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Ranil warns of horrifvina



Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka has warned that the country's economic situation is much worse than he expected it to be. His message was that the worst horrifying phase is yet to come. He has informed that he has been forced to delay the proposed presentation of a fresh budget by six weeks. He is trying to revise taxation, remove subsidies, privatise loss-making state-owned enterprises, and provide relief to poorer sections. Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has commented that it breaks her heart to watch the pictures of what is happening in Sri Lanka, once quite a prosperous country. It is the result of mismanagement, she declared speaking to NDTV of India. Sri Lanka's Inflation in March was 18.7 percent and in April 29.8 percent. This is an increase of 11.1 percent month on month. It climbed to an all-time high of

39.1 percent in May of 2022. Even the help arrives from the IMF, it might take 13 to 15 months and Sri Lankans have to really tight their belts until the negotiations to finalise. President Rajapaksa has masterminded the exit of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Ministers Chamal and Namal Rajapaksa in the belief that it would mitigate the blame on him. Ranil Wickremesinghe is to appoint a highpowered Economic Stabilisation Committee headed by former Treasury Secretary Dr. R.H.S. Samaratunga to advise him on stabilising the economy. Prime Minister Wickremesinghe has the portfolio of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilisation and National Policies.

The committee will work under the bounds of the Finance and Economic Stabilisation Ministry to work out an immediate action plan to stabilise the economy. Mean time,

the National Policies Ministry will be entrusted to work with the line ministries and stakeholders to map out a long-term national programme for a common economic system for the country. Ven. Dr. Omalpe Sobhitha Thera has appealed to political party leaders and Members of Parliament to work together to resolve the country's deepening economic

They must act quickly and decisively, without waffling on their political interests and demands, to achieve the much-needed political stability in the country by participating in a proper multi-party interim Government," he said. He further said that, "President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the current administration must first abolish the powers vested in the President and transfer it to the Cabinet of Ministers through the 21st Amendment to give the people confidence that they have a President who is responsible for his actions in the

Mean time the World Bank Country Manager in Colombo, Chiyo Kanda, called on the Minister of Foreign Affairs Prof. G.L. Peiris at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 27 May, 2022. Minister Peiris sought assistance from the World Bank until long term assistance materializes through the IMF, other international institutions and donor countries

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# King Kelanitissa of Mayaratta

Queen his brother's wife



By Pon Kulendiren

**CHAPTER 3** 

The King's brother Uttiya was not a disciplined person and had eyes on the A temple with a dagaba, built on the ruins of the Queen and made advances towards her. When this became known to the King, Uttiya fled to Ruhuna and lived in hiding. He was, however, intent on continuing his clandestine affair with the Queen. Uttiya who had mastered

imitating the handwriting of the Arahat and sent a person dressed as a mark the occasion the Dagaba at Sithulpahuwa, Bhikkhu, to join the Arahat and his disciples in the morning meal at the was built. palace with instructions to see that the latter reached the Queen.

The person disguised as a Bhikkhu, managed one day to join the Arahat and his disciples, unnoticed, and partake in the morning meal at the palace. After the meal whilst the Arahat and his disciples were being led out of the palace, the person disguised as a Bhikkhu, dropped Uttiya's letter, written on an ola Kingdom, he and the state elephant he rode on, (Talipot or Palmyra) leaf, in front of the Queen.

The King hearing the noise of the falling object turned and picked it up. King Kelanitissa misled by his brother Uttiya's plot, on reading the letter, in a fury, without any inquiry, concluded that the letter was written by the Arahat, as the handwriting resembled his, and ordered that the person disguised as a ceased to exist. Bhikkhu be put to death immediately whilst the Arahat be thrown into a \*\*\*\* cauldron of boiling oil

for a slow and agonizing death. The King's order was carried out before a large gathering of Bhikkhus and laymen.

The dying Arahat did not bear ill-will towards the King for putting him to death for no wrongdoing. He pitied and blessed the King and breathed his last delivering his last sermon reciting one hundred stanzas to the crowd assembled. The Arahant's body and that of the person disguised as a Bhikkhu, were thereafter thrown to the sea. Everyone grieved. There is legendary story states Arahat paid for the Karma he committed in his previous birth. He in his previous birth threw a fly in to the boiling water. There is no proof for that story. Like Hindus and Buddhists believe in rebirth

Over 2,000 years ago, according to recorded history, a tidal wave appeared to have hit the western part of the country - the Kingdom of Kelaniya. The story behind that first tsunami our country faced is interesting. Arahat pitied and blessed the King and breathed his last delivering his last sermon reciting one hundred stanzas to the crowd assembled. The Arahat's body and that of the person disguised as a Bhikkhu, were thereafter thrown to the sea. Everyone grieved.

Legend is that immediately afterwards, tidal waves started beating in. The people lost their dwellings as well as their possessions. Coconut trees were uprooted, and the cultivations were devastated. It is said that the sea flowed up to nearly 28 miles inside the Kingdom.

Princess, grieving over the plight of her mother the Queen and sad over the cruel killing of the Arahat, volunteered to sacrifice herself for the sake of her motherland to atone for her father's sins. A vessel with the inscription that the maiden in it was the daughter of King

A proposal was put forward that the King's only daughter, Princess Devi, be sacrificed to save the remaining part of the kingdom. The pious and pretty

Kelani Tissa, was prepared. The Princess boarded the vessel, and it was launched into the sea. Immediately the boat with the Princess was put to sea, it is said that the tidal waves stopped beating in and the sea subsided. The boat with the princess glided away until it reached a spot called Dovera present Kirinde in the southern end of the island. It was sighted by some fishermen, who on reading the inscription on the boat, towed it back and reported their find to King Kavantissa of Magama. The King went to the spot and got the boat with the princess brought ashore. She was led to the

Palace and treated with great respect and kindness.

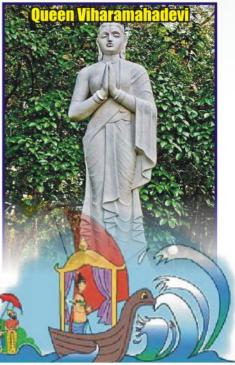
King Kavantissa finally married Princess Devi and made her his Queen. At the spot the Princess landed there had been a Buddhist cave monastery by the name Lanka Vihara, and as such, the Princess was aptly named Vihara Maha Devi. The King, to commemorate the event, built a stupa on the rock

original built by King Kavantissa, now exists, venerated by the Buddhists. Legend also has it the handwriting of the Arahat, whilst being his student, wrote a letter to the that King Kavantissa married Princess Devi at Sithulpahuwa (in Ruhunu National Park) and to

> King Kelani Tissa had a tragic end. When on an inspection tour of the devastated area in his (due to an earthquake) plunged into a pit,

> at a point in present Hendala, Wattala, and the King's body was never found. With the death of King Kelani Tissa, the Kingdom of Kelaniya







The Kelani River is a 145-kilometre-long river in Sri Lanka, ranking as the fourth-longest river in the country. It stretches from the Sri Pada Mountain Range to Colombo. It flows through or borders the Sri Lankan districts of Nuwara Eliva. Rathnapura, Kegalle, Gampaha and Colombo.

The Kelani River also flows through the capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo, and provides 80% of its drinking water. The original name of the river was Kalyani. Many kingdoms and civilizations developed along the riverbanks.

Kelaniya river is no exception. Kelani Kingdom which has now Colombo as the capital city which carried a different name as Kolmambathota. According to Ramayana, after King Ravana's death, Vibeeshana was crowned as the King of Lanka by Lakshmana at Kelaniya. There are murals enshrined outside the Buddhist temple depicting the crowning of Vibeeshana. The Kelani River is mentioned in the Valmiki Ramayana and Vibeeshana palace was said to be on the banks of this river. The reason Lakshmana crowned Vibeeshana, was because Rama had to return to India as he had to continue his self-exile of fourteen years to honor the commitment to his father, King Dasharatha of Ajodhya.

Kelaniya (Kalyani) is mentioned in Ramayana and in the Buddhist chronicle, the Mahavamsa which states that the Buddha visited the place in the 5th century BC, after which the dagoba of the temple was built. The suburb is also of historical importance as the capital of a provincial king Kelani Tissa (1st century BC) whose daughter, Viharmahadevi was the mother of King Dutugemunu the Great, regarded as the most illustrious of the approximately 186 kings of Sri Lanka between the 5th century BC and 1815.

Kelanitissa the king of Kelani Kingdom had hereditary link with Devamampiyatissa of Anuradhapura.

The king had a beautiful daughter. She did not like her father's kingdom being a subnivium of Anuradhapura Kingdom that was ruled by the Tamil king Ellalan from South India. That hatred was in the mind of the princess.

The king respected Buddhist monks, Kelani king had a brother named Uttiya, who had an illicit affair with Kelani Tissas wife. When Kealanitissa found out about the relationship, Uttiya ran away and hid in Ruhuna. King Kelanitissa of the Kingdom of Kelaniya, had a great respect for a Buddhist preacher, an Arahat, his teacher who had taught the Buddha Dhamma to him and his brother Uttiya. As a result, the King decided for the Arahat and his disciple to have breakfast, at his Palace daily. After the meal the King and the Queen led the Bhikkhus out of the palace.

It was customary for the Queen to walk behind the King.

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# Toronto Housing Sales Raj Nadarajah Sales Representative **down by 38.8 % in May 2022.**

Greater Toronto Area (GTA) housing market conditions continued to evolve in response to higher borrowing costs. Similar to April results, May 2022 sales were down on a monthly and annual basis. Conversely, active listings at the end of May were up on a month-over-month and year-over-year basis. More balanced market conditions have provided buyers with more negotiating power. As a result, while benchmark and average home prices were up substantially compared to last year, selling prices trended lower on a month-over-month Basis.

Bank of Canada rate hikes, including the 50-basis point hike on June 1, are impacting home buyers in the short term. There is now a psychological aspect where potential buyers are waiting for a bottom in price. This will likely continue through the summer. However, as home buyers adjust to higher borrowing costs, housing demand will be supported by extremely low unemployment, high job vacancies, rising incomes and record immigration, said TRREB President Kevin Crigger.

GTA REALTORS reported 7,283 sales through TRREB & MLS System in May 2022 - down 38.8 per cent compared to May 2021 and down nine per cent compared to April 2022. The number of new May listings was similar to last years level and edged up on a month-over- month basis. With sales down and new listings trend flat to slightly up, the number of active listings was up on a year-over-year basis by 26 per cent.

Market conditions remained tight enough to support an overall average selling price of \$1,212,806 for May 2022, representing an annual growth rate of 9.4 per cent. The MLS Home Price Index Composite Benchmark was also up on a year-over-year basis by 23.9 per cent. On a month-over-month basis, both price metrics were lower, reflecting more balanced market conditions.

Price trends observed over the past three months - both in terms of moderating annual growth rates and the recent month-over-month dips - are in line with TRREBs forecast for 2022. After a strong start to the year, the current rate tightening cycle has changed market dynamics, with many potential home buyers putting their purchase on hold. This has led to more balance in the market, providing buyers with more negotiating power, said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer.

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(NC) While each spring we celebrate the return of gardening season, this year's celebrations may be extra special. The Canadian Garden Council and Communities in Bloom are inviting individual gardeners and municipalities to celebrate gardening in Canada.

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# AN IGNORED GENOCIDE OF TAMILS AT MULLIVAIKKAL IN SRI LANKA ON 18TH MAY 2009.







There cannot be any plausible reasons to deny the fact of a genocidal agenda initiated by the Sri Lankan Governments immediately after the independence in 1948 against the Tamils living in the North and East. Sinhala majoritarianism, communalism and later adding Buddhism provided the keys to open up and launch several discriminatory measures which commenced from Sinhala Only Act of 1956 propelling the commissions of several massacres of innocent Tamil civilians from 1956.

The said massacres were part and parcel of the genocidal agenda including the execution of number of racial killings and pogroms carried out by the Sri Lankan Security Forces in 1958, 1977, 1981, 1983, 1987 and during the war with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam [LTTE] between 2006 to 2009.

It is learnt that more than 150 massacres were carried out against the Tamil civilians from 1948 to 2010 including cultural and structural genocide against the Tamis living in the North and East of Sri Lanka. The 30 year old war with LTTE from 1980 to 2009 ended with the massacres which harvested more than 70,000 Tamil civilians including the Mullivaikkal massacre on May 18, 2009 as estimated by the United Nations and also with about 65,000 disappeared.

The statement of Adam Dieng Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide confirms the role of deadly delay and inaction in preventing a looming genocide when he said that "It is our inaction and neffectiveness in addressing warning signals that allows it to become a reality. Genocide does not happen by accident; it is deliberate with warning signals and Precursors." Mullivaikkal massacre on May 18, 2009 as estimated by the United Nations and also with about 65,000 disappeared.

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In Sri Lanka. the genocide of Tamils commenced in 1948 and is continuing unhindered, now in the form of structural genocide including cultural genocide. In Sri Lanka, the genocide against the Tamils was aided and abetted by some countries with supply of arms and logistical support which encouraged Sri Lanka, thereby the said countries played complicit roles when the International Community including United Nations maintained deadly silence.

In the war; India, Pakistan and Iran provided military assistance and logistical support which enthused Sri Lanka to commit war crimes, crimes against humanity etc. with no feeling of guilt Most of the western powers also remained quiet and adopted a passive and complicit approach. "The United Nations and Security Council were notoriously deaf, dumb and blind" as commented by Toronto Star Columnist Rosie Dimanno who also further stated that "In Sri Lanka United Nations retreated into craven silence and looked the other way that emboldened war criminals to ply their vicious trade."

The UN and Security Councils inaction was accepted by the UN Secretary General HE Antonio Guterres in 2018 when he stated that We are still repeating rather than preventing and acting only when it is often too late. We must do more to respond early and keep violence from escalating.

One such case may be Myanmar."

Sri Lanka after this brutal genocide of this century still remains neither accounted for nor punished by the protectors of human rights upholders of peace and security. Adding insult to injury, the perpetrators of alleged genocidal war crimes are currently holding the reins of power with no visible threat to their full grip and hold on the executive, legislature and judiciary. Consequently, the victims of war have been abandoned to look after and fend for themselves without any hopes for accountability and justice, even adequate reparations.

Madam Jasmin Sooka, Director of International Truth and Justice Project in her report in 2014 openly stated the unaddressed culpability of Sri Lankan Governments when she commented that Widespread and systematic violations by Sri Lankan Security Forces occur in a manner that indicated a coordinated system plan approved by the highest level of Governments from 2009-2014.

The UN Resolutions passed by UNHRC on 31st October 2015 gave some hopes for the victims but Sri Lanka's usual tactics of dilly-dallying and evasions appear to be stalling the implementation of UNHRC Resolutions. The only option for the UN is to set up an External Special Investigative Mechanism ensuring impartial investigations to uphold accountability and justice for the victims while recommending and applying sanctions against Sri Lanka which has so far ignored the recommendations of the UNHRC continuously and prolonging the woes of Tamil victims. The current rule of alleged war criminals in Sri Lanka who being the alleged perpetrators will spare no efforts to keep accountability and justice farther and farther and at bay.

It has to be stated that Mullivaikkal genocide is not the end of genocide against the Tamils in Sri Lanka viewing the structure of Sri Lankan Governments with 99% of Sinhalese serving in the security forces coupled with the states' militarization and Sinhalization agenda when about 300,000 Sinhalese security forces are stationed in the North and East of Sri Lanka which affords the opportunities to continue commissions of genocidal crimes against the Tamil civilians

With about eight UN and UN Special Rapporteur's Report between 2011- 2016 in the custody of UN, there is no convincing reason for the UN and the Security Council to further delay initiating appropriate measures against Sri Lanka and forcing it to implement all the Recommendations of the Resolutions not merely to uphold accountability, justice and rule of law but also to ensure and reinforce the credibility and confidence in its entrusted role to take steps to maintain peace and security as prescribed in their Charters.

Furthermore, it is suggested that UN and Security Council consider incorporating special powers to deal with a hostile situation developing in a UN member state which targets minorities who are facing linguistic, cultural, racial and religious discrimination in the hands of its own Government.



In addition, UN and Security Council should consider incorporating provisions in their Charters to act promptly when a genocide is in progress in any member state and deploy UN Special Security Force to prevent and nip it in the bud. Furthermore, a failure or noncompliance of its Resolutions and Recommendations by any member state should be swiftly followed with punitive measures like expulsion from the UN, Security Council UNHRC and UN Agencies.

The massive popular protests of Sri Lanka's ordinary citizens affected by the present government both politically and economically without the involvement of political parties is something unheard in the history of Sri Lanka when the President and Prime Minister were forced to confine themselves within their official residences and the Prime Minister has retreated to a secluded residence in Trincomalee.

Another refreshing feature is the presence of placards and slogans calling for accountability of Rajapakshas' and justice for the Tamil victims of the war unleashed by Rajapakshas from 2006-2009, these moments of wisdom realized and awakening of the protesters mostly Sinhalese must be seized by the politicians in the North and South to work unitedly for a permanent political settlement of the 65 years old ethnic problem. It is hoped that the political parties and their leaders abandon their racist and communal approaches including parochial interests in the festering issues now facing Sri Lanka.

In this respect, it is just and correct to state that all Sri Lankan citizens view the Mullivaikal massacre as lessons to be learnt which should never be allowed to be repeated for the self interests of all politicians. It is also better late than never for the UN and the International Community to recognize the genocidal killings of more than 150.000 Tamil civilians particularly the 70,000 citizens killed in 2009 by the Sri Lankan security forces as pure genocide to justify its role as custodian of peace and security for the citizens of the world.

The war crimes and crimes against humanity now being openly committed by Russia in its current war with Ukraine is yet another instance of the failure of the UN and Security Council which could have been prevented by them with proper initiatives.





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# THE GALLE FACE PROTESTS A LESSON FOR ALL POLITICAL LEADERS



The Galle Face protests which commenced on April 9th 2022 cannot be described as a mass uprising by the majority of the Sri Lankan population representing all sections of the communities particularly the middle and upper class sections besides the minority communities, the Tamil and Muslims.

It was necessitated and forced upon on the low wages earning working population who could not remain passive and silent due to the unbearable burdens which were heaped on them mainly due to the spiralling cost of living and price rises including scarcity of essential commodities all of which were the products of the President Gotabaya's Government and its administration. The Presidents inexperience as a politician was exposed when he deliberately delayed seeking IMF's assistance. His lackadaisical attitude and callous indifference also contributed to the frustration of ordinary citizens which dragged the country to the economic mess.

The remarkable feature of these protests is that they were neither political nor party initiated. It was spontaneous in which no leader organizing it or conducting, directing, managing and supervising. The stealthy attempts by some political parties to infiltrate and claim some credit was nipped in the bud when they were chased away, particularly Samagi Jana Balawegaya, led by Sajith Premadasa.

The Tamils and Muslims largely abstained and failed to participate particularly due to the reasons that they are living with a loads of baggages of unsolved problems and grievances caused and heaped upon them by the successive Sri Lankan Governments since 1956. However, the main slogan of the campaign is 'GOTA GO GAMA [Gota Go Home] entirely blaming him for the present predicament and plight of ordinary citizens who have been forced to stand in queues for several hours to buy flour, bread, milk, rice and dhal which the middle and rich class came out in vehicles to buy petrol and other items without any inconvenience.

The main demand of the protesters is to call on the President to resign from his Presidentship and go home without any replacement. The protesters were dissatisfied with the President and Prime Minister placing the entire blame on them for the present mess mostly appear to have been created due to the advice of his elder brother Basil Rajapakshe.

President Gotabaya chose a sacrificial lamb and scapegoat namely Mahinda Rajapakshe, his elder brother to steer and tide away to extricate himself unscathed by dousing the fire and fury of the protesters. At the request of Gotabaya, Mahinda Rajapakshe resigned his Premiership and found shelter at the Trincomalee Naval Base Headquarters. He later returned to his residence in Colombo.

During this conflicting period, he was considered as the instigator of widespread burnings and lootings of houses of Government supporters and some ministers located at various parts of the country.

His speech at the Temple Trees before his supportersencouraged (aroused) them who went on in an uncontrollable free rampage to assault and attack the protesters at the Galle Face not even sparing the Buddhist Priests.

As usual and expected, the Police force watched the criminal performance silently but later due to public outcry arrested some of the attackers, mostly anti government supporters.

To go back to the Galle Face protests which focused on flour bread, milk, rice and sugar even Ranil has not escaped the protesters' wrath and fury when the slogan "Gota Go Gama" has now changed to become "Gota-Ranil-Rajapakshe -Go-Home} The protesters are still continuing with grit and determination braving away the heavy rain and sun and it is likely it will not end soon until the core demand of "Gota-Go-Home" is fulfilled by the Government.

The ominous signs are that the President appears to be adamant and will not yield to this demand and he could continue to cling on to the rattled Presidentship with the support and eventually the military to provide the necessary safety and security for him and the Government and not for the country.

It is appropriate to mention the results and lessons learnt from this rather small but significant uprising in Sri Lanka.

- 1. The protests have inspired new awakenings and courageous defiance of emergency regulations by the public to highlight their grievances particularly the growing hunger and poverty among them.
- 2. The protesters have finally exploded their dormant anger and frustration by launching their agitations against the brokers and plunderers of state and Public wealth, including their commissions and unpunished crimes committed against the innocent.
- 3. One of the gleaming and heartwarming features is the slogan calling for accountability and justice to the victims of war crimes implicitly accusing the alleged war criminals in the Government including the Rajapakshas' as reported by UN Officials and Special UN Rapporteurs.
- 4. Another refreshing finding and development noticed among the protesters is the involvement of a section carrying the slogan "Remembering May 18th as National Remembrance Day for all those killed in the war" instead of the National Hero's Day celebrated in Galle Face.

The realization, endorsements and enlightenments of the ordinary Sinhalese citizens who raised the slogans in Galle Face is a much-needed gesture of goodwill which stands as a beacon of hope and confidence to uphold and dispense accountability and justice for the war and political victims who lost their lives due to state terrorism.

Another important and most appreciable feature is the discarding and sparing of communalism, racism and instead maintaining the status and standing of a Sri Lankan citizen. Though a small fraction of the protesters participated, yet it is a unifying and politically significant one promoting national unity which is a much-needed panacea for the present conflict-ridden Sri Lanka.

Though this uprising is not on a massive scale like what happened in Libya, Syria, Egypt and Tunisia, yet it should be recognized as one which has established a precedent for more massive agitations and possible uprisings on a larger scale leading to the downfall of the Government with Ranil Wickremasinghe who failed to obtain the popular mandate of the voters on his electorate dictatorial government.

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It has to be stated that the Tamil parties and politicians must not fail to seize this opportunity and utilize the much needed goodwill and change of hearts and minds of the public to make it spread and capture the hearts and minds of the entire population of Sri Lanka.

It also has to be stated that the protesters have given notices of warning to all political parties and leaders not to thrive and exploit communalism, racism and majoritarianism to reap political gains but instead to concentrate and focus on the wider interest of the people, their hardships while promoting national interests and unity.









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