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Structural Tamil genocide continues to occur, where memorialisation is often targeted in attempts to further COIN methods. What will result from an idea birthed in a meeting when handled by a team of youth, embedded with a conviction to carry a legacy of sacrifice?

Proceed to page 05 for an interview exploring the construction process of the HFT2021 Monument in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan.

Why a Tamil Eelam Women's Day? - N. Malathy

Though the contemporary world talks of women empowerment, female solidarity is a rare thing in this contemporary world. However, why a Tamil Eelam Women's Day when another International Day exists?

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"The struggle for the aim of the liberation of women is the child of fire born out of the lap of our liberation movement."

National Leader of Tamil Eelam

International News

02.10.2021: **EU** - According to Virakesari, Peiris had provided the visiting European Union (EU) delegation an update regarding initiatives undertaken by the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) regarding areas of concern during a meeting on 01.10.2021.

Updates:

- ◆ Reconciliation efforts
- ◆ Review of PTA
- ◆ Involvement of civil societies
- ◆ Sustainable Development Goal 16 initiative
- ◆ SL's cooperation with the Human Rights Council

03.10.2021: **Pandora Papers** - Thirukumar Nadesan, the husband of SL's former Deputy Minister Nirupama Rajapaksa and relative of G. Rajapaksa was identified in the 11.9 million documents which were leaked through Pandora Papers. According to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) the financial secrets of 35 leaders and 330 politicians from 91 countries had been unveiled through the documents.

04.10.2021: **Yohani de Silva** - According to Colombo Page, Yohani de Silva is going to promote Sri Lanka's (SL's) tourism industry as a brand ambassador in line with the 2020 Expo Dubai Exhibition. It is noteworthy that Yohani de Silva has promoted the occupation of the Tamil homeland in one of her songs and she is also the daughter of Major General Prasanna de Silva, who played a major role in the last phase of the war

and was also involved in a white van incident.

07.10.2021: **LTTE Intelligence** - According to Virakesari, a former LTTE Intelligence spy was arrested by the Indian National Intelligence in Chennai on 07.10.2021 regarding allegations of smuggling arms and drugs from Pakistan to SL. Reports indicate that the arrested individual - Sabesan, 1 47-year-old - was allegedly the mastermind behind the smuggling of Kerala Cannabis and was using the revenue to fund the revival of the LTTE in India through organising multiple meetings.

07.10.2021: **EU** - In a press release which was released on 06.10.2021, the EU delegation which had visited SL to review SL's GSP+ concessions had mentioned that SL must fulfil its 2017 commitments, reports Virakesari.

07.10.2021: **New Zealand** - A 5-year MoU signed between SL's General Sir John Kottalawala Defence University (KNDU) and New Zealand's Messi University was renewed for another 5 years from August, 2021, reports Virakesari. It is notable that this extension has emerged despite the militarisation of education in SL as facilitated under the controversial KNDU Act.

06.10.2021: **India** - Colombo Gazette reports that India's National Intelligence (NIA) has filed a charge sheet before a special court in Bengaluru against six suspects for their alleged involvement in

an organised international trafficking racket across the India-SL maritime boundary.

09.10.2021: Warrant against ex-official -

The Delhi Court in India has issued a warrant on Lalith De Silva, the former Airlines Regional Manager of SL who was previously convicted of insulting the modesty of one of his Indian national female staff members. At the time of the conviction, De Silva was stationed by the airline in New Delhi, India, reports Colombo Gazette.

20.10.2021: Kushinagar - According to Economy Next, a flight from SL's capital Colombo with politicians and monks on board will be the first to land at Kushinagar International Airport in India. Kushinagar is considered a focal point of the Buddhist circle in India and thus will significantly strengthen people-to-people relations between India and SL.

29.10.2021: Fertiliser - According to Newswire.lk, China had blacklisted SL's bank due to SL's import ban of Chinese fertilisers.

Cohesion Is Everything!



This caricature was meant to show Tamils that they must stick together. If we have disputes among ourselves, we cannot fight against others. There are much more important things happening in front of our eyes. We should do the right thing together and form a society of solidarity. Our weakness is the strength of others. This particular caricature focuses upon the political context in France.

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PHOENIX TNG

Champavan has been a member of Phoenix TNG since its early years and led the construction of a 7m monument in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan which was unveiled in Switzerland and Canada as a part of HFT2021 and remains under construction in Australia under his guidance. The memorial pillar, which was repeatedly destroyed by the genocidal state in the occupied Tamil homeland since its initial construction and reconstruction, has been reconstructed and unveiled as an ongoing process to mark Phoenix TNG's 5th HFT and the 34th commemoration of Lt. Col. Thileepan.

Almost the age of Lt. Col. Thileepan when he attained martyrdom, the youth explores the process and impact that this monument has upon the trajectory of the Tamils' struggle for liberation. Whilst functioning as an act of resistance against ongoing Tamil genocide, the development of an idea discussed fleetingly in a Phoenix meeting, into a developed and nuanced project regardless of its grandeur in scale, emphasises the spaces provided by Phoenix TNG and the team's conviction.

What motivated you to construct a monument in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan?

When I think of Lt. Col. Thileepan's remembrance day, I am reminded of sacrifice. It is only through participating in a hunger strike that a connection can be made with him. The monument which was established in Nallur impacted people who were able to visit it through strengthening such a connection. However, it is to strengthen this connection that we thought that it would be appropriate to reconstruct this monument in the diaspora. The concept was first discussed as an idea from Nivethan Anna in a meeting which then became a reality after discussions with Jathuram Anna and other members. I was able to confirm the project after I had planned the process.

Rather than explaining to children about what Lt. Col. Thileepan had done, the monument will remind them of his sacrifice. Whatever he left behind remains is what we must show them. Rather than ignoring the remainder and focussing on just the hunger strike we must address all of the aspects that he had influenced. He had mobilised various segments of our society - such as students, the older generations and women - and we must show that.

What was your design process?

I first used one reference image and calculated measurements proportionally using the height of one individual p. There was no real plan and therefore the designs may vary from the original. I initially considered there may be criticisms when looking at this monument. Therefore, I attempted to make it as similar to the original as possible to

avoid that. Rather than just the pillar, I attempted to include the surrounding aspects within the whole design.

As a drawman, the planning process was easy. However, I gained insight from many others including my father to use others' experiences as well as mine to create an inclusive design. They were passively included in the planning. The planning process included a sketch, pre-plan with measurements and other adjustments. The plans will need to be re-optimised according to any issues with the construction that we have faced the first time around.

What kind of obstacles did you face during construction?

The first issue was to have a large location to construct it - we received space at a temple in Swiss. I also required tools, which we later purchased including a blade saw. Many visual aspects of the design had to be reconsidered when I was constructing it as there were various thoughts and discrepancies that I had as each component came together. This gave space for more ideas and plans to be developed at each juncture which allowed some development. I also made adjustments according to suggestions provided by my father. There were some issues with ensuring the stability of the structure as it was a large structure, which I was concerned about. I am not an engineer so I had to develop methods to ensure stability outside my capacity to ensure that the monument stood without crashing down.

How did you feel when the monument was lifted on the day of HFT?

I had already known when constructing the monument that we would require at least 20-25 people to lift it. I had not put this structure together as a whole before. The team dynamic at that moment made me happy. I was not worried or nervous as to whether we would make mistakes or not. Even if we had worked together to lift it and made any



mistakes it would not matter to me - we had tried. I was just happy. The success of erecting the monument made me feel like a great weight had lifted from my chest.

What relationship does this monument have with Phoenix and teamwork?

I had support during the construction process of the monument and many of our members had asked if they could help in any way. The excitement that everyone had at the time of setting up the monument on the day indicated the connection that our team has to the struggle rather than this just being a task or project. For Phoenix, this monument is significant as we are the first such organisation to do this in the diaspora and we have done this simultaneously in 2 countries. Parallel development shows our strength rather than waiting as it is a big step.

What sparked the vision for the monument?

I was first shown the monument in a meeting by Nivethan Anna as a picture. I was able to visualise it. I knew that there would be issues but I knew that it was doable. As I went through the construction, I was able to envision any possible issues prior to them occurring. I had shown the others the construction of the monument later in a meeting after a majority of the construction process had been completed which was motivating for our team.

Many people who saw us constructing it at the temple asked us if we had shipped it overseas and put it together. To develop this from a vision within 2 months I was impressed as the progress was immense. It was never a big step back.

This monument was unveiled on the 5th Anniversary of HFT. You have been one of our members who have been involved since the beginning of the campaign. How do you feel this monument contributes to the HFT campaign?

In all of the previous HFTs my contribution has always just been my participation in our hunger strike. I was not involved in the planning process before. Through the construction of this monument, I see this as a way to symbolically pay respect to Thileepan Anna. The presence of the monument created an emotion like he was there at our events and that was special for me. For the event that we had arranged on 26.09.2021 to mark the 5th year of HFT, the weather report seemed as though it was going to rain. However, at the moment of the unveiling of the monument the sun came out and as we heard his voice from the monument my entire body was shaking. The looks on everyone's faces made me happy too. My contribution is nothing before his sacrifice. I do not see this as a task but as a way to respect him.

What message would you like to convey through this monument?

We must carry forth what Thileepan Anna has left behind - we must convey his vision to the people. It has been 34 years since he completed his hunger strike. Most young people are around 20 years of age. They are not aware of Thileepan Anna's presence. We must communicate what he has left behind and that is the base from which we work. If we have a feeling that he is still alive we will be more effective in our work. In terms of politics Thileepan Anna also struggled for females. In that regard we have our

Phoenix Magalir division too. Together, this is a strong message and connection with the struggle.

What is the next step?

The construction of Thileepan Anna's monument is now complete. Earlier this year, the Jaffna University genocide commemoration monument was destructed. My thought is, whatever is destroyed there, we must rebuild as samples in the diaspora - no one can forget it and it will not be destroyed. Even if it is forgotten, we will still have it as an archive. Similar to the library that we have established, if we are able to create this, it cannot be taken away from us.



Bilateral Discussions

01.10.2021: **Brazil** - SL's Foreign Minister Professor GL Peiris met with the Brazilian Ambassador to SL, Sergio Luiz Konest at SL's Foreign Ministry to discuss areas of mutual interest. Attention was drawn to SL's export access to Brazil's emerging market and a strengthening of relations, reports Virakesari.

02.10.2021: **EU** - The EU and SL have agreed that a stocktaking will be conducted regarding the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) by the next meeting of the EU-Sri Lanka Joint Committee in early 2022. In addition, the EU stresses the need to maintain human rights norms and standards, Economy Next reports.

05.10.2021: **India** - India's Foreign Minister and SL Finance Minister B.Rajapaksa discussed the strengthening of bilateral ties and post-COVID initiatives. India is also willing to provide economic assistance, he said, and will also seek to promote investment, Economy Next reports.

Areas of Discussion include:

- ◆ Problems of the fishermen of the two countries
- ◆ Trade imbalance between the two countries
- ◆ "The Tamil cause"
- ◆ SL's location towards Indian Security
- ◆ SL's relation to China
- ◆ Indian Investment in SL
- ◆ Trincomalee Oil tanks
- ◆ Tourism between the two countries

- ◆ Expansion of training opportunities for SLA in India
- ◆ Sharing electricity

India - India's Foreign Secretary, Hirsch Sri Varadhan Sringala met with key political figures in SL during his official 4-day visit in SL, reports Virakesari.

04.10.2021: **M.Rajapaksa** - A resumption of tourism service industry functionalities were discussed during a meeting held at the Temple Trees.

Areas discussed:

- ◆ Ongoing development projects
- ◆ Multidisciplinary development in:
 - ◆ Tourism
 - ◆ Expanding Buddhist-cultural ties
 - ◆ Investment cooperation

04.10.2021: **TNA** - A political settlement of the Tamils' concerns by India and the full implementation of the 13th Amendment were discussed during the meeting.

04.10.2021: **B.Rajapaksa** - A meeting was held with SL's Finance Minister, B.Rajapaksa to discuss mutual travel programs and the state of the global economy.

06.10.2021: **Israel** - The Defence Attaché of the Embassy of Israel in New Delhi was in talks with the SL Commander of the Navy where views were exchanged on several matters of bilateral nature, reports the SL Navy.

08.10.2021: **Douglas** - SL's Fisheries Minister, Douglas Devananda met with India's Foreign Secretary, Hirsch Sri Varadhan Sringala who was on an official visit to SL, reports Virakesari. Discussions regarding the negative effects of India's trawler industry on marine livelihood were raised - attributing around LKR 500 million in losses over 5 years. Further Devananda mentioned that Northern fishermen expected India to take a decisive decision regarding the matter.

08.10.2021: **Canada** - GL Peiris had met with the High Commissioner of Canada, David McKinnon where a number of ongoing areas for bilateral cooperation were discussed. SL reiterated its concerns on a Bill passed by the Ontario Legislative Assembly including the country's objection to the association of genocide with Eelam Tamils, reports Colombo Gazette. According to Virakesari, McKinnon had responded that the LTTE was a banned organisation in Canada.

11.10.2021: **Britain** - According to Virakesari, the British High Commissioner to SL, Sarah Hulton met with SL's Minister for Public Safety, Sarath Weerasekara at SL's Ministry of Public Safety to discuss areas of bilateral interest. Reports indicate that Hulton had called upon the GoSL to incentivise participation of all communities in law enforcement and to amend the PTA.

12.10.2021: **Chanakyan** - Batticaloa's MP Chanakyan had met with the High Commissioners to SL of Norway and Belgium in Batticaloa on 12.10.2021, reports Virakesari.

Issues:

- ◆ Illegal immigration and excavation
- ◆ Future development programs
- ◆ Land grabbing
- ◆ Encroachment of SL Department of Archaeology

13.10.2021: **India** - India's BJP MP Subramanian Swamy arrived in SL on 12.10.2021 on a 3-day visit and met officials, reports Virakesari.

Meetings were held with:

- ◆ All Ceylon Workers Congress and SL Minister of Foreign Affairs Jeevan Thondaman.
- ◆ SL President G.Rajapaksa - counter-terrorism and mutual relations.

13.10.2021: **India** - India's Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Narawane arrived in SL on 12.10.2021 and met many officials during his 5-day visit to SL, reports Virakesari.

Meetings were held with:

- ◆ Shavendra Silva - mutual military and security relations. Shavendra Silva confirmed participation alongside the Indian Army Chief at SL Army's Mariadi Parade to mark the anniversary of the Gajaba Brigade and an event related to Allied Joint Exercises.
- ◆ K.Gunaratne - bilateral relations and military training.
- ◆ M.Rajapaksa - donations of model technical training equipment for training and firing training to SL Army Service Process Training School in Anuradhapura. Discussions of counter-terrorism and technology in stabilising army.

13.10.2021: **Canada** - Canada's High Commissioner to SL, David McKinnon met with SL's Deputy Chairperson of Parliamentary Committees, Angajan Ramanathan at the Jaffna District Secretariat, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that he had also met with Jaffna's Chief Minister, V. Manivannan.

14.10.2021: **Algeria** - According to Colombo Page, delegations from SL and Algeria have held, for the first time, consultations on a foreign ministry level. In this meeting, they agreed to focus bilateral cooperation in; the environment and climate change, power & energy and tourism sectors. Further strengthening of defense and counter terrorism cooperation were also discussed.

14.10.2021: **UNICEF** - According to Virakesari, SL's Health Minister, Keheliya Rambukwella had met with UNICEF Representative for SL, Christian Skook at SL's Health Ministry on 14.10.2021 to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic.

14.10.2021: **Maldives** - SL held virtual bilateral discussion with representatives from SL Boat and Ship Building Industry and National Boating Association of Maldives in collaboration with the Export Development Board on 11.10.2021 to enhance mutual cooperation in the industry, reports Colombo Page. Discussions regarding collaborative infrastructure and vessel building were undertaken between the two countries.

15.10.2021: **Working Committee** - A 3rd Virtual Working Committee Meeting on Tourism was held between India and SL

on 14.10.2021 through Virtual Road, reported Virakesari.

15.10.2021: **Malaysia** - SL's Foreign Minister intends to strengthen bilateral relations between SL and Malaysia. In particular, they aim for cooperation in the areas of digitalisation and education, Economy Next reports.

16.10.2021: **Visit** - The Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army and a five-member delegation arrived at the SLAF Base China Bay and visited Trincomalee to refresh his memories during the 1987 deployment of IPKF, reports army.lk.

19.10.2021: **Japan** - the ambassador of the embassy of Japan in SL, paid a courtesy call on genocide Shavendra Silva on 19.10.2021 at SL's Army Headquarters, reports army.lk.

20.10.2021: **Oman** - According to Daily Mirror, Oman and SL are to sign an agreement for a USD 3.6 billion credit facility to purchase fuel next week. According to SL's Energy Minister, it will be a five-year settlement of loans. Earlier reports from Economy Next indicate that Oman's request for a USD 3.6 billion credit line to provide an area for oil exploration in lieu of interest payments were rejected.

25.10.2021: **Japan** - According to PMD News, the Japanese Ambassador to SL, Sugiyama Akira called on G. Rajapaksa at the Presidential Secretariat on 25.10.2021. G. Rajapaksa thanked the Japanese government for providing SL with 600,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines.

28.10.2021: **US** - American Ambassador Alaina B. Teplitz's Deputy Chief of Mission in the US Embassy, Martin Kelly and their Political/Economic Counsellor, Susan Walke paid a farewell call at the Presidential Secretariat on 28.10.2021. G. Rajapaksa thanked the support of the US for the vaccination programme and

assistance to combat COVID-19, reports PMD News.

30.10.2021: **Glasgow** - According to PMD News, G. Rajapaksa arrived in Glasgow, Scotland to attend the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26).

Military News

01.10.2021: **Navy Ships** - Two Japanese naval ships "Kaga" and "Murasame" scheduled to arrive in Colombo between 02.10.2021-04.10.2021, reports Colombo Page. Both navies are due to conduct a joint-naval exercise named "JA -LAN EX." Japan hopes to establish bilateral ties as a result.

02.10.2021: **Trincomalee** - On 29.09.2021, the final amphibious mock attack on the simulated enemy base at Kumpurupiddi near Trincomalee took place between the SL Army's 'Cormorant Strike XI - 2021' and participants from foreign forces. Soldiers destroyed the enemy hideout in a real-time battlefield, reports the SL Army.

05.10.2021: **SLAF** - According to airforce.lk, foreign officials visited the commander of the Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF) at the SLAF-HQ to discuss areas of mutual interest.

- ♦ Military Advisor at the Embassy of Germany in New Delhi, Captain Gerald Koch with a delegation.
- ♦ Defence Attaché at the Embassy of the State of Israel based in New Delhi, Colonel Assaf Mahler

- ♦ Defence Attachés at the Embassy of France to Sri Lanka, Captain Yves Le Corhe and Colonel Norbert Gaine together with Major Cedric Fournier the Assistant Defence Attaché

05.10.2021: **India** - India and SL commenced a joint-bilateral military training exercise under the theme of "Mithra Sakthi" on 04.10.2021 at SL's Ampara Army Training Camp, reports Virakesari. Exercises were conducted between SL Army officials and around 120 Indian Army officials.

Areas of focus:

- ♦ Counter-terrorism
- ♦ Counter-insurgency

07.10.2021: **Russian Exercise** - According to army.lk, the SL Armed Forces' 14 Officers participated in the Russian Armed Forces' strategic-level "Exercise Zapad (West) 2021" which was held in Russia between 10.09.2021-17.09.2021 with participants from over 17 countries. All forms of conventional operations were addressed in the training.

16.10.2021: **Visit** - The Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army and a five-member delegation arrived at the SLAF Base China Bay and visited Trincomalee to refresh his memories during the 1987 deployment of IPKF, reports army.lk.

25.10.2021: **Training** - According to the SL Navy's Media, SL's Naval ship SLNS Samudura participated in a naval exercise with the Royal Navy's HMS Kent, reports Colombo Page. The exercise titled "Passage Exercise (PASSEX)" occurred between 23.10.2021-24.10.2021 with the latter ship leaving Colombo at the conclusion.

28.10.2021: **Russia** - The home of the elite 4th Guards Tank Division, headquartered in Naro-Fominsk, near Moscow, more usually known as the 'constant readiness' Division, one of the Russian Army's elite armoured Divisions on 26.10.2021 extended a warm welcome to Shavendra Silva who inspected a few firearms, produced by the same Division by conducting several rounds of trial firing which was a novel experience for the visiting Commander, reports army.lk.

28.10.2021: **Pakistan** - According to army.lk, 13 Student Officers following the Logistics Staff Course No.7 at the Army School of Logistics (ASL) in Trincomalee under the prevailing 'Army to Army' cooperation project between Pakistan and SL armed forces were invited to the ASL of the Pakistan Army in Kuldana, Pakistan for a goodwill visit.

28.10.2021: **Indian navy** - The training ships of the 01st Training Squadron of the Indian Navy which arrived in SL for a bilateral naval exercise on 28.10.2021, departed the island on 27.10.2021 and 28.10.2021, on successful completion of naval exercises held in Colombo and Trincomalee, reports army.lk.

Ships:

- ◆ INS 'Shardul'
- ◆ INS 'Magar'
- ◆ INS 'Sujata'
- ◆ INS 'Sudarshini'
- ◆ INS 'Tarangini'
- ◆ ICGS 'Vikram'

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01.10.2021: **Mannar** - According to army.lk the SLA donated 25 dry ration packets to the families of former cadres.

05.10.2021: **Mortuary** - Due to a shortage of air-conditioned mortuaries at the Kilinochchi District Hospital, the Kilinochchi Frontline Security

Maintenance Force converted a 20-foot container into a COVID-19 Mortuary, reports Virakesari.

05.10.2021: **Vavuniya** - Occupational Vanni troops are reported to be constructing a house for the low-income single-parent family of Mrs. Moganraj

Maheshwari in Asikulam to improve the family's standard of living. According to army.lk, the house is being built under the direction of the commanding general of the SL Army's 56th Division.

05.10.2021: **Blood Donation** - According to army.lk, a blood donation drive was conducted by the occupational troops in collaboration with the Jaffna Teaching Hospital Blood Bank to replenish blood stocks. This was also held to mark the 72nd anniversary of the genocidal SL Army (SLA).

06.10.2021: **Blood donation** - According to army.lk, over 150 troops from the occupational SLA troops of the 552nd Brigade HQ in Iyakachchi, Jaffna participated in a blood donation campaign. Reports indicate that blood was donated to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital.

07.10.2021: **Guwan Mithudam** - According to airforce.lk, the SLAF had provided equipment to the District General Hospital, Kilinochchi as the 13th phase of the Guwan Mithudam project.

Donations:

- ◆ 4 oxygen cylinders
- ◆ 4 oxygen regulators
- ◆ 3 pulse oximeters
- ◆ 3 blood glucose monitors

09.10.2021: **Iralakkulam** - Troops from the 23rd Division of the SLA handed over a new house for a needy family in Iralakkulam in the Periyawadduwan area. The house was inaugurated in a simple ceremony, the SLA reports.

09.10.2021: **Mullaitivu** - Major General Sisira Pilapitiya, Commander of Security Forces in Mullaitivu, handed over an oxygen concentrator and equipment to Dr. S. Suganthan - Director of Kilinochchi District Hospital. Oxygen concentrators were also donated to Mullaitivu District Hospital, reports SLA.

09.10.2021: **Tellippalai** - The SLA's Jaffna Security Forces Headquarters donated oxygen concentrators to Tellippalai Hospital. The American SL Foundation provided them to the SL, reports army.lk.

09.10.2021: **Textbooks** - The SLA's 52nd Division donated 15 stationery packs for 45 students to the Venihe Pannaseeha Sinhala and Hindu Mixed School in Jaffna to mark Army Day, reports army.lk.

11.10.2021: **Vavuniya** - According to army.lk, more than 100 army personnel from 213th Brigade troops of the 21st Division donated blood at Vavuniya hospital. The blood donation campaign was held on the occasion of SL's Army Day.

13.10.2021: **Jaffna** - Security forces in Jaffna built a house for a needy family in Pallai, Jaffna. In addition, dry rations and essential household items were also donated by the Commander of the Jaffna Security Forces, reports army.lk.

19.10.2021: **Dry ration** - To celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the SLA, troops of the 681st Brigade of the 68th Division of the SFH launched community welfare projects at Mullaitivu on 10.10.2021, reports army.lk.

29.10.2021: **Blood donation** - SLA troops serving in Mullaitivu conducted a blood donation campaign recently at the

Kilinochchi Military Hospital, reports defence.lk.

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

01.10.2021: **Land** - Local officials handed over around 100 acres of lands in a draw to locals of Poonakeri, Kautharimunai at a rate of 1 acre per 100 beneficiaries, reports Virakesari. Field lands were distributed to mark a year since Douglas Devananda's assumption of office as the Co-chairman of the Kilinochchi District Coordinating Committee. It is notable that the lands were demarcated, plowed and cultivated at a cost of around LKR 2.7. million in preparation for the distribution.

Distribution lead by:

- ◆ Killinochchi District Coordinating Committee Coordinator - Y.Davanathan
- ◆ Poonakeri Divisional Secretary - Krishnendran
- ◆ Eelam People's Democratic Party Poonakeri Divisional Organiser - Rasalingam
- ◆ Kautharimunai Fishermen's Association President - Pakirathan
- ◆ Divisional Secretariat Land Officers
- ◆ Grama Niladhiharis

04.10.2021: **Housing** - India's Foreign Secretary handed over 1,235 houses which were constructed by India to GoSL officials. According to Virakesari, the housing was constructed with state-of-

the-art technology for residents in the Hill Country region.

05.10.2021: **Drugs** - A special operation conducted by the SL at Narivilakulam beach in Mannar led to the seizure of about 45.1kg of Kerala cannabis, left behind by smugglers. The street value of the seized stock of Kerala cannabis is believed to be more than LKR 13 million. The operation was conducted in accordance with COVID-19 protocols and the stock of narcotic substances was set on fire and destroyed, reports navy.lk. Reports from 01.10.2021 further indicate that two suspects with around 9.92kg of Crystal Methamphetamine and a truck were also arrested during a special operation conducted in Murunkan, Mannar

06.10.2021: **Trincomalee** - SL Minister for Energy Udaya Gammanpila mentioned in SL's Parliament the 35-year Trincomalee Oil Refinery Agreement between India and SL for USD 1 million left many of the oil rigs in India's possession - hence reiterating a need to retrieve the contract from India to regain ownership, reports Virakesari.

07.10.2021: **LTE operative arrested** - India's National Intelligence Agency

(NIA) has arrested a 47-year-old former LTTE operative in connection with the probe into the seizure of 300kg heroin, five AK-47 rifles and 1,00 live rounds of 9mm ammunition in Chennai. Further investigations later said he had transferred a huge amount of money to former cadres to revive the movement in SL, reports Colombo Gazette.

11.10.2021: **Appointment** - Jeevan Thiyagaraja is to be appointed as SL's new Governor of the Northern Province, reports Virakesari. He was sworn into his position on 11.10.2021 by G. Rajapaksa. Thiyagaraja's appointment was made upon the basis of his previous roles as:

- ♦ Executive Director of the Federation of Humanitarian Organisations
- ♦ Member of SL's National Elections Commission

13.10.2021: **Housing** - According to Virakesari, SL's Sports and Youth Affairs Minister, N.Rajapaksa visited the Maruthamunai 65M housing scheme to demand the Ampara District Government Agent to distribute the housing scheme to the people immediately. Further reports indicate that N. Rajapaksa visited Batticaloa on 04.10.2021 to inspect the Kithul Reservoir Development Project and any grievances caused to locals. According to Virakesari, another 18,000 acres are to be used from the Eravur Pattu Chengkaladi area.

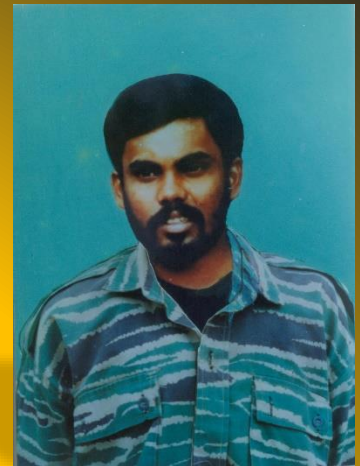
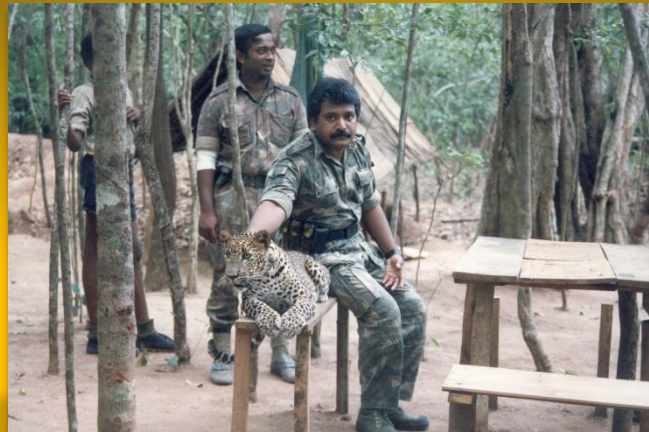
15.10.2021: **Death** - According to the Trincomalee District Magistrate, 2 suspects remanded in relation to the murder of a 17-year-old student from Alangeni who was sexually abused, 3 months pregnant and burnt alive on 10.04.2021 were to be further remanded until 27.10.2021. Reports from Virakesari indicate that the case will be heard again on 25.10.2021.

Suspects:

- ♦ Devaraja Kapilraj
- ♦ Uruthiramoorthy Arul

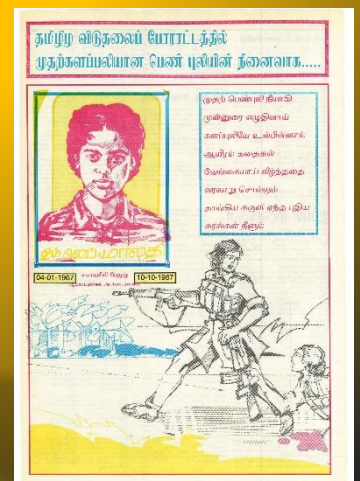
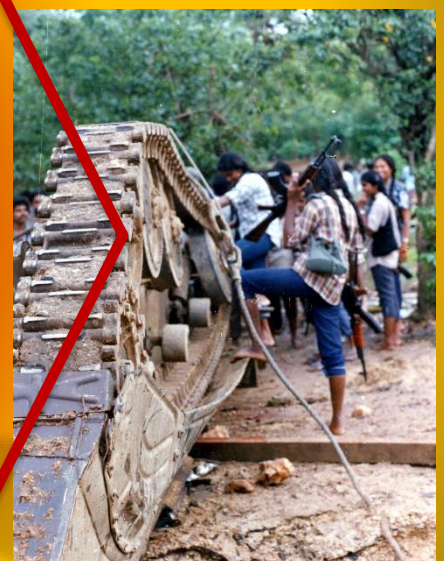
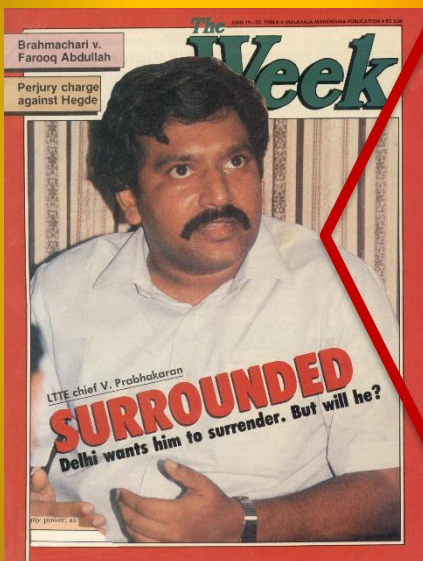
15.10.2021: **India** - Manoj Mukund Narawane visited Trincomalee on 15.10.2021, reports Virakesari. Trincomalee's District Government Agent, Saman Darshana met Pandikorala at the SL Government Agent's Official Residence mementos were exchanged.

15.10.2021: **Arrest** - A Tamil man has been arrested by occupational Mullaitivu Police with 401 T-56 rounds of ammunition which was found hidden in a house in the Puthumathalan area of Mullaitivu. Colombo Page reports that the Mullaitivu Crime Investigations Unit was tipped off regarding potential drug trafficking. In addition to the ammunition, the occupation police seized three grams of Kerala cannabis.



What began as a disarming process turned out to be a heavily arming programme in the creation of a proxy army called the TNA; what began as a firm commitment and obligation to ensure the physical safety and security of the Tamil speaking people turned out to be a destructive campaign of mass extermination of Tamils and Muslims; what began as a strategic objective of eliminating the LTTE ended up with the emergence of the Tigers as the most powerful politico-military force in the Tamil homeland.

- The Satanic Force



Sri Lanka

04.10.2021: **Trinco oil tanks** - Under the 35-year 1987 agreement, SL can develop its 100 oil tanks in Trincomalee only with Indian assistance - more specifically that with the state-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). The GoSL's plans were to operate 100 storage tanks, of which only 15 are being repaired and used, Economy Next reports.

08.10.2021: **Pandora** - Thirukumar Nadesan, the husband of SL's former Deputy Minister Nirupama Rajapaksa and relative of G.Rajapaksa, was reported to have testified at SL's Anti-Bribery Commission between 10AM-1PM local time on 08.10.2021 in regards to the Pandora documents case. According to Virakesari, G.Rajapaksa had called for the Pandora documents case to be investigated in detail with a report to be submitted within a month. It is notable that a 5-member special committee was appointed to probe the investigation.

08.10.2021: **Political course** - In light of the 75th Anniversary of SL's UNP Party, many political training endeavours have been organised by the Party's leadership. According to Ranil Wickremesinghe, a political training course with a curriculum which focuses on the use of technology to engage in practical politics will be organised for youth including young women who would be enrolled in a batch-basis. 5 functional seminars are scheduled to occur across the weekend of 09.10.2021-10.10.2021 in collaboration with various institutions who train in political sciences, reports Virakesari.

12.10.2021: **Cyber security** - According to Virakesari, the GoSL has decided to draft a bill titled "Secure Internet Arrangements" regarding cyber security against terrorist and anti-social activities. According to Economy Next a bill is being drafted for a "defense cyber command."

14.10.2021: **Hand grenade** - A hand grenade was diffused by SL police near the Bellanwila temple in SL. There are no suspects yet. In September, 2021 a grenade was also found in a hospital toilet, Economy Next reports.

15.10.2021: **Sand mining** - According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa had issued a Circular on Issuances of Licenses for Mining Transport and Commerce on Mining, Sand, Soil, Gravel and Clay. A Presidential Task Force has been appointed by G. Rajapaksa to study the use of land resources for economic livelihood.

18.10.2021: **Constitution** - According to Economy Next, a constitution was drafted by a committee chaired by Romesh de Silva - G. Rajapaksa's legal advisor. Reports indicate that the draft will be ready for parliamentary consideration in January 2022. The first budget will be presented to SL's Parliament on 12.11.2021, Economy Next reports. Earlier reports indicate that on the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the SLA, G. Rajapaksa had delivered a speech. Accordingly, it was mentioned that he intends to eradicate corruption for the good of the country, get rid of chemical fertilisers to switch to green

agriculture and stabilise security by not allowing terrorism. He also aims to develop the provinces that caused terrorism. By 2022, he will introduce a new constitution and a reformed electoral process, Economy Next reports. The mentioned draft was developed in accordance with this statement.

19.10.2021: **Marriage and Divorce Act** - By amending SL's Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act, minors under the age of 18 will not be allowed to legally marry in SL. Another amendment is also planned on marriage and divorce of Muslims in SL, Economy Next reports.

21.10.2021: **Fertiliser** - G. Rajapaksa during virtual discussions with the Agrarian Service Officers encouraged the use of organic fertilisers following discussions regarding difficulties faced by farmers, reports Colombo Page. Officials

engaged in the discussion were encouraged to gain accurate recounts of the experiences by farmers. According to Economy Next, the Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited has also obtained a court order blocking payment to Qingdao Seawin Biotech as the Chinese company supplied organic fertiliser that was contaminated with vermin.

28.10.2021: **Task Force** - G. Rajapaksa has appointed a nationalist Buddhist monk, Galagodaaththe Gnanasara Thero, to head SL's new presidential task force for "One Country, One Law." He was released from prison in a presidential pardon in 2019 and is among the groups associated with anti-Muslim campaigns since 2011. In addition, the task force does not include Tamil representation, Economy Next reports.

Economic News

Resource Prices

Price control and rises in SL are causing adverse impacts upon living standards. According to Economy Next the following are of concern:

- ♦ **Milk** - Milk importers are having issues paying their suppliers and are requesting SL's Central Bank to release USD 14 million to source new supplies. Alternatively milk prices would rise due to high fees.
- ♦ **Price controls** - Current price controls have been lifted and revised due to

the bottlenecks caused. However, prices for staple foods have risen as the government-imposed price control led to shortages and a black market. Risen prices:

- ♦ Rice
- ♦ Wheat flour
- ♦ Bread
- ♦ Rice
- ♦ Milk powder
- ♦ **Egg** - As feed costs rise for chicken farmers, egg prices in SL have begun to rise causing farmers to call on the government to lift quota controls on

corn imports to end the foreign exchange crisis.

- ♦ **Oil** - Due to rising oil prices in the world market, SL's state-owned Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) is recording larger losses. The Lanka India Oil Corporation (LIOC) has instead raised prices to reduce credit-financed losses and support the LKR.

07.10.2021: **Appropriation Bill** - SL's Ministry of Finance has initiated the budget process for 2022, Economy Next reports. Allocations for 2022 are as follows:

- ♦ Defense - LKR 373.1 billion
- ♦ Health - LKR 153.5 billion
- ♦ Education - LKR 127.5 billion
- ♦ Transport - LKR 31.2 billion
- ♦ Highways - LKR 250.2 billion

08.10.2021: **Bill** - According to Virakesari, SL's Parliamentary Speaker, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena had declared during SL's Parliamentary sitting that the current Petroleum Resources Act No. 21 (2021) had been certified and would be put into force from 08.10.2021.

13.10.2021: **Bill** - According to Virakesari, SL's Speaker certified 2 bills which were debated and passed in SL's parliamentary sitting which occurred on 07.10.2021.

Certified Bills:

- ♦ Electoral Registration (Amendment) Bill
- ♦ Employees' Compensation Fund (Amendment) Bill

14.10.2021: **Textile** - The GoSL's Finance Committee had approved a specialty

textile production zone of 400 acres to be constructed in Eravur under the Strategic Development Projects Act No.14 (2008), reports Virakesari.

18.10.2021: **Cryptocurrencies** - According to Economy Next, the Central Bank of SL had warned the public against the use of cryptocurrencies and that they should bear the risks for all eventualities.

19.10.2021: **Monetary Policy** - The Central Bank of SL appointed 12 representatives to a new Monetary Policy Advisory Committee, Economy Next reports.

Appointments were made from:

- ♦ Private sector companies
- ♦ Exporters
- ♦ Industry
- ♦ Services sectors
- ♦ Protectionist sectors

21.10.2021: **India** - India agreed to fully support the development of SL's tourism and aviation sector during discussions between India's High Commissioner to SL, Gopal Baglay, SL's N. Rajapaksa and SL's Minister of Tourism, Prasanna Ranatunga on 20.10.2021, reports Colombo Page. The discussions held at Katunayake Bandaranaike International Airport emphasised that greater and more aligned attention would be paid to increasing tourism with the expected expansion of flights from Jaffna to Chennai.

25.10.2021: **BOI** - The Chairman of the Board of Investment (BOI) says Sri Lanka will receive around USD 1 billion in Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) in 2021 despite the COVID-19 pandemic and other disruptions. According to Economy

Next, a project worth USD1.4 billion has already been approved and projects worth over USD 2 billion are in the pipeline.

25.10.2021: **Investment** - Hambantota International Ports Group (HIPG) intends

to inform and educate potential investors about new opportunities in SL to attract FDIs to SL. Currently, they aim to make investors aware of the Yangtze and Pearl River Delta as well as major cities, Economy Next reports.

Economic Profile – October 2021

Inflation	September 2021 October 2021	↑ to 6.0% ↑ to 7.8%
GDP	2021	
State estimation		about 5.0 %
IMF estimation		about 3.6%
Budget Track	July 2021	
Budget Deficit		LKR 1.014.6billion
Government revenue		about LKR 798.8 billion
Current expenditure		about LKR 1,578 billion
Total expenditure		about LKR 1,495.5 billion
Money Printing		LKR 594.1 billion
BOP Deficit	July 2021	USD 2.755 billion
Moody Rating	June 2021	Caa2
Foreign currency reserves	July 2021 September 2021	about 3.543,5 billion ↓ to USD 2.581,3 billion
Debt	July August 2021	about LKR 76 billion ↑ to LKR 134 billion ↑ 25% to LKR 4.1 billion ↑ 15% to LKR 134.1 billion
Trade		
Exports	the first 9 month	about LKR 11.1 billion
Imports	September 2021	about LKR 1.68billion

News about Oppression & Resistance

01.10.2021: **Disappeared** - Tamil Eelam marked International Children's Day as a Black Day in raising concerns regarding countless forcibly disappeared persons, reports Virakesari. In that regard, protests and press conferences were held:

- ♦ UNHCR Jaffna Regional Office - 9.15AM local time
- ♦ OMP Mullaitivu Office - 10AM local time (protestors were threatened and photographed)
- ♦ Mannar District Missing Persons Association Press Conference - 11.30AM local time

02.10.2021: **Teachers' strike** - SL's police had summoned members of trade unions who had participated in a vehicle parade held on 04.08.2021 in Colombo in a teachers' strike initiative, reports JDS Lanka. Accordingly, the participants were summoned to Colombo's Fort police station at 10AM local time on 02.10.2021 in an attempt to dismantle the strike which has continued for 81 consecutive days.

03.10.2021: **Protest** - Protests were held by locals in Batticaloa against the excavation of gravel and lands belonging to 6 locals by authorities on 03.10.2021, reports Virakesari. The excavations are being conducted within a large pit. It is notable that children participated in the protests as well.

04.10.2021: **Land appropriation** - During a press conference held near the Vellimalai Pillaiyar Kovil, Batticaloa, the

temple administration demanded the reclamation of 21 acres of temple premises following the occupation of the land by a Muslim individual since 2010.

06.10.2021: **Sand Mining** - Farmers and locals protest against sand mining and soil excavations in Poolakkadu and Poondukalsenai, Batticaloa. According to Virakesari, the locals blocked officers from entering to survey the area for excavations.

06.10.2021: **Death** - Family members of SM Ramzan who had buried the body of the deceased on 05.10.2021 have raised concerns regarding the suspicious nature of the death of Ramzan in Mannar police's custody. According to Virakesari, SM Ramzan had perished after suspiciously and suddenly falling ill whilst in the custody of Mannar Police, raising concerns regarding the death.

08.10.2021: **Health strike** - According to JDS Lanka, a one-day workers' strike was conducted by individuals from 41 health sector trade unions across SL. Reports indicate that the strike was initiated at 7AM local time and was in opposition to the GoSL's decision to remove the COVID-19 allowance and to demand better work conditions. According to Virakesari, the Government Nurses' Association Jaffna mentioned that they would embark upon a full-fledged struggle if their demands were not met.

08.10.2021: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, local Jaffna fishermen had

conducted a protest opposite SL's Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Jaffna. Reports indicate that the protest was in retaliation against the encroachment of Indian fishermen. A letter addressing their concerns was handed over to various department officials.

Officials:

- ♦ Minister of Fisheries
- ♦ Jaffna District Secretariat
- ♦ Indian Consulate in Jaffna

08.10.2021: **Political prisoners** - According to Virakesari, the Tamil political prisoners at Anuradhapura prison were consulted by Attorney-at-Law Kesavan Sayanthan where the prisoners shared affidavits during discussions which were reported to have occurred for 3 hours. Consequently, reports indicate that SL's High Court had decided to transfer the prisoners to Jaffna Prison soon to ensure their safety.

10.10.2021: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, locals had engaged in a protest in the Alangula area of Batticaloa as lands had been encroached for the construction of makeshift shops.

11.10.2021: **Political prisoners** - Kathirvelu Kapilan - a 29-year-old Tamil political prisoner who had been arrested under the PTA in relation to links with the LTTE 12 years ago was released on 10.10.2021 after being acquitted by the Moneragala Magistrate's Court.

11.10.2021: **Ban** - According to Virakesari, the fishermen of Paruthithurai had put up a notice announcing that no political

party would be permitted to enter their lands until Indian tugboats and all prohibited industries were ceased immediately.

13.10.2021: **Protest** - The families of those who were forcibly disappeared staged a protest near Vavuniya's main post office. According to Virakesari, as of 13.10.2021, they had been protesting for 1,700 days.

13.10.2021: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest will be held across the Tamil homeland by all Fisheries Offices to condemn the GoSL's failure to solve the fertiliser issue which was affecting the livelihood of local farmers and to prevent the encroachment of Indian fishermen.

15.10.2021: **Protest** - According to JDS Lanka, plantation workers from Kegalle staged a protest on 15.10.2021 against the sacking of 11 employees in 2013 by Ansell Lanka in Biyagama. Reports indicate that the protestors had called upon the Australian multinational company to address their grievances.

16.10.2021: **Talks with Diaspora** - Colombo Gazette reports that the GoSL has ruled out talks with banned Tamil diaspora groups such as the Global Tamil Forum (GTF) in an interview with the Daily Mirror although they had previously mentioned there would be talks. SL had mentioned instead that they will look at engaging with others and told the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres during his recent visit that internal issues of SL should be resolved through an internal mechanism of the country.

18.10.2021: **Protest** - Farmers from Batticaloa marched from Kokkadicholai Junction to SL's Agrarian Development Department Office to address grievances caused by severe fertiliser shortages. According to JDS Lanka, the shortages had paralysed the industry and hence affected the livelihood of the local Tamil agrarian community.

19.10.2021: **Commemoration** - The 21st memorial of the Tamil journalist Nimalarajan Mylvaganam was held by the Batticaloa district Tamil Journalists Association & Batticaloa Press Club, reports JDS Lanka. Mylvaganam had been shot by paramilitary officers in a high-security zone at the time.

20.10.2021: **Aggression** - According to Tamil Nadu fishermen, SL Navy officials had crashed into an Indian fishing vessel causing the death of 1 and the arrest of 2 Indian fishermen, reports JDS Lanka.

21.10.2021: **Mullaitivu Press Club** - According to JDS Lanka, Mullaitivu's Press Club was inaugurated by the Head of Media Studies Department of Jaffna University and Dr. S. Raguram on 20.10.2021. Reports from Lanka Files indicate that the inauguration was conducted despite military and police intimidation on 19.10.2021.

22.10.2021: **Aggression** - Video reportage from JDS Lanka identifies occupational traffic police officers attacking 2 Tamil youth from Chengkaladi in Eravur on 22.10.2021. After being publicly abused the youth were arrested and taken to Eravur police station:

- ♦ Thissasekaram Dilip
- ♦ Thillainathan Kalaiarasan

Further reports indicate that the youth had been released on 24.10.2021 alongside the abusive police officer who had also been detained following the attack. According to JDS Lanka, the police officer was released after a bail payment of LKR 100,000 had been made.

23.10.2021: **TID** - BBC Tamil's correspondent and Tamil journalist, UL Mabruk from Addalachchenai, Amparai had received summons from SL's TID to appear before the Colombo Office on 08.11.2021, reports JDS Lanka. Navaratnam Kapilnath, a Tamil journalist from Vavuniya was also summoned by the TID to appear at the Vavuniya Office on 26.10.2021.

24.10.2021: **Satyagraha** - Sri Lanka's National Coalition Against Teacher-Principal Salary Anomaly consisting of 16 trade unions will embark on a Satyagraha strike between 24.10.2021-12.11.2021, reports Colombo Page. There continues to be zero movement from GoSL to address the salary issues faced by educators.

25.10.2021: **KNDU** - According to JDS Lanka, Batticaloa's members of the Ceylon Teachers' Union and other organisations had staged a protest to demand a solution for their salaries and to cease the militarisation of higher education as imminent through the KNDU Act.

28.10.2021: **Interrogation** - According to Tamil Guardian the municipal councillor,

V. Parthiban had been summoned by SL's TID for a five-hour long interrogation regarding the uniforms of a Jaffna Municipal Council task force. It is noteworthy that this incident had initially resulted in the arrest of the mayor of Jaffna in early 2021.

28.10.221: **Easter Attacks** - According to JDS Lanka, the 63 Mulsims imprisoned

since 2019 in relation to the Easter Sunday Bombings were further remanded until 11.11.2021 by Batticaloa's Magistrate.

30.10.2021: **TID** - Kanagasabai Vimalthas was questioned for 4 hours regarding his social media activities promoting the LTTE by SL's Counter Terrorism Investigation Division (CTID), reports JDS Lanka.

Why a Tamil Eelam Women's Day

N. MALATHY

"Tamil Eelam Women's Day falls on the 10th of October, the day the first female LTTE maaveerar, 2nd Lt Malathy, was martyred in Jaffna in a battle with the Indian Military in 1987."

This sentence touches on the military, historic, political and cultural background behind that day.

Militarily, Tamil women's participation in armed struggle goes back many centuries. Its intensification among Eelam Tamil women and its decimation in recent decades had caught the attention of the world. It remains a topic of research to this day. Malathy took her military training in the very first batch of nearly one hundred women during the 1984-85 period. She thus symbolizes the military role Tamil women have played in the struggle.

Historically, the struggle drew Eelam Tamil women to participate in large numbers, initially in peaceful mass protests which evolved into armed struggle. Malathy, who is from Mannar district took training in Tamil Nadu and was martyred in Jaffna in battle with the Indian forces. She thus symbolizes the twists and turns of the history of Eelam Tamil struggle and women's participation in it.

Politically, this day symbolizes the layers of continued oppression of Tamils in general and of Eelam Tamil women in particular. While the dominant narrative paints Sinhala Buddhist chauvinism as the enemy of Eelam Tamil freedom, the fact that Malathy died fighting the Indian military demonstrates the inadequacy of this narrative. This day thus packs the political complexity of the struggle of Eelam Tamil women and the superpower deceptions

that blocks Eelam Tamil independence thus pushing back the struggle of Eelam Tamil women.



The cultural aspect of this day, however, is the most important of all and it will answer the question of why this day, in the light of an already existing International Women's Day. Human life, indeed all life on earth, is tightly interconnected. As environmental threats take life to the edge of destruction, everyone is becoming more and more aware of this. As such even the all-important set of human rights declared by the United Nations, as they are practiced today ignores this

interconnectedness. International Women's Day like other international days for human rights, torture etc. etc. also intentionally avoids recognizing this interconnectedness of all rights. Eelam Tamil Women's Day exists in stark contradiction to this trend of breaking everything to the level of individuals. Let us see how.

The Eelam Tamil Women's Day is not a standalone day, rather it is embedded within a national struggle that is based on solidarity and recognizing equality and environmental protection. Solidarity is the keyword here. A word that today's neoliberal system negates treating people as individuals not as groups/nations. Though the contemporary world talks of women empowerment, female solidarity is a rare thing in this contemporary world. Solidarity among Eelam Tamil women, in contrast, was visible all around in the Tamil Eelam that was evolving. Initially it evolved among women who joined the armed struggle and gradually permeated to all women. That ability to be present in the public space, rather than the earlier culture of being restricted to the private space of home, was the noticeable feature of this solidarity. In the western countries women's presence in the public space took a different path that did not build from a cultural base of female solidarity. One could say it was its weak feature. When female solidarity forms the cultural basis for women to be present in the public space, the effects go deep into the society. That was what Eelam Tamil women were building and it was that which was destroyed. How was this female solidarity made possible?

Young women lived together with the ideology of national liberation which is in contrast to young women coming together to talk of marriage, children, family, cooking and dresses. It is hard to create this in time of peace but could one say that it is impossible? There was a powerful leader who gave them the confidence to act and stood behind them when they were criticized. Would there be another society with another powerful leader who stood behind the women in the public space at all times. The women were also given strenuous physical exercise that added further confidence. They were then primed to take on any task that a male could do. That in essence is how female solidarity was built in Tamil Eelam.



Though 2nd Lt. Malathy was killed in 1987, her act and her final words stand as proof of that solidarity that was building. She was injured in battle and her comrades tried to carry her away. She refused to be carried and decided that it is best to take her life rather than put her comrades in danger. She thus demanded that her weapon, which was a cherished possession, be returned to the leader and took her life by biting cyanide. That is the inspiration behind Eelam Tamil Women's Day that symbolizes the female solidarity which should form the basis of any struggle for liberation.

Signs of Structural Genocide

14.10.2021: **Cultural Genocide** - Mass discontent has spread across social media following news that an SL police officer had entered into 2 temples in the Tamil homeland with shoes, reports Virakesari. The actions are a sign of police intimidation and an attempt to instil cultural genocide. According to M.Rajapaksa's Coordinator for Religious Affairs, Ramachandran Guru, further action would be taken against the

actions once the relevant department had submitted a report.

Temples:

- ♦ Selvachchannithi Murugan Kovil
- ♦ Vallipura Alvar Saami Kovil

15.10.2021: **Encroachment** - According to Virakesari, locals had indicated that the lands of locals had been encroached by politicians and outsiders especially in the

village of Ambalpuram East, Mullaitivu Manthai. Reports indicate that the Manthai East Pradesiya Sabha was occupying privately-owned lands.

17.10.2021: **Militarisation** - Kilinochchi-based Headquarters of the just-raised 1 Corps of the SLA was ceremonially opened on 17.10.2021 during a formal inauguration. The headquarters constitute a large mobile reserve as the key striking force, capable of executing emergency operations under trying circumstances or against irregular adversaries for the betterment of SL, reports army.lk. Militarisation is a component of SL's genocidal ideology in furthering COIN methods through psychological warfare and the disruption of Tamils' territorial integrity.

17.10.2021: **Land Appropriation** - Batticaloa's locals from Pangkudaaveli Periya Kulani in Chengkaladi had staged a protest against large-scale sand mining in the area which was being conducted under the pretence of the construction of wells. According to JDS Lanka, the locals had indicated that if the mining progressed, over 500 families would be affected. Such sand mining activities impact the territorial integrity of the Tamil homeland hence furthering genocidal policy.

21.10.2021: **Sinhalicisation** - According to JDS Lanka and the TNA's Media Office, local Tamils and Muslims from Vaakarai, Kaaramunai Batticaloa had resisted against an impending settlement of around 200 Sinhalese through a protest. Reports indicate that the Eastern Province's Land Commissioner had attempted to conduct the settlement.

Sinhalicisation will disrupt the territorial integrity of the Tamil homeland and thus portray a sign of structural Tamil genocide.

27.10.2021: **Task Force** - G. Rajapaksa's newly-appointed 13-member Presidential Task Force to establish a "One Country, One Law" Act is required to meet monthly and provide a report on 28.02.2022, reports Colombo Page. A lack of Tamil representation in the Task Force and attempts to diminish Tamil sovereignty are of concern.

29.10.2021: **Sinhalicisation** - According to Kanagaratnam Sugash, 1,330 Sinhalese families from Anuradhapuram were to be settled in Vavuniya, causing locals to engage in protest against the systematic Sinhalicisation of the Tamil homeland.

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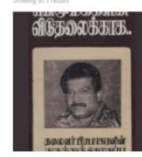
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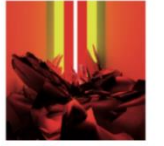
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