

Thai Pongal**National Festival of Tamils**

We wish all our readers a happy Thai-Pongal which is the National Festival of the Tamil people the world over which recognise the toils of agriculturists.

Thai Pongal also depicts the Tamil genius of respecting Labour from ancient times.

KILALI MASSACRE**Bishop Defies JOC**

The Bishop of Colombo (Anglican Church) Rt. Rev. Kenneth Fernando arrived at Jaffna on Thursday, January 7, at 11-30 p.m. defying a ban imposed on his travel to Jaffna by Joint Operation Command (JOC) forbidding him crossing the Kilali sea. He was accompanied by Rev. Fr. Rienzi Perera.

28 Killed-Many Injured-Several Missing**NAVAL BRUTALITY ON THE HIGH SEAS AT NIGHT**

The Sri Lankan Navy opened fire on civilian passengers crossing the sea at Kilali, captured a number of boats and dragged them along with them on the night of Saturday January 2.

Fifteen dead bodies were washed ashore, several people escaped with serious injuries and over 50 are reported still missing.

The tale of horror related by some injured persons who had swam their way to safety is reminiscent of May, 1985 massacre of civilian passengers - both young and old and men and women, who were hacked, clubbed or stabbed to death on board the "Kumudhini" a Government owned passenger launch operating between Delft and Pungudutivu when they were on the high seas by the Sri Lankan Navy.

According to reports in this connection about ten or twelve boats left the shores of Kilalai with civilian passengers on board who were travelling to Colombo and other places south of Jaffna peninsula on the night of Saturday, January 2.

The boats having sailed some distance in the sea soon found they were being fired at. Some persons succumbed to their injuries. Within minutes the passenger boats were surrounded by Sri Lankan Naval Boats from which were thrown inflammable stuff which caused fire. Also the Navy men had flashed lights and finding people jumped into the boats

Navy men also had thrown grenades into the Passenger boats which caused injuries to many passengers. Thereafter the Navy men had tied the passenger boats and dragged them along with them. One of the boats, however, had stuck half-way because the rope with which it was tied gave way. An injured person who was hiding

himself inside this boat after finding that his boat has been severed from the rest, (Continued on Page 4)

It is learnt the LTTE provided escort to the Bishop for his safe travel across the Kilali sea.

THE CHOICE BEFORE SINHALESE:**Tamils' Right of Self-determination or Tamil Eelam**

Bishop of Colombo expresses his sorrow for the sufferings of the people

Forty long years of history has given the Tamils sufficient

experience. We have come to certain decisions from which we shall not retract. It is left to the Sinhalese to opt between the Tamils' right of self-determination and Tamil Eelam," said Rev. Dr. S. J. Emmanuel Vicar General, Jaffna speaking at the public reception accorded to Rt. Rev. Kenneth Fernando, at St. John's College Hall Jaffna.

At the public reception presided over by Rev. Fr. S. P. Nesakumaran, Rt. Rev. D. J. Ambalavanar, Bishop of Jaffna (C.S.I.) and Nallai Aatheenam Sri La Sri Somasunthara Thambiran (Head of Hindu Mutt) also welcomed the new Bishop on behalf of the followers of their respective faiths.

Rt Rev. Kenneth Fernando replying to the welcome speeches said that he preferred to use the Kilali sea passage which is used by the public, although the Government offered to provide helicopter light from Kilinochchi "My travel in the boat has given me experience and I fully understand the difficulties the people undergo and the exorbitantly high cost of

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First Tamil Video Cine Film Released**Mr. Pirabakaran Praises Effort**

"Our literary and cultural products should reflect in all their depth our people's yearning for freedom and their

lives of struggle. They should be acclaimed as great works of art all over the world," said Mr. V. Pirabakaran, the

LTTE leader, speaking amongst artistes who participated in the video film named (Continued on Page 4)



Picture shows Mr. V. Pirabakaran presenting an award to Mr. P. Thasan who directed the video film "Thamilosai"

Temptation is too much to resist

Sivalingam Annapooranam of Erlalai was one of the victims of Navy brutality at Kilali on Saturday, January 2.

When her dead body was brought to Jaffna, her relations found that both her ears had been chopped off - for the very good reason of the Naval looters to rob her of the valuable gold earrings she was wearing!

The members of the household said she had taken Rs. 100,000/- along with her to pay for sending her son abroad, who is in Colomb. Of course there was no trace of the money on the corpse.

SUPERSONIC JETS ATTACK SITHANKERNI**10 Killed - 20 - Injured - All Civilians**

Ten persons were killed and over 20 injured when two Sri Lankan Super sonic Jets carried out rocket bomb attack from the air at Sithankerny on Wednesday, January 6.

The news in this connection states that about 10.15 am on Wednesday, January 6,

two Sri Lankan supersonic jets roamed here and there in Valikamam West area and suddenly started rocket attack along a thickly populated area of about 1 mile near the Sithankerny Pillayar temple.

Ten persons were killed and over 20 injured. A rice

mill and some houses were damaged. All those killed and injured are civilians.

Some of the dead who have been identified are: Kama-jambal - Female 48 years, Uthayakumar 23, Sivanathan 45, Kamalambikai. Female 52, Mrs. Nadarajah - Female 70

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Govt. Slowly Killing Tamils but we will win in the end

Swami Chidrupanada Tells London Audience

Swami Chidrupanada, the Swami in charge of the Sri Saradha Shevashramam at Point Pedro, who recently visited London addressed a meeting of the members of the International Tamil Foundation. The Swami in his speech said:

Our people are under going a lot of hardship since 1984 first due to Sri Lankan Govt. attacks, then the I. P. K. F. and then the Sri Lankan attack again. We are being attacked from the air, land and sea. The shelling from the land and sea takes place without any warning. As a result we have a large number of homeless, widows and orphans. We are trying to help these people as much as we can. The Govt. is slowly killing off the Tamils ie. reduce the numbers. There is no electricity. We are using jam bottles to make kerosene lamps. Many

people go to bed by 7.30 p.m. Some people have their own generators.

There is random blockade of goods. You cannot take even a pin to the North. Situation in the East is different. Even though it is politically more messy you can get most goods due to the presence of Muslims. eg. You cannot get a bag of cement in the North but it is available in the East. The Govt. is trying to drive a wedge between the North and the East.

Bicycle is the main form of transport for most people

including the Vice Chancellor. Going through Vavuniya to the North is difficult and expensive. Luggage is thrown about in the process of checking and goods are lost. The School system is working inspite of the difficulties. We are very short of Doctors and are surviving with the help of Foreign Doctors.

We have to endure the present difficulties and we will win in the end. Even people in Colombo do not know what is going on in the North and hence events are bound to be misreported here.

The International Tamil Foundation decided to donate £200 to Sri Saradha Shevashramam, Point Pedro.

SRI LANKAN NAVAL SPEED BOAT DAMAGED

News from Kilali say that a Sri Lankan Naval speed boat was damaged by Sea Tiger Fire on the night of Sunday, December 20.

According to the news the Sea Tigers patrolled the Kilali sea on the night of December 20 and fired at Sri Lankan Naval Gun Boats, and Speed Boats. There was exchange of fire between the

two sides the sounds which were heard on land.

The news further adds that consequent to damage sustained by a Sri Lankan Naval Boat, the Sri Lankan Navy retreated. At the same time artillery shell attack was launched on Kilali and Alankerny shores on either side of the sea from the Sri Lankan Army Camps at Elephant Pass and Poonakari.

OUR READERS SAY

DEGENERATION OF THE SANGHA

Lord Buddha organized the Sangha, the members of which, whilst themselves observing the rules of conduct laid down by Him, were to preach the Doctrine far and wide. The Sangha, as established by the Buddha, was an organised brotherhood of earnest minded men - and later of women also - who had dedicated their lives to the service of humanity. They were not intended to be priesthood with power to administer His Teachings with ulterior motives.

Rev. Thibulagala Thita. lagama Seelalankara Thero is reported to have advised the President, Mr. Premadasa, to instal criminals in detention in the South, along the borders of Mahaveli in the North Eastern Province. The Rev. Thero has further suggested to the President that even the JVP suspects be installed along the boundaries of the N.E., as a measure of rehabilitating them. The above suggestions, per se, have proved to be in complete violation of the Dhammapada - the Message of the Master whereat he declared -

Abstention from evil,
Practise all that is good
Purification of mind and heart.

This suggestion invites the President to be a partner in crime. This Island is already in the grip of destruction due to the Sangha interfering in the affairs of the State and obstructing any meaningful measures being adopted as a cure to the existing malady. If it were not for the Sangha, long time ago some tangible solution could have been

reached and both warring peoples could have averted the present bloodshed. The B - C Pact was abrogated due to the interference of the Sangha. And the Dudley-

Chelvanayakam Pact was yet another move which proved abortive due to the Sangha interfering. All progressive measures ended abortively with the Sangha obstructing those moves.

Rev. Seelalankara Thero's advice discloses the criminal element in him. The present turn of events shall be an eye - opener to every right - thinking person that the

Ceylon Sangha has been responsible to a great measure in driving a wedge between the two major peoples.

D. Jeevananthan
Vathiry

Prime Minister D. B. Wijetunge - not so innocent!

Prime Minister. D. B. Wijetunge looks very innocent but due to his association with crafty men in Ministry and the Political party he has perhaps been spoilt so much that he makes clownish statements.

The 'Ethnic problem' is very much there. Even the I.P.K.F. came here allegedly to solve the Ethnic Problem. Several countries offered to

mediate in the dispute to bring peace with honour to both sides. Mr. Wooton and several Clergymen (Christians) have also offered to mediate to bring this Conflict to a settlement. Knowing all these the Prime Minister before his departure to Kuwait in the latter part of last year made a statement to the effect that there was no Ethnic Problem in Sri Lanka, but

only Terrorist Problem. He had, however failed to mention that the Terrorist Problem came as a result of State Terrorism by all the Services- Offensive Forces not Defence Forces, because they are not defending the country against external aggression. Actually is this statement of the Prime Minister not clownish?

In July this year, this very same Prime Minister made a statement to the effect that the war will be over within

3 Months. When the three months period lapsed, he said that everything would be over by the end of this year (1992). I do not know by what magic that he will end this war within the next two weeks. Let us wait and see how his magic works to stop this war within the next two weeks. Or will he reiterate his latest position that there is no war and therefore nothing to end.

KAVADI VELAN

What you sow, you reap

We have been suffering untold hardships since June, 1990. Leave aside food, electricity, basic needs for reasonable health - essential medicines are not all available. A doctor in our area prescribed a medicine for me a month back and up to now this drug is not available. It is quite strange that I am quite well without this treatment of this drug. We feel the service done to the needy at a time like this, the deserving peoples' good thoughts must have cured me.

We feel certain that we, Tamils cannot be deceived in future. We would prefer a clear - cut solution from this government. The big bluff by all the political leaders of any party in Colombo has no place for us. How long are these so - called educated leaders taking us

for a drive? Religious leaders visiting us - has it brought any good to us? The decision has to be made in Colombo. Leave aside, religious leaders - no decent living society will approve all these insinuations perpetrated systematically on us.

More a decision is delayed, the effect of the sufferings of the poor people is going to bring untold misery to the Sinhalese Community. This last Act of Providence cannot be delayed by any force in the world.

"What you sow, you reap." This dictum is true at all times.

Yours in the Lord,
Swami Chidrupanada
Sri Sarada Sevashramam,
Point Pedro.

L.T.T.E. Kills Two S.L. Soldiers at Vavunia

The LTTE carried out an attack on a group of Sinhala soldiers at Navatkulam in Vavunia, killing two soldiers and recovering their arms and ammunitions.

The news in this connection states that on Sunday, January, 3, morning at 7.50 the LTTE attacked Sinhala soldiers removing road blocks within

75 yards of the Sri Lankan Army's Forward Defence Line at Navatkulam in the Vavunia District. Two Sinhala soldiers were killed while two others were wounded.

The LTTE also recovered arms and ammunitions from the Sinhala soldiers. There was no casualty on the LTTE side.

No Salary for over two years

It is learnt that employees of the Brick and Tile Factory at Oddusuddan have not been paid their salaries for over two years now. Even permanent employees have not been paid their salaries.

The Oddusuddan Brick and Tile Factory is run by the

Government sponsored Corporation - the Sri Lanka Ceramics Corporation.

It is learnt that the Manager of the Factory proceeded to Colombo recently to get the salaries of the employees but the Corporation in Colombo has declined to pay the salaries.

It is neither the strength of an army nor its firepower that decide the course of a war. It is the minutely prepared war tactics that decide the out-come of a war.

Calculating the ground realities and external factors very clearly, weighing the strength as well as the weakness of the enemy and considering what the outcome of the action would be, if the war strategies were proceeded with on these bases, they will be of immense help in carrying on the war. Planning such strategies of war itself is a specialised and technical art.

Anticipating with fore-knowledge the objectives and tactics of the enemy and on such basis planning one's own war strategies, is a specialised aspect of war. This is inevitable to smash the strategies of the enemy and make him see stars.

In assessing last year's war as a whole, it can be said that the most important war achievement of the Liberation Tigers was in making war strategies of the Sinhala army command unrealistic and ineffective. The Tiger strategies of attack last year were in pursuance of this objective. The honour of planning these war strategies and successfully implementing them goes to our Leader Pirabakaran.

In the latter part of 1991 itself, a massive war strategy for the campaign to capture the Jaffna Peninsula was prepared. Premadasa government thought that only by capturing the Jaffna Peninsula, considered to be the fortress of the Tigers that it could destroy the commanding position of the Tigers in Tamil Eelam. It was calculated on the part of the Government that the Tigers, who had met with big loss of lives in the Elephant Pass and Manal Aru battles, would find it difficult to withstand a joint attack of the three armed forces in a conventional war.

Our leader, Pirabakaran, came to know of this plan of attack of the Sinhala army command. He, in order to avoid the necessity of engaging in a defensive battle which is full of difficulties by giving away the initiative to the army, decided to take the initiative himself and planned a war strategy to suit same and implemented it immediately. His war strategy was to destroy the enemy's war plan and make it ineffective.

This strategy of attack was put into effect from the early part of last year with full force. Constant, unabated and uninterrupted attacks

were made on enemy's positions. Military operations of the Tigers were put into force mostly in the nights with lightning speed, without giving the enemy time to realise what is happening and get help and counter-attack. Even big attacks only took a few hours. Enemy's forward defence lines, sentry points and defensive fences were destroyed continuously and systematically. Patrol units were annihilated. War was extended up to the boundaries of the enemy. Not confining themselves to the land, the Tigers extended their attack on sea and air. The armies of the enemy had to shed their blood, as has never occurred earlier.

The new war strategies of our leader, Pirabakaran, perturbed the Sinhala armies. The army lost its initiative. Strategies of their campaigns of aggression became ineffective.

The war strategies initiated by the Tigers were not merely sudden attacks based on

to give up offensive campaigns and was forced to restrict himself to defensive positions. We are progressively extending our war of liberation in stages according to the limited boundaries of power in our hands and according to our distinct geographical and political realities with our own tactical and strategic plans. Extension of the phase of the war depends not merely on our resources of man-power and arms but also on the outcome of the minutely directed war strategies and the extraordinary moral will-power of our warriors.

The stages of development of wars of liberation in the world and their extension of the phases of wars are dependent on the direct or indirect help given by foreign powers by way of arms in order to achieve their own political domination and further their economic interests. But the position regarding our liberation struggle is different.

It is an unimaginable Himalayan task to even think

The Sinhala government would have learnt from last year's war that it was a dangerous affair to extend its legs into the land of the Tigers and thereafter keep the same in the same position.

The army which rules areas 'without people', after intruding into an area, has to keep a fairly good number of armed forces in that area immobilized. Added to that, there is a shortage of personnel for the army. Even inspite of this, the Sinhala army is bent on ensnaring itself in the task of aggressively dominating further land. It has to face the consequences of such a serious mistake.

The foolish tactics of Premadasa last year of activating, on the one hand, the war with a view to destroy the Tigers and at the same time to find a solution to the problems of the Tamils, ended in utter failure. This twin approach of 'war and peace' is basically wrong. Apart from the fact that it is not a

creating a situation for peace it wants, without the knowledge of others to have secret talks with the Tigers, while at the same time carrying on the war. We cannot accept this proposal. We cannot shake hands and have talks of settlement, while our warriors and our people are facing death and destruction in the on-going war.

Besides this, should not we have some basis to proceed with talks with the Sinhalese government? The Sinhalese nation has refused to place such a basis up to this time. What our objective is well known to the world. Therefore, is it not the responsibility of the Sinhalese politicians to place before us for consideration the alternative proposal? But up to now they have not shown keenness in this regard nor do they have the guts to do so.

Like the legendary demon in the story of King Wikkramathithan once again climbing the Murunga tree, Premadasa's Select Committee too has climbed on to the Sinhala majority concept Murunga tree. After having met together for more than a year and having had talks, debates and inquiries, it has come out with a decision which is nothing but a joke because it has not even touched the basic peripheries pertaining to the problems of the Tamils.

This decision has made the Tamils understand clearly one truth, viz. that Sinhalese majority chauvinism will never grant justice to the Tamils.

The proclamation the Tiger movement made throughout that we have to fight our own battle and reclaim our rights, has now been politically proved correct and has made the Tamils ponder about it.

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WAR AND PEACE

guerilla warfare. They were in the form of a big battle fought with great number of the armies. Former Vietnamese General, Commander Giap describes this type of war as mobile warfare. The tactics of attacking with big armed forces suddenly and quickly and withdrawing them to a different place, marks gradual high development and extension of guerilla warfare. This new war tactics combining guerilla strategies and the mobile aspects of the conventional war, was introduced for the first time by our leader Pirabakaran last year. It also reflects a turning point in our war history.

This strategy with the targets of causing great loss of life to the enemy, reducing greatly the loss of life of our warriors, forcibly recovering arms from the enemy, destroying the enemy's initiative and above all making ineffective, the enemy's strategies and plans of attack—all combined together bestowed on the Tigers great victory.

These continuous attacks both small-scale guerilla attacks and big-scale mobile battles caused a big dent in the man-power of the enemy. Apart from those who had lost their lives and those who had been made immobile, the number of deserters who had lost heart too was very great. On this account the enemy's strength to counter-attack too, greatly diminished. As a result the enemy had

of projecting a liberation struggle forward without the help of arms-supplies or any political or moral support, to depend on one's own legs to grab the enemy's arms and with that as the basis of one's strength to carry on the struggle to the amazement of the world at large. Our leader Pirabakaran is shouldering this Herculean task by himself and directing the liberation struggle.

DR. ANTON BALASINGAM

In this year's war, a part of the arms belonging to the enemy was destroyed, another portion has come into the hands of the Tigers. The enemy after incurring a colossal expenditure in millions on the purchase of arms from all over the world, is turning over a good portion of them to the Tigers. It is a distinct and unique war strategy and speciality of the Tigers to fight the enemy with the arms got from them and once again recover more arms thereby and on the basis of such arms, build up its own armed strength. When one looks at this strategy from this angle, one can definitely declare that to the extent the Tigers are able to make ineffective the enemy's military strength to that extent the military strength of the Tigers will be enhanced and they will become powerful. The next stage of development of the Tigers rests on this strategy.

feasible proposition to find a solution after isolating and destroying the confronting political force with which one has to negotiate to solve the problem, it also shows political foolhardiness of the Sinhala majority chauvinists.

Even inspite of the fact that from time to time the Tiger movement has been continuously, by open proclamations, was showing signals that it was prepared for a cease-fire and negotiations and extend its friendly hands towards peace, the Premadasa government has not lent its ears to same.

Premadasa government wants to continue the war. It wants to bargain with the Tamils by imposing military pressure on them. Because of that without

Rotary Scholarships for University Students

The Endowments Scholarships Prizes Committee of the University of Jaffna has selected the following students of the University of Jaffna for the Scholarships offered by the Rotary Club of Jaffna:

1. Mr. S. Srinirajan - Commerce Student from Tellippalai
2. Mr. B. Kirupananthan - Science Student from Tellippalai
3. Miss. Jeyaseelan Suganthi - Arts Student from Thumpalai, Point Pedro
4. Mr. J. Vijeyakumar - Commerce Student from Muthur, Kaddaiparichchan.

HOT SPRING

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The Kilali Massacre

The news of the massacre of civilian passengers crossing the Kilali sea to enter the mainland from Jaffna Peninsula on the night of January 2, should be no surprise to anyone who knows the mind and mentality of the Sri Lankan Government and its thugs, curiously described as 'security forces' by the Government, Opposition and the Colombo-based news media.

Reports reaching Jaffna up to the time this is being written, undoubtedly show that the Sri Lankan Navy on January 2nd night, was indulging in a repeat performance of what it did some years back - 15th May, 1985 to be exact - when Sri Lankan Navy personnel entered the Government-owned passenger launch 'Kumudhini' plying from Delft to Pungudutivu near Nainativu and slaughtered over 36 passengers ranging from the age of a 7 month-old infant to an old man of 85 and without even showing mercy to women. Over 71 persons were seriously injured then.

The then Learned Addl. Magistrate of Jaffna after recording evidence at the post-mortem inquiry, returned a verdict of homicide and directed the Police to bring those responsible before the law. The Learned Magistrate also said that injured passengers who gave evidence before him, had given clear evidence as to who their assailants were and had incriminated some naval officers whom the witnesses had seen at Nainativu and whom they could identify. Of course, as usual nothing happened.

On 10.6.1986 about 31 fishermen were murdered on the high seas off Mandaitivu by the self-same Sri Lankan Navy.

According to the reports from Kilali, it appears that the murderous thugs of the Sinhala Government have in addition to the weaponry of bayonets, knives and crow-bars, also used hand grenades and fired gun-shots at their poor victims, knowing fully well they were civilian passengers.

The Kilali attack had been covered by foreign news media men almost immediately that the 'security sources', Lankapuwath and the Government of Sri Lanka could not cook up the story of having killed Tigers but are now making a vain attempt to explain away the crime.

One report has it that some Colombo-based 'national media' have said that the civilians were using a prohibited area to cross the sea and thereby came in for the naval attack. As everyone knows, the Sinhala Government's forces have captured all entry points to the Peninsula such as Elephant Pass, Poonakari and Kompady. The people have no other outlet and are forced to cross the intrinsically dangerous sea at Kilali because there are more vicious murderers in the name of Sinhala Government's armed forces at the entry points. The Government and the Security forces do well know that the large number of persons who come and go out of Jaffna, make use of the Kilali sea.

In view of the adverse publicity the Sinhala Government has received in the International News media, it will not be surprising, if the Government once again indulges in another trick and say that the civilian passengers could make use of the Elephant Pass route.

It was not long before, when the Government through the agency of the ICRC agreed with the LTTE to declare a certain area near Senthankulam as a 'No-War Zone' to enable lorry transport of food stocks at Kankasanturai Harbour to be brought to Jaffna. After lorry transport was undertaken for about two weeks, the transport was suspended and the Government made use of the withdrawal of Tigers from the area to extend its occupied territory. This is a typical example of Sinhala treachery and Tamils cannot be duped again.

The Tamils do not require Sinhala security for them. As the Kilali crime has clearly demonstrated, the Sinhala armed forces are murderers intent on genocide.

The Kilali tragedy should open the eyes of the world to the tragic situation in which the Eelam Tamils are placed. It should make it clear to all that the Sinhala Government cannot be entrusted with the security of the Tamils. It is, therefore, time that International Opinion demand the withdrawal of the Sinhala dominion and armed forces from the Tamil homeland.

WE ARE DYING BECAUSE OF PREMADASA

Palaly Soldiers Yell

Sri Lankan soldiers at Palaly Camp shouted that they are dying because of President Premadasa on the day about 48 dead bodies of Sri Lankan soldiers were brought to the camp.

This is contained in a news report published in EELANADU quoting a man who was being treated at the Palaly Army Camp for injuries and who was detained in the camp for many months until his release was recently obtained through the good offices of the ICRC.

Mr. Vallipuram Muthurajah was arrested by the Sri Lankan Army at Poonakari. He was sent to the Palaly Army Camp by the Poonakari Army to be treated for injuries he had received as a result of army firing.

Mr. Muthurajah was treated at the Palaly Army hospital and later detained there until the ICRC recently obtained

his release. He is a refugee from Myliddy who is now living at Viyaparimoolai.

Mr. Muthurajah had told the EELANADU reporter that while he was still under treatment at Palaly Camp about 48 dead bodies of Sri Lankan soldiers were brought to the camp. Some of the injured were treated in the same ward where he

was treated. When the injured were brought he was blindfolded but he could hear the yelling of soldiers. They had shouted that they were dying because of President Premadasa. The soldiers had further said that Premadasa talks of peace and remains at home or flies over to foreign countries. He does not wish to solve the problem.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The 131st birthday celebration and poojah of the Hindu savant, Swami Vivekananda will be held at the Sri Saradha Sevashramam at Point Pedro on Thai Pongal Day on 14.1.1993.

The Sevashramam will also conduct a seminar on Friday, January 29 for the benefit of students at [the G.C.E./OL and A.L. classes

on the life and work of Swami Vivekananda.

Mr. S. Sellathurai, Deputy Director of Education, Vadamardachy will preside at the seminar where Dr. N. Gnana-kumaran, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Jaffna will address, followed by a special lecture by Swami Chidrupananda, the swami in charge of Sri Saradha Sevashramam.

Kilali..

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jumped into the sea and managed to swim to the land.

As the massacre occurred in the night on the high seas the exact number of passenger boats involved or the number of ill-fated persons is not known.

Twenty bodies were washed ashore and were recovered. They were:-

1. S. Subramaniam, a retired Police Driver aged 57 from Kodikamam.

2. S. Balasubramaniam, a Bakery owner from Kodikamam aged 40 years.

3. A. Tharmarasa of Chavakachcheri 51 years. He was Education Officer, Kilinochchi.

4. A. Ponnammah, Female 35 years from Pandatarippu.

5. V. Sellathurai, 38 years of Varany - an employee of the Magistrate's Court at Mannar.

6. A. Gopalapillai - 40 years from Poonakari.

7. Sinniah Kanagasabai

8. Sinnia Kanagarasa - both brothers from Palai.

9. Mageswary Thillaiampalanathan, 50 years and her daughter.

10. Nalini Thillaiampalanathan - both from Kokkuvil.

11. Sellathurai Parameswary (Female) of Kokkuvil aged 42 years.

12. Bapu Gopal of Palla-varayankattu.

13. Rasalingam Sellathurai of Navakeeri.

Tamil Right...

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Rt. Rev. Kenneth Fernando also said that people in the South too want peace. It is better for the two peoples to live in unity where the Sinhalese and Tamils can contribute their separate cultural values.

14. Yasotha Sellathurai - Female - of Kokkuvil.

15. Sivalingam Annappooranam of Erlalai.

16. Nadarajah Kugathas and his brother.

17. Nadarajah Kili both of Saravanai.

18. Apputhurai Rajan of Saravanai.

Two other bodies that were recovered were not identified but one is believed to be that of a fruit seller at Jaffna.

Many injured persons were admitted to the Killinochchi Hospital. One of those at the Killinochchi hospital is Sellathurai, the husband of Parameswary who was killed. Sellathurai said from his sick bed at the Killinochchi hospital that he saw his wife fall dead in the boat. Some injured have now been brought to Jaffna hospital.

As the actual number of persons who travelled in the ill-fated boats is not known it is not possible to say how many persons were in

Supersonic...

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K. Premadasa 20, Gowripalan 22, Velayutham 44, K. Ledchumipillai - Female 74 and Sivarasa 41.

Over 20 persons were injured. Some injured have been admitted to the Chankalai Hospital and some to the Jaffna Hospital.

To make matters worse artillery shell attack was launched from the Palaly Army camp directed towards Sithankerni on the night of Wednesday. The shell attack lasted for half an hour and over 25 shells are reported to have exploded in and around Sithankerni area. The damage caused by shell explosion has not been verified.

fact - killed or injured. It appears from reports that some people have escaped injuries and reached to safety on the other side of the sea. At least 50 persons are believed to be missing of whom one is said to be the District Medical Officer in charge of the Government Hospital at Kilinochchi. So far no news has come in respect of the missing persons.

The dead bodies had gun shot injuries, injuries caused by bayonets and deep cut injuries. Some bodies were partially burnt or charred.

Later news from Kilali indicate that 13 more bodies were washed ashore on Wednesday, January 6th. The bodies were highly decomposed and could not be identified. They were buried.

First Tamil...

(Continuation from Page 1) 'Thamilosai' on Sunday, January 3.

'Thamilosai' is the first video film produced entirely by artistes and technicians in the Mullaitivu District and depicts high ideals that have prompted the Tamil freedom struggle and the people's determined participation in it.

Continuing Mr. Pirabakaran said that cinema should get out of the clutches of commercialism and should be produced with a sense of responsibility to society. He also praised all participants in the endeavour who had worked under grave hardships and with almost complete lack of technical and other facilities due to the war conditions. He praised the Mullaitivu District artistes for protecting and fostering the arts.

Mr. V. Pirabakaran made awards to the Director of the film, actors, actresses, background musicians, cameramen and other technicians.