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### Udal Ayutham: Intersections of Suicide and Intent of the LTTE's Black Tigers (Vithusa)

Karumpuli Naal, a date that recognizes suicide and the three core principles of the LTTE's organisation strength. It is within this revolutionary act that we see the dismantling of a flawed social understanding.

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**Poralikal's motivation is the protection of the people. But BT's motivation is the protection of the people and the poralikal.** (Nitharsan)

Insight into the BT's motivation through an interview with a former BT, opens a new angle into the preservation of the Tamils' struggle.

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“மற்றவர்கள் இன்புற்றிருக்க வேண்டும்  
என்பதற்காகத் தன்னை  
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கரும்புலிகள்.”

National Leader of Tamil Eelam,  
V. Prabhakaran

## International News

02.07.2021: **Trafficking** - The US has consistently kept GoSL at Tier 2 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act Watch List for the third year noting that the written plans by the SL state is sufficient enough to waive a downgrade to Tier 3, reports Colombo Gazette.

06.07.2021: **Predator** - Reporters Without Border (RSFS) released their 2021 press freedom oppressors and has listed G. Rajapaksa as a "predator of press freedom" alongside 37 other heads of states and governments, reports Colombo Gazette.

09.07.2021: **UK** - The UK's annual report on human rights and democracy notes a deterioration in the human rights situation in SL, reports Economy Next.

Report contents:

- ◆ Increase in surveillance and intimidation of civil societies
- ◆ Limited or no progress on accountability and militarisation
- ◆ Restriction of communities practicing religious burial rites

12.07.2021: **UN** - The top United Nations (UN) official in Colombo, Hanaa Singer-Hamdy, mentioned that SL should not use quarantine rules to suppress peaceful protests, reports Economy Next. Earlier reports from Colombo Gazette on 10.07.2021 indicate that SL's Bar Association (BASL) had directed its message regarding the trend in SL whereby quarantine is being used as a punishment and mode of detention

rather than a precaution undertaken by SL's Director General of Health Services and SL's Inspector General of Police. BASL had also highlighted that excessive force has been used by SL's Police to deal with protestors citing COVID-19.

13.07.2021: **Piggyback** - SL signed a joint-statement initiated by China raising concerns regarding the human rights concerns in the UK which were delivered during the 47th Session of the UNHRC in Geneva, reports Colombo Gazette. As such, the statement cited systemic racism and discrimination of all kinds including Xenophobia with attempts to hold the UK accountable for colonialism and enslavement.

13.07.2021: **LTTE** - A joint-operation carried out by SL's TID and Interpol resulted in a Blue Notice being placed against a 41-year-old Tamil resident living in Qatar since 2009 resulting in his deportation back to SL where he was detained under the PTA, reports Colombo Gazette.

16.07.2021: **Tamil Nadu** - 10 fishermen arrested for trespassing into Tamil Nadu's borders were released from Trichy's Central Jail, reports Virakesari.

25.07.2021: **PTNG** – தமிழீழ விடுதலைப்புலிகளின் அடுத்த தலைமுறையாக சுவிற்சர்லாந்தை மையமாகக் கொண்ட புதிய அமைப்பு இயங்கிவருவதாக பல தமிழ் ஊடகங்கள் பதிவுசெய்திருந்தன. **IBC தமிழ், தமிழ்வின், ஈழவொலி, மீனகம் உட்பட்ட பல தமிழ்**



**ஊடங்கள்** அக்கினிப் பறவைகளின் செயற்பாடுகளை இச்செய்தியில் குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தன. இருப்பினும் அச்செயற்பாடுகள் தவறாகப் பெயரிடப்பட்டிருந்ததுடன், இல்லாத தென் இலங்கைப் பத்திரிக்கைகளிலிருந்து விபரங்கள் பெறப்பட்டுள்ளதாகவும் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டிருந்தமை குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

தமிழீழ அடையாள அட்டைகளை **இங்கே** பெறலாம்.

Various Tamil media outlets published news regarding the establishment of a new organisation as the next generation of the LTTE in Switzerland and cited that the organisation was working against SL. The reports implicitly referred to projects conducted by Phoenix TNG but had mislabelled them. Further, the news had cited Sinhalese news outlets as their source - no such sources have been found.

Tamil Eelam Identity Cards can be obtained [here](#).

26.07.2021: **UK** - The United Kingdom has reduced SL's likelihood of risk of terrorism from 'very likely' to 'likely', reports Colombo Gazette.

28.07.2021: **Singapore** - A Stamp Launching Ceremony was held at SL's Ministry of External Affairs on 27.07.2021 to mark the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic relations between Singapore and SL, reports Virakesari. 2 stamps were launched at the event regarding the countries' shared interests of marine conservation.

31.07.2021: **Nike** - Sri Lanka's Foreign Ministry drew attention to a pair of Nikes bearing the image of the Tamil Eelam flag, depiction of *poraalis* and the outline of Tamil Eelam as "LTTE insignia" to which Nike Inc. reported the shoes are fake and that they will investigate abuse of intellectual property and move forward with enforcement of company practice, reports Colombo Gazette.

## Bilateral Discussions

03.07.2021: **India** - The Indian naval vessel, INS Sarvekshak, the SL Navy (SLN) and SL's National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) will be cooperating to search for containers and debris that fell from the burnt-out container ship, X-Press Pearl. More than 200 shipwrecks have been identified, Economy Next reports.

07.07.2021: **China** - The GoSL had issued gold and silver coins to mark the

anniversary as a tribute to the long-standing friendship and mutual trust between SL and China. The milestone marks the 100th anniversary of the Communist Party of China and the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations with SL, Economy Next reports.

09.07.2021: **Bangladesh** - According to navy.lk, the new High Commissioner of Bangladesh to SL paid a courtesy call on the Commander of the SL Navy.

12.07.2021: **EIB** - Delegates from SL to the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg held discussions with the European Investment Bank (EIB) regarding lending opportunities for projects, reports Economy Next. It is notable that the EIB had also offered to provide technical expertise and support in the area of green bond investments.

Projects:

- ◆ Pipeline
- ◆ Green projects
- ◆ Sustainable development in marine initiatives
- ◆ Green bond investments
- ◆ SME development

14.07.2021: **Finance** - Bilateral talks were held between SL's Finance Minister, B. Rajapaksa and representatives from 7 countries on 14.07.2021, reports Virakesari.

Diplomats from:

- ◆ US
- ◆ China
- ◆ India
- ◆ Russia
- ◆ Britain
- ◆ Germany
- ◆ EU

15.07.2021: **Surveillance** - Turkey's Ambassador to SL, R. Demet Şekercioğlu thanked SL's support in eliminating the presence of the Fetullahist Terrorist Organisation (FETÖ) whilst marking the 5th commemoration of the coup attempt in Turkey on 15.07.2016, reports Colombo Gazette. Reports indicate that SL continues to carry out surveillance as it relates to FETO members past and present.

17.07.2021: **Vietnam** - Vietnam has offered to share their experience in introducing organic fertilisers with SL. SL intends to strengthen Buddhist religious ties and encourages Vietnam to invest in areas such as IT and software within the port city of Colombo, Economy Next reports.

18.07.2021: **Bangladesh** - Bangladesh's Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina sent M. Rajapaksa mangoes as a gesture of goodwill, reports Colombo Gazette. Earlier, offerings of mangoes by Pakistan were rejected by GoSL.

20.07.2021: **Vietnam** - Vietnam's new ambassador in Colombo had met with Dinesh Gunawardena to discuss areas of mutual interest, reports Economy Next.

Strengthening of ties in:

- ◆ Agriculture
- ◆ Fisheries
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ Defence
- ◆ Culture
- ◆ Education

20.07.2021: **Maldives** - The President of Maldives, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and his wife, First Lady Fazna Ahmed arrived in SL on a private visit and have been reported to return to Maldives on 23.07.2021, reports Colombo Gazette.

22.07.2021: **Taliban** - SL and Afghanistan have been reported to carry out a series of talks regarding the Taliban in Afghanistan with Dinesh Gunawardena. According to Colombo Gazette, the parties had agreed to engage in a

phone call with the Ambassador of Afghanistan to SL, M. Ashraf Haidari.

22.07.2021: **Posting** - New Zealand's first resident High Commissioner to SL, Michael Appleton presented credentials to G. Rajapaksa during the inauguration ceremony in Colombo, reports Colombo Gazette.

27.07.2021: **China** - China's Prime Minister, Li Keqiang is expected to visit SL on 10.09.2021, reports Colombo Gazette. During the two-day-visit, talks are expected to be held with the nepotistic regime as well as a visit to the Colombo Port City.

27.07.2021: **Singapore** - Dinesh Gunwardena and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan during a virtual ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of bilateral relationship between the two countries, explored the SL-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed in 2018 with the current regime promising several amendments, reports Colombo Gazette.

27.07.2021: **Nepal** - M. Rajapaksa sent a congratulatory message to the Prime Minister of Nepal, Sher Bahadur Deuba

on 26.07.2021 for the latter's appointment, reports Colombo Gazette.

28.07.2021: **Afghanistan** - M. Ashraf Haidari called on B. Rajapaksa in Colombo to discuss bilateral relations with particular focus on assessing recent security developments in Afghanistan, reports Colombo Gazette. Upcoming agreements will include the transfer of sentenced persons' agreement which will be undertaken with mutual legal aid.

28.07.2021: **Pakistan** - B. Rajapaksa met with Pakistan's Ambassador to SL, High Commissioner Tanveer Ahmed and Trade and Investment Coordinator, Asma Kamal at Basil's office on 28.07.2021, reports Virakesari.

29.07.2021: **New Zealand** - SL's State Minister of Regional Cooperation, Tharaka Balasuriya met with Michael Appleton to discuss the strengthening of bilateral ties between the two countries, reports Colombo Gazette.

Areas of Focus:

- ◆ Economic growth
- ◆ Sports
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Renewable energy

## Military News

06.07.2021: **Task Force** - According to army.lk, in order to gain support and to coordinate the conduct of civil affairs, the newly-appointed occupational Commander of the Security Forces - Mullaitivu held a meeting on 02.07.2021

with the SL Army's (SLA) occupational Mullaitivu HQ.

Issues discussed:

- ◆ Illegal tree felling
- ◆ Sand mining

- ◆ Production of moonshine
- ◆ Protection of archaeological sites
- ◆ COVID-19 control
- ◆ Community assistance
- ◆ Agricultural aspects

06.07.2021: **Appointment** - The new SL Colonel of the Regiment, Commando Regiment - Major General Krishantha Gnanaratne assumed duties on 29.06.2021 during a simple ceremony adhering to COVID-19 guidelines at SL's Commando Regimental Centre in Ganemulla, reports army.lk.

06.07.2021: **Japan** - G. Rajapaksa engaged in virtual bilateral talks with the Japanese Defence Minister, Nobuo Kishii. During the talks congratulatory regards were shared regarding the completion of the "Jan-Lan Ex" training in September 2020 and the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training held in May 2021, reports Colombo Gazette. Ongoing Security Issues were also reportedly discussed with commitment towards bilateral defence strategies.

08.07.2021: **Training** - The Commander of the SLN declared open the Navy's first ever Ship in a Box (SIAB) training facility at the Special Boat Squadron (SBS) HQ on 07.07.2021. The facility remains to be the SLN's first fully-fledged training model of that calibre with world-class facilities. The project worth LKR 25 million was sponsored by the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC) under the Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP), reports navy.lk.

13.07.2021: **SL Commemoration** - The 31st Commemoration of Kokavil battle SL was held by Captain Saliya Upul Aladeniya of

the 6th SL Sinha Regiment with 58 more soldiers and civil staff in defence of the Kokavil Transmission Tower that linked communication between the North and South complex in the past. The commemoration was held on 11.07.2021 at the Kokavil Monument premises, reports army.lk.

15.07.2021: **Marine** - Senior officials from India, SL and the Maldives are training to combat maritime crime and sea rescue in the Indian Ocean at a virtual tabletop exercise (TTX). This also serves to enhance joint-operations and cooperation between the navies of the three countries, Economy Next reports.

16.07.2021: **Appointment** - According to army.lk, SL's Military Secretariat announced the appointment of the new SL Chief of Staff in the SLA, Major General Priyantha Perera who received his appointment letter from genocidaire, Shavendra Silva on 15.07.2021.

16.07.2021: **Training** - SL Minister of Public Security, Sarath Weerasekara had announced that mandatory leadership training would be conducted for youth 18 and above in age. Reports indicate that the training would occur at SL's military camps. However, they had noted that it was not in an attempt to turn them into soldiers but rather to discipline the society, reports Colombo Gazette. The use of military camps was proposed due to the capabilities of the infrastructure, many of which are built on occupied Tamil Eelam soil and sites of former Maaveerar Thuyilum Illams.

18.07.2021: **STF** - According to Ajith Rohana, SL Police's Special Task Force

(STF) have yet again shot dead an unarmed person following a vehicle chase in Seeduwa, reports Colombo Gazette. The victim was identified as the 44-year-old, Lalith Wasantha Pinto who had been described by Rohana as a criminal.

20.07.2021: **Appointment** - Bandula Senarathne assumed duties as the occupational Commander North Central Naval Area at SL's Command HQ on 20.07.2021, reports navy.lk.

## Winning Hearts and Minds (WHAM)

03.07.2021: **Fire** - Occupational forces assisted to extinguish a fire at a privately-owned sorghum export factory in Madurankuli, Puttalam, reports Virakesari.

Officials involved:

- ♦ Puttalam District Disaster Management Centre
- ♦ Puttalam City Council Fire Brigade
- ♦ Chilaw City Council Fire Brigade
- ♦ Navy Fire Brigade

06.07.2021: **Jaffna** - SL's 513rd Brigade troops of the 51st Division under the Security Force HQ-Jaffna provided their assistance to arrange newly-received 110 beds inside the wards at Jaffna Teaching Hospital in Jaffna, reports army.lk.

07.07.2021: **Dry rations** - According to army.lk, Pakistan's High Commissioner paid a courtesy call on the Commander, Security Forces-Kilinochchi and had sponsored the distribution of 150 dry ration packs among needy families in the Kilinochchi area on 29.06.2021.

16.07.2021: **Fertiliser** - According to Virakesari, the 663rd Brigade had opened the Chetanapasalai Production Station at Poonakery Jayapuram on 16.07.2021 to meet the Kilinochchi District's fertiliser requirements.

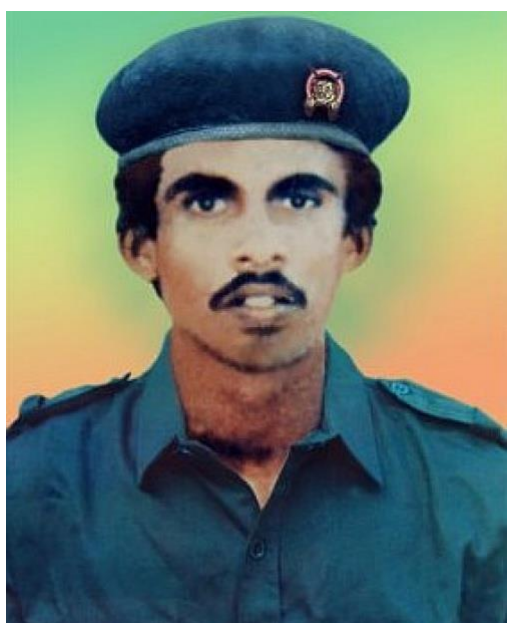
23.07.2021: **Buildings** - The Security Force HQ-Kilinochchi (SFHQ-KLN), provided prominence to the house construction project for needy civilians with the objective of promoting reconciliation and improving their living standards, reports army.lk.





# Udal Ayutham: Intersections of Suicide and Intent of the LTTE's Black Tigers

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*Karumpuli Naal*, denotes the first Karumpuli Attack at SLA-occupied Nelliady Madhya Maha Vidyalayam carried out by Captain Miller on 05.07.1987. It is a moment Eelam Tamils commemorate in our homeland and globally. Among the masses, a common phrase in the psyche of pro-GoSL and pro-West arises - "suicide bombers" - a terminology introduced by the genocidal state to strengthen the rhetoric of the fight for Tamil Eelam and the people's liberation as a terrorist entity and mission. This effectively enforced a flawed understanding of those sacrifices undertaken by the LTTE's elite operatives. Further, this reductive understanding displaces the sanctity of these *poraalis* and the intent in their sacrifice - further, densifying the perception of Women Karumpuli's contributions through misogyny.

## Suicide

Suicide simply put is the act where one takes their life voluntarily with intent. A choice that one takes knowingly for the purpose of ending one's life. Spanning the many moons of Tamil history, suicide has been an act that extends back beyond the distinguished LTTE's strategic utilisation for warfare. Tamil kings, their warriors and women have utilised various acts of suicide to complete their life with an intention in mind. Upon completion, many have attained martyrdom.

Sangam literature depicts the various acts of suicide. These acts stem from love, survival and fighting to the end. These historical underpinnings were widely studied by the LTTE administration, effectively utilising many of these tactical approaches on the battlefield and in resistance against genocidal states and allies. **Thozhar Nitharsan in AP's 12th issue delves deeper into the Black Tigers operative strategies.** The LTTE reintroduced avenues for suicide such as fast unto death, use of cyanide capsules and direct missions. The LTTE brought forth these various options recognising the importance of having a multipronged approach as it related to dismantling a multi-state aided military and the pre-existing narrative. The LTTE, small in number, took a purposeful approach in all its operations.

To witness the uniqueness of the act of love, one can consider Lt. Col. Thileepan's fast unto death from 15.09.1987 to 26.09.1987. The National Leader of Tamil Eelam, V. Prabhakaran in 1986 following the seizure of communication equipment by Tamil Nadu Police began his fast unto death which was broken following pleading from Indian officials. In these acts of love, both leaders decided for themselves that a fast unto death was the most viable option to both engage in resistance from a non-combative stance and to further elicit social emotion. Thileepan Anna's death tarnished India's own independent history whilst the National Leader of Tamil Eelam's fast solidified for early cadres the commitment of the leadership to fight for what is right.

In the case of survival, Pon Sivakumaran, was the first Eelam Tamil youth and revolutionary to attain martyrdom by cyanide in 1974. Cyanide capsules provided a survivalist strategy - one that considered the survival of the movement and codified the importance of secrecy. In dire situations, cadres would bite down on their capsules in enemy territory to avoid capture and torture. The early mass suicide by cyanide was on 05.10.1987 where two LTTE commanders and ten cadres bit into their capsules following detainment by SLN on 02.10.1987. These LTTE members were awaiting transfer to



Colombo for investigation by GoSL. Recognising the unsuccessful intervention attempts by the LTTE to India and knowing the threat that awaited them, they made the request for capsules to be snuck in, a mission carried out by Anton Balasingham and Mathaya. The 12 *poraalis* became martyrs on the tarmac of Palali Air Base in Jaffna, Tamil Eelam - therefore, reflecting the failure by IPKF and the Indian state by extension in this massive loss. The cyanide capsule became a tool of self and organisational preservation for many cadres.

Lastly, fighting to the end is reflective of the multiple covert operations by the LTTE both on land and significantly at sea where bodies became weapons of destruction, setting the night skies ablaze in gradients of amber. The LTTE often carried out these operations following intensive tactical and emotional training. Enlistment into the LTTE's most elite unit was only possible through application to National Leader of Tamil Eelam, V. Prabhakaran himself. For many, this became the end goal and often a unit they hoped to gain access to. The prestige of the LTTE through the Karumpuli unit whose target was large scale state infrastructure, military personnel and weaponry was recognised. One body had the capacity to inflict massive damage. Successfully setting back the GoSL's military on the battleground and weaponry front. These acts of suicide had a

foundational understanding of life for the nation, maintenance of secrecy and fighting to the very end.

## Women Karumpulikal

The strength of women in the movement shifts the positionality of women within social space. As such, a women's capacity to engage in combat, specifically suicide operations was skillfully undertaken by Angayarkanni. The first female identified Karumpuli whose mission was complete on 10.08.1994 effectively destroying Sri Lanka's Navy's Surveillance Command Centre Ship and reinforcing to the social sphere a woman's capacity has no limitation. Within Tamil Eelam, Angayarkanni forced a likeness of Kuyili - the 18th Century Army Commander of Queen Nachiyar's suicide mission against the East India Company - effectively garnering a level of respect for women and opening the space for women to move through the ranks of the LTTE's elite combat force.



Our own people who fail to understand the conviction of each female-identified *poraali* are changing the meaning behind the contributions of those who engaged in the struggle. A narrative of women Karumpulikal has been circulating for some time where, their commitment to engage in this act of revolutionary love comes from a place of experiencing sexual violence and abuse. This narrative presents with heavy patriarchal misogyny, a removal of a woman's right to choice. This narrative production limits women's capacity and contributions to their physiological state - failing to account for their internal motivation that drives them to enlist in the unit.

There is no denying that some may have witnessed and/or experienced sexualised violence. However, asserting one's experience of sexualised violence as a significant contributor to engagement in the struggle replicates mass media ideologies of women's capacity. Further it disassociates the existence of structural violence and sexualised violence experienced by men, thereby removing the right to fight against constant bombardment of violent genocidal acts by GoSL. This notion of women fighters' contributions and experiences of rage due to sexualised violence becoming a reactionary causation for enlistment in the LTTE, takes away the dignity and choice of women and further centres on bodies as vessels of purity. Ultimately, removing women combatants outside of the communal space that experienced genocide.

'My Daughter the Terrorist', is a film where two women Karumpulikal's interview displays the internal commitment and motivation to enlist in the unit. However, the film also depicts a perception from the mother where her sense of her daughters' intentions are

not fully understood. The film with existing bias given in the title, allows us to see the intersections of individual verses communal understanding of intent as it relates to suicide and specifically LTTE combatants.

## Intent

The common misconception of suicide within social spaces comes from the lack of understanding of intent. Suicide as we know is an act that is voluntary and purposeful. However, as a human race, there is a constant need to understand. It is within this need to understand suicide that the act itself is contorted. There is no denying that many Karumpulikal in the struggle were directly and indirectly impacted by the violence forced upon them and their people by genocidal Sri Lanka and its allies. However, this remains the same for the entirety of the Eela Tamil race. In some way, shape or form, we as an ethnic race experience both violent and structural oppression. Exploration of this pressure allows for intentional action-based outcomes.

Within the general social sense, suicide by individuals carries the intention of ending one's life to end the pain and suffering they experience. Our society and general society tends to accept this notion from a place of privacy. As such, these acts of suicide remain confined to the domestic space and eventually becoming taboo topics of discussion. Families who experience a loss to suicide, are left with the lack of information as to choice and question the reasoning as to why one must take their own life. Little do they realize the importance of autonomy within this choice and harbour a sense of shame and guilt in the outcome of one's life.

Those within the LTTE and its Karumpuli unit utilized suicide with the intent rooted in the above-mentioned purpose of; life for the nation, maintenance of secrecy and fighting to the very end. It is within this context that the LTTE employs suicide as a tactical warfare method. Which socially evokes a sense of pride and motivation. It furthers the social conceptualization of suicide and provides a grounding of purpose and the need for this act of revolutionary love. The social acceptability of the Karumpuli unit was possible through the externalization of one's intentions which reached the necessary community, our community by way of the Niedharsanam Division (Media Division) of the LTTE.

The narrative imposed upon our Karumpuli Maaveerar and their right to choice in the Western and diasporic spaces, stems from a place of confusion. These spaces experiencing their own ignorance to the understanding of suicide in its rawest form aims to privatize the issue through subjecting it as an unhealthy warfare tactic and immoral act, whereby, aiming to construct these sanctified sacrifices as coercion and perceiving it from a place of shame and guilt - an assertion of supremacist ideas of what liberation should look like. Thus, ultimately robbing these martyrs of their right to choice and right to carry forward their choices. It is within the geopolitical flaw the narratives of the struggles are changing. However, we as Eelam Tamils must remember the core principles of this act: love, survival and fighting to the very end.



# Domestic News

## Tamil Eelam

04.07.2021: **Elephant** - 57-year-old Kanthan Nagarasa was found killed by an elephant in the Kudaavettai Vayal, Batticaloa on 03.07.2021 whilst he was grazing cattle in the area, reports Virakesari.

06.07.2021: **India** - During a meeting with the Tamil Progressive Alliance (TPA) headed by Mano Ganesan, the Indian High Commissioner, Gopal Baglay confirmed India's alliance to the Tamil people in uploading the 13th Amendment during a meeting at India House, reports Colombo Gazette. As such, he committed to supporting the socio-economic and development needs of Tamils of Indian Origin residing in SL.

07.07.2021: **Eravur** - SL's Cabinet of Ministers have granted broad tax breaks for companies investing and employing people for the Eravur development project. The tax exemptions will begin 18 months from the date of signing an agreement with the Board of Investments, Economy Next reports.

13.07.2021: **Land** - The first Mullaitivu District Land Use Planning Committee Meeting for 2021 was held at the Pandaravanian Hall on 13.07.2021, reports Virakesari.

14.07.2021: **Destruction** - According to Virakesari, wild trees and animals are being destroyed through illegal

poaching and deforestation activities within Kantalai, Trincomalee. Earlier reports from 05.07.2021 indicate that poaching was also escalating in the Nagancholai forest area of Mullaitivu, reports Virakesari.

16.07.2021: **Destruction** - Catholic monasteries within the Diocese of Mannar have been under attack between 12.07.2021 - 14.07.2021 by unknown individuals, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that investigations are being conducted.

22.07.2021: **Jaffna** - M. Rajapaksa intends to visit Jaffna between 31.07.2021 - 01.08.2021 - the first visit since SLPP was elected into power, reports the Colombo Gazette.

21.07.2021: **Development** - India's Acting High Commissioner, Vinod K Jacob met with SL's State Minister of Backward Rural Areas Development and Promotion of Domestic Animal Husbandry and Minor Economic Crop Cultivation and Batticaloa MP in Colombo along with other representatives. During the meeting it was confirmed that plans to strengthen the Eastern province's economic base and investment opportunities were discussed, reports Colombo Gazette.

## Explosives

07.07.2021: **Bullets** - Occupational Kalmunai police retrieved 15 bullets used for an M-16 rifle from a household in Maruthamunai, reports Virakesari.

13.07.2021: **Explosion** - A 35-year-old male was severely injured due to an explosion in Dharmapuram, reports Virakesari.

16.07.2021: **Explosives** - According to occupational police, an abandoned explosive device was recovered near Batticaloa Junction, reports Virakesari.

24.07.2021: **Ammunition** - A batch of TNT ammunition and 4 detonators were retrieved from Kurunegala, Jaffna by occupational armed forces following a tip-off, reports Virakesari.

27.07.2021: **Explosion** - A 35-year-old from Puthumaththalan was injured due to an explosion in Mullaitivu, reports Virakesari.

26.07.2021: **Appointment** - Sama Bandulasena assumed duties as the Chief Secretary of the Northern Province on 26.07.2021 at the office despite opposition, reports Virakesari.

## Sri Lanka

06.07.2021: **Reconciliation** - The GoSL's Minister of Justice, Ali Sabry informed the SL Parliament that the Office of Missing Persons (OMP), Office of Reparations and Office for National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR) are fully-functioning, reports Colombo Gazette. The lack of actions and steps undertaken

26.07.2021: **Attack** - A Buddhist monk attacked a nurse with a glass ceramic during a PCR examination in Anaimadu causing the nurse severe head injuries, reports Virakesari. The monk was arrested and a local magistrate has ordered for him to be detained until 02.08.2021.

28.07.2021: **Sand mining** - According to Virakesari 7 individuals were arrested by Vavuniya's occupational police officer-in-charge for illegal sand mining activities near Manmunai West, Batticaloa. Earlier reports indicate that occupational police had fired at a tractor in Ariyalai which was carrying illegally mined sand on 24.07.2021 however the 3 on the tractor had escaped. Further reports indicate that illegal sand mining activities have also increased in Kilinochchi's Umaiypuram area. 4 STF personnel were also injured and admitted into Jaffna Teaching Hospital after a scuffle with sand miners in Ariyalai, Jaffna on 06.07.2021 reports Virakesari.

29.07.2021: **Vaccines** - G. Rajapaksa handed over the 1.6 million doses of Sinopharm that SL received from China to Douglas Devananda on 28.07.2021 to be distributed to the people of occupied Tamil Eelam, reports Virakesari.

by these institutions are a reminder of the failure of these institutional bodies.

## Appointment

**03.07.2021** - Ajith Rohana has been appointed DIG in charge of Crimes and Traffic, reports Colombo Gazette. He

will further continue within his role as SL's Police Spokesman.

**08.07.2021** - G. Rajapaksa established SL's Ministry of Economic Policies and Plan Implementation, reports Colombo Gazette. M. Rajapaksa took oaths to fill this position and further amended several ministerial positions, functions and duties accordingly. The institutional and legal framework of Ministries under nepotism have been amended to streamline sub divisions to fall under the two umbrella ministries that B. Rajapaksa and M. Rajapaksa have taken oath to fulfill, reports Colombo Gazette.

**08.07.2021** - B. Rajapaksa has been appointed as SL's Finance Minister - a posting that was previously held by M. Rajapaksa reports the Colombo Gazette. Further B. Rajapaksa took oath before SL Parliament's Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to fill the Elections Commission SLPP National List seat.

09.07.2021: **Sovereignty** - According to former SL MP, Suresh Premachandran, Buddhist monks had called upon Tamils and Muslims to unite to preserve SL's sovereignty, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that Premachandran had mentioned this during a press conference at the Jaffna Press Club on 08.07.2021.

18.07.2021: **Cable** - SL establishes underwater Submarine Cable Protection and Resilience Framework according to SL's Presidential Secretary, Dr. P.B. Jayasundara as a means to monitor criminal activity. The project is in

collaboration with the Government of Japan through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – Global Maritime Crimes Programme (GMCP), reports Colombo Gazette.

19.07.2021: **Colombo Port** - According to A. Rohana, 5 suspects including a Chinese national have been reported to have been arrested for illegally attempting to enter the Colombo Port, reports Colombo Gazette.

19.07.2021: **Elections** - G. Rajapaksa during a meeting with media outlets has reported considering running for a second term with elections scheduled to be held in 2024, reports Colombo Gazette.

20.07.2021: **Marriage** - Approval has been obtained to progress with Muslim marriages to full under SL's Marriage Registration Ordinance, reports Colombo Gazette. The SL Cabinet cited that the repeal of the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act was a result of gender-based discrimination within the Act.

20.07.2021: **Academy** - SL intends to establish an academy for legal education as part of a project to develop the country's judicial system. According to Economy Next, the academy should strengthen and update the knowledge and skills of the SL judiciary.

21.07.2021: **Pegasus** - Keheliya Rambukwella informed media outlets that evidence does not exist to prove that 'Pegasus' spyware is being used in SL. According to Colombo Gazette, it was reported that the use could not be

ruled out. Pegasus - an Israeli Surveillance firm-created spyware has been used globally to target activists, politicians and journalists and the GoSL had confirmed knowledge of this.

21.07.2021: **PTA** - SL's Presidential Commission provided its Interim Report to G. Rajapaksa on 20.07.2021 whereby they called on the GoSL to maintain the PTA and reform it to include laws that reflect the global world's prevention of terrorism framework, reports Colombo Gazette. Earlier reports from 02.07.2021, indicate that the GoSL's Minister of Foreign Affairs had informed the EU that steps are being undertaken to review the PTA to adhere to international standards. They had further reported the release of 16 former LTTE cadres as a positive initiative undertaken by GoSL to address

the Draconian law, reports Colombo Gazette. A B Teplitz has further called on SL to replace or amend the PTA citing unlawful detention of Hizbullah and poet Jazeem, reports Colombo Gazette.

27.07.2021: **Protests** - The General Secretary of the SLPP indicated that the same groups that attempted to sabotage the SL military's victory against the LTTE in 2009 were behind the wave of protests and union campaigns.

29.07.2021: **Renovation** - G. Rajapaksa received a US style media briefing room with restrictions to select journalists, reports Colombo Gazette. The briefing room will be utilised for direct media communication according to SL's Presidential Spokesman, Kingsly Rathnayaka.

**“Poralikal’s motivation is the protection of the people. However, BT’s motivation is the protection of the people and the poralikal.” - Mathavi**

**NITHARSAN**

Mathavi\* is a former cadre, who was in the BT (Black Tiger) unit. Through the above quote and this interview, she speaks about her experience as a BT. Through this she intends to accentuate that whilst her responses are based on her own experiences, that the topic of BT is much larger and more multifaceted.

**Mathavi, what was your motivation to join the BT?**

When I was a regular *poraali* in the LTTE, I was in the Sothiya regiment. There, when I was on the battlefield, we were always outnumbered by the enemy. You have to imagine that sometimes there were only five cadres on our side and on the side of the enemy,



there would be 50 soldiers with vehicle and air support. Can you imagine how it feels, when you go to a battle with your team and only two are unharmed and the rest of the team is wounded or have even fallen? In these times, when we had a meeting about battle preparation, sometimes they told us that a BT-Team would move through this area. So we do not have to worry much, because they are very efficient. When I heard this, I started to think about the BTs.

Mostly people associate BT with suicide-bombing but BTs have also penetrated enemy bases such as artillery bases. Within these bases they were correcting the incoming shells from the LTTE or even destroyed parts of the camp. If regular cadres would have been used for this, you will need more individuals and the casualties would have also been higher. The intention of the use of BTs is not to maximise the destruction on the enemy's side. It is about generating pressure on the enemy without increasing casualties on our side - then they must withdraw from that area.

People often imagine that BTs are very cold-hearted people. But in reality they are very soft people. They are even softer than the regular *poralikal*. *Poralikals*' motivation is the protection of the people. But a BT's motivation is the protection of the people and the *poralikal*.



### **What was your process, when you wanted to join the BT's?**

The first thing we had to do was to write a letter to the National Leader of Tamil Eelam. However, to write that letter I had to request permission from my commander. However, she did not want me to join the BT as I was needed for my duties as a regular *poraali*. So I wrote the letter secretly and received a response after six months.

In these six months they conducted a background check and came to the site where I was stationed. At that time, I was at a FDL (Forward Defence Line). Two masters visited



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தமிழீழத் தேசியத் தலைவர்

me and interviewed me at the HQ of that FDL. The interview was very hard. I even started to cry during the interview, but they chose me with other cadres and we were taken away from the FDL.

We had three months of training, where we were tested in the end. We had to absolve 42 exercises, which had to be completed within a certain amount of time. 40 of these exams had to be passed. When you had passed these tests, the regular BT-training would commence. In my case it was six months as we were needed at the battlefield soon. Within these six months we wore dummy suicide-vests and carried heavy-weapons, that were at least 25kg with all their equipment. With these weights, we had to do weapons training, survival training, GPS training and battlefield training. After that time, our life was like training, going to battle, if we survived we came back and started to train again.

### How was it for you, when the movement was destroyed in 2009?

After coming out of the prison, I wished I was dead. I could not bear the sight of the occupation. I just could not accept it. I was there less than a year after my release. I soon left the country.

### What would you like to say to the Tamils, who are leading the struggle?

After 2009 I witnessed a lot of people criticising the movement. *Poralikal* are also humans like you. So mistakes happened during the struggle. But that does not mean that the struggle was a mistake itself. It is like a ship that is sinking in the middle of the ocean. People who are watching from the shores can have an idea what to do. But only the people on board know what the ground reality is. I survived the wars, so I cannot call myself a *poraali* anymore. The only complete *poralikal* are the *Maaveerar*. When someone is disgracing the struggle, they are disgracing the *Maaveerar*.

For the younger generation I would like to quote the end of the *Maaveerar Naal* speech of 2008. No one can force you to continue the struggle. That is solely your choice. However, I hope you feel and understand all the sacrifices and emotions attached to the struggle. The audio recording can be found [here](#).

**“At this historic juncture, I would request Tamils, in whatever part of the world that they may live in to raise their voices, firmly and with determination, in support of the freedom struggle of their brothers and sisters in Tamil Eelam. I would request them from my heart to strengthen the hands of our freedom movement and continue to extend their contributions and help. I would also take this opportunity to express my affection and my praise to our Tamil youth living outside our homeland for the prominent and committed role they play in actively contributing towards the liberation of our nation.**

**Let us all make a firm and determined resolution to follow fully the path of our heroes, who, in pursuit of our aspiration for justice and freedom, sacrificed themselves and have become a part of the history of our land and our people.”**



**\* Interviewee's name has been altered for security purposes.**



# Kudai Centre

## KUDAI CENTRE

Kudai Centre strives to be an organization for young Tamil women to feel safe and confident when transitioning into independent living. Our vision is to have a physical home that prepares young Tamil women across Ontario to transition into independent living. We value every woman's right to learn how to live independently. We define independence as being able to accomplish one's daily living activities, securing independent economic resources, having a sense of self separate from personal relationships and community norms/traditions, seeking appropriate support and services and being aware of the stigmas associated with the view of an independent woman. Some of the barrier's Tamil women face are family/relationship codependency and financial limitations. By providing these young women with a homely environment, healthy food, client centered programming and time alone from external factors, at no cost for one year, we will be preventing unsafe behaviors and supporting healthy living.

Our goal is to fundraise one million dollars from our community to make our vision, a physical transitional home for Tamil women in Ontario, into reality. Kudai Centre has been thriving in the community for one year now and over the past year we have been able to successfully fundraise over \$13, 000 CAD. The funds will be allocated for three categories:

**First category:** Ongoing rent and utilities for a 6-bed transitional home in Toronto or the Greater Toronto Area for young Tamil women, ages 18-25, for up to one year.

**Second category:** Services such as food, job seeking training, mental health and addictions support, psychiatric support, medical and community referrals, family services, and psycho-educational life skills workshops that enable independent living for the youth.

**Third category:** Quality staffing, professional training, administrative tasks and operations.



While we wait to secure the funding for our long-term goal, we are currently offering support and services virtually to our target population (young Tamil women, ages 16+). We are also working on connecting with our community stakeholders and service providers to build a strong support network for our clients. If you are a service provider, please connect with us so that we may collaboratively strengthen our services for our



youth. If you are a business that would like to partner or donate to our cause, please reach out to us for creative collaborations. If you are interested in learning more about our vision and would like to donate, please check out our website [www.kudai.ca](http://www.kudai.ca).

## Economic News

SL's Economic Profile - July 2021			
<b>Currency</b>		LKR 225 / 226.50 to the USD	
<b>Budget Deficit</b>	April 2021	3.2 % of GDP	<b>LKR 520.5 billion</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	April 2021	2.9 % of GDP	<b>LKR 481.7 billion</b>
<b>Bad loans</b>		↓ from 9.7% - 9.1 %	
<b>Expenditures</b>		↑ by 19% to LKR 890 billion	
<b>GDP</b>	First Quarter, 2021	↑ by 4.3 %	
<b>SDFR</b>		4.5 %	
<b>SLFR</b>		5.5 %	
<b>Government Revenues</b>	2020	138.6 billion	
<b>Imports</b>	May, 2021	↑ to \$ 1.6 billion	
<b>Trade deficit</b>	May, 2021	\$ 716 million	
<b>Fitch Rating</b>		CCC	
<b>Bank of Ceylon</b>		AA-(lka)	
<b>People's Bank</b>			
<b>Balance of Payments</b>	May, 2021	\$ 1,053 million	
<b>Inflation</b>	June, 2021	↑ by 6.1 % to 145.7 points	
		5.2 %	
<b>Treasury Bills</b>		LKR 1,135.5 billion	

SL's economic developments reported within the month of July, 2021. See page 24 for SL Economic Profile continuation.

### Exchange

01.07.2021: **Stock Exchange** - SL's Colombo Stock Exchange and China-backed CHEC Colombo Port City are joining forces for a dollarised securities exchange. This will be established within a planned international financial centre with foreign collaboration and will provide a platform to issue foreign currency bonds and equities, as well as

develop other financing and risk management tools across all asset classes, Economy Next reports.

02.07.2021: **FOREX Control** - SL tightened foreign exchange controls as money printing destabilised the dollar's soft peg. For the next six months, new foreign investment by companies and individuals has been halted and the amount of money citizens can withdraw

upon emigration has been lowered, Economy Next reports.

06.07.2021: **Banks** - The Central Bank of SL has allowed licensed commercial banks (LCBs) and the National Savings Bank (NSB) to invest externally-sourced funds in USD - denominated ISBs and SLDBs to increase foreign currency inflows. To ensure the stability of banks, several rules have been imposed regarding capital adequacy, foreign currency lending, foreign currency liquidity ratio and the Integrated Risk Management (IRM) framework, Economy Next reports.

06.07.2021: **Tax** - SL's Cabinet of Ministers have approved a bill to allow undisclosed assets to be disclosed and invested after paying a 1% "Voluntary Disclosure Tax." This will allow the use of funds that had been hidden locally or internationally and allow an earlier proposal for a tax amnesty to be enacted, Economy Next reports.

12.07.2021: **Digitalisation** - Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) digitalisation process was launched by The Securities and Exchange Commission of SL and the CSE in order to ensure uninterrupted access, facilitate investor participation, enhance operational efficiencies and service standards in the capital market. More than 65,000 new investors have entered the market and 17,000 new Central Depository (CDS) accounts have been opened with the capability to swiftly download the stock market information, reports PMD News.

18.07.2021: **Indian Ocean** - The Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) and the

Department of Marine Affairs, Environment and Climate Change developed a framework for submarine cable protection and resilience. International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC), an industry association with support from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, reports Economy Next.

26.07.2021: **Amortisation** - The redemption of the USD 1 billion International Sovereign Bond (ISB) is to occur on 27.07.2021, reports Economy Next. USD 600 million is in swaps of the USD 4.0 billion in reserves in June at SL's Central Bank.

Allocation of funds:

- ♦ Resident investors - USD 310 million
- ♦ Swaps - USD 200 million

27.07.2021: **Investors** - The Secretary to the SL President, Jayasudera mentioned that SL is in balance as international powers are interested in it. The port in Hambantota and the Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) were handed over to the Chinese due to debt repayment. India and the West have concerns about the increasing Chinese presence. Therefore, SL intends to provide investment opportunities for all parties, Economy Next reports.

27.07.2021: **Bonds** - SL's Minister of State for Money and Capital Markets Nivard Cabraal mentioned that after the payment of government bonds, foreign exchange reserves would temporarily decrease. Of the gross official reserves, which have a level of about USD 4.0 billion, USD 1 billion was drained for the payment of bonds on 26.07.2021. These

will be strengthened by inflows from various swaps, Economy Next reports.

## Vaccination

02.07.2021: **Sinopharm** - SL has received another million doses of Sinopharm's COVID-19 vaccines. A total of 4.1 million doses of the Chinese-made vaccine have been received thus far. Another two million are expected to be acquired before the end of July, 2021, Economy Next reports.

04.07.21: **Sinopharm** - According to the Daily Mirror, medical teams of SL's Directorate of Preventive Medicine of the Army are establishing new vaccination centers in the country and have commenced the distribution of the first dose of Sinopharm vaccines to civilians. In most affected cities, the population over the age of 30 are vaccinated while in other cities, individuals are not vaccinated until the age of 60.

07.07.2021: **Sputnik** - 50,000 doses of Sputnik arrived in SL, reports Virakesari.

10.07.2021: **Funds** - The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan for USD 150 Million to SL for the purchase of vaccines, reports Colombo Gazette. The project is a subsidiary to the USD 9 Billion Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility initiative that was launched in December 2020.

11.07.2021: **Sinopharm** - SL received 2 million doses of Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine, reports Economy Next.

12.07.2021: **Pfizer** - SL received 26,000 doses of Pfizer through a purchase by the State Pharmaceutical Corporation (SPC) of SL, reports Colombo Gazette.

19.07.2021: **Pfizer** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL received a consignment of 70,200 doses of Pfizer. SL had received a total of 128,700 Pfizer doses thus far.

26.07.2021: **Pfizer** - According to Virakesari, another 90,000 doses of Pfizer arrived at the Katunayake and Bandaranaike airports in SL.

29.07.2021: **Expenditure** - Throughout June, 2021, USD 53 billion had been spent as direct spending on COVID-19 in addition to vaccines. An additional USD 110 million had been spent on COVID-19 vaccines, reports Economy Next.

05.07.2021: **World Bank** - Washington's World Bank is funding 800,000 Pfizer vaccines to assist SL to obtain 5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines by the end of the year. It is also funding oxygen-generating machines. The World Bank is providing USD 298.07 million to SL under the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Project, including an additional USD 80.5 million for vaccines, reports Economy Next.

## SL's Income Profile - July 2021

### United States

SL's Small & Medium Enterprises      06.07.2021      USD 75 Million

### LOANS

#### China

USD 500 million      budget support      January – April, 2021  
**USD 568.4 million**      January – April, 2021

#### World Bank

USD 134.4 million      loans      April, 2021  
 USD 0.6 million      grants      April, 2021

#### Asian Development Bank (ADB)

USD 113.6 million

#### US International Development Finance Corporation

USD 150 million      to      SL's DFCC

### COMPENSATION

E-Press Feeders to SL      MV X-Press Pearl  
**USD 3.6 million**



# '83 Black July Resistance (83BJR) 2021

## PHOENIX TNG

This year's 83BJR commemorative initiatives were conducted by various divisions of Phoenix TNG in an efficient manner. It is notable that Phoenix TNG's youth wing, Young Phoenix and Australia Division came together to conduct this year's projects.

### Young Phoenix

The youth of the division undertook a multitude of social media campaigns to convey the unwavering project notion of "resist Tamil genocide, reject silent policy". This was achieved through the following endeavours:

- ◆ TikTok educational video campaign
- ◆ Resistance graphic
- ◆ Meet & Discuss session for youth

### Windows

"Windows" was conducted by the Australia Division as a sub-project of the 83BJR initiative. The core of this project is to shatter one-dimensionalised accounts of global history through examining various instances of **genocide**. The project was mainly conducted through examining artefacts or exhibits of genocide and genocide commemoration through a **website**.

Presenting alternative narratives to the grand narrative of history established by oppressors remains a crucial component of resistance.



## News about Oppression & Resistance

freedom in the South  
Repression in the North

இலங்கை அரசிடம் கையளிக்கப்பட்ட  
உறவுகள் எங்கே?

01.07.2021: **Prawn Farm** - Pesalai locals became tense after individuals from various districts visited a site in Pesalai, Mannar to establish a Prawn Farm as they feared that the livelihood of those dependent on the resources would become affected, reports Virakesari.

03.07.2021: **PTA** - Occupational SL Police arrested a 24-year-old Tamil youth, Shanmugarasa Vidulashan under the PTA on the evening of 02.07.2021. According to JDS Lanka, the youth was

arrested after a photograph of the national leader of Tamil Eelam automatically appeared on his Facebook profile as a 'memory' post from 2018. Further reports indicate that the Kinniya Magistrate ruled on 03.07.2021 for the arrested youth to be remanded until 17.07.2021.

05.07.2021: **Commemoration** - Kilinochchi locals commemorated the King Akkirasana who ruled the lands of Akkarayan - practices which were disrupted by occupational police and military who claimed commemorative

practices should not be conducted as the date marked *Karumpulinaal* or Black Tigers' Day, reports Virakesari.

05.07.2021: **Protest** - Families of forcibly disappeared persons held an awareness protest in Mullaitivu on 05.07.2021, reports Virakesari.

05.07.2021: **Strike** - SL's Joint Council for Professions of Supplementary Medicine (JCPSM) and the Public Health Inspectors' (PHI) Union, along with nine other medical associations, are on strike over a series of demands that include staff reinstatement, promotions and allowances. They also claim that the issues have not yet been resolved as G. Rajapaksa only meets with politically friendly unions and associations such as the Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA), Economy Next reports.

06.07.2021: **Strike** - Due to the ongoing strike of health workers in SL, the implementation of PCR tests had decreased. The strike will be called off if the ministry promises to meet the demands of the various unions fairly. After talks with SL's Health Minister, Pavithra Wanniarachchi, the strike was temporarily called off until 12.07.2021 as the unions' demands would be taken to SL's Cabinet of Ministers, Economy Next reports.

06.07.2021: **Protestors** - SL's Police increase surveillance and have actively worked towards dismantling protests across the island citing the health guidelines issued by SL's Director General of Health Services, Dr. Asela Gunawardene which prohibited large gatherings, reports Colombo Gazette. As expected, COVID-19 continues to be used strategically by the GoSL to limit and erase social issues across the island.

07.07.2021: **Arrest** - Local Tamils who were protesting outside Batticaloa's Gandhi Park demanding justice for Mahalingam Balasundaram's death were arrested by occupational police, reports JDS Lanka. Reports indicate that Mahalingam Balasundaram had been shot on 21.06.2021 by a member of SL State Minister Sathasivam Viyalendiran's ministerial guards.

12.07.2021: **Strike** - The Ceylon Independent Teachers' Services Union (ITSU) and 17 other teachers' unions went on strike in solidarity with the quarantined activists. They demanded the release of Ceylon Teachers' Union (CTU) General Secretary Joseph Stalin and 15 others who had been taken to a quarantine center in Mullaitivu. A few days later, 22 union members were released, Economy Next reports.

13.07.2021: **Media** - SL's Media Minister, Keheliya Rambukwella is determined to take legal action against any media organisation that attempts to disturb the peace or create disharmony between communities. By this he also intends to revoke broadcasting licenses of media outlets that promote the LTTE, reports Economy Next.

**Protest** - Protests were staged across occupied Tamil Eelam against the death of Hishalini, reports Virakesari. An investigation is being conducted into the death of a 16-year-old domestic worker, Hishalini who was working at Rishad Bathiudeen's household, reports Colombo Gazette. Earlier reports indicate that the girl was admitted to hospital on 03.07.2021 with burn injuries where she succumbed to her injuries on 15.07.2021.

Protests:

- ♦ 21.07.2021 - Trincomalee Road, Batticaloa
- ♦ 22.07.2021 - Gamini Maha Vidyaalayam, Vavuniya
- ♦ 22.07.2021 - Mannar District Secretariat, Mannar
- ♦ 22.07.2021 - Mullaitivu District Secretariat, Mullaitivu
- ♦ 24.07.2021 - Jaffna Central Bus Stand, Jaffna
- ♦ 24.07.2021 - Soosapillai Shop Junction, Bharathipuram, Kilinochchi
- ♦ 26.07.2021 - Vavuniya Old Bus Stand, Vavuniya
- ♦ 27.07.2021 - Jaffna Central Bus Stand, Jaffna
- ♦ 27.07.2021 - Visuvamadu Redpana Junction, Mullaitivu

20.07.2021: **Sand mining** - Locals express disappointment over occupational police's failure to take action against sand mining which continues to occur on a large scale within the Maruthankulam area, reports Virakesari.

23.07.2021: **Commemoration** - Black July was commemorated across the occupied Tamil Homeland. According to Virakesari, occupational armed officers

had engaged in intimidating Tamils who attempted to put up commemorative posters across Jaffna.

27.07.2021: **PTA** - According to JDS Lanka, the Valachchenai District Court issued a court order to extend the remand of 10 Tamils for conducting a Mullivaikkal commemoration until 13.08.2021.

27.07.2021: **Protest** - A protest was staged by locals outside the Musali Divisional Secretariat on 27.07.2021 against illegal land appropriation, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the protests were based upon land appropriation particularly within the Poonatchikulam and Bandaraveli areas.

28.07.2021: **Strike** - The GoSL has not kept its promises regarding nurses and has not comprehensively addressed the demands of teachers' unions. The SL Nurses Union will strike in 100 hospitals across the island on July 28 from 12 p.m - 1 p.m. Teachers will continue their strike, Economy Next reports.

28.07.2021: **KNDU** - Island wide strikes are being conducted against the militarisation of education against the KNDU Bill which was reintroduced by the SLPP. The Sir John Kotelawala National Defence University (KNDU) Bill proposes the establishment of a parallel higher education structure outside of the SL's

current Universities Act. According to JDS Lanka, after the commencement of the strikes across the island on 13.07.2021, the Federation of University Teachers Associations had withdrawn from online teaching to strike against the KNDU Bill on 28.07.2021. Further reports from The Hindu indicate that the Bill would be a restriction of free education.

30.07.2021: **Protest** - Relatives of forcibly disappeared persons staged protests across the occupied Tamil homeland on 30.07.2021 to mark 1,604 days of their continuing protest, reports JDS Lanka.

Locations:

- ◆ Eastern University - Vantharamoolai, Batticaloa
- ◆ Mullaitivu
- ◆ UNHRC Field Office - Navalar Road, Jaffna
- ◆ Mannar
- ◆ Vavuniya

30.01.2021: **Hizbullah** - The Anglican Church's Bishop of Colombo the Right Revd. Dushantha Rodrigo has called for due process in addressing the ongoing detention of Hizbullah during a media conference held by the National Cirstian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL), reports Colombo Gazette. The news comes following the Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International called for the release of those detained under the PTA.



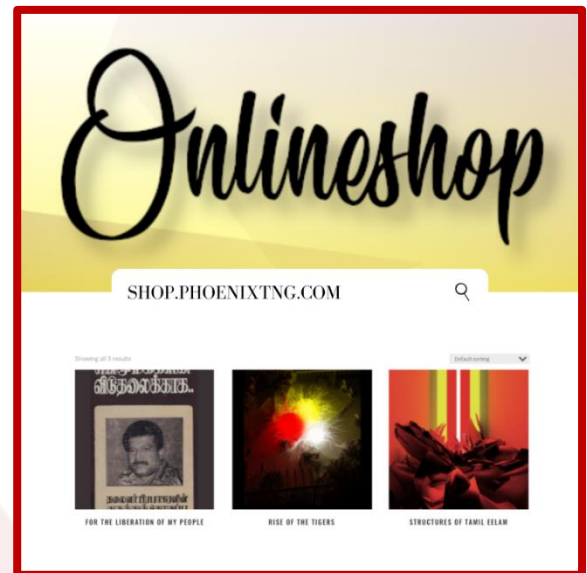
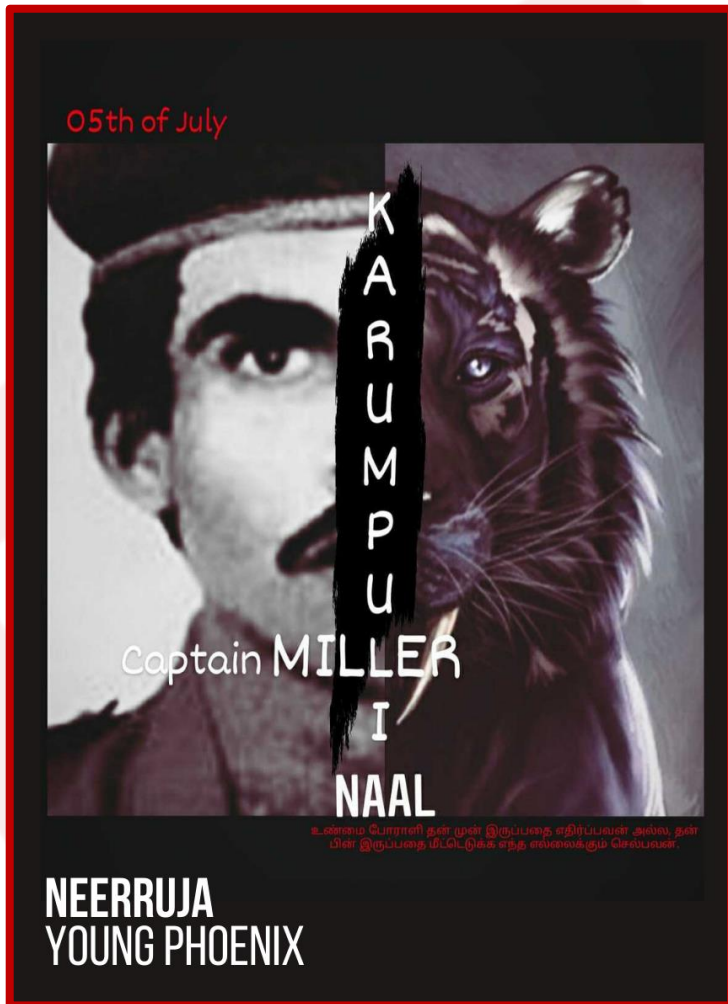
## Signs of Structural Genocide

15.07.2021: **Mass Burial** - 1,001 COVID-19 victims were buried on 14.07.2021 in Oddamavadi, Batticaloa, Occupied Tamil Eelam with 946 Muslims, 24 Hindus, 16 Christians and 15 Buddhists, reports Colombo Gazette. The initial proposed land for use was Iranativu however, successful protest prevented the island of the Tamil homeland from being used. The disruption of the territorial integrity of the Tamil homeland is a sign of structural genocide.

29.07.2021: **Buddhicism** - The commander of the 52nd Division of the occupational SL Army, Major General Harendra Peiris laid the foundational stone for a new Buddhist monastery building which is to be constructed by occupational troops at the Navatkuli Buddhist Temple in Jaffna, reports JDS Lanka. The combined Buddhicism and Militarisation efforts within the occupied Tamil homeland disrupt the Tamils' territorial integrity and are thus a sign of structural genocide.

30.07.2021: **Militarisation** - According to JDS Lanka, Vadduvakal locals protested against the occupational SL Navy to establish a Gotabhaya Naval Base in Mullivaikkal East. The protest was held on 29.07.2021 against the appropriation of 271 hectares of land by the Navy for the said purpose. Militarisation of traditional Tamil lands are an extension of structural Tamil genocide through the disruption Tamils' territorial integrity.





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