common fear among the opposition parties which they are unable to reveal openly. i. e. about the Malayali sorcerers with whom the President is closely associated. Every attempt to overthrow the President had ended in failure. With the help of the sorcerers, it looks as if the President had overcome effortlessly all the hurdles that were in his way. Last year the impeachment motion was defeated. This year the Jana Ghosa (human noise) did not bring in the expected victory. Pada Yatra (procession on foot), Rada Yatra (vehicle procession) all ended up in failure. The victory in the judgement in the Presidential Election Petition expected during the last few months ended up very badly. Apart from it, cost of the case had to be also paid. It looks as if times are bad for the Opposition too. At this juncture, there was only one way to defeat the sorcery advisors of the President.

There was no other political manoeuvre for the Opposition parties apart from that. All of them decided to appeal to Saman Deio (God). Starting from Parakumba Pirivena at Kotte, with a procession of supporters as a human chain, the Bhikkus carried a petition written on a red cloth to Ratnapura which is 62 miles away and handed over the petition to the Saman Deio. It has been

decided to attack the President in the area he is accustomed to. What next is a thing that has to be decided only by Saman Deio (God).

The rain has lessened. Night is very silent. A vehicle with its horns blazing was heard at a distance. The noise of rain water coming down from the roof in small drops was the only noise now audible. Sirimavo listened to that noise attentively. Rain drops were falling on something on the ground in a systematic manner. There was rhythm in it. It was soothing to the mind in the background of the silence of night. The noise of these rain drops seemed to be more real and natural than the noise created some months back by the Opposition parties during the Jana Ghosa or the noise they created in parliament during the last decade. Why, it was better than the chanting of Pirith some days back at the Saman Devale. There was a rhythm in it better than all the political noises these people raised all these days. Sirimavo began to listen attentively to it. She felt as if she were hearing a very high quality music and her mind slowly became calm. She felt as if she were feeling sleepy.

All of a sudden, the noise of the rain drops became louder. It gradually increased systematically and the very sound seemed like a bomb blast. In the background there was a noise similar to the noise emanating from the ringing of the bells in the vihares. Later, the noise of the blasts stopped and only the noise of the ringing of the bell was heard in a lower tone. Sirimavo felt that she had heard that ringing of the bell particularly somewhere before also. She had to recollect. Oh, this is the sound of the ringing of the bell at Saman Devale. With shock and excitement Sirimavo threw off the blankets and got up. "Do not get afraid, woman. It is I, who have come"... Whose voice is that? Sirimavo was bewildered... Oh, it is the Saman Deio (God).

Saman Deio stood there calmly smiling. To the immediate gaze, he was blue in colour. When looked closer, he was white in colour. Samon Deio has come to Rosemead Place. Sirimavo became excited. She worshipped the Deio. Saman Deio moved a chair and sat down. "Old woman, I received the memorandum, your Opposition and you forwarded to me. That is why I have come to talk to

you...". Sirimavo became alert. She hurriedly got ready to converse with Saman Deio...

Saman: As reported in the Sunday Observer, the human chain of your supporters appeared as if a badly injured snake were pushing itself forward. However, your memorandum reached me.

Sirimavo: Aha, Deio! Because I have done great merits, you have come to see me as you received my memorandum. Lies of the Sunday Observer could not prevent you from coming.

Saman: Woman, Don't talk about merits. For politicians of your calibre, it is not easy to talk about the levels of merits. It is complicated.

Sirimavo: Yes, yes... It is better to talk about demerits. We will talk about who had committed less sin... Deio. The President has

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killed four times the number of youths, I killed in 1971 and threw them in the Kelani Ganga.

Saman: I know... I know.

Sirimavo: We are unable to defeat him. He is the leader of very powerful sorcerers. They have defeated all our struggles. That is why we have come to you.

Saman: But, women, worse part of it is the disunity among yourselves than all the sorcerers with him. There is no unity among the opposition parties. Why? Even in your party, how many divisions? You are one, your son another. In between Hela Urumaya. Now the Jana Urumaya.

Sirimavo: Yes Deio. This is a sin. Anura is not listening to advice. How lavishly I brought him up. When small, he listened to me. Now he has become a brute.

Saman: Like crabs... Kautilya has said in his Arthasastra that princes are like crabs who eat their fathers.

Sirimavo: Oh Deio... Now I understand why crabs are appearing in my dreams... Oh Deio! Will Anura become a prince who devours his mother?

Saman: (calmly smiling) Sons of your Buddhist princes had been eating their fathers... Ajatha Sathru; Kasiappa and so on....

Sirimavo: If so, will Anura also?

Saman Deio: (smiles calmly)

Sirimavo: Aiyu Deio! You must safeguard me. Do not allow my party to get broken up. Tell me some way,

Saman: Woman, bring me a grain of mustard seed from the house of a Sinhala politician who had not stained his hand with the blood of the Tamils. Then I will tell you.

Sirimavo: (keeps silent)

Saman: None of you gave justice to the Tamils who asked for justice. Now when injustice is done to you, you are all coming to me.

Sirimavo: Deio! First you overthrow the President. Thereafter all of us together will grant justice to the Tamils.

Saman: Woman! First grant justice to those Tamils who are seeking justice from you. Thereafter, you will automatically get your backbone to fight against anyone denying justice to you.

Sirimavo: Deio! you seem not to consider favourably our memorandum. You look as if you are going to let us down. All that is due to that 'thirteen'. From the start I told them that on Date 13, thirteen Opposition parties should not join together and go to Saman Deio. Did anyone listen to me?

Saman: Women! there is nothing wrong in dates. The wrong is only in the politics that made you choose that date. Normally, when you assume important posts or when you want to perform some good work, you get the auspicious time from your Chief Priest. But this time when you came to me, you did not look for an auspicious time. Instead you made the

day Rohana Wijeweera died, the auspicious time.

Sirimavo: (keeps silent)

Saman: When you brought the memorandum to me, you did not do so with a pure heart. It was not in the form of worship. It was performed like an unpleasant political event. Already you had drawn the Buddha into your politics. Now you want to drag me also.

Sirimavo: Deio! Are you also afraid of Black Cats? Do you say that President cannot be overthrown this time also?

Saman: (smiles calmly)

Sirimavo: (frustrated) If so, Deio! You can do one thing. Tell me how I could attain Nirvana. I will quit politics itself. Thereafter, whether Anura or Chandrika...

Saman: (with contempt) Now it looks as if people who do not have a political future in the Island of Sri Lanka and those who are rejected by their own political heirs are talking about Nirvana. Already, one J. R. Now you. All of you joined together and had turned Dhamma-deepa into a Yuddhadeepa. Now you want Nirvana?

Saman rises in anger. Sirimavo tries to worship him but she is unable to raise her hands. She tried to call back Saman Deio who was moving away. But her voice is stifled. She tries over and over again but her voice had got dried up. Sirimavo awakes with a shiver. "Oh! everything is a dream. Fortunately the crabs have not appeared."

Courtesy:

EELANATHAM.

## Bitten by Snake - but Killed by Shell

A person who was bitten by a snake and was under treatment by a native physician at the latter's house at Moolai, died when a shell hit the physician's house at Moolai.

The news in this connection states that a young man named Kanthasamy Manmathan was admitted for treatment by a snake-bite expert at his house at Moolai. On Friday, November 20, the Sri Lankan Army at Karainagar started shell attack directed towards Moolai. This happened at 10.00 p. m. One shell hit the physician's house and Manmathan who was lying at the house as a patient was struck by the shell and he died on the spot. His father Suppar Kanthasamy (56) who had brought him for treatment and was staying in the Physician's house sustained serious injuries.

Three others in the house also sustained injuries. Another person named Vattan Mayarajah was killed by shell attack.

The injured and the dead were being rushed to hospital in Jaffna in a van which hit a wall accidentally and three others including the driver of the mini-van sustained injuries.

## Devotees Celebrate Sai Baba's Birthday

Devotees of Sathya Sai Baba celebrated his birthday which fell on Monday, November 23 with poojahs, offerings and prayers.

He was born on 23rd November, 1926 in a remote village named Puttapathi in Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh. His gospel is "See the God in man".

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## NATIONAL HEROES' WEEK

Tamil Eelam celebrated National Heroes' Week with all splendour and reverence last week.

Over 5000 LTTE youths have willingly given their lives in the defence of their motherland.

Even today as the liberated Tamil Eelam homeland lives in peace except for the threats from the Sri Lankan Armed Forces, The flower of our population - LTTE boys and girls - stands guard round occupied territories of Tamil Eelam to see that the enemy does not make intrusions into our beloved motherland and disturb the peace of our people. We owe our peace and freedom to these fine youths.

Not only do these heroes ensure peace to liberated territories they also provide the only hope for liberty and peace for other Tamils in other occupied territories of Tamil Eelam and for the eventual achievement of statehood for the Tamils.

From the beginning, the Tigers were endearingly referred to as 'our boys' by the Tamil people who were frustrated by failure after failure of all their efforts to win justice by peaceful means and who were subjected to state aided terrorism in addition. Tiger activity engendered hopes that they could win their rights and freedom.

The LTTE for its part conducted itself with exemplary discipline and dedication to the cause. The heroism displayed by the LTTE in fighting for the Tamil cause was without precedent.

It's certainly a matter for pardonable pride for the Tamils to feel elated about the LTTE heroes because unlike other freedom fighters elsewhere in the world they willingly chose death not only by resort to the cynide capsule but also in other ways as did Captain Miller at Nelliady, Mohan Methri in the high seas and Dileepan at Nallur and many others in different and noble circumstances. They die in the full bloom of their youth for the only purpose of enabling the Tamils to live free and independent in their own country. In this context, it is not strange that a grateful Tamil population throng in their thousands to pay homage to the Tigers who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of their country and for the sake of their people.

The 5000 martyrs who sacrificed their lives have their parents and other relatives - except perhaps Lt. Col. Regan, whose entire family had been earlier wiped out by the Sinhala Army - and we are sure that the demonstration of love, affection and respect shown to these heroes by all the people of Tamil Eelam will re-assure these near and dear relations of our heroes that their children have not died in vain but to be elevated to the position of the children of the entire nation

The unique and singular dedication, bravery and selfless sacrifice with which our heroes acted were made possible because of the purity of their cause and conduct not to mention the highly disciplined and inspiring leadership of the LTTE which is guiding the destinies of our country and people.

The commemoration activities carried out during the last week more than amply demonstrate the Tamil people's will to be free whatever the cost may be.

We join in paying our homage to the LTTE heroes who died so that we may live.

## Heavy Shell Attack Towards Chulipuram

5 Killed - 10 Injured - 40,000 Displaced

The Sri Lankan Army and Navy carried out extensive attack directed towards the village of Chulipuram which, resulted in five civilians being killed and a further 10 being injured. Many houses were also damaged.

The news in this connection states that on Monday, November 23, the Sri Lankan Armed forces directed heavy attack towards the village of Chulipuram and other areas. From early morning till noon shell attack was launched from the Palaly Army camp. At the same time, volleys of cannon fire began to be fired from a

Gun boat from the sea off Mathakal, directed towards the same area. A battle tank which was at Sillalai sea coast road also launched cannon fire. All these attacks were directed towards civilian dwellings at Chulipuram and adjoining areas.

As a result of the combined attack, a large number

of people estimated at 40,000 left their homes and ran away to other places for safety.

Four persons died on the spot at Chulipuram as a result of shell explosion. They are M. Thavathurai (40), P. Ananthan (42), A. Thavamani (48) and R. Thavamani (42). P. Thiyagarajah (45) died on admission to the Jaffna hospital. Over 10 persons were injured. A number of houses were damaged.

## Enemy Bent..

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This is our speciality that speaks of our uniqueness. We are able to stand straight without bending ourselves to the outside pressures because we are standing on our own feet.

Today our struggle for independence is facing a critical historical situation owing to new challenges and crises. The enemy by closing the avenues of peace tightly is showing interest in expanding the war. The government is not keen to put forward any tangible solution to solve the Tamil Problem.

This year, as has never happened before, the war became acute. We devised new war tactics with a view to frustrate the enemy's campaigns and accelerated our attacks. As a result the enemy suffered great losses as has never happened in history earlier. We instilled in our enemy's minds that aggressors would not be tolerated in our land.

Even inspite of the fact that the enemy faced many setbacks in the war, and as a result of the war faced the shattering of his economy and had come to realise that the Tigers could not be defeated in battle, the Sinhala government is not prepared to give up its military alternative.

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fact two bombers hovered over the venue of the meeting after the meeting started but the Tigers fired at them and they left. The meeting proceeded smoothly thereafter.

Reports from Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavunia and Mannar stated that National Heroes' Day was commemorated in these Districts too with great solemnity, reverence and resplendence.

The government is very keen in strengthening its armed forces, and in accelerating the war of aggression and wants to go forward with its military alternative.

From this we should understand one thing very clearly. There is not even a small change in the Sinhala-Baudha majority concept attitude of ruling the Tamil race by suppressing it with armed force. As long as the Sinhala nation is immersed in the mire of chauvinistic politics, we cannot expect from the ruling class of the Sinhalese any political solution that could satisfy the just aspirations of the Tamil people. Our people must learn to stomach this bitter truth.

Our freedom struggle has been going on for more than forty long years with very difficult crises and setbacks in various ways, commencing from soft Gandhian struggle to the present armed struggle. But our call for the just rights of the Tamils has not touched the conscience of the Sinhala nation.

Time and again the sufferings our people underwent - death, destruction, the tears of blood they shed in sorrow - all these had not touched the compassion of the Baudha nation.

The enemy is a heartless war-monger. He wants to disintegrate our homeland and annihilate our race. That is his goal. We cannot expect his heart to become magnanimous enough to grant us justice.

In these circumstances what should we do? We have no alternative but to continue fighting and continue to accelerate our fight.

We are not war mongers who love violence. In actual fact, spiritually we want peace. We want a permanent honourable peace. That is why even inspite of this violent war, we are keeping the doors of peace open.

We have not closed the path to peace. We do not have the idea of closing such a path because we are fighting to achieve peace.

On any day if the enemy knocks at our door of peace, we are prepared to extend our friendly hands.

But our enemy loves violence. Because of that from that day onwards up to date, he is thrusting on us an unjust war. Today the enemy's forces have come to our doors and are beating the war drums. He is bent on destroying us and devouring our land. He is prepared to shed any amount of blood in this genocidal war.

In this critical situation, what are we to do? Do we have any other way other than to fight and safeguard our people and our land?

We have to fight and thereby safeguard and maintain our independence.

Independence is not a commodity that can be obtained by bargaining. That is a holy right which had to be fought for and obtained. We will continue to fight. In spite of whatever obstacle or suffering, we will continue our journey towards independence.

We will resolutely fight so that the blood shed by our people and the sacrifice our martyrs made would not be in vain. In our journey towards our ideals, we have faced many challenges, dangers and crises. Hereafter, nothing or no one can threaten us. We will fight with courage. History is guide to us. Justice is our witness.

Oh! Martyrs who are our pillars of freedom! our history of liberation is rich with your blood. Our struggle gets purified by your goals. Our nation is being built by your sacrifices. Our determination gets strengthened by your thoughts. We bow our heads and worship you, who are architects of our independence.

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