

# HOT SPRING

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## JAFFNA HOSPITAL

The Jaffna Provincial Hospital was started in 1858 about 140 years ago. For the first time in its history, it was closed down during the period June, 1990 to 9th November, 1990 because of the ongoing war. For some time during this period it functioned from Manipay.

The agency of the ICRC is utilised to keep going the hospital. But for the presence of the ICRC, the Jaffna hospital may not be allowed to function at all.

Does it function well under the ICRC?

Our reports are that the hospital does not have essential drugs and medicines. There is also an acute shortage of medical personnel.

# LTTE DECLARES CEASEFIRE

## BALL IN GOVT. COURT

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam has unilaterally declared ceasefire with effect from midnight on the 31st. of December, 1990. The LTTE fighters will cease all armed hostilities against the Sri Lanka armed forces from that time.

The statement issued by the LTTE Head Quarters in this connection further states:

The LTTE has decided to effect a cessation of hostilities with an indefinite timeframe as a gesture of goodwill to promote peace and to create conditions of normalcy in Tamil Eelam. In case, the Government of Sri Lanka fails to reciprocate to our peace initiative and continue offensive operations, our National Liberation Army

will reserve the right to defensive armed actions. Our unilateral decision to observe ceasefire has placed the entire responsibility with Sri Lanka Government as to whether to pursue peace or to continue to wage a war against our people. The LTTE has provided an ideal opportunity to Sri Lanka Government to demonstrate its real intentions. If Sri Lanka Government reciprocates positively and the ceasefire is observed by both

parties, the LTTE will be prepared to enter peace talks.

Under the pretext of a war, the Sri Lanka Government is committing a grave crime of genocide against our people. In particular the Tamil people of the Eastern Province are suffering enormously. Thousands of these people are undergoing extreme hardships without any form of relief in the jungle areas and in the refugee camps. Under the guise of a war, the Government has also prevented the representatives of the Non-Governmental organisations to visit the affected areas. Our decision to observe ceasefire is motivated by the urgency to

reveal the pathetic plight of these people to the world and to solicit immediate relief and rehabilitation.

We hope that Sri Lanka Government will give serious consideration to our declaration of ceasefire.

## Baudha Sinhala Papa's X'MAS GIFT

On the morning of Christmas Day, three Sri Lankan Air Force planes bombed the Pallai Maha Vidyalayam Primary Section and the surrounding areas. The school was completely damaged. The Pallai Post Office and three other houses of residents of the town were also damaged. Christmas Day being a holiday no children were present at School. Thus they happily escaped receiving the bomb gift.

at the market and the devotees at the Church ran away from the area at the sight of the planes and thus escaped injuries. It is also learnt that the Chavabachcheri Branch of the Bank of Ceylon was damaged by the bombing.

### At Chavakachcheri

The Sri Lankan Air Force planes took Chavakachcheri also for their target on the Christmas Day. Three persons sustained injuries at Chavakachcheri. They are E. Rajakulasingam aged 52, T. Nithiyaledchumy age 45 and G. Kunaratnam.

Christmas Day also happens to be the market day at Chavakachcheri and large number of people were collected in the area. Also Christmas Day church services were being held at Chavakachcheri Church when the bombers were sighted. Persons

All LTTE cadres gunned down and the Morawewa area in the Trincomalee District cleared of all LTTE.

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Then the question is - Did India send LTTE cadres along with explosives from India which killed 19 Sri Lankan soldiers in the same area the next day?

of fuel oil. But what did actually happen?

Some of the very seriously injured fighters of the LTTE could not be treated under secure conditions in Tamil Eelam due to the war. We brought to the knowledge of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu the pathetic condition of those such seriously injured fighters and the Tamil Nadu Government after consultations with the central government admitted the fighters for treatment in Tamil Nadu.

The Government of Tamil Nadu today has arrested and put behind bars these very injured and maimed fighters whom it had earlier admitted into Tamil Nadu for treatment. We regard this unjust action as an act of betrayal

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## RS.23 MILLION DENIED TO NORTH EAST

### What Happened to Local Govt. Electoral Grant

Over Rupees twenty three million payable to the North East province has not been provided to the North East by the Government for the last five years.

It is understood that the Ministry of Local Government allocates a sum of rupees two hundred thousand per annum for each electorate. This money is allocated to each electorate out of funds voted by Parliament. This is called the Local Government Grant and is expended

through Local Government institutions in each electorate. This Local Government Grant had not been made to the electorates in the North East from the year 1986.

There are twenty three electoral districts in the North East each entitled to

the Local Government Grant of Rs.200,000/- per annum. A total sum of Rs.4,600,000/- should have been paid to the North East by way of this grant each year.

With the new Parliament the number of members representing the North East has increased and this in turn would have increased

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# TAMIL NADU ARRESTS

## LTTE EXPRESSES PAIN OF MIND CALLS FOR MORAL SUPPORT

A statement issued by the LTTE Headquarters expresses the deep felt sorrow and pain of mind of the LTTE at the unexpected inhuman action of the Government of Tamil Nadu in arresting and detaining the injured maimed and sick LTTE fighters receiving treatment in India and thus showing a complete lack of fraternal feelings of sympathy for fellow Tamils facing genocide in Tamil Eelam.

The statement adds :-

"The Tamil Eelam people are facing genocide, unprecedented in history, in the hands of the Sinhalese racist government. The LTTE is carrying on the battle for the survival of the Eelam Tamils shedding the life and blood of their own fighters. The Government of Tamil Nadu, which in this grave situation is bound to extend

its moral support to the LTTE, has instead embarked on steps inimical to Tamil interests and which appear to provide assistance to the Sinhala racist rulers of Tamil Eelam.

The Tamil Nadu Government apart from heaping completely baseless allegations against the LTTE has arrested and put behind bars our sick, injured and maimed

fighters receiving treatment in Tamil Nadu. The lack of fraternal Tamil and humanitarian feelings implicit in the actions of the Tamil Nadu Government has caused shock and surprise to the Tamils all over the world.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has recently arrested and put behind bars LTTE fighters the majority of whom are sick, having been injured or maimed in battle for freedom. Many of them have lost their limbs. One has lost his eyes and three of them are benumbed below their hips. One is a female fighter.

The Tamil Nadu police have assaulted those detained to look after these wounded and sick freedom fighters. It is noteworthy that all these wounded LTTE fighters were arrested in hospital where they were under treatment.

Of the LTTE members arrested by the Tamil Nadu Government at the start two persons fell ill because of lack of medical attention.

Our request to look after these sick persons whilst subjecting the sick and those appointed to nurse the sick still under custody of the Tamil Nadu police was rejected. Ten fighters arrested later were falsely decied as persons involved in the theft



## VILATHIMUNAI

## Sinhala Army kills 9 Tamils

Nine Tamil civilians including a woman and her infant child were shot dead and another person injured by the Sinhala Army at Vilathimunai in Mutur (Trincomalee District).

The reports in this connec-

tion state that the Sinhala Army stationed at Pachchanoor Army Camp marched in to the village of Vilathimunai on the 7th December and shot indiscriminately people, killing nine and injuring another. The dead included

a mother and her infant child.

The victims have been identified as -

1. P. Mani (40) of 64th milepost
2. P. Balachandran (40) 64th milepost
3. V. Sellathurai (48) Santhanaveddai
4. T. Nobert Theepan (40) of 64th milepost
5. J. Kanthasamy (32)
6. P. Mani (28)
7. S. Kanthasamy (35)
7. Mrs. T. Mani (28)
9. Infant child of Mrs. T. Mani

Also Robert Theepan, a brother of the murdered Nobert Theepan received gunshot injuries but managed to escape death

## Farcical Curfews

Editor,  
Hot Spring

Curfews are clamped by responsible governments in their countries or in specified areas to prevent the movements of people so that innocent citizens are not harmed during times of military operations. Announcements of the regulations are made through the media - radio, television and State controlled newspapers. Declarations of curfew in different areas of the North East Province by the Sri Lanka government has become a regular feature in recent times.

Among the numerous hardships the people of these

areas are subjected to they are also debarred from listening to the radio and television consequent to the complete cutting off of electricity, total ban of all forms of fuel supplies and battery cells. For the past six months Colombo newspapers do not reach these areas. There are no law enforcement agencies on the ground to issue curfew passes to persons engaged in essential services and to generally monitor the curfew. The curfews are declared for 'Indefinite' periods and are lifted after several weeks without any break expecting the people to starve. Furthermore, the military operations mainly consist of indiscriminate aerial bombings, helicopter straffings and artillery shellings of residential areas invariably killing and maiming not those who are on the streets or the militants but innocent civilians in homes. These take place at all times whether there is a curfew or not.

All the above facts clearly indicate that the whole exercise of declaring and lifting of curfews is a farce probably meant to hoodwink the outside world,

P. Sabanathan

Vannarpommai,

## THIS AND THAT

— by Rambler —

## Aid Consortium Conspirators?

The AID CONSORTIUM comprising countries such as the European Community, the Americas and Japan which met in Paris recently, quite readily approved more than the amount requested by Sri Lanka. And as if this big Bonanza was inadequate, the World Bank too joined in the act and granted a lavish loan to Sri Lanka.

Now all of these aid giving countries are the ones that are known as the ADVANCED, FULLY DEVELOPED and CIVILISED nations of the world, whose own record on Human Rights and other such liberties are an example to the rest of the world. They are also countries that are supposed to care very much about blatant violations of Human Rights. How is it then, that these countries turn a blind eye to what is actually happening in this wretched island. Is it not a fact that on the very day that the AID CONSORTIUM approved the undeserved largesse, the Sri Lankan Minister responsible for military operations visited Jaffna by air and the very next day the north was subject to blind and indiscriminate aerial bombardment. Now this and similar acts of brutal atrocities can be vouched by the International Red Cross and other international agencies operating in this country. But the end result is that these benefactors seem to be utterly impervious to these blatant acts of violation and go on heaping dollar upon dollar after a paternal chiding, which they know full well, will not be taken note of by the erring recipient.

Could it be that these countries are in actual fact deadly conspirators, whose target is India. Do they not know that the Demagogues here have already apportioned Twen-

ty Five Million valuable rupees for the upliftment of the Buddhist religion, in a country that is supposed to be democratic and multi-religious. Could it be that the benefactors wish to assist the local demagogues to rapidly turn this country into a theocratic state and so make confusion worse confounded?

## Bank &amp; Money

Banks as even little children know are connected with money but the state controlled Sri Lankan Banks in the North East are an exception to this. All the state controlled Banks in the North East are open for business but only for deposits and not for pay outs.

Now one should not be unduly surprised at this thoroughly illegal and unethical manner in which these banks operate, possibly because the local Commissars have ordered them to do so. After all since 1956 the attitude of the Sinhalese has been one of "APE RATTA" "APPE ANDUWA" "APPE BASHAWA" and now "APPE SALLI" but this is where the crunch comes, because all the money in this country is not the sole possession of the Sinhalese. Even though it may be granted for petty chauvinistic reasons that the wages and pensions of those in the North East belongs to the Central Government, how on earth can you apply the same racist yardstick to funds that are strictly private, especially those funds that come from foreign sources. What right have the Bank overlords in Colombo to deprive the numerous constituents in the North East of such funds? If it is in the cause of an economic blockade, then stop your bloody low down and cowardly military offensive and stick to a complete economic blockade but in the name of justice do not apply a little of both.

## The Inaccessible Land

Colombo is the commercial city.  
Collusive pacts with Tamils were made here.  
Their home land in the north-east is not near  
The city and away is a pity  
As all foreign mails and variety  
Of goods including cash under the care  
Of many banks have to arrive from there.  
Without cars, trains and planes to the pretty  
Land from the chief city, all the said goods  
Are inaccessible to the Tamils  
At the proper time. Many infants' foods  
Are out of stock! lunatics without pills  
Are bolting; all learned men with their hoods  
Are observing the war and its evils.

Chundikuli

K. Yogarajah.

Vannarpommai,

Palaly Teachers College  
CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS (OLI-VILA)

"Darkness has surrounded us on all sides. It is difficult to see what the future is going to be. The economy has been shattered. There are no means of communication or means of transport. Except the air that we breathe, everything has been difficult and hard." So said Rev. Dr. S. J. Emmanuel, Rector, St. Francis Xavier's Major Seminary, Jaffna, who was the Chief Guest at the Christmas day celebrations (Oli Vila) on 12.12.1990 organized by the Teacher Trainees of the Catholic Association of the Palaly Teachers' College.

Continuing further he said, "We are looking forward for the light to dispel this darkness. We want light. The dawn must come. We want a pole-star for our guidance. Cruelties and injustices must vanish. We must move about in the light. The Holy Day, the Christmas day of Christ who said 'I am the Light' must give us confidence.

"When people are struggling, it is not correct to think of only ourselves. Our culture should consist in thinking and living for others also. This sort of culture must be created. Then only there

will be dawn and light. During the last 20 years the Tamils have been lagging behind in Education. We must promote the progress of education. Teachers must prove to be a great inspiration for the unborn future generations."

Mr. S. Pathmanathan, Lecturer, Palaly T. C. said that the common people should be grateful to the Christian Religious leaders and intellectuals who were rendering a great service by lecturing on the Fundamental Human Rights, not only in this country but also in the

foreign countries in order to draw the attention of the world to our problems. He further added that people must follow the path laid down by Christ who said, 'I am the Truth, Life, Light and Way'.

Mr. R. S. Nadarajah, Principal, Palaly Teachers' College Rev. Fr. A. Sahayathan, Mr. Thurai Arokianathan, Mr. V. S. Sivapiragasam and Miss. S. Sinnappu also spoke.

The speeches were followed by cultural entertainments and music.

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# Terrorism at Trinco

## ARRESTS AND ASSAULT WITHIN THAMPALAKAMAM REFUGEE CAMP

Reports received from Thampalakamam in Trincomalee state that on two occasions the Army arrested Tamil refugees in the camp in the month of October. Nothing is known of the arrested persons up to now.

Reports in this connection state that an inmate of the Thampalakamam Refugee Camp named Pushparajah, a resident of Thampalakamam West Colony, was arrested inside the refugee camp and taken by the Sinhala Army.

Since his arrest on 6th October, no further news of his whereabouts have been received.

Again on 15th October, the Army arrested three other refugees from the same Thampalakamam Refugee Camp. The arrested refugees are -

M. Thurainayagam, male (55) of Kallimedu, Thampalakamam, A. Nagarajah, male (30) of Mulliyadi, Amirthalingam, male (38) of West Colony.

Nothing is further known of these arrested refugees yet.

On the same day the Sinhala Army severely assaulted a Tamil refugee named Sadayan (29) of 9th Colony within the camp premises.

Sadayan was injured and admitted to hospital.

## Sanitary facilities sadly lacking Six Refugees die at Mutur

Sanitary facilities are sadly lacking in the Refugee Camp at Iruthayapuram in Mutur.

Tamils are detained in the camp in large numbers but the facilities available to these refugees are poor. Sanitary and medical facilities are sadly lacking in this camp and most refugees are suffering from, contagious diseases.

In one day alone on the 28th of October six Tamil refugees in this camp died. All of them died as a result of diarrhoea.

The dead are as follows:-

T. Theivanaipillai (45)

female

V. Siva Yoganayaki (29)

female

Sinnathamby (50) male

Thuraisamy (46) male

V. Thangaratnam (38)

male

V. Pasupathy (50) male

## Two Tamils burnt to death

Two Tamils were burnt to death at Pachchanoor Refugee Camp by the Sinhala Army on the 22nd of October.

Reports received in this connection state that two Tamil refugees were arrested by the Sinhala Army in the Pachchanoor Refugee Camp at Mutur. The arrested persons are Kanagasabai Suresh (25) and Ponnuchamy Meganaathan (32).

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## Further arrests of Tamil Refugees by Sinhala Army

Tamil refugees from the Thampalakamam Camp who had gone out of the camp, were arrested by the Sinhala Army on 10th October. The arrests were made when these persons were working in the paddy fields of Thampalakamam.

The arrested persons are V. Vijayakumar (22), M. Nimalendran (22) both of Varnamedu, S. Nagendran (20) of Mulliyadi, S. Kutti

(24) and S. Thirunavukarasu (21) both of Nayanmarthidal.

On the 15th October the the Sinhala Army again arrested 5 Tamil refugees proceeding to Trincomalee Town by bus from Thampalakamam Refugee Camp. The arrested persons are two brothers, K. Manickarajah (32) and K. Sivapalasuntharm (30) of Nadupirapanthidal and Kallimedu respectively. E. Vyramuthu (35) of Thampalakamam and two others whose names are not known.

Nothing is known of the arrested persons.

## Militarisation of Trincomalee continues

The militarisation of the Trincomalee District with more and more Sinhala Army camps is continuing

Reports received from Trincomalee state that three new Sinhala Army Camps have been opened in the Mutur Division of the Trincomalee District during the month of October, 1990.

A new Sinhala Army Camp has been opened in Kaddaiparichchan village on 10th October.

On the next day another Sinhala Army Camp was opened in the village of Pallikudiyruppu also in the Mutur Division.

A third camp was also opened at the 59th milepost.

A fourth Sinhala Army Camp was opened on 10th October in the Thampalakamam Division in the Trincomalee District. This new camp is in Aiyiliyaddy on the Soorankal - Vanaru Road.

## 12 Refugees arrested by Army at Clappenberg

Twelve inmates of the Clappenberg Refugee Camp in Trincomalee have been arrested by the Sinhala Army on 12th November. The arrested person included both men and women.

News received in this connection state that the Sinhala Army surrounded the Refugee Camp for Tamils set up by the Government at Clappenberg in Trincomalee. The 12 arrested

A young refugee woman who was living as a refugee in the Thampalakamam Refugee Camp was taken away from the camp on 15th October by some soldiers of the Sinhala Army for the satisfaction of their carnal pleasures and left her back at the Camp the following day.

Reports in this connection state that a young woman from Kovilady, Thampalakamam, was living as a refugee in the Thampalakamam Refugee Camp.

On 15th October some soldiers of the Sinhala Army who went to the camp, had ordered the young woman to go along with them for

interrogation. The woman who was thus taken away, was not subjected to any interrogation or inquiries. She was, however, subjected to sexual assault.

The next day the Army men having satisfied their carnal pleasures, had brought back the woman to the same Refugee Camp and vanished.

ted persons were of varying ages and include both men and women. They are -

Sunthar, male of Alankerni

Kanagalingam (35) male ..

Nathan (35) .. ..

Sithiradas (50) .. ..

Sinniah (33) .. ..

Ariyan (30) .. ..

Kuppular (26) .. ..

Nellinathan (19) .. ..

Kamala (25) Female ..

Annamah .. ..

Kanagasingam (33) Male of Pankulam

The name of the twelfth person has not been verified.

## WELLS POISONED WITH ARSENIC - BUILDINGS RAZED TO GROUND

The Sinhala Army stationed at various places in the Kottiyar Pattu of the Trincomalee District are ordering

The arrested persons were taken to the Army Camp. Nothing further is known of them.

the refugees to get back to their villages. But this does not indicate any signs return to normalcy.

## 22 Tamils murdered at Orr's Hill,

22 Tamils from the Clappenberg Refugee Camp at Trincomalee were brought to Orr's Hill, at Trincomalee and shot and hacked to death and later burnt. This happened on 23rd. October.

Reports in this connection state that the Government has set up a camp at Clappenberg in Trincomalee. It has named it a Refugee Camp but in fact it is a Detention Camp. It is not that people have run into this camp voluntarily for safety. On the contrary, this is a camp to which Tamils rounded up by the Army are brought and detained. As and when the Army goes

on a spree, they select their victims from this Camp. The victims are later murdered or are found to be "missing".

For example on the 14th of October Tamil Refugees proceeding in three boats to Mullaitivu from Trincomalee District were intercepted by the Sri Lankan Navy on the Kokilai sea on the Mullaitivu-Trincomalee border. One boat was sunk. The passengers in

the other boats were arrested by the Navy.

Later all arrested persons were taken to the so-called Clappenberg Refugee Camp. There were about ten such persons of whom a woman and a girl were released but the others were detained at the camp.

There are large number of Tamils from Mutur, Pachchanoor detained in this camp. Also Tamil refugees caught on the seas when trying to flee to India at various times

are held in detention in this camp.

On 23rd. October twenty three of these detainees were rounded up from the camp and brought to Orr's Hill, where they were shot and hacked to death by the Sinhala Army and the Muslim Home Guards. One man escaped. The dead were later burnt on old tyre heaps.

The Muslim Home Guards actively co-operate with the Sinhala Army in the genocide that is taking place in this District.

Reports from Mutur state that the Army ordered the villagers of Kanguveli and Puliadichcholai to get back to their villages. This happened on the 29th October. But when the villagers went to their villages they were again told by the Army to get back to the Refugee Camp and come back the following day as there were booby traps and other explosives buried and had to be removed.

When the villagers went back on the following day, they found all buildings demolished by the use of bulldozers. The buildings razed to the ground included

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# Muslim Home Guards demand ransom Woman assaulted for Refusal to pay

News have been received that some Muslim Home Guards in the village of Thampalakamam in the Trincomalee District demanded a ransom of Rs. 200,000/- from the wife of a person arrested by the Sinhala Army. On her refusal to pay the ransom money, she had been severely assaulted by the Muslim Home Guards.

The reports received in this connection state that on the 15th of October a father and son of Kootampuli in Thampalakamam were arrested from their home and taken away by the Sinhala Army. The father is Santhirasegaram (36) and his son's name is S. Jeevarajah, aged 15. No reasons for the arrest were made known.

## Two Tamils...

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It is stated that both were burnt alive within the camp premises itself. Old tyres were used to burn these unfortunate refugees.

demanded of his wife a sum of Rs. 200,000/- for the release of Santhirasegaram and his son. They had harassed her to pay the money and when she refused, had assaulted her severely.

In the meantime there is no further news of the arrested father and son.

## Thambalakamam

### VILLAGES - VISITS PROHIBITED

According to reports received from Thambalakamam in the Trincomalee District, the villagers cannot enter certain parts of the village of Thambalakamam because of prohibitory orders imposed by the Sinhala Army stationed there.

It is learnt that the Army has declared the Varnamedu, Karachithidal, Sippithidal, Kallimedu, Pattimedu, Mummariththal and other timeold settlement areas in the Thambalakamam village out of bounds for the people of the area. The Army has

ordered that no one should visit these areas.

In view of the frequent round ups and arrests made within the refugee camp at Thambalakamam, many male inmates of the camp have left the camp and run into the forests where they remain out of sight of the Army.

## Killed by Army & Home Guards

On 14th October six Tamils proceeding to Trincomalee from Mutur were shot and hacked to death by joint Sinhala Army and Home Guard operations. Three out

of the six dead have been identified. They are -

K. Kanapathipillai (65) of Kanthalai, Ananthan Krishnapillai (65) of Pattithidal, Baba (30) of Alankerni.

## At Pachchanoor Munaitivu

On 26th October the Sinhala Army shot and killed two Tamil civilians at Pachchanoor, Munaitivu. Another was injured in the neck.

The dead Tamils were identified as -

Benedict (38) of Pachchanoor, Supper Raj (23) of 3rd. Colony, Mutur.

## Wells...

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the schools, nursery schools, Hindu temples and even wells. In addition insecticide arsenic or dangerous liquids appeared to have been poured into the remaining wells thus making the water poisonous and liable to cause the deaths of those who drink from such wells. The people are not able to get back to their villages because of this destruction.

## SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SHOT DEAD AT KALKUDA

Reports have been received that Mr. Jeganathan, Principal of the Kalkuda Maha Vidyalayam in Batticaloa District was arrested on the morning of 6th. December on his way to the school by some unknown gangsters. Later he was shot dead and his body was found in the same place on the same day evening.

## DAY LONG AIR STRAFING AND ARTILLERY SHELL ATTACKS

The villages in the Valigamam North A. G. A. 's Division came under heavy air strafing from helicopters and artillery shell attacks aimed from the Palaly Army Camp almost the whole day on the 7th December. The residents have all got displaced after the earlier attacks. The houses and other buildings were badly damaged.

## THIRD ATTACK AT PULIYAMPOKKANAI

On the 7th December, the Sri Lankan Air Force plane commenced and continued their aerial attacks for the third time at the Puliampokkanai junction in the Kilinochchi District. The Pillaiyar Temple, the MPCs stores, a Rice Mill and many shops were badly damaged. On the approach of the bombers, the local Tamil civilians fled away to far away places for security and thereby escaped death and injuries.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN INJURED AND SCHOOL BUILDING DAMAGED

On the 10th. December, at Kokkuthoduvai village in the

Mullaitivu District, the Government Tamil Mixed School was bombed by the Sri Lankan Air Force Planes when the School was in session. Nine students were injured when the bombing occurred at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The school building was partly damaged. The dwelling house belonging to one Veluppilai Vadivelu situated nearby was completely destroyed.

## AERIAL ATTACK AT VADDUKKODDAI AND NARANTHANAI AREAS

On 15th. December at about 5.00 p.m. two Sri Lankan war planes dropped two bombs at random in the Vaddukkoddai area. One bomb fell near the Adaikkalam Thoddam Kandasamy Kovil at Mavady, Vaddukkoddai. A woman T. Sivakumary aged 22 was badly injured

on 25th November and after this training is completed, a second batch of Muslims Homeguards are expected to undergo this special training.

## KODIKAMAM MARKET PLACE UNDER HELI ATTACK

On the 19th December, in the morning at 7. 30 a.m. a Sri Lankan helicopter and fired at the local people gathered in the Kodikamam market for their day to day business. A bakery employee from Thumpalai in the Vadamardchchi area was killed. The others who were injured were taken to the Chavahachcheri and Manthikai hospitals for treatment. As it was a market day, the gathering was large and many people left their goods and ran away to far off places in panic but escaped injuries.

## REFUGEES ATTACKED BY THE SRI LANKAN FORCES IN MULLAITIVU.

The Sri Lankan war planes and Helicopters circled the Mullaitivu sea beach area and started dropping bombs at random. At that time several refugees were travelling in fishing boats. It is feared that many refugees died. About five fishing boats were damaged. The death toll and the damages are not yet established.

## MUSLIM HOME GUARDS UNDER TRAINING AT MANNAR

Reports have been received that 350 Muslims Homeguards are receiving intensive training at the exclusively organised Sri Lankan Training Camp at Erukkalampiddy in the Mannar District. The special training commenced

## SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND MEDICINES TOLLS UP DEATH RATE

Information has since been received to the effect that in the Eastern Province, there is an acute shortage of essential food items and medicinal drugs. In many villages in the Batticaloa District, in view of the military operations, the refugees are mostly underfed and they are undergoing immense difficulties for want of the basic minimum necessities like food, clothing and sanitary facilities. Even ordinary drugs and medicines are not made available to the sick refugees. Further it has been reported that about sixty Tamils have died for want of food and medical attention from the month of June this year in the Batticaloa District.

## STATISTICS OF REFUGEES IN N. E. PROVINCES

According to the Social Services Department, the total number of refugees in the North - East Provinces is in the region of eleven lakhs of Tamils. In the AGA's Division of Puthukudi-yirruppu in the Mullaitivu District there are 35,000 refugee families from other areas. The AGA, Puthukudi-yirruppu is reported to be taking action to grant relief to these refugees.

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## NEWS ROUND UP

### MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DIE AT VELANAI

On the 10th. December at the Velanai junction two Sri Lankan War planes dropped many bombs. Many people were gathered in front of the MPCs shop building to purchase their food rations. Thevarajah Thanaledchumy and her daughter Thevarajah Brintha were killed on the spot. Another youth by the name of Manickam Kandeean aged 13 was also killed on the spot. Many others were injured and they were taken to the hospital. In addition to these bombings, artillery shell attacks were aimed at the Velanai Village by the Karainagar Sri Lanka Navy and a young girl Rasiah Karthika was killed. The father of the dead girl was injured and he was later admitted to the Jaffna hospital.

in her leg and was admitted to the Jaffna hospital. One house was heavily damaged. The other bomb was dropped near the Serukkan junction in Naranthanai area where Selvanayagam aged 70 and Thangamma aged 69 were injured seriously and were taken to the Jaffna hospital. Thangamma succumbed to her injuries on her way to the hospital.

### FIVE CIVILIANS SHOT DEAD BY S. L. ARMY IN BATTICALOA

It has been reported that on the 17th. December at Anthoniyarkulam in the village of Thathamalai in Batticaloa District, the Sri Lankan Army troops shot and killed five civilians who were with their cattle in the fields. The dead were V. Masillamany (21). K. Navaratnam (20) N. Ithiruchelvam (18) M. Uthayakumaran (20) and S. Ariyana-



## EMERGENCY APPEAL FROM IOGT INTERNATIONAL

## End Conflict - Find Political Solution

*The International Organization of Good Templars has appealed for an end to armed conflict in Sri Lanka and to finding a peaceful political solution. The International has also requested its national member Organizations in more than 50 countries around the world to support its efforts.*

*The IOGT's appeal has been signed by its President, Helge Kolstad and Annelotte Jacobs, the Director of Peace and Development Work of the International.*

*The IOGT appeal, released to the Press by the Northern Region Good Templar Federation, is as follows:-*

**Sri Lanka in crisis - Urgent need for international action!**

IOGT International appeals to all of its national organisations and affiliated member organisations to focus on the dramatic escalation of the political conflict in Sri Lanka which has taken place since June 11 of this year.

Reports received from several sources suggest that more than 1 million people have been displaced by the current fighting and in many areas people are close to starvation. There are increasing financial and logistical difficulties in the deli-

very of effective relief aid and a number of independent assessments conclude that some areas of Sri Lanka are suffering under emergency conditions.

Thousands have been killed during the last month due to heavy attacks on the Jaffna Peninsula by the Air Force and many of the people living in this area have been trapped in a war zone. Day time curfews, the lack of food and medicines and the destruction of the local infrastructure have created an inhuman situation for civilians.

In areas other than the Northeast, the conflict has led to almost daily violent acts by several militant groups as well as the government armed forces. Grave human rights violations have occurred on both sides of the conflict.

Amnesty International has recently released a report on Sri Lanka which indicates that gross, widespread human rights violations have taken place in Sri Lanka for more than seven years. The time has come for the international community to make an effort to bring an end to this tragic situation and to help Sri Lanka find a non-violent solution to this conflict.

IOGT International has long been devoted to raising the standard of living of the local population by promoting social and economic development. It is obvious that the on going conflict is a serious obstacle to this development process.

IOGT International has been involved in development projects in Sri Lanka for the past twenty years. Since 1981 these projects have been sponsored by FORUT, the Swedish and Norwegian IOGT development agencies. From the beginning, IOGT has influenced considerably the development of fisheries which has included the production of fishing boats and nets. During the recent years, a large number of community development projects in various parts of the country have been initiated or supported by FORUT.

IOGT and FORUT have been involved in relief work to benefit the victims of both the ongoing ethnic strife and natural disasters. Recently, FORUT has been successful in delivering emergency food supplies to Jaffna and has actively supported camps in both the North and the South.

IOGT International appeals to all parties directly and indirectly involved to cease all

violent activities and to seek a political solution by means of serious negotiations. IOGT also appeals to the Government of Sri Lanka to fulfil its obligation to protect the lives and property of all its citizens.

The national member organisations in more than fifty countries around the world are asked to support this appeal by

\* encouraging the governments of their countries to persuade the Sri Lankan Government and all other parties involved in the conflict to find a peaceful, political solution.

\* alerting the Governmental and non-Governmental emergency networks in their countries in order to determine how joint initiatives could be established to improve relief aid.

This action will surely increase international awareness and help our cause.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!  
IOGT International

## News Round up...

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## CONFISCATION OF ONE LAKH OF RUPEES IN CASH AT GUN POINT

A married woman returning from Saudi Arabia and on her way from Colombo to Jaffna was stopped for questioning by some unknown gangsters at Vavuniya town. She had returned to Sri Lanka where her children are and had with her cash in Sri Lankan currency worth Rupees one lakh inside her purse. This cash was taken away by the gangsters and the woman was asked to go without anything. She was on her way to her native village of Kopay.

## FIVE TAMILS HACKED TO DEATH IN TRINCOMALEE

Five Tamils including women and children were reported to have been hacked to death in the heart of the Trincomalee town near Samadhu Pillaiyar Temple. Their bodies were burnt on heaps of old tyres. The report states that the Sinhala Army committed this crime. This happened on the 18th. December.

## SINHALESE APPOINTED AS LAND OFFICER AT VAVUNIYA

A Sinhalese Officer Mr. D. Siriwardena of the Ministry of Land, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development

has been appointed as the District Land Officer of Vavuniya. It is stated that this officer has been actively engaged in the colonisation of the Amparai District with Sinhalese from the south.

## BOMBER ATTACK AT MULLAITIVU

Reports from Mullaitivu state that Sri Lankan Air Force planes bombed Mullivaikal where labourers were engaged in unloading shipment of food stuffs sent by the government for distribution in the District. A lorry belonging to the Mullaitivu MPCS was damaged. It is further reported that because the people ran away at the approach of the bombers, there were no deaths.

## BOMBER ATTACK AT IYAKACHCHI

Sri Lankan planes bombed Iyakachchi area between 4.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on the 19th. December. Reports of the damages have not been received.

## BOMBER ATTACKS PALLAI

Sri Lankan Air Force planes bombed Pallai Railway Station and the market areas on the 22nd of December. One person sustained injuries and many buildings were damaged. The person injured is S. Shanmugathas aged 50.

## BOMBER ATTACK MANKULAM

Sri Lankan bombers dropped five bombs at

Mankulam on the 21st December. No one sustained injuries. It is to be remembered that the Mankulam Sri Lankan Army Camp was destroyed about a month ago.

## TAPPER HACKED TO DEATH

A toddy tapper named Swakim aged 45 father of six children was cut to death by the Sri Lankan Army troops on 22nd December when he went to Karampon from his house at Naranthanai to tap toddy.

His body was later recovered in the day by some of his relations. His own knife used for the toddy tapping was found blood stained by the side of his dead body suggesting that his own knife had been used to cut him.

## NINE TAMILS KILLED BY MUSLIM HOMEGUARDS

Reports from Valaichenai state that nine Tamils were hacked to death at Valaichenai by Muslim Homeguards. Three of the dead have been identified. They are Nallathamby Kandasamy aged 37 father of five children, Arumugam Nadarasa aged 27 and Nallathamby Palaiah, father of one child. All these persons are from Valaichenai. The others have not been identified.

## PALALY SHELLS REACH JAFFNA TOWN AREA

The artillery shell attacks from the Palaly Army Camp

exploded near Jaffna Kachcheri at Punkankulam and at Urumpirai on the 21st December. The details of damages are not known.

## BOMBER ATTACK AT ELEPHANT PASS

Two Sri Lankan bombers dropped six bombs on the 21st December at Elephant Pass and Iyakachchi. Again the bombers bombed Elephant Pass on the following day. The details of damages are not known.

## SHELL ATTACK AT VAVUNIYA

Artillery shells from the Vavuniya Army Camp exploded at Pampaimadu junction. Many people including small children were injured. This occurred on 21st December. A young woman named Suthagar Punithamalar (24) and her daughter Kirija (3) have been admitted to the Jaffna Hospital with serious injuries.

## SHELL ATTACKS FROM PALALY CONTINUE

On 22nd. of December from early morning till afternoon, heavy artillery shells were fired from the Army Camp at Palaly towards the villages of Kadduvan, Varathalaivilan, Tellippalai, Sooduvilunthan and Kilanai in the Vali North Division. Hundreds of shells exploded in these areas and the whole of Vali North Division was affected. An old lady, 60 years of age died and two others were severely injured. The Thalavankaladdy Pillaiyar Kovil, the buildings

of the Tellippalai M.P.C.S. and several dwelling houses were badly damaged on this account.

## FLOODS DEVASTATE AMPARAI, BATTICALOA

Reports have been received that heavy floods have affected the villages of Porativu, Palukamam, Kokkadicholai, Taravai, Sivanthapalam, Mylavadduvan, Anduvelikulam, Maruthankulam, Ammanthanvali in the Batticaloa District and the villages of Thandivady, Thirukovil, Pothuvil, Komari, Akkaraipattu, Panankadu, Karaitivu in the Amparai District. These villagers were earlier displaced from their homes due to operations conducted by the Sri Lankan Army and were living in hiding in the jungles. The reports state that about 291 persons including infants, women and the old and sickly have died and nearly 50,000 have been badly affected by these severe floods.

## BODIES OF 50 FEMALES FOUND AT BATTICALOA

AFP News release states that bodies of 50 Tamil women were found shot and thrown along roadsides in two villages in the Batticaloa District. The Sri Lankan Army authorities have denied responsibility for these killings. The Sri Lankan Government has, however, stated that these killings would be investigated.



# HOT SPRING

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## Bullet or Ballot?

President Premadasa, speaking at Wennappuwa at the ruling UNP meeting, is reported to have declared that the power of the ballot would not be allowed to be subdued by the power of the bullet.

Ballot or Bullet?

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Certainly there is rhythm. But the riddle underneath also has been solved long ago.

The late Professor C. Suntharalingam, a former Member of Parliament for Vavuniya said, "Democracy is counting of heads within limits. Beyond limits it is cracking of heads".

And Prof. Suntharalingam said this in Parliament itself so that the President, experienced and seasoned in politics as he is, ought to know what Prof. Suntharalingam said.

All the elected representatives representing the North East to a man voted against the Sinhala Only Act in 1956. But the Sinhala Only Act was passed in Parliament - though the Act did not receive the unanimous support of the Sinhalese as the opposition to it received from the Tamils.

So the power of the ballot was denied as early as 1956. As if it were to show the power of the fistcuffs (not bullet at that time) a then Junior Minister was reported to have headed a group of hoodlums who later showed their prowess on unarmed and peaceful satyagrahis who were merely seated in the Galle Face Green opposite Parliament House not even opening their mouths to shout slogans.

From 1956 onwards at each time the Tamils wanted to assert their democratic rights - 'the power of ballot' in the terminology of the President - they had to face the power of the bullet of the Sinhala Government. The power of the Sinhala bullet was exhibited even at the exclusively scholarly meeting of the International Tamil Conference held in Jaffna in 1974. Of course President Premadasa's predecessor, Mr. Jayawardena - did all his predecessors. He let loose a reign of terror hoping to subdue the Tamils for ever. In the end he too had to go but still prefers to contribute to the so-called National Defence Fund even in retirement.

The pertinent question is - Is it the power of the bullet that is sustaining the Tamils today? Our definite answer is a Capital 'NO' It is the indomitable will. The Tamils refuse to be governed by the Sinhalese. Not only today. But consistently from 1956 as demonstrated by the power of their ballot. But what is the answer of the Sinhala Government? Only a demonstration of the power of the Government bullet over the power of the Tamil ballot.

Let the government withdraw its armed forces from the North East. There will be no occasion for bullet power from any quarter. We do sympathise with the President. He has the misfortune to be burdened with the sins of his predecessor and a sinful UNP and not any less sinful Opposition either.

Nevertheless Mr. Premadasa is President and the burden is cast on him to solve the present problem in favour of the power of the ballot as against the power of the bullet.

Let the President retain the power the ballot gave him in the South but let him abandon the pretended power which even the bullet may not give him in the North East.

And if he does this, not only the power of the ballot will prevail over the power of the bullet but the Sinhalese and Tamils can live as independent peoples united by the bonds of friendship, fraternity and equality throwing into the dustbin the concept of power of whatever sort.

## AMPARAI

## STF

# on Rampage

The Special Task Force of the Government of Sri Lanka stationed in the Amparai District is on the rampage. The STF is engaged in killing and maiming Tamils in the District and also harassing them in many other ways.

Reports received from Amparai indicate that -

### At Akkaraipattu

The STF have killed 5 Tamil civilians at Panankadu in Akkaraipattu on 26th November, 1990. The deceased have been identified as - S. Mahendiran Thiruvurul M. Mahendran S. Gopal and K. Amirtham

### At Tirukovil

Two other Tamil civilians have been hacked to death and thrown into a well by SIF at Tirukovil on the 26th November.

### At Komari, Urani and Vinayagapuram

The SIF rounded up about 20 Tamil civilians from the villages of Komari Urani and Vinayagapuram on the 3rd. of December 1990. These persons were hacked

to death and later some bodies were thrown into wells and others on the sea-shore.

Again on the 6th of December, the STF rounded up the village of Vinayagapuram in Tirukovil and arrested 6 Tamil civilians of whom 2 were shot dead by the STF. The fate of the other 4 is not known yet.

### At Karaitivu

On the 11th of December at about 7.00 a.m. the STF rounded up the village of Karaitivu and arrested 41 civilians - all males. Three of them were shot at the place where they were arrested. The

other 30 persons were taken by the STF to their camp. The fate of these 38 persons is also not known.

### At Panama

On the 6th December the STF killed 20 Tamil civilians in the village of Panama by hacking them to death. The STF rampage is believed to be in reprisal of an earlier attack made on the STF by the LTTE on the Pottuvil Road. The dead included Seelan (30) of 2 children, Thangathurai (45) father of 5 children and Muthuligam (36) who were all married to Sinhala women!

## We shall not Shoot you but..

Sinhala soldiers who entered the Tamil Refugee Camp at Kovilady in Tampalakamam on 10th December suddenly stated shooting at the dogs that were seen in and around the camp and killed them. Though they were ferocious, their behaviour did not suggest that they were mistaken in regard to the

identity of their victims - Dogs for Tigers!

Soon they cleared the mystery behind the shooting of the dogs. The Tamils do not deserve to be shot like dogs they should be hacked to death!

"We shall not shoot you but hack you to death" said the Sinhala soldiers to the terrified Tamil refugees and went their way to their own camp - let us hope never to return!

the political movements in Tamil Nadu to recognise this fact and to provide the necessary support to the LTTE and to its struggles to ensure the security and freedom of the people of Tamil Nadu.

### Rs 23 Mil...

(Continuation of Page 1) the Local Government Grant in 1990. But no Local Government Grant has been made to the North East from 1986.

It is estimated that a sum of rupees twenty three million due to the North East has been withheld from the North East. As the Ministries and Departments generally exhaust all funds provided for expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund - over Rs. 23 million voted by Parliament intended and estimated to be spent in the North East would have been transferred to other areas in the South.

Why has the Government withheld this Local Government Grant from the North East for the last 5 years?

### Tamil Nadu..

(Continuation of Page 1) of the LTTE and the people of Tamil Eelam.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has stated that the law and order situation is endangered in Tamil Nadu by the LTTE and the arrests are being made to keep the Tigers under control. There is no substance in this charge for the fighters arrested are persons without limbs, persons without eyes and so forth and no danger can occur to Tamil Nadu or India by these persons. The charge is just without substance and can be termed only a mockery.

Tamil Nadu is the land of our forefathers. The people of Tamil Nadu and we are inextricably interwoven by ties of blood and kinship. At all times the people of Tamil Nadu have provided us the moral strength for our battle for freedom. The people of Tamil Nadu have risen on our behalf when our blood flowed. Bound by ties of language, blood and kinship and moved by humanitarian consideration, the people of Tamil Nadu have always raised their voice on our behalf. Their support and sympathy had provided impetus to our freedom fight and it had always been a deterrent factor to our enemy. But

of late planned propaganda is being carried out against the LTTE in Tamil Nadu. Various forces are at work actively engaged in this false propaganda. These forces want to cause confusion in the minds of the people of Tamil Nadu by maligning the liberation movement and the battle for liberation.

This causes us great pain of mind.

We are not at all interested in the power politics of Tamil Nadu. Our people, facing genocide, are engaged in a life and death struggle. It would be most unreasonable for anyone to make use of our struggle for their selfish political gains. There is germane in this type of selfish politics the dangerous seeds of encouragement of genocide.

The LTTE as representing the Liberation Movement of the people of Tamil Eelam has been fighting for the last 18 years for achievement of a high ideal. Symbolic of the rise of our people our movement has made untold sacrifices. The LTTE is the only bulwark against the genocide faced by the defenceless people of Tamil Eelam. We therefore beseech the people of Tamil Nadu and