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QUESTION OF TIME

"My considered view is that Ceylon has already split into two entities. At present this is a state of mind; for it to become a territorial reality is a question of time. Patchwork compromises, even if underwritten by New Delhi, are passing phenomena."

A. J. Wilson in the Preface to his book 'The Break - up of Sri Lanka' published by C. Hurst & Co. Lond, Orient Longman Ltd - 1988.

ENTIRE TAMIL EELAM MOURNS KITTU

Angry Demonstrations Against Conspirators

UNPRECEDENTED CROWDS AT THEERUVIL

Over one hundred thousand people surged the Theeruvil grounds to pay their homage to Kittu, Senior Tiger Commander and Head of the LTTE's International Secretariat and the other nine Tigers who fell victims to Indian conspiracy. The LTTE leader Mr. Velupillai Pirabakaran personally came to the Theeruvil grounds to pay his own homage and floral tributes to the martyrs who perished in the sea.

The news of Kittu's martyrdom along with nine other Tigers came to be known in Tamil Eelam on Sunday, January 17 and the entire Tamil Eelam was lost in grief.

Kittu (Sathasiyam Krishnakumar), a top leader of the LTTE, was earlier the Jaffna

District Army Commander of the LTTE. He had been in Europe and was returning to Tamil Eelam by ship carrying with him details of peace proposals worked out by interested European countries for discussion with Mr. V. Pirabakaran and other LTTE leaders in Tamil Eelam.

AT THEERUVIL



LTTE leader, Mr. V. Pirabakaran consoles Kittu's mother, Seethalechumy. Looking on are Kittu's brother Gandhithasan and Kittu's wife, Cynthia.

The Story

On January 13, Wednesday, at 10.00 p.m, Kittu's

ship was rounded up by the Indian Navy about 450 miles away from India on the high seas east of Nicobar Islands. The Indian Government was immediately informed both by Kittu and the

LTTE's International Secretariat which was headed by Kittu that Kittu was going to Tamil Eelam with peace proposals to end the war in Tamil Eelam. India was also

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'KITTU' - THE GREAT

In my deep, nerve's core

I am ill at ease.

Thine death arrested my thoughts.

Burnt my heart,

Stirred my soul.

That was heart breaking.

That was Thine adieu.

I Sobbed and Sigh'd.

Those heartless monsters,

From the land of

Ramayana,

With hatred and revenge

Banished Thine heart in haste.

Was it the result of

Advanced Civilization?

Or the peak of Socialization

Dreamt by Nehru ??

Nay, not so.

'Tis worthless inhumanitarian

'Tis Vulgar

(attempt,

'Tis Perversity

'Tis Cowardice

'Tis Unreasonable

But be informed you men

of Bharatha

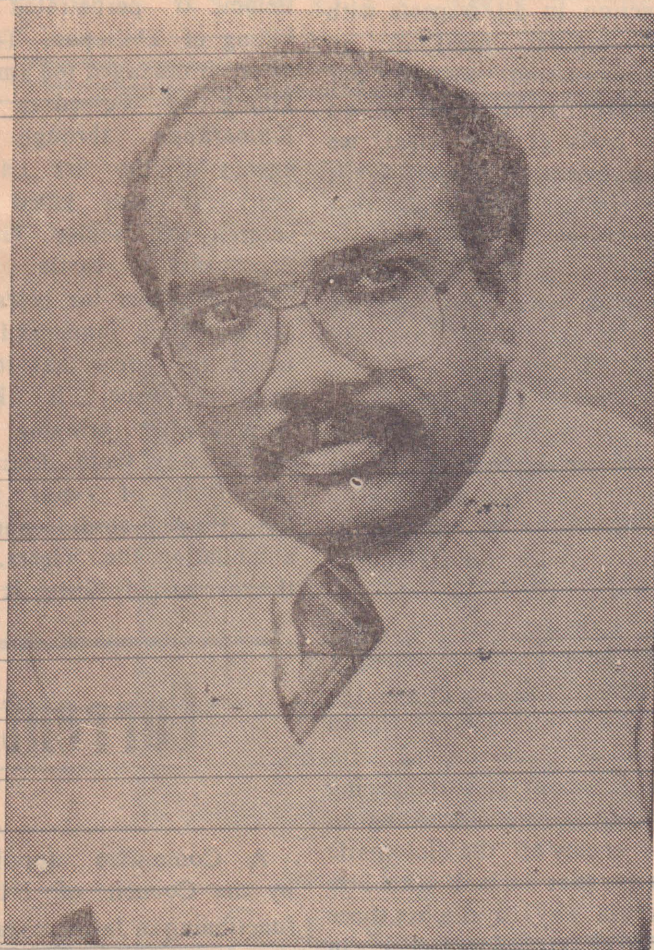
We're strengthened not weakened,

With more courage - not less -

With feelings of determination

And resolve.

— Vasantha Thambiratnam



MOURNING AND PROTESTS IN VANNI AND TRINCOMALEE

Kittu's martyrdom has once again stirred Eelam Tamil people's indignation at

Indian conspirators even in the midst of extreme grief.

Reports from Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavunia and Trincomalee Districts state that people in these areas observed three days mourning from Monday, January 18.

Reports said that processions, public meetings and mock funerals of Indian leaders, Narasimha Rao and Jayalalita took place at Kilinochchi, Iranai Iluppaikulam, and Pooyarasankulam.

Reports from Trincomalee said that demonstrations protesting against Indian conspiracy took place in the Mutur Division in Trincomalee.

Thousands of people joined in a demonstration in Pattalipuram, Mutur which lasted from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20.

Effigies of Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Jayalalita were set on fire by the demonstrators.

7 Policemen Killed

LTTE attacked a Sri Lankan Police post at Aasikulam in Vavunia District on Wednesday, January 13.

Seven policemen are reported dead. The LTTE also recovered some arms and ammunition.

Five S. L. Soldiers Killed at Mullaitivu

In a lightning attack carried out by the LTTE in the Mullaitivu District, the LTTE killed 5 Sri Lankan soldiers, destroyed three sentry posts and recovered arms from the Sri Lankan Army.

The news in this connection states that on Monday, January 18, the LTTE carried out an attack on three Sri Lankan Army posts in the Mullaitivu District. The Sri Lankan Army posts were set

up between Ariyakulam and Samanankulam Sri Lankan Army camps to provide security for newly settled Sinhalese in the area.

The attack which started at 10.55 p.m. lasted for only

four minutes. All three Army posts were completely destroyed. Five Sri Lankan soldiers were killed. The LTTE also recovered arms, ammunitions and other military - ware.

There was no casualty on the LTTE side, though heavy shell attack was launched by the Sri Lankan Army from the adjoining camps.

Indian Conspiracy Stands Exposed

The hypocritical, tyrannical and Brahminical State machinery of India has taken another toll of one of our greatest liberation fighters, viz. Colonel Kittu (Sathasivam Krishnakumar), a Central Committee member and the Head of the International Secretariat of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

Kittu had no other alternative other than to blast the ship he was travelling in, along with other heroes who sacrificed their precious lives instead of surrendering into the jaws of the hegemonic Indian Navy. This heroic death of our 'dear boys' is typical only to that brand of liberation fighters who call themselves Tigers.

Heroic death

Kittu's speech delivered in December, 1986 at a ceremony to pay homage to Albert Ruben is also typical. "We function in all respects with the highest ideal of no discrimination among our freedom fighters. It is on the basis of this ideal, we plan our war strategies. It is because of this, that sometimes, we have to lose even top leaders. Even inspite of that, we believe that this is the only path that will lead our struggle to victory. We have to date lost 384 of our fighters. We have not regretted that even one warrior has been unnecessarily sacrificed. We are great fighters and not eloquent orators. Tamil Eelam is our ultimate goal. It is for that goal we are sacrificing ourselves." This shows the spirit with which Kittu acted when confronted with death instead of surrendering his ideals and revealing to the enemy all the diplomatic secrets that he had with him on his way to discuss those matters with his leader in his beloved Eelam.

Callous diplomacy

Death is nothing for Kittu or his comrades. He and his comrades died in the service of Mother Eelam. Even though their death is

a great loss to Tamil Eelam, the entire Tamil nation is proud of them and bow their heads in salute. But we cannot condone the callous manner in which the dirty Indian government treated a diplomat of the calibre of Kittu of Tamil Eelam. Everyone should forthrightly condemn this sordid Indian act.

History of Indian Treachery

Knowing very well that Kittu was coming to Tamil Eelam for further talks with his leader with proposals and drafts from a European country regarding a settlement of our ethnic issue, India, deliberately, manoeuvred to kill Kittu along with his comrades. This is nothing new to India. It has a long history

S. Thiyagarajah

of sabotaging the aspirations of the people of Tamil Eelam. It perpetrated the killing of Thilepan. Thereafter, it managed the smooth killing of Pulendran and Kumarappa through the agency of the Sri Lankan army. It also killed our veteran and senior leader, Santhosam in battle. It is also notorious for betraying and inveigling innocent Tigers under the guise that it is seeking peace. It killed Johnny after bringing him all the way from India, in the jungles of Vanni. India has, thus a sordid past of annihilating the Tigers. In the person of Kittu, it also

saw a potent, mature political leader. He, therefore, should be destroyed, as far as they are concerned.

Having confronted the boat in which Kittu was travelling in international waters, the Indian Navy compelled him to Indian waters. Indian Navy and Indians know the calibre of our 'Tigers', that they will not surrender just to save their own lives, Indian government was briefed that Kittu was going to Tamil Eelam on a peace mission and that it was atrocious to confront persons travelling in international waters. This situation forced the Indian government to issue contradictory and false statements. At one point it declared that Kittu had been taken to Madras and that he had decided to fast to death against his wrongful arrest. But the whole world knew that Kittu and his comrades could not be arrested. Then the Indian government which at first said that Kittu and his boat was apprehended on the 13 instant at 10 p.m., changed its version and said that the so-called apprehension took place on the morning of the 16th instant. But the fact remains that it is India who is responsible for the death of our beloved Kittu and his comrades. It cannot escape or shirk off this responsibility. India 'killed' our boys in order to continue to have a 'say' in the affairs of Sri Lanka and feared that moves by Kittu and the European interested parties would alie-

nate her from the affairs of Sri Lanka.

Not Secular

All peace loving countries who cry aloud that democracy should not be infringed, human rights should not be violated and international order must be safe-guarded, should condemn the naked violation of the rights of persons and nations committed by India in international waters. But India is not a country which will easily give up its dirty imperialistic and hegemonistic activities in its neighbouring countries. Why, a scrutiny of its internal policies will also show how fast it is becoming a Hindu Fundamentalist nation?

Hindu Fundamentalism

Calling herself a secular state, India is gradually building up its Hindu Fundamentalism. The incident at Ayodhya is a very well planned affair between Narasimha Rao and the BJP. Both are Hindu fundamentalists. The way Narasimha Rao acted giving the BJP

all the opportunities for the demolition of the mosque, later allowing the Hindu public to visit and worship at the newly put up shrine of Rama, the way he acted during the recent riots in Bombay by delaying to take action till a large number of Muslims had been killed, all show that Narasimha Rao acted with reserve against the Muslims. We can draw a good past example in Sri Lanka. How it looked on the UNP and SLFP governments, without taking any action against the state-sponsored genocide of the Tamils in the South from 1956 to 1983. It is also like President Premadasa preaching Buddhism at every turn but carrying on regardless of anything, all the possible infringements against human rights. It looks as if there is an unholy alliance brewing between the forces of reaction in both Sri Lanka and India. Recent visit of President Premadasa to Buddhagaya, his statement regarding his war on Tamil Eelam, his past and present vows are all pointers heralding ruthless suppression of the democratic and national aspirations of all the peoples in India and Ceylon.

4 Sri Lankan Soldiers Killed in Manal Aru

The LTTE carried out a lightning attack between the Ceylon Theatres Army Camp and Munthirikajikulam on a Sri Lankan Army convoy and two sentry posts in the Manal Aru area.

According to reports the attack took place on Wednesday,

January 13 morning at 7.00 o'clock.

Four Sri Lankan soldiers were killed and their arms and ammunitions recovered.

One LTTE fighter died in this action.

Current Nutritional Status of Jaffna Population

NGO COUNCIL ISSUES REPORT

A Committee appointed by the Council of NGO functioning in Jaffna to report on the nutritional status of the Jaffna population has submitted its report which has been published by the Council.

According to the report nutritional survey undertaken in refugee camps disclosed

that 47.8% of pre-school children in these camps suffered from malnutrition.

A survey carried out among children attending nursery schools has revealed malnutrition at 52.9%.

Survey carried out at Day Care centres managed by Voluntary Organisations showed 68.4% malnutrition among children in these centres.

The report identifies increased morbidity and mortality among risk groups such as mothers, children, disabled and geriatric population as short term disastrous consequences and physical stunting, and mental retardation of even future generations as long term consequences.

The reasons for the continuing deterioration of nutritional status in the popu-

lation, according to the Report, are:-

1. Unemployment, under employment and displacement resulting in low or nil purchasing power of extras needed for balanced diet.
2. Governmental subsidy not being enough even for survival needs.
3. Destruction of home-

steads and the environment of fear psychoses.

4. No supplementary feeding programmes carried out either by Government or Non-Governmental Organisations.

The report also recommends immediate implementation of programmes for retrieving the situation.

Festivals Come and Go but not Pensions

Local Government Service pensioners in Jaffna complain that their pensions from November, 1992 have not yet been paid to them.

They point out that important festivals like Christmas, New year and Thai Pongal have come and gone in the

months of December and January but they remain unpaid from November 1992.

The non-payment of pensions to Local Government Service pensioners was spotlighted in "Hot Spring" of 13.12.1992.

DANCE RECITAL

The Ramakrishnalayam at Thirunelveli will hold a dance recital on Sunday, January 24, in commemoration of the 130th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and of the centenary year of the Swami's lecture at the world Congress of Religions in the U.S.

The chief guest at the recital will be Prof. P. Bala-

sundarampillai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Jaffna University and the special guest will be Dr. Saba Jeyarajah, Head of the Ramanathan Fine Arts Division, Jaffna University.

The Director of the Ramakrishnalayam, Mr. R. Raja Mahendrasingham will preside.

They Refused to bow to Indian Conspirators



Maj. Velan (Malaravan)



Sea Tiger
Capt. Jeevah



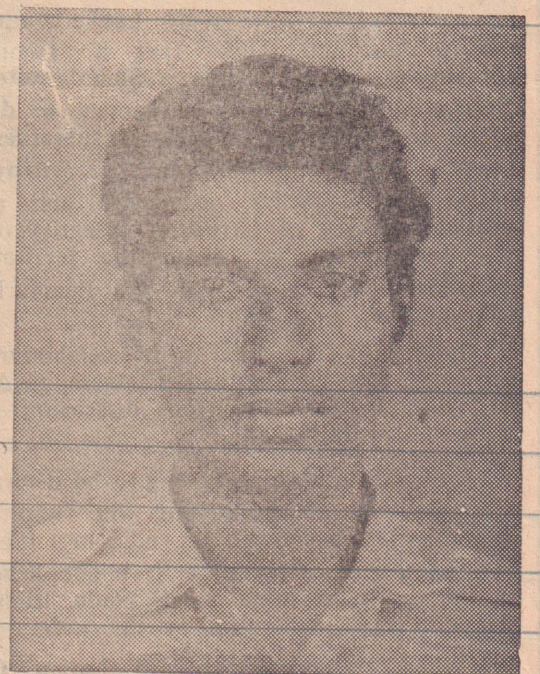
Lt. Col.
KUTTI SRI



Sea Tiger
Capt. Roshan



Sea Tiger
Capt. Kunaseelan (Kunaraj)



Sea Tiger
Capt. Nayakan



Sea Tiger
Lt. Amuthan



Sea Tiger
Lt. Nallavan



Sea Tiger
Lt. Thooyavan

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CONTINUING INDIAN TREACHERY

When Mrs. Indira Gandhi died there was spontaneous show of grief all over Tamil Eelam.

When Rajiv Gandhi died there was complete indifference to the news.

Now effigies of Narasimha Rao and Jayalalita were burnt in hundreds all over Tamil Eelam on receipt of the news of the martyrdom of LTTE senior leader Kittu and nine other Tigers. Indian flags were burnt down in a show of supreme contempt for India.

All these happened within a space of one decade-between 1984 and 1993. The change in mood of the people shows that they correctly understand India through bitter experience.

Hypocritical Indian leaders seem to think they can achieve Indian hegemony by military strength and deceit. They are not worried about making India great but only powerful.

These hypocritical Indian leaders are leading India on the path of self-destruction.

A look around India would show that she is friendless amongst her neighbours. Narasimha Rao is not able to go to Bangla Desh which India herself helped to create in its effort to dismember Pakistan.

It is the same folly - Indian policy makers' foolish belief that all neighbouring countries should be weakened and made to submit to Indian hegemony - that has led India to take several false steps in her southern flank.

India wants to have Sri Lanka completely subservient to her. She thinks that if Tamils remain a discontented people within a Sinhala state permanently she can manipulate Tamil discontent to de-stabilize Sri Lanka and thus compel her to be subservient to India. That is why she is all out to destroy a genuinely committed liberation movement and promote her quislings talking of territorial integrity of Sri Lanka but did not bother about the territorial integrity of Pakistan at the time of the Bangla Desh war of independence.

India's evil act against her neighbours - especially against Eelam Tamils - can boomerang. Already there are visible signs of religious dissension and divisive tendencies within India.

Eelam Tamils are not going to be deterred by Indian conspiracy or terrorism but will fight with greater determination which will put India into the difficulty of having to contend with her own people as is evidenced by the arrest of some Tamil Nadu leaders over the detention of Kittu's ship by the Indian Navy.

When the truth is out, Indian Government's actions will not be condoned by the Indian peoples themselves.

Kittu's ship was rounded-up by the Indian Navy on the high seas on Wednesday, January 13. At least by Friday, January 15, the news had been broken to the world but India kept silent though her own citizens had begun to criticise the treacherous act. It was only on January 16 that the Indian authorities came out with self-contradictory and false stories about the incident which conclusively proved that India lied to the whole world to hide her treacherous act which violated international law. But people of Tamil Eelam know that the Indian hierarchy had been a consistent liar in matters relating to Tamil Eelam.

Kittu and his nine comrades are not the first victims of Indian hypocrisy and treachery. Already Thileepan, Pulendiran, Kumarappah and Johnny and others have sacrificed their lives at the altar of Indian treachery. Kittu has once again demonstrated Eelam Tamil determination to obtain freedom. Indian power-hungry rulers may not appreciate the martyrdom of Eelam Tamils but the Indian people do.

India's treacherous act in trying to interfere with the Eelam Tamil freedom movement has put her in the embarrassing position of having to lie to the whole world.

The Indian ruling class does not seem to realize the truth of the old dictum that one cannot cheat all the people all the time?

AT PULMODDAI

14 S.L. SOLDIERS KILLED

LTTE RECOVERS ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS

Fourteen Sri Lankan soldiers including an officer were killed and their arms and ammunitions were recovered by the LTTE near Pulmoddai in the Trincomalee District.

The reports in this connection state that on Monday, January 18, at 8.30a.m. the LTTE attacked a group of about 25 Sri Lankan soldiers proceeding from one Sri Lankan Camp to another in the Pulmoddai area.

Fourteen Sri Lankan soldiers including an officer were killed and their arms and ammunitions recovered.

At the same time Tiger groups attacked and thwarted

the besieged Sri Lankan soldiers on patrol.

Eight Tiger fighters also died in these attacks in the Pulmoddai area.

LTTE ATTACKS AT MANNAR

The LTTE attacked a group of Tamil quislings working under the Sri Lankan Army at Suriyakattai in Mannar.

According to the reports a group of quislings had come out from the Sri Lankan Army Sentry posts at Suriyakattai in the Mannar

District on Saturday, January 16, to clear road blocks placed by the army for security in the night when Tigers fired at them. One quisling died and others ran back to the army Sentry post. The LTTE recovered the arms and ammunitions of the dead quisling.

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told that India had a part to play in the peace process. However, there was no official reaction from India till January 16, Saturday, when Indian news media said that Kittu and other Tigers had been arrested and Kittu had begun a fast. Later the same day, the Indian Defence Ministry denied this report and said that a ship had entered Indian territorial waters and was burning. The Indian Defence Ministry also denied knowledge of the presence of Kittu in the ship concerned.

Authoritative LTTE sources said that Kittu on being surrounded by the Indian Navy told the Indian Navy the purpose of his travel and required to be left alone. But the Indian Navy took Kittu's ship to Indian territorial waters and demanded Kittu's surrender. Kittu and his Tiger companions, who refused to surrender to the Indian Navy, let the ship's officers and sailors disembark and blasted the ships ending their own lives.

Mock Funerals of Indian leaders

The shock and grief that engulfed the Tamil Eelam people at the news of Kittu's death was transformed into anger against the Indian conspirators and hypocrites. Spontaneously people marched out into the streets carrying effigies of Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Jayalalita. The effigies were burnt in front of the ICRC office in Jaffna and other public places in mock funerals. According to reports over 100 such mock funerals were conducted in various parts of Jaffna.

Mourning

Three days' mourning from 18 - 20 January was observed all over Tamil Eelam. On the third day all activities came to a grinding halt. Schools, government offices, other work places, transport and everything else were completely paralysed. Even streets were deserted and people flocked in their thousands to Theeruvil grounds where memorial slabs were put up for Kittu and his companions.

Theeruvil Grounds

It was at the Theeruvil grounds that 12 Tigers including Pulendiran and Kumarappah were cremated in 1987 when they ended their lives by taking the cyanide capsules refusing to surrender to the joint Indian-Sri Lankan conspiracy. A memorial has been built at Theeruvil grounds for the 12 Tigers who died in 1987. Now ten new memorial slabs put up in the same place in memory of Kittu and nine of his companions who were martyred in like circumstances falling victims to Indian conspiracy.

The Three days' mourning ended on Wednesday, January 20, with a mammoth meeting at Theeruvil grounds where the memorial slabs were formally opened by Kittu's Mother Mrs. Seethalechumy Sathasivam.

Prior to the opening of the memorial slabs, the LTTE leader, Mr. V. Pirabakaran also came to the Theeruvil grounds and garlanded the cut-outs of Kittu and the 9 other Tigers who attained martyrdom along with Kittu.

Kittu's mother, his wife and his brother and the parents of the other nine dead Tigers were also conducted to the Theeruvil grounds. Mr. Pirabakaran met each

of them and shared his grief with them.

A public meeting followed at 5.40 p.m. at the Theeruvil grounds chaired by Mr. Ilamparithi, the Head of the Political Unit (Jaffna District) of the LTTE, where many LTTE leaders addressed the large gathering.

The mammoth procession that preceded the meeting carried cut outs of Kittu and other Tigers in a model ship representing M. V. Asad in which Kittu and his companions travelled their last.

The high esteem in which Kittu and his colleagues were held by the people of Tamil Eelam was demonstrated by the spontaneous way in which mourning began to be observed by the people on Sunday itself even before the LTTE called out a three days' mourning from Monday and the many mock funerals of Indian leaders Narasimha Rao and Jayalalita carried out on Sunday on receipt of the news of Kittu's martyrdom and the burning of Indian national flags.

Muthu Iyan Kulam Tank Repairs

The Muthu Iyan Kulam is a major irrigation tank in the North. The Tamil Eelam Economic Development Organisation (TEEDOR) started making necessary repairs to this tank which had not been repaired for a long time.

The Teedor started its work in October 1992. According to a press note issued by the Teedor the bunds of the tank which had been badly damaged and required urgent repairs have been now attended to.

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