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SRI LANKAN PLANES ON THE RAMPAGE WITH VENGEANCE!

Avenge on mere suspicion over Minister's death?

News of Mr. Ranjan Wijeratne's death on the 2nd of this month reached Jaffna on the noon that day. On the evening of the same day Sri Lankan Air Force planes bombed various places in Jaffna. Even the Mahajana College at Tellippalai was subjected to bombing.

Altogether 33 houses in various places such as Kondavil, Eralalai, Alaveddy and Kattapirai were badly damaged. Six persons were injured.

five women and one man. Out of the six injured four persons were over 50 years old. Two women were less than 50 - one twenty nine and the other twenty.

The aerial bombing that took place on the 2nd, was thought to be one of the usual exercises of the Sri Lankan Air Force killing civilians and destroying civilian property and reporting that they have hit 'tiger' targets.

Later on in the day and the following day, when foreign news began to trickle in, Jaffna people came to know that the Police and Army authorities suspected the LTTE involvement in the killing of Minister Ranjan Wijeratne. Still it was only a suspicion and the Police may carry out investigations on various theories. The B.C. also announced that the LTTE had denied its involvement in the killing.

As day broke out on the 4th morning, Sri Lankan Air Force planes roamed the skies of Jaffna and started bombing indiscriminately over purely residential areas and temples. At least 23 persons died on the 4th due to the aerial attack apart from a number of people injured and property damaged.

At Arivalai a 65 year old man named V. Paramasamy and his wife P. Thavamany aged 53 and their daughter

P. Anandakumary (22) were killed, when a bomb hit their house. Also injured at Arivalai were two other women, one named Maheswary (60 years) and another named Jayarany (23).

At Kondavil a father and his three children who were all in their house died. They are P. Sa. puthiran (30) and his children Nilojan (5) and Nilujan (4) and Nivethika (2). Also at Kondavil another person named Tharmalingam (55) and four others died, making the death toll to nine in Kondavil.

At Chunnakam five persons were killed including a father and son. They are T. Kamalanathan (38) and his one year old son, K. Aravindan. Also killed at Chunnakam were T. Tharmalaxum (female 54), S. Selvarajah (male 36) and M. Kanniyarpu (60). Thus while five persons died on the spot at Chunnakam seven others were seriously injured. They are S. Kanthasamy (male 55), A. Thambirajah (male 55), A. Sabanayagam (male 60), R. Pushpanathan (male), N. Meenalogni (female), Selliah (male) and S. Chandradevi (female).

At Thondamannar, when members of a family were assembled for a religious ceremony connected with the death of a member of the family who died three days ago, bombers attacked the house killing five persons on the spot and injuring three others. The dead at Thondamannar were G. Maheswaran (M 39), K. Komaladevi (F. 41), N. Padmini (F. 22), S. Thayarani (F. 20) and T. Utharani (F. 22). The injured are S. Selva Chandran (M 24), A. Seethalaxumi (F 50), and A. Thavamani (F. 35).

Air Force planes dropped bombs in the Islands Division too and at Velani an elderly man named Sevanalai (60) was killed and another man K. Apputhurai (25) was injured.

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Destruction in Eeralaikulam

(Batticaloa)

The Sri Lankan Army handed by helicopter in Eeralaikulam, Batticaloa District on 14-1-91 and started indiscriminate firing and shell attack and thereafter retreated.

After the Army left Eeralaikulam, fifteen houses, a tractor, a motor cycle 2 push bicycles and 150 gunny bags of paddy were found burnt and destroyed by the Army.

TRINCO DISTRICT — AN OCCUPIED TERRITORY OVER 150 - SECURITY CAMPS

The Trincomalee District is flooded with Army Camps and Police Stations, apart from the major naval yard inside Dock Yard in Trincomalee and the Air Force Base at China Bay. There are 126 Army Camps and 24 Police Stations including two Police offices in this District.

The Trincomalee town which encompasses a three square mile area, has 9 Army Camps, the Navy Dock Yard and three Police Stations. Thus for every quarter of a mile there is an Army Camp or Police Station.

Most of these Camps were opened after the outbreak of the current war. The Sinhala Army Forces that have so come to occupy the Trincomalee District, have killed or chased away the Tamils from their homes. Most people have fled their homes and are living as refugees in Batticaloa District and in the Mullaitivu and Jaffna Districts. Many have braved the seas and escaped to India.

The Government with the aid of Buddhist organizations, Sarvodaya and sundry Sinhalese officials, is colonizing the Trincomalee District with the Sinhala people brought from the South. The Army Camps provide physical security to these outside Sinhalese to settle in the new surroundings at Trincomalee. Instances of lands under

private ownership and belonging to Hindu Temples being given out to Sinhalese settlers, making use of the absence of Tamil owners thereof due to the prevailing army atrocities and terrorism, have come to light.

We give below the list of Army Camps in the Trincomalee District which will at once show that the entire District is now under occupation by the Sinhala Army:-

1. Fort Frederick
2. Clock Tower Junction
3. Railway Station
4. Sivan Kovilady
5. Orr's Hill
6. Padukkai (re-named Sirimapura)
7. Plantain Point.
8. 3rd Milepost
9. Padukkai Junction (re-named sirimapura Junction)
10. Kanniyai (re-named Mihindupura)
11. Irrakakandy
12. Nilaveli
13. 6th Milepost
14. Sambalivu Bridge
15. Alles Garden
16. 8th Milepost
17. 1th Milepost
18. Kumburupiddy (10th milepost)
19. Thiriyai Hill
20. Kallampaththai
21. Puduvaikattu
22. Salapai Aru Hill
23. Yan Oya
24. Nanthanaar Kovil (now called Velgam Vihare)

25. Velgam Vihare Junction
26. Kanniyai Hill
27. Pulmoddai Junction
28. Pulmoddai Ilmenie Factory

29. Double Hill
30. Thennamaavadi
31. Kuchchaveli
32. Thiriyai
33. Thumpimalai
34. Veveri
35. Soorankal
36. Karkuli
37. Vanala Junction
38. Jayanthipura
39. Muthunagar
40. Palampottaru
41. Thampalakamam

42. Alankerny V. C.
43. Kinniya
44. Andankulam
45. 4th Milepost
46. 5th Milepost
47. Vairiootru
48. Monkey Bridge
49. Jayapura
50. 13th Milepost
51. 96th Milepost
52. 97th Milepost
53. Saliyapura
54. 3rd Colony
55. 91st Colony
56. Kanthalai
57. Kanthalai Anicut
58. Agbopura
59. Kukulootru
60. Sugar Factory Kanthalai
61. Tobacco Corporation
62. Muthalai Madu
63. Valai Madu
64. Allai Bridge
65. Vanaru
66. Thampalakamam
67. Alankerny

68. Kinniya
69. China Bay
70. 10th Milepost
71. Pankulam
72. Tract No. 1. Pankulam
73. Tract No. 4. Pankulam
74. Nochchikulam
75. Meegsawewa
76. Ratmala
77. Kappal Thurai
78. Mullipothanai
79. Ananakatty
80. Gomarankadawela
81. Galmetiyawa
82. Ulpalthai
83. Thambankottai
84. Morawewa Junction
85. Pankulam (Roads Department)

86. Veppankulam
87. Thiriyai Junction on Jaffna Road
88. Two Camps on the Allai Kanthalai Road
89. Kanthalai Rest House
90. 85th Colony.
91. Muttur G. P. S.
92. Neelapola
93. Kattaiarachchan
94. Periyapalam
95. 59th Milepost
96. Kiladiddy
97. Pallikudiyruppu
98. 3rd Milepost Hill
99. Thoppur
100. Thoppur Maha Vidiyalayam

101. Selvanagar
102. Palahadichenai
103. Patchainoor Vidiyalayam
104. Sumithira
105. Ali Oluwa
106. Iluppaichenai

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New Era - New Thinking

I read S. Thiyagarajah's article entitled "Kumar's Kuthukaranams" in your issue of 3rd. February, 1991.

To be frank I wondered whether Mr. Kumar Ponnampalam and his like need bother the Tamil people at all. For example, Mr. Kumar Ponnampalam has no roots in Eelam soil at all. His father, the late Mr. G. G. Ponnampalam, was certainly the leader of the Tamils at one point of time but lost his leadership to Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam. But that is immaterial. Mr. Kumar Ponnampalam and his like should be reminded not to impede the Tamils if they cannot help them.

Mr. Kumar Ponnampalam who prefers to call himself G. G. Ponnampalam (Jr.) after an alien fashion pathetically strove to put the political mantle of his deceased father and the Tamil people rightly rejected him. Kumar is not the only person who is trying to get a place in the sun by virtue of 'hereditary claims'. There are others too. Fortunately this hereditary claim has not cut much ice in the eyes of the Tamil people.

What these aspirants fail to realize is that a place in public life is not afforded by hereditary right. It is something acquired by honest work for the people. And a person can really work for the interest of his people when his own interest are consistent with the interest of his people. In other words one becomes a political leader, when one has a community of interests with the people - not when there is a conflict of interest with the people and one - self.

The Island of Sri Lanka is possessed by two different peoples with defined territories, language religion and culture. While the North-East is Tamil homeland, the rest of the Island is the home of the Sinhala people.

The concept of one country is barely 150 years old. It was in 1833 that the whole Island was brought under one administration by the British imperialists. Nevertheless the two peoples in Sri Lanka, viz. Sinhalese and Tamils still occupied their traditional homelands and pursued their pursuits of life.

As in any society, there will always be a group of people who would always find it more profitable to conform to the norms of rulers. So too there were both Sinhalese and Tamils who took to English education, Christianity and so forth and thus acquired the rulers' patronage.

Of necessity they acquired greater privileges than the masses.

In course of time the English educated also were taken into service of government and some educated Tamils found their way into the metropolis. In most cases they became permanent residents of the metropolis. These are in the ordinary nature of human affairs.

The Colombo Tamils, because of the advantages of English education, wealth and proximity to the seat of government were looked upon by the ordinary farmer or fisherman or other self-employed Tamil in his home country as natural leaders. So we find the Colombo Tamil elite provided the leadership for the Tamils in Eelam during the British period and for sometime thereafter. This was possible because all the Tamils were the subjects of British imperialism.

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It is because this Colombo Tamil leadership had lost roots, its economic and social interests in Eelam, that they failed to take adequate safe - guards for Eelam at the time the British left. It is a tragedy that the Colombo Tamil leadership failed to learn its lessons even after Sir Ponnampalam Arunachalam's own life and history.

In this context it must also not be forgotten that Eelam Tamils were also very much 'Indian' minded. Because of the ties of language, religion and race, the Tamils of Eelam always looked upon India as Mother India.

In this frame of mind of Eelam Tamils, the Indian Independence movement was launched and Mahatma Gandhi mixed a certain amount of religious mysticism to his political movement. The Eelam Tamils all began to follow Mahatma and the Congress and thought not well of Mohamed Ali Jinnah. This emotional attachment to India and consequent support and sympathy - nay veneration - for Mahatma Gandhi so blinded the Tamil that they failed to follow the footsteps of Sir P. Arunachalam in the twenties or unders and Jinnah in the forties.

It is again a historical phenomenon an irony, that the Eelam Tamils' eyes have how been opened by another Gandhi - Rajiv Gandhi - not Mahatma - to the true position and now Tamils are convinced that Eelam is Eelam Sinhala Rata is Sinhala Rata and India is

India. Peoples of all these countries can be friends but can't be one.

In this context the Colombo Tamils are a pathetic lot hoping to be the leaders of Eelam Tamils. Nobody wants them in Eelam - not because of any animosity but because their interests and the interest of Eelam Tamils are in conflict. So just because these Colombo Tamils have been able to provide leadership for Eelam Tamils in the past the progeny of yester leaders cannot hope to achieve the distinctions of their progenitors. Times have changed.

Did not Rajiv Gandhi fail? He thought he could arrogate to himself the power to enter into settlements with Jeyawardene on behalf of the Eelam Tamils without their consent merely because they regarded India with great veneration and love. So too, if the Colombo Tamils think that they can speak for the Eelam Tamils, they are behind the advance of time.

It is not only Mr. Kumar Ponnampalam. There are others too, like Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam who claim to be leaders of Eelam Tamils without any foothold in Eelam.

Certainly the Government of Sri Lanka will promote these people as leaders for the purpose of perpetrating Sinhalese imperialism over Eelam but these 'leaders' cannot influence events in Eelam. Nor can they do good to Eelam or its people.

The position today is after the advent of the LTTE, its sacrifices its determination and dedication to the cause of Eelam which was so well articulated by the enlightened Tamils such as Sir Ponnampalam Arunachalam, C Suntharalingam and others, the Tamils will not again turn back to the days of marathon speeches with all finesse, and what not only to find themselves in the same old pathetic position.

The Tamils are now very clear in their minds that Eelam is their motherland, they have a right to live in this country not by the indulgence of the Sinhalese but by their own birthright and in the process of establishing that right, in the vindication of that right, they are not going to be side - tracked by well-meaning friends or self seekers.

The Tamils wherever they be, let them contribute to

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THIS AND THAT

by Rambler

Thondaman's Antics

So Thondaman thinks that this Sinhala Government would be wise to talk only to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and not to the other Tamil groups (possibly including his own CWC). Thereby implying the obvious that these other Tamil groups are not representative of the Tamil people and therefore irrelevant quishing groups.

What one wonders is whether this is the same Thondaman who only a few months ago told the Indian Press in India as follows - "THAT THE TIGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTIGATING THE TAMILS TO FLEE TO INDIA" - thereby implying that the Tamil refugees had nothing to fear from the Sinhalese and that the Tigers were sending them to India purely for purposes of publicity.

One also wonders as to whether this is the same Thondaman who very recently asked the Tigers to lay down their arms and come to his bosom, so that he may mediate on their behalf with his Sinhala overlords.

In my opinion this man Thondaman should change his name to Thondai Thirukira Man and along with the other Tamil cut throats in this Sinhala Parliament vanish into oblivion voluntarily or continue at their own peril since their continued presence only provides credibility to this sinhala only parliament.

JR HAILS Shri Sai Baba

Reader Siva poses the question as to whether someone will enlighten him on JR's religious beliefs so may I in my own humble way try to answer this question.

To understand JR's religious beliefs as well as his outlook in life, one must go right back to his mother's womb, which womb must have been an extraordinary one, to have produced such an extraordinary character as JR.

His father was a staunch, devout and practising christian. He was also a High Court Judge at a time and period, when all such judges were pure bred upper class English gentry from Oxbridge. JR too like his brothers were devout christians who along with their father attended All Saints Polwatte, which church was the place at which the top English gentry too worshipped and where JR along with his brothers were choristers. But there was something lacking in this family worship, because the beloved mother was a Buddhist and was therefore absent at this family outing.

The mother a sweet gentle woman practised her Buddhism in the background and on the few occasions she had the Buddhist priests home, it was by way of the rear Tradesman's entrance, to be welcomed in the pantry. I believe this state of affairs, seeing their dear beloved mother being relegated to an inferior level, did have a tremendous impact not only on JR but on all the sons, who in later life converted to Buddhism and one namely Corbert, became a Buddhist priest after retiring from the Bench.

It may not be wrong to affirm that JR and his brothers may have developed a split personality following this traumatic experience in their boyhood and in psychiatric parlance it would be termed SCHIZOPRENIC PARANOIA a very dangerous mental ailment that often gives rise to illusions of grandeur, unjustified outbursts of violence and other disjointed thoughts. This may well be the reason for his uncharitable views of the Tamils, whom his late father and Uncles held in high esteem and also for his thoroughly irrational obsession with Buddhism and for his classification of the sinhalese as aryan (which they were not) the Tamils as Dravidians and the Moors as arabic (which they were not) since the latter were Tamil converts to Islam.

An open letter to V. P. Singh and M. Karunanidhi

Seize the bull by the horns

Scare Stories-output of morbid imagination.

Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (now de facto Prime Minister operating through his proxy and protegee Prime Minister Chandrasekar) has levelled serious accusations against Messrs. V.P. Singh and Karunanidhi that State secrets pertaining to national security which came into their possession in their official capacity were communicated to Jaffna to the LTTE Headquarters. These accusations are calculated to create a scare with far reaching adverse effects on the then incumbents of the said offices. The nature of the guilt can be assessed if only the accusers would come out with the said secrets; they are no longer secrets because, according to the accusers, the LTTE knows these secrets. The scare story that Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam have infiltrated into India through Tamil Nadu would be dismissed as the output of a morbid imagination by all discerning individuals but can have far-reaching impact among laymen particularly in North India in these days of highly disturbed international relations.

Eelam Strength is Spirit of Resistance born of cause

A bird's eye view of the Sri Lanka Eelam war is not out of place. Eelam Tamils are fighting for Swaraj and to be freed from the shackles of Sinhala genocidal Imperialism. The Sinhalese are seven times as numerous as the Tamils. The Sinhalese have the governmental machinery and the Armed Forces under their control. The odds against the Tamil Freedom fighters is staggering. Their only hope lies in the spirit of resistance born of the cause for which they fight. They may be short of man-power. It is ridiculous to suggest that the LTTE is wasting its resources in India in helping insurgents in India.

Republic of Sri Lanka has no validity over North-East

The Eelam Tamils have a perfect legitimate cause to seek freedom from the genocidal Sinhala Imperialism. On Independence in 1948 the Sinhalese leaders persuaded the

Tamils to accept the new Constitution assuring them that no harm will befall the Tamils by accepting the new Constitution. The Tamils did not participate in the Constitution making process. The British authorities took only the Sinhalese Ministers into their confidence in drawing up the Constitution. Nevertheless as a concession to the persistent and repeated demand of the Tamils for Constitutional safeguards against the ethnic majority the Sinhalese ministers and the Colonial authorities inserted a Clause (Article 29) which circumscribed the powers of the Parliament to making laws for good Government peace and security and specifically denied capacity to the Parliament to make laws discriminatory in favour of or adverse to any one community which is not equally applicable to the other communities. This Clause of the Constitution rendered it an entrenched Clause and made the Constitution immutable as far as this provision was concerned.

The Sinhala majority made several enactments in violation of this Article in the Constitution and ultimately defrauded the Tamils of this entrenched Clause and the conditional polity character of this Constitution. They succeeded in doing this through an ingenious device of obtaining a Mandate to scrap the Dominion polity and create a brand new Republic. The seven Sinhala provinces gave the Mandate but the two Tamil provinces in the North and East rejected the Call for the Mandate with only 14% supporting the Mandate.

It will thus be seen that the Tamils of Eelam have proceeded to opt out of the conditional polity because the conditions were violated and the Republic of Sri Lanka created in 1972 has no legal validity over the North and East. Hence the use of weapons and insurgency is a perfectly legitimate process.

Sinhala Atrocities justified on Indian Precedent

The atrocities of the Sinhala government against the Eelam Tamils both before and after Rajiv Gandhi's incursion on the basis of a stupidly worded pact are enormous. The amnesty international and other international agencies have brought

to light the broad dimensions of the atrocities and violation of human rights.

President Premadasa and his government trots out the excuse that he and his Armed Forces are not doing anything more inhuman or atrocious than what the Indian Peace Keeping Force indulged in over a period of two years and which compelled the Eelam Tamils to seek to get rid of the Indian Peace Force. Undoubtedly Premadasa has a powerful precedent.

What is the objective and policy of Rajiv Gandhi and his Congress?

What is really the objective and policy of Rajiv Gandhi and his Congress in their policy in relation to the Sri Lanka-Eelam tangle. Does Rajiv Gandhi and Congress support the genocide of the Tamils by the Sinhala Imperium. Do they want to get the Eelam Tamils annihilated. Already more than

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two lakhs are refugees in India. Several lakhs are refugees within the Island. Several lakhs have fled to the Western countries. All such exodus is out of a tiny total of twenty lakhs in the North East of the island close to Indian shores. We do not want Tamil Nadu or India to show solidarity or sympathy with the Eelam Tamils. We only seek justice. We want India to act as a member of the Comity of Nations. Why should New Delhi refuse to take up at least these atrocities before the bar of an International Forum.

On one previous occasion when in relation to the racial violence of 1983 distant Argentina raised the issue in U. N. Organization and a report was called from the U. N. Secretary General, New Delhi saw to it that the move was stifled and no report was made. Later when in 1987 a motion on violation of human rights in Sri Lanka was due to be debated in the U. S. Congress Rajiv Gandhi hurriedly signed an improvised Gandhi-Jeyawardene Accord and prevented the resolution being discussed in the U. S. Congress. Let us have a look at this stupidly worded Accord signed by Rajiv Gandhi amidst lot of

publicity in the Galle Face Green. The Clause relating to the withdrawal of the Indian Peace Force is worded to read that the Indian Armed forces shall be withdrawn when requested by the President of Sri Lanka. The normal phraseology in any International Agreement is to make the provision read that the Armed Forces would be withdrawn as mutually agreed upon between the Governments of India and Sri Lanka. But probably this Accord was not examined by any Cabinet Ministers or intellectually honest officials in New Delhi. That is how it was possible for President Premadasa to announce at a Temple ceremony that he was going to order the Indian troops out and implemented the announcement without any prior consultation with the Government of India. The Government of India was shown the exit door and was forced to quit Lanka in disgrace and ignominy. The Government of India could not tell Sri Lanka that India came in to achieve a viable political solution, that it did not hire or lend troops to Government of Lanka and that the operation of Armed Forces and disarming the insurgents was only incidental to the main objective of achieving a viable political solution for which it intervened in Ceylon. The stupidly worded agreement, asserting Sri Lankan Sovereignty over North and East before any political solution was worked out, estopped India from any pursuit calculated to achieve a political solution as all such pursuits were claimed by Sri Lanka as internal affairs and out of bounce for the Government of India.

Tamil Nadu voters must give verdict on Indian policy

International Foreign Policy is not chalked out by stoozing administrative officials and a self-willed hair brained and crazy politician. Government of India's Sri Lanka - Eelam policy must be discussed and debated thoroughly by the people of Tamil Nadu and they must reach a verdict on Indo-Sri Lankan policy on the forthcoming elections.

The dissolution of a properly elected State Legislature and the Government on imaginary scare stories is a serious matter and the Tamil

Nadu must give a verdict demanding the repeal of the provision in the Indian Constitution granting the caucus functioning in New Delhi power to dissolve State Governments and legislature in a state and negative democracy. Both Messrs V. P. Singh and Karunanidhi have a solemn duty by the people of India to seize the bull by the horn and get the matter adjudicated by the voters of Tamil Nadu.

Self-Respect and Image of India neglected and ignored by New Delhi

The extent to which New Delhi neglects and ignores the self respect and image of India in international relations by discarding and surrendering principled positions is really stunning. After more than two lakhs of refugees came into India as a result of the genocidal war of the Sinhalese there remained in the Island several lakhs of Tamils uprooted from their homes and hearths. The obvious cause of action was for India to bring the matter before an International Forum to reach a proper political solution and end conflict and the enormous volume of atrocities. India however intervened to set up a refugee camp within the Island under the control of the Sri Lankan Armed forces and proceeded to finance the maintenance of the refugee camp. Ultimately the International High Commission for refugees intervened and the large refugee camp at Madhu Road near a famous Catholic Church became the refuge of tens of thousands of Tamil refugees. Security Minister Ranjan Wijeratne (who is not today in the world of the living) gave a peremptory order to the U. N. High Commission to close down the Camp because he wanted that area freed of refugees in order to take major military operations. The U.N. High Commission resisted that move but nothing was heard of India's response to this brutal move to drive away the refugees. On the other hand news leaked out that India was offering a Friendship Treaty with Sri Lanka without any of the ethnic problems being sought out and the refugees in India being able to return to their homes. New Delhi appears to nurse thoroughly wrong priorities in International relations.

OUR READERS SAY

Point of view

The Editor
Dear Sir

Your reader, Siva deserves to be congratulated for his point of view published under the caption, "JR Hails Shri Sai Baba" in your esteemed journal of 17 February 1991. Although it is evident from the contents of his article that his views on the existence of a Divine Being is rational, he has, however, sought to be enlightened on this question as well as on the belief of the former President, Mr. J.R. Jayawardene and his advice to others despite the atrocities committed against the innocent people of Sri Lanka by successive UNP governments.

As stated by Siva, originally ignorance and fear of the elements made man create the Gods of Rain, Fire, Sun, the Goddess of Fertility & C. All religions, whether it is Hinduism, Islam, Christianity and the various sects within them are based on the mysteries of the universe and on the presumption of a soul. Since the emancipation of science from Theology towards the end of the Middle Ages all branches of science have made giant strides and the mysteries of nature have been unfolded. The discovery of the laws of development of organic nature by Charles Darwin in 1859 and the subsequent spectacular advances made in evolutionary science have disclosed beyond doubt the origin of the universe and the evolution of all living beings including that of the thinking animal, man from inanimate matter. Work currently in progress on DNA and RNA which are the genetic blue prints for life may before long result in the "creation" of life in the test tube. The existence of a soul and its transmigration from body to body which is the basis for the belief in rebirth and the theory of re-incarnation or avatharas have no meaning in the light of these discoveries. Furthermore, the stage in which the transmigration of the soul takes place is unexplainable. Pious men like JR also believe in the purposiveness of the "Creator" according to which cats were created to eat mice and mice were created to be eaten by cats. The atrocities against the Tamils under the regime of this born Christian who embraced Buddhism for politics and now blessed by Shri Sathia Sai Baba were committed and are continuing to be committed unabated probably because he and his coterie believe

that the Sinhalese were created to kill the Tamils and the Tamils were created to be killed by the Sinhalese.

Every individual is, however, entitled to believe in any religion or in no religion whatever. This is a fundamental human right in which nobody should interfere. The state, specially, should have nothing to do with religion. But in Baudha Sinhala Sri Lanka religion is used to the maximum in order to divert the attention of the masses from the really important and fundamental economic and political problems. The Maha Sangha which is the citadel of feudalism in Sri Lanka is pampered by all the reactionary governments since independence. When the LTTE recently unilaterally declared a ceasefire and invited the government for peace talks the highest 'prelates' of the Maha Sangha who are supposed to spread Lord Budha's gospel of maithriya, non-violence, love and compassion rushed to Thanthirimalai in the outskirts of the Anuradhapura district where they held a clandestine meeting with the army high command and connived with them to continue the genocidal war against the Tamils.

Siva has recounted some of the worst acts of injustice and violations of fundamental rights by JR and his regime. In addition to these, the arbitrary dismissal of thousands of public servants in 1980 for demanding a living wage will also go down in history as one of the worst violations of fundamental rights committed by him.

In contrast to J.R. Jayawardene let us consider what Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru, the great patriot, intellectual and world leader had to say in these matters. As a firm believer in the fact that religion is entirely a private matter of the individual he was the architect of the secular state of India where, apart from religion, linguistic, cultural and other fundamental rights are assured by constitutional provisions in a democratic constitution applying equally to all. He once declared, "If democracy means oppression of the minorities, to hell with democracy". And his deeds were throughout in keeping with this statement.

With regard to religion, belief in a god and personal gods (avatharas) his views are clear. In his book, The Discovery of India he says

"..... because God has come to mean much that I do not believe in I find myself incapable of thinking of a deity or of any unknown supreme power in anthropomorphic terms, and the fact that many people think so is continually a source of surprise to me. And any idea of a personal god seems very odd to me".

I leave it to the reader to choose between the views of the above two leaders considering their individual calibre and status. As far as I am concerned heaven has to be found, if at all, in this world and not in the next. This is possible if one leads a pure and honest life with love and compassion for others respecting their fundamental rights and devoid of deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy selfishness etc.

In this connection the following quotation from Dr. M.D. Raghavan appearing in the same issue of your paper under the title "Religion as a Cloak" seems appropriate;

So many Gods many creeds
So many paths that wind
and wind

While just the act of being
kind

Is all this sad world needs.

Jaffna

SABA

Partial President

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

I read in your last issue - residents of V V T petition President Premadasa. It is wrong to address him as President Premadasa. So far he has shown he is not President for the whole Island - he has by his actions and behaviour - shown he is President of the Sinhalese only.

On his instruction - his deputy is committing Genocide - Has Premadasa come to Jaffna as a President of Sri Lanka to the North - met the people and found out what their difficulties are. On his instructions - no medicines are sent to Jaffna. No food, no electricity, no other essential items for the past seven months. In any other country this will not happen. Then pensioners have not received their pensions since November, 90. Food Stamps people have not received their dues for seven months.

From these you will see he is not our President - has he come and seen what damage has been done by his Air Force in the North and East. No - then how can we look up to him as a President. When the JVP was giving troubles did he get his air force to bomb civilian targets? No - why because he is a Sinhalese.

The bombing in Jaffna was and is being done because he is anti - Tamil and wants to destroy all the Tamils in the North and East. We have no place to go other than stay here - After he kills these Tamils in the North and East, he will then start on the Tamils elsewhere.

So Sir, until he changes, I hope and pray to God, he will - until such time - Never Mention President Premadasa - but only as Premadasa. When Rajiv Gandhi violated the air space of Sri Lanka and when reporters asked him why he did this, he said that was a message to Jayewardene. Never did he mention President Jayewardene because Gandhi felt at that moment he was not President of the whole Island and he was partial.

A. R. Rajasingham
Chavakachcheri

Thamizhiam struggle in Sri Lanka

The Editor
Dear Sir

Mr. Ranjan Wijeratne, the Minister of War of Sri Lanka is out and out to oust the Thamizhian from the North-East to say in the words of late Mr. S.J.V Chelvanayagam, to annihilate the entire Thamizh-community from Sri Lanka and that from Thamizh Eelam. The concept of two nations-the Sinhalese of Sri Lanka and Thamizhians of Thamizh Eelam-cannot be now disputed.

The acts of Minister of War had without doubt established the fact of two nations concept. In fact his irrefutable utterances in Parliament sessions, Press conferences and his atrocious deeds for the last few months showed clear proof.

(A) 1. Denial of fundamental rights of Thamizhians by destroying the avenues of earnings, the means of productions, working places, factories, mills, machineries and equipments, supply stations of electricity, Capitals, Towns of North-East and millions worth of buildings, stock in trade etc.

2. By economic blockade through his army cohorts the continuous flow of food and medical supply to the North-East province.

3. By damaging the only well equipped Teaching Hospital and other Medical Centres and their equipments by aerial attack and denying the sick, handicapped, injured, invalid, the medical care needed for them.

4. By coming out in the Press Conferences the events of North-East for

the local consumption and by denying the foreign Free Presses of the world entry to the Thamizh areas by creating artificial fear about L.T.T.E. In fact the fear to the press is really from the security personnel and not by L.T.T.E. It is a known fact even the representatives of the I. C. R. C. fear to tread just in front of an army camp.

(B) The Minister of War who had announced "I finished the J.V.P. I will finish the L.T.T.E. I will go to their leaders" etc, Paradoxically, he had finished the J.V.P. Take it for granted the facts are true and real in his full sense.

To wipe out the J.V.P.

1. Had he used the Shells, Petrol Bombs, the Nepalm, Chinese War Planes, Italian made bombers, Helicopters, Israeli, and Chinese made War Ships and Gun boats to destroy the Towns and villages, buildings from Hospitals to Supply stations innocent people from children to invalid old aged who went to markets and common places in Sinhalese areas as that done in Thamizh areas, The impact of the actions of the War Minister is in black and white, in Video Cassettes. Not only that even any one can see with their naked eyes the wreckage of the Thamizh areas.

2. Had he allowed his Army cohorts to set on fire and destroy the dwellings of the Sinhalese as that has been hitherto done in the North-East province.

3. Had he directed his Lieutenants and Army cohorts to kill defenceless and innocent Sinhalese public indiscreetly in thousands, cause sexual attack on Sinhalese ladies as hitherto done in the North-East Province.

If not for his Chinese highly powered planes and Helicopters which he has not used to wipe out the J.V.P. would it be possible for him and his army men to roam about in the North East Province in the presence of "Baby Bombardment of young boys and girls of the L.T.T.E." as proclaimed by him.

Brave are the babies as found in our early literature of the Sankam period "Purananooru"

Lastly would it possible for him to win the war with the L.T.T.E. without a dialogue with the L.T.T.E. adopting a pragmatic approach for a political solution, not knowing well and leaving from the confessions of failures and failure on the part to prevail the saner counsel.

Otherwise, in the alternative time would prove the cohesiveness and will of the Thamizhians for the Thamizh Nation, Eelam, which cannot be prevented by anyone.

— Satha Ampalavi

State devoid of Responsibility on state at all Sri Lanka Government has no Sovereignty over Tamil Eelam

If a state says that it is legitimate and entitled to expect loyalty, it has to be presumed that that state has also responsibilities.

After all the concept of a state - a state machinery - developed with the prime responsibility of providing security to the people constituting the State.

"When Adam and Eve were born, who was the king and who was Queen"

The regicides, as they were called in England, are reported to have sung so. In the early stages of human history - there was no king and there was no queen and no state.

A king and/or a queen, symbolic of a state or government, were later developments in human history, necessitated by the need to providing security to the people found within a state. In fact, it was the

primary duty and only duty of the state to begin with. In course of time the organization of the State - the concept of State - everything changed to suit the needs of time and circumstances, ultimately leading to the welfare state or in some circumstances the communist state where the government owed duty and responsibility towards each and all its subjects "from the womb to the tomb". As a corollary the citizens had their own duties by the state.

But whatever it is, one fundamental fact had always remained - right from the beginning - as a duty, a responsibility of the state. And that duty - responsibility is the providing of security to each and every subject or citizen. If a State had failed in its responsibility of providing security of life and limb to its people, then there would have been no state at all. There was no need to have had an organization called the State, if that had no responsibility to provide security for the life and limb of people within the State. In fact, if it were not for the discharge of this specific duty, there would have been no state organized at all, as history tells us.

A. Selliah

This responsibility - the responsibility to provide security for the life and limb of the people being so fundamental to the concept of State, one would ask and quite correctly so - why should there be a state which owes no responsibility to the life of its subjects.

The Daily News of 8th February, 1991 carried the following question and answer:-

"Q: Can you give figures about civilian casualties?"

A: We have no civilian casualties in Jaffna. I can't count the civilian losses because I don't have control over the area".

The question was posed by pressmen at a Conference and the late Mr. Ranjan Wijeratne, as Minister of State for Defence and spokesman for the Government of Sri Lanka had given the above - quoted answer.

Mr. Wijeratne is now dead and it is not intended to

criticise him personally. He gave the above quoted answer as Minister of State for Defence and spokesman for the Government of Sri Lanka. Therefore whether Mr. Wijeratne is dead or alive, is another matter. The responsibility for the answer entirely rests with the state - the Government of Sri Lanka.

Since the war broke out thousands of civilians have died in the North East. The thousands of civilians dead include civilians in Jaffna also. As a matter of fact all the civilians who died in Jaffna, died because of operations by the Sri Lankan Government forces. Yet the Government says there are no civilians dead. So according to the Government of Sri Lanka not a single civilian died in Jaffna because of the Government's war efforts.

The Minister had also said in his answer that he could not count the civilian losses because he had no control over the area. It therefore follows that the Government has no control over Jaffna.

Now the question to be asked is what is this Government? This is a Government elected by the Sinhalese. This is not a Government elected by the Tamils of Eelam. This was the position right from the time of the so-called Independence. The Tamils of Eelam never chose a Government to rule them, be it UNP, SLFP, ULF or any other Government.

In the context of the conflicting interests of the Tamils and Sinhalese inhabiting this Island, it can safely be said that the Sinhalese majority will always be able to elect a Government and that the Tamils have no share in the process. They never had it and they will not have it. Therefore a single Government constituting the entire Island will always be a Government of the Sinhalese and as corollary it follows that this Government shall be a Government for the Sinhalese and by the Sinhalese.

It is no wonder that a Sinhalese Government disowns its responsibility to protect the life and limb of the Tamils and goes on killing the Tamil people. When a Government does this - i.e. does not become responsible for the lives of the people that Government has no basis for existence.

A negative attitude towards responsibility for life is alone sufficient for any state to lose its basis for continued existence as such. But as far as the Government of Sri Lanka is concerned, it does not merely stop with a negative attitude towards its prime responsibility but takes a positive role of killing the people, - i.e. indulge in State Terrorism - who it claims are its subjects or citizens and thereby by positive action negates its claim, to be a government in Eelam.

If the Government had any sense of responsibility towards the Tamils it would have cared to find out the deaths its own forces have committed in the North. It would have tried to find out the causes behind those deaths. It would have brought to book those responsible for killing the people. It would have tried alternate methods to contain the LTTE. The Government chose not to do any of these things. Is it, therefore, wrong to say that the killing of civilians is the deliberate action of the Government? It is because the Government acts deliberately it says that not a single civilian had died in Jaffna.

The Government had said that it has no control over Jaffna and therefore, it has not counted - it could not count - civilian losses. Well, if that be so, how does the Government give figures of its own cooking of LTTE deaths? We haven't forgotten the fact the Government mass media - SLBC - once claimed that 150 LTTE cadres were shot and killed at Kopay. All what happened then was air strafing from a helicopter resulting in death and injuries to some civilians. To the knowledge of anyone, no LTTE man died or was injured in the incident. But the Government made a fantastic claim that they killed 150 LTTE cadres. How did they count the number from the skies or identify the dead? Yet the Government claimed having killed 150 LTTE cadres.

Isn't it now clear from the above quoted answer that the claim was utterly false and made to mislead the Sinhalese people?

Perhaps everyone knows - understands - that the tall claims of the Government are enthusiastically published in the so-called 'national press' and other media to fool somebody. But for the first time all the people are made publicly aware of the utter irresponsibility of the Government to provide the basic duty of any state. Not that the people of Tamil Eelam did not know this. They knew something more. They knew that the Govern-

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Further List of Persons reported missing from Refugee Camps

Readers would remember that we published in our last issue of the "Hot Spring", names and details of refugees who were killed, arrested and reported missing, injured or sexually assaulted within Refugee Camp premises by the Sri Lankan Army personnel.

We publish today a further list of families who were at the Refugee Camp at Nilaveli in the Trincomalee District who are reported missing from the 7th of July, 1990 when the Sri Lankan Army entered the village of Nilaveli

Names	Age	
1. J. Subramaniam	34	
2. Konesalingam Sitharavel	47	
3. B. Louis pillai	35	
4. K. K. Nageswaran	15	
5. J. Thiyaarajah	31	
6. J. Balasubramaniam	40	
7. S. Thavarajah	35	
8. M. Sitharn	31	
9. Joseph Rayappen	36	
10. P. Vilvarajah	34	Sambaltivu
11. Sebamalai Sivalingam	45	
12. M. Manickavel	36	
13. M. Murugan	21	
14. V. Thangarajah	40	
15. Vythilingam	41	
16. M. Yogarasa	24	
17. M. Rasiah	24	
18. V. Visvalingam	46	
19. K. Puniamoorthy	37	
20. Lenus Starrach	21	
21. S. Manickarasa	41	
22. Chelliah		
23. A. Suntharaj	33	Sambaltivu
24. A. Sivagnanam	50	"
25. T. Krishnapillai	42	Gopalapuram
26. G. Vanamohan	31	"
27. K. Subramaniam	62	"
28. P. Suriyakumaran	36	"
29. S. Arulpiragasam	32	Nilaveli
30. R. Vijayarajan	32	Trincomalee
31. A. Gnanapiragasam	44	Gopalapuram
32. Y. Selvaratnam	38	6th milepost
33. R. Muthuveeran	38	Adampodai
34. K. Nalliah	32	Adampan
35. S. Dominic Nathan	42	Nilaveli
36. T. Maheswaran	44	Sambaltivu
37. S. Shanmugalingam	52	Nilaveli
38. S. Aruliah		Irakakandy
39. S. Thillainathan		"
40. S. Thangarajah	25	Adampodai
41. Vetpillai Master		Nilaveli
42. Jeevarajah		Sambaltivu
43. K. Vijayarajah		"
44. Siva		Salli
45. Arasaratnam		8th milepost, Nilaveli
46. Augustine Kurera	28	Navalady, Mutor
47. S. Jesudas	32	

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A Change in thought necessary

The new State Minister for Defence, Mr. D B Wijetunge, who is also Prime Minister and Finance Minister of the Government of Sri Lanka, is reported to have made a speech in Parliament after his assumption of office as State Minister of Defence..

Mr Wijetunge is reputed to be soft-spoken. Perhaps he rarely speaks. Though not verbose, he is perhaps a man who knows his business.

Else, President Premadasa could not have given him virtually all the important portfolios of Government. Finance and Defence are formidable enough. But Mr. Wijetunge is also the Prime Minister.

Naturally when such a powerful personality speaks out - his speech has to be taken note of.

Unfortunately the Government of Sri Lanka has not only sabotaged the supply of electricity to the North it also prevents the importation of even torch battery cells so that we in the North here are not even able to listen to the SLBC, though considering SLBC news, it may be a boon that we do not listen to the SLBC.

It is reported that Mr. Wijetunge has said that the Government is determined to find a political and not a military solution to the ethnic problem.

Well and good. That is what we all want. But who can translate these good intentions into action?

Obviously the entire responsibility to put an end to fighting and bloodshed rests with the Government.

But what has the new State Minister's Secretary, the Defence Secretary, Gen. Cyril Ranatunge said?

He is reported to have said that though there is a change in the holder of the office of State Minister, there will be no change in the army action pursued against the LTTE in the North East.

Does he defy his State Minister?

Mr Wijetunge is further reported to have said that the position of the armed forces is strong in the North - East.

In other words, Mr. Wijetunge has been honest enough to state that the strength of the Government of Sri Lanka in the North - East, is the strength of its armed forces.

Mr. Wijetunge does not claim the people's support for the Government in the North - East, which however no Sinhala party ever had, in Tamil Eelam.

The fundamental question arises here. What claim has the Government of Sri Lanka to govern Tamil Eelam without the support of the people of Tamil Eelam? If the claim to govern Tamil Eelam is founded on the power of the bullet of the Sinhala army, isn't the Government an imperialist Government?

Mr. Wijetunge is further reported to have said that there would be no compromise on sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

This is the age old slogan of every imperialism.

The Tamils do not deny sovereignty to the Sinhalese people. They claim it for themselves also. Yes, the Tamils are as much sovereign as the Sinhalese are and they will not agree to Sinhalese suzerainty over them.

The Tamils are for unity with the Sinhalese - not for enmity. But under pretext of unity they are not prepared to be subservient - not prepared to be the ruled.

The Tamils have no avaricious intentions to any portion of the Sinhala Rata as the Sinhalese have shown themselves to have in Tamil Eelam by systematic planned colonization of Tamil Eelam with Sinhala people. In short, the Tamils want nothing of the Sinhalese.

Like any nation they want to rule themselves and not be ruled by others. The right of the Tamils to self-Government cannot be denied by anybody.

The Tamils have had sufficient experience - bitter experience - and are not willing to have the right to self-Government circumscribed in any manner.

So let the new State Minister for Defence, who is undoubtedly a powerful personality within the Government ranks, persuade himself and his colleagues to abandon imperialist ideas and set down to talk with the LTTE and work out a scheme by which the Sinhalese will govern themselves and the Tamil will govern themselves.

MULLAITIVU DISTRICT Banks Not Functioning Economy Crippled

(Mullaitivu)

The Mullaitivu District has the unique distinction of a government administrative district but without any Banks functioning therein.

Before the outbreak of the war in June 1990 both the Bank of Ceylon and People's Bank had branches in the Mullaitivu town and there were also branches of both Banks at Mankulam.

With the outbreak of the war the Bank of Ceylon, Mullaitivu Branch was closed on the 11th of June, 1990. The Bank has not re-opened at Mullaitivu or in any other town within the District.

The Mullaitivu Branch of the Bank of Ceylon had a large number of private per-

sonal and business account holders, as well as Government accounts of various Government Departments and Institutions such as Agrarian Services Centres. No one in position in the Bank is resident in Mullaitivu District to enable the customers to discuss their problems. Account holders whether private persons or Government institutions are unable to transact any business and economic activities have as a result been crippled.

The People's Bank was shifted from Mullaitivu to Pathukudyiruppu and since December 90 this Bank has also been closed down at Pathukudyiruppu.

The Banks at Mankulam were completely destroyed by aerial bombardment. In fine today, Mullaitivu District enjoys the unique distinction of a government administrative district but without any Banks functioning therein.

A customer of the Bank of Ceylon told our correspondent that from 11th June, 1990, he had not been able to transact any business, though his needs were dire. "The Bank customers run into many thousands and Bank authorities must make alternate arrangements within the District", he said.

The non-functioning of Banks affects even peasant farmers as well as poor fishermen who are not able to conduct any business with the Bank through their organizations. Their economic activity is crippled.

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107. Block "C"
108. Ka'laru
109. Mutur AGA's Bungalow
110. Mutur Jetty
111. Old Police Station, Mutur
112. Puliyady Junction
113. Kattaiparichchan Periyapalam
114. Allai Nagar School
- 1.5 Serunuwara

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ment was carrying on a genocide of the Tamil people and are resolved to resist the Government's plan.

It is time that the Sinhalese people realised the fact - that the Government only killed non-combatants but made them believe they were killing LTTE. It is time that world opinion understood the utterly irresponsible Government which has no basis for existence in Tamil Eelam. It is time for all to understand that the Government of Sri Lanka has no claims to sovereignty over Tamil Eelam and its people.

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the cause of the liberation of the Tamils in the manner the Eelam Tamils want it to be. Let them not pontificate to the Eelam Tamils unless they are with them to share the woes of the Eelam Tamils.

We have had enough of the Sinhala atrocities. We want our liberty. Those who cannot contribute to achieving what they have advocated, let them please step out and not put on the garb of leaders with which Sinhala imperialism has clothed them. I refer to the so-called political parties of the Tamils in Colombo.

116. Allai Bridge
117. Dehiwatte
118. Dehiwatte Junction
119. Milk Board-Allai Kanthalai Road
120. Sugar Factory, Kanthalai A large Camp
121. Aluth Oya
122. 95th Colony
123. Sopia
154. Driyasithawa
125. Karadikulam

The following are the Police Stations in the Trincomalee District:-

1. Pulmoddai
2. Kuchchaveli
3. Alles Garden
4. Uppuveli

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On the 5th too Sri Lankan War planes were out on their destructive mission At Nallur near the Kandasamy temple, an elderly woman named Rasammah (70) died as a result of bomber attack. At Kompayanmanal another old woman named M. Sinnamma (67) died, when the bombers hit her house. Two bulls were also killed. At Kokuvil a man named S. Thambirajah (55) was killed, when a bomber hit took place there.

At Murasumoddai, a 58 year old woman named S. Thangammah was killed and six others were injured, when bombers hit Murasumoddai.

At Kayts, five persons were injured - three children and two adults. Thus on the 4th and 5th Sri Lankan War planes bombed Jaffna as if out of vengeance. The people feared that the planes were killed the innocent civilians of Jaffna to avenge the death of Mr. Ranjan Wijeratne

5. Sirimapura
6. Orr's hill
7. Harbour Police
8. 4th Milepost
9. 17th Milepost
10. Kanthalai
11. Vanaru
12. Kinniya
13. Tharanivagama
14. Morawea Junction
15. China Bay
16. Vellai manal
17. Mutur
18. Ali Oluwa
19. Neelapola
20. Thoppur
21. Kattaiparichchan
22. Serunuwara
23. Office of supdt. of Police
24. Office of D I. G.

because the authorities suspected LTTE to be behind Ranjan's killing.

The people's fear was augmented by the publication of a news report in a local daily quoting Agency News Service that the Police and Army suspected the LTTE behind the killing of Mr. Ranjan Wijeratne. The news also, carried a message from the Armed Forces that they would continue to hit LTTE targets.

The message is terrifying. The outbreak of the wrath of the Armed Services resulted in the death of 27 civilians - old men and women and children - on the 4th and 5th. The sixth day of the funeral did not witness any major incident but again on the 7th, bombing started and three persons died at Kokuvil. A temple was also damaged. But the Armed Services claim they are hitting only LTTE targets.

Are the dead and injured LTTE cadres by any stretch of imagination?