

# HOT SPRING

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## In Memory of Kittu

Sound, Sound the clarion call, fill the life,  
Throughout the sensual world proclaim,  
One crowded hour of glorious life  
Is worth an age without a name.

Thomas Osbert Mordaunt  
(sent by a reader in memory of Kittu)

# KILLING OF CIVILIANS IN KILALI SEA CONTINUES

## 5 DEAD - BOAT BURNT

The murder by Sri Lankan forces of civilian passengers crossing the sea at Kilali is continuing, while efforts are being made by UNHCR and the Anglican Bishop of Colombo to persuade the government to allow free travel between peninsular Jaffna and mainland outside.

News reaching Jaffna from Kilali states that on Wednesday, January 27, a boat heading to Kilali from Poonakari was shot at by a Sri Lankan Air Force helicopter which resulted in 5 of the 6 occupants of the boat dying and the boat itself catching fire. There was only one survivor.

Kandiah Paartheepan, a refugee from Mandaitivu now living in Kopay, who is the only survivor said that 6 of them started from Poonakari in a boat along with merchandise to be brought to Jaffna. They started about 7.30 a.m. and had travelled for about an hour, when a Sri Lankan Air Force helicopter was sighted.

### 'Copter fires

The helicopter began to fire at the boat. Kandiah Paartheepan said that he jumped into the sea and was swimming underneath the water until the helicopter left. After the helicopter had left, he went back to the boat which had caught fire

and tried to put out the fire along with some co-passengers who had similarly jumped into the sea. When they went inside the boat they found two of their fellow passengers lying dead inside the boat.

As they were trying to row the boat, the helicopter came back again from the direction of Elephant Pass and started firing. They jumped again into the sea but two of them received shots and died. The boat began to burn again.

Kandiah Paartheepan said that he and the other survivor Thevathas began to swim for safety. Both of them were injured.

### Lone Survivor

Kandiah Paartheepan also said that while they were so swimming, Thevathas began to be fatigued and could not swim, though he tried. In fact Thevathas died presumably because of the bleeding from the gun shot injuries.

Kandiah Paartheepan said that he tried to bring along with him Thevathas's corpse but he himself was fatigued because of bleeding and continuous swimming, and had to abandon the effort to bring Thevathas's body with him.

Towards 6 00 p. m. he reached the shores of Kilali and fell unconscious. He had a leg injury.

Kandiah Paartheepan also said that while in the boat they signalled to the helicopter waving white pieces of cloth indicating that they were civilian passengers but the helicopter did not desist from firing.

The five persons killed have been identified as Thavam (45) and his brother Sinnayan (30) both refugees from Purgudutivu. Thevathas, Panchalingam and Jeganathan.

### War Crime

Observers say that the continued killing by Sri Lankan forces of civilian passengers in the Kilali sea is a war crime by the Sinhala Government. Though the Government has prohibited use of the Jaffna lagoon for transport under Emergency Regulations, the regulations do not permit the forces to shoot at those who violate the prohibition. The Government and everyone knows that the Jaffna population use the Kilali sea for their travel to the mainland.

Recently, even the Anglican Bishop of Colombo, Rt. Rev. Kenneth Fernando, came to Jaffna through this prohibited area because there is no other communication route.

Rt. Rev. Kenneth Fernando who had himself experienced the difficulties and dangers the people undergo, is taking efforts to open an access to Jaffna.

According to news even the UNHCR is negotiating to open an access for free travel and transport of goods to and from Jaffna.

In this context the continued killing of civilian-passengers, be it in the day or night, is apart from being a war crime, also clearly indicates the genocidal intent of the Sinhala Government.

## 14 S. L. SOLDIERS INCLUDING OFFICER KILLED IN TRINCOMALEE

### LTTE recover arms & ammunitions

Fourteen Sri Lankan soldiers including an officer were killed in the Trincomalee District near the Batticaloa - Trincomalee District border when LTTE attacked a Sri Lankan Army patrol party.

The news in this connection states that on Sunday, January 24, LTTE attacked a group of about thirty Sri Lankan

soldiers near the Batticaloa - Trincomalee District boundary. The Sri Lankan soldiers were proceeding on patrol duty towards the Kanthalai

bridge. 14 Sri Lankan soldiers including an officer were killed. Others escaped with injuries to the camps nearby

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## SRI LANKAN NAVY ABDUCTS FISHERMEN

Three fishermen who had been fishing in the Valvettiturai sea have been abducted by the Sri Lankan Navy.

The news in this connection states that on Thursday, January 23, three fishermen had gone in a Kattuniram and were fishing in the sea just a few hundred yards away from the Valvettiturai coast.

As coastal fishing is always done, they did not fear any risks. Suddenly a speed boat of the Sri Lankan Navy drew near and abducted the fishermen along with Kattuniram. Nothing is known of what had happened to these fishermen.

The abducted fishermen are S. Paramanthurasa, P. Mahendrarasa, (son a father of two children) and K. Arumaiturai (50), father of six children. All are fishermen from Aathikovilady in Valvettiturai. Their relations have complained to the ICRC

Many other fishermen who were out fishing dashed back to the shore and escaped abduction.

## LTTE ATTACKS AT CHEDDIKULAM 4 SRI LANKAN SOLDIERS KILLED

The LTTE carried out a lightning attack on Sri Lankan Forward Defence lines at Mudaliyarkulam in the Cheddikulam division of Vavunia District.

Nine Sri Lankan sentry posts were captured by the LTTE and destroyed. Four Sri Lankan soldiers were killed. At the same time LTTE opened fire on a group of Sri Lankan soldiers from the

Nerivakulam Sri Lankan Army camp who attempted to go to the rescue of the Sri Lankan soldiers at Forward Defence lines. Sri Lankan Army casualty here is not known. Four Tigers died in this attack. There was artillery shell attack from Cheddikulam and Tantrimalai Sri Lankan Army camps when LTTE attack on the Forward Defence lines took place.

The LTTE recovered a haul of arms and ammunitions from the Sri Lankan Army.

### Planned Murder by Vicious India

"Pensioners' Association of Valvettiturai vehemently condemns the planned killing of Commander Kittu and nine of his colleagues in international waters in a piratical, barbarous and inhuman manner by India which is blood-

thirsty and which represents an embodiment of vice."

The above resolution was unanimously adopted at the annual general meeting of the Pensioners' Association of Valvettiturai held on 23-1-93,



## OUR READERS SAY

## SRI LANKA AND THE TAMILS

I had the misfortune to pay Rs. 15/- to buy a copy of the Sunday Times of 27th December, '92. The editorial and a statement purported to have been made by the Hela Urumaya - rejecting the proposal for adoption of Indian Model, to settle the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka, received my attention. The editorial under heading 'Open up for 1993' supports the views expressed by the Hela Urumaya and it will not be incorrect to assume that the author of these two articles under different headings is one individual. Whatever it be, these people fail to realise that the Tamils are in the words of Sir P. Ramanathan - not immigrant adventurers begging for little morsels of food from their masters, but masters in their own right, claiming their legitimate and age-old inheritance, that the earliest historical records and archaeological finds extant proclaim their earliest occupation of the island, proclaim the spread of their ancient language, their great culture

and religion to every part of the island. He would not have left them helpless orphans in a free and independent Sri Lanka. The Tamils from the dawn of history lived and prospered as a free, independent, peace loving and law-abiding people, under their own kings and potentates, in this island. Sir P. Ramanathan was of opinion that the Britisher - and no other - is responsible for the unfortunate present situation. The communal problem is his problem, his handiwork. He had no reason or justification to have acted in the way he did either at the time of his coming - merging two separate and sovereign peoples into a single polity - or at the time of his departing - leaving things not as he had found them but as he had made them. Late Mr. M. Vythilingam writing on the life of Sir P. Ramanathan had this to say - It was given only to a Sinhalese ethnologist and antiquarian of international repute, a gentleman,

besides, of the highest integrity and culture, the late Dr. Paul E. Peris to do that service for the Tamils. He said, "long before the arrival of Vijaya, there were in Lanka five recognised ISVARAMS of Siva which claimed and received the adoration of all India. These were Thiruketeswaram near Mahatittha, Munniswaram dominating Salawatta and the pearl fishery, Tandewaram near Mantota, Thirukoneswaram opposite the great bay of Koddiiyar and Nakuleswaram near Kankesanthurai - Everyone must concede that the chief influence which has been exercised on the Sinhalese Court throughout its history was the Dravidian interests of South India. Further he was of opinion that long before the arrival of Vijaya, the Country had been fully occupied by Dravidian Races."

Hela Urumaya or anybody else should not ruin the island by coming out with untrue facts. It is a hard fact that

the mighty Indian Army miserably failed to disarm the freedom fighters of North and East. How on earth can anybody expect the infant Sri Lankan forces to do better?

MEESALAIYAN.

## ROOKING

The news item "Bank of Ceylon rooks its customers in Jaffna" appearing in your issue of 27.12.92 comes like a bolt from the blue.

Banks are not merely repositories of public funds but their faiths too.

Unlike the customers in the South who are big-time mudalalis, gem merchants and landed proprietors who are able to reflect colossal sums as deposits, people in the North East are poor farmers and cultivators, small-scale business men, public servants and pensioners whose monthly incomes do not justify running accounts in banks. Nevertheless by their frugality and modest living, they are able to hold in deposits sums for a rainy day or to meet expenses arising out of sudden illness or a death in the family. Even whatever they had in their reserves, stand depleted owing to their activities getting stalled due to the on-going war. In order to keep their heads above water, the moderates and the lower income-groups and daily wage-earners have to go in for borrowing various sums at high interest rates.

Now the banks have declared their offensive against their customers in the North. There are bounds and limits for endurance. Let the plight of some revenue-earning state institutions like the CTB, Excise, Electricity and the Cement Corporation be a lesson to the banks.

It bristles beyond any manner of doubt that the State having realised its inability to stand a battle with the LTTE and sensing that it is losing its grip of the North East, is indulging in various unpopular measures, crippling the economy of the Tamils with a view to tarnish the image of the LTTE amongst the Tamil community. But the trend is far from the State expectation. By every misdeed of the State, the LTTE is gaining momentum.

Finally a note of caution to the customers and would-be customers. Draw a line to your transactions with the Banks and avoid heart-burns that may give rise to adoption of stringent measures the State is likely to contemplate in view of its economic crisis.

D. Jeevananthan

Vathiry

## We will not rest till we win back our Thamil Kingdom from Lanka!

Protested the cancellation of civic rights of our Thamil on hills!  
Protested the declaration of Sinhala only as official language!!  
Protested the Sinhala colonizations in our dearest mother land!  
And protested the standardisation of our Childrens' education!!

Problems were discussed several times and at stages with Lanka!  
Pacts and agreements were signed on several occasions with Lanka!!  
Participated in forming and running the Government with Lanka!  
But discussions participations and pacts were dishonoured by Lanka!!

Whenever we demanded our equal rights from Lanka  
Lankan Government always created the communal riots.....  
Threatening us to drop all our fights for our rights  
And treating us as its slaves by refusing our rights!!

As no one came forward to wipe our tears and fears  
And was prepared to hear the cause for our tears and fears...  
This was the Lanka's practice for the last several years  
And we Thamil are still living in fears and tears!!

As Lanka was suppressing all our peaceful efforts with arms!  
We were compelled to decide to take the arms in our arms!  
As Lanka was always against our AHIMSA ways without arms  
We were compelled to decide to take the arms in our arms!!

Our assets worth of millions are being destroyed by Lanka!  
Our investments and industries are being destroyed by Lanka!!  
Hundreds of Kovils, Churches etc. are being damaged by Lanka!  
And thousands of our relations are being killed daily by Lanka!!

We will continue till we win back our basic human rights from Lanka!  
We will not wait till we win back our self-ruling rights from Lanka!!  
We will continue till we win back all our freedoms from Lanka!  
And we will not rest till we win back our Thamil Kingdom from Lanka!!

..... "SARAVANAS"

## MUSINGS BY NESTOR

Politicians who get into the seats of power are invariably conferred with a DOCTORATE. Such Doctorate is described as being conferred Honoris causa.

Surely the honoris causa must be described in detail President Premadasa has been engaged in the pursuit of wisdom and knowledge with rugged determination. Philosophy is generally understood to be the pursuit of wisdom and knowledge especially in regard to the nature of being. This of course boils down to the relation between the Supreme Force and the individual being. The ancients described this complexity in a short sentence "Man proposes but God disposes" All religious pursuits and the various disciplines arose from this thirst for wisdom and understanding.

Looking at President Premadasa's pronouncement and actions, it seems that he seeks a philosophical truth-

eternal truth of achieving unity by killing innocent people, in fact refugees, by killing them from the supersonic bombers flying in the stratosphere and killing very innocent persons who are within the reach of his artillery shelling equipment. That is Premadasa's discovery of the truth for promoting inter-racial harmony and fellow-citizenship. This deserves a Doctorate in Philosophy or perhaps a Doctorate in Hypocrisy.

### Soccer Referees' Examination - 1992

The following have passed the Soccer Referees Examination:-

Mr. V. K. Shanmugalingam  
Mr. S. Ravindran  
Mr. T. Vijendran  
Mr. N. Sri Kanthan  
Mr. R. Vijayakumar  
Mr. P. Murugavel  
Mr. S. Skandakumar  
Mr. M. Nadarajah  
Mr. K. Sujathan  
Mr. V. Murugathas  
Mr. N. Dushanthan



# Bushwhacking Bush - Premadasa's Obsession

Truth and constructive criticism hurt. As a rule it hurts people in power. But some journalists who bask on the patronage given by the elitist political parties in Sri Lanka too seem to be hurt. Those persons who would be miles away, as if a bush fire is after them, are condemning ex-President George Bush for what he had said on the occasion of the presentation of credentials by the new Sri Lankan ambassador in Washington.

## Son

What did Bush say? He said that U.S. had been constantly stressing the need for a peaceful resolution of the internal strife in Ceylon and he had urged the Colombo government to search for a peaceful end to the war and expressed the hope that the country would succeed in finding an avenue to peace soon. No doubt, he was advising the Government of Sri Lanka to arrive at a peace formula by having talks with the Tigers. What he said was the reality. Without the Tigers, with whom is the Government to negotiate? The whole world knows. But the Sinhala government in power or those in the Opposition do not want to negotiate because they do not want to concede anything to the Tamils.

But this good advice is poison to the one-time pseudo-Marxist politician of a Provincial Council who reluctantly gave up his portfolio for the sake of his personal security and has taken an about-turn from what he stood for at one time, even though what he stood for at that time too was against the then existing realities. He has stated that the Government should not have any talks with the fascist Tigers.

## Father

The son is not alone in this criticism of George Bush. The father too has come into the fray. He in his third rate political commentary, has shown his bankruptcy in political thought. If he is an unbiased person, as any sane Ceylonese will understand that in Ceylon politics the contending parties are the Sinhala elites with their vested interests and the oppressed Tamil people.

He should understand that the Sinhala elites in order to continue their political and economic monopoly of Ceylon, are hood-winking the Sinhala masses and portraying the Tamils as their natural enemies. This person says

that the Sinhala political parties are worried about the sentiments expressed by Mr. Bush. One wonders whether this gentleman will have come out with these sentiments, if Mr. Bush were to continue in power. He also tries to paint Bush as an ungrateful person by stating that he had said this in spite of the fact that the majority of the Tamil groups in America supported Bill Clinton at the last Presidential Election. Another communal twist! No one is holding a candle to Bush.

## S. Thiagarajah

We only want to show that truth and constructive criticism hurt unscrupulous persons.

## Host

In Ceylon, we have a unique set-up among the Sinhala elite, the father being in the UNP, the son in the SLFP and the nephew in either the LSSP or the revisionist Communist Party. It is easy for manipulations. After all, they are all engaged in one and the same game of deceiving the Sinhala masses to serve their communal, political and economic interests. In the same way in journalism too, the father and son are serving their common masters and accusing their former holy host, viz.

George Bush for his indiscretion. Journalism like any other science is a double-edged weapon. It can cut both ways. It can be used both for good and for bad. Lake House newspapers are being used by the Government and are being used by its Columnists to propagate reaction. Contrary to his real anti-human rights stance, President Premadasa is being projected as a visionary, a present-day Bodhisatva and as a person respecting other man's views. In actual life he is everything opposed to these ideals.

His so-called vision of providing employment to Ceylonese and that too only for the Sinhalese, by opening up garment factories which only 'turn over' garments to the advantage of the capitalists, is a short-term economic policy which is going to affect the future of a generation of Sinhalese. The World Bank itself has criticised this policy as a gamble.

## Obsession

President Premadasa seems to be obsessed by the figure three hundred (300). Three hundred garment factories, three hundred fully-equipped hospitals. We know of garment factories which were opened and are being closed fast. The workers are not being paid as was promised.

Owners of factories are refusing to pay more than Rs. 500/- saying that the workers are only trainees. The medical profession is lamenting about the shortage of surgeons but Premadasa is opening fully equipped hospitals with medical staff. Probably this obsession for three hundred has been caused by the predictions of third-rate Malayalee Sastirakaraya. These are leaders dedicated to solve national problems.

As if the already existing chaotic state is not enough, President Premadasa has challenged the Opposition for public debate. No doubt, he did this by a slip of his tongue. But the Opposition too, who have nothing worthwhile to offer and inhibited with their inner party strife and kith and kin struggle, has taken the bait. Now the Government and Opposition are fighting over modalities of how to conduct and carry on the debate. What a joke?

Subhas quotes Mahathma Gandhi and says:

**"Times have Changed"**

"I would like to remind you that when Mahathma Gandhi commended his Non-co-operation programme to the Indian nation at the annual session of the Congress at Nagpur in December, 1920, he said:

"Since then times have changed and it is now possible for the Indian people to draw the sword. We are happy and proud that India's Liberation Army has already come into existence and is steadily increasing in numbers"

"If India had the sword today, she would have drawn the sword". And proceeding further Mahathmaji said that since armed revolution was out of the question, the only other alternative before the Country was that of Non-co-operation or Satyagraha"

His Excellency Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, President of the Provisional Government of India in Exile, speaking at Mahathma Gandhi's 75th Birth anniversary - taken from the Book - 'Jai Hind' - The Diary of a Rebel Daughter of India with the Rani of Jhansi Regiment..

## Heart-rending plight of the Tamils is Heart-warming Story to BBC London

The South-Asia report of the BBC London broadcast on Monday the 25th of January, 1993, a heart-rending plight of the Tamils living in Vavuniya refugee camp, and gleefully described as a heart-warming story.

The story, as reported by a Sinhalese journalist who was interviewed by the BBC, London (not its Colombo correspondent), was that on the Hindu Festival of Thai Pongal, Sinhala army personnel had taken a few Sinhala villagers to participate in the Festival celebrated by the Tamils in Vavuniya and of all places a refugee camp there. It also attempted to make out that the army-controlled Tamil Town of Vavuniya is an affluent place in contrast to other Tamil areas.

This biased reporting is shocking to those who imagined that the BBC maintains a high standard of objectivity in its reporting. Tamils have

been rendered refugees in their homeland by the genocidal military operations of the racist Sinhala government and it appears that the BBC is going to ridiculous length to gloss over the truth and broadcast a report making out that the Tamils and Sinhalese are living happily in Vavuniya and expects its listeners to be utter fools, when it expects them to believe that it is an ideal situation for the Tamils to celebrate a festival in a refugee camp in their

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homeland and for the army personnel to bring Sinhalese to participate in such a ceremony. Sometimes it is made out that the independence of the BBC is such that it is not subservient to the government. In respect of the conflict in Sri Lanka, it is well known that the lack of foresight and fair-play of the British government, which was the last colonial ruler of this Island,

is largely responsible for the present conflict. Instead of exercising its moral authority to help bring about a resolution of the conflict, the British government seems to have forsaken its moral responsibility and preferred its own material benefits in collaboration with the Sinhalese and Indians.

This particular, deliberate attempt of the BBC to portray a heart-rending plight makes one wonder whether the BBC is only acting as a tool in the hands of the British government in furtherance of its own unfair policy towards the oppressed Tamils in this Island.

## Shell Attack at Night on Village

The Sri Lankan Army at Palaly launched artillery shell attack at night on Tuesday, January 26.

The artillery shell attack that started at 9.30 p.m. lasted for 15 minutes during which ten shells exploded towards the village of Erlalai. There was lot of panic especially because there are no lights anywhere in Jaffna.

Three people were seriously injured and admitted to hospital. They are A. Nallath (60), his wife Kanmalar (58) and M. Kanthasamy (47)

Ten houses at least were damaged by the shell explosion.

## Two Policemen Killed at Mannar

Two Sri Lankan Police officers were killed and their arms recovered by the LTTE when it attacked a Sri Lankan Police patrol party from Pesalat proceeding towards Puthukudiiruppu in the Mannar District.

The attack took place on the morning of Friday, January 22.



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## Conspiracy Boomerangs

In an all out effort to spread India's hegemony in South East Asia the Congress (I) rulers in New Delhi have been conspiring to weaken and destabilize her smaller neighbours.

Congress (I) rulers' claim to power in New Delhi was based on the false claim that they were the successors to the great freedom fighters of the pre-independence days. But the world does not forget the fact that in their thirst for power the Congress men failed to observe a fundamental advice given by the apostle of the Indian freedom movement, Mahatma Gandhi, to dissolve the Congress after independence.

The scramble for power internally, gave birth to power-hunger outside and to satisfy that power hunger Indian leaders started to meddle in the affairs of militarily weaker neighbours. They could not try their pranks with China and in fact had to eat a humble pie when dispute arose between India and China over territory.

However these are matters that do not concern us but we cannot keep silent when India meddles in our affairs.

India's majority is Hindu and Hindus believe in Karma or retribution. But once intoxicated with power they forget their own beliefs.

India had consistently conspired to keep both Eelam Tamils and the Sinhalese under her hegemony. The LTTE for its part, while valuing Indian friendship, has stoutly refused to dance to Indian tune. Hence India's foremost concern to liquidate the Tigers.

Kittu and his colleagues heroically gave away their lives in their grim determination not to bow down to Indian conspirators. Indian conspirators must have gleefully celebrated the success of their conspiracy which led to the loss of yet another senior leader of the LTTE. But subsequent events have proved that their glee was only shortlived.

India is today unable to open its mouth in the face of charges levelled against her by the LTTE and defend her conduct.

India which tried to project herself as a world leader through NAM and such other organisations has to face the ignominy of angry demonstrations against her in the capitals of West European countries and Australia by Eelam Tamils who always regarded India as a friend and never as a foe until the New Delhi rulers and secret agencies began to conspire against the freedom movement of the Tamils.

Not only outside India but even within India the situation has become uncomfortable for the Brown Sahibs. In Tamil Nadu the Government of India and its ally the ADMK government of Tamil Nadu were compelled to arrest Tamil leaders who openly support the LTTE, shoot at demonstrators in Madurai and also resort to the dirty trick of suppressing news.

Far away in the North too things are worse for the villainous rulers at New Delhi. The Muslims have violently demonstrated against Indian Republic Day celebrations on January 26.

Instead of following clean politics Congress (I) leaders began to adopt sordid means to entrench themselves in power including annihilation of the small Eelam Tamils at the altar of Indian hegemonistic politics. But the conspiracy against Eelam Tamils has already begun to boomerang.

The demonstrations in world capitals and within India itself is an eye-opener and heralds this message: 'Conspiracy boomerangs'.

# Liberation Tigers Condemn India for Kittu's Martyrdom

"The Indian government should take full responsibility for ensnaring into a trap and causing the death of our Senior commander, a Central Committee member of our movement and our representative in charge of our International Secretariat, Colonel Kittu and nine other fighters of our movement. This conspiratorial act of the Indian government, is yet another treachery in history, committed against the national independence movement of the people of Tamil Eelam. This has cast yet another blemish on the blood-stained hegemonistic politics of India. It clearly pin-points that India is vigorously helping the genocide of the people of Tamil Eelam". So says an official statement issued by the Head Office of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. The statement further adds:

"With a view to crush the struggle for independence of Tamil Eelam and with the objective of establishing its hegemonistic domination in the South East Asian Region, the Indian Government has been intervening in the affairs and problems of the Tamils for a long time. It poses as friend and is instrumental for treacheries. It is in collaboration with the Sinhala government and is trying to annihilate the Tiger movement which is a liberation movement of the Tamils. It is also blocking a political solution which satisfies the aspirations of the people of Tamil Eelam. It, while ignoring the fact that we are an oppressed nation and are engaged in a just struggle against genocide, is trying to project its geo-political

domination at the expense of the death and destruction of our people. When we are carrying on our struggle single-handedly as a small national force, it is also trying to stifle our cry and call for sympathy from the world community.

By blocking the seas around Tamil Eelam, severing our connections with Tamil Nadu, preventing our sea traffic and by weakening us, it is helping our enemy viz. the Sinhala government to frustrate our struggle and commit the massacre of our people.

Our people are aware of several conspiratorial incidents which caused the loss of life of several of our commanders who got entangled in the snares spread out by India. Thileepan who asked for justice from India, Pulendran and Kumarappa who banked on Indian mediation and Johnny who was brought from India on a peace mission—these tragic stories are known to our people. To this list of murders committed by India, Kittu too has now been added.

Commander Kittu set out as a messenger of peace on his sea voyage with a plan containing peace proposals

of European countries. As he had no other route to take, he travelled along international waters which anyone is free to use to reach his homeland. When the Indian navy intercepted Kittu's ship, the Indian government was apprised of the peace mission he was involved in. But the Indian government did not like the European attempt at peace. It did not want a peaceful settlement under the aegis of the Western world countries. Apart from that, it wanted to annihilate one of the important leaders of the Tiger movement who had been entangled in the web of its domineering oceanic hegemonistic clutches. It was on this account, our commander Kittu fell a victim to the treachery of India.

"Commander Kittu and our other warriors did not bow down to the threat of India's armed might. In the heroic tradition of our movement, they sacrificed themselves and maintained the heroic self-respect of the Tamil nation.

This heroic historical episode has exposed the atrocity of Indian government to the entire world."

Head Office  
Liberation Tigers of  
Tamil Eelam  
17. 1. 93

## Eighty Tamils Arrested in Batticaloa District

Reports from Batticaloa state that the Sri Lankan Special Task Force surrounded the village of Kaluhawalai on Wednesday, January 21 and arrested 30 persons of the village who were all taken to the Special Task Force camp.

On the following day, Thursday, January 22, the Sri Lankan forces rounded-up the village of Eruvii. Fifty Tamils were arrested there and they too were taken to the camp.

Nothing is yet known of the 80 Tamils arrested in these two villages.

## NEW BANKERS' ASSOCIATION AND BANKING CENTRE - JAFFNA FORMED

A new Bankers' Association and Banking Centre were formed and were formally declared open on January 15 (Friday) by the Jaffna Municipal Commissioner, Mr. V. P. Balasingham, at the Navalar Hall, Jaffna.

Officers of all Banks in the Jaffna District will be members of the Association while the Centre will be open for all employees of Banks in Jaffna District.

The objectives of the Association will be:-

1) To represent problems faced by all Banks to the management jointly.

2) To ensure welfare of Bank employees.

3) To establish a Banking Library and to make the library available for the general public.

4) To offer a satisfactory service to the customers of all Banks.

The following were elected office bearers: President: K. Kanesamoorthy, Area Manager, Bank of Ceylon, Jaffna. Vice President: R. Arulanathan, Regional Manager, Peoples' Bank, Jaffna. Secretary: R. Venkatraman, Manager, Commercial Bank, Jaffna. Committee Members:

M. Rajendra, Hatton National Bank, Mrs. K. Thuraijajah, Chief Manager, Bank of Ceylon and Mr. C. Ragu of the Peoples' Bank.

## 14 S.L. Soldiers...

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When Sri Lankan forces tried to rush for relief from two nearby camps the LTTE opened fire and thwarted their attempts. Sri Lankan casualty in the camps is not known. LTTE lost three of its cadres.

The LTTE also recovered a number of arms and ammunition from the dead soldiers.