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1961, 1975 and 2021: Cardinal years, where the genocidal state was challenged (Nitharsan)

Challenge the genocidal state and its allies - this has been our mantra over the years. When examining the cardinal years, it becomes apparent that even the smallest of actions can topple the state system. What will ensue when Tamils realise this reality?

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Ruptured Cell Membrane: A Diasporic Leak (Vithusa & Senchudar Gemini)

The power centres of the collective Tamil cell were destroyed in 2009 causing a shift in power dynamics and leaving the cell membrane exposed. What course will the Tamil struggle take with a reawakening of self-direction?

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“அன்னை பூபதி தனிமனிதப் பிறவியாகச்
சாகவில்லை. தமிழீழத் தாய்க்குலத்தின்
எழுச்சி வடிவமாக அவரது தியாகம்
உன்னதம் அடைந்தது.”

National Leader of Tamil Eelam,
V. Prabhakaran

1961, 1975 and 2021: Cardinal years, where the genocidal state was challenged

NITHARSAN

Tamils should challenge the Sri Lankan state and its allies again. This has been a mantra in our articles.

Yet, we never went further into the depth of what we mean by that. However, recent events played into our hands. Through these events and some events in our past, we may understand how to effectively challenge a state. For that we should take events in the cardinal years of 1961, 1975 and 2021 into consideration.

What is a state?

Basically a state is a system that is established on a defined region. The people, who are living in that specific region, have rights and duties, which are defined by the state's constitution. Further the state has certain monopolies, where it has the ultimate right to produce certain goods, provide certain services and have certain exclusive rights. These monopolies cannot be challenged normally, as these monopolies are the differentiating factors between a state and other institutions like NGO's, companies etc. However, if you want to pressure a state or even completely dismantle it, you have to attack the monopolies of a state.

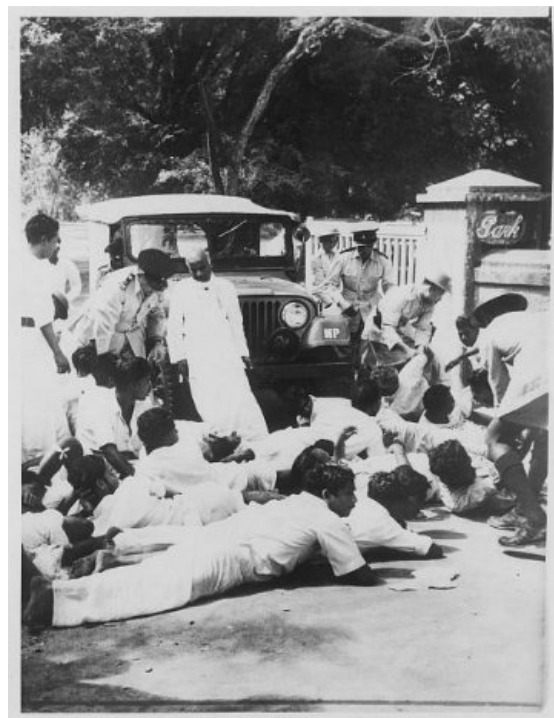
Monopoly of violence

The monopoly of violence is the cardinal monopoly a state can have. Even the most capitalistic state will not give up its right to use violence through privatisation. During the armed struggle under the leadership of the LTTE, the Sri Lankan state's monopoly of violence was not only challenged successfully, it was even completely substituted by the Tamils' monopoly of violence. Tamils' monopoly of violence opened up a permanent political space in the Tamil homeland, where the Tamils could explore and implement their visions of how to live and rule themselves. To stabilise that political space, the so-called "de facto" state was implemented with its institutions.

However, even before the LTTE rose and even after their fall, the Tamils have committed some acts that challenged the state's monopoly of violence. These acts have led to drastic reactions from the state. These drastic reactions should be perceived as verification, that the state is truly hurt by these actions.

1961 - Nonviolence at its peak

When Srimavo Bandaranaike took office in 1960, she started to implement the total Sinhasalisation of the state's administration. This resulted in Tamils receiving court documents solely in Sinhala. For that a massive Satyagraha protest was organised across the Tamil homeland. This protest commenced on 20.02.1961 and lasted until 17.04.1961. During this period, volunteers sat in front of *kachcheris* or the state's administrative secretariats and hindered the state's employees from entering the buildings. Through that, the Sri Lankan state's administration was blocked across the Tamil homeland in that period of time.



There was no massive reaction from the Sri Lankan state until the 14th of April. However, on the 14th April, the Tamils committed an act of defiance, which resulted in a massive reaction from the state. They opened up postal services and released postal stamps. They even went further and opened up a very rudimentary police station. Through these acts, not only the monopoly of the postal service was challenged, the monopoly of violence was challenged too. You do not have to completely destroy the state's monopolies. Through the act of challenging the monopolies, you are denying the legitimacy of the state itself.

That led to the reaction, where the Sri Lankan soldiers were used for the first time against the Tamil people. Sri Lankan soldiers used state-sponsored violence against the Tamil Satyagrahis and finished the two-month long Satyagraha.

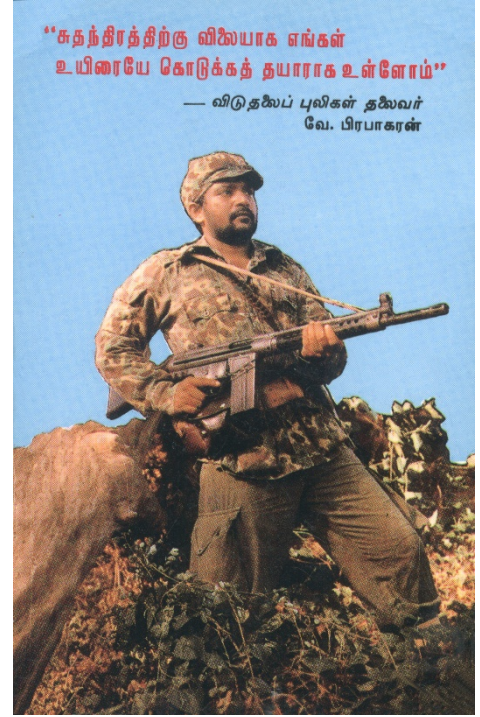
1975 - Rise of the Tigers

1975 was the year, where a Tamil individual laid the foundation for the complete destruction of the Sri Lankan state's monopoly of violence. The single act of political violence resulted in the death of Alfred Duraipappah - the mayor of Jaffna at the time. He was killed for his role as an instrument of the genocidal state of Sri Lanka and his role in the Tamil Research Conference Massacre.

The 21-year-old boy, who killed the mayor was none other than the National Leader of Tamil Eelam, Velupillai Prabhakaran. He successfully challenged the state's monopoly of violence and even destroyed an instrument of that same state. That killing was the starting point, where the Tamils completely dismantled the Sri Lankan state's monopoly of violence in the Tamil homeland in the following decades.

2021 - From the ashes

12 years after the Sri Lankan state gained back its monopoly of violence in the Tamil homeland through a genocidal onslaught on the Tamil nation, a Jaffna mayor played a historical role again in the Tamil struggle. But this time, he was not on the side of the genocidal state. This time the Jaffna Mayor, Manivannan challenged the Sri Lankans' monopoly of violence within their own system. Through establishing the Jaffna Municipal Council task force which has the right to enforce penalties against environmental infractions such as littering and spitting, the Jaffna mayor symbolically challenged the state's monopoly of violence. Because the police force is a symbol for this monopoly - that this task force had a blue uniform, that resembled the Tamil Eelam Police is the icing on the cake. If the action of the mayor is legal within the genocidal state's framework and if the involved handle this momentum carefully will come out in the future.



taking the initiative and a little act, which even symbolically challenges the state's monopoly, is a real threat to the Sri Lankan state.

Towards Liberation and Tamil Sovereignty

Tamils are doing a lot of actions, that is pressuring the state yet all these actions cause only superficial wounds. If we want to truly hurt the state, we have to hurt its core. The core of every state is its monopolies. Above we only looked, how the state's monopoly of

But that should not concern us. We should not let ourselves be trapped into discussions about the mayor and other irrelevant details, because we will lose sight from the cardinal information. We also should not have the perception, that it is only about the blue uniform. The Sri Lankan state sent the notorious TID to handle this situation. That shows that even

violence was handled by the Tamils. However, there are other monopolies too. There are many other defined, non-defined, official and unofficial monopolies of a state. We have to identify them and start to attack them. Through that, we will not only bring the Sri Lankan state to its knees, we will also be able to create a political momentum. That political momentum should be the only time, where we should sit at the negotiations table with the Sri Lankan state or other regional/international powers. If they deny to listen to the Tamil grievances, we should continue to apply pressure on the monopolies until these states finally yield to the Tamil demands or until the Sri Lankan state's genocidal ideology is completely dismantled.

International News

01.04.2021: **Gender gap** - Sri Lanka's position on the Global Gender Gap Report for 2021 has been deranked by 14 places to 116 with a score of 670 citing lack of female identified representation in Sri Lanka (SL) with 5.4 % representation in the country's Parliament, reports Colombo Gazette.

01.04.2021: **BIMSTEC** - The 17th Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) was chaired by SL, reports Colombo Gazette. Further reports indicate that a Special Senior Officials meeting was also held by SL's Foreign Secretary, Admiral Professor Jayanath Colombage on 31.03.2021 where discussions regarding the Transport Connectivity Master Plan were finalised.

Virtual Attendees:

- ◆ Bangladesh
- ◆ Bhutan
- ◆ India
- ◆ Myanmar
- ◆ Nepal
- ◆ Thailand

13.04.2021: **Islamophobia** - Police in Tamil Nadu, India intensify security at airports following SL's ban of 11 Islamic organisations, reports Colombo Gazette. Further reports indicate fears due to the supposed travel of a fundamentalist from SL who intends to carry out attacks on SL from India.

14.04.2021: **Tamil diaspora** - The Colombo Gazette reported that the United States will continue to engage with Tamil diaspora groups following the earlier ban of several organisations by the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL). Accordingly, the US State Department released a statement regarding its engagement with diaspora communities as follows:

"Diaspora communities are our valued partners in helping us stay connected to the region. We continue to engage with various South Asian diaspora groups, including members from Sri Lanka, and welcome an ongoing conversation on issues of mutual interest."

16.04.2021: **ITJP** - The International Truth and Justice Project (ITJP) has filed a 50-page report against Shavendra Silva to the UK's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office's Sanctions Department, reports Colombo Gazette. The ITJP has cited this as the next step towards accountability - particularly following the recent passing of the UNHRC Resolution in Geneva where Britain played a major role.

26.04.2021: **Appointment** - The GoSL has appointed former SL military officers into diplomatic positions, reports Colombo Gazette. The appointments of Air Chief Marshal Sumangala Dias as the Ambassador of SL to Italy and Major General Jagath Alwis as the Secretary of SL's Ministry of Public Security were approved by SL's Committee on High Posts. Reports indicate that the committee is chaired by SL's Speaker,

Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. It is notable that Dias was previously appointed as SL's High Commissioner to Canada. However, the appointment of the genocidaire was stalled due to contestations from the local Eelam Tamil community.

30.04.2021: **HRW** - The Human Rights Watch (HRW) has called on the SL Parliament to reject the resolution to exonerate officials involved in human rights abuses and to prosecute those involved noting the weakened nature of the rule of law and independence judiciary under G. Rajapaksa, reports Colombo Page. Specifically, the enactment of the resolution put forth by G. Rajapaksa on 09.04.2021 titled the Commission of Inquiry to Investigate Allegations of Political Victimization would effectively protect nepotistic allies to the genocidal regime.

Bilateral Discussions

02.04.2021: **China** - China's Ambassador of China to SL, Qi Zhenhong called SL's State Minister of Regional Cooperation, Tharaka Balasuriya at SL's Foreign Ministry, reports Colombo Gazette. Subsequently, the Ambassador was reportedly invited by GoSL to participate in an inauguration seminar held virtually by the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute (LKI).

Topics of discussion:

- ◆ Investment and business opportunities with foreign nations in port cities
 - ◆ Hambantota Special Investment Zone
 - ◆ Colombo Port City

07.04.2021: **Afghanistan** - A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Foreign Ministry of SL and Afghanistan's Foreign Minister which formalises the bilateral relationship between the countries. The Colombo Gazette announced that an inaugural

session of political consultations would be held.

Areas of relations:

- ◆ Economy
- ◆ Trade
- ◆ Regional

10.04.2021: **India** - A virtual Police Chiefs' Dialogue occurred on 08.04.2021 between India and SL, reports Colombo Page.

Topics of discussion:

- ◆ Drug trafficking
- ◆ Organised crime
- ◆ Exploitation of sea routes
- ◆ Development of list of Global Terrorist Groups and fugitives

10.04.2021: **EU** - SL's Foreign Minister, Dinesh Gunawardena met EU representatives at the country's Foreign Ministry where discussions regarding the implementation of reconciliation mechanisms and other issues were conducted, reports Colombo Gazette.

Attendees:

- ◆ Ambassador of France - Eric Lavertu
- ◆ Ambassador Italy - Rita Mannella
- ◆ Chargé d'Affaires of Romania - Ambassador Victor Chiujdea
- ◆ Deputy Heads of Mission of:
 - ◆ Germany
 - ◆ Netherlands
 - ◆ European Union

11.04.2021: **US** - US Ambassador and Dinesh Gunewardena discussed areas to improve bilateral cooperation, reports Economy Next. The focus for the US is climate change, green energy and

information technology, Economynext reports.

US areas of focus:

- ◆ Climate change
- ◆ Green energy
- ◆ Information technology

20.04.2021: **Australia** - According to army.lk, the Defence Adviser at the High Commission of Australia in Colombo called at the SL Army Headquarters and met Shavendra Silva.

20.04.2021: **South Africa** - During a meeting with S. Amarasekara - SL's new High Commissioner to South Africa, South Africa's president, Cyril Ramaphosa expressed interests to enhance inter-country ties to develop both parties' tourism industries, reports Colombo Gazette.

21.04.2021: **Afghanistan** - The Ambassador of Afghanistan to SL, M. Ashraf Haidari, briefed G. Rajapaksa regarding new US-Afghan relations - especially under the US-Afghanistan Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) and the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), reports the Colombo Gazette.

Initiatives:

- ◆ Security
- ◆ Military
- ◆ Economic
- ◆ Humanitarian

21.04.2021: **Turkey** - SL's Ambassador to Turkey, M. Rizvi Hassen held a meeting with Turkey's Minister of National Defence, Hulusi Akar in Ankara to discuss enhanced defence cooperation between the two countries. The

Colombo Gazette reported during the meeting Turkey expressed willingness to engage in strengthened cooperation on the defence front and disclosed development in Turkey's defence manufacturing industry and means of addressing counter terrorism undertaken by the country. He went on to note that a high-level military delegation for the 15th International Defense Industry Fair of 2021 will be held in Istanbul this year between 25.05.2021 - 28.05.2021.

22.04.2021: **Pakistan** - Pakistan's Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) and SL's High Commission have agreed to enhance bilateral trade during a meeting on 21.04.2021 at SL's Embassy in Islamabad, reports Colombo Page. Building on this relationship another meeting was held on 21.04.2021 at the SL President's Office with Pakistan's President, Dr. Arif Alvi and a delegation of senior Buddhist monks from Pakistan who are on a visit to SL between 19.04.2021 - 26.04.2021.

Areas for expansion:

- ◆ Religious tourism upon the basis of wealth of Buddhist artefacts in Pakistan

23.04.2021: **US** - According to Economy Next the US aims to assist SL to improve their plastic waste management through the Clean Cities, Blue Ocean program through collaborating with local and national government agencies on waste management to raise awareness.

24.04.2021: **UNESCAP** - Newly-appointed Permanent Representative of SL to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

(UNESCAP), Ambassador of SL to Thailand, C. A. Chaminda I. Colonne engaged in a virtual meeting with UNESCAP's Executive Secretary, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, reports Colombo Gazette. Accordingly, Colonne was reported to have reassured UNESCAP that GoSL will cooperate with them to the fullest extent.

Chinese Delegation Visit (27.04.2021 - 29.04.2021)

According to PMD news, an official meeting between Chinese State Councillor and Defence Minister, General Wei Fenghe who is on a two-day official visit to SL was held with G.Rajapaksa at SL's Presidential Secretariat.

A high-level SL delegation met with the visiting Chinese delegation to discuss bilateral issues, reports army.lk. It is reported that the SL delegation had mentioned their appreciation of China's support during the UNHRC resolution which was tabled against Sri Lanka. According to Colombo Page the meeting was held at the Shangri-La Hotel where a Military Assistance Protocol was signed between the 2 countries.

Areas of discussion:

- ◆ Buddhism
- ◆ Development
 - ◆ Trade
 - ◆ Infrastructure
- ◆ Global connectivity

SL delegation:

- ◆ Kamal Gunaratne
- ◆ Shavendra Silva

- ♦ State officials
- ♦ Service chiefs
- ♦ Defence experts

According to Colombo Page, M. Rajapaksa had met with Fenge and discussed a post COVID-19 economic recovery plan.

30.04.2021: **Australia** - New officials were elected as members of the SL-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Association, reports Colombo Page.

Appointments:

- ♦ President: SL Minister of Energy - Udaya Gammanpila
- ♦ Vice Presidents: Members of SL Parliament
 - ♦ Mohamed Muzammil
 - ♦ Hector Appuhamy
 - ♦ Rauf Hakeem
- ♦ Secretary: SL State Minister - Kanaka Herath
- ♦ Deputy Secretary: MP Dr. Upul Galappaththi
- ♦ Treasurer: MP Weerasumana Weerasinghe

Ruptured Cell Membrane: A Diasporic Leak

VITHUSA & SENCHUDAR GEMINI

The Eela Tamil Diaspora which has come to exist throughout the armed conflict has confronted a multitude of changes which have come forward in the form of a personal and collective shift. Particularly, the Eela Tamil community globally has been a network that has effectively and on a large-scale supported the growth of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) through financial, knowledge and solidarity maintenance whilst also aiding in the sustainability of Tamil Eelam (TE). This would not have been possible without the ongoing armed conflict that motivated globally displaced Tamils to remain proactive in the struggle from a distance.

Following the end of the armed conflict, the Tamil diaspora has shifted towards a submissive docility rendering them immobile in times of decision-making and taking action-oriented steps. The LTTE's management of the diaspora was enabled through the establishment of nuclei within host countries where Tamils were able to enact the progress of our liberation struggle through self-sufficient means. However, complacency has ensued following the erasure of the power centre from which the diaspora network had been receiving directions.

Mitochondria

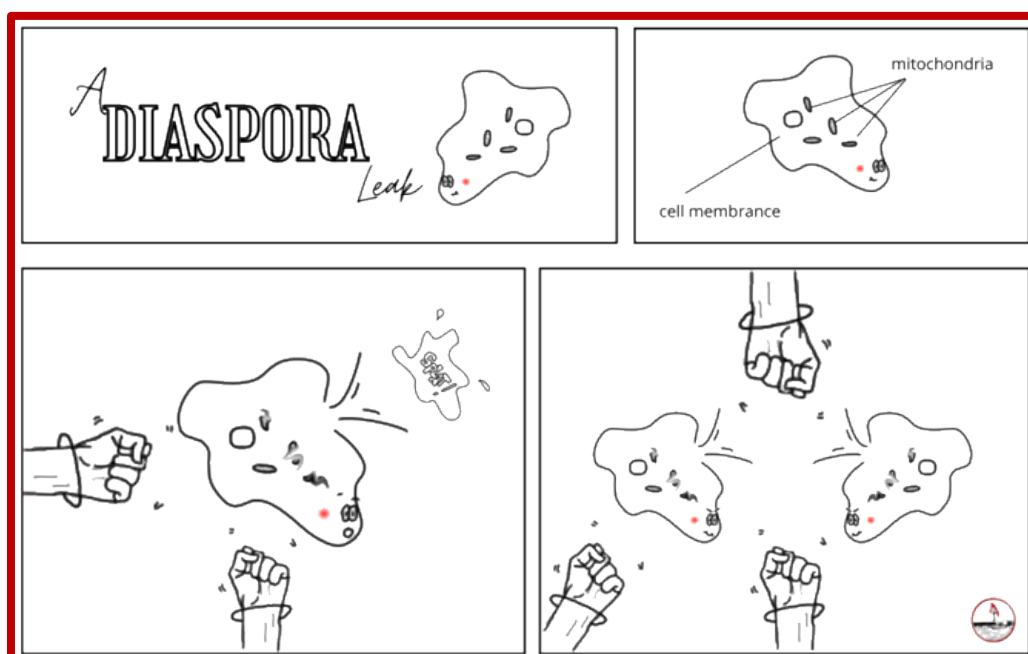
As our *thozhar* Nitharsan would say, "the Tamils' struggle did not commence nor end with the LTTE." Whilst Tamil resistance had emerged prior in response to the systematic genocide unleashed upon us by various colonisers, the acts of counter-state resistance at the time, maintained a submissive role as the sporadic attempts were attached to the

conventional frameworks of the genocidal state. However, with the LTTE's enactment of Tamil sovereignty through the Tamil state, all Eelam Tamils - both in the homeland and in the diaspora were liberated from the holds of oppressive regimes. This was fostered as the TE state functioned as an alternative to conventional state models. It is within this dynamic that the diaspora networks had also functioned through an autonomous nature - guided, supported and strengthened by the LTTE as a whole.

Rupture and Repair

Exploring the diaspora through an understanding of trauma, we can determine that a loss and deeply rooted state of distress was inflicted upon the community that protested and witnessed the mass genocide of Tamils on the ground - who were huddled onto strips of the Tamil homeland and bombarded with the intent to kill by state and foreign weaponry. Following these events, a collective freezing of the nervous system occurred where thousands of diaspora Tamils were stunted and rendered frozen and stuck within this state of distress. It is worthy to note that the witnessing of this trauma is incomparable to the direct infliction of genocide experienced during the final stages of the armed conflict on the ground.

Tamils have historically pursued an independent Tamil Eelam as the only viable solution to aged grievances. However, with the destruction of the physical state of Tamil Eelam in 2009, a mass shift towards more complicit and *non-violent* means of seeking liberation, as advertised through Western-ideals of "justice", has rendered a fixation on obedience to achieve freedom. Although appealingly weak, this has drastically infiltrated the Tamil liberation struggle and situated a narrative that deteriorated the momentum that was once seen through the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. The diaspora through its paralysed state has reverted back to maintaining the cycle of oppression the LTTE once pulled the Tamil populace out of.



Shut Down

Succeeding the removal of our power centres with the destruction of the Tamil Eelam state in 2009, Tamils have been stripped of their ability to resist state structures - returning to a submissive and complacent role. This has emerged as a product of internalised victimisation which has caused a switch in internal and external dynamics within our struggle. Tamils remain unable to resist structures of dominance and depend upon directions and orders from oppressors and incompetent Tamil representatives - hence diluting the Tamil Struggle.

With resistance having amalgamated within our actions in a reactive manner, it has tripped an emergence of internal and external dominance through elitism and alienation. Tamils' internalised victimisation and outward projection of this has led to the perception of Tamils as vulnerable and has disenfranchised our capacity as a resilient and uncompromising people. Additionally, this perception has prevented accountability within the Tamil diasporic spaces to challenge the status quo that has been maintained by pseudo-Tamil Eelam state actors post-2009. Evidently, this has deprived Tamils' efficacy - thus current impaired actions have subconsciously been voided as a threat to the genocidal state.

We cannot expect to compare on ground and diaspora mobilisation and action due to imminent risk people across Occupied Tamil Eelam face. However, with the privilege Tamils have living in host countries - with their rights to protest, rally and demonstrate, they have failed to utilise their capacity to take more action-oriented approaches in countering GoSL and its associated genocidal states. The *kushi* lifestyles Tamils have and maintain has inhibited them from moving towards the liberation of Tamil Eelam through more radical means.

Conclusion

As proponents in an uncompromising struggle, the diaspora has a responsibility for both the failures and successes of our collective liberation. However, a detached and cautious stance assumed in face of an ongoing systematic Tamil genocide has been accelerated with the assistance of a growing number of GoSL's geopolitical allies, raises the question as to whether the stale crumbs of a dwindling Tamil diaspora will dissolve. The Tamil diaspora has consumed a disproportionate amount of salt on behalf of the Eelam Tamils. As we stand at the forefront of our struggle, it is our generation who must drink the water to counter any adverse effects to our collective system.

"Each generation has a historical duty. Do it or betray it" - Franz Fanon. Like that we should do our duty. It may seem hard, but it is not an issue at all compared to our rich history of resistance.

Military News

01.04.2021: **Training** - Joint Military exercise, "Shantir Ogroshena" (Front-runner of Peace) held between 04.04.2021 - 12.04.2021 in Bangladesh to commemorate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur following Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's visit to Dhaka between 26.03.2021 - 27.03.2021, reports Daily Mirror.

Participants:

- ◆ Sri Lanka - contingent of 30 SL Army (SLA) personnel
- ◆ India
- ◆ Bhutan
- ◆ Bangladesh

02.04.2021: **Terrorism** - GosL's Military Spokesman, Brigadier Nilantha Premaratne informed the Colombo Gazette that the SL military is collecting intelligence and surveillance in collaboration with a separte initiative carried out by SL's TID. Accordingly, he announced that data-sharing between SL state forces has resulted in multiple arrests across the island against the fortification of terrorist ideologies.

03.04.2021: **Appointment** - The newly-appointed 29th General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the occupational 51st Division in Jaffna, Major General Deepal Pussella assumed office on 02.04.2021, reports army.lk

03.04.2021: **Deployment** - According to SL Police spokesperson, DIG Ajith Rohana, 12,040 of SL's Police, Military and STF were deployed to churches in

Negombo, Chilaw and Batticaloa for Easter Sunday.

- ◆ Police - 9,356
- ◆ STF - 146
- ◆ Military - 2,540

07.04.2021: **Loan** - According to navy.lk, the SL Navy had granted an interest-free loan to sailors.

Loans:

- ◆ 43 senior sailors - LKR 500,000 each
- ◆ 29 junior sailors - LKR 200, 000 each

10.04.2021: **Appointment** - According to Rohana, SL's Senior Superintendent of Police, Rohan Premaratne has been appointed as the Director of SL's CID, reports Colombo Gazette. The appointment occurred with the transfer of the former Director, Nishantha de Zoya to the SL Police Headquarters to assume the rule of Director of the Crimes Division, reports Colombo Gazette.

11.04.2021: **Gallery** - N. Rajapaksa opens the Blue Beech Island Underwater Gallery at Nilwella beach, reports Colombo Page. Reports indicate that N. Rajapaksa had attended following an invitation from Commander of the SL Navy (SLN), Vice Admiral Nishanth Ulugetenne. Accordingly, the gallery was built with the contribution of the SLN as an ideal site for tourists interested in scuba diving. It is notable that the Gallery was constructed through collaborations with the following SL ministries to prioritise environmental considerations:

Ministries:

- ◆ Fisheries
- ◆ Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish, Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development, Multi-day Fishing Activities and Fish Exports

14.04.2021: **Australia** - The Australian Federal Police (AFP) gifted five aerial drones to SL's Police for the purposes of surveillance through a Joint Agency Task Force Operation Sovereign Borders initiative. The announcement was made during a virtual ceremony held last week between the Commander of the Joint Agency Task Force, AFP and SL's Police in an effort to support GoSL in; fighting criminal activities, natural disaster assessments and the recovery and countering of maritime people smuggling, reports the Colombo Page. Further reports indicate that the SL Police were also trained by the AFP in the use of the drones.

15.04.2021: **India navy** - According to navy.lk, the Indian Naval Ship (INS) 'Ranvijay' arrived at the port of Colombo and will remain at the port between 14.04.2021 - 16.04.2021. A stock of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), handed over by the Indian Navy, was symbolically handed over to the Commander of the Western Naval Area, Rear Admiral WDEM Sudarshana on this occasion. According to Colombo Page, the Captain of the ship, Narayanan Hariharan met with Sudarshana to pay respect at the IPKF memorial.

18.04.2021: **China** - The Chinese Government announced that it will provide a grant to SL's Police to utilise communication devices, reports Colombo Gazette. Reports indicate that the grant will be provided during Fenghe's visit to SL.

Communication devices:

- ◆ Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA)
- ◆ Body cameras

23.04.2021: **Mali** - The SLA's 2nd Combat Convoy Company (CCC) on the Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) had returned to Sri Lanka on 22.04.2021, reports army.lk. Further reports indicate that the troops had returned after the completion of 6 months of duty. Notably, 22 logistic convoy operations had been conducted by the troops to facilitate and provide re-supplies for the smooth function of MINUSMA's key installation. According to Colombo Gazette, 243 SLA troops from the CCC and 31 additional personnel had been deployed to Mali for the next phase of duty.

29.04.2021: **Salary** - Kamal Gunaratne shared that initiatives had been taken to provide relief to dependants of GoSL soldiers and police killed in terrorist activities, reports Colombo Page. Further reports indicate that the allowance will provide for a total of 55 years to widows of the officials. Parents of the deceased are also reported to receive LKR 25,000.

Launch of Phoenix – the Next Generation’s first international branch – Phoenix TNG – AU

Phoenix - the Next Generation's first international branch was launched in Australia on Saturday, 17.04.2021. The launch has occurred after years of conducting Phoenix projects in Australia in an unofficial capacity since 2015.

2015

May May 18 International Blood Drive collaboration.

2016

May Collaboration on petition collected by P-TNG in light of the 40th Anniversary of the Vaddukoddai Resolution.

16.03.2016 Screening of Phoenix TNG's Free Vipooshika Campaign at the Inter School Social Justice Conference held at Sydney Girls High School.

September Hunger-strike in solidarity with members of Phoenix's symbolic 12-day hunger strike in memory of Lt.Col. Thileepan.

November Marketing project collaboration in light of maaveerar week.

2017

January Solidarity statement regarding Jallikattu protests.

26.09.2017 HFT conducted by Sydney youth with support from Melbourne Youth.

27.11.2017 Dance performance at Sydney Maaveerar Naal event featuring tracks from Puradsi Sound's first album release "Eluvom".

2019

17.05.2019 First Tamil Genocide Commemorative Event hosted at an Australian University at Macquarie University Campus.

09.06.2019 Sydney Book Launch of "Structures of Tamil Eelam: A Handbook."

17.08.2019 Melbourne Book Launch of "Structures of Tamil Eelam: A Handbook."

26.09.2019 HFT2019 conducted by Sydney and Melbourne Youth. HFT2019 remembrance event organised and

conducted by Sydney Youth.

2020

- 10.02.2020** Incorporation of symbols of the struggle at Sydney's Karphaga Vinayakar Temple
- 06.03.2020** Incorporation of symbols of the struggle at Sydney's Durgai Amman Temple.
- 23.07.2020** Initiation of '83 Black July Resistance (83BJR) campaign through Australia and New Zealand collaboration.
- 26.09.2020** Organisation of First Annual HFT Convention.
HFT2020 conducted in Australia and New Zealand.
Symbolic act of resistance at Indian Consulate General in Sydney in light of HFT2020.
Release of HFT2020 Convention booklet in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan.
Release of first local music composition in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan.
- 24.10.2020** International Solidarity with Armenian community through participation in the local Sydney protest.
- 20.11.2020** Online Screening of "Operation Ellalan."
- 22.11.2020** Organisation of Interactive Exhibition featuring Phoenix-the Next Generation's first bilingual publication, "Rise of the Tigers" in Sydney.
- 25.11.2020** Online Workshop "Maaveeram"

2021

- 10.01.2021** "Rise of the Tigers" Interactive Exhibition in Auckland, New Zealand.
- 23.01.2021** "Rise of the Tigers" Interactive Exhibition in Sydney, AU.
- 30.01.2021** "Rise of the Tigers" Interactive Exhibition in Melbourne, AU.

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

10.04.2021: **SLAF swimmer** - SL's Leading Aircraftman, Roshan Abeysundara of the SLAF plans to swim across the Palk Strait from Talaimannar, occupied Tamil Eelam to Dhanushkodi, India and back with attempts to beat the record of V.S.

Kumar Anandan - a Tamil native of Valvettithurai who completed the journey in 51 hours in 1971. The Colombo Page reported that India's High Commissioner had agreed to support the

endeavour through citing the close ties between the country.

11.04.2021: **Salterns** - SL's Secretary to the Ministry of Industries, Anusha Palpita visited Paranthan Chemical Factory, Elephant Pass Saltern and the Kurinchathivu Saltren to explore development activities of the industries, reports Colombo Page. Reports indicate that of the 750 acres of the Elephant Pass Saltern, 200 acres remain and the goal of the managing director at present is to revive the saltern back to its original capacity - the Kurinchathivu saltern spanning 1,100 acres established in 1962 was used by the LTTE for salt production. Applications have been opened to sustain the Kurinchathivu Saltern with 7 potential investors being explored at present.

22.04.2021: **Shooting** - Occupying SLA opened fire on supposed sand smugglers fleeing checkpoint in Palavi, Chavakachcheri Police Division, Jaffna, reports Colombo Page.

Sri Lanka

02.04.2021: **Arrest** - According to Ajith Rohana, SL's TID had arrested two individuals under the PTA for promoting supposed extremism via social media according to where they shared information regarding Wahabism in a Whatsapp group, reports Colombo Gazette. The individuals aged 27 and 28 were formally deported on 21.11.2020 from Qatar prior to attesting from Kattankudy, Batticaloa.

12.04.2021: **Rights** - Ambika Sakunanathan - former Commissioner at

26.04.2021: **India** - India's Deputy Ambassador to Jaffna, S. Balachandran visited the Hatton and Kotagala areas during his visit to the Hill Country, reports Virakesari.

26.04.2021: **Accident** - 15 occupational soldiers were injured in an accident with a sand-tipper at Urumpirai Junction in Jaffna and were admitted to Jaffna Teaching Hospital for further treatment, reports Virakesari. It is notable that earlier reports from 18.04.2021 indicate that a vehicle transporting illegal trees in Vavuniya had also injured 2 occupational soldiers in a collision.

30.04.202: **Sterilisation** - Occupational SLA troops of the 17 (V) Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment sterilised public places in Vavuniya to contain the spread of COVID-19, reports defence.lk.

the Human Rights Commission of SL has filed a Fundamental Rights petition at the SL Supreme Court against the deradicalisation regulations citing vague terms have been used which will result in the continuation and imminent violation of Articles 10, 12, 13 and 14 of the country's constitution, reports Colombo Gazette. Accordingly, this will allow for the arrest and detention that conflict with the procedural processes set by the law and permit investigations following detainment thus, deeming a person guilty until proven otherwise.

Satkunanathan has called on SL's AG, Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and Commissioner General of Rehabilitation as respondents.

13.04.2021: **Hitler** - GoSL Spokesman, Keheliya Rambukwella informed the Colombo Gazette that the reference to G. Rajapaksa as Adolf Hitler was a personal opinion of SLPP's member and GoSL's State Minister of Vehicle Regulation and Bus Transport Service, Dilum Amunugama reports the Colombo Gazette. Rambukwella dismissed the severity of the statement Amunugama made during a briefing where he noted 6.9 million people voted for G. Rajapaksa to act like Hitler. Germany's Ambassador had subsequently condemned the use of the terminology in a Tweet.

14.04.2021: **Gazette** - G. Rajapaksa has signed a Gazette Notice banning 11 Islamic groups including ISIS citing an action of good faith to maintain the continuation of peace on the island, reports Colombo Gazette. Notably, those supporting or acting on behalf of such an organisation will be deemed as committing an offence and can expect a conviction by SL's High Court for the Western Province in accordance with Article 154P of the SL Constitution with imprisonment not exceeding twenty years.

14.04.2021: **India** - India and SL have decided to collaborate on 9 joint research projects that center on technological development and education following a joint call for proposals from SL's Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and the State

Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovation in August 2019, reports Colombo Page. In addition to the nine research projects, both countries will also be supporting 3 workshops solidifying intergovernmental cooperation in areas of science and technology since 2008.

16.04.2021: **Election** - SL's Election Commission has temporarily suspended the activities of six parties which have internal conflicts, reports Colombo Page. According to Chairman of the Election Commission Attorney at Law, Nimal Punchihewa, the parties are subjected to court hearings. Further reports from the SLEC indicate that the suspension will remain until court proceedings come to an end according to the commission.

Ports

12.04.2021: **Colombo Port City** - Staff for Colombo Port City Commission will advertise internationally to have an international reputation. The activities will be independent and a progressive one-stop store for investors, reports Economy Next.

15.04.2021: **UNP** - The UNP has filed 2 petitions on behalf of SL's General-Secretary of the UNP and Chairman of the UNP with SL's Attorney-General, reports Colombo Gazette. Reports indicate that the complaints were made as the respondent challenging the Port City Project's bill was being expedited with minimal transparency. It was cited that the presentation of the bill prior on 13.04.2021 had not allowed s proper review to be conducted. In addition to the UNP,

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) had also filed a petition with SL's Supreme Court in challenging the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill. It is notable that another petition was filed by the Centre for Policy Alternatives.

16.04.2021: **Abuse** - SLPP MP Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa accused G. Rajapaksa of verbal abuse during a phone conversation where concerns regarding the proposed Port City Economic Commission Bill was raised, reports Colombo Gazette. Reports indicate that the concerns raised countered initial promises.

16.04.2021: **Colombo Port City** - According to an influential Buddhist monk with close ties to the SLPP, SL's port city will become a Chinese colony and the power will be with the rulers - the Chinese, reports Economy Next.

17.04.2021: **Colombo Port City** - Keheliya Rambukwella reported that the pressure against the Colombo Port City Economic Zones Special Commission Bill put forth by MP Wijeyadara Rajapaksa is a strategic attempt to sabotage the Port City project, reports Colombo Gazette. He went on to note that the current GoSL will not act in a manner that will harm the country.

17.04.2021: **Colombo Port City** - SL's State Minister for Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms, Ajith Nivard Cabraal announced that only its authorities will have the capacity to enforce law and order at

the Colombo Port City - denying claims that it will become a Chinese colony, reports Colombo Gazette. He subsequently reported that the Port City will remain under the control of the GoSL following pressure coming from the Port City Economic Commission Bill.

18.04.2021: **Colombo Port City** - SL's Minister of Justice, Ali Sabry noted that the land belongs to the GoSL during a public explanation regarding the Port City Bill, reports Colombo Page.

18.04.2021: **SLPP** - SL's Minister of Environment, Mahinda Amaraweera noted that the SLPP will hold discussions regarding the future of the party in response to opposition's concern regarding the trajectory of the Colombo Port City, reports Colombo Page. However, he offered reassurance that G. and M. Rajapaksa would develop the country without taking control of it.

21.04.2021: **Colombo Port City** - SJB MP Harshana Rajakaruna questioned the rights of the Chinese Embassy in Colombo, reports the Colombo Gazette. The Colombo Gazette reported a visit was set to be undertaken on 22.04.2021 however a text message was received by the SL Parliament on behalf of the Chinese Embassy citing postponement and highlighted such visits in the past were organised by SL's Urban Development Authority (UDA) and questioned the change in authorisation management.

23.04.2021: **Colombo Port City** - SL's Maha Sangha met with G. Rajapaksa

during the 10th meeting of the Buddhist Advisory Council at the SL Presidential Secretariat where forward commercial progress was discussed in addition to a lengthy discussion led by SL State Minister, Ajith Nivard Cabraal regarding the Port City Project, reports Colombo Page.

24.04.2021: **Hambantota Port** - SL's State Minister of Money, Capital Markets and State Enterprise Reforms, Ajith Nivard Cabraal informed the Colombo Gazette that an agreement had been made between China and SL to extend the Hambantota port lease for 198 years and cited plans to renegotiate the deal with the Government of China at a more suitable time. Further reports noted that SJB MP Eran Wickramaratene noted that the initial lease was for 99 years and an investigation needs to be completed to determine who included the clause for another 99-year extension.

27.04.2021: **LTTE** - Ranil Wickremesinghe raised concerns regarding the potential illegal monitoring of the Colombo Port using the Colombo Port City, reports Colombo Gazette. Reportedly, he had noted that the Colombo Port City would have more control than the National Leader of Tamil Eelam, V. Prabhakaran had in Tamil Eelam should the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Bill be approved. He further cited that the Colombo Port will become a Chinese colony and critiqued the application of a one country law in regards to Tamil Eelam and a two country one in relation to China.

27.04.2021: **Colombo Port City** - According to Gevindu Kumaratungu, the draft law regarding the composition of the commission should be amended, reports Economy Next.

19.04.2021: **Media Law** - According to Economy Next, SL intends to introduce a law to restrict the media. Reports indicate that a draft would be inspired by Singapore's Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulations Act (POFMA) which is used to restrict freedom of expression. According to Colombo Gazette, SL's Cabinet had approved a resolution to draft an anti-fake news bill.

19.04.2021: **May Day** - An urgent meeting was held at the Temple Trees by M. Rajapaksa to discuss Provincial Council elections, the current electoral system and May Day events, reports the Colombo Page. Additionally, sources affiliated with the Colombo Page noted that the ongoing Port City Bill will also be discussed. According to Economy Next, SL had cancelled all May Day events through citing an increase in COVID-19 cases.

19.04.2021: **Appointment** - The Former Director General of SL's Presidential Media Division, Mohan Samaranayake was appointed as the Director General of SL's Government Information Department on 09.04.2021, reports Colombo Gazette.

20.04.2021: **Elections** - According to India's External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, India has called on the GoSL's devolution of political authority through holding early provincial

elections, reports Colombo Page. He has further called on the GoSL to ensure effective operation in accordance with the 13th Amendment to the SL Constitution is prioritised in a letter sent to AIADMK MP Rajya Sabha M. Thami Durai and provided reassurance the needs and safety of Tamils will be safeguarded within these efforts taken by India.

21.04.2021: **Political victimisation** - Disagreements and disruptions occurred in SL Parliament between the SLPP and opposition SJB regarding political victimisation and the Easter Attacks, reports Colombo Gazette.

21.04.2021: **Technology** - G. Rajapaksa has instructed his state ministers to address corruption using technology, reports Colombo Page.

27.04.2021: **Appointment** - SL Journalist, Sudewa Hettiarachchi has been appointed as SL's Director General of the President's Media Division, reports Colombo Gazette. The appointment occurred following receipt of a letter

from G. Rajapaksa and is set to replace Mohan Samaranayake who was appointed to the post of Director General of the Government Information Department.

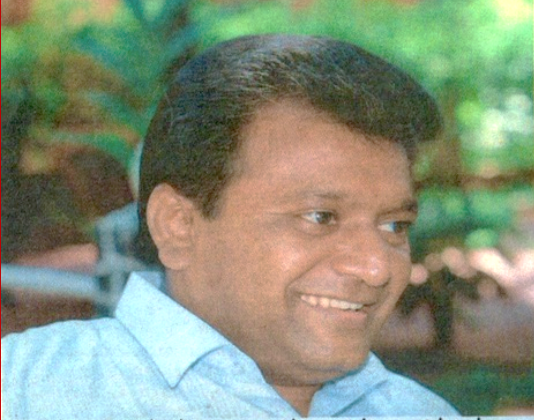
29.04.2021: **Irrigation** - SL's Director of the Mahaweli Authority, Keerthi B. Kotagama noted the illegal acquisition of GoSL lands under the Mahaweli Authority stating that immediate action will be taken, reports Colombo Page. Additionally, all Residential Business Managers in the 10 Mahaweli Zones are to take immediate action to prevent unauthorised land acquisition with further notice to provide bi-weekly updates regarding the matter.

30.04.2021: **Arrest** - A 31-year-old motorist was arrested for initiating a honking protest while the motorcade of the Chinese delegation passed by in Colombo. The arrested man had published a video in which he demanded that other drivers also honk their horns, Economy Next reports.



Future Features

Stay tuned for next month's issue of Akkinip Paravaikal Newsletter for our coverage on Red Fire Day!



“ இந்த வரலாற்றுச் சூழலில், தமிழர் உலகின் எந்த மூலையில் வாழ்ந்தாலும் எந்தக் கோடியில் வளர்ந்தாலும் எமது தேச விடுதலைக்கு உறுதியாகக் குரலெழுப்பி, எமது சுதந்திர இயக்கத்தின் கரங்களைப் பலப்படுத்துமாறு அன்போடு வேண்டுகின்றேன். அத்துடன், தங்கள் தாராள உதவிகளை வழங்கித் தொடர்ந்தும் பங்களிக்குமாறும் உரையோடு கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன்.”

- தமிழ்த் தேசியத் தலைவர் மேதகு வே.பிரபாகரன் அவர்கள்

தமிழீழ விடுதலைப்புலிகள்,
தமிழீழம்.

மே18 முள்ளிவாய்க்கால் செந்நெருப்புநாள்
MAY18 MULLIVAAIKKAAL THE DAY OF REDFIRE

மே18 தமிழீழ விடுதலைப்புலிகளின் மண்டியிடாத வீரத்தையும், போராடும் புலிகளுக்குத் துணையாக நின்ற மக்களின் தளராத உறுதியையும் வெளிப்படுத்தும் நாள். சிங்களப் பேரினவாதம் விடுதலைக்காகப் போராடிய தமிழினத்தை உலக நாடுகள் பலவற்றின் துணையோடு இனப்படுகொலை செய்த, இந்தக்காலத்தின் அதியுச்ச இனப்பேரழிப்பு நாள். பூமிப்பந்திலுள்ள தமிழரின் நெஞ்சங்களில் எல்லாம் விடுதலை நெருப்பைக் கனன்று எரிய வைத்த நாள்.

செந்நெருப்பு என்பது ஆக்கத்தின் குறியீடு. புத்தெழுச்சியின் குறியீடு. அதேநேரம் பேரழிப்பின் குறியீடு. போராளிகளின் மண்டியிடாத வீரம் - மக்களின் தளராத உறுதி - இனமொன்றின் பேரழிப்பு - விடுதலைப் போராட்டத்தின் புத்தெழுச்சி ஆகிய அனைத்தையும் ஒருங்கே குறிக்கும் குறியீடாகவே செந்நெருப்பு விளங்குகிறது. எனவேதான் மே18 முள்ளிவாய்க்கால் நாளை நாம் “செந்நெருப்புநாள்” எனப் பெயரிட்டு உலகமெங்கும் வாழும் தமிழர்கள் அனைவரும் காலங்காலமாக நினைவு கொள்ள வேண்டிய நாளாகப் பிரகடனம் செய்கின்றோம். “மே18 முள்ளிவாய்க்கால் செந்நெருப்புநாள்” இனிவருங்காலமெல்லாம், தமிழர்கள் உலகின் எந்த மூலையில் வாழ்ந்தாலும் அவர்கள் அனைவரினதும் வாழ்விலும் வரலாற்றிலும் தவறாமல் இடம்பெற வேண்டிய நாளாகத் திகழும்.

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Economic News

SL's Economic Profile – April 2021		
Public Debt : GDP	2021	↑ to 115 %
Private Credit	February 2021	↑ to LKR 79.4 billion
IMF GDP Forecasts	2021	4.0 %
Fiscal deficit	2020	11.8 %
Public debt		> 100 % of GDP
Forecast	2021	> 105 % of GDP
FOREX Reserves	March 2021	↓ USD 4.1 billion
Money Printing	First week, April 2021	LKR 60 billion
Central Bank Treasury		↑ LKR 904 billion
Bill Holding		
Income	Southern Expressway	LKR 135 million
Export Earnings		↓ to 10 % from 25 %
Conversion Rule		
Manufacturing Sector (PMI)	March 2021	67.0
Services Sector (PMI)		↑ to 62.1
Imports	2020 vs 2021	↓ 2.5 % to USD 1, 524 million
Exports	2020 vs 2021	↓ 3.7 % to USD 952 million
Trade Deficit	February 2021 vs current	↓ to USD 1.22 billion
Unemployment rate	4 th Quarter	↓ to 5.2 %
Inflation	April 2021	↓ by 0.2 % to 3.9 %

SL's economic developments reported within the month of April, 2021.

01.04.2021: **Irrigation** - SL's Irrigation Minister, C. Rajapaksa declared the Deduru Oya Hydro Power Plan on the Deduru Oya Reservoir officially open following construction under the supervision of the Ceylon Electricity Board and financial aid from Sri Lanka Energies and private affiliates, reports Colombo Page. Further reports from 22.04.2021 indicate that SL had signed a credit worth USD 69.53 million with the World Bank to improve dams and irrigation schemes of up to 165, 000 hectares of agricultural lands. The agreement was signed with preparations supported by the Korea-World Bank Group Partnership Facility.

08.04.2021: **Interest rates** - SL's central bank will continue to maintain historically low interest rates as foreign exchange reserves decline. In addition, the low interest rates would allow the economy to recover sustainably and well-anchored inflation expectations can be ensured, Economy Next reports.

Revenue

01.04.2021: **Stocks** - SL's Ceylon Electricity Board will raise LKR 20 billion in capital, reports Colombo Gazette. The raise occurred following approval of application by the Colombo Stock Exchange to issue Senior Unsecured Listed Redeemable Rated Debentures

at the issuing price of LKR 100 for a period of 5 years from 08.04.2021.

07.04.2021: **IMF** - As part of a new allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), SL has the possibility of receiving up to USD 800 million in reserves from the IMF. This is a reserve asset created by the lender shortly before the collapse of the Bretton Woods soft pegs, reports Economy Next.

09.04.2021: **MT New Diamond** - SL's Attorney General, Dappula De Livera has called for an additional USD 19.022 Million from the lawyer of the ship owners of the MT New Diamond for marine pollution, reports Colombo Gazette.

12.04.2021: **US** - The US State Department's Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) celebrated its 20th anniversary in April 2021 and noted more than LKR 200 Million had been provided by the US to fund GoSL's diversity projects since 2001, reports Colombo Gazette. Accordingly, 13 projects have been funded through this grant program which include; documentation, restoration efforts, artefact preservation and promotion of economic growth.

12.04.2021: **China** - SL's Ambassador to China, Dr. Palitha Kohana on behalf of GoSL has signed a loan agreement with China's Development Bank at SL's Embassy in Beijing. The loan amounts to USD 500 million, completing the second part of the USD 1 billion

agreement from 2020, reports the Colombo Gazette.

12.04.2021: **Relief program** - As an occasion for the Sinhala New Year, a relief program was planned to provide LKR 5, 000 rupees each to 2.8 million low-income families. This would be boycotted due to insufficient time for distribution, because of the risk of misuse of money by Niladhari officials, as it may violate the expectations of certain families, Economy Next reports.

15.04.2021: **Government Bonds** - The ban on commercial banks and the National Savings Bank from buying international government bonds was extended until 23.04.2021 as money printing continues to pressure the rupee, reports Economy Next.

18.04.2021: **Partnership** - The Sino-Lanka Power Gen has partnered with Taprobane Seafood supply to install a 1 MW solar photovoltaic system at the plan in Dankotuwa with the second megawatt installation in 2 years to reduce the carbon footprint of the latter company to approximately 19,000 tonnes over 20 years, reports Colombo Page.

Imports

07.04.2021: **Palm Oil** - SL bans palm oil imports immediately via a gazette notification and would cause costs for consumers and companies to increase, reports Economy Next. Keheliya Rambukwelle later mentioned that the regulation will be revised. Further reports from 11.04.2021 indicate that G. Rajapaksa permitted

the import of only *palm stearin* whilst the ban on crude palm oil remained. Reports from Economy Next indicate that consequently, coconut oil has gained more importance and thus positively impacted SL's exports.

13.04.2021: **Oil** - SL intends to extend the payment periods for oil imports and is in talks with oil supplier countries in this regard. Until now, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation had credits from suppliers for 180 days and 270 days, Economy Next reports.

23.04.2021: **Fertiliser** - SL intends to ban the import of chemical fertiliser due to kidney diseases caused by the pollution of lakes, canals and groundwater. The annual expenditure for the chemical fertiliser is about USD 400 million and the farmers, however, make profits, Economy Next reports.

20.04.2021: **Norway** - The National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) in SL and the Institute of Marine Research, Norway (IMR) have collaborated to explore fisheries research in SL through examining the fish stocks to improve and sustain marine resources, reports the Norwegian Embassy in Colombo. The Colombo Gazette reported this as the second phase of the research project where fisheries management tools will be developed and fully implemented by 2022 costing NOK 8.75 Million.

29.04.2021: **Helicopters** - SL plans to buy four MI-171 helicopters from Russia for USD 72 million and possibly 60 armored personnel carriers to strengthen the

security forces. This is criticised because the money is currently more important for vaccines, Economy Next reports.

Oman

12.04.2021 - M. Rajapaksa sent SL's State Minister of Finance, Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms, Ajith Nivard Cabraal to Oman between 07.04.2021 - 10.04.2021 to meet with the Sultanate of Oman Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik where a special message was related on 09.04.2021, reports Colombo Gazette. The 10-member delegation from SL who accompanied the country's state minister engaged in a series of discussions regarding trade and investment between the two countries.

17.04.2021 - According to SL's Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Ameer Ajwad, the GoSL plans to export fruits and vegetables to consumers in Oman due to high market demand, reports Colombo Page. A virtual B2B meeting has been arranged with Sri Lanka's Embassy in Oman and the Sri Lanka's Explore Development Board to match eight fruits and vegetable exporters to opportunities in Oman.

30.04.2021 - Ameer Ajwad met with Chief Executive Officer, Saleh M. Al Shanfari of Oman Food Investment Holding Co. (S.A.O.C) to discuss bilateral trade in the food sector and areas for increased bilateral business ventures reports the Colombo Gazette.

Obituary

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16.04.1940 - 01.04.2021



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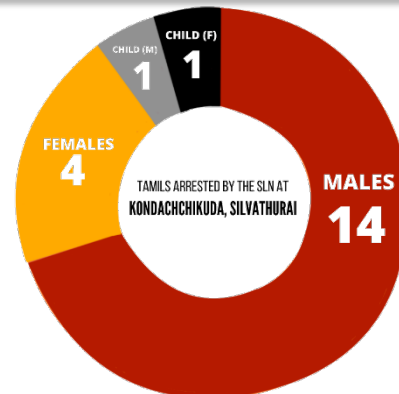
01.04.2021: **Commemoration** - Former Roman Catholic Bishop of Mannar Rt. Rev. Rayappu Joseph passed away at the age of 80 while receiving treatment at a Private hospital in Jaffna on 01.04.2021, reports Daily Mirror. The father was commemorated throughout the occupied Tamil homeland and Tamil diaspora for his commitment to the Tamils' struggle. It is notable that he was the first to declare that 146,679 Tamils had been killed in Mullivaikkal. It is notable that mourning days were observed - notably, black flags were placed and hoisted across Vavuniya.

04.04.2021: **Sinhala Only** - According to Virakesari, senior Buddhist monks had presented a proposal for a new SL constitution at a press conference held in Colombo on 03.04.2021. Reports indicate that the monks emphasised that Sinhala should be established as the official language of the country and that the country should be renamed to represent the Sinhala race. The remarks were made at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall.

06.04.2021: **Surveillance** - Locals in Vavuniya are in fear after occupational police had been visiting homes to demand and obtain details regarding family members without reason or clear instructions, reports Virakesari.

07.04.2021: **Strike** - SL's Ceylon Mineral Sands Corporation plant workers in Pulmoddai launched a strike over issues regarding New Years bonus following the reduction of the annual LKR 100, 000 bonuses for the year 2021. The Colombo Page announced workers remained on factory premises and prevented loaded lorries with mineral sands from leaving the vicinity however, response from Udaya de Silva, Manager of the company announced no such solution can be made until discussions with the Ministry are undertaken.

08.04.2021: **Arrest** - 20 Tamils were arrested by the SLN at Kondachchikuda, Silavathurai following attempts to flee the country after four three wheelers were identified by the Northwestern Naval Command, reports Colombo Gazette. Of those detained:



This prevention of fleeing is strategic as it counters narratives given to foreign governments regarding Sri Lanka and aids in maintaining a single story offered by the GoSL as to its human rights concerns. Those detained hail from the occupied Tamil homeland and Sri Lanka:

- ◆ 9 People from Mullaitivu
- ◆ 4 People from Jaffna
- ◆ 4 People from Mannar
- ◆ Person from Valachchenai
- ◆ 1 Person from Puttalam
- ◆ 1 Person from Wattala

08.04.2021: **Disappeared** - According to Virakesari a total of 87 relatives of relatives of forcibly disappeared persons had perished across occupied Tamil Eelam thus far in their pursuit of finding their relatives.

09.04.2021: **Arrest** - According to Daily Mirror, the Mayor of Jaffna, Visvalingam Manivannan was arrested on the morning of 09.04.2021 by the occupational Jaffna police for allowing five men to wear uniforms similar to Tamil Eelam's police force. According to Virakesari, he was released on bail on 10.04.2021.

09.04.2021: **Attack** - A mob had forcibly entered into a school premises in Telippalai, Jaffna and proceeded to attack students causing students to be admitted to the Telippalai Base Hospital for treatment. According to Virakesari, the mob had attacked the students who had mentioned that a car park which had been established adjoining the school premises was for the bikes of those attending the school and

had requested the attackers not to park their bikes there. The mob had blocked the students from entering the parking lot prior to the attack.

07.04.2021: **Ban** - SL's Attorney General, Dappula de Livera has authorised the ban of 11 Islamic organizations in SL citing links to extremism reports, Colombo Gazette. This ban comes following an earlier ban of diasporic Tamil organisations and individuals. The Islamic organisations banned include:

- ◆ The United Towheedh Jamaath
- ◆ Ceylon Thawheed Jamath
- ◆ Sri Lanka Thawheed Jamaath
- ◆ All Ceylon Thowheedh Jama'ath
- ◆ Jamiyathul Ansaris Sunnaththul Mohamadiya
- ◆ Dharul Adhar Jamiul Adhar
- ◆ Sri Lanka Islamic Student's Movement
- ◆ Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant
- ◆ Al-Qaeda
- ◆ Save the Pearls
- ◆ Super Muslim

10.04.2021: **Signs** - An investigation has commenced regarding the naming of a street after a rehabilitated ex-cadre as Vettri Veethi (Victory Street) in Santhapuram, Kilinochchi, reports Virakesari. According to reports the street which was named and unveiled on 28.03.2021 would be part of an attempt to revive the LTTE and thus the Terrorism Prevention Unit has commenced investigations. They had also suggested that the street be named according to the real name of the rehabilitated cadre rather than his nom-de-guerre.

16.04.2021: **STF** - Ajith Rohana announced that a cab supposedly ordered to stop at the STF checkpoint was met with gunshots subsequently striking two Tamil youth aged 23 and 26 years' old who were later hospitalised at Paruthithurai Hospital with gunshot wounds. The Colombo Gazette reported that the occupational Paruthithurai Police had commenced an investigation with statements recorded from the STF officers.

16.04.2021: **Grenades** - According to Virakesari 2 hand grenades identified as Mills 36 grenades which were used by the IPKF during their intervention were found in the Erapperiyakulam and Navagamuwa areas of Vavuniya.

17.04.2021: **Purge** - SL's Minister of Public Security, Read Admiral Sarath Weerasekara shared that initiatives will be taken to confiscate assets of banned Islamic extremist organisations with current information being obtained from organisational leaders, reports Colombo Page.

17.04.2021: **LTTE** - SL's Minister of Public Security, Read Admiral Sarath Weerasekara stated that five Tamil youth had been arrested and charged with attempts to re-establish the LTTE, reports Colombo Page. Further reports indicate that they had been taken to Colombo for questioning by the TID.

18.04.2021: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, protests were held by upcountry locals demanding SL Minister, Jeevan Thondamann to apologise after sharing derogatory remarks regarding women.

19.04.2021: **Commemoration** - Annai Poopathy was commemorated across the Tamil homeland and diaspora.

21.04.2021: **Commemoration** - The Easter Sunday attacks were commemorated. Whilst attending a commemorative event in Colombo, Gopal Baglay affirmed India's commitment to support Sri Lanka to fight terrorism, reports Virakesari. A monument in memory of those killed was also unveiled at a commemorative event held at the Zion church in Batticaloa.

23.04.2021: **LTTE** - Ajith Rohana reported that the TID had arrested a 42-year-old Tamil man from Vavuniya who has been accused of making falsified National Identity Cards and passports under Maaveerar's names, reports Colombo Gazette. The individual has been detained for participating in criminal activities including human trafficking with a pending detention order.

23.04.2021: **Monument** - The Mullivaikkal monument which was destroyed on Jaffna University premises by occupational forces, was reconstructed and unveiled as a "Peace Monument" hence diluting the purpose of the structure in commemoration, reports Virakesari.

23.04.2021: **Demining** - According to Virakesari, Japanese company SHARP has engaged in demining activities within the Tamil homeland between November 2016 - 22.04.2021 extracting 27, 568 hazardous explosives from 1, 636, 204 square metres of affected areas.

26.04.2021: **Commemoration** - Thanthai Selva's 44th Commemoration Day was upheld across the occupied Tamil homeland.

27.04.2021: **Burqa Ban** - Sri Lanka's Minister of Public Security Rear Admiral Sarath Weerasekara announced during post cabinet media briefing that the ban on burqa and niqab proposed on 13.03.2021 has been signed and

submitted to the Cabinet with approval coming from the Cabinet of Ministers citing national security, reports Colombo Gazette.

29.04.2021: **Protest** - Locals in Mannar protested the arrest of Rishad Bathiudeen, reports Virakesari. Earlier reports indicate that Vavuniya locals had also staged a protest condemning the arrest on 28.04.2021.

Signs of Structural Genocide

03.04.2021: **Distribution** - According to army.lk, a distribution of school items took place at Kokilai Sinhala School, Tamil School Udappukulam and Roman Catholic School Alampil on 30.03.2021 by 59 Division troops.

05.04.2021: **Northern province** - According to navy.lk, the commander of the SLN embarked on an official visit to the Northern Naval Command on 03.04.2021. He called at the Roman Catholic College on Mandativu Island in Jaffna, which is to be developed by Sri Lanka Navy, as part of its Naval Social Responsibility Project in Northern Naval Command.

09.04.2021: **National security** - G. Rajapaksa addressing the inaugural Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Defense at the Parliamentary Complex on 08.04.2021 shared 196 new police stations will be established with the recruitment of 10,000 police personnel to

protect and safeguard the country and to meet the national policy to eliminate drugs, reports Colombo Page. Further discussions regarding salaries and allowances for the country's disabled and deceased soldiers were discussed with a Cabinet memorandum pending - G. Rajapaksa further guaranteed their needs will be met in the presence of C. Rajapaksa, K. Gunaratne and Commanders of the three Armed Forces and chief security units led by the IGP. Although, locations of these newly erected facilities have not been divulged at this time, the likelihood of their placements within the Occupied Tamil homeland is high.

12.04.2021: **Militarisation** - Whilst visiting Jaffna in mass civil-military cooperation initiatives, Shavendra Silva mentioned to locals that foreign Tamils were spreading false propaganda against the SLA and that they indeed intended to assist the Tamils, reports Virakesari.

17.04.2021: **Jaffna** - According to army.lk, The Security Force Headquarters-Jaffna (SFHQ-J), adhering to strict health guidelines organized a Sinhala and Tamil New Year festival on 14.04.2021 in order to promote cultural relations, traditions, goodwill, co-operation and harmony between civilians and soldiers.

18.04.2021: **Tree planting** - Troops of the 591 Brigade under command to the 59 Division HQ of the Security Force HQ-Mullaitivu carried out a tree-planting drive to coincide with auspicious commencement of work in the Kannagi Amman Hindu temple premises in Vattappalai after 15.04.2021, reports army.lk.

18.04.2021: **Cleaning** - Troops of the 591 Brigade under command to the 59 Division of the Security Force HQ-Mullaitivu, prior to the New Year Kovil Pooja procession at Kannagi Amman Hindu temple in Vattappalai attempted to clean the compound surroundings and washed the main road that leads to the temple premises on 10.04.2021.

18.04.2021: **Language** - A Tamil language training programme for 30 troops of the 59 Division HQ under the SFHQ-MLT occurred between 02.03.2021 - 09.04.2021 at the HQ premises.

26.04.2021: **Karanavai Road** - According to Tamil_independent, a private leasing company has put up a street sign using only the Sinhala and English languages to name the Karanavai Road. According to Karavetty Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Aingaran expressed outrage and mentioned that

this act violates the Karavetty Pradeshiya Sabha Act.

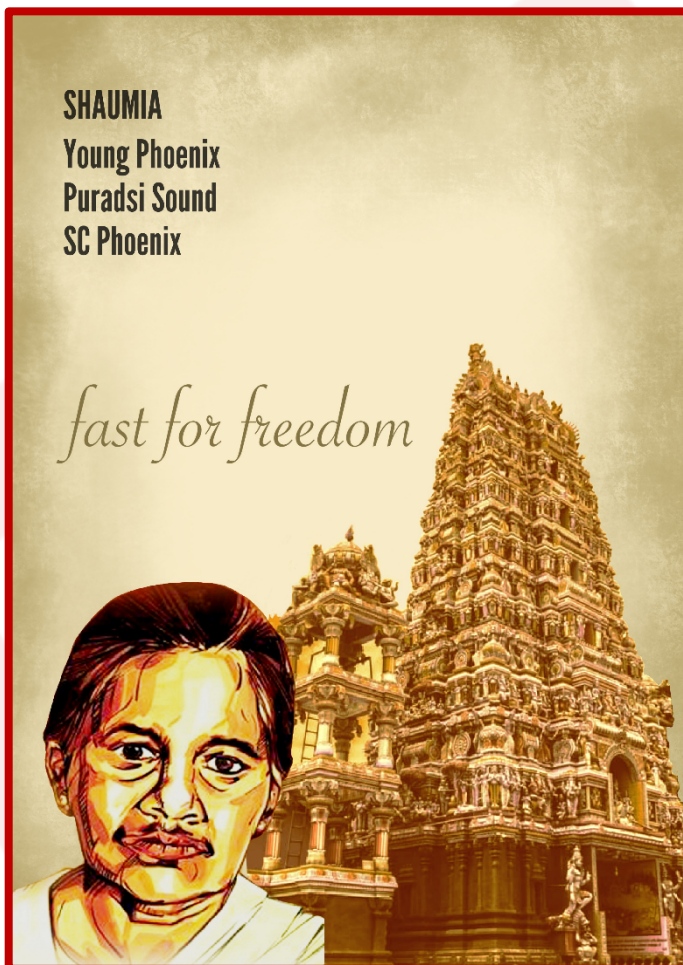
26.04.2021: **Perceived victory** - Canada based pro-Sri Lanka group titled Sri Lanka Canadian Action Coalition released an article whereby they cited the Consul General of Sri Lanka in Toronto Mr. Kapila S. Jayawardena who appeared as the deputant to speak at a Markham Council meeting regarding the construction of a Mullivaikkal Memorial presented supposed facts to counter Tamil Genocide Memorialisation ultimately deferring proposal put forth by the Tamil diaspora in Canada. The motion was formally put forth by the City of Markham on 06.04.2021 which was challenged by pro-Sri Lanka nationals.

27.04.2021: **KKS** - According to Tamil independent, the genocidal SLA has had re-erected a notice board on the KKS Central Grama Sevakar Division overnight. On this board, it is noticed that the army was demanding ownership of the land. It is noteworthy that this land was released by the GoSL in 2018.

28.04.2021: **Arrest** - The Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Sri Kamakshi Amman Kovil in Jaffna have been arrested for holding religious festivals and violating quarantine laws according to Sri Lanka's Police, reports Colombo Gazette.

30.04.2021: **Cleaning** - According to defence.lk, Jaffna residents actively extended their support to occupational SLA forces while providing the services of backhoe loader vehicles in clearing the scrubs along roadways and collecting wastes from Tirunelveli to Navatkuli to

prevent road accident and against transmission of dengue and pollen allergy.



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