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## The Pride of the Nation

I confess to pride in this coming generation. You are working out your own salvation; you are more in love with life; you play with fire openly, where we did it in secret, and few of you are burned!

Franklin D. Roosevelt-Address-1926.

# Apparent Festivity - But Underlying Solemnity

## HEROES' WEEK CELEBRATIONS IN JAFFNA

For outward appearances, Jaffna peninsula looks like a land of great festivities with street decorations, big structures depicting various actions in the course of the Tamil Eelam freedom struggle and music ringing in the ears of everyone. Behind this apparent festivity, the solemnity underlying the Heroes' Week is clearly discernible from the large number of people who visit the many structures at various places over the whole of Jaffna to pay solemn homage and veneration to the Tiger fighters who laid their lives in the cause of the liberation of Tamil Eelam motherland.

The Heroes' Week began in Jaffna on November 21, with the hoisting of Tamil Eelam National Flags all over Jaffna. Flags were hoisted not only in the special structures put up for purposes of the celebrations but in every public building.

Flags were hoisted on Government buildings, schools, library centres and every other public centre barring places of worship.

The flags were hoisted by the local heads of the institutions in charge.

Following this ceremony the many structures put up by the LTTE depicting many actions and carrying the portraits or pictures of the LTTE heroes who participated in those actions were thrown open for public view. Large numbers of people kept on going to these structures to pay homage

to the martyrs despite the almost incessant rain during the period.

The Co-ordinating offices of the LTTE's District branches outside Jaffna have put up structures containing the pictures and portraits of the Heroes from those Districts. For example the Batticaloa-Amparai co-ordinating office, and the Trincomalee and Mannar co-ordinating offices have put up structures where the

pictures and portraits of fighters from those areas are exhibited.

Public meetings were a daily feature during the week at various villages where the local population paid homage to the dead heroes from their villages and also invited the parents of the martyrs and paid special honour and respect.

Music from recorded tapes and speeches are heard all over Jaffna. The speeches are those of the dead martyrs themselves. The songs are in honour of the fighters and espousing the Tamil Eelam cause.

Sixteen public meetings were held on November 26, Friday at different places in the Jaffna peninsula to honour the parents of the of the martyrs. The meet-

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## Night Bombing at Vali-North

A Sri Lankan Air Force Puccara bomber which hovered over the Valikamam North area dropped two bombs at Kuppilan about 9.00 p.m. on Thursday, November 25.

This was followed by shell attack from Army points at Tellippalai. A helicopter kept on hovering the area as the shells were fired. There was no report of any death due to the night shelling.

## Mannar: Normal Life in places vacated by Army

News from Mannar state that consequent to the withdrawal of the Sri Lankan Army from some areas of Mannar mainland in August, normal life in those areas is beginning to take place.

When the Army invaded those areas the people there left their homes and took refuge in Madhu refugee Camp. The Army

laid waste the villages, destroyed dwellings and looted the properties of the people.

After the Army withdrew in August, people began slowly to trek back to their villages.

The news further said that along with the monsoonal rains the villagers have begun cultivating their fields

which were abandoned during the period the army was in occupation. Large tracts of paddy lands in Adampan and Nanattan which were abandoned and looked like deserts during the period of Army occupation of these areas have once again begun to bloom green with the villagers going back to their normal occupation.

## TAMIL EELAM LEADER IS 39

Mr. V. Pirabakaran Tamil Eelam Leader, was 39 years on 26-11-93. The 'Hot Spring' wishes long life to Mr. Pirabakaran in the cause of service to Tamil Eelam.



## LTTE RESCUES 40 TAMIL Prisoners in Poonakari

The LTTE rescued for 40 Tamils from prison cells at Poonakari to which they had been confined by the Sri Lankan forces before the smash-up of the Sri Lankan military complex.

It is learnt that about 50 Tamils were held prisoners by the Sinhala Army at Poonakari. A few of them died there due to illness and lack of medical care. The balance 40 still alive

at the time of the LTTE attack on the Sri Lankan Army Camp, were rescued by the LTTE from their confinement and later set free.

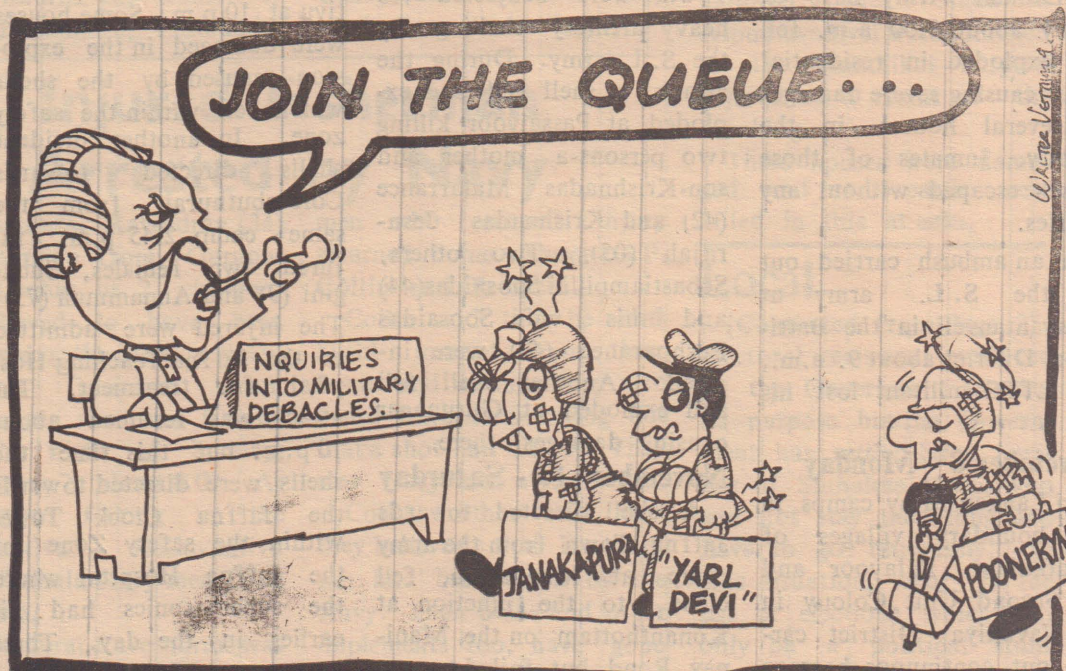
The Tamils held prisoners by the Army told local reporters that they were tortured and ill-fed by the Army during their confinement at Poonakari. They owed their liberty to the LTTE.

## Bomber Attack at Mannar

A Sri Lankan Air Force Puccara bomber dropped three bombs at Parappukadanthan in the Mannar

District on Sunday, November 21 about 8.00 a.m.

No news about the damage has been received.







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## OUR HOMAGE

The whole of this week saw solemn homage being paid to the Tamil national heroes all over Tamil Eelam territory-freed of the Sinhala Army of occupation.

The first Tamil hero of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam fell fighting for the Tamil Eelam cause on a November 27.

As the numbers of Tiger martyrs kept on increasing, the LTTE called for the week ending November 27 to be observed every year as the Heroes' Week and Tamil Eelam has been observing this week as the Heroes' Week ever since.

This year's Heroes' Week commemoration programmes assumed greater significance for the people as the Heroes' Week was preceded by a glorious victory for the Liberation Tigers at Poonakari just ten days before the commemoration week began.

Just ten days before the programme began over 300 names were added to the long list of national heroes. Sad though it was, adequate compensation was there in the form of the complete smash-up of a Sinhala Military Complex at Poonakari having Army and Naval bases. The Poonakari Sri Lankan military complex was a major one and it was from this complex-the Nagathevanthurai Naval Base-that the Sinhala Naval murderers went out whenever they desired and killed innocent civilians undertaking the arduous and perilous journey across the sea simply because it was inevitable that they should travel for purposes of their normal existence.

The happiness of the people at the Tiger victory at Poonakari knew no bounds and perhaps the enthusiasm displayed by larger participation of the people in the Heroes' Week, may partly be due to this victory.

The LTTE has put up structures housing the pictures of the national heroes at various places and from all reports it is clear that large numbers of people piled up to pay their respects to the heroes at the various centres.

It would be wrong to conclude that the great enthusiasm displayed by the people to pay their homage to the heroes, arises from the victory at Poonakari-though it probably added to the enthusiasm.

Beginning from the first Tiger martyr, Sathianathan, upto now over 8000 Tigers have laid their lives in the cause of Tamil Eelam. Eight thousand odd Tamil Tigers have sacrificed their youthful lives for the sake of their land and people. Eight thousand odd youth - martyrs mean about 50,000 of the nearest kin-parents, brothers and sisters. The outer periphery of relations, uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces etc. would bring the figure to two hundred thousand or more. All these people are here in Tamil Eelam irretrievably drawn to the cause by the sacrifice of their own children. This probably explains the enthusiasm behind the people's participation in the Heroes' Week.

It would be correct to state that Heroes, apart from performing feats in themselves most astounding and heroic, have ensured that the Tamil Eelam cause is enshrined in every Tamil's heart by their own self-sacrifice.

No one will end his own life by the cyanide capsule, or in a Black Tiger assignment or in a fast like that undertaken by Thileepan - or blow himself up in his own vessel as Kittu and his men did on the seas, if he is a terrorist as the Sinhala chauvinists try to make out the Tamil freedom fighters to be.

The Tamil national heroes are the flowers of our land imbued with the noblest qualities of humanity.

We join the people of Tamil Eelam in paying our homage to the National Heroes of Tamil Eelam.

# Local Elections-Some Reminiscences

One is reminded about the results of the elections to Local Authorities held on May 18th, 1983, when President D. B. Wijetunge announced the nomination date for the holding of the elections to the local bodies in the East and Vavunia in an area purported to be under the occupation of the Security Forces.

What happened then in May, 1983, when former President J. R. Jayewardene held the elections to get the Jaffna Municipal Council and the Urban Councils of Chavakachcheri, Point Pedro and Valvettiturai elected? On the appeal made by politicians of yester-years, the voters of Tamil Eelam had already exercised their right of self-determination by converting the General Elections held on July, 1977 for the election of a New Parliament into a Referendum and had by an overwhelming majority opted to restore and re-constitute the lost State of Tamil Eelam. So in keeping with that wish of the Eelam Tamils, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam asked the people to boycott those local elections. This happened just two months

prior to the pogrom of July, 1983. The rate payers too, of those four local bodies - The Jaffna Municipal Council and three other Urban Councils of Chavakachcheri, Point Pedro, & Valvettiturai-fell in line with the LTTE request and boycotted the elections. Polling took place with full security arrangements provided by the joint forces of the Sri Lankan State - the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police. Yet not even ten percent of the voters made up their minds to cast

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their votes, even though the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) itself had fielded its candidates to contest that election. The worst thing that happened for the TULF and the Government of J. R., was that even those who were returned as city-fathers themselves, declined to take office. To this day, by special arrangement, the administration of all those four local bodies are being run by permanent State Employees.

Fools do not learn any lessons from the experiences of others and in the process allow history to

repeat itself. Opponents of the present President play pun with his initials and call him in a derogatory manner as 'Deaf and Blind' Wijetunge. People who have ears to hear and eyes to see, will not venture to repeat their past mistakes. But will D. B. Wijetunge learn any lessons from the past?

Colombo Tamil political parties and even the Muslim Congress have opposed the holding of any elections in the East, be it local, the proposed Referendum or any other. The situation there is not conducive to the holding of any elections in their view. The reason being given is that, even though the Government and the forces claimed to have established full control over the East and Vavunia town, yet these areas are not beyond the reach of the LTTE. They cite the reports of incidents taking place there as proof. Furthermore, thousands of displaced voters have not yet been rehabilitated in areas where they resided earlier. No one can assure whether their names are included in the cooked-up

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## Another Church Attacked in Jaffna

The Church of our Lady of Mount Carmel at Gurunagar, Jaffna was attacked by a shell, launched from the Sri Lankan Army at Mandaitivu on the midnight on Saturday, November 20.

This is the second attack on a Roman Catholic Church in Jaffna within one week. Earlier on November, 13 the large St. James' Church was bombed by Sri Lankan Super Sonic bombers which

resulted in the destruction of the Church, death of ten people and injury to over 30 which prompted the Bishop of Jaffna to lodge a strong protest with President Wijetunge and call for compensation both for the Church and for the victims and their families. Despite the public criticism against such wanton bombing, the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has now been shelled which

caused heavy damage to the church and a house nearby.

Residents living in the coastal area said that an Army vehicle was seen being driven near Mandaitivu junction from which shells were fired about midnight on Saturday towards Gurunagar. It is one of these shells that hit the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### November 7- Sunday

Artillery shells directed towards Chulipuram and Pannakam areas from the Sri Lankan Army Base at Palaly about 7.50 a.m. fell and exploded in residential areas causing severe damages to several houses in the vicinity. Inmates of those houses escaped without any injuries.

In an ambush carried out by the S. L. army at Kaluvantanveli in the Batticaloa District about 9. a.m., one LTTE militant lost his life.

### November 8 - Monday

Sri Lankan army camps in the boundary villages of Pavatukulam, Palayoor and the Second Unit Colony in the Vavuniya District carried out continuous barrage of artillery shells and gun-

fire from 5 a.m. around the surrounding villages.

### November 9 - Tuesday

Coastal areas of Jaffna Town were subjected to heavy artillery shelling by the S. L. army. During the attack, a shell fell and exploded at Passaiyoor killing two persons-a mother and son-Krishnadas Malarrance (42) and Krishnadas Jesurajah (05). Two others, Sebastianpillai Soosaidas (44) and his wife Soosaidas Pushparanee (40) were injured. Another shell fell and exploded at Gurunagar causing damages there.

### November 13 - Saturday

A shell directed towards Jaffna Town from the army camp at Mandaitivu, fell close to the junction at Konanthottam on the Manipay Road but failed to explode. One house was da-

maged by a shell which exploded in an area near Sivanpannai road at 3 p.m.

### November 14 - Sunday

A shell attack was made within the Jaffna Teaching Hospital safety zone from the Army camp at Mandaitivu at 10 p.m. Some houses were damaged in the explosion caused by the shells which fell within the safety zone. In another incident shells directed towards Colombuthurai from the same camp 2.45 p.m. injured two females, Subagini (9) and Annammah (75). The injured were admitted to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital for treatment. The attack was resumed about 10 p.m. but this time the shells were directed towards the Jaffna Clock Tower within the safety Zone of the Jaffna Hospital where the super-sonics had hit earlier in the day. Three houses were damaged.

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## Confederation of People's Organisations tells D.B.W: Stop Indiscriminate Bombing and Shelling

Mr. Solomon S. Cyril, President of the Jaffna District Public Organisations, has sent a letter to the President D.B. Wijetunge with copies to all embassies and the ICRC protesting against the indiscriminate bombing and shelling calling for the immediate cessation of death and destruction that is being caused by the armed forces of Mr. Wijetunge's government.

The letter reads:

The Jaffna District Public Organisations Federation wishes to lodge its vehement protest against the bombing of the Jaffna Kachcheri, St. James Church, Jaffna and the vicinity of the General Hospital, Jaffna which had been declared a Security Zone by the I. C. R. C.

On 12.11.93, round about 8.45 a.m., the Jaffna Secretariat was bombed, causing extensive damage to office equipment, official records and files. The Govt. Agent himself was injured. Over 25 people were injured.

On 13.11.93 at 7.20 a.m., the 136 year old St. James' Church was bombed, killing 11 people. Over 25

innocent civilians were seriously injured and hospitalised. On the same day at 2.25 p.m., the General Hospital, Jaffna, which is within the Security Zone, was bombed, causing extensive damage to the hospital buildings and injuring the inmates. On the same day, there was aerial bombing in the vicinity of the Nandavil Temple in which more than 10 innocent devotees were injured.

People in the Jaffna Peninsula are living in constant fear and danger. The schools, places of worship and other public institutions are unable to function due to indiscriminate bombing. It clearly shows that the Govt. is not willing for a political solution by its action of destroying innocent public purporting to be taking anti-terrorists activities.

On behalf of the public of Jaffna, we urge your Excellency to order the Security Forces to stop immediately the indiscriminate bombing and shelling of Jaffna. We would also like to appeal to you to lift the ban on the movement of traffic during curfew hours, as this hampers voluntary organisations from providing medical relief and aid to the injured and the supply of food.

If your Excellency fails to take the appropriate steps, we fear there will be very unfavourable mass reactions.

## Saiva Paripalana Sabhai Protests Blasphemy to a Hindu Venerable Leader

The Saiva Paripalana Sabhai Jaffna has sent a protest letter to the President and passed a resolution on the detention of Nallai Thirugnanasambanthar Aatheenam by the Seeduwa Police.

The Sabhai's letter says:

"The most reprehensible manner in which Venerable Maha Sannithanam of Nallai Aatheenam was detained and treated undemocratically by the Colombo Police between Negombo and Colombo on 22.10.1993. is a blasphemous and unnecessary interference. The entire religious world has been amazed at this brazen conduct of the Police, a bullying act. Nothing short of a Presidential Commission of inquiry into this anti-religious interference can allay

Hindus' feelings all over the world. Hence the request for such a commission of inquiry as embodied in the following resolution passed by our Sabhai:-

"The Saiva Paripalana Sabai Jaffna condemns the detention and undemocratic treatment of Nallai Thirugnanasambanthar Aatheenam Sri La Sri Somasundara Paramachariya Swamikal on his way back from Negombo to Colombo on 22.10.93. by police and request for a Presidential Commission of Inquiry."

## Combined Attack on Thondamannaru Area

The three combined armed forces of the Government of Sri Lanka indiscriminately attacked Thondamannaru and adjoining areas causing severe damage to civilian property and injury to persons.

On Tuesday, November 16, morning between 7.00 and 9.00 Sri Lankan Naval gun boats sent volleys of cannon fire towards the coast of Thondamannaru, Polikandy,

Sakkottai, Inparuddy, Supparmadam and Point Pedro.

At the same time Sri Lankan Air Force bombers pounded Thondamannaru and Udupidy. While the combined naval and air force attack was on, the Sri Lankan Army fired shells directed towards these areas from its Palaly Base. A four-month old infant, Amirthalingam Uthayarani of Athikovilady received a serious injury in

its abdomen as a result of the shell attack.

A number of houses and fishing boats were damaged.

In the evening about 4.00 p.m. artillery shell attack was resumed on the same areas.

On the following day morning about 9.45 two Air Force bombers again bombed Thondamannaru. Chelliah Maheswary of Thondamannaru, a mother of four children, and Nadarasa Atputhavadi were admitted to the Manthikai hospital injured as a result of the bombing.

Three houses were damaged and some cattle were killed in this attack.

## Local...

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electoral registers produced by the Government to serve its purpose but the Government has settled large number of Sinhalese there, who will not stay there long and have to go ultimately. In this situation, what is the use of elections which can only be a political stunt of the Government?

## Media View

## Weighty Memorandum of Religious Heads

The memorandum sent to the President by the Heads of All Religions in Jaffna on the indiscriminate and barbarous bomber attack being carried out in the North by the Sri Lankan Air Force is a weighty one.

It is very different from the memoranda normally sent to the Head of Government on the atrocities committed by the Government and its armed forces in the Tamil areas. The memorandum of the Heads of All Religions has transcended the ambit of usual memoranda which condemn government atrocities, lodge protests or demand relief or compensation.

The memorandum of the Heads of All Religions did not stop with expressing regret, condemnation and describing incidents and losses. Nor did it stop with merely narrating the tragedies and sorrows caused by the atrocities committed on the Tamils by the Government contrary to human qualities. The Heads of Religions have effectively and boldly let known the extent to which the political status of the Tamils have been adversely affected by government thuggery.

That memorandum eloquently expresses the State Terrorism let loose by the Government against the Tamils for the last so many years.

The Heads of Religions have logically argued that what the Government does to the Tamils is naked State Terrorism. This is a slap in the face of Wijetunge who describes the Tamils' struggles for their rights as terrorism.

It is nothing but state terrorism that attacks government institutions and govern-

ment officials apart from public institutions and the Tamil public. This is comparable to an act of abdicating the Government's administrative responsibilities in Tamil areas.

This is patently and effectively underlined in the memorandum of the Heads of All Religions. They have boldly asserted the fact that the Sri Lankan government has lost its moral responsibility to rule the Tamils.

When people are oppressed, it is the duty of Religious Heads to unite and boldly proclaim on behalf of the people the truth to ring in every ear. It is felt that the Religious Heads have correctly discharged that duty this time.

This memorandum is not solely for Wijetunge. Copies of this memorandum should be immediately sent to world leaders, world organisations, world religious bodies, world press and other world mass-media.

It is then and then only that the world can be made to appreciate the struggles the Tamils are engaged in, are not acts of terrorism but are struggles for their rights and that the Sri Lankan government has lost its right to rule the Tamils in as much as it unleashes terrorism against and on the Tamils.

The Colombo government is destroying the Tamils by terrorism. Therefore it is clear that it regards the Tamil territories as a different country. Therefore it is necessary to enlighten international opinion that the Tamils must be granted their right to rule their country.

Uthayan - Editorial of  
22.11.93

## The Great Heroes

When we remember all of you  
Tears roll down our cheeks  
Ability of yours and the days with you  
Make us feel you are with us ever.

Your hearts are like the petals of buds  
Your deeds are like the gentle breeze  
The days of non-breath and restraint  
Breed the children of patriot.

Buds bloom as petals of fire  
Breeze turns to tornado  
Blood soaked soil blasts as volcano  
Birth of Eelam asks so many souls.

When we hear the songs of victory  
Tears swell our eyes  
Before the boat of freedom batters the shore  
You have gone from us far away.

For the dawn you cease to breathe  
We seek you in the twilight-land  
But you twinkle in the sky of Eelam  
To drive the darkness away from our Mother Land

—K.S. Gowri

## Injured Fisherman Arrested by Navy

Sellathurai Raveendran (34) a fisherman from Gurunagar (father of 2 children) is believed to have been captured by the Sinhala Navy.

Three fishermen from Gurunagar went out fishing on the night of Sunday, November 7, about 8.00. As they were fishing in the Mandaitivu - Kalluvantivu area, Sinhala Navy men fired at them.

Sellathurai Raveendran was injured. The other two fisher-

men who escaped injury returned home. They are F. Collin and R. Sushi.

Collin said that he and Sushi jumped from their boats and swam. They also heard Raveendran crying out that a shot had hit him. They saw Navy men with torches.

Collin further said that they believed that Raveendran had been taken by the Navy. Their boats and other implements too, have gone into Navy hands.



# LTTE drives back Sri Lankan Army

The LTTE opened fire on Sri Lankan Army that tried to move towards Verugal-Mukathuwar area in the Trincomalee District, in order to disturb the Heroes' week celebrations that were organised in that area. The Sri Lankan Army retreated after 45 minutes of gun-battle.

The news in this connection from Trincomalee said that on Sunday, November 21, Sri Lankan Army encamped at Verugal, Eechilampaththai and the 49th mile

post left their camps and proceeded towards Muttichenai and Valaithottam.

The Verugal Mukathuwar area was decorated to commemorate the Heroes' Week.

Had the Army moved into this area it would have disturbed the commemoration programmes.

At Muttichenai Bridge LTTE opened fire on the moving Sri Lankan Army at 9.40 a.m. The battle lasted for about 45 minutes at the end of which the Sri Lankan Army retreated to Muttichenai.

At 10.30 a.m. the Sri Lankan Army started shell attack from its camp at Verugal.

The Army casualty in this battle was not known. There was no LTTE casualty.

## PATIENTS WELFARE SOCIETY CONDEMNS HOSPITALS' BOMBING

In a letter to the President, the Patients' Welfare Society has condemned the reckless bombing of hospitals. The text of the letter is as follows:-

Our Patients' Welfare Society condemns in unequivocal terms the wanton and reckless destruction caused by the random bombing in rapid succession by "Supersonic planes" in the area just in front of the main entrance to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital within the safety zone of the International Committee of the Red Cross on 13th Nov. 1993, the "festival of light" (Deepavali - the Holyday of Tamils).

These senseless, heavy bombardments have caused extensive damages to the

clinics and wards in the Hospitals.

Moreover, this act of insensate brutality has caused grave consternation and a feeling of insecurity not only in the minds of patients hospitalised for treatment here but also in the minds of doctors and other staff who willingly render a dedicated service at the peak hours of a crisis which leaves human lives and properties at stake.

Our Society takes this opportunity to voice our strongest condemnation of similar aerial bombardments

both on the Kilinochchi and Mulliyawalai hospitals and the resultant loss of human life notably the rueful demise of a mother after delivery and injuries inflicted on patients who never expected this sort of disaster to befall on them.

### Secretariat area bombed again

A Sri Lankan Air Force Puccara plane bombed the Secretariat area again on Monday, November 22 at 6.10 a.m.

A young boy aged 7, Parameswaran Prasad and Aseerwatham Jesurajah (30) suffered injuries. One of Jesurajah's hands was severed. Both are admitted to the Jaffna Hospital.

Another man who lives on the Water Tank Road died of heart attack caused by the shock of the bombing according to reports. The dead man was Sellathurai John Vipulanandarajah (55). A few windows of the Kachcheri also were damaged.

### News in..

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November 17 - Wednesday

Two Sri Lankan Air Force bombers carried out an aerial attack in Puthukudiyirupu area at 11.35 a.m. These two planes bombed Iranaipalai area twice. Three persons were injured including a female child. The injured were admitted to the hospital for treatment. Many coconut palms were damaged. Early morning at 8.30 Sri Lankan Air Force bombed areas in Alampil. There were no reports of any damages.  
November 19 - Friday

Sri Lankan navy men on patrol duty off the coast of Nagarkovil in the Vadamadachy area carried out an attack on fishermen at 6.10 a.m. Two fishermen, Thevarajah Kalaichelvan (19) and Chellathurai Kavi (17) were severely injured. Their boat was also damaged.

New Era Publications,  
Luckshmi building, Dutch Rd,  
Kalviyankadu, Jaffna.

### Military - ware Recovered by LTTE from Poonakari Military Complex

Water Jet Speed Boats	05
Battle Tanks	02
120 mm. Long Range Cannons	04
Recoilless Cannon (RCL)	01
81 mm Mortars	02
60 mm "	19
R.P.G	19
M. 203 type launchers	03
50 Calibre Heavy Machine Gun	13
Minimi Light Machine Guns	09
PK G P M G	06
G P M G	05
40 mm. Dongan	04
303 LMG	03
T 81-LMG	01
AK LMG	16
M 16 A2- type Guns	11
AK Guns	394
Shells for Tank Cannon	185
Rounds - over a lakh	
Radars	

The Sri Lankan Government has said that it lost over Rs. 250 million worth of military-ware to the LTTE when the LTTE smashed - up the Military Complex at Poonakari.

## TWO AIR FORCE MEN Killed in Trincomalee

The LTTE attacked Sri Lankan Air Force men on patrol duty at Pankulam in the Trincomalee District and killed two of them and also recovered some arms and ammunitions.

On Sunday, November 21, about 8.45 a.m. a group of 5 Sri Lankan Air Force personnel set out on patrol duty from their camp at Irrigation

Department premises at Pankulam. Within three hundred meters of the camp, the LTTE attacked them. Two Air Force men were killed on the spot. The others were wounded but escaped back to the camp. The LTTE recovered arms, ammunitions and other military - ware.

There was no loss to the LTTE.

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ings started at 9.30 a.m. Cultural programmes were conducted at these meetings. In addition video films showing LTTE military operations against the Sinhala Army were also shown.

At midnight on November 26, to be exact as November 27 began at 12.01 (second a.m.) - bells were rung all over Jaffna from places of wor-

ship which heralded the National Heroes' Day - November 27. The bells kept on ringing for two minutes. This was followed by lighting of lamps in memory of heroes in the three grounds in Jaffna peninsula where the heroes are laid to rest. One lamp for each memorial slab was lighted by the parents of the dead fighters in a programme charged with great emotion.

On November 27, Saturday, evening three public meetings were held at Valikamam, Vadamadachy and Thenmaradchy Divisions preceded by march - past.

### Bomber Victim Dies

M. S. Vincent, a trader, who sustained injuries on November 12, when Sri Lankan Supersonic jets bombed the Jaffna Secretariat, succumbed to his injuries at the Jaffna Hospital on Sunday, November 21.

### Voice of Tigers Completes 3 YEARS

The Voice of Tigers Radio completed 3 years of broadcasting on 20-11-1993. A fellowship Tea Party was held on the day at Mangayarkarasy Vidyasalai to mark the occasion. Cultural programmes followed.

## POONAKARI DEBACLE Retaliation at Batticaloa

News from Batticaloa said that on Tuesday, November 16, some Sri Lankan Army men and some gangsters abducted four Tamils, including a female, and later shot them dead. This happened in the village of Mannampiddy in the Batticaloa District.

The four Tamils thus killed by the Army are all married people with children.

They have been identified as Poopalapillai Kulanthavel, a father of four children, his wife Rani (33), Namasivayam (45), father of nine children, and Kanapathipillai Sivakumar (29), father of one child.

The news further said that the abduction and killing of the four Tamils at Mannampiddy was a retaliatory act for the Sri Lankan Army debacle at Poonakari.

## Commemoration - Martyrs of Tamil Eelam

Oh! young Martyrs! You are the heroes of our nation, We praise your ideals on this day of commemoration, Through life's longday, and death's dark night, You departed soon, and vanish'd from our sight.

You kept your drooping eyelids open wide, Waiting for the enemy's move, with pride, You served always with assured trust, And embraced death with more delight.

You sacrificed your own worthy lives, In the path of our freedom, Oh! young heroes! Here, the dripping moisture of our eyes, Are wetting the surface of your graves.

The blood you shed was not in vain, At every Tamil's heart, it will remain, We have dedicated to fulfil your ambition, And build up the Tamil Eelam Foundation.

- Malarannai -