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**"தமிழர்கள் வரலாற்று ரீதியாக  
வாழ்ந்துவரும் தாயக நிலத்தை  
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தீர்வாக அமையாது."**

**National Leader of Tamil Eelam**

# Irandu Theepam Endrallum Athu Orai Sudar Thaan?

PHOENIX TNG CANADA

What does Maaveerar Naal mean to you? Maaveerar Naal is the sole day identified to collectively commemorate our fallens' sacrifices for us. Is it my Maaveerar Naal or your Maaveerar Naal? Even if it is, what is the difference between them? If I am here to pay respect and you are paying your respect in another place, would it make a difference? Will I have to pay respect within your organisational standard? Would the respect being paid by the younger generation be any different? We are not here to answer these questions. We are simply here to question the system. A day as sacred as Maaveerar Naal, a unifying day among Eelam Tamils, one that does not divide us on social intersections like caste, class, faith etc. Yet again, it is being jeopardised by systematic issues that are rooted within our community. Currently, under the guise of memorialization, we are being plagued with the same communal social issues of power and hierarchy.

2021's Maaveerar Naal is no different, organised by the same institutional structures following 2009, have failed to address any questions that are raised against them. Maaveerar Naal is a day of remembrance as we all know. However, these annual organisers have failed time and time again in the delivery of concrete and measurable outcomes. This raises the question of what the point of memorialization is without fighting against the existing social failures. We are not asking you to fight against the genocidal state. We have asked you to support the current Eelam struggles that are occurring on the ground and globally for example - families of the forcibly disappeared, Maaveerar families and diasporic disconnect to the homeland. However, yearly these issues have been pushed to the margin and has become a festival of showcasing organisational splendour as it relates to the struggle – a show business for lack of better words.

This is not to be anti-Tamil - that is not what this piece is about. Those holding this mentality are the reason for the way these organisations operate. Why have we not known what these organisations stand for? What are their goals? There has been no specific goal identified by these spaces or any actions taken by them. Is it okay if I pay respect and forget about the ongoing issues? Are we going to pretend like post 2009 is not a reality? What have these organisations done until this moment? If you are about commemoration of the past, why are we failing to pay attention to the present? These organisations have the same issues of hierarchy, patriarchy and nepotism. These characteristics breed a singular mentality, "mob mentality". You might wonder why "mob mentality" has been used to identify them. If you can't answer the questions asked earlier in this article. That is exactly what mob mentality is about. To the extent that

figureheads forcibly escorted and removed youth out of the collective Maaveerar Naal commemoration under claims of monopolistic control over the space.

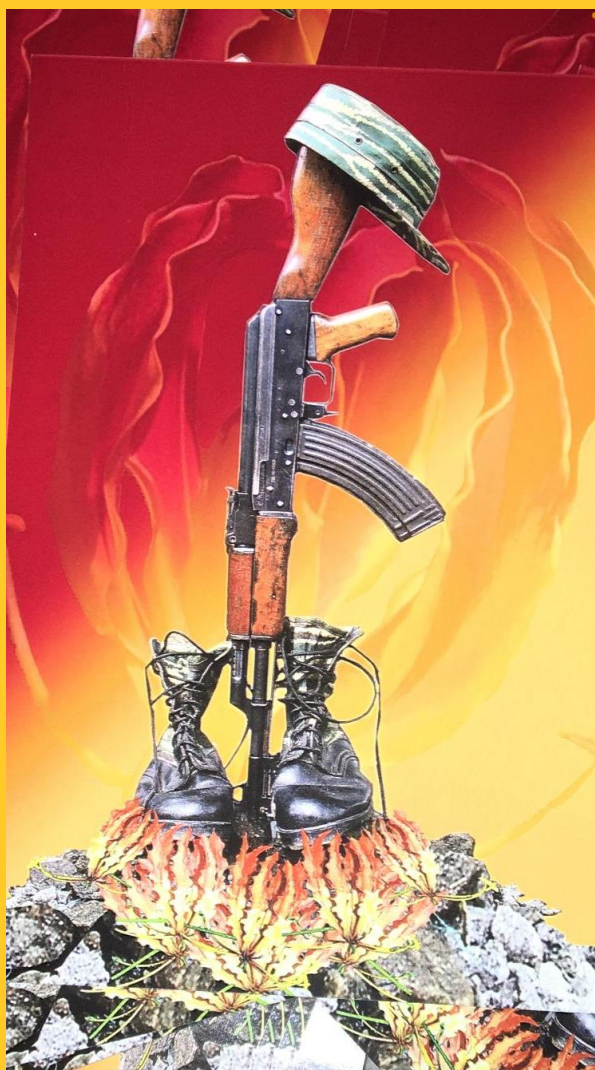
Instructions are being given and followed blindly. These failures to educate the younger generation on the Tamil liberation struggle and providing them with blanket ideologies with no in-depth explanation - creates a generation of false identity. The next generation knows who our leaders were, who our Maaveerars' were but they are unable to comprehend the extent of their sacrifices. You might think these statements seem restrictive however, that is what is happening in existing organisational spaces citing "youth involvement".

The reality is that the youth are not being given a platform, youth are being used as sheep by the shepherd. One cannot educate the struggle by giving instructions. The struggle comes through an independently felt sense of experience. These organisational spaces are operated by the same people that eradicate new ideas – questioning the need for change. The need for change will never be addressed as the organisers reproduce results based on what works for them. Failing to take into account the shift within the exterior of that boundary. Youth are not being given an opportunity to have authentic leadership citing "you are dividing the people through creation of separate organisational spaces" or asking "do you know Thalaivar". Downplaying our well versed knowledge of the armed struggle and highlighting their need for continuation of control through nepotism and proximity.

Being Eelam Tamil is a daily struggle. It is not mine or yours to organise and marketise. Do not get us wrong, we are thankful for these organisational spaces to hold these events in the way they have known for all these years. However, one cannot ignore their downfalls within these structures because they provide the *only* known space for the community that brings people together. We recognize that Maaveerar Naal is a collective space of memorialization. We do however question the organisations that run these events and their agendas. Personal agendas have led to the public receiving misinformation regarding the conduction of Maaveerar Naal. Such information within the Canada space was broadcasted by CMR, a Tamil radio channel notifying the public of the cancellation of Maaveerar Naal. Further, the shifting of such spaces away from political ideological frameworks towards a neutral/complacent organisational space displaces the truth of the revolution. For example, the renaming of Maaveerar Naal as we know it to, "Tamil National Heroes Day" whitewashes the legacy of the struggle itself which is concerning.

What is the point of having a Maaveerar Naal when you reject the significant symbology of our Maaveerar? What are you afraid of? You willingly host these events that bring in people – yet again it quickly becomes tokenized through organisational representation of figureheads without meaningful action. We do not need this tokenism, it is already being overdone in the cinematic and Tamil Nadu political spaces that "aims" to speak to our existence. Let us be real for a moment, it is 2021 and the Tamil diaspora does not

need anymore tokenism. We have integrated in many ways within the western society that this form of tokenism does not satisfy us any more.



We have accountable leadership that is being denied these opportunities. When space is created by this leadership, the "leading organisations" push back. We are not here to denounce these older organisations nor discredit their efforts for the Tamil community. We are demanding our differences to be put aside and for the collective to focus on the real issues for the people and the nation. If these so-called spaces truly stand for the liberation struggle, why are they afraid of alternative approaches? It is evident that these organisations and their personal agenda suppress these collective opportunities as spoken by one of their figure heads "neenga Thileepan Annada ninaivu naal thaniya seinchavangal thaandai?" – aren't you the ones who did Thileepan Anna's event and "if we had seen you coming in uniform, we would not have let you in." Forcing the need for singular representation through them.

The disconnect between the political ideological frameworks that have been established and the social reality have created a misappropriated space for the people, where the masses falsely believe in the existence of a revolutionary space through these organisations' selective use of symbology. Additionally, the truth lies in the

manner in which monopolisation occurs within these spaces and has been revealed through interactions with organisational figureheads on 27.11.2021 regarding power and domination "we have been doing this for 30 plus years". It is undeniable the aged inter-diaspora conflict forges a social disruption among the people. Where generations of the Tamil diaspora are forcibly excluded from collective spaces like Maaveerar Naal.

Karikalan of Phoenix TNG Canada upon being forcibly escorted out of Maaveerar Naal for the distribution of 4" x 6" photos of the AK-47 Maaveerar image and Phoenix TNG Canada business cards countered, "irandu theepam endrallum athu orai sudar thaana" the flame (light) is the same even if it's two lamps. Which was abruptly dismissed by organizers who did not seem to have answers for this. We leave it to you to decide. Irandu Theepam Endrallum Athu Orai Sudar Thaan?

# International News

02.11.2021: **World Climate Summit** - G. Rajapaksa defends his government's controversial decision to ban agrochemicals at the World Climate Summit in Scotland, despite growing opposition from farmers and experts. He also says he wants to generate 70% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030. In addition, he is proud to lead in the Global Energy Compact for No New Coal Power, Economy Next reports.

04.11.2021: **Goods** - According to Lankadeepa, owners of over 900 containers of essential goods remain unable to clear the containers at Colombo Port as a result of a shortage of sufficient funds of USD, reports Newswire.lk.

13.11.2021: **ILC** - According to JDS Lanka, Sri Lanka's (SL's) ex-Chief Justice and war-time Attorney General, Mohan Peiris had failed in his attempt to be elected to the UN's International Law Commission. Many international advocacy groups such as the Filipino human rights movement, iDefend and Jasmin Sooka's International Truth and Justice Project (ITJPSL) had heavily advocated against the appointment.

15.11.2021: **US** - According to Colombo Gazette, a top US official from the state department has visited Sri Lanka. During her stay she is going to visit several leaders and officials to strengthen the partnership.

19.11.2021: **Security operation workshop**  
- According to army.lk, the ICRC

Regional Armed and Security Forces delegate in Colombo and its Adviser with the close coordination of the Director HR and IHL organised a workshop in order to widen the knowledge of officers and bridge their gaps on military internal security operations by sharing their expertise and experiences in diversified areas such as the ICRC Role, International Law, Human Rights and Law Enforcement Powers, Arrest/Detention, Use of force and firearms, Case Studies, etc. It was held on 16.11.2021 and 17.11.2021 at the SL Light Infantry Regimental HQ at Panagoda. Earlier reports indicate that Ms. Tara Feodora Montgomery - Head of Operations, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Colombo called at the Security Force Headquarters - Jaffna on 10.11.2021 during a visit undertaken to the Jaffna peninsula.

22.11.2021: **UN Assistant Secretary General for Asia** - According to Colombo Gazette, the United Nations (UN) Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific from the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs – Department of Peace Operations Khaled Khiari is on an official visit to SL. This visit follows after the meeting in September 2021 between UN Secretary-General António Guterres and G. Rajapaksa. Khiari is to meet senior government officials, representatives of political parties, civil society, religious leaders and diplomats.

25.11.2021: **UN** - The UN Assistant Secretary General for Political, Peacebuilding and Peace Operations, Khaled Khiari, mentioned that the UN is willing to engage in a constructive and positive engagement with SL and will always work closely with them. During this visit, G. Rajapaksa recalled his invitation to the diaspora during his participation in the UN general Assembly to work with all communities, reports PMD News.

25.11.2021: **Scotland** - In an announcement by Police Scotland, Scotland will terminate their training of SL's police over intimidation and surveillance concerns under the PTA and

will not seek to renew their contract which is due to expire in March 2022, reports BBC News.

29.11.2021: **Germany** - According to Colombo Gazette the German ambassador, Holger Seubert, is visiting Jaffna and Trincomalee. The intention of this visit is to strengthen the economic ties of this region of SL with Germany. During this visit Seubert will launch the partnership between the German Asia Pacific Business Association (OAV) and the Yalpanam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (YCCI) partnered by the German Chamber of Commerce (AHK Sri Lanka).

## Bilateral Discussions

01.11.2021: **Bangladesh** - According to SL's Tourism Ministry, discussions were held between Bangladesh's High Commissioner to SL, Taregmd Ariful Islam and SL's Tourism Minister, Prasanna Ranatunga at the ministry, reports Newswire.lk Reports indicate that a MoU on tourism is expected to be signed between the 2 countries soon.

02.11.2021: **COP26** - G. Rajapaksa held bilateral discussions with the representatives of many states who were present at the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference, reports Newswire.lk.

**Bahrain** - Crowned Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain, Salman Bin Hamad Al

Khalifa held discussions to strengthen SL-Bahrain-UK relations. Areas of discussion:

- ◆ Employment opportunities

**Nepal** - President and Prime Minister of Nepal, Sher Bahadur Deuba, discussed bilateral relations. Areas of discussion:

- ◆ Promotion of tourism
- ◆ Promotion of education

**Commonwealth** - Secretary General, Patricia Scotland met at the Merchants House in Glasgow to discuss assistance to expand SL's market opportunities.

Other leaders met:

- ◆ Prince Charles
- ◆ Prince of Wales
- ◆ President of Ukraine - Volodymyr Zelensky

- ◆ Director General of World Trade Organisation (WTO) - Ngozi Okonko-Iweala
- ◆ Middle Eastern & Western country representatives

08.11.2021: **India** - SL's High Commissioner to India, Milinda Moragoda explored means of furthering bilateral cooperations during a meeting with the Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister of India, Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on 02.11.2021, reports Colombo Page. During the meeting, the latter was presented with Moragoda's policy road map titled "Integrated Country Strategy for Sri Lanka Diplomatic Missions in India 2021-2023".

09.11.2021: **Maldives** - G. Rajapaksa met with the President of Maldives, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih during a two-day official visit to SL at the Presidential Secretariat, reports Colombo Page. During the meeting bilateral discussions of mutual interest were completed.

07.11.2021: **China** - According to Economy Next, the lawyer Chinese fertiliser company, Qingdao Seawin Biotech Group Co. Ltd is demanding the SL authority to pay USD 8 million for the losses and damages caused by the loss of its reputation and goodwill, as well as existing and potential business. SL's refusal to accept the fertilisers containing the controversial bacteria has strained diplomatic relations with China.

08.11.2021: **Bangladesh** - Bangladesh and SL are working on a preferential trade agreement to promote bilateral trade, reports Economy Next. Important issues include:

- ◆ trade development
- ◆ investment and logistic services
- ◆ shipping and air transport

09.11.2021: **Brazil** - According to Economy Next, SL's embassy in Brazil, along with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, is calling for the expansion of bilateral trade. Ambassador Dassanayake intends to explore opportunities for joint ventures, business cooperation and partnerships with Brazilian and South American companies.

10.11.2021: **Colonisation** - Catholic Bishops met a Swiss Envoy led by the Swiss Ambassador, Dominik Furgler at the Jaffna Bishops House on 10.11.2021. According to JDS Lanka, the bishops had made a rare declaration where they had notified the envoy of the GoSL's efforts to colonise the demography of Tamils across the Tamil homeland through Sinhalese colonisation efforts.

Bishops:

- ◆ Dr. Fidelis Lionel Emmanuel Fernando - Mannar
- ◆ Justin Bernard Gnanapragasam - Jaffna
- ◆ Christian Noel Emmanuel - Trincomalee
- ◆ Joseph Ponniah

12.11.2021: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette, the India- SL Parliamentary Friendship Association was established. The president of the association is Chamal Rajapaksa and Rauff Hakeem, M. A. Sumanthiran and Dr. V. Radhakrishnan were elected as the vice-presidents. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa and Jeevan

Thondaman were elected as the Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively. Jagath Kumara Sumithraarachchi was elected as the Treasurer of the Association.

The Indian High Commissioner expressed confidence that the establishment of the Association would reinvigorate parliamentary exchanges and interactions between the two democracies. He added that this would further aid in strengthening the multi-faceted bilateral relationship between the two nations, especially in six areas including:

- ◆ fostering the sharing of democratic values
- ◆ cooperation in combating common challenges
- ◆ enhancing people-to-people connectivity
- ◆ encouraging greater economic engagement
- ◆ strengthening the cultural connect
- ◆ sharing the fruits of development partnership.

18.11.2021: **Bangladesh** - According to Economy Next, the foreign ministers of SL and Bangladesh have agreed to strengthen cooperation between the ports of Chittagong and SL. The shipping cooperation will bring benefits in terms of financial resources and time savings.

19.11.2021: **FIFA** - FIFA President, Gianni Infantino visited G. Rajapaksa and M. Rajapaksa at the SL President's House in Anuradhapura on 19.11.2021 and stated that his Federation would support the construction of a full-fledged football stadium in or near Colombo.

22.11.2021: **UN** - United Nations (UN) Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Khaled Khair will meet senior GoSL officials, political party and civil society representatives, religious leaders and the diplomatic community. He will be in SL between 23.11.2021-25.11.2021, Economy Next reports.

22.11.2021: **Russia** - The Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, Mr. Nikolai Patrushev, on the invitation of SL's Ministry of Defence, arrived in SL on 22.11.2021 for a three-day visit. At the airport, K. Gunaratne, Shavendra Silva, the SL Navy Commander and the SL Air Force (SLAF) Commander warmly welcomed the delegate who is directly responsible to the President of the Russian Federation, reports army.lk.

Colombo Page further reports about the meeting with G. Rajapaksa. During this meeting following persons were present:

- ◆ Russian Ambassador in SL - Yury Materiy
- ◆ Deputy Secretaries of the Security Council of the Russian Federation - Aleksander Venediktov and Oleg Khramov
- ◆ Secretary to the SL President - P. B. Jayasundera
- ◆ Principal Advisor to the SL President - Lalith Weeratunga
- ◆ Foreign Secretary - Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage
- ◆ A team of Russian diplomats

In this meeting G. Rajapaksa thanked Russia for the following things:

- ◆ 5,000 doses of Sputnik vaccine

- ♦ Russia's assistance in the vaccination drive
- ♦ 49,379 Russian tourists in 2020 amidst the pandemic

He also expressed his readiness to deepen cooperation in addressing following topics:

- ♦ extremism
- ♦ terrorism
- ♦ cyber threats
- ♦ sharing of intelligence information
- ♦ countering terrorist financing

G. Rajapaksa also expressed his wish to expand SL's export range under Russia's GSP scheme. He further expressed interests in Russian investment into the Colombo City Port, across the sectors of:

- ♦ Energy
- ♦ Pharmaceutical
- ♦ ICT
- ♦ Agriculture
- ♦ Infrastructure
- ♦ Oil & gas exploration
- ♦ Logistics

He also thanked Russia for supporting SL at the UN Human Rights Council sessions.

On the other hand, Russia extended its support to SL in its fight against terrorism.

22.11.2021: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette, the SL Finance Minister, B. Rajapaksa is going to Delhi for an official visit. SL's Foreign Minister, G. L. Peiris mentioned that the purpose of the visit is to tackle SL's economic crisis. Their interests in the visit include the:

- ♦ Improvement of economic and trade relations
- ♦ Boost of tourism
- ♦ Search of investment opportunities

23.11.2021: **Germany** - The German Ambassador to SL, H. E. Holger Seubert met the Commander of the SL Navy to discuss several matters of bilateral importance, reports navy.lk.

24.11.2021: **UN** - The United Nations Special Rapporteur on modern forms of slavery, Tomoya Obokata will visit SL for seven days. He will examine working conditions in various sectors and industries and assess the implementation of laws and policies, as well as systemic barriers, Economy Next reports.

25.11.2021: **Democracy Summit** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL has not been invited by the US to a virtual democracy summit. Over 100 countries are joining this summit. SL belongs to the list of states such as China and Russia which have not been invited.

25.11.2021: **Germany** - Germany urges SL to end import controls as, among other things, the usual trade surplus with SL has widened due to import controls. The gap is widening and bilateral trade is unilaterally beneficial to SL. It also promotes free and fair trade, Economy Next reports.

26.11.2021: **Germany** - According to Economy Next, the German warship, Frigate Bayern will visit SL in January, 2022. Germany unveiled the pursuit of an Indo-Pacific strategy in 2020 to keep sea lanes open for global trade.

30.11.2021: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's High Commissioner to India has met the Indian Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, in

Delhi. Both parties discussed augmenting defence and security cooperation.

30.11.2021: **UAE** - According to G. L. Peiris, G. Rajapaksa will be visiting Abu Dhabi to present an inaugural address at the International Indian Ocean

Conference on 04.12.2021, reports Virakesari. In bilateral discussions with G. L. Peiris, the UAE's Ambassador to SL had expressed interests of the UAE to strengthen bilateral trade and economic relations between the 2 entities.

## Caricature



This caricature was meant to show that one day all our problems will come to an end and that every single person who deliberately wanted to see our people die will have to pay for it. We will always look up to our heroes and feel their strength within us and continue to fight.

# Building Blocks for Freedom

AP TEAM, PURADSI MEDIA

In a time where the values of our martyrs are cherished in a two-dimensionalised manner, members of our Akkinip Paravaikal Newsletter Team dissect what it means to be a maaveerar through breaking down their characteristics. Through doing so, we examine how such characteristics become the fundamentals to leading the struggle towards liberation. At the forefront of our struggle for liberation, we apply such characteristics to analyse what steps must be taken or are being taken and hence elucidate such characteristics as not something to be admired, but applied as the building blocks for freedom.

## CONFIDENCE Vithusa

Confidence shapes the social sphere, where the internal and the external experience highlights the self-assurance of this characteristic. Confidence in simple terms is firm trust in an individual. This trust is fixed in a core belief that their actions will elicit a positive outcome for those in proximity to such individuals. In saying so, confidence therefore is a behavioural and action-based outcome of one's own increased self-esteem.

One can go back and analyse the movement and draw on historical points that aided in the expansion of such confidence in individuals. However, this merely would not do justice to the scores of Maaveerar that attained martyrdom in the fight for our people and our nation. A brief glimpse into the social realities reveals the psychological state of the masses in a time of increasing state repression. With attempts to the socio-economic and political stripping of Eela Tamil existence, many were rendered into a position of misery whereby, the motivational factors within their lived reality were stampeded in an act of violent genocide that continues to exist today. Through these attempts at silencing, arose a source of confidence rooted in full faith and action towards a free, sovereign, secular socialist state of Tamil Eelam. In parallel to the ongoing democratic and political strides, the youth led movement of the TNT - later renamed to the LTTE, shifted the social consciousness drastically among the masses.

Undoubtedly, the movement's connection to the generation of individuals deeply impacted by the implementation of repressive acts opened an avenue for opportunity. It is within this opportunity that an understanding of whole trust was formulated. The core belief that the people and the nation would be free. To some degree this trust was also the reason which recruited many porali's into the liberation struggle. For others, it was the faith they had in the youth-led leadership following the gross violation of human life by GoSL. Evidently, the direct and indirect experience of the ongoing violation led to the masses losing confidence in the GoSL. Reinforcing that the state is a threat to the masses.

It is within this capacity the guerilla and later more regulated militant warfare tactics brewed a level of confidence among the people. This symbiotic relationship were the foundational underpinnings that permeated the Tamil Eelam space as well as the diasporic spaces. When there is confidence among the membership, there is confidence in the populus. Each of our Maaveerar epitomised their positionality and attained great martyrdom as Maaveerars of Tamil Eelam - with full confidence in their end goal. It is our duty as children of this nation to carry forward the end goal to attain freedom for our people and our nation.

# Military News

02.11.2021: **Arrest** - According to Newswire.lk, 2 suspects including an individual deported from Canada and an SL dual citizen who had served in the US Navy had been remanded by the Theldeniya Police in Kandy for the possession of multiple weapons and LKR 700,000. Reports indicate that the 44-year-old former US Naval Officer had served in the 143rd Squadron of the US Navy between 2004-January 2021. Items seized:

- ♦ 100 live bullets
- ♦ Rambo knife
- ♦ Telescopic site/scope
- ♦ Firearm similar to air rifle
- ♦ 4 mini walkie talkies
- ♦ 2 unregistered motorcycles
- ♦ 4 registered motorcycles
- ♦ 2 mobile phones
- ♦ Number plate registered in the US
- ♦ Passport
- ♦ LKR 700,000

04.11.2021: **Indian Air Force** - To support SL's farmers with Nano Nitrogen Fertiliser, the Indian Air Force has deployed C-17 Globemaster military transport aircraft. This rapid deployment was coordinated in close cooperation with the SLAF and demonstrates the close coordination between the two services, Economy Next reports.

02.11.2021: **Land release** - According to defence.lk, a plot of land in the Mullaitivu district that was used by the occupational Army has been handed back. According to SL Army media sources, 11 acres of land not belonging

to the SL state was symbolically released to the Mullaitivu District Secretariat on 28.10.2021 during a brief ceremony at the 682nd Brigade Headquarters.

12.11.2021: **China** - According to airforce.lk, a Chinese delegation from their Embassy met the SL Air Marshall at the SLAF HQ. There they donated LKR 1.5 million to the SL Seva Vanitha Unit.

15.11.2021: **Ukraine** - According to airforce.lk, the defence, naval and air attaché of the Ukrainian embassy has met the SL Air Marshal at the SLAF HQ. They discussed several topics of bilateral interests.

16.11.2021: **New appointment** - The recently-appointed SL Commander, Security Forces - Mullaitivu, Sanjaya Wanasingha, paid a formal visit to the 57th Division HQ in Kilinochchi, reports army.lk.

16.11.2021: **US** - Former SLA Commander, Gen. Mahesh Senanayake was inducted into the US Army's Command & General Staff College International Hall of Fame on 16.11.2021, reports JDS Lanka.

25.11.2021: **Russia** - Lieutenant General Yuri Mikhailovich Stavitsky, Chief of Engineering Troops of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation visited SL with the objective of observing the ongoing SLA's Humanitarian Demining roles and sharing advanced technical know-how with SL troops for the acceleration of

demining efforts and visited Shavendra Silva, reports army.lk.

28.11.2021: **Trilateral Training** - India, SL and the Maldives completed a Trilateral Naval training conducted by the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) which took place between 27.11.2021-28.11.2021 to strengthen the securitisation of the connecting ocean, reports Colombo Page.

## WHAM

05.10.2021: **Coconut** - According to army.lk, the 51st Division HQ of the Security Force Headquarters - Jaffna in parallel with the national drive for island-wide cultivation of 4 m coconut saplings, allocated its full capacity behind the project by inaugurating the planting of 800 coconut saplings in one 12-acre patch of land inside the Palaly Army Farm on 03.11.2021.

05.10.2021: **Buildings** - Shavendra Silva was invited by the 51st Division HQ to lay the foundation stone for construction of one more new house for a former LTTE cadre residing in Chunnakam, reports army.lk.

08.11.2021: **Drinking water facility** - Troops of the 561st Brigade located in Kanagarayankulam set up a drinking water supply point for those traveling along the A9 road and inaugurated it on 02.11.2021, reports army.lk.

11.11.2021: **College** - G. Rajapaksa opened the National Defence College citing a "long-felt need", reports

29.11.2021: **STF** - SL's STF forces carried out island-wide special operations to detect and dismantle organised crime including drug trafficking and other crimes, reports Colombo Page. The operation spanned 24 hours with 72 camps and 12 sub-camp military personnel deployed for the operation.

Colombo Page. The institution is located at Mumtaz Mahal building of the SL Ministry of Defence at Galle Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka.

11.11.2021: **School** - Responding positively to a request of the Mannankandal Primary School principal, 14 SL Sinha Regiment troops of the 641st Brigade under the 64th Division of the SL Security Force HQ - Mullaitivu cleaned the school premises on 08.11.2021 before the school sessions began, reports army.lk.

16.11.2021: **Fishing community** - According to army.lk, troops of the 572nd Brigade of the 57th Division under the SL Security Force HQ - Mullaitivu with the view to providing possibilities for income-generating sources and multiplying nutrition factor among needy communities recently released 75,000 fish fingerlings into the Pilamanthallaru tank in Mullaitivu area.

23.11.2021: **Medical camps** - Due to COVID-19, the 51st Division HQ of the

Security Force HQ - Jaffna (SFHQ-J) on the guidelines provided by its Commander, General Officer Commanding, 51st Division held a mobile medical camp covering Selvapuram, Yogapuram and Kopay villages in the Jaffna peninsula on 21.11.2021, reports army.lk.

24.11.2021: **Blood donation** - According to army.lk, more than 95 soldiers from the 231st Brigade of the 23rd Division of the Eastern Security Forces HQ volunteered to donate blood at a meeting held at the 231st Brigade HQ on 19.11.2021 to replenish the blood bank at the Batticaloa University Hospital.



## **CONVICTION** Nitharsan

Conviction is not simply believing in something. The simple belief could be viewed as naive - especially in the context of the struggle. It can even disappear when the individual just stops believing in the idea because of simple problems or grievances. That is where conviction comes into play. Conviction is more than believing in an idea. A convinced person knows why he is believing, why his belief is right and starts to act according to it.

When we look at the conviction in the context of the Tamil struggle, we will realise that Maaveerar are the symbols of the conviction of our struggle. They just did not solely believe that Tamil Eelam is a necessity. They were convinced of the idea that Tamil Eelam is the only lasting solution for the Tamils. That conviction is visible through them joining the LTTE, facing all the hardships of the struggle and finally sacrificing not only their lives, but also all of their individual dreams, desires and possessions.

The conviction laid the foundation for all the success of the Tamils during the time of the LTTE. There were masses of Tamils who were convinced of the struggle and ready to sacrifice everything that was required. Yet since 2009, this conviction seems to have vanished within the Tamil community. Since then, everything seems to happen on the basis of routine without believing in the success of our struggle. That is the reason why we do not even move an inch forward and every seasoned organisation or activist also tries to surrender the terms of our struggle.

Maaveerar does not have any distinction. The age, the military rank, provincialism, caste, or religion do not matter. However, for our actual situation we have to focus on the Maaveerar during the pre Eelamwar era and the Maaveerar during the final stage - especially on the shores of Nanthikadal, must be examined more specifically nowadays as these Maaveerar will be the inspiration that Phoenix TNG needs. The Maaveerar from both time periods were active during a time where the victory seemed like an illusion. However, they still fought and sacrificed everything that was required at that time. These Maaveerar at these specific times had the conviction and the understanding of the necessity of their actions - even if it seemed doomed in the eyes of people.

When the next generation that is coming forward through organisations such as Phoenix TNG, have the conviction of the Maaveerar during the early stages of the armed struggle and of the Maaveerar on the shores of Nanthikadal, we will move forward to our common goal. The youth with their unshakable conviction will not only lay the foundation for the next phase of the struggle, they will also motivate following members to be convinced of the struggle echoing what the early Maaveerar did for the following cadres during all the Eelamwars or what the Maaveerar did at the shores of Nanthikadal, that activated the founding members of Phoenix TNG.

Nonetheless, looking from within Phoenix TNG, the next batch of convinced youth are coming out and will definitely lay the needed foundation for the future of our struggle.

# Domestic News

## Tamil Eelam

02.11.2021: **Fisheries** - Due to bottom trawling by fishermen from India, Annalingam Annarasa is struggling to make a living on the resettled Northern coastal island of Kayts. As the president of the Federation of Jaffna District Fishermen Societies, she notes that Indian bottom trawling has reduced fish populations in territorial waters and has damaged the livelihood of local fishermen. Thousands of fishermen have called on the GoSL to take a stand on the issue of Indian trawlers, but so far unsuccessfully, Economy Next reports.

02.11.2021: **Political parties** - According to Newswire.lk, Tamil and Muslim political parties from the Tamil homeland had met in Jaffna on 02.11.2021 where 4 demands were put forth and it was decided to enlist other parties including progressive groups from the South of SL.

### Demands:

- ♦ Implement the 13th Amendment in full and conduct Provincial Council elections.
- ♦ Dismiss the Venerable Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara Thero headed Presidential Task Force.
- ♦ Remove the PTA and release political prisoners.
- ♦ Stop land grabs in the North and East.

### Participants:

- ♦ Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) - Rauf Hakeem
- ♦ Tamil Progressive Alliance (TPA) - Mano Ganesan
- ♦ Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization (TELO) - Selvam Adaikalanathan
- ♦ Democratic People's Liberation Front (DPLF) - Siddharthan
- ♦ Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) - Suresh Premachandran
- ♦ Tamil National People's Front (TNPF) - Srikanthan
- ♦ Tamizh Makkal Tesiya Kootani (TMTK) - Professor Sivapalan

07.11.2021: **Death** - An 18-year-old student from Jaffna drowned after swimming in a well in Sulipuram with his friends on 06.11.2021.

11.11.2021: **Jaffna** - SL's State Minister, Vidura Wickramanayake has been delegated by SL's Department of Archeology to preserve the historic Manthiri Manai Palace in Jaffna, Occupied Tamil Eelam, reports Colombo Page. The structure which has been relatively preserved will undergo further efforts following review of ownership and land deeds.

16.11.2021: **ICE** - LKR 24 Million and 3 suspects were detained by SL's Occupying Navy on 15.11.2021 in Talaimannar, Occupied Tamil Eelam and were taken into naval custody and later

handed over to Talaimannar Police for legal action, reports Colombo Page.

23.11.2021: **Appointment** - Occupational SLN facilitated the visit of the new Governor of the Northern Province, Jeevan Theagarajah who called at the island sector in the Jaffna District on 20.11.2021, reports navy.lk.

23.11.2021: **Trincomalee** - A ferry carrying 25-35 passengers across Kinniya Lagoon at Kurinjankarni Bay overturned. As a result, six people drowned, including four children. This led to an angry protest by locals over a collapsed bridge across the lagoon, which has not yet been refurbished, Economy Next reports.

30.11.2021: **Body** - A mutilated body was recovered from the Kattaikadu jungle area of Jaffna in a decomposed state. According to Virakesari another body was also found to have been washed ashore in Vadamarachchi East, Manalkadu, Valvettithurai and Neduntivu on 29.11.2021.

30.11.2021: **Suicide** - According to Virakesari, a 69-year-old Tamil man, Thiyagaraja Pathirajan had completed suicide in Amirthakali, Batticaloa through self-immolation citing solitude and a hatred for life.

30.11.2021: **Oil** - SL's Petroleum Minister, Udaya Gammanpila mentioned that hydrocarbon deposits may be present in the Jaffna Peninsula and shallow waters of the Cauvery Basin. Reports indicate that investigations have commenced and that within three months with the

help of evaluation, it can be determined as to whether there is oil on land, Economy Next reports. Earlier reports from 23.11.2021 indicate that in early 2022, SL will hold an auction to find investors for Block M2. Traces of natural gas have already been found in the oil block in the Mannar Basin, Economy Next reports.

## **Climate**

07.11.2021: **Weather** - Thousands of families and individuals have been affected by intensive rain across the Tamil homeland, reports Virakesari.

- ◆ Families - 101
- ◆ Individuals - 386
- ◆ Households - 7
- ◆ Deaths - 2

09.11.2021: **COP26** - United National Party (UNP) immediately calls for a roadmap to be presented so that the country can successfully meet the targets set at the recent COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. One proposal here is to generate 70% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030, Economy Next reports.

30.11.2021: **Floods** - According to locals, an unrehabilitated pond in Chettiyoorkulam, Vavuniya had broken through overflow on 29.11.2021 following heavy rains, reports Virakesari. According to local farmers the breakage would impact at least 50 acres of the local agrarian community to a significant extent - especially those who depend on the pond for cultivation.

## DUTY Sri Balandran Ravichandran

In 1849 the philosopher Henry David Thoreau published his writings "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience" in which he describes that it is not only a right but also the duty of every individual, in view of the injustices of a state, not simply to accept them but to fight against them. His writings influenced well-known freedom and justice movements such as those of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

However, this duty to rebel against injustices was known in Tamil history long before Thoreau. History has produced numerous Tamil warriors who have carried out this honorable duty. Be it historical personalities such as Veerapandiya Kattabomman, Oomaithurai, Puli Thevar, the Marudhu Pandiyars, Dheeran Chinnamalai, Rani Velu Nachiyar, Kuyili, Cankili II., Migapillai Arachchi and Pandara Vanniyan or even modern rebels who showed us as role models in our own lifetime what it means being dutiful.

Following the nonviolent resistance led by S. J. V. Chelvanayakam to guarantee our rights in our homeland in Eelam failed, our Maaveerar under the leadership of Hon. V. Prabhakaran have committed themselves to fight armed against the injustices of the Sinhala chauvinist state of SL. Thus, to ensure the rights and freedom of the Tamil people, nation, and homeland they gave their lives for this duty and were ready to die for it.

Their duty did not stop at the genocidal acts of the SL government but also aimed at combating the discriminatory acts within the Tamil society. They stood for a progressive revolutionary Tamil society without caste, religion, or gender discrimination.

They devoted themselves to these duties until their death. But now the question arises, after they have left us, who will now carry out these duties?

When I ask myself this question, the only thing that comes to my mind is Hon. V. Prabhakaran's answer, when he was asked in an interview, why everyone calls him a demigod:

**"The Tamil people have a weakness. What they can't do or won't to own responsibility which demands hard work, sacrifice, and dedication, they construct a hero or a demigod and place everything on his shoulder. I am doing what any Tamil would and should do. And if any Tamil does his/her duty to the nation I won't appear as a hero or demigod."**

So, since our heroes, our Maaveerar are not with us anymore physically, it is our duty to own responsibility and continue their duty and fight for our rights, nation, and freedom by any rightful means necessary.

## **Sri Lanka**

01.11.2021: **Justice** - According to Newswire.lk, SL's Ministry of Justice had issued a statement with a progress update on amendments to SL's legislation as of 31.10.2021.

- ◆ 08 - completed
- ◆ 83 - to be completed
- ◆ 05 - completed and referred to other Ministries/Agencies

01.11.2021: **One country, one law** - Controversial Buddhist monk, Galagodaaththe Gnanasara Thero in SL's Task Force mentioned that he will discuss the issues discussed in the ultra-nationalist organisation Bodu Bala Sena (BBS) in the gazette and include them in the bill. This bill should make uniform laws for all SL citizens and abolish other regional laws that have been in place in SL for centuries. It is noteworthy that in the Task Force there is no Tamil representation, which according to Gnanasara Thero, is not a priority, Economy Next reports. In an attempt to conceal overt racism, G. Rajapaksa removed appointed members of the One Country, One Law Task Force and included 3 Tamil representatives on 10.11.2021, reports the Colombo Page. Those appointed were:

- ◆ Ramalingam Chakrawarthy Karunakaran
- ◆ Yogeswari Patgunarajah
- ◆ Iyyampillai Dayanandaraja

02.11.2021: **Appointment** - The current President of SL's Public Services United Nurses Union, Muruththettuwa Ananda Thero was appointed as the Chancellor of the University of Colombo by G.

Rajapaksa, and will assume his position from 17.11.2021, reports Newswire.lk.

10.11.2021: **Constitution** - M. Rajapaksa mentioned that the appointed committee is expected to complete the draft of SL's constitution by the end of 2021 and that the process is currently in its final stages. The committee includes some of the country's most prominent lawyers and intellectuals, Economy Next reports.

10.11.2021: **Salary increase** - According to Economy Next, Prime Minister M. Rajapaksa has agreed to pay the teachers' unions' salary increase in one payment. B. Rajapaksa would include the salary increase in the draft budget for 2022, Economy Next reports.

14.11.2021: **Arrest** - 6 Individuals were arrested on 13.11.2021 by Occupying Mannar Police and the Occupying 54th Brigade of the Army in a joint-operation carried out to stop illegal excavation of gold in Oluthudawa reserve located in Mannar. According to Colombo Page, the individuals aged between 26-60 were residents of:

- ◆ Hettimulla
- ◆ Kutiyakumbura
- ◆ Panadura
- ◆ Borolanda
- ◆ Halpe

16.11.2021: **PTA** - K. Gunaratne presented the first copy of the review report of the PTA to G. Rajapaksa on 15.11.2021 at SL's Presidential Secretariat, reports Colombo Page.

18.11.2021: **Rights** - G. Rajapaksa has altered the institutional and legal framework of several ministries of SL, including the Ministry of Finance, and institutions that fall under the National Priorities Program of the Presidential Secretariat. The changes were announced in a gazette, Economy Next reports.

24.11.2021: **Laws** - According to Economy Next, SL's Media Minister, Dullas Alahapperuma will amend existing laws governing journalists and media organisations and formulate a national media policy which will address media ethics, among other issues. In addition, social media will also be regulated and

the government will initially focus on websites that do not have owners' names and addresses.

26.11.2021: **Fire accidents** - According to Economy Next, there have been at least four explosions involving gas leaks nationwide. These accidents were reported in connection with LPG cylinders and appear to be related to gas leaks. Locations of explosions include:

- ♦ Pannipitiya
- ♦ Palamadulla
- ♦ Rathnapura,
- ♦ Kurunduwatta in Colombo

## Kuppi

DEATH HANGS AROUND MY NECK  
NO IT IS NOT A NOOSE,  
IT IS MY DIGNITY AND RESPECT,  
ALIVE.

WHILST DEAD THEY WILL RAVAGE MY BODY,  
THE ANIMALS.  
BUT THIS STRING AROUND ME IS MY SALVATION.

WITH THIS I GO TO BATTLE,  
WITHOUT FEAR,  
I NO LONGER FEAR DEATH,  
YAMARAJA HANGS ON MY NECK, FOR ME,  
AND MY HANDS, FOR YOU.

I BECOME THE DEMALA SANNIYA YOU FEAR.  
I WELCOME DEATH,  
DO YOU?

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## LOYALTY/COMMITMENT Senchudar Gemini

To be loyal is to serve, and to serve is to live.

Loyalty towards an individual or entity is almost always catalysed due to an individual connection or motive. That loyalty stems as a product of deep commitment in return for an irreplaceable bond established. The depth of the loyalty is determined upon the extent to which one is willing to contribute or sacrifice for the sustenance of those that they are loyal to.

Loyalty within the Tamils' struggle can be characterised as the peak of commitment. The loyalty that our maaveerar had was not limited to a bond. It was a measure of their deep commitment to our collective - our people. Thus, this loyalty was not based on an expectation of return, but a determination for liberation.

### Detachment through attachment

Conventionally, martyrs are often characterised as the peak of sacrifice. This establishes them as an embodiment of detachment. Detachment from love, pleasures, desires and fears. However, the deep loyalty and commitment of our martyrs as a representation of their unwavering attachment towards a collective rather than individualistic needs can subvert the detachment/attachment conundrum.

Our martyrs did not sacrifice their personal desires, lives or expectations with the hopes to be loved and cherished by the people that they loved more than their very existence. The loyalty stemmed from a commitment to a concept implemented by the Tamils' leadership. Thus a loyalty towards the Tamil populace strengthened the camaraderie and loyalty amidst the cadres as well - a willingness to kill and be killed for the progression of each other to foster the collective victory of an unwavering struggle.

### Tiger and Tiger Cub

Here, we would like to draw particular attention to the Micalai Camp incident from our recent bilingual publication, "Rise of the Tigers" where 2 significant cadres attained martyrdom:

"Four LTTE cadres - including Lt.Seelan and Veeravenkai Ananth - were surrounded in Micalai on 15.07.1983. In the process of escaping, Lt.Seelan was wounded and instructed his fellow cadres to shoot him and escape with the weapons. Veeravenkai Ananth observed the execution of his commanding officer's order by his comrade. Soon, he was also wounded. Comprehending the decision made by his senior, Veeravenkai Ananth requested his comrade to shoot him as well to allow the remaining cadres to escape with the weapons - a request which his comrade executed.

On that day, two cadres attained martyrdom. The resolve for liberation was portrayed through the actions of a senior member and new recruit. Veeravenkai Ananth is a representation that neither seniority nor experience is a true representation of dedication where younger and newly joined members are no less to senior or more experienced cadres."

### **Feathers of Fire**

It is at this juncture, where it becomes necessary for us, as the next generation, to consider the depth of our loyalty. From each speck of ash, a Phoenix will rise, committed through the loyalty embodied by its predecessor carrying the stripes of those prior.

Through balancing attachments and detachments, a new generation of poraalis are being moulded. A generation nurtured by one which emerged at a point of mass destruction with an unwavering resolve to shift stagnant spaces towards liberation. It is only when this detachment through attachment becomes a characteristic amongst the wider populace from which each poraali emerges, that the struggle can progress from a crisis point without any delay.



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# Economic News

## Economic Profile – November 2021

<b>Credit to gov</b>	September 2021	↓ by LKR 186 billion to LKR 3,961.3 billion
<b>Inflation</b>	until October 2021	↑ to 8.3%
	until November 2021	↑ to 9.9%
<b>Gross International Reserves</b>	October 2021	USD 2.267 million
<b>Net Foreign Assets -</b>	September 2021	LKR 158.7 billion
<b>FOREX Reserves</b>	October 2021	↓ to USD 2.3 billion
<b>Trade</b>		
Exports	October 2021	about USD 1,160 1million
Imports	September 2021	about USD 1,526 million
<b>Money Printing</b>	September 2021	LKR 300 billion
Monetary Reserves	September 2021	doubled to 4.0%
Gross official foreign reserve	October 2021	↓ USD 7.6 billion
<b>Budget estimation</b>	2021	
Revenues		↑ by 13.3% from LKR 1,373 billion – LKR 1,556
Overall deficit		↑ to LKR 1,826 billion
Expenditures		↓17.1% from LKR 2,817 billion

03.11.2021: **World Bank** - The Development Policy Framework of the GoSL will receive USD 500 Million to improve rural and provincial roads within the Inclusive Connectivity and Development Project, reports Colombo Page. The GoSL entered into a Loan Agreement with the signing of the document by the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Mr. S. R. Attygalle and Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of SL and the Vice President for

South Asian Region of WB Mr. Hartwig Schafer.

03.11.2021: **KfW** - According to Economy Next, Germany has converted a EUR 13 million loan from Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau for the construction of a maternity hospital in Galle, SL, into a grant. KfW had originally provided a EUR 28 million loan to complete the reconstruction of the hospital in the south.

04.11.2021: **Investment** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa has converted a planned Japanese Yen loan for the development of the East Container Terminal (ECT) into a USD 700 million investment in the West Container Terminal. This is due to high debts which SL is unable to borrow for large investment projects.

10.11.2021: **Taxes** - SL has abolished a protectionist tax of LKR 25/kilogram that it previously had due to the shortage of dollars. This allows the SL state agency to import rice in stock, Economy Next reports.

12.11.2021: **SL's Brief budget plan** report from Economy Next

- ◆ LKR 30 billion to be allocated as salaries for teachers and principals, with the increment to be paid as one-off payment and in installments.
- ◆ SL to auction radio, television frequencies.
- ◆ 2,000 MW to be added to the national grid in 2022 from power stations at:
  - ◆ Uma Oya
  - ◆ Pooneryn
  - ◆ Simaybalandunwa
  - ◆ Mannar
  - ◆ Broadlands
  - ◆ Moragolla
- ◆ To increase consumption of fresh milk, an additional LKR billion to be allocated in addition to funds already allocated.
- ◆ A Green Agriculture Development Bill to be drafted to protect agriculture.
- ◆ Agro parks to be built and uncultivated land to be distributed among young people to encourage agro entrepreneurship.

- ◆ Rubber imports banned and finished rubber exports are encouraged in 2022.
- ◆ No business registration fee for start-ups.
- ◆ LKR 100 billion will be allocated as starting capital for a pension fund for senior citizens who currently do not receive a pension.
- ◆ COVID-19 indicated that mobile coverage in SL was insufficient. SL will expand coverage, and provide high-speed broadband with fibre optic, 5G and other technologies, and TRC will call transparent tenders for this purpose.
- ◆ TRC will auction broadcast airwaves in a transparent manner.
- ◆ To strengthen the state sector, SL will increase the age of retirement to 65.
- ◆ The time period for the eligibility for SL MPs' pension will be increased to 10 years from the current 5 years.

12.11.2021: **Corporations** - SL will impose a one-time 25% surcharge on large corporations that generate more than LKR 2.0 billion in profits. In addition, SL will impose a 2.5% sales tax titled the "Social Security Levy", Economy Next reports.

13.11.2021: **Loans** - Colombo Gazette reports that B. Rajapaksa mentioned to reporters that SL needs to pay USD 500 million by early 2022 and USD 1,000 million by June 2022.

22.11.2021: **Fertilisers** - Due to rising food prices, a gradual relaxation of the sudden ban on chemical fertilisers and the permission of urea and "plant nutrients" for several crops were facilitated. However, the price of a tonne of urea has risen from USD 800 to

USD 1,000 and it is difficult to purchase the best quality fertiliser, Economy Next reports.

24.11.2021: **Cranes** - SL's Cabinet of Ministers have approved the purchase of cranes from China's Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries Company Limited for the state-owned SL Ports Authority's Eastern Container Terminal. A supply of 14 ship-to-shore cranes and 40 rail-mounted gantry cranes for a deep-water

terminal was accepted, Economy Next reports.

<https://economynext.com/chinas-zpmc-wins-sri-lanka-sts-and-gantry-crane-deal-88198/#modal-one>

26.11.2021: **IMF** - Colombo Gazette reports that Masahiro Nozaki, the IMF's Mission Chief for SL, mentioned that SL has not made any request for financial support. Colombo Gazette reports further that an IMF delegation will be visiting SL between 07.12.2021-20.12.2021.



## **SACRIFICE** Ranjini

Sacrifice. A word familiar to many. Giving up something valuable and important to get something else for oneself or others. Maaveerar, our freedom fighters sacrificed their lives, the highest price imaginable, so that we can establish a sovereign state - Tamil Eelam. Far away from family, friends and loved ones, away from the hometown and away from the ordinary daily routine of school and work - our Maavaeerar sacrificed this and much more for us. They have been selfless, have not thought about the benefits of having their own lives, have neglected their own needs and concerns so that we can live peacefully in our country with all our rights. As individuals, they have sacrificed the ultimate price, their existence, for the common goal - the existence of Tamil Eelam.

Our Karumpulikal were martyrs. They knew from the beginning that they would not return alive from the war. They have consciously chosen to die by killing themselves so that we can emerge victorious in life. They renounced their own existence so that we, the Tamil people in our country, Tamil Eelam, can live a peaceful life. They have renounced to live their dream and sacrificed their own life so that our dreams can come true. Vallipuram Vasanthan, known as Captain Miller, was the first Karumpuli who sacrificed his precious life in the freedom struggle so that our country becomes sovereign.

### **Priorities**

Every single one of us has various priorities. Now the question is how each of us will set their priorities. Will they prioritise daily life in order to sacrifice the struggle? Or will they sacrifice a little time to push the battle forward? The next generation will have to weigh up and make a decision to eliminate injustice in the struggle and take a step forward. For this, they must be willing to sacrifice their individual preferences.

### **Life for death**

**“ஒரு உயிர் உண்ணதமானது என்பதை நான் அறிவேன். ஆனால், உயிரிலும் உண்ணதமானது எமது உரிமை, எமது சுதந்திரம், எமது கௌரவம்” - Hon. V. Prabhakaran**

What do we live for? We live so that we can live life to its fullest. Is individual welfare and prosperity at the end of life what we fought for? What do we want to achieve with it and where is the meaning of life? The selfish behavior and lifestyle of each and every Tamil is driving the genocide. Our identity is gradually being destroyed and erased. If we do not do anything now, we will have no history after decades. Our Maaveerar died through sacrificing life itself so that we can live peacefully! However, through prioritising the temporary superficial elements of life, we live to slowly kill our permanent independent and free life. What should each one of us do now?

Our Maaveerar sacrificed their precious lives to attain our common goal of Tamil Eelam. How are we going to live up to their dreams and aspirations? We live in a time where the focus is on our own personal lives. Time is running away and priorities are set on superficial values. Career, money, free time and pleasure - there is no other focus. Society has become selfish. It cares very little for the common goal, Tamil Eelam. Injustices still prevail and the struggle is not over. When will society join the struggle and sacrifice itself for permanent liberation?

## Obituary

# கண்ணீர் அஞ்சலி

DATE OF DEMISE: 11.2021



**M. V. KANAMAYILNATHAN**

VETERAN TAMIL JOURNALIST AND FORMER EDITOR  
OF UTHAYAN PRINT. HE WAS NAMED AS AMONG  
THE 100 "INFORMATION HEROES" NAMED BY RSF  
INTERNATIONAL FOR COURAGEOUS JOURNALISM



## News about Oppression & Resistance

01.11.2021: **TID** - SL's TID informed the Colombo Magistrate's Court that investigations of 702 citizens of SL had been found to have links with ISIS, reports Colombo Page. Further, they disclosed that a member was detained in India who connected to the 702 people through WhatsApp.

03.11.2021: **Statement** - SL's Teacher-Principals Trade Union Alliance released a joint-statement condemning the assault of parents which was conducted by the SLPP's Mawanella council members. According to JDS Lanka, the parents were participating in a teachers' strike in solidarity.

08.11.2021: **Protest** - Hundreds of discontented farmers protested on tractors through Batticaloa on 08.11.2021, demanding the GoSL to immediately supply fertilisers. According to JDS Lanka, the farmers had asserted that a failure to do so would result in subsequent collective action.

09.11.2021: **Protest** - A national day of protest was held by members of the Teachers & Principals Trade Union Alliance. According to JDS Lanka, discontent was expressed towards the Rajapaksa administration. Protests were staged in:

- ♦ Colombo - Lipton Circus
- ♦ Kandy

10.11.2021: **TID** - According to JDS Lanka, Indrakumar Prasanna had been summoned to appear before the SSP

Office in Batticaloa on 11.10.2021 to record a statement. Prasanna was a former member of the Eastern Provincial Council and a senior member of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation (TELO).

10.11.2021: **Commemoration** - The 15th memorial of assassinated Tamil parliamentarian, Nadaraja Raviraj was upheld by mothers of forcibly disappeared persons in Jaffna and Vavuniya, reports JDS Lanka.

12.11.2021: **Torture** - According to Chandran Vithushan's family lawyer, Kanagaratnam Sugash, an autopsy report of the 21-year-old Tamil youth who was found to be dead in occupational police custody indicated forensic evidence of injuries and torture, reports JDS Lanka. Vithushan was declared to be deceased in June 2021.

12.11.2021: **Enforced Disappearances** - Colombo Gazette reports that according to Basil Rajapaksa, SL's Finance minister, LKR 300 million had been allocated for the year of 2022 to assist the families to find their missing relatives.

13.11.2021: **TNA** - Colombo Gazette reports that Sriharan, TNA MP, had expressed the TNA's readiness to speak with the GoSL.

19.11.2021: **Missing persons** - SL's Office of Missing Persons (OMP) had called for

20 documents to search for the forcibly disappeared, reports JDS Lanka.

19.11.2021: **Union Action** - Unions from countries such as SL had sought investor action against abuse by Australia's MNE Ansell gloves company at its AGM on 11.11.2021, reports Unison. It is notable that 11 union leaders from SL had been sacked by Ansell in 2013.

### **Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)**

15.11.2021: **Review** - According to Colombo Gazette, a report was submitted by the committee to review the PTA to G. Rajapakasa. This committee was appointed in June 2021. The members of this committee are the following persons:

- ◆ Chairman - Defence Secretary General (Retd.) Kamal Gunaratne
- ◆ Secretary to the Ministry of Justice M.M.P.K. Mayadunne
- ◆ Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security Major General (Retd) Jagath Alwis, Inspector General of Police
- ◆ C. D. Wickramaratne, Head of National Intelligence
- ◆ Major General (Retd) Ruwan Kulatunga
- ◆ Legal Draftsman Dilrukshi Samaraweera
- ◆ Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Justice Piyumanthi Peiris
- ◆ Additional Solicitor General Nerin Pulle
- ◆ Deputy Legal Advisor at the Foreign Ministry Thilani Silva

◆ Deputy Director at the Foreign Ministry Mahesha Jayawardana as other members.

16.11.2021: **Charge** - According to JDS Lanka, a Muslim poet, Ahnaf Jazeem who was detained for 18 months since his arrest in May 2022 was charged under section 2(1)h of the PTA and produced before the Puttalam High Court on 15.11.2021. Jazeem is 26 years old.

20.11.2021: **Bail** - Hejaaz Hizbullah who had been arrested under the PTA and detained for 19 months was rejected a bail application by Puttalam's High Court on 20.11.2021 and the next hearing had been scheduled for 28.01.2022, reports JDS Lanka.

22.11.2021: **Remand** - According to JDS Lanka, the Valaichenai Magistrate's Court had extended the remand of over 10 Tamils including 2 women from Batticaloa who were arrested under the PTA on 18.05.2021 in their attempts to conduct Tamil genocide commemorations at Kalkudah, until 09.12.2021.

25.11.2021: **Easter Sunday** - Batticaloa's Magistrate ACM Rizwan had extended the remand order of 63 Muslims who were arrested under the PTA in relation to the Easter Sunday Attacks of 2019 until 09.12.2021, reports JDS Lanka.

22.11.2021: **Police custody** - A medical report was submitted by Batticaloa's Teaching Hospital to the Batticaloa Magistrate's Court on 22.11.2021, reports JDS Lanka. According to a family lawyer, Sugash Kunaratnam, the medical report

had confirmed that the body of Chandran Vithushan had 31 injuries on his body. Chandran Vithushan was a 21-year-old who died in the SL police's custody on 03.06.2021.

23.11.2021: **TNA** - According to Colombo Gazette, TNA's MP Sritharan had advised M. Rajapaksa to win the hearts of the Tamils. He further mentioned that the SL military was disrespecting the Tamils and spoke about the ban of the commemoration by the Tamils. He mentioned that the TNA is ready to work with the GoSL to bridge the gap between the communities.

24.11.2021: **US visit** - According to Colombo Gazette, the TNA and GTF have met US officials. During the meeting with the US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Donald Lu, she expressed that Human rights is central to US' Foreign Policy in SL. She further expressed: "The US joins Sri Lankan Tamil people in search for lasting peace and full voice in deciding their country's future." The Tamil delegation also met senior White House National Security Council officials. There they discussed increasing US involvement in seeking a political solution and justice for the victims. After several other meetings in the US, the delegation proceeded to Canada.

26.11.2021: **Killing** - H. L. Lasantha died in police custody on 26.11.2021 in an impending extra-judicial killing of which SL's police chief was aware following the cessation of Scotland's training with SL's police, reports JDS Lanka.

26.11.2021: **Ayyappan** - Canada Sri Ayyappan Hindu Temple has rejected a Karthigai Poo display donated to the temple by Belle Blossoms reports the owner Karthick Nanthakumar. The incident occurring on 25.11.2021 resulted in the temple heads moving the donated item to the utility closet and later calling Toronto Police Services to intervene after placing the display outside the premises upon persistent request by the donor for the display to be returned. When questioned for the reasoning behind the rejection, temple President, K. Thambirajah informed the donor that such flowers cannot be presented to Ayyappan and was not able to provide documentation citing this when inquired - "We can't put all the garbage you bring to the temple to Ayyappan." Further, the temple Secretary, M. Sounthathanathan 'Ghandi' reported "not wanting problems from GoSL". On 12.06.2019, the temple's board members visited the Consulate General of SL in Canada raising concerns regarding the institution's affiliations.

27.11.2021: **Maaveerar Naal** - Tamil Eelam's National Uprising Day or Maaveerar Naal was upheld defiantly across the occupied Tamil homeland and diaspora. Commemorations upheld throughout the homeland as reported by Virakesari:

### **Mannar**

- ◆ Commemorations led by V. S. Sivakaran - Leader of the Tamil National Right to Life Movement.

#### Attendees:

- ◆ Archbishop Jayapalan Adigalar
- ◆ Gnanapirakasam Anthony Davidson - Mannar City Council Chairman
- ◆ Ratnasingam Kumares - Mannar Municipal Councillor
- ◆ Commemorations led by MP Charles Nirmalathan at the ITAK Mannar Office.

### Vavuniya

- ◆ Families of forcibly disappeared persons organised an event in the Maharambaikakulam area where many people attended.
- ◆ Bells were rung across many temples and churches at the ceremonial time.
- ◆ Event organised by Vavuniya District Citizens' Committee.
- ◆ Sreedharan lit a lamp in a private commemoration event.
- ◆ S. Aravindhan lit a lamp in a private commemoration event after being released from political custody.

### Vanni

- ◆ Locals paid respect at the Vanni Vilankulam Thuyilum Illam site despite police barricades. Whilst the police prevented Tamils from entering the site to light the lamps, the Tamils lit lamps on the road in resistance at 6.05pm and paid their respects.

### Jaffna

- ◆ **Valvettithurai** - Commemorations were organised at Valvettithurai Thiruvil Stadium amidst heavy military presence. Locals were only permitted

into the stadium in small batches by the occupational forces. State detectives in mufti acted indecently by kicking out lamps. The occupational military intimidated Tamils and clashed with media representatives.

- ◆ **Chatti** - Commemoration attempts in the Chatti Thuyilum Illam area resulted in a stand off between the occupational army and the Tamils. The occupational police, army, and riot squad including many other special military personnel amassed to the scene to intimidate the Tamils, yet commemorations ensued.
- ◆ **Jaffna University** - a small vigil was held by students at the Maaveerar Monument established on Jaffna University campus.
- ◆ Private and separate commemorations were held by C. V. Wigneswaran and Nadaraja Raviraj.

### Mullaitivu

- ◆ **Mullaitivu Beach** - Commemorations were held at Mullaitivu Beach despite heavy intimidation, scuffles and the arrest of Peter Ilancheliyan.
- ◆ Alampil Maaveerar Thuyilum Illam
- ◆ Vannivilankulam Maaveerar Thuyilum Illam
- ◆ Devipuram Maaveerar Thuyilum Illam

### Phoenix commemorations reported by AP Newsletter:

### Australia

- ◆ **Melbourne** - The Melbourne Division of Phoenix Australia commenced Maaveerar Vaaram commemorations by congregating

as a team to pay respects at the Tamil Monument in Springvale Cemetery, Melbourne on 24.11.2021. Further participation and organisation efforts were conducted at the local Maaveerar Naal event.

- ◆ **Sydney** - The Sydney Division of Phoenix Australia congregated as a team to pay respects at the Tamil Monument in Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney despite heavy rains. Further participation and organisation efforts were conducted at the local Maaveerar Naal event.
- ◆ **Tasmania** - The Tasmania Division of Phoenix Australia engaged in participation and organisation efforts at the local Maaveerar Naal event.

## New Zealand

- ◆ Phoenix New Zealand engaged in youth mobilisation commemorative activities with children and youth at the local Maaveerar Naal event.

## Switzerland

- ◆ **Young Phoenix** - Phoenix Switzerland commenced Maaveerar Vaaram commemorations with the curation of an interactive multisensory exhibition featuring the contents of the organisation's bilingual publication "Rise of the Tigers" at Bern Tamilskalary on 19.11.2021.
- ◆ Phoenix Switzerland members amassed at the local Maaveerar Naal event in participation and organisation efforts.

**Denmark, France, UK** - engagement at local Maaveerar Naal events in participation and organisation efforts.

## Canada

- ◆ Phoenix Canada members were forcibly removed from local Maaveerar Naal commemoration event by the organisers, Akavam Canada, in Toronto for the distribution of 4x6 images of tipped cap and AK-47 along with contact cards to the people.

27.11.2021: **Assault** - According to JDS Lanka, a Tamil journalist, Viswalingam Viswachandran had been assaulted on the road with a palmyrah frond which was wrapped with barbed wire by members of the occupational SLA's 59th Division in Mullaitivu. Journalists from the Mullaitivu Press Club protested on the streets against the attack of Viswachandran. Solidarity protests were also held by journalists from Batticaloa on 28.11.2021. 3 military officers who were arrested in relation to the incident were also released on bail swiftly afterwards, reports JDS Lanka. It is notable that Viswachandran is to be inquired by military police rather than regular police officers which further raises concern.

Officers involved:

- ◆ Eeriyakandure Gedara Vipula - Age 36
- ◆ Dinuka Sandaruwan Wijeratna - Age 20
- ◆ Thiwanka Sangeeth Dhananjaya - Age 21

29.11.2021: **Sand mining** - According to Virakesari, locals of Kuchchaveli, Trincomalee had requested help to protect their lands from the sand mining activities of the Mineral Sands Corporation.

30.11.2021: **Land grab** - Recent efforts by occupational armed forces to appropriate coastal lands in Mathakal for SL's

occupational Navy's uses were resisted by locals and Tamil politicians, reports JDS Lanka.

## Signs of Structural Genocide

28.11.2021: **Land appropriation** - According to Virakesari, the Weli Oya Divisional Secretariat has increased attempts to acquire over 1,900 acres of the Suriyan River Area, Mullaitivu under the Mahaweli Irrigation Plan. Appropriation attempts include the renaming of a portion of the site to Kalambawewa.

### Maaveerar Naal Prevention, Intimidation and Suffocation

An overview of acts perpetrated by the genocidal state of SL in restricting the commemoration of Maaveerar Naal across the Tamil homeland in the lead up to and in the aftermath of 27th of November - the date on which Tamil Eelam's National Uprising Day and Maaveerar Naal or Martyrs' Day is upheld annually by Tamils. The psychological implications of this warfare as explored through COIN measures, and the attempts to neutralise resistance through commemoration are a sign of structural genocide.

17.11.2021: **Restraining Order** - The Mullaitivu Magistrate issued a restraining order on 17.11.2021, banning the commemoration of Maaveerar Naal, reports JDS Lanka.

19.11.2021: **Checkpoints**- An increase in military checking of vehicles and frisking had been facilitated across the Tamil homeland in the lead up to Maaveerar Naal. According to JDS Lanka, notable intimidation was reported in Mannar where residents had complained that female travellers had been frisked by male occupational officers. Reports indicate that almost 100 restraining orders had been issued by courts across the occupied Tamil homeland against Maaveerar Naal commemoration preparations.

19.11.2021: **Desecration** - Video footage from JDS Lanka reports that a Martyrs Grand Flame column which had been erected at the site of a former Thuyilum Illam in Aadkattiveli, Manthai West, Mannar had been demolished overnight on 19.11.2021. Reports indicate that an occupational military camp is located near this site.

22.11.2021: **Militarisation** - Video footage from JDS Lanka reports of an increase in the military intimidation of local Tamils in the lead up to Maaveerar Naal commemorations. Reports indicate that occupational army and police forces had been deployed across Mullaitivu. Notably new checkpoints and spy huts had been established across Nandikadal,

Mullivaikkal and multiple former thuyilum illam sites.

24.11.2021: **Intimidation** - According to video footage from the International Diplomatic Council of Tamil Eelam occupational police and military had filmed Tamils to threaten them from preparing for Maaveerar Naal commemorations - a threat which the locals ignored and resisted, reports JDS Lanka.

25.11.2021: **Restraining Orders** - According to JDS Lanka, the Mullaitivu Magistrate Court had revoked the restraining order against Maaveerar Naal commemorations.

26.11.2021: **Restraining orders** - According to JDS Lanka, Mullaitivu's Magistrate, R. Saravanaraja had rejected requests for restraining orders against Maaveerar Naal commemorations made by 7 occupational police stations following

the Magistrate's earlier revocation of previous bans on 25.11.2021.

26.11.2021: **Militarisation** - According to JDS Lanka, occupational SL army officials attempted to prevent parishioners from attending a mass service which was organised at the St. Joseph's Church in Kuylammurippu on 26.11.2021.

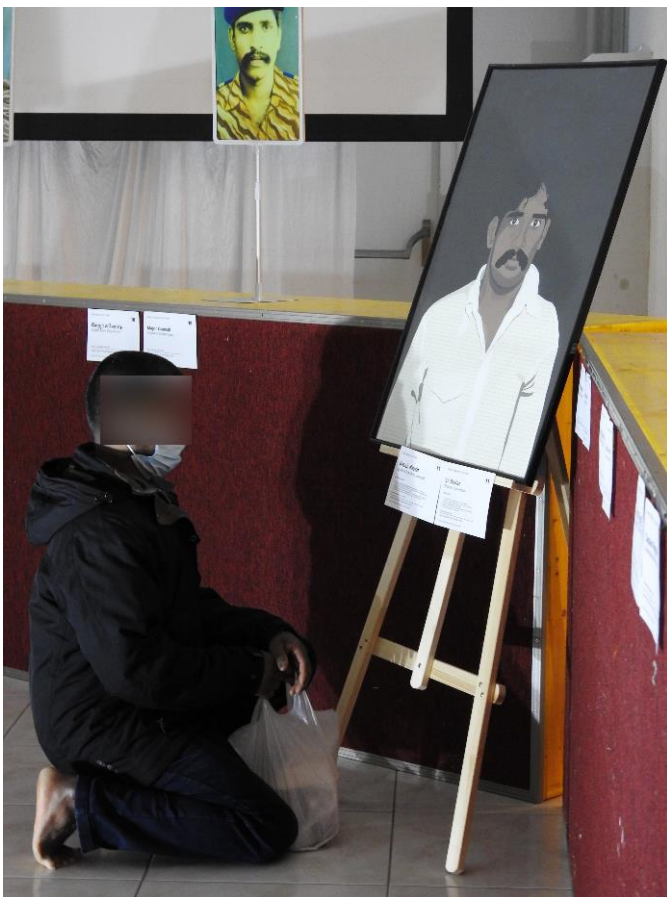
27.11.2021: **Arrest** - Video footage from JDS Lanka reports of Peter Ilancheliyan - an ITAK activist who was arrested by occupational police officials while he was on his way to Maaveerar Naal commemorations at the Mullaitivu beach. His wife - a relative of a martyr - was also roughly handled by occupational police. Earlier reports from AP Newsletter on 01.11.2019 indicate that Peter Ilancheliyan has been a constant target of the SL state since his days as a youth activist where he was summoned by SL's TID for unspecified reasons.



## **“It was interesting to see how the Tigers thought and fought at that time.” – Samjugtha**

On 19.11.21, Phoenix TNG arranged an exhibition at Tamilar Kalary. The theme of the exhibition was the book “Rise of the Tigers” which was released on 27.11.20 by Phoenix TNG. Samjugtha, who led the exhibition, gives her insight about the exhibition and why the history of the Tigers still matters.

### **PHOENIX TNG**



#### **Why do you think this exhibition is relevant today?**

They are role models for us. Because they were at that time young too and wanted to achieve their goal. So it is very important for us today that we have similar thoughts to bring the struggle forward.

#### **What was the interesting part of the exhibition for you?**

With this exhibition we wanted to give the younger Tamils an insight into the struggle. Even if they do not know the history, they should gain an understanding about the beginning of the movements and the people who were involved in the beginning of the struggle. Also we tried to activate all the senses through this exhibition.

#### **What personally interested you in the “Rise of the Tigers” ?**

Rise of the Tigers deals with the early beginning of the LTTE. They were very young at that time. For me it was interesting to see how the Tigers thought and fought at that time.

**Phoenix TNG gave you this opportunity to arrange this exhibition. What do you think about it?**

Phoenix TNG wants to encourage their members. Beside the encouragement, Phoenix TNG is giving their members tasks and is trusting them. For that I think it is something good and important, what Phoenix TNG is doing.

**What do you want to tell our community after this exhibition has ended?**

We should take the Maaveerar as a role model for us. We should take their thoughts and their convictions as inspiration, so that we can move forward.



## RESPECT Kayalvizhi

Regardless of origin, culture, religion, race, social class or hierarchical position, every human being deserves respect and has duties of respect towards others. In a world without respect, hostility and insecurity would reign permanently.

In our struggle, the most respected people and those who are most respectful are our Thalaivar and our poraalis. They are not only respected for their courage but also for the respect they have for the people. Their love for our Thalaivar, our people and our land is shown through the respect they carry for them.

Our Thalaivar and his children - our poraalis, respected our motherland Tamil Eelam and its enriching history - to defend its values. This respect and love made them fight for our rights. They have given their lives so that their brothers and sisters may live with self respect and in freedom - in Tamil we say *தன்மாமனம்*. All people were considered members of their family and were respected as their relatives.

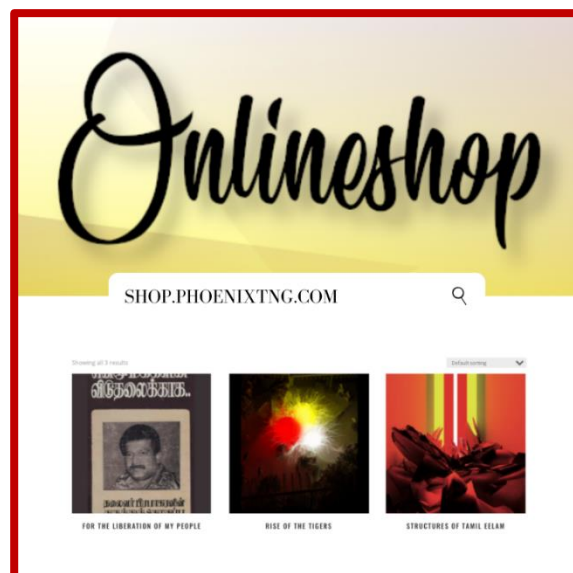
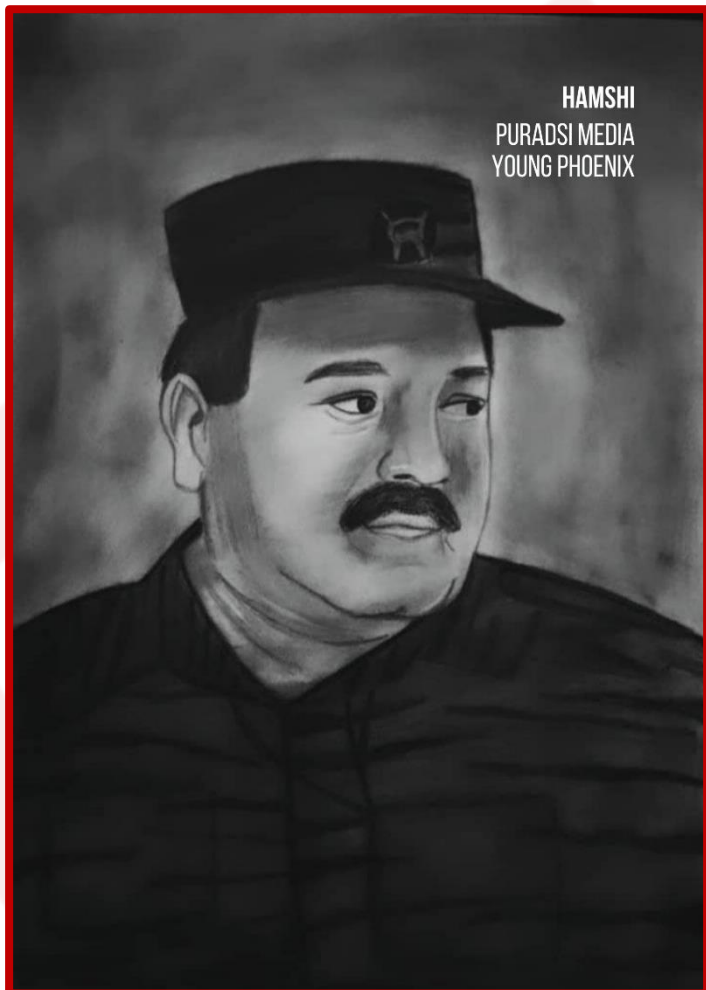
***"I was alone one night with twenty men LTTE and I did not feel insecure for a second."*** - Anitha Pratap, Indian journalist.

As we know, in most of the war rape is used by any military or armed group to destabilise and humiliate the enemy. Without going any further, even in Tamil Eelam our sisters have been raped by the genocidal SL army. But in the case of Iyakkam, it can be said with pride that they are the ones who have never put their hand or touched the shadow of a military woman and a civilian. They respected the women, children and elders of even our enemies as their sisters, as their children and as their parents. Even today, the Sinhalese people and their government have immense respect for them because of this discipline. And that is why, of all the Tamil militant groups, the people chose to follow the LTTE.

Mutual respect is one of the foundations of social peace and interpersonal relations. Respect implies an understanding and sharing of the values of a person or an idea. Any government or institution which is made for the people of the nation must reflect respect for its people. And our Thalaivar and Iyakkam understand that and that is one of the reasons why people even today respect them.

As the new generation, we will have to understand that it is not only by being courageous that we will be respected by the people but also by the way we behave towards anyone. Friend, family or enemy, they have respected them, they have respected us, they have respected our goal and from the beginning until today they are respected by the whole world. We, Phoenix - the Next Generation, will follow this path and not sink all the respect that our Maveerars have earned. We are their children - we must save the respect that they have earned from this world through our actions.

It is because of their discipline, respect, courage, confidence, conviction, loyalty and sacrifice that we have won the respect of the world.



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