

Full freedom, independence and the mutually unrestricted exercise of sovereignty for both people, the Sinhalese and Tamils, now depends on the restoration and re-constitution of Sinhala and Tamil States.

The Sinhalese would not really desire to rule over and run an empire over the unwilling Tamils and be guilty of neocolonialism and aggression.

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## Murder Mission Again — Sinhala Air Force Bombs Pannai Jetty

After a respite the Sinhala Air Force bombed the vicinity of Jaffna City at the Jaffna Pannai Causeway damaging the jetty on the Mandativu side on Friday, 23rd. August, 1991 at about 2.00 p.m. Two Sri Lankan Air Force bombers dropped four bombs.

Two Air Force bombers which were sighted over

Jaffna Town suddenly swooped and released four bombs at the Jetty on the Mandativu side of the Jaffna Pannai causeway. One person was killed and six were injured. Some minibuses, some shops, push bicycles and a lorry belonging to the Multi-Purpose Co-

operative Society of Pungudutivu were severely damaged.

The person who died has been identified as Kurusu Thavam (28) of Eluvaitivu. The injured include a child of 4 years. The injured are Rasaratnam Sumathy (17) female of Pungudutivu, Remegius Pameetha (4) female,

Thiagarajah (26) female, Edward Michael (30) male of Allaipiddy Jalini Theiventhiram (13) female of Chava-

kachcheri and E. Rajakumar (35) male of Jaffna.

The dead and injured were passengers from Jaffna.

### Karaitivu Refugees Express Solidarity with other Refugees

The refugees living in the Kallady Vipulananda Maha Vidiylayam in the Batticaloa District expressed solidarity with other refugees living elsewhere in the District, when they refused to allow the Asst. Government Agent of Karaitivu to re-register the names of the refugees resident in the camp. The Asst. Government Agent returned without registering the names of the refugees.

The members of the Special Task Force (STF) came to

the camp to compel the registration of the refugees but the refugees said that all refugees should be provided with relief and until then they shall not have themselves registered afresh.

This agitation arose as a result of the Government's directive to issue relief supplies only to the those living in approved Refugee Camps but not to other refugees and displaced persons living elsewhere out side refugee camps.

### AT CHAVALAKADAI

## Sinhala Police and Muslim hoodlums kill 19 Tamils

News has been received from the Amparai District that on the 14th of this month, some Sinhala Policemen and a gang of Muslim hoodlums arrested 19 Tamil persons from the village of Chavalakadai in the Amparai District and later killed them.

The news in this connection further state that the Sinhalese Police and Muslim hoodlums arrested these persons who were in fields and took them along with them. Later in the night 15 of these were taken to a place near a Pilaliyar temple. All the fifteen Tamils were hacked to death.

The other four persons were taken to the cemetery where they were also hacked to death and later burnt.

One of the deceased has been identified as Thambi-rajah (28) of Chavalakadai. The identity of the others

has still not been established but some of them are believed to be refugees from other villages.

### Vanni Protests against Economic Embargo

Two massive processions were taken out by the people of Vanni in protest against the economic embargo on the North on Tuesday 20, 1991.

Reports received from Vavuniya District indicate that large numbers of people assembled at the village of Rambaikulam in the Vavuniya District at about 10.00 a.m. and marched in procession carrying banners and shouting slogans protesting against the food embargo placed by the Government of Sri Lanka

on the people of the Northern Province. The processionists marched to Omanthai where a public meeting was held at which the local leaders denounced the Government of Sri Lanka for its anti-Tamil activities.

The reports further add that a similar procession was taken out from Poovarasankulam at about 2.00 p.m. the same day. This procession marched to Kunchukulam. The protesting demonstrators demanded the lifting of the food embargo. A public meeting was held at Kunchukulam also.

### Recognise Territorial Integrity of Tamil Eelam

“Sharing power in a multi-ethnic one-Nation State is not only not the Tamil demand now, but it is also an obsolete issue, thirty five years at least behind time. The liberation struggle that is now being waged is not being fought on Sri Lankan soil but on Tamil soil. Sri Lankan planes are not bombing Sinhala territory but Tamil-populated areas. The people who are getting killed are not the Tamils in Sinhala territory but those who live in their own traditional areas of habitation where they have lived for centuries. Whatever the solution therefore that has to emerge out of this painful phase of history, has to reflect the tendencies that are relevant here and now, and has to involve the question of territorial integrity of the Tamil Nation”.

- S. Sivanayagam in Tamil Nation -

## Endless Search for Peace

It is learnt that 43 members of parliament have been nominated to the Parliamentary Sub-Committee selected to find ways and means of solving the Sinhala-Tamil problem.

Twenty members of this Sub-committee are to be from the Opposition Parties and twenty three from the Government.

The Chairman of the Sub-committee will be Mr.

Mangala Munasinghe of the SLFP who proposed a Private Member's motion calling for the resolution of the ethnic conflict.

It is interesting to note that this Sub-committee will not have the majority representatives from the North East who were elected under the farce elections held earlier because the EROS group of members who were elected in the

majority have resigned their membership from Parliament.

In the meantime reports received from Colombo also state that an Opposition Member of Parliament had called for the withdrawal of the Emergency from all areas barring the North East. In other words the Opposition had called for the continuance of the State of Emergency in Tamil Eelam.

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## OUR READERS SAY

# Arab - Israeli Conflict

Dear Editor,

Some people think the Jews have no claim to Palestine and Israel should therefore, be destroyed. An Arab State should be created on its soil and the Jews allowed to live as a minority there. The balance Israelis should be deported to the countries they came from-such as Russia, Germany, Poland etc. People who hold such views, can in no way contribute to a solution of the Arab-Israeli Conflict. Strangely, this is the preamble to the Charter of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Yet, some others feel the Arabs have no claim to Palestine, despite this land being under their control for the past few centuries. This situation arose, after the indigenous Jews had been exiled from their homeland by a series of invaders and aggressors, such as Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Turks and finally the British amongst others. Surely, the Arabs too should have a claim there, if not for anything but on their long occupation, though they had come first as invaders and marauders, displacing the rightful owners.

It was a struggle of two peoples for the same land, and therefore, it has become so uncontrollable. But the United Nations to whom it had been entrusted, in all its wisdom, had no option but to partition Palestine equally between the Jews and Arabs. The Jews accepted the plan and the Arabs rejected it, demanding the whole of Palestine. In this connection it is worth mentioning that even Stalin sympathised with the plight of the Stateless Jews and supported the UN resolution creating the State of Israel by a two thirds majority, which left the Arabs with twenty-two States to call their own in the Middle East and North Africa and the Jews with just One.

Iraq was one country that spear-headed anti-semitism but its recent debacle has come as a blessing not only to the Kurdish minorities of Iraq but also to the Jewish minorities of the Middle East. There is now an impetus to the resolution of this Conflict. After forty years of struggle and suffering everybody seems to have realized that Israel has come to stay and no power on earth can remove it from the world map. The pre-

Gorbachev Government in the Soviet Union which fanned and fed Arab fanaticism is no more. Gorbachev is working behind the scene with the United States for a permanent settlement that may arise sooner or later.

The Arabs vowed they would never recognise the Jewish State in their midst and would not even talk to it. But the joint Soviet-American influence would wake them and especially the Palestine Liberation Organisation to re-think its philosophy on a live and let live basis.

R.L. Thevathasan

Erlalai South,  
Jaffna

## Indian General Elections

The Editor,  
Hot Spring

According to MURASOLI paper of 4.7.91, it is revealed that the Congress (I) candidate for the Bangalore North Parliamentary (Lok Sabha) Constituency polled 832,465 votes during the recent General Elections.

But the total approved voters for the said electorate was 620,518 votes.

The successful M.P. is a Union Minister of the present Cabinet of India.

This may be another world record!

J. Arulanandam  
Palaly, Vayavilan

## Railway Pensioners

Editor,  
Hot Spring

Dear Sir,

Apropos Mr. Thomas's letter appearing in the latest issue of your esteemed journal, Mr. Thomas alleges that the Jaffna Kachcheri officers of the Pensions Branch have shown discrimination between Railway pensioners and other pensioners and that the delay in payment of the June pensions to Railway pensioners was due to this discrimination. Mr. Thomas's contention does not appear to be correct and is baseless in the light of the following facts:-

The I.C.R.C. (Red Cross Society) had by an oversight

failed to load the mail bag containing the Railway vouchers in the vessel carrying mails to the North. Seeing that the Railway vouchers had not been received, the Kachcheri staff communicated with the Red Cross Society in this regard, taking necessary action. The Railway pension vouchers will be posted to Railway pensioners on receipt. Payment of Railway pensioners has been satisfactorily done in the past. The delay in the payment of the June pension was due to the delay in receipt of the vouchers at the Kachcheri.

Yours faithfully

K. Thamby

Railway Pensioner.

## AN APPRECIATION

### Late Mr. P. X. S. Kulasingham

Mr. P. X. S. Kulasingham, Vice Principal, Usan Ramanathan Maddiya Maha Vidiyalayam died on 30. 07. 1984. A memorial service in memory of his seventh death anniversary was held at St. Francis Xavier's church, Thirunelvely, presided over by the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Sahaya Dasan and attended by his relations, friends, fellow teachers and sports fans, followed by an almsgiving and offering of hosts and wine to the church.

Late Mr. Kulasingham, an old boy of R. C. T. M. S. Thirunelvely learnt catechism under Nallur Swamy Gnanapiragasar O. M. I. He continued his studies at Kokuvil Hindu College when Mr. Handy Periopanayagam was the Principal and Mr. S. Paramanathan (Malayan Tiger) was the Sports Master. He excelled both in studies and sports and created history. While being the Soccer and Cricket Captain obtained Jaffna District Soccer Championships for three consecutive years from 1950 to 1952 against Jaffna Hindu College.

He joined the teaching profession in 1953 and taught in several schools in the North and Up-country. He was trained at the Colombogam Teachers Training College when Rt. Rev. Dr. B. Deogupillai was the Rector in 1956 and later at the Palaly English Teachers Training College in the year 1959. When he was at St. Bedes College Badulla he led a football team to Jaffna and had many friendly matches

here. He was a devoted teacher and was against private tuitions for money and conducted free English classes to the poor children at Mirusuvil church under

Rev. Fr. S. J. Francis, O. M. I. who was once the Rector of St. Patrick's College. He left his wife and two children who are in the Jaffna Campus. His only son like his father captained the Jaffna Central

Cricket Team in 1983 and '84 and obtained championships against Jaffna's leading schools.

May he rest in the Lord.

Fondly remembered by his loving wife, two children, parents, brothers, sisters, relations and friends.

Rev. Fr. S. Hilary Jebanesan.

## PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Infinite God

The politicians have eternally said.

"If we do not end war, war is going to end us"

John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II and many other 'religious' Have put their 'holy seal' on that teaching

O God of the small and the weak

John F. Kennedy and those 'religious' ones are decent guys!

They have a moderate view of human history!

And they are not extremists!

For they always eat balanced food!

O God of the extremely marginalised

If you would have made Kennedy to be born in Jaffna

Where Sinhalese would have been pushed through his throat

And if John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul II were Tamils

And if their sisters were raped in the presence of their fathers

O God of the victims

Do you think that we would still have the same 'fatwa':

"if we do not end war, war is going to end us"

Which everyone knew even before they made it as a 'magistrum'

And moreover, none of us like bleeding to death

O God of all nations

We believe it is not your will that any single nation

Should be annihilated from this world

And you who said, 'thou shalt not murder'

Also prohibit genocide even if that is for the sake of national security

O God of peace

You desire to stop wars all over the world

And break the guns and turn them into ploughing machines

And convert all power, including the nuclear power to build humanity

But your desire for justice is much stronger

O God of all wisdom

Establish justice and stop all battle

But to usher justice if you want us to fight

Give us the strength

To struggle against all elements that are unjust and dehumanising

O God of heaven, mukti and liberation

Prevent us from thinking of the drawing before we have our canvas

Deter us from reconciling with those who enslave us

Before we have inaugurated our independence

For dialogue cannot be affirmed where selfhood is not recognised

Amos Rajaratnam

# Army Media for Communication with Tamils

## Message in Kobbekaduwa's press Interview

In an interview to a Colombo Weekly, Major Gen. Denzil Kobbekaduwa has, among other things, exhorted the Tamil people to revolt against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)

Kobbekaduwa is an Army Officer of high rank. The Army keeps out of politics in any state except where an Army junta in fact rules the country. In such a State, of course, the Army is omnipotent. It decides everything; but in other states the Army's function is completely limited to one of carrying out the orders of the State. The Army does not indulge in imparting political advice to the people.

But Maj. Gen. Kobbekaduwa has sought to advise the Tamil people that they should revolt against the LTTE. This is a very serious matter.

The Sinhala chauvinists never fail to proclaim loudly that the Island is one country and the Eelam Tamils are an integral part of the so-called Sri Lankan Community. Mr. R. Premadasa, the president of Sri Lanka, in particular has been aggressively vociferous in saying that the on-going conflict is an internal matter and has warned the whole world to keep off what in his estimation is a purely internal matter. The implication is simple. The Tamil people are part of the polity.

If that were so, one ventures to pose the question, how did the President permit his Army officers to speak politics or does he have no control over them. It is nothing but simply politics to exhort the Tamil people to revolt against the LTTE.

The Sri Lankan Army and other Security personnel and also Vigilante groups carried out large scale massacres of Sinhalese people themselves in their hunt against the Janata Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP). The reports are that about 60,000 people were killed in these operations. The Sri Lankan State's operation against JVP has a long history. It started in 1971, when Mrs. Bandaranayake was Prime Minister. It continued even under her successors including her present-day successor to the office of the Head of Govt. State, President R. Premadasa. The war against the JVP continued under three governments—those of Mrs. Bandaranayake, J.R. Jayewardene and R. Premadasa.

The hunt for the JVP is by no means still over and occasionally you find reports of the Armed forces of government conducting a raid here and there and the people are told this and that had been found or recovered.

But in all these operations one never heard an Army Officer telling the Sinhalese people—especially those in Ruhuna where the JVP was popular that they should revolt against the JVP. The Army was not brave enough to tell the Sinhalese people which side they should support politically. Nor was any government head prepared to obtain the services of the Army to put a political message across to the Sinhalese people and the Colombo based "democratic and national press" could not have even dreamt of such "military intervention" in a purely political question affecting their "democracy".

However, Maj. Gen. Kobbekaduwa has thought it fit to make gratuitous advice to the Tamil people that they should revolt against the LTTE. The "national democratic" press of Colombo has given publicity to the political views of a Major-General in the Army.

Herein lies the gravity of the situation. Kobbekaduwa's message cannot be taken as one of a tired general who is battling for a long time in Tamil Eelam with no positive results and is only seeing death and destruction both to Tamil Eelam and its people as well as to the Sinhalese themselves. He cannot be regarded as one who feels remorse seeing all the havoc the Armed Forces wrought during the war. If that were so, he would not have ventured to come out with a political message only to the Tamils.

The LTTE has been decried by many others too. Many more people have advised the Tamils to shun the LTTE. But unfortunately no one has done anything to remove the causes that led to the popular support the LTTE has amongst the people. J.R. Jayewardene had all the chances to do something to remove the discrimination the Tamils were subjected to. He had all the opportunities to grant the Tamils their several rights and allow both the Sinhala nation and the Tamil nation to co-exist peacefully. He did not do it.

On the other hand, he utilized every opportunity to deny the Tamils more and more rights and conspired to annihilate them. He continued to the last to deny the Tamils what he himself had earlier agreed to, as legitimate aspirations of the Tamils. His successor, Mr. R. Premadasa, after starting

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off well, talking directly to the LTTE, again resorted to the old game of the Baudha Sinhala imperialists—speak sweetly by word of mouth but send the dagger in the back.

Why are the Sinhalese politicians so shy to come out with their own specific political solutions instead of dabbling in nonsensical generalities which would take no one anywhere? If

they think the Tamils can be fooled, they must at least have now realized that no one would trust them or take them seriously.

Mr. Premadasa's government started war on a full scale. For one year it has battled. During this long period nothing but devastation, destruction and death have been caused. Mr. Premadasa and his government have not been able to change the Tamil mind even a wee bit to their side of thinking. On the other hand, the Tamils have become more and more convinced that their salvation depends not on Sinhala generosity but on the restoration and reconstitution of Tamil Eelam.

It is in this context that Maj. General Kobbekaduwa's "political advice" becomes instructive. Sinhala politicians have tried without avail to get the Tamils to submit. Are the Sinhala politicians now threatening the Tamils through their Army men and

seeking the Tamils to conform to Sinhala rule?

If, as Mr. Premadasa often repeats, he considers the Tamils as people entitled to all rights equally with the Sinhalese, he can not permit an Army Officer to speak politics and tell the Tamils whom they should support or rebel against. Surely, Mr. Premadasa would not permit his Army officers—however highly placed they may be—to tell the Sinhalese people whom they should support to throw out. If the Army cannot indulge in political preaching to the Sinhalese, by what standard of equality of treatment to the Tamils, can the Tamils be preached politics by the Army?

Maj. General Kobbekaduwa's press interview naturally leads the Tamils to the conclusion that the Sinhala State has decided that it would employ only its armed forces as media of communication between itself and the Tamils. This is the message contained in the press interview given by Major General Kobbekaduwa.

## Towards Organic Agriculture

Adversities often bring changes for the better. There were unhealthy trends in the agricultural practices of the Northern farmers which would have led to disastrous consequences if allowed to continue unchecked. Welcome changes caused by the prevailing war situation are now taking place. This should be encouraged and the farmers properly guided so that our valuable natural resources are protected and preserved for sustained agricultural productivity.

Motivated only by quick profits, Soil and water conservation, protection of the ecological balance and the environment were all neglected by the farmers in the recent past. No proper cropping systems were followed. The rotations consisted of either tobacco, chillies, potato or tomato (all belonging to the same family) in Kalapokam (rainy season cultivation) followed by two or more successive crops of onions in Sirupokam (dry season cultivation.) None of these crops fix atmospheric nitrogen. So high yields were maintained by heavy chemical fertilisation with the help of pesticides and herbicides that fought the pests and weeds which ordinarily thrive on the endless repetition of the same crops. Excessive chemical fertilisation was also having its adverse effects on the structure of the soil and polluting underground water. Unrestricted and indiscrimi-

nate use of herbicides and pesticides were resulting in the breeding of resistant strains. Of course, chemical companies were there to offer newer and more potent chemicals only to start the same thing again. Excessive and frequent irrigations from shallow and deep wells with the use of high volume fuel and electric pumps were already running up against

By:

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ground water limitations in addition to endangering the quality of water.

It was the same story as far as the ricelands are also concerned.

Now, desirable changes are beginning to take place in the cropping systems due to market limitations for the usual 'cash' crops consequent to the complete breakdown of the transport system after the fuel embargo and other restrictions. Meaningful rotations with the inclusion of more useful crops like pulses are now being followed. Pulses not only provide the much needed protein for the population but the bacteria in their root nodules enrich the soil fertility. By the inclusion of pulses and other leguminous green manure or fodder crops the farmer need not depend on banned fertilisers like urea for the manufacture of which nitrogen is extracted from the air by the burning of natural gas in huge factories. Millions and millions of bacteria do the same thing for him-free.

Nonavailability of pesticides has necessitated the adoption of at least some aspects of intergrater pest management practices otherwise the farmers would have continued to rely solely on chemical methods which would have, in addition to the breeding of tougher strains, destroyed the beneficial fauna not to mention contamination of produce and direct hazards—now that even soap is not available for the farmer to wash himself after each "operation spraying"; The embargo on fuel and electricity is also having beneficial effects on irrigation practices. Judicious irrigations are now being given to crops using manual and animal power and by improving the water retention capacity of the soil with increased applications of organic manures.

These trends provide a good opportunity for all concerned to promote the practice of "Organic Agriculture" which appears to be an appropriate system for the region especially under the prevailing circumstances.

The fundamental issue that divides "organic" farmers from their "chemical" counterparts is whether the farmer should be primarily concerned with feeding the SOIL or the PLANT. The organic position is that if the farmer keeps the soil in good condition the plants will pretty much take care of them-

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# Musings by Nestor

There is much scare and excitement about Rajiv Gandhi's death. When one of U.S.A's outstanding Presidents, Kennedy was killed, the United States did not get excited. The excitement is most in Tamil Nadu. There may be reason for Chief Minister Jayalalitha being excited because she hoped she could achieve much through Rajiv Gandhi.

Investigators do fail to take note of the elementary fact of human psychology. Rajiv Gandhi is tall, handsome and youngish looking and no woman (certainly not a young woman) would make her mind to do death to Rajiv Gandhi, unless of course, under tremendous emotional stress, she was bent on wreaking vengeance. There are instances of would-be assassins dropping their weapons and running away for no other reason than that of being overwhelmed by the personality of the person sought to be assassinated. No amount of group terrorism would induce a young woman to kill Gandhi unless of course, as mentioned earlier, she was goaded by the urge for revenge.

So many days of intensive investigation did not give any reliable clue to the identity of the young woman. There is also a press report that when the woman was struggling to get a place in the queue of those seeking to garland Rajiv Gandhi, the latter beckoned her and that is how she was allowed to proceed towards Rajiv Gandhi without being subjected to examination by the metal detector. This raises a doubt whether Rajiv Gandhi knew her earlier. No one can answer this question.

Rajiv Gandhi was the Premier who wanted to interfere in the affairs of others and play the role of the Policeman of the neighbourhood. He intervened in Maldives with much subtlety. He intervened in Ceylon quite openly. He caused the killing of, according to Indian Press reports, between six and seven thousand innocent Tamil civilians within a few months under circumstances which no one could excuse. He ordered an indefinite curfew for about one month in a highly urbanised area and issued a peremptory order asking almost a lakh of residents to quit their homes; those who did not quit their homes were shot dead by the Indian Peace Keeping Force.

At Chavakachcheri Market Square Indian planes were

circling above. The people thought that the Indian planes would not indulge in aerial attack and were gazing at the planes. Suddenly the planes bombed and nearly a hundred persons were killed or injured. Rajiv Gandhi did not merely kill the Tamils but he indulged in treacherous betrayal of the Tamils and killed six to seven thousand innocent civilian Tamils and about a thousand freedom fighters solely for the purpose of giving time and opportunity to the Sinhalese to regroup and re-arm themselves. If Rajiv Gandhi's assassin is a young woman from Tamil Eelam as is suspected then, in all probability a lover or husband of her or her entire family might have been massacred during the IPKF operations.

Probably she has made representations to Rajiv Gandhi personally and that is how Rajiv Gandhi knew her and beckoned her to come ahead of the others with the garland.

## Parameters for Peace

(1) Peace makers appear to be over busy in seeking to bring

peace in the Island between Tamils and Sinhalese. There are certain parameters which cannot be ignored. Dialogues took place and Accords and Agreements were reached on a number of occasions. The Sinhala Governments always defrauded these Agreements because another political party would exploit the agreement as a surrender to the Tamils. Hence any Accord and Agreement should be the award of an umpire or arbitrator whose moral authority would prevent political parties seeking to exploit the Agreement.

(2) The word minority and majority should be banned in any talk or dialogues. No word signifying minority or majority ever appeared in Mahavamsa, Chulavamsa or other Sinhalese chronicles. These words got into coinage only after the Britisher lumped together the Sinhalese and Tamil nations. Now that the Britisher had gone these counterfeit coinages must get out of circulation. The Sinhalese are Sinhalese and the Tamils are Tamils. If the counterfeit coinage of the Britisher, namely, majority and minority is allowed to be used no settlement would be ever

reached. The outlook of both the Sinhalese and the Tamils would be coloured by the majority minority complex. When groups suffer from complexes no objective solution is possible.

Having regard to the experience of the past since Independence any peace-maker should ask himself and try to give conscientious answer to these questions. A, B, C, D.

(A) Do the Sinhalese regard or behave towards the Tamils on the footing of fellow citizenship?

(B) Do the Sinhalese cherish any sense of fellowship towards the Tamils, Are not the Sinhalese guided by age old superstitions and faiths which have sunk into their minds and which are nourished and nurtured by the Buddhist Bhikkus?

(C) Commencing from the Sinhala Only Board of Ministers of 1936, the Sinhalese have persistently pursued a Sinhala Only policy concept. Can anyone deny this?

(D) Why should not the peace-makers meet the aspirations of the Sinhalese for a Sinhala Only polity instead of shackling them with the Tamil linguistic group in two Provinces?

Let the peace-makers grant the aspirations of the Sinhalese by granting a Sinhala Sri Lankan polity in the seven Sinhala provinces which voted for the creation of the Republic of Sri Lanka. The viable solution is very simple; leave the Tamils alone in their barren and dry North-East.

Peace makers should look to current history. Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemberg formed the Benelux and had the benefit of a customs union. This was the precursor to the European Economic Community entering into a customs union and later on into several agreements so that the once warring nations of Europe now operate a peaceful and flourishing union. There is much greater unity between the States of the European Economic Community than there is between the States of the Indian Republic. If a customs union were to be formed the basis of Accord between Eelam and Sri Lanka will eventually lead to a similar customs union and internal free trade between the members of the SAARC organization and the SAARC organization become a tangible union as the EEC is. Why cannot the people think ahead and take a broad view of the question?

## Major - General's Banking Worries

Major General Denzil Kobbekaduwa is reported to have said that the Tigers have opened a banking institution.

The people of Jaffna who are frustrated with the working of the existing Banks in Jaffna think that the new bank spoken of by the military officer should be a welcome boon to the people. In Jaffna very often the existing banks go "bankrupt". They are unable to carry out

their statutory and contractual obligations. They plead non-availability of liquid cash but the poor customer cannot go any where else.

"The news just released by the Major - General was quite welcome but the snag is that the Major - General does not say where this Tiger Bank operates", said one Bank customer.

By the way, does not the Major - General know that even private banks do operate?

## Towards...

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selves. Another significant aspect of this system in which livestock play an important part is the non-dependance on purchased outside inputs. "Wastes from farm and farmsteads become valuable resources".

There is an enormous potential in this area for composted human sewage. In organic oriented farming suitable cultural practices keep weeds and pests under tolerable

or relatively harmless levels. Chemical methods of control are resorted to as a last step. The fine tiith and the organic content of the soil not only increases the water retention capacity but also eliminates the necessity for big tractors and deep ploughings which disturb soil life. Shallow tillage with bull-ock drawn light implements is sufficient.

Although the scientific principles of organic agriculture are still being debated by agricultural scientists

adoption of these principles preferably with a healthy b'end of the chemical methods is bound to prove fruitful

in this area. After all, our farmers have successfully practised most of these methods for centuries.

## The Man and the Brute

*Ever since the birth  
Of man on this tottering earth  
The Brute in man  
Fights the Man in man.  
Everytime the brute wins,  
Man's castles crumble to ruins.  
The Salt of the Earth  
For all one is worth  
Strains every nerve  
To free Man from the Brute  
And to make this earth  
A Paradise full of mirth.  
But the scum of the earth  
To steal a place on this earth  
Wears the gown of a politician  
And conspires with the Brute in man  
To subjugate the Man the brainy  
And to crown the Brute the brawny  
With the help of the brutal forces  
Shatters everything to pieces.*

— Crito —

# Tamil Eelam Refugees Safe and Sound in Europe But not in Madras

## Intellectual Honesty and Moral Courage - Need of the Hour

Respected Friend,

I write this letter in connection with the latest arrests made of the suspected Tamil Eelam LTTE Militants and other Tamil activists, presently living as refugees in Tamil Nadu. All the newspapers have simply reproduced the information doled out by the Government sources and blared through the electronic media. Accordingly one gets the impression that about 450 Tamil Refugees have been flushed out, of which some 81 have been discovered as the hard core LTTE Militants on 14th December 90.

By a coincidence I happened to meet some of these respected gentlemen who were arrested and released on 14th evening. I am really surprised to note that none of our newspapers have given the names and details of the persons taken into custody and those released on the same day. Some of the known persons released on 14th evening include persons like Mr. R. Namasivayam aged 78 years, an attorney at-law and his brother-in-law aged 71 years, a Canadian passport holder, and Mr. Thiagarajan aged 61. Another gentlemen known to me, is my neighbour Mr. M. K. Ezhavendan (TELF Secretary) aged 58 years:

I understand, a majority of the young men arrested are students enrolled in various

educational institutions and continuing their studies in Tamil Nadu. Others are those waiting to proceed to the Western Countries in the near future.

Even though Mr. M. K. Ezhavendan has been relea-

social or anti-Indian activity.

To the best of my knowledge most of those outside the refugee camps are leading respectable lives out of the generosity of their prosperous relatives living abroad who send foreign exchange to this

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sed, to this day. I see a group of constables waiting at his home, posted on guard duty. As a neighbour I am an eye witness to this spectre.

I understand, the police had extended exemplary treatment to these men. They also conducted themselves very decently while making searches in the residences of these refugees.

All these Eelam Tamils are not in any ways responsible for various troubles that India is going today. They are not in any way responsible for the caste and communal riots. (in many states outside Tamil Nadu) nor for the Ramajanna Bhoomi-Babri - Masjid controversy. They are not propagating any secessionist ideology, in any Indian state. They are neither engaged in class conflicts nor in any anti-

country for their sustenance. Some of them depend on the good-will of their relatives and friends living in Tamil Nadu. A few of them were lucky to bring with them whatever they could salvage before the worst things happened in Sri Lanka. Yet, I firmly believe that these unfortunate Tamil Sri-Lankans are being used as pawns in the dirty game played by some Indian leaders, engaged in the so called profession of public life.

Certainly they are not expecting any unflinching support from the Indian Prime Minister unlike his Pakistani counterpart who pronounced all-out support, moral as well as material, to the insurgents fighting against Indian forces in Kashmir and Punjab.

Unlike the PLO, they are not seeking any recognition or status for their presence in India. The honourable Indian politicians and men of the fourth estate go all out in shedding tears for the victims of apartheid in South Africa. They are ever ready to shed tears for the victims of Military dictatorships all over the world. Yet their eyes are dry when it comes to the Tamil victims of genocide and state terrorism practised by the Sri Lankan Government.

What amuses me most is the superior diplomatic skill and the intelligence of the top ranking Sri Lankan politicians vis-a-vis the Indian leaders in Delhi and Madras. My hats off to Jayewardene who dexterously used Indian political and military power to achieve his "dirty job" in Sri Lanka. His protege and successor Premadasa used the LTTE power and exerted pressure on Indian political authority to ease out the Indian Military presence from Sri Lanka. This was done in the name of Sri Lankan sovereignty and self-respect.

The very ideals of sovereignty and self-respect were once again used effectively by Premadasa to blackmail the LTTE and Tamil aspirations. As a result the Indian political forces today are

very much scared both of Premadasa and Prabhakaran for different reasons.

While politicians are fiddling in Colombo and Delhi, the Tamil areas in Sri Lanka are burning.

The victims of this sordid Indian drama are the poor stranded Tamil Eelam refugees in India. I have seen in Paris and London ordinary and humble Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka, capable of leading safe and secure and prosperous lives, whereas, I see even affluent Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka, living under pathetic conditions in Madras City.

When responsible and reputed papers like yours are not in position to publish the truth, then certainly there is no use for people like me to pride over the lingering remnants of our democratic structure and hope for a future, dreamt by the founders of our Republic. Certainly I may not be in a position to guide and prepare my students when voices like yours, that sounded louder than Bofors guns, mysteriously remain silent, at a time when we need intellectual honesty and moral courage.

Thanking you.

I remain  
Yours faithfully,  
U. Munuswamy

## Desultory Ramblings of Vadali Velan

Being diffident by nature and being of an untuned mind, yours truly has always deferred to the pragmatic advice of the elders of the village, when confronted with the complexities of life even that which concern the political scenario impinging upon the well-being of our people as a national entity. Being thoroughly flabbergasted by the strange turn of political events even whilst our Tamil Eelam nation is engaged in a life and death struggle to win her basic freedoms, I sought refuge and solace in the counsel of these wise old men, in an effort to preserve my sanity. I was re-assured and advised to acquire the habit of conceding the fact that some human beings, especially the "odd balls", must of necessity have their hallucinations-a state of suspended sanity or over-stretched imagination and fantastic rationalizations, assumed as

an antidote for frustrations and hopelessness; and which affects these poor and miserable human beings in a manner ranging from the mild to the macabre in severity. These hallucinations are said to be born, in the first instance, as illusions of grandeur, such as stationing of the spurious Sri Lankan Coldstream Guards (with the adornment "G.R." on their uniforms at the outset) to do service to "His Majesty, Junius Jayewardene", who in his doxage, even imagined and seemed to perceive Naxalites in every nook and corner and, perhaps under his very bed as an inveterate drunkard would have visions of pink elephants. This seeing of things, that are not, leads these hapless individuals ultimately unto aberrations in pronouncements and behaviour which could harm others, if these individuals are not sequest-

ered and their activities neutralized in time.

As an aftermath of my soliciting the help of my elders, I have acquired a fascination for the study of hallucinations per se, which has enabled me to clear my mind and regain my habitual sang-froid. There is now no fantasy that could keep me awake at nights which I cannot dispel instantly by measuring it against the backdrop of the phenomenon of hallucination.

I can now comprehend why one of the Tamil Eelam liberation groups went over to the Maldives to liberate Tamil Eelam (a geographical hallucination) from the Sinhalese who were actually not there-so disobliging them; why all such liberation groups, except the LTTE, have joined hands with the Sinhala government to liberate the Tamils from the stranglehold

of the Sinhala government itself and why the much-celebrated (amongst the IPKF and the Sri Lankan government, to a lesser extent Varatharajah perumal of provincial Council infamy, fled to India thinking all the while that great land is in Australia-all due to hallucinations!

Being ridden with delusions, working at cross-purposes, muttering to oneself, being pompous, indulging in grandiose declarations, claiming preposterous victories and other such behaviour are symptoms of this strange malady. Thus, suffering under a delusion (a mild form of hallucination) Premadasa, who is personification of all that is fraudulent and untrustworthy, is found to continue mumbling to himself the words, "Consultation, Compromise and Consensus" which are considered the most hackneyed and discredited to date, as he is under a hallucination that his

credibility is intact even though it has been made plain to him by the world at large that he has been caught out in his perfidies.

Placing ridiculous embargoes against the entry of chocolate bars, soya bean products, cakes of soap and other sundry items of common use, into Northern Tamil Eelam with the intention of reducing the fire-power of the LTTE liberators, demanding that this gallant band of warriors lay down arms and insisting that all these other discredited Tamil liberation groups should also be allowed to represent Tamil Eelam interests, whilst they are yet assisting the Sinhala army in the annihilation of Tamil Eelam itself, are all now understandable-hallucinations!

Why our friends across the Palk Strait sent over the IPKF to plague, plunder and murder the people of this

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## A WELCOME DECISION

A local Tamil daily carried a report to the effect that the British Government has suspended financial aid to Sri Lanka as the latter is involved in human rights violations.

According to this Daily, the British Government's decision was made known to the London Sunday Times by the British Minister concerned.

The paper further reported that the British Foreign Minister has also said that Britain proposes to seek the co-operation of European countries also in implementing Britain's decision to suspend aid to Third World countries which practise human rights violations such as Sri Lanka, Burma, Sudan and Somalia.

We welcome the decision of the British Government.

In regard to this Island of Ceylon, all the war, death and destruction that is now taking place between the Tamils and Sinhalese, is the direct consequence of British occupation of the Island.

When Britain captured the Island, it was careful not to disturb the national divide but as time went by, the British seemed to have forgotten the fact that they captured not one country but three different countries within the geographical expression called the Island of Ceylon and that the Tamil country differed from other two in every respect, including race, religion, language, culture and customs. The result was the imposition of a unitary state comprising many different states. After the British left, the inert differences between the different countries became acute and today we witness war and destruction.

The Tamils who lived independently in their own state with their own army for the defence of their country and for the protection of their people, are today pathetically left with no protection whatsoever. Their country - Tamil Eelam - is being robbed from them and all efforts are being made to convert the Tamil country into Sinhala territory. The Tamils are being destroyed and their land is being laid waste by the Sinhala army. The Tamils have no army to defend themselves and their land. The Tamils in this country face total annihilation - genocide. This is because Britain failed to hand back the Tamil country to the Tamils, when it left Ceylon.

It is in this context that we say that Britain has a responsibility towards her former subjects the Tamils of Eelam, and we are happy that Britain, having realized her responsibility, has thought it necessary that she should discharge her responsibility.

Human rights involve both individual human rights and individual group rights. As a group of people the Eelam Tamils qualify for nationhood from what ever angle one chooses to look at the matter. This right includes the right of the Tamils to exercise their right of self-determination and regain and re-constitute their state.

Though the Eelam Tamils have expressed their option to regain and re-constitute their state on several occasions, this right has been denied to the Tamils at the point of the gun. The Tamils have now been compelled to carry on a war on unequal terms. The Sinhalese imperialists not only have larger numbers and larger territory but they also hold the state machinery. By the cruel manipulation of the machinery of the state, they are carrying out genocide of the Tamils - though they have no moral or legal right to do so. They are nevertheless emboldened in their campaign because they think that the comity of nations will accept them as the lawful state - which in fact they are not. Relying on this, they establish foreign relations and obtain various forms of aid from foreign countries and invariably use such foreign aid for the aggrandisement of the Sinhala state over the Tamils.

It must be remembered that the Baudha Sinhala imperialist State is able to carry on a ground, sea and air battle against the Tamils with sophisticated weapons because it is able to obtain foreign aid. The stoppage of foreign aid will act as a deterrent against the Baudha Sinhala chauvinism and imperialism which hopes to achieve a military conquest over the Tamil nation which still has no state machinery to protect itself from foreign aggression.

## Sinhala Fishermen from South Settled in East

It is learnt that Sinhala fishermen from the Southern Province have been settled in coastal areas of the Batticaloa and Amparai Districts in the villages of Valaichenai, Kalkudah and Pottuvil and all encouragement and assistance given to them to engage in coastal and deep sea fishing.

These Sinhala fishermen now settled in these coastal areas of the Eastern Province are people from the coastal areas of Matara, Gandhara, Devinuwara, Weligama and Mirissa-all villages in the deep Southern Province.

It is further learnt that the Sinhala Army is being engaged to provide protection for these Sinhala fishermen from outside to settle in their new homes in the Tamil homeland.

## Warrent for Arrest

The Commander of the Sri Lankan Army, General Hamilton Wanasinghe, is reported to have said that the Warrant for the Arrest of the Tiger Leader, Mr. Velupillai Pirabakaran, is in his hands and that the Sri Lankan Army would arrest him soon-within the next three months.

The late State Defence Minister of Sri Lanka, General Ranjan Wijeratne, must be turning in his grave at

the ingratitude of the Government of which he was such an important figure and Cabinet Spokeman for virtually calling him a "liar" now by handing over a Warrant for Arrest of Mr. Velupillai Pirabakaran, whom the late Minister declared dead without doubt long ago.

Human Rights enthusiasts please don't pose the question whether the Army is armed with Arrest Warrants to boot, when they arrest innocent people.

## NEWS ROUND UP

12-8-91

At Kadduvan. Artillery shell attack from Palaly Army Camp. Two persons injured. They were Susi of Kondavil and Murugesu of Mallakam.

At Batticaloa. Army opened fire and two girls died on the spot.

13-8-91

At Valvai - Helicopter attack. Damages not verified.

14-8-91

At Kodikamam. Helicopter attack and grenade charge. Damages have not been verified.

Palai-Attack by Avro Bombers Artillery shell attack from Elephant Pass Army

Camp towards Uruthirapuram and Thiruvaiaru.

17-8-91

At Batticaloa, Sri Lankan Army opened fire killing one person on the spot.

19-8-91

At Thalayady. Bomber attack. Houses were damaged and people rendered homeless.

At Ponnalai and Moolair Artillery shell attack, Many Houses were severely damaged.

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small nation of ours, claiming that their army is the "finest in the world" and why even now some of these Indian leaders are continuing to behave towards us in a capricious manner are clear as daylight - hallucinations aggravated by a rabid fear of "the hidden hand"!

If however a device could be found to cure Premadasa and convince him that he is certainly not saintly nor reliable and that he is a stranger to honesty, integrity and fair-play and, most of all, that all the world does not believe what he believes of himself, there is bound to be less woe and grief in at least the Island to-day leave alone India.

## Father of

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Tamil farmer on Thursday, August 15th, 1991.

The reports further add that the victim was a resident of the 13th Colony. He was a farmer and was proceeding towards his farm, when he was shot dead.

The deceased has been identified as Kanapthipilai Sritharan (30) a father of four children.

## Donald Ganeshkumar Trophy

Grass Hoppers beat Point Pedro by 6 wickets with Ganeshkumar stroking a paltry 46 not out. Johnians got the better of Kokuvil after being hopelessly placed

at 47 for 6 in the Quarter Finals.

Both Johnians and Grass Hoppers are now in the Semi-finals which will be played this week at Central College Grounds.

## Seperate Sovereign State — Only Hope

We started the Federal movement at one time to obtain the lost rights of the Tamil-speaking people and now we have found that through federalism we cannot achieve our objective. In view of this experience, we have come to the conclusion that we must separate and if we do not do that, the Tamil-speaking people will never be able to get back their lost rights.

Our ancient people were wise. They had their own kingdom. In the history of Ceylon we had a place. We are not asking for a division of the country by our movement but we are only trying to regain what we have lost.

Our party is today moving with the idea of establishing a separate state. It is not an easy matter to get a separate state. It is a difficult matter. We know that it is difficult. But either we get out of the power of the Sinhalese masses or we perish. That is certain. Therefore we will try to get this separation. We have abandoned the demand for a federal constitution. Our movement will be all non-violent,

S. J. V. Chelvanayakam in Parliament  
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