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Mass Arrests In Colombo Tamil People Live in Fear

A deep concern and fear have stricken the Tamil community living in Colombo following the mass arrests of Tamil youth by the security forces in the capital. These arrests continue unabated with the connivance of the Government amid protests and out cry from Tamil Parliamentarians and human rights organisations.

The city of Colombo has become a nightmare for the Tamils following this terror campaign by the police and the army in which thousands of young Tamils, both male and female, have been rounded up and taken into custody to unknown destinations. It is reliably learned that most of the arrested youth are subjected to torture and the list of missing persons is increasing day by day.

The mass arrests of Tamils commenced in the beginning of October following a vicious propaganda by the SriLankan Police Intelligence that the LTTE bomb-squads have penetrated into the capital. Under this pretext, thousands of innocent Tamils have been rounded up and subjected to interrogation and torture. The arrests take place at midnight. Tamil residential areas are cord

oned-off systematically, and the security forces raid the houses and abduct the residents indiscriminately. The security forces have been given extra-ordinary powers to conduct these sinister operations.

Though this matter has been raised in Parliament, the Government has shown callous disregard to vehement protests. The conti

nuing arrests and the indifferent attitude of the Government have given rise to serious anxiety among the Tamil community in Colombo.

It should be pointed out that the President has repeatedly made statements that the Tamil people live harmoniously among the Sinhalese in the South with a sense of security enjoying the fruits of freedom and dignity. Therefore, he emphasised, that there is no ethnic problem in the Island. This proclamation by the head of the Sinhala state has been rendered meaningless and absurd as the plight of the Tamils in Colombo shows the concrete reality of the ethnic conflict and the burning issue of racism that beset the Island.

EDITORIALS

"Only the Dedicated Sacrifice of our Fighters Forced the Enemy to Flight"

— Thamilselvan

"More than eighty of our fighters both female and male had sacrificed their lives to force the enemy to flight. Their total dedication and commitment to the cause has made this achievement a possibility" declared Mr. Thamilselvan, the head of the political wing of the LTTE on the occasion of the public release of 'Vilaku' the journal of the Tamil Eelam Education Council.

The meeting was held at the Coomaraswamy Hall of the Jaffna Hindu College. The function took place on the 6th of October with Mr. Panchalingam, the Principal in the chair. The National Flag of Tamil Eelam was unfurled by Ilankumaran, the Head of the Tamil Eelam Educational Organisation.

Mr. Thamilselvan, read out the Teachers' day message received from the National Leader Mr. Prabakaran. Speaking further, Mr. Thamilselvan said that the military plan of the enemy was to close down all the peninsular outlets and put a stranglehold on the people. This aim had been neutralised by the herosim

of our freedom fighters. He pointed out that education is beset with various dangers. Coming to school is as hazardous as remaining in the classroom in the pursuit of education. Still for all the urge to study remains unabated. The teaching community should realise that they have a sacred duty towards the student population. He concluded his speech with the expectation that 'Vilaku' would continue regular publication.

Eelanatham 07-10-1993

Since Independence successive Sinhala Buddhist Governments had enforced a ruthless policy of genocidal destruction of the Tamils. They had closed the door for a negotiated settlement and resorted to military solution to reduce the Tamils to servitude. All this blood-letting had not taught them a lesson. The policy of annihilation of the Tamils by war remains unchanged.

In this context the Tigers had made an open call to the Tamil youth, both male and female, to take up arms. The

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struggle must continue and the motherland must be saved. It is a historical imperative.

The Tamils have ultimately realised that co-existence with the Sinhalese is impracticable as long as oppression continues.

Even when the British colonialists were here, the Sinhalese had drawn up blueprints to enslave us in our traditional home

land. The Tamils showed their legitimate protest by non-violent agitations but the government reacted violently.

The Tigers are the protectors of the Tamils. The Tigers represent the just aspirations of the Tamils. The die had been cast and no Tamil can remain a spectator. It is the sacred duty of each one of us to mobilise behind the Tigers and continue the struggle against Sinhala chauvinism and state terrorism.

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For the last few days the SriLankan Air force has rained bombs and rockets on the people of Jaffna. The affected persons are all innocent, defenceless civilians. At this rate the peninsula will soon become a huge refugee camp. Public places, schools, markets and places of worship are the targets of the bombers. The shells of the army are also directed towards such places. One third of the population of Jaffna are already living

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in refugee camps. With the present military attacks the situation will soon reach unmanageable proportions. There are no signs of the conditions getting any better.

What the government has unleashed on the Tamil people is nothing but 'State Terrorism'. The state shows callous disregard to the allegiance of the Tamils.

It has lost the moral right to call the Tamil people citizens of Sri Lanka. On the other hand we must plan our own protection. Survival is not the only need of the hour. We must be on the offensive in driving away the invader. We owe this to the coming generations. Submission means loss of our identity, dignity and the loss of our territory. The integrity of the Tamil homeland must be preserved at any cost.

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'Teachers are the Architects of Social Development'

- V. Prabakaran

"Education is the basis for human development and social advancement. The teaching community is entrusted with the noble ideal of imparting education to the younger generation. The teachers are the architects of society and its development who deserve to be honoured" declared Mr. V. Prabakaran, the National Leader of the Tamils, in a message addressed to the International Teachers' Day which was celebrated all over Tamil Eelam on the 6th of October.

Mr. Prabakaran in his message further stated:

"Our enemy is making a monumental effort to disrupt our educational system, to destroy our national resources, to undermine our national life, to aggress upon our national territory and to annihilate us as a national community. In this dangerous situation when we are confronted with a genocidal war, the role and responsibility of the teachers are crucial. It is the paramount duty of all the teachers to protect and safeguard the educational system inspite of the conflicts and challenges we are

facing today. At the sametime, it is also the duty of the educationists to support the national liberation struggle aimed at the emancipation of our nation.

I am very proud to observe that our teachers are carrying out their tasks with courage, determination and patriotism inspite of immense difficulties and obstacles. Therefore, it is our duty to honour the teaching community who functions as human ladders for social upliftment.



On this day (6th of October) when the International Teachers' Day is celebrated all over the world it is most appropriate to praise and honour of our teaching community in our own homeland. I appreciate the decision of the Tamil Eelam Educational Development Organisation to celebrate this event in a wider scale. I wish to express my best wishes to all the teachers.

I am also pleased with the decision of the Tamil Eelam Educational Development Organisation to release a magazine named 'Vilakku' with an aim to promote teaching methodology. I wish that this magazine will shed light to the problems of teaching methods and promote education," concluded Mr. Prabakaran.

Tamil Eelam Commemorates The 6th Anniversary of 12 Tiger Martyrs

Six years ago, on 5th October 1987, Twelve Liberation Tiger cadres were martyred. The 12 LTTE cadres including Lt. Col. Pulendiran, Lt. Col. Kumarappah were returning to Jaffna by boat on the guarantee of the immunity granted in terms of the Indo-

Sri Lanka Accord, when the Sri Lankan navymen took them into custody at sea. Their arrest was in violation of the agreement. The Sri Lankan authorities insisted on transferring them from the army camp at Palaly to Colombo for interrogation.

The sixth anniversary of the martyrdom of the twelve great heroes was commemorated all over Tamil Eelam. The main ceremony was observed at the mousoleum erected in memory of the twelve martyrs at Theeruvil in Vadamarachchi. Thousands of people gathered there to pay their solemn homages to the memory of the Martyrs.

LTTE DEEPLY DISMAYED OVER KARUNANIDHI'S BASELESS ALLEGATION

The LTTE has expressed its utter dismay and concern over the baseless allegation levelled against it by D M K Leader M. Karunanidhi.

Here is the full text of the statement issued by the Political section. Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam On 07. 10. 1993

The D M K Leader, Kalaigarnar Karunanidhi, has besmirched our movement by alleging that we were plotting to kill him in order to pave the way for Mr. Gopalaswamy to become the D M K Leader. This terrible slunder has shocked us and caused us great pain of mind.

Everybody knows that, for a long time, political parties in Tamilnadu have used the LTTE as the principal pawn in the game of political chess and have not shown the slightest qualms of conscience in besmirching our movement for the sake of their narrow and selfish political ends and their power struggle. It both surprises and pains us that Kalaignar Karunanidhi too has chosen to join this political farce.

From the beginning till now, our liberation movement has been carefully maintaining a neutral stance vis-a-vis the various political parties and has seen to it that it did not get caught up in the web of contradictions prevalent in Indian politics.

We have maintained this policy of non-alignment as our liberation movement seeks the support of the broad Indian masses, especially the people of Tamilnadu, for its just struggle. Unfortunately however, certain poli-

tical movements in India have for their own selfish gains, levelled baseless charges against us and thereby slandered the liberation struggle of the Tamil Eelam nation. It deeply grieves us that now Kalaignar Karunanidhi too has jumped on this disreputable band - wagon.

Today the people of Tamil Eelam are in a very perilous situation. The enemy has massed his forces on our borders. The enemy is getting ready to launch a massive assault on the Jaffna peninsula. Death and destruction are the tragic burdens our people have to bear. Our liberation fighters are making innumerable and inestimable sacrifices to safeguard our people and our land. At this very critical juncture when the Eelam Tamils are faced with the prospect of genocide, the leaders of Tamilnadu as fellow Tamils have a moral obligation to raise their voices on behalf of our imperilled people. Instead, they choose to sully our movement and our struggle; this causes us profound sorrow. This is part of a sinister plan to sow confusion among the people of Tamilnadu and to divert their attention. We consider this a grave injustice perpetrated against the people of Tamil Eelam.

'The Tamils' homeland in Sri Lanka is burning. Genocide continues. Instead of trying to understand and sympathise with our people's plight, an attempt is being made to make political capital out of it. This is a shameless and treacherous act betraying a complete lack of sympathy for our people. Let us hope that hereafter at least, the politicians of Tamilnadu will act with a sense of responsibility and in such a manner as to respect the susceptibilities of our oppressed people. Let us hope too that they will stop these vile slanders against our liberation movement.'

Soldier Killed in LTTE Ambush

On 6th October Sri Lankan soldiers travelling on two motor bicycles from the 78th Colony to the Koppavely village in Batticaloa were ambushed by the Liberation Tigers. One soldier was killed and 4 others injured. The Tigers captured T-56 gun, a magazine and 30 I. M. rounds.

Tiger Attacks in Trinco and Batticaloa. One Soldier Killed and Another Injured

During the first week of October at Thumbancholai in Trincomalee district one Sri Lankan soldier was killed during an ambush by the LTTE.

In Batticaloa district the Tigers, launched an attack on the police post at the Valaichenai fisheries harbour and injured one policeman.

'Mobilize To Fight the Enemy'

LTTE Calls Upon the People to take up Arms

The LTTE has called upon the people of Tamil Eelam to mobilize to fight the enemy who has unleashed the dogs of genocidal war.

This is the full text of the appeal issued by the Political section, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam on 5 - 10 - 1993.

"Today the Tamil people face a very critical situation. Civilians are being subjected to bestial attacks by the Sinhala forces who are hell-bent on genocide."

The Sinhala forces have intensified the indiscriminate shelling, cannonading and aerial bombing of schools, places of religious worship markets and houses, all civilian targets.

Last month alone 53 civilians died in aerial bombings and 98 people were severely injured.

These indiscriminate aerial attacks have proved that the Sinhala forces have decided to launch and have begun a massive war against the civilians.

The military operation code-named 'Yarl Devi' was part of this massive campaign. Through this operation the forces aimed to occupy Kilaly and completely disrupt civilian traffic.

But the massive losses sustained by the sinhala forces thwarted their plan. Hence the sinhala forces were compelled to retreat from Kilaly.

The Sinhala state had planned to station its forces permanently at Kilaly, tighten the

economic embargo imposed on the Jaffna peninsula and thereby cause severe hardships to the common people. But its plans failed.

Similarly, in the past too, the sinhala state which has committed aggression on our soil, blocked the access by land to the peninsula and tried to strangle our people economically.

However, when our people began to use the Kilaly sea route to ensure their economic survival, the Sinhala state instigated its Navy to attack civilian traffic and thereby disrupt it.

But the Sea Tigers by their daring attacks on the SriLankan Navy ensured the safety of the civilians. This was a big challenge to the sinhala navy.

The outcome was that the Kilaly sea became a bloody battleground where there were direct confrontation between the sinhala navy and the Sea Tigers.

There were daily sea battles between the sinhala navy whose objective was to destroy the boats transporting civilians and the Sea Tigers who had dedicated themselves to the ideal of saving the lives of the civilians.

Eventually, on 25 - 8 - 1993 there was a big battle at Kilaly, which culminated in Black Sea Tiger attacks. This forced the sinhala navy to remain at a respectable distance.

The High Command of the Sinhala armed forces realised it was impossible for the navy to put a stop to civilian traffic.

It was at this juncture that the military High Command planned to seize Kilaly by mounting a major offensive involving over 10,000 troops using tanks, armoured carriers and cannons, backed up by aerial bombing.

But this movement of troops did not turn out to be as easy or smooth as the sinhala high command expected.

That is why the sinhala army had to pull back to the Elephant-Pass army camp even after it had seized Kilaly.

But the Sinhala forces are planning an attack on another front and 20,000 troops have been put on alert for this purpose; they are poised to attack any moment.

If such a massive assault on the peninsula takes place on a wide scale, the imagination boggles at the prospect of what the sinhala forces will do to the civilians.

They will kill, thousands and thousands of young boys and girls. Using the most brutal methods of torture and murder, they will attempt to wipe out young generation.

It is Cecil Waidyaratne who played a key role in killing 60,000 sinhala boys and girls in order to stamp out a rebellion is now planning this assault on the Jaffna peninsula. One doesn't need much imagination to picture, how Tamil boys and girls will be tortured and murdered by the sinhala troops commanded by this Lieutenant General.

Suppress the freedom struggle of the Tamils through genocide- this is the plan of the sinhala forces.

It is in line with this genocidal plan that the sinhala forces which have invaded South Tamil Eelam, have ruthlessly killed hundreds and hundreds of Tamils and devastated their economy.

It is this reign of genocidal terror that the State's forces are preparing to unleash in the North, especially in the Jaffna peninsula.

If the peninsula falls into the hands of the sinhala forces, it is obvious that the killings, the rapes and the tortures committed in South Tamil Eelam will be carried out here on a magnified scale.

Hence, instead of being led to the slaughter by the sinhala forces, we can stave off the disaster that may befall our nation by taking up arms and resolutely fighting them.

At the same time, people should not cower at the thought of the impending killings and destruction, instead they should prepare actively to defend themselves.

The time has come to act more courageously and in a self-sacrificing manner, as never before.

The need has arisen for people to defend themselves, their families and their villages from the marauding sinhala forces.

Our people should no-longer entertain any illusions about negotiations and peace settlements.

The government itself has categorically proclaimed that there will be no more talks or negotiated peace settlements. The

state and the armed forces High Command have unanimously decided that the ethnic problem will be handled militarily. This hard line approach has been endorsed by all sections of the Sinhalese people.

In such a situation, we should give up foolishly entertaining hopes of a peaceful solution and take up arms to defend ourselves and free our soil from the grip of the enemy.

We earnestly invite and urge our young boys and girls to join the armed struggle to realise these noble aspirations.

We appeal to the sons and daughters of our soil to heed this urgent summons of our beloved motherland.

Let us fight unitedly and thereby save ourselves, our families and our territory.

Home to the First Woman Fighter who Sacrificed her life in the Liberation Struggle

North Tamil Eelam paid homage to 2nd Lt. Malathi on the sixth year of her martyrdom.

On 10th October at 4.00p.m. commemorative events took place at the pillar erected at the place in Kopay where she died six years ago. Miss. Thamilchelvi who is in charge of the Jaffna district women's unit of the Liberation Tigers presided. Miss. Vithusha, Commander of the women's unit hoisted the National flag and Leader of the Political wing Mr. Thamilchelvan lit the sacrificial flame. Thevar, garlanded the commemorative pillar.

At the Kopay junction Mala thi's photograph was unveiled by Mr. Thamilchelvan and the flame was lit by Vaheesan who is in charge of the Vanni Embassy. Political Leader of the Mannar district, Ganesh garlanded the photograph. Several LITE members participated at the occasion.

Commemorative meeting was also held at 6.00p.m. which was well attended.

Vanni - Mullai and Mannar districts also paid homage to martyr Malathi.

Kilaly Looks Like A Graveyard - After Army's Military Operations

The Sri Lankan army that occupied Puloppallai, Allippallai and Kilaly shore villages of the Jaffna lagoon has devastated and ravaged the whole area before the withdrawal two days after its operation. Hundreds of cottages and houses where the villagers lived and a many small shops have been set on fire and reduced to ashes. Hundreds of coconut trees have been razed to the ground by bull - dozers. The

ferry landing points have been demolished. More than 200 boats that were moored on the shores had been burnt.

In Puloppallai the remnants of the two tanks and two armoured cars have been left behind as burned out skeletons. An armoured car and a jeep that was blasted by LTTE landmines are strewn all over the area.

Sinhala Regime Declares War on the People of Tamil Eelam

The real political approach of the Sinhala government towards the Tamil ethnic crisis and its stand on the matter have been made very clear.

"There is nothing called ethnic problem in the Island of Sri Lanka. What is existing here is nothing but terrorism." This proclamation of the President has to be construed as a declaration of war on the Tamil people with the sole intention to annihilate them completely.

President's proclamation has been now put into operation in the form of 'Military activities.'

'East must be captured before January 1994 and North occupied before June.' This ultimatum given by Wijetunga to the armed forces should mean his green-flag signal to the armed forces to destroy the Tamil Nation altogether.

'Operations of the armed forces against terrorism' is the label now used for the process of killing the Tamils. In addition the Sinhala government is indulging in depriving the entire Tamil people, including those in the up-country of their legitimate political rights. Wijetunga regime is plotting to make this plan a success.

On the whole, new definitions and novel methods are adopted for the destruction of the Tamils.

In this process the Sinhala government has closed all avenues for negotiations and started to strengthen the hands of the armed forces. Establishment of the new hierarchy of the armed forces is a step in this direction.

The previous command structure included the three chiefs of the armed forces and the IGP. But now in the expanded set up, commandant of the STF and the Director of the National Intelligence Service also have been added.

STF has been vested with the military control of Batticaloa, Amparai district and army hither to operating in that region have been moved to North Tamil Eelam to reinforce the strength of the armed forces to enhance the continued operation in this region.

Inclusion of the STF in the new security high command is in recognition of the important part it is playing in South Tamil Eelam. To speed up the war and indulge in sabotage the informations gathered by the intelligence unit has been considered indispensable and hence the Sri Lankan government has included the NIA into the supreme body. The newly appointed Secretary of the Defence Ministry Gen. Hamilton Wanasinghe is chairing command.

The integrated and expanded Joint Operations set up is now spearheading the annihilatory process.

The Sinhala Nation is vehemently criticising the President and the armed forces for having withdrawn from Kilaly.

This new trend can ruin the political life of President Wijetunga and therefore to increase his political stance he will want to speed up the invasion of the Jaffna peninsula.

So, the occupational army in full strength will try to pene-

trate into the peninsula through one or more fronts.

It is in this juncture that the Tigers have made an urgent call to the youth of Tamil Eelam to join hands with them to defeat the enemy.

While continuing to commit genocide on the people of Tamil Eelam the Sinhala government is seriously plotting to undermine the power of the Tamil people including those of the up-country as a force of political determination. The Sinhala chauvinists do not want the Tamils to be a decisive factor in determining the leadership of Sri Lanka.

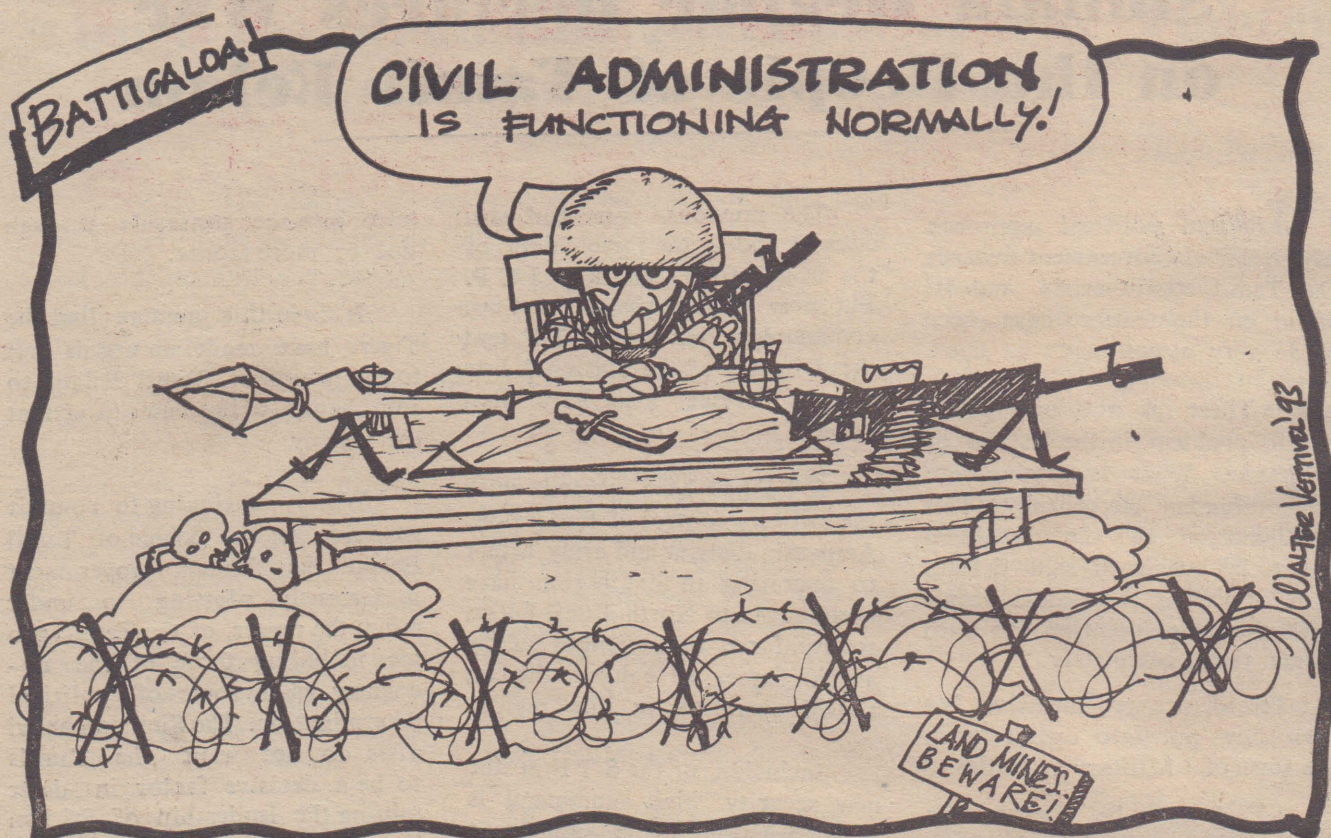
Chauvinists believe that by the denial of the legitimate rights of the Tamils, future Sinhala leaders need not depend on the Tamils and therefore could concentrate solely on ways and means of doing away with them.

Presently the President of Sri Lanka is elected by direct franchise. Votes of the Tamils remain a decisive factor in this matter.

That is the reason why Premadasa while continuing the war of genocide on the Tamil community, embraced the up-country Tamils, Tamils living in Colombo and the Muslims. He spoke and acted as if he was for them.

On the contrary Wijetunga has publically declared anti-Tamil radicalism by which he has gained their hatred and hostility.

Wijetunga is fully aware that neither he nor his UNP can get the Tamil votes in future.



The ruling Sinhala chauvinists have planned to change the constitution in order to deny the Tamils their right to exercise their franchise in the election of future Presidents.

They therefore want to change the system of electing the President by direct franchise and introduce a new system where parliamentarians will vote to choose a President.

There need not be an iota of doubt that this is to undermine the political power of the Tamils.

Tamil people should realise how the Sinhala rulers are united and determined to annihilate them.

The establishment of an independent state in their own homeland is the only way out for the Tamils to live in freedom, dignity and in security.

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Kalmunai Round up: 22 Tamil Youths Arrested

On 5th October Sri Lankan army men rounded up the Kalmunai Town an area under the control of the government's forces and took into custody more than a thousand Tamils including youths and oldmen. The abducted

people were loaded into trucks and taken to the Kalmunai beach. Twenty-two young men were taken into custody and the rest released. The whereabouts of the 22 persons is unknown.

One Soldier Killed, 6 Injured by Tiger Landmine

On 6th October at Mannar a Sri Lankan Army vehicle was trapped by a landmine of the Liberation Tigers. One soldier was killed and 6 others were injured when the vehicle in which they were travelling was blasted by a landmine explosion. The incident was confirmed by the government's official news agency.

Tamil Families Evicted From Their Village In Vavuniya

Sri Lankan government authorities have ordered 39 Tamil families living in the village of Sirimapura in Vavuniya district to vacate their premises and to go elsewhere. The government is taking over those lands for colonisation of Sinhala peasants as part of their colonisation scheme.