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Gen. Hamilton Orders to Divert the Ship to KKS.

Sri Lankan Radio announced on 27th evening that Gen. Hamilton Wanasingha the Joint Operation Forces Commander has ordered that the Ship M. V. Ruhunu which was on its way to Point - Pedro with consignments of items of ban lifted goods be diverted to go to Kankesanthurai Harbour which is in the control of the army.

We Didn't Put Forward Any New Conditions. Only the Needs of the People were Conveyed.

The LTTE didn't put forward any new conditions for freeing the POWs as the government claims now. In keeping with the agreement already reached, only a list of commodities needed by the people for a month, was got compiled through the relevant government departments here in Jaffna, and was handed over to Brig. Weerasekara through the Govt. Agent, Jaffna.

Brig. Weerasekara, the Emissary of the president Mr Wijetunga, was informed clearly by the representatives of the LTTE who met and negotiated with him and agreed to release the POW; that at least a certain portion of the listed goods should reach here before hand for the LTTE to be able to release the prisoners.

The government wanted the release before the goods being sent here and the LTTE refused to it. It assured to the government the release of the prisoners upon a certain amount of the goods being received here and therefore wanted the government to expedite actions to effect it.

After having agreed, the government didn't like to send even a part of the goods items on which there was a ban already in force, and was agreed to be relaxed, as a condition for the release of the Sinhalese prisoners. Brig. Weerasekara has told the LTTE team, that there was much opposition within the armed forces for lifting the ban that has been in force for the past 3 years.

Therefore, due to the pressure at that end, the government is now trying to load false accusations on the LTTE in order to evade sending goods here as was earlier agreed.

Sri Lanka radio announced on 28th June that the LTTE is imposing fresh conditions for freeing the balance 34 POW; and therefore, Brig. Weerasekara who has gone to Jaffna to bring back the 34 men on being released along with relatives of them who had gone to visit them there back to Colombo, has returned to Colombo on the 27th without being able to do so. It also announced that at a time when the 7 ban lifted items were on the way to Jaffna that the LTTE is making new demands.

Leader Frees Sick Prisoner.

LTTE Leader Prabaharan has ordered one of the POW freed as he is Sick. The prisoner developed sickness during his voluntary fast unto death along with the others demanding Sri Lanka government to get them freed.

In spite of the S. L. Govt. unilaterally abrogating the Conditional agreement reached regarding freeing of POW; Leader Prabaharan has decided to free the sick man on humanitarian consideration. The freed person will be handed over to the I. C. R. C. to be conveyed to Colombo.

Fierce Bombing at Kilaly - Allippalai

On 29th morning 3 Sri Lankan Air force planes carried out fierce bombing raids and rocket shot attacks from air sea ferry area and the landing points at Kilaly and Allippalai and the neighbouring shore areas. Some of the boats moored on the shore were damaged. A parked tractor also got damaged badly. The full extent of the damage is not yet known.

EDITORIAL

Government's Falsehoods Boomerang as Truths

The 38 Sinhalese POW in the custody of the LTTE since June 1990, after having realized that their government has not heeded nor shown any concern or even consideration to all the pleas made by them and their relatives to get them freed; decided to stage a fast unto death protest, demanding urgent and meaningful action by the government. They conveyed that decision to their government, through the Red Cross, a month ahead of the proposed date. But the government continued to ignore the matter and remained apathetic.

So, as decided, they commenced the fast on 13th June and continued with it steadfastly. Since they are prisoners in the custody of the LTTE, it could not have denied them that right, as it was against all fair norms and traditions. Therefore the LTTE facilitated them as needed.

But the chicanery of the Sinhalese hegemonist government and the mass media under its control; at first was putting up a vault-face and conspiratorially tried to black out the whole matter. The government and its stooges went even to the extent of saying that the LTTE has compelled the men to go on a hunger strike.

But when the fast proceeded and ran into the 4th day; the parents and relatives of the prisoners bravely came forward to go and see their beloved ones; undergoing voluntarily the agony of fasting; the government got pushed up to a position where it cannot hide any more or be inactive; as it will endanger the very base and existence of the government; if anything worst happened to the fasters. For not only it will enrage the relatives of fasters, the Sinhalese masses and the Sinhalese soldiers, but also pave way for the opposition parties to take mean advantage out of it.

So the government gave in. An empowered emissary of President Wijetunga came to negotiate; at first putting forward easy alternatives, and as they were rejected by the LTTE; at last the government agreed to lift the economic blockade on the North that has been enforced for the last 3 years by the Sri Lankan government.

The government that has been carrying on false propaganda all these while that the LTTE are terrorists and they have no feeling or concern over the welfare of the Tamil people, and are interested in achieving their personal aims only, will no more be able to utter so. For the LTTE has demonstrated its concern for its people by demanding and getting the economic blockade removed.

GARBAGE SENT IN MAIL BAGS TO JAFFNA

From the time the Eelam war II started the postal services here were disrupted for several months. Then after many protests and representations the government agreed to send mail here by ships from Colombo. There was much delay and at some instances it took 3 months and even more for mail to come here or to go from here.

The delay was attributed for the security check up of all mail coming here by the army at Colombo.

Much of the local mail and all the air mail letters when arrived here were found to have been torn and the money orders and cheques sent enclosed in the covers from abroad were removed at the checkings by the army men. This wanton and deliberate action has not stopped even after many protests to the authorities concerned and the government.

In a consignment of 700 mail bags that arrived here in the first week of June after an interval of more than three months one bag was found fully packed with garbage and sealed and sent addressed to the Post Master, Jaffna. It could not definitely have been a mistake but deliberate mischief and official vandalism.

Goodwill Mission of Clerics Met the LTTE Team

The Goodwill Mission of High Religions Dignitaries from Abroad met a team of LTTE delegates in Jaffna when they were in Jaffna on 9th June.

The LTTE team told the Mission that they are prepared for a ceasefire and to enter into negotiations to find a solution to the ethnic problem provided the government takes responsibility and creates the necessary atmosphere for holding peace talks. They informed the Mission that permanent peace could be established only by ensuring the freedom and security of the Tamil people on the basis of acceptance of the existence of a traditional Tamil home land in this Island. The Mission told the team that it will convey this position to the government in Colombo.

Conscription Law Passed

Though the Sinhalese people as a whole have several differences, conflicts and opposing political views and diverse problems among themselves on all matters they always have a consensus of opinion in the matter of opposing and denying the Tamil people of any of their rights as citizens of this Island.

The Parliament had recently passed a Bill approving conscription. The Bill was proposed by the main opposition group the S. L. F. P. and was accepted and adopted and made into Law by the ruling U. N. P.

The government may claim that the enactment of conscription law was a normal traditional act of a government. But in reality in Sri Lanka it is a blatant exhibition of Sinhalese hegemonism over the Tamils and other minorities.

Just as how the ruling UNP has cast on the Parliamentary Select Committee the task of finding a solution to the ethnic problem which is the most grave and complicated matter needing urgent action by the government it has also cast on the opposition the task of proposing the conscription law. It has a double deal motive in this.

It can claim for itself any good that come out of it and heap on the SLFP it any discredit that arise out of it.

When the same opposition party moved this Bill two years ago the government rejected it then. Then at that time the government had high hopes and dreams of all Sinhalese youth willingly rushing up to join the army to fight against the Tamils after the Eelam war II started in June 1990.

But now after 3 years of warring the government has started to feel that it is not possible any more to lure the Sinhalese youth into the army. Now instead of joining the military many thousands of army men desert and run out of it every month. Apart from the heavy losses of lives of soldiers due to war the military is also troubled very much by the deserting of men. The Sinhalese youth are refusing to join the army as they are frightened by the way the present war is progressing.

Therefore the government is now resorting to conscription to fill the army to prolong the war and continue to be in power.

Already the army deserters are giving plenty of troubles to the government security forces and the general public as they have turned out into out laws. Now the government and the opposition are getting ready blindly to get that out law population multiplied manifold.

Leader Prabakaran Honours the Sanctity of Ahimsa

It was as a gesture of honouring and respecting Ahimsa and Satyagraha that Leader Prabakaran has consented to release the POW who staged a fast unto death to demand the Sri Lankan government to take meaningful action to get them released.

But when martyr Thelepan fasted unto death in September 1987 the India of the apostle of nonviolence and peace got its heart hardened into stone and deliberately allowed him to die. Mother Poopathy's supreme sacrifice for peace was unheeded.

Puccara Bombers Ravage Eluthumadduwal Village

Bunker Saved the Lives of Nine

On 15th June around 6.10 a.m. two Puccara Bomber planes of the Sri Lanka airforce flew around over the village of Eluthumadduwal and carried out bombing a 50 caliber attacks. Though fortunately there were no loss of live heavy damage was caused to properties at the spots where the bombs fell and blasted. They created holes 15 to 20 feet deep. People in the village and those who were going on the roads all rushed to spots that they thought were safe in fear of being hit by shrapnel.

When a bomb fell and exploded in a compound the 9 inmates of the house were inside a safety bunker there and therefore had a narrow escape.

Navy Shoots Fishing Boats

On 11.6.93 a Navy patrol gun boat entered into Araly sea and fired several rounds of cannon and gun fire wantonly on the men in boats fishing there. The fishermen abandoned their nets in fear and rushed up to the shore to save their lives and limbs. A youth of 18 Paveenthiran sustained a shot injury and was admitted to hospital.

The Navy boats there after carried out attacks on fishing boats in Punnalai sea also.



Beg and Borrow for Fire Works Display

Leader Prabaharan's Kidness has Saved Our Children So Far.

The Parents of the Sinhalese Prisoners of War who are now in Jaffna told that it was the kindness of Leader Prabaharan, the Liberation Tigers and all the Tamil people here that had saved the lives of their children who had been captives since June 1990.

They said that they did not expect to see their beloved ones in such a healthy condition as they have been prisoners for the last 3 years and have been fasting for the last few days.

They said that they are grateful to Dr. Anton Balasingam of the LTTE and Brig. Weerasekara worked out the release of first batch of 5 prisoners.

Army Carried out a Heavy Attack on LTTE Camp.

5 Tigers and 2 Army men Killed.

The LTTE camp at Mavilganga in Batticaloa was surrounded up by the Sri Lankan Army men around 7.30 a. m. on 27th June and a heavy attack was carried out killing 5 LTTE men.

Heavy fighting ensued between the two factions and lasted for 4 hours. While the fight was on, another group of LTTE men came and attacked the Sri Lankan army from behind. The Sri Lankan army men had the advantage of being helped in the fight by an helicopter and two bomber planes.

Govt. Unilaterally Abrogates Agreement. Re-enforces the Ban.

Army Factions Say that They Would Not Allow Tigers to be Benifitted.

On 29th June evening Radio Veritas said that the Sri Lanka government has unilaterally abrogated the conditional agreement reached regarding freeing of PWO by LTTE and the government in turn allowing passage of a month's need of certain commodities that had hitherto been banned since last 3 years from being taken into areas under LTTE control.

A simultaneous BBC broadcast announced that Brig. Weerasekara had said that the agreement had failed; and therefore the lifting of the ban on petrol, diesel fuels, fertilizers and bicycles being brought into the peninsula was cancelled and the ban comes into force again.

Veritas also said that Brig. Weerasekara would proceed to Jaffna on 30th June to escort back to Colombo the relatives of the remaining prisoners there who have gone there to visit their beloveds who were on a protest fast then.

Surprise Attack at Mannar Two Policemen Killed

In a bold attack on 2 police vehicles on the Karichchatti Bridge within the area under the control of the Sri Lankan army in Mannar the two vehicles fell into the sea and were completely destroyed by the Tigers later. A Sup. Inspector and a Policeman died instantly at that spot and two Policemen were injured grievously. Their arms were captured by the Tigers.

There were no casualties on the side of the Tigers.

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