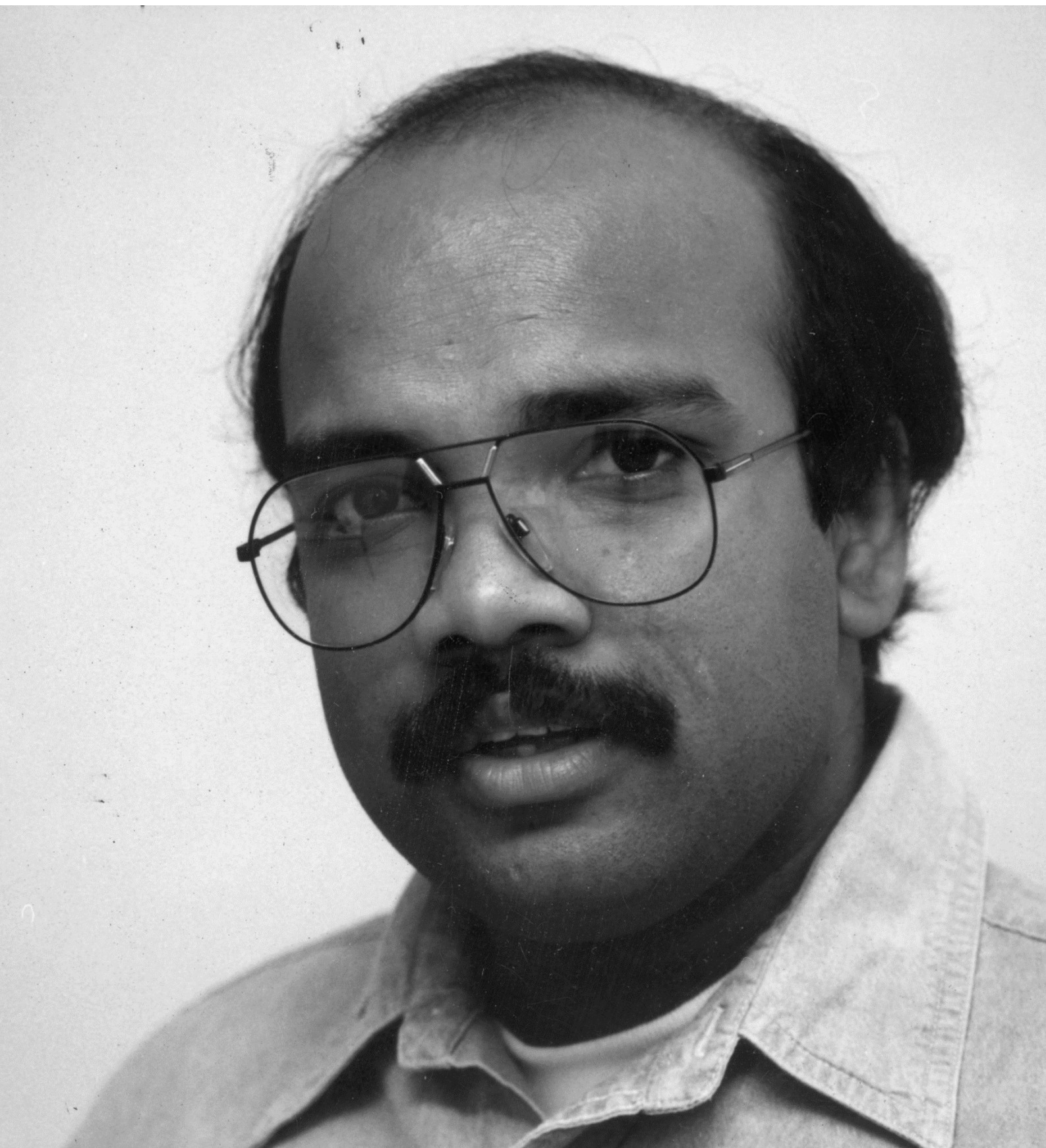




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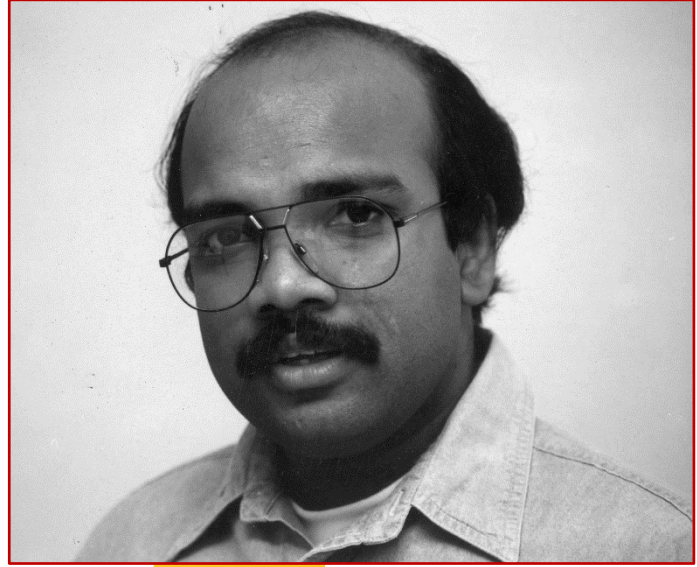
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**Colonel. Kittu (02.01.1960 - 16.01.1993) - His life
for liberation (Kayalvizhi)**

Colonel Kittu, the commander of Jaffna in 1985, led several successful battles against the genocidal Sri Lankan army. He was loved by his people and his commitment to the struggle was unquestionable. He sacrificed his life for the benefit of the Tamil people. How are his words about the struggle still significant today?

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**"கிட்டு, ஒரு தனிமனித சரித்திரம்.
நீண்ட, ஓய்வில்லாத புயலாக வீசும்
எமது விடுதலை வரலாற்றில் ஒரு
காலத்தின் பதிவு."**

National Leader of Tamil Eelam

Colonel. Kittu (02.01.1960 - 16.01.1993) - His life for liberation

KAYALVIZHI

Sathasivam Krishnakumar, alias “Kittu anna” or “Kittu mama “, was born on 02.01.1960. His father owned a printing press named, “Kumar Achchakam” in Nellyyati. Hailing from Valvettithurai, Kittu anna met the leader of Tamil Eelam and Mattaya at Chithambara College near to Paruthithurai, during their college days.



Colonel Kiddu and Tamil Eelam's leader V.Prabaharan in (1987)

Col. Kittu commenced his fight for the freedom of Eelam Tamils at the age of 17. His first implications in the cause date back to the anti-Tamil pogrom of 1977 - a period during which the Eelam Tamils were tortured and murdered en masse by the SL government. It is notable that Kittu anna rescued the Tamils who fled these massacres to take refuge in the Jaffna peninsula.

Affected by all these events, he joined the National Leader of Tamil Eelam, Hon. Velupillai Prabhakaran, under the nom de guerre of Venkittu which became Kittu.

Due to his great aptitude, he was appointed as the deputy head of the battalion leading offensives in 1983 and was a part of the first expedition to India, where he received military training in field operations.

Moreover, he served as Jaffna's Commander, between 1985-1987, after the demise of Captain Pandithar on 09.01.1985. It is notable that he was at the centre of many attacks and missions, such as that of Kurunakar, Jaffna in 1985, where in addition to defeating his rivals, he managed to seize weapons from the enemies. It was a major turning point in the armed struggle for the liberation of Tamil Eelam.

Further, Col. Kittu led various development projects in the fields of youth health, education, economic development and agriculture. During this period, he was immensely respected by the citizens of Tamil Eelam, as he had always accepted their suggestions.

However, he lost his leg during an assassination attempt in 1987. Consequently, he was forced to travel to India for medical treatment. In Chennai, he was arrested and then locked in the central prison due to his membership with the LTTE.

Once released in 1989 he became a crucial member of the LTTE's international secretariat and was responsible for relations with foreign countries. He had also participated in peace talks in Colombo during that year. His further services to the struggle were achieved when he travelled to the UK where he represented the Eelam Tamils' voice for freedom across Europe and the diaspora. He further addressed the Tamil diaspora as the head of foreign affairs to and denounced the genocidal atrocities committed by the Sri Lankan government. Kittu Anna initiated a number of branches across these countries such as the Department of Art and Culture and the Organisation of Tamil students.

During an interview by Joay Mahesh of Melbourne CR3 Radio with June 1991, he mentioned:

Q. Though the Sri Lankan Government has sought a military solution, are you ready for a political solution and if so, what are the conditions that you have placed?

We must look at this carefully. We have at no time rejected any attempts to seek a political solution or a peaceful settlement. We are aware of a 40 years record of being deceived by successive Sinhala governments. Though the late leader Thanthai Chelvanayagam entered into several agreements, we have seen that on each occasion, these agreements have been torn up. We cannot forget that past. Our past experiences should teach us.

We must examine that historical experience properly and in depth. It was due to the failure of these negotiating processes that the armed struggle was born. Even so, when President Premadasa requested that we should seek a peaceful settlement, we afforded an opportunity in January this year by declaring a unilateral cease-fire for 29 days. But the Sri Lanka government did not respond. It rejected the offer for unconditional talks by imposing several preconditions to the negotiating process.

We are even today prepared to commence talks without preconditions. Talks cannot be taken forward if preconditions are imposed. We need open talks. But Sri Lanka requires us to put down our arms. I say by arms what are you describing? If it is the AK47, then that is no problem.

But what we mean by arms is not simply that but also the arms that hold those arms, and the aspirations that are in the hearts of our people - these are also arms so far as we are concerned.

To us arms is that mechanism which can protect our people.

At a time when our people are without protection, we cannot drop our arms and then go in search of a peaceful settlement. People should not misconstrue that we are lovers of weapons. We have made our fighters understand several times that we are not lovers of violence. We are freedom fighters. It was because our people were oppressed, it was because our people were being destroyed, that we took up arms in defence of our people. We are very clear about this.

However, we have repeatedly told Sri Lanka that we are ready for unconditional talks. Recently on the first anniversary of the resumption of hostilities - June 10 - we called for unconditional talks. But Sri Lanka continues to seek a military solution by carrying out aerial bombardments of civilians, by imposing an economic blockade. In this situation, we have been compelled, we have been pushed to continue our armed struggle.

Kittu Anna, abstracted and conceptualised his own experience, read widely, sought to integrate that which he read with his life and then set about influencing a people to action. To him, theory was a very practical thing. He was an intellect with a deep understanding and a great breadth of vision. His interests covered a wide spectrum:

- ◆ culture to human rights methods of warfare to diplomacy and political manoeuvre
- ◆ providing children with playgrounds and nurseries to the emancipation of women

Yet everything that he did was related to the need of the struggle.

Addressing a Maaveerar Naal commemoration in Zürich Switzerland, in 1991, Col. Kittu recalled to the audience a conversation he held with an official from the British Refugee Council. He told the audience:

I was once asked by an Englishman connected with the British Refugee Council: "You say Tamil Eelam, but where are the boundaries of this Tamil Eelam that you talk about? Show me."

I was taken aback by the directness of the question. I thought for a while.

Then I replied.

"Take a map of the island. Take a paint brush and paint all the areas where Sri Lanka has bombed and launched artillery attacks during these past several years. When you have finished, the painted areas that you see – that is Tamil Eelam."



Commemoration of Colonel Kiddu on 15.01.2005 in Jaffna

Unfortunately, while returning to the homeland from Indonesia, he was surrounded and attacked by Indian soldiers in the Indian Ocean on 16.01.1993. The Indian Navy refused to permit Col. Kittu and his team and decided that it would forcefully seize the ship and had the intention of arresting them. In order to avoid capture, he consumed cyanide and attained martyrdom along with the 9 other cadres who were aboard the ship with him. Regardless, his unwavering sacrificial legacy lives on to this day in guiding the Tamils' struggle for liberation.

International News

Location	Individual	Means
United Kingdom	Minister for South Asia & the Commonwealth at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office – Lord Ahmed .	Statement
Tamil Nadu	Chief Minister - Edappadi K. Palanisami	Series of tweets on social media
Tamil Nadu	M. K. Stalin	Solidarity with Jaffna University students
SL's Deputy High Commission, Chennai	Vaiko	Protest on 11.01.2021
Tamil Nadu	TTV Dhinakaran	Solidarity with Jaffna University students

International condemnation regarding the destruction of the Mullivaikkal Monument within the Jaffna University Premises.

Entity	Statement
UN Special Rapporteur	To GoSL to end policy of forced cremation of COVID-19 victims.
International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute	Condemned cremations and cited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO's health findings regarding burials • Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
UK	Raised human rights concerns including enforced cremation of COVID-19 victims.

International condemnation regarding the enforced cremation of Muslim COVID-19 victims.

09.01.2021: **UN** - Ahimsa Wickrematunge, the daughter of journalist Lasantha Wickrematunge, has filed a complaint to the UNHRC in collaboration with San Francisco-based Centre for Accountability on 08.01.2021 over the SL Government's military-linked hit squad, reports the Colombo Gazette.

Wickrematunge, a strong critic of the Rajapaksa Regime was murdered on 08.01.2009, as he was enroute to work at the Sunday Leader newspaper.

09.01.2021: **Easter Attacks** - The US Justice Department announce three SL nationals have been charged with terrorism following their connection to "ISIS in Sri Lanka", a group according to the Colombo Gazette that is responsible for the 2019 Easter Attacks. Earlier reports by the Daily Mirror indicate that Nick Hanna, the US Attorney for the Central District of California had mentioned that the US remains confident in SL authorities' capabilities to hold the perpetrators of the 2019 attacks accountable.

13.01.2021: **EU** - According to Daily Mirror, the EU has provided SL with three grants of LKR 8.26 billion, which will support SL's justice sector, food safety, and strengthen efforts to mitigate climate change.

14.01.2021: **Indo-Pacific Region** - The White House published the declassified United States Strategic Framework for the Indo-Pacific region where it notes that the US needs to strengthen capacity with South Asian countries to foster ongoing partnerships, reports the Colombo Gazette.

14.01.2021: **HRW** - According to the Colombo Gazette, HRW's World Report 2021 for SL had mentioned that the situation in SL has deteriorated under G. Rajapaksa's presidency noting that government security forces have increased the intimidation and surveillance of activists, survivors of past abuse, lawyers and journalists in addition to the ongoing discrimination toward the Muslim and Tamil communities.

20.01.2021: **Germany** - A former refugee claimant is set to appear in court in Dusseldorf, Germany following an asylum claim made in 2018 stating he detonated a bomb killing 6 SLA convoy persons, reports the Colombo Gazette. The maximum sentencing for this is 10 years and an 8 - day trial is underway with the Higher Regional Courts.

25.01.2021: **UN** - The United Nations Resident Coordinator in SL, Ms. Hanaa Singer-Hamdy spoke during an initiative titled, "Support to Sri Lanka on Counter-Terrorism" funded by the EU that addressed concerns of drugs and crime, reports the Colombo Gazette. She has stated:

"Because counter-terrorism activities can offer a peaceful, accountable and legitimate response to terrorism – only if they are grounded in a criminal justice process that respects the principles of the rule of law and human rights."

26.01.2021: **US** - Joe Biden's administration will continue to maintain the push on the human rights issue in Sri Lanka according to the US Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Alaina B. Teplitz reports the Colombo Gazette. However, she has

also noted concerns regarding Chinese projects in Sri Lanka such as the Hambantota and Colombo Ports and has called for transparency between the nation's bilateral agreements.

28.01.2021: **Human rights** - The United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights has called for the crimes of SL and the LTTE against humanity to be prosecuted, reports Economy Next. Further reports from Colombo Gazette indicate that the UN has released a public report on SL calling on the imposition of targeted sanctions and travel bans as well as the freezing of assets against perpetrators of human rights violations and abuses. Earlier reports by Thinakkural from 14.01.2021 the US Department of State had released a media note regarding the US State Department's Terrorist Designation Reviews and Amendments. According to Thinakkural, the LTTE has

remained on the US's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) since 1997. According to further reports by Thinakkural on 28.01.2021, Canada and Britain have also expressed their commitment to foster reconciliation and accountability in SL.

31.01.2021: **PTA** - EU calls on Sri Lanka to notify import controls to the World Trade Organisation. Furthermore, the EU has called on Sri Lanka to amend the Prevention of Terrorism Act in line with international standards and to promote reconciliation, justice, accountability and peaceful coexistence among Sri Lanka's different communities. Earlier reports by Colombo Gazette on 25.01.2021, GoSL had informed the EU of its plans to review the PTA to make appropriate amendments during the 23rd Joint Commission via a video conference.

Bilateral Discussions

Date	SL Representative	Foreign Representative	Topic of discussion
05.01.2021	K. Gunaratne	Bangladeshi Defence Attaché	Topics of mutual interest
08.01.2021	SL Business Leaders	Foreign Minister of India	Tourism and future use of FTA
08.01.2021	K. Gunaratne	Newly appointed Assistance Defence Advisor to the High Commission of India in SL – Lt. Col. Puneet Sushil	Courtesy call
11.01.2021	G. Rajapaksa	Newly appointed High Commissioner of the of Bangladesh to SL - Tareq Md. Ariful Islam	Intention to promote bilateral relations – maritime cooperation.
20.01.2021	SL Commander Southern Naval Area, Rear Admiral Priyantha Perera	Ambassador of France to Sri Lanka	

Bilateral discussions held between Sri Lanka and other countries within the month of January, 2021.

Military News

Date	Appointment	Position	Notes
14.01.2021	Major General Wasantha Madola of the Sri Lanka Corps of Military Police (SLCMP)	Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS)	Assumed office on 14.01.2021 at the Army HQ during a simple ceremony
15.01.2021	Sumith Weerasinghe	Chief of Staff of the SLN	Appointed by G. Rajapaksa with the position in effect from 15.01.2021
15.01.2021	Nissanka Wickramasinghe	SL Commanding Officer of Special Boat Squadron (SBS)	At the SBS HQ
18.01.2021	Nilantha Premaratna of the SL Artillery Regiment	19th Director of Media	Intention to promote bilateral relations – maritime cooperation.
18.01.2021	Senarath Bandara of Gemunu Watch serving as Commander of Security Forces in Jaffna.	57th Chief of Staff of the SLA	SLA HQ

Military appointments made within the month of January, 2021.

07.01.2021: **Agriculture and livestock unit**

- According to Virakesari, the SLA has established an agriculture and livestock unit within the SLA.

India – In cooperation with the Indian High Commission in Colombo, the SL Navy had brought ashore a fishing trawler which had drifted to Indian waters on 13.01.2021, reports navy.lk. Further reports by defence.lk on 18.01.2021 indicate that the SLAF had received Air Defence equipment and INDRA Mk-II Radar Spares from India under the patronage of the Indian High Commissioner in SL. Reports from 19.01.2021 indicate that the SL Navy was also reported to have launched a

Search and Rescue (SAR) operation in search of an Indian fishing boat and its fishermen that sank in SL waters in the seas off Delft Island.

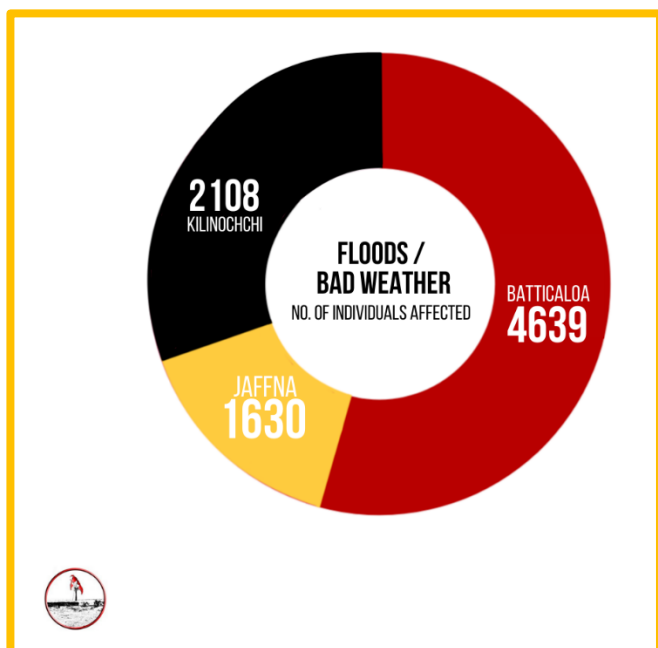
20.01.2021: **Training** – SL's Public Security Minister, Sarath Weerasekara is expected to table a proposal in SL Parliament to facilitate mandatory military training for citizens above 18 years of age to build a disciplined and law-abiding nation, reports Daily Mirror.

20.01.2021: **Military** – SL's former army commander was reported to have criticised that military training expenditure had reached LKR 750,000 per person and that it is not financially possible for the GoSL despite its role in fostering leadership qualities and discipline, reports Economy Next.

27.01.2021: **Recruitment** - Sri Lanka's Army has officially launched their island wide project to recruit youth into the military in a massive project to enlist individuals from villages between January to March 2021 reports the Colombo Gazette. The project was launched by the Directorate of Recruiting in the Army covering all Security Force Headquarters in partnership with divisional secretariats.

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam



Effects of weather across Tamil Eelam within the month of January, 2021.

15.01.2021: **Viharai** – According to Virakesari, a viharai established at the Kilinochchi campus of Jaffna university had been desecrated.

19.01.2021: **Train Service** – According to Thinakkural, train services which had been temporarily halted due to COVID-19 restrictions had resumed from the Jaffna train station.

23.01.2021: **Accident** – A Liberian ship named “EUROSUN” which was bound towards the Trincomalee harbour from Abu Dhabi with cement loads had crashed into a boulder 12.6 n.m away from the harbour, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that the occupational navy is maintaining a close watch on the situation.

25.01.2021: **Schools** – Local parents protested opposite the Oddusuddan

Mahavidyaalayam to demand that the school be made a government school.

28.01.2021: **Explosives** - On a Court order issued by the Mullaitivu District Court, 9 field SL Engineer troops of the 592nd Brigade and occupational police from the Mulliyavallai Police Station jointly unearthed a cache of 110 unusable 152 mm shells, 36 122 mm shells, 49 152 mm cartridges, 29 122 mm cartridges and 10 fuses, believed to have been kept buried before May 2009, reports army.lk. According to Virakesari, earlier reports from 25.01.2021 by occupational police in Valaiyiravu indicated that a hand grenade had also been retrieved from under a bridge.

29.01.2021: **WHAM** - The 52nd Division coordinated the distribution of nutrients, dry ration packs and sanitary items among 75 pregnant women in the Jaffna peninsula. Such activities were conducted after the women had been invited to Poomari Hall at Chavakachcheri on 28.01.2021, reports army.lk. The troops of the 523rd Brigade executed the distribution upon the directions provided by the SL Commander, Security Forces - Jaffna and under the guidelines established by the SL General Officer Commanding, Kithsiri Liyanage. Earlier reports by defence.lk from 06.01.2021 indicate that SL's Security Force Headquarters (SFHQ)- Kilinochchi had donated a stock of reading materials and stationery to 300 students in Kilinochchi as well.

Sri Lanka



Honorary titles of "Aggamahapandita" bestowed upon SL's buddhist monks and priests by Myanmar's President to coincide with Myanmar's 73rd Independence Day (12.01.2021).

03.01.2021: **Presidential pardon** - The Venerable Uwatenne Sumana Thero, the former General Secretary of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party Bhikkhu Federation and advisor to M. Rajapaksa was issued a presidential pardon. According to the Colombo Gazette, he was detained for and sentenced to life imprisonment by the Colombo High Court following concealment of weapons and bombs in a temple.

08.01.2021: **India** - According to the Colombo Gazette, the High Commission of India's Deputy High Commissioner, Vinod K Jacob and SL's Ministry of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare's Secretary, Bhadrani Jayawardhana had co-chaired the Project Steering Committee on 05.01.2021 regarding 5000 MT temperature controlled warehouses in Dambulla, Sri Lanka and additionally discussed means of collaboration to fast

track the completion of mutually agreed projects which includes the building of 27 school in the North of occupied Tamil Eelam.

09.01.2021: **Buddhism** - According to Daily Mirror, the GoSL had introduced a new insurance scheme and insurance certificates for the Buddhist clergy. These concessions were handed over to members of the Maha Sangha.

09.01.2021: **Threats** - G. Rajapaksa warned that he has the capacity to return to his old self as the Defence Secretary during a meeting in Ampara, reports the Colombo Gazette. He warned the public on the manner in which opposition has placed allegations against him and has the potential for him to take necessary actions. Fearing for his safety, opposition member Harin Pernanda was subsequently reported to have submitted a written letter to SL's Inspector General of Police, C.D. Wickremaratne on 10.01.2021.

13.01.2021: **Pillaiyan** - Pillayan has been acquitted and released over the murder of Joseph Pararajasingham by the Batticaloa High Court following SL's Attorney General's decision on 11.01.2021 to withdraw the conviction for the case, reports the Colombo Gazette. On 14.01.2021, Colombo Gazette subsequently reported that David Griffiths, Director of the Office of the Secretary General at Amnesty International had called Sri Lanka's failure to carry forward the case of Pararajasingham as a failure to ensure justice for crimes committed during the armed conflict.

22.01.2021: **Islamic Fundamentalism** – Methagoda Abayatissa Thero has been reported to have raised concerns as to whether Islamic Fundamentalism has been strengthened or weakened on the island following the change of governance and the Easter Sunday attacks, during a press conference in Thummulla, reports Virakesari.

25.01.2021: **TNA** – According to a tweet, M. Rajapaksa's Chief of Staff and son, Y. Rajapaksa held talks with TNA Parliamentarian Shanakiyan Rasamanickam to address issues concerning the issues of individuals in the North, reports the Colombo Gazette.

26.01.2021: **Plantation wages** – SL's cabinet has agreed to the proposed LKR 1,000 daily wage for plantation workers should the plantation companies not be able to cover it, reports the Colombo Gazette. However, it was reported that

the GoSL had not come to a finalised decision regarding this matter at present.

27.01.2021: **Forced vaccination** – SL's electoral register will be used to identify those who are to be vaccinated. However, SL Presidential Advisor, Lalith Weeratunga reassured that it is a voluntary process and will be reported in the newspaper, reports the Colombo Gazette. At present, there is no information regarding which institutional bodies which will be involved in implementing the vaccination process.

28.01.2021: **Hotline** – According to SL's Police Spokesman, DIG Ajith Rohana, the GoSL has introduced a hotline (1997) which may be used to report potential national security threats, reports the Colombo Gazette. Accordingly, around 3,000 individuals were arrested with 20,000 SL Police deployed during a three-hour operation on the island a week prior to this announcement.

Economic News

SL's Economic Profile – January 2021		
GDP	Forecast	↓ by 3.9%
Imports	November 2020	↓ by 20%
Exports	November 2020	↓ by 16%
Fitch Credit Rating	CCC	AAA for few companies Dialog Axiata PLC Distilleries Company of SL Melstacorp PLC Lion Brewery (Ceylon) PLC
Foreign debt	Rolled over to 2021	\$ 6,865 million
Government bonds		↑ LKR 248 billion
Credit	August 2020	Overdrawn LKR 0.5 trillion
Paddy production	Average	↓ by 10%
Currency Swap	SLCB & People's Bank of China	USD 1.5 billion
	SLCB & India	\$ 400 million

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

05.01.2021: **Tourism** - SL has been reported to open airports for commercial tourist flights from 21.01.2021. As a result, Mattala and Katunayake airports are expected to be open where tourists will be permitted to visit 14 places, reports Economy next.

11.01.2021: **Money laundering** - Fines were imposed on the SL financial companies Siyapatha, Softlogic Finance and Richard Pieris Finance under anti-money laundering rules. The total amount of the fines was LKR 2.3 million, reports Economy next.

FOREX – SL extends foreign exchange control until 02.07.2021. This measure was introduced after a steep fall in the currency around March and April 2020, reports Economy Next. As of reports from 25.01.2021, licensed commercial banks are prohibited from entering into forward foreign exchange contracts for a period of 3 months due to excessive volatility in the foreign exchange market and to avoid risk management. Further reports from 29.01.2021 indicate that SL intends to amend new orders and regulations under the country's Foreign Exchange Act to regulate capital transactions within and outside of SL. SL had also sought foreign exchange assistance on a non-interventionist basis due to a shortage in foreign exchange which may lead to strong credit growth and lower interest rates.

12.01.2021: **IFC** - International Finance Corporation (IFC) has mentioned that it will be providing USD 25 million to the Nations Trust Bank in SL as a part of COVID-19 loans to businesses. According to Economy Next, the loans have been

provided with an intention to save jobs, increase exports and strengthen reduced dependence on imports.

16.01.2021: **Technology** – According to Economy Next, SL is looking at artificial intelligence and machine learning methods to improve offsite banking supervision. The implementation of Supervisory Technology (SupTech) and Regulatory Technology (RegTech) should streamline the data-intensive offsite supervision function. Earlier reports from 02.01.2021 further indicate that an information technology system has been partly taken over by the Army Information Technology Solutions Centre (AITSC). The AITSC will be responsible for the production of driving licences from 01.01.2021. This is a precursor to the GoSL's attempts for centralisation through digitisation.

05.01.2021: **Central Bank** - The governor of the Central Bank intends to maintain import controls on so-called 'non-essential' goods. This is said to be sustainable for the low interest rate structure, as foreign exchange outflows for non-essential imports and foreign investments can be minimised, reports Economy Next. The central bank further wishes to permit small and medium-sized banks to merge with other banks to allow large commercial banks to expand into regional markets. The downgrade of the sovereign rating to CCC has also been reported to affect banks. Later reports from 20.01.2021 indicate that Banks in SL are to; delay dividends and repatriation of profits, cut capital expenditure on advertising, sponsorship etc and not commence new recovery action until

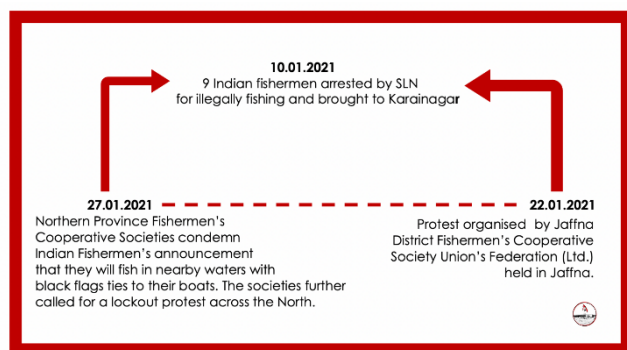
the 2020 financial statements are released.

Monetary policy - Money printing has been reported to have triggered a foreign exchange shortage, ahead of the redemption of dollar-denominated bonds. According to Economy Next, USD 194 million in dollar-denominated bonds are due to mature on 21.01.2021. Excess liquidity has also been pushed up to over LKR 200 billion in accordance with modern monetary theory to invert forward premia and the triggering of a foreign exchange shortage, reports Economy Next.

26.01.2021: **Industrial city** – According to Economy Next, SL has approved the construction of an industrial city in Katunayake. The investment for this project is around LKR 30 billion and it is expected to generate around 11,500 jobs.

27.01.2021: **Highway** – Reports indicate SL's intentions to invite investors for the construction of a highway under the Build Operate Transfer (BOT) project which should be fully debt financed, reports Economy Next.

News about Oppression & Resistance



Indian fishermen issue.

01.01.2021: **Super Muslim** - According to Virakesari a special report about a group named "Super Muslim" has been sent to SL's Chief of Police. According to this report, this group is operating in Kalmunai. This report further mentions that this group comprises 33 members and around 250 supporters. Further reports indicate that the SL's SIS (State Intelligence Service) are surveilling this group.

02.01.2021: **Burial** – SL's expert committee appointed by SL's Ministry of Health determined that both the burial and cremation of COVID-19 victims was suitable. The Colombo Gazette reported that in line with the revision, infected bodies must be placed in a double-layer body bag prior to placement in a coffin and any subsequent burial. At present, the ministry has not been able to find waterborne disease transmission. The decision has been approved by SL's Medical Association (SLMA). However, on 07.01.2021, the Colombo Gazette reported that SL's Health Minister, Pavithra Wanniarachchi had informed the SL Parliament that a sub-expert committee's recommendations for the cremation of COVID-19 victim remains - confirming that the process will not be withdrawn on any account.

02.01.21: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, the 2006 Trincomalee massacre of students, where 5 Tamil students were killed by the STF (Special Task Force), was commemorated at the TNPF Party office in Trincomalee.

05.01.2021- **Protest** - According to Virakesari, relatives of political prisoners and members of Tamil civil societies conducted a protest for the release of political prisoners. A similar protest was also conducted in Mannar. Earlier reports from Virakesari indicate that the New Democratic Marxist - Leninist Party has staged a protest for the release of all political prisoners in Vavuniya on 02.01.2021.

08.01.2021: **Land appropriation** - SL intends to appropriate hospitals with land run by plantation companies to allow the hospitals to be legally developed, reports Economy Next.

10.01.2021: **Commemoration** - Upcountry Thiyagigal Day was commemorated by various local groups, reports Virakesari.

13.01.2021: **Pongal** - Tamil New Year was celebrated across the Tamil homeland. Virakesari notably reported a grand celebration within the Neeraviyadi Pillaiyaar Temple which has been subject to ardent military intimidation by occupational forces.

East Colombo Terminal (ECT)

15.01.2021: A commission has been established in an attempt to maintain

the ECT within the hands of SL's Ports and Authorities, reports Virakesari. The commission comprises was created through the efforts of; 23 harbour trade unions, 60 government or government-related trade unions, political parties as well as civil and religious groups

25.01.2021: Railways trade union stage protest before Fort train station demanding that the ECT not be transferred to India, reports Virakesari.

28.01.2021: According to Virakesari, trade unions have decided to conduct a protest from within the terminal on 29.01.2021 against the transfer of ownership of the ECT to India.

24.01.2021: **Protest** – A black-flag protest was held in Colombo opposite the Fort Train Station calling for an LKR 1,000 wage for plantation workers. Earlier reports from 10.01.2021 also indicate that a protest was staged by locals in Nuwareliya calling for an LKR 1,000 wage for plantation workers.

26.01.2021: **Solidarity** – According to Virakesari, upcountry Tamils had staged a protest at the Attan Malliyappu Junction in solidarity with the farmers' protest in India.

27.01.2021: **Commemoration** – A vigil was held in Batticaloa to commemorate the demise of 4 Indian fishermen who had lost their lives within SL's waters, reports Virakesari.

Signs of Structural Genocide

Mullivaikkal Monument Destruction

08.01.2021 The Mullivaikkal monument which was constructed at Jaffna University campus in 2019 – a decade on from the pinnacle of Tamil genocide which was orchestrated by Sri Lanka and its various global counterparts at Mullivaikkal – was destroyed overnight

09.01.2021 The University Grants Commission (UGC) defended its decision to destroy the monument claiming that it was a threat to unity on the island

A court order was released mentioning that the 2 Jaffna University students who were arrested could be released if a sum of LKR 50,000 per person was paid

11.01.2021 The Jaffna University Students' Union indicated during a press conference that their hunger strike had been temporarily halted. In the meantime, they requested the public to participate in hartals

Jaffna District Development Committee Co-Chair and SLFP Parliamentarian Angajan Ramanathan tweeted the hunger strike held by the students came to an end and the foundation stones had been laid to rebuild the monument

12.01.2021 The GoSL denied any links to the destruction of the monument

13.01.2021 Jaffna Municipal Council take decision during meeting to construct a Mullivaikkal Memorial Monument within the council's boundaries

15.01.2021 Foundational work for the reconstruction of the monument commenced at Jaffna University

Map of Hartals held across Tamil Eelam



Media coverage of the state-sponsored destruction of the Mullivaikkal monument which had been erected within the Jaffna University campus premises.

08.01.2021: **Buddhicisation** - According to Virakesari, morality schools are to be established across all provinces from 17.01.2021 to educate students of Buddhist teachings. This is an attempt of heritage genocide in infiltrating the education of Tamil students.

21.01.2021: **Land** - According to Daily Mirror, the special police unit under SL's Ministry of Lands is being set up to investigate and resolve issues including the use and misuse of lands. The minister mentioned that between 2001 - 2004

and 2015 - 2020, many state lands were misused by previous governments for their own political gain. A special police unit is set up to look into these malpractices under the instructions of the SL President. This tool has a tendency to be used as a guise to surveil and appropriate Tamil lands and thus disrupt the Tamils' territorial integrity.

Archaeological Research

Nilavarai, Jaffna

According to Virakesari's reports from 21.01.2021, members from SL's Presidential Taskforce for Archaeological Preservation and Development had commenced archaeological diggings within the Nilavarai well area in Jaffna without any prior notice. Further reports indicate that during a subsequent press conference with the Jaffna Press Club, M.K. Shivajilingam had indicated that the diggings were conducted by occupational army officers who had arrived at the site in civil clothes.

Chunnakam

Recent questioning by occupational army officers have caused locals to become concerned regarding the preservation of the Chunnakam Vattrakai Amman Temple, reports Virakesari.

Kilinochchi

Kilinochchi's Uruththirapuram Sivan Temple is also due for archaeological

diggings following the completion of surveying of the area by the Task force members, reports Virakesari.

23.01.2021: Land appropriation –

According to Virakesari, unused lands within areas under the control of the Nallur Pradesa Sabha would be appropriated by the Sabha.

25.01.2021: Historical research – India has granted permission for research to be conducted within Tamil Eelam's occupied waters regarding the mysteries surrounding the "Rama bridge" which supposedly connects the tip of the Tamil homeland to the South of India, reports Virakesari. This has a tendency to exploit Tamil lands and waters in an attempt for appropriation and heritage genocide.

26.01.2021: Language – The deputy chief minister of the Jaffna Municipal Council, T. Eesan has claimed that the Tamil language has been neglected at the newly established bus stand in Jaffna and has expressed that he will boycott the opening ceremony if the language is not prioritised at the site, reports Virakesari. The neglect of the Tamil language within the occupied Tamil homeland is also a component of structural Tamil genocide.

27.01.2021: Buddhicisation - Kamal Gunaratne was reported to have made an inspection visit to the Deegawapiya Stupa (Amparai district) before the restoration project, reports army.lk.

30.01.2021: Buddhicisation - Priyantha Perera, the SL Commander, Security Forces was invited to the inaugural corner-stone laying ceremony for

construction of the commercial condominium project, 'solace Jaffna' along the main street in Jaffna on 28.01.2021, reports army.lk.

30.01.2021: Buddhicisation – According to Athavan News, the foundation-stone for the largest Viharai was laid by Shavendra Silva in a grand ceremony held in Jaffna. It was reported that the stupa was to be constructed on privately-owned property.

31.01.2021: Sinhalicisation - According to army.lk, an attempt to renew age-old bonds of close understanding and reconciliatory moves through the establishment of a long-felt need of a training institute for Sinhala Language teaching came to fruition on 28.01.2021 when the EU Lanka @ Forum took the lead and sponsored the National Sinhala Language Centre at Paranthan, Kilinochchi through the leadership of the Hindu-Buddhist Cultural Association with the objective of attracting youth in the North to learn the language of the country's majority.

Kurunthoormalai

A letter from SL's Parliament dated 19.01.2021 called for those qualified within the field of research and diggings to assist with the archaeological research set to occur at Kurunthoormalai under the supervision of SL's Presidential Task force for Archaeological Preservation and Development. A complaint was submitted by Ravikaran on behalf of locals at the Mullaitivu Police Station on 27.01.2021 claiming that Tamils' sites of worship were being deprived and destroyed.

என் இனியவளுக்கு For My Beloved

A collection of Col. Kittu's letters to his Dolly

15.11.1992

என் அன்பான பெண்மணியே,

நீ எழுதிய கடிதங்களும் பிறந்ததின வாழ்த்தும் புதுவருட வாழ்த்தும் கிடைத்தன. நன்றி.

அன்பானவளே! இந்தமுறையும் பரீட்சை எல்லாம் சித்தியடைந்துவிடுவாய். கவலைப்படாதே. உன் வெற்றிக்கு என் வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

மேலும் இக்கடிதம் கிடைக்கும் போது உனக்குப் பரீட்சை முடிந்திருக்கலாம். ஓய்வுநேரத்தை நன்கு பயன்படுத்தவும். பின்னாள்களின் மருத்துவ முகாமைப் பொறுப்பெடுத்துச் செய்யவும். அவ்வேளையில் மிக ஈடுபாட்டுடன் உனது திறமையை வெளிக்காட்டக்கூடிய வகையில் சாதனை படைக்கவேண்டும்.

எவ்வேலையைச் செய்தாலும் மிக ஆழத்தூண் மிகுந்த ஈடுபாட்டுடனும் செய்யவேண்டும். உனது மனதுக்கு, இயல்புக்கு பிடிப்பில்லாத வேலையாக இருந்தால் வேலை செய்வதையே தவிர்க்கலாம்.

மேலும் இன்றைய நிலையில் போராளிகளைக் கவனித்துக் காப்பாற்ற வேண்டியது அனைவரினதும் கடமையாகின்றது. போராளிகள், எமது சனங்கள் அனைவரினதும் விடிவுக்காகவே போராடிக்கொண்டிருக்கின்றனர். எவ்வித சுயநலமுமில்லாது தம்மை அவர்கள் அர்ப்பணித்து வருகின்றனர். இப்போதோ அல்லது எதிர்காலத்திலோ எதையும் பெறவேண்டும், லாபமடையவேண்டும் என்ற நோக்குடன் போராளிகள் போராட்டத்தில் ஈடுபடுவதில்லை; அப்படியாக இயக்கம் யாரையும் வளர்ப்பதில்லை. அதேவேளை இயக்கத்தில் முதிர்ச்சியின்மை, அந்துபவமின்மையால் ஆங்காங்கே சில தவறுகள், பிழைகளை போராளிகள் விடவும் கூடும். ஆனால் அவை திருத்தப்படும்; அவை நிரந்தரமானதல்ல.



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