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## Pretence of Negotiation &amp; Peaceful Settlement by Sinhalese Leadership

"Why is the Sinhalese - Tamil relationship not viable any more? Discrimination in employment, education and trade; Naz-style repression and killing of Tamils; and the intense, quasi-mystical desire to make 'the land, the race and the faith' the sole proprietors of the island-state - these expose the pretence of negotiation and peaceful settlement of the conflict by the Sinhalese leadership."

A. J. Wilson in his book  
The break-up of Sri Lanka.

# Sri Lankan Planes Bomb Kilali Sea

The Sri Lankan Air Force carried out heavy bombing of the Kilali sea and surrounding coastal areas for two consecutive days.

The reports in this connection state that on Monday, February 15, at 5.00 p.m. an Avro plane belonging to the Sri Lankan Air Force roamed over the sea at Kilali. The bombing was carried on for about half an hour.

While the Avro plane was bombing the sea, a helicopter was firing at the people in

the coast. The people ran away in disarray for shelter anywhere they could reach.

Again on the following day, Tuesday, February 16, at 3.00 p.m. two planes belonging to the Sri Lankan Air Force hovered over the villages of Thattuvankotty, Allippalai, Eluthumadduval, Veddaikadu and

Puloppalai near Kilali, for half an hour and dropped four bombs at Thattuvankotti.

Four plastic boats anchored ashore were damaged. There was no injury to any person.

Later reports, quoting a boatman named G. Kuneselan, who swam his way across the sea on Monday February 15, said that while he and five other men were rowing their boats to Kilali with merchandise, they were

subjected to attack from the air. Planes and two helicopters were engaged in the attack. All of them jumped into the sea and escaped except one who has not been seen and is feared dead. The boatman also told reporters that he saw six boats laden with merchandise catch fire and sink.

## Harvested Paddy burnt by S. L. Army

News from Batticaloa state that the Sri Lankan Army burnt down large numbers of stacked harvested paddy in Paduvankarai in the Batticaloa District.

This wanton damage to the principal food grain of the people has caused grave loss to the farmers and reduced the fruits of their labour and investment for a full cultivation season to ashes.

## 36 DEATHS DUE TO DOG BITE

The Jaffna Regional Health Department has said that 36 persons died in Jaffna due to rabid-dog bite during the year 1992. The figure is higher than the figures for previous years.

There is a shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in Jaffna.

Apart from the shortage of medicine, the concentration of people in refugee camps and the neglect of domestic animals due to displacement of people from their homes are identified by the Regional Director as contributory causes for the increase in incidents of death by dog-bite.

According to the Health Department there were 10,563 cases of dog bites that came up for treatment at the various hospitals in Jaffna District during 1992.

## Industrial Development Organisation

A new Industrial Development Organisation has been formed under the aegis of the Tamil Eelam Economic Development Organisation (TEEDOR) at Jaffna.

The new organisation will give financial, technical and expert advice to new entrepreneurs.

The I. D. O. started functioning from February 8, Monday.

# Economic Strangulation of Tamils

## Now not the first time

Now is not the first time the Sri Lankan Government has indulged in an act of economic strangulation of the Tamil people to break their spirit of resistance.

Even in February 1961 immediately after the Federal Party launched the Satyagraha at the Jaffna Kachcheri, the then Govt. Agent of Jaffna, Mr. M. Sri Kantha, on instructions received from Govt. insisted on the Co-operative Stores Managers and the authorized dealers of food stuffs to call over at the Kachcheri premises by - passing the Satyagrahis to receive their quantum of weekly rice rations, threatening that it would not be issued otherwise.

The challenge posed by the Govt. was taken up and

encountered by the joint action taken by the Co-operative unions as well as the farmers. It happened to be the harvesting season for paddy also. The Co-operative unions borrowed the money from the Jaffna Co-operative Bank and purchased the entire harvests from the farmers, milled it into rice and distributed the rice to the consumers through the Co-operative stores and authorized dealers at the usual subsidised price. The farmers on their part refused to sell their produce to the Govt. even at the Guaranteed Price offered by Govt. but willingly sold their paddy at a lower price to the co-operative unions. Thus the first move by the Budha - Sinhala Govt. to strangle the Tamil resistance movement was defeated by a united effort made by the co-operative movement and the farmers.

Sometime later when the up-country estate Tamil workers were subjected to starvation, Tamil Eelam youths in U. K. carried out demonstrations in cricket pitches during the first Prudential World Cup series match held in U. K. to spotlight the issue. They actually did succeed to a great extent in

attracting the attention and concern of the international community to deaths taking place in the estates due to starvation, which forced the Govt. to issue stern instructions to medical officers not

to mention starvation as the cause of death in the death certificates issued by them in such cases but to give a totally false cause - Death due to natural causes!

Thiraviyam

## Shell Attack at Kilali

The Sri Lankan Army encamped at Elephant Pass launched artillery shell attack directed towards Kilali. The attack took place on Sunday, February 14 at 7.00 p.m.

An old couple who were seated in the lawn of their house were injured as a result of a shell explosion. The injured couple are Bastampalai Rajanayagam (64) and his wife Theresammah (52). B. Rajanayagam's brother-in-law, Michael Soosai-

muthu, (55) and a girl living with them named Xavier Amalanayagi (14) also received serious injuries. All injured were admitted to the Jaffna Hospital.

Sri Lankan Naval ships also sent cannon fire directed towards Kilali. But no damage was reported.

## JAFFNA RATE - PAYERS DECIDE TO OPPOSE NEW ASSESSMENT

At a meeting of the Jaffna Rate-payers' Association held on Sunday, February 14 at Coomarasamy Hall of Jaffna Hindu College it was unanimously decided to oppose the revised rates the Jaffna Municipality has sought to enforce on the basis of the recently conducted assessment.

A new Executive committee with Mr. S. Nagasajah (a former mayor) as President & Mr. Cyril (a former Muni-

cipal councillor) as Secretary was elected to function for the ensuing year. A sub-committee comprising lawyers also was formed to study the new rates and assessment and advise the Working Committee on measures to combat the new rates.

The outgoing President, Mr. M. Mahalingam thanked the members for their co-operation during his term of office.

## 2 Infants burnt to death in Refugee Camp

News from Amparai state that the Refugee Camp in the village of Karaitivu in the Amparai District caught fire on Thursday, February 11. Two infants were burnt to death. The Tamil refugees in this camp lost all whatsoever they had in the fire.

## School - Girl Killed

A school girl named Packiaraj Kavitha of Arayanpathy in Batticaloa District was killed when Sri Lankan Army opened fire in the village, according to a news report from Batticaloa. The incident occurred on February 6, Saturday.



# Beware of Sinhala Intellectuals

Rt. Rev. Kenneth Fernando, Anglican Bishop of Colombo, braved the Sinhala Navy and crossed the sea at Kilali. He even met Mr. Pirabakaran. It was reported that Mr. Pirabakaran had extended an invitation to Sinhala 'intellectuals' to come to the North for a dialogue. The Rev. Bishop had said so and the Sunday Observer seems to be preparing the Sinhala intellectuals for an 'intellectual bout' with the Tigers.

Five intellectuals had been interviewed by the Sunday Observer (January 24, 1993) Reporter, Sukumar Rockwood. Of course, one of those interviewed had grave doubts to locate who would fit into the description of an 'intellectual' but perhaps had found himself comfortably fitting into the description - whether by his own assessment of himself

## EELANADU Enters 35th Year

On Thursday, February 11, 1993 EELANADU - the Tamil daily published from Jaffna entered its 35th year of publication.

EELANADU is the first daily paper in any language to be published from outside the Colombo, capital of Ceylon.

We extend our warm congratulations to EELANADU on its 35th year of publication and wish it a prosperous future.

## SWAMI VIVEKANANDA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Swami Vivekananda's Birthday celebrations were held at the Sri Sarada Seva-

### School Cricket

St. John's College drew with Canagaratnam M. V. at the former's grounds during the week end.

Scores:- St. John's - 253 and 65 for 7 at close Canagaratnam M.V. - 148 & 174. Jaffna Central College drew with Jaffna Hindu College at the latter's grounds.

Scores:- Jaffna Central 272 all out.

Jaffna Hindu 120 and 260 for 8.

Hosting Manipay Hindu College at their own Stadium, St. Patrick's College beat Manipay Hindu College by seven wickets.

Scores: Manipay Hindu: 87 and 85

St. Patrick's: 110 and 53 for 3.

Vijayakumar

or by the fact that the Sunday Observer reporter had identified him as one such, is not for us to say. However, in displaying his 'intellect' he had challenged the *bona fides* of the very Bishop and his Church. That perhaps gives him the qualification of an intellectual. But this 'intellectual' appears to be sadly lacking in intellectual capacity for a dialogue-and therefore advises the 'security' (armed) forces and political authorities to step up their 'struggle' until such time as Mr. Pirabakaran is either disarmed or decides to lay down his arms. If he has not realised that both alternatives are impossible of attainment so much for his intellectualism. This intellect has also not failed to exhibit his bravery and said that if Sinhalese speak of peace they do so *not out of fear but out of love* for the Tamils and had said that the Tamils are living peacefully in Sinhala areas, while 'Pirabakaran is massacring all Sinhala and Muslim citizens, he could lay his hands on'. When this intellect speaks of Sinhala love for Tamils, we wonder how this 'love' only began to be shown after Pirabakaran and his men began to show their own armed strength and the world community began to realize all the hypocrisy of love and affection and charity and what not, clothed in Buddhist robes. Where did the Sinhala 'love' for Tamils run away from 1956 to 1983 when organised Sinhala gangs

attacked non-combatant Tamils living in Sinhala areas? We all know that Sinhala warriors of the ilk of this 'intellect' have now realized that Tamils will not always be at the receiving end. The Tamils may ask how Sinhala love is being showered on Tamils in the form of bombs, shells and economic embargo-medicine and postal letters to boot.

The Sinhala intellectuals discovered by the Sunday Observer, seem to be vying with one another in their martial prowess than in their intellectual brilliance. Another

### KUMARAN

veteran intellectual - also said to be a Sinhala literary giant, has regretted that the Lord Bishop has descended to the level of 'white-washing an out-and-out criminal' (meaning of course Mr. Pirabakaran) and has called upon the intellectuals to wage a public campaign to get their Sinhala rulers to capture Pirabakaran and bring him before the Sinhala law. This intellectual has clearly declined the invitation for a dialogue and is on the war path.

Those styled 'Directors' seem to be a plenty in Sri Lanka, second only to those styled 'ministers'. An intellectual Director seems to have obliged

the Sunday Observer reporter with some questions. Would the LTTE be willing to abide by the consensus, is a question that he asks. But what the Tamils ask is what do Sinhalese mean by this consensus? Is it the PSC 'consensus' which was published sometime back with all Sinhala parties agreeing to divide the Tamil homeland (and none of the 'Colombo Tamil parties' said to be in the PSC agreeing and the CWC completely withdrawing from the PSC) and the decision being presented to the public as 'consensus' agreement? We have bitter experiences of 'Sinhala consensus' always agreeing to deprive Tamils of their rights. Then this intellect has also queried whether the LTTE would abandon 'the traditional, home concept' and accept a regional sub-national unit within a unitary system. This intellectual, perhaps immersed in his intellectual exploits, has forgotten reality and what is taking place around him. Traditional home-land is not a concept but a reality and Tamils have rejected the unitary system of Government long before the Tamils took up to arms. He is also asking Mr. Pirabakaran whether in the event of a 'ceasefire' he will assist the Government to restore 'civil administration'.

What the Tamils want to know from this intellect is whether the 'civil administration' will be like those in the occupied islands of Jaffna or other occupied parts of the Tamil homeland where the Army officers are the big bosses in various guises and sons of the soil had run away.

Another intellect has begun to feel for 'down-trodden and poverty-stricken Tamils'. But who has caused the Tamils to be down-trodden and poverty-stricken? Are not the Sinhala rulers who ruled the Tamils for the last 40 odd years entirely responsible for the plight of the down-trodden and poverty-stricken Tamils? The Tamils realize their economic emancipation will take place only when they begin to rule themselves for their good and not go all around the island in search of jobs. They also know that many Sinhala intellectuals of yester-years said that there was a community of interest between the down-trodden Sinhalese and down-trodden Tamils and when the opportunity came their way to emancipate the poor masses - they tread on the Tamils further deep.

Another intellectual seem to be equating the Tigers (Continued on Page 4)

## MUSINGS BY NESTOR

Postal Services are international. It is a service rendered by the State to its citizens. Every such service is laid down in the Statute of the country. The Executive Government of the day could not direct its officers to neglect or perform wrongly such services. There is no Martial Law administration giving over the administrative function to the Army Commander these functions and the Government administrative machinery. Under the law, the civilian Government theoretically functions and the necessary machinery is intact. Postal services do conform to the International Postal Convention. Nestor does not think that Local Law as well as the International Postal Convention read together gives the Executive Government right to heap in a mountainous pile Tappal Bags without taking steps to have them delivered. I think under the law, the Postal authority in question is bound to engage an appropriate means of transport and despatch the Tappal bags to their destination. Is the power which the Government

exercises to prevent the Tappal bags being sent to their destination in the North and East, not unlawful? The Joint Army Command has no status in this matter, if the Postal authorities entered into a contract with a merchant vessel on a Charter party basis to deliver the Tappal bags from Colombo to Point Pedro. It would not be out of place if a Writ Petition was filed against the appropriate Postal authority who is piling up the Tappal bags in Colombo to transport these bags by lawful means of transport. A Charter Party with a merchant vessel is a perfectly lawful means of transport. One need not wait for the Kumari and Kumana. The functions of the President do not include the prevention and accumulation of Tappal Bags at his whim or fancy. It is a case of rendering a service for which the fee was pre-paid.

**Kittu Dead is more powerful than Kittu Living**

Paradoxical, as it may seem, this is a fact. Many

more people had thought about Kittu's personal nobility of character, his forthright ways, determination and his dedicated service and daring defiance in the face of instant death. Even those who were pre-occupied with the high prices of kerosene, rice and garlic, paused for a while to talk of Kittu, his feats and dedication. The spirit of the movement, i.e., the LTTE made a much greater impact than ever. The determination among the youngsters to win Eelam at any cost, has been enhanced to a degree never before felt.

The cowardly behaviour of Delhi in causing the death of a determined Freedom fighter, has definitely lowered India's moral value if independent India ever built up to its credit any moral value. Of course, the world at large is getting convinced that Delhi - Hastinapura of Mahabharatha or Duryodhanan Janma Bhoomi is exorcising the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi from its value system. New Delhi's governance is really fast becoming Duryodhanan's Durbar.



# THE REGIONAL BULLY ASSERTS ?

## BABRI MASJID : DEMOLISHED !

### M. V. AGATH : BLASTED !

## What next for SAARC ?

Buried underneath the rubble of the demolished Babri Masjid were Secularism and the Rule of Law which unmistakably vitiate the functioning of effective democracy in India. Human rights have been seared away. The follow-up incident of the brutal handling of a senior LITE leader, Sathasivam Krishnakumar - Kiddu and associates - was an open exhibition of India's assertion that she is not a regional policeman but an arrogant bully.

A span of 40 days separates the two incidents - 'Masjid' and 'Agath'

The saga of Kiddu's peace mission of which India was very much aware because of the initiative taken by the indomitable Quaker peace mission, was wrecked by India. So too, the demolition of Babri Masjid - a dangerous reality and unless viewed in real perspective and concertedly acted upon by the SAARC membership, is bound to escalate tension and terror, chaos and calamity in the region. A check on India and a constant reminder is within the scope and reach of the SAARC Community. If not, bust off the SAARC.

Coffee percolator to 'Agni' and 'Prithvi' is a long way in India's progress towards the manufacture of defence weaponry. Nevertheless, coffee - percolator days were the days of India's greatness, cordiality and co-existence. Gandhian ideals flourished. Ahimsa, secularism, democracy and human rights, Panchaseela, N. A. M. these were the respected and pursued creeds of India which gave her all the stature and image for greatness. Alas! It's all over! Or, is it not?

It was in 1959, when China occupied a chunk of Indian territory at the Himalayan foothills, Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister, had to keep the event a secret for months together. India was not prepared to assert her right militarily. Democratic means had to be pursued. Hence, the time factor of 2-3 years - democratic ethic as well as a diplomatic norm of international code of conduct.

However, when the Indo-China war broke out in

1962, V. K. Krishna Menon, the Minister of Defence and External Affairs, was accused of manufacturing coffee percolators in Defence factories for the unpreparedness for war. But the occupied territory by China was an uninhabited land mass - a border dispute.

Two decades later, after 1983, India's designs of hegemony over Sri Lanka surfaced. It was an open arrogance and diplomatic coercion and with the Accord of July, 1987 it was a direct violation of the sovereignty of this little island - Sri Lanka, a full-fledged fellow-member of the UNO, Commonwealth, NAM and for a decade a member of the so-called questionable unit for regional co-operative effort, SAARC.

President Premadasa wears the 'uneasy crown' - a tinsel glitter! The future of SAARC oscillates over the rubble of the Babri Masjid as well.

The only option left with the Sri Lankan political leadership to resolve the ethnic embroil and to re-gain the sovereignty, is to have direct talks with the LTTE leadership. It is only then the 'dead wood' the Accord can be tossed into the Indian Ocean to drift away. SAARC has to precede.

However, to get back to the sequence of historical events it was J. R. Jayewardene's pipe dream that he had the sovereign rights of the people in his pocket, when he obtained the undated letters of resignation from fellow representatives of the people - the V. I. P's. He hardly visualised that when he signed on the dotted lines on 29th July, 1987, the other signatory, Rajiv Gandhi took away in his pockets the sovereignty and integrity of this island. No matter the IPKF left the shores 31 months later.

The LTTE had to be in Colombo to show the doors for the exit of the IPKF! That's why the Tigers came to town - the deserted town where J. R. Jayewardene ceded the sovereignty of Sri Lanka on 29th July, 1987. A media event for N. Ram of 'Madras Hindu'. The media event for 'lap dogs' of Colombo was on 3rd May, 1989 "from the wild jungles of

Mullaitivu to the star class comfort at Colombo Hilton Hotel' was the lament of 'Surnimala' (Sunday Times of 7th May, 1989.)

If that was the hazards of peace efforts of the Tigers in May, 1989, I wonder how 'Surnimala' realizes the scenario in January, 1993? A. C. S. Hameed, a senior Minister, has to sneak away to London and Paris to meet the Tigers and Kiddu has to take a Vasodagama-type of voyage on his peace mission and perish near Madras. The scare of regional bully?

And on February 4th, 1993, Sri Lanka celebrated! It was Independence? The 'lap dogs' are in a haze. They know not where they slumber - Colombo, Kasthuria building, Madras or Delhi. Awake and be watch - dogs.

Regardless, the humbug hawk, J. R. Jayewardene in his old age blues (he blue colour saree being another phobia) gave an interview to the Australian T. V. that the IPKF should not have been sent out. He is not to be blamed. Without knowing what is nationalism or for that matter sovereignty - leave alone patriotism. People who endorsed and endured his ego are the objects of sympathy not ridicule.

### Who is a better patriot?

Patriotism is made of sterner stuff. Patriotism entails greater vision, action to redeem or safeguard people's own land, to live with peace and honour. Sacrifice is the means. Subhas Chandra Bose - Netaji - is not in the Indian calendar of patriots, i.e. the 'Congress' calendar. In the hearts of Indians, he is. Sir Winston Churchill is an adored patriot in England.

It is not an act of vain glorification of V. Pirabakaran and other leaders of the LTTE - Pulendran, Kumarappa, Thilepan, Johnny and of late Kiddu. They have lived up to the ideals and paid the supreme sacrifice.

The geo-political designs of India were foreseen by V. Pirabakaran which J. R. Jayewardene failed to realize in the matter of the Accord (a package of deceit). N. Ram,

the Brahmin Hindu Fundamentalist testifies:-

"For Pirabakaran - who has like Jayewardene shown wisdom, statesmanship and moral courage of an unusual kind in the high level talks in New Delhi (and also in Madras) with the professionals of the External Affairs Ministry, with Tamil Nadu Food Minister, S. Ramachandran and with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, proved decisive along the constructive road" - Frontline, page 6 of August 8 - 21, '87.

'The constructive road' for N. Ram was the Accord-hegemony. But for V. Pirabakaran, it was honourable peaceful co-existence with the Sinhalese - the acceptance by the Sinhalese the historical habitation of the Tamils in the North and East of Sri Lanka and not the Accord. The wrath of India and vilification of V. Pirabakaran and LITE is that they have exposed to the outside world the hegemonic designs of India and have steadfastly

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stood against it as the only stumbling block on her projections southwards in Sri Lanka. Their fight with the IPKF was historic. It was zeal, valour and patriotism. The ethos of the Sinhala masses was with the LTTE and not with the IPKF. The LTTE fought a proxy war for the Sinhalese. Herein lies the answer to the question who is a better patriot - J. R. Jayewardene or V. Pirabakaran?

### Why the SAARC ?

The SAARC is a relay race where the baton is dropped very often and the wrangle ensues over modalities. How to pick it up and where to hand over? With its origin 10 years ago with the integrated programme of action, the SAARC is yet to set off the launch pad to the core economic issues of trade, industry, energy, money and finance. The bully tactics India resorted to in relation to the Sri Lankan Summit, is not to be forgotten. And when Narasimha Rao made an 'air dash' for a 'touch and go' formality, it was again to insert a last minute item in the SAARC Agenda - Human Rights and Aid should not be co-related. This raised a furor in the civilized world and a smear on the SAARC Head - President Premadasa.

The reaction at the Foreign Office in Delhi over the earlier aborted summit, is of much relevance. A spokesman is reported to have said

'India is SAARC and there is no SAARC without India'. Nevertheless, the spotlights focus on co-operation in the fields of Narcotics, Terrorism elimination and Cottage industries.

### Narcotics

Of the seven member SAARC unit, who is the biggest producer of narcotics? It is India. Is it not a 'spill-over' effect from India that Sri Lanka has to guard herself? In 1992, Kerala produced and estimated 12,000 tons of ganja. What of the 'brown sugar' opium etc? Millions and millions worth of invisible income to India.

But the gutter-snipe journalists of 'Madras Hindu' and 'Frontline' never harbour any sense of rationality in villifying the LTTE. One Roy Mathew (Frontline May 22nd 1992) writing under the caption 'Raid without results' on ganja cultivation observes: "It is said that cultivators have A. K. 47 rifles and use wireless sets. The use of A. K. 47 rifles is a new dimension and might point to an LTTE connection"; Marginalising a hegemony blockade?

### Terrorism

The Kashmir, Punjab, Assam Naxalites and Jarkand outfits had their origin long before V. Pirabakaran took up arms or before Kiddu was born. These were inspiration for the LTTE and the other 'mainstreamers'. Is it not an instance of another 'spill over effect,' into Sri Lanka? Were they not trained by R. A. W in India? Here again N. Ram speaks out, projecting P. V. Narasimha Rao as a liar.

N. Ram interviews P. V. N. Rao.

N. Ram: We built up militarily or helped to build up militarily the various militant groups to put pressure on the political process, the negotiating process and this process, has proved very costly.

Prime Minister: I don't agree that we built up anyone.

N. Ram: Despite all the evidence on the networks, the arms?

Prime Minister: I couldn't ever agree that we have deliberately built up anyone.

But if evidence is left wanting, the former Tamil Nadu Police Chief, K. Mohandas, author of M.G.R. 'Myth and the Man' has exposed in detail in his book and currently summoned by the M. C. Jain Commission probing 'the other ramifications' of the Rajiv Gandhi Assassination to give evidence to the above effect.



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## Criminal Act of Sinhala Government

At the time of writing this editorial we have already received news stating that the Sri Lankan Air Force has twice - within this week - bombed Kilali sea and coastal areas. There had been also a number of instances of artillery shell attack on the coastal village of Kilali.

Last week there was a report that a Sea Tiger Patrol Party surrounded two Sri Lankan Naval Boats when they set sail on the Kilali sea on their murder-mission and attacked the Sri Lankan boats which attack set ablaze one Sri Lankan Naval Boat. Later confirmation of this naval battle came from the Government itself when it said that a Navy Officer was injured in Kilali sea.

Since this Naval confrontation the Sinhala imperialist armed forces seem to have descended to the cowardly behaviour of attacking Tamil civilians from places beyond reach - i.e. the air or the closed confines of well-secured army camps. They dare not come forward for fear of the Tigers. That is the only reasonable and logical conclusion to which anyone must necessarily come when one finds a shell launched from a distant Sri Lankan Army camp suddenly explodes in a place least expected to be attacked or when suddenly Sri Lankan Air Force planes bomb civilian dwellings. This is the pattern of warfare which the Sinhala imperialists have adopted all over the Tamil Eelam territory. Now the Sri Lankan Armed Forces seem to have extended this war pattern to the sea.

The Sinhala army has cut off Jaffna peninsula from the rest of Tamil Eelam by brute force. The Tamils in the peninsula have no access to other areas except through the dangerous sea at Kilali which too has been prohibited by the Sinhala government which has no moral or legal right to curb the movement of Tamils within their homeland. Its only right to issue such prohibitory order is the right of its unconscionable and beastly might.

The prohibition of the Kilali sea route for public transport and the carefully selected killing of only civilian passengers and destroying merchandise en route are the most eloquent testimony of the criminal intent of genocide of the Sri Lanka government and its armed forces, though the Govt. falsely claims to have destroyed the LTTE in cases where civilians were the victims.

We have yet to hear of LTTE casualties in the Kilali sea - though all deaths heard of were those of civilian passengers and destruction merchandise. We have already confirmed reports how the Sri Lankan Navy entered civilian passenger boats and hacked them to death and towed the boats away.

Surely they could have arrested the passengers and charged them in courts for violating their law? Even Prime Minister, D. B. Wijetunge, is lamenting the lack of evidence to charge the Anglican Bishop of Colombo for committing the same 'offence'.

But the Sinhala Navy men brutally killed the passengers by stepping beyond the limits the law allowed them to act. The Emergency Regulations, while they made crossing the Kilali sea an 'offence', did not confer any right on the forces to give summary penal sentences - in the brutal manner in which they did punish the 'offenders'.

Eric Honecker, the former East German President is to be charged for ordering the shooting of Germans who tried to cross the Berlin wall. Chancellor Helmut Kohl has announced this East Germany and West Germany were two countries at the time Honecker ordered the shooting. What will the Sri Lankan Govt. do to charge the perpetrators of the war crime of killing civilians who were crossing one part of their homeland to another - Killing not once but several times even when the Sinhala law did not permit it.

The Government should immediately refrain from continuing its criminal acts on the seas off Kilali.

## LTTE Official Organ Says:

# Change in India's Attitude is Necessary

The Indian Government has once again betrayed, contrary to all laws of the sea, the people of Tamil Eelam by intercepting Colonel Kittu and his other comrades who were on their way to Tamil Eelam travelling in the international water.

Why did the Indian Government behave in this way?

Why is the Indian Government very anxious to destroy the Tiger movement?

Geo-political interests and its lust for regional hegemony are the reasons for this:

Indian government fears that the establishment of Tamil Eelam in the island of Ceylon would jeopardise its national and regional interests.

It is because of this that it is very keen in suppressing our liberation struggle to establish a separate state.

It has vowed to suppress the struggle by destroying the Tiger movement which is spearheading this armed national liberation struggle.

It is determined to achieve this easily by systematically destroying the leadership of the Tiger movement.

Our senior commander and central committee member Colonel Kittu too has now become a prey to this scheme of betrayal of the Indian Government.

The Indian Government is afraid of the development of Tamil nationalism among the people of Eelam as a result of the Tamil Eelam liberation struggle. The Indian Government is afraid that if this Tamil nationalism grows and becomes matured and as a result a separate state of Tamil Eelam is established then it would reactivate the demand for an independent state in Tamil Nadu also.

Added to that it is also perturbed that success of this liberation struggle also would arouse the ethnic struggle among the various ethnic groups in the sub continent and would be a source of danger to Indian imperialism.

Apart from these, Indian government was very keen that there should be political stability in a unitary political set up in the Island of Ceylon. Because, if there is no political stability in the Island of Ceylon, the Indian government feared that - basing such instability super powers of the world - may cause intervention which would be inimical to its geo-regional interests.

It is on the basis of this fear psychosis that the Indian government had intervened continuously in our liberation struggle in various forms during the last ten years.

But these fears of the Indian government are incorrect and exaggerated.

Today the world has changed. Cold war has ended and a new political world order has set in. In accordance with this new world order the Indian government has completely reversed its internal and external policies and effected changes.

India today has intimate relationship with those super powers from which it once anticipated fear of intervention in this region.

It is to those super powers that it has opened up its markets also. It has entered into economic agreements with them. It is engaged in joint military exercises with them.

Particularly America and Israel are today India's friendly powers.

But only with regard to its external policy in respect of the liberation struggle of the people of Tamil Eelam it has not yet changed its policies.

Even today the Indian government is viewing the liberation struggle of Tamil Eelam with hatred because of exaggerated fears and baseless suspicions. This is unfortunate. The argument of the Indian government that the struggle for a separate state by the people of Eelam would have its impact in Tamil Nadu is contrary to reality.

In order to bring about an armed struggle, there should be circumstances which are unique by themselves. The circumstances that exist in Tamil Eelam are not found in Tamil Nadu. Here, we are facing a genocide of the Tamil race due to Sinhala chauvinism. Already several thousands of Tamils had been killed by Sinhala armed forces. They had been chased away from their own places of living as refugees.

## Beware...

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with Jethika Chintanaya and Hela Urumaya groups. By implication he seems to absolve the man who propounded the theory that Sinhalese as a language would die, if Tamil was given parity of status, or the person who thought if parity was given, Sinhala only would prevail after 30 years or still the other man who thought he could adopt Israeli type of colonisation and mask it under 'agricultural development.' The Tamil Eelam concept is the product of the collective wisdom of the Tamils - who have found the solution like Disraeli being practical and not dogmatic like his erstwhile opponent Gladstone. While Gladstone was great, no less was Disraeli who was pragmatic. The concept of Tamil Eelam

They are being confined as prisoners in their own land.

There is a historical necessity and need for the Tamil nation in Eelam to take up arms to safeguard itself. Otherwise Tamil nation in Eelam will get destroyed. The Indian government which does not comprehend the danger Tamil nation is in, is helping the Sinhalese government to destroy our people and this will be the genocide of the Tamil nation.

Instead of understanding the independence struggle and its justification which are of a unique historical necessity, it is very incorrect and a blind outlook on the part of the Indian government to compare our liberation struggle with its country's own separatist tendencies and to consider that it is against its national interests.

It is because of this wrong outlook that the Indian government is unjustifiably intervening in our liberation struggle.

In the present changing world situation, the Indian government which has recognised many countries which have attained national independence, must change its uncompromising attitude towards our liberation struggle.

Indian government should understand that establishment of the government of Tamil Eelam will not pose a threat to its national or geographical or regional interests. On the basis of this, the Indian government should re-cast its external policy with regard to its relationship with Tamil Eelam and should come forward to support the justifiable independence struggle of the people of Tamil Eelam.

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has grown from the twenties when Mr. Pirabakaran, the Sinhala intellectuals and myself not excluded were not even born. There is no single Mazzini for Tamil Eelam though Mr. Pirabakaran is the Garibaldi of Tamil Eelam.

A word of warning to Mr. Pirabakaran seems to be necessary now that we are told he has invited Sinhala intellectuals for a dialogue. From a reading of the Sunday Observer it seems to us that 'intellectual dishonesty' as creed of the intellectuals has given way to murderous intent on the part of the selected Sinhala intellectuals. And if they do come for a dialogue with Mr. Pirabakaran he has to be warned to search them for some hidden weapons because they seem to have sharpened their weapons instead of their intellect.