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"Thesathin Kural" Anton Balasingham Senchudar Gemini

A friendship fused in the crucible of the struggle - Anton Balasingham & Thalaivar.

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Tamil Tiger Guerillas Directing Relief Effort - In Ruined Town, Rebels Outperform Officials Washington Post

Insight into the efficiency of the Tamil Eelam state in crisis response as outlined in an article published by the Washington post.

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"பிறப்பிற்கும் இறப்பிற்கும் இடையே விரியும் காலமாக மனிதவாழ்வு நிலைக்கிறது."

National Leader of Tamil Eelam

"Thesathin Kural" Anton Balasingham

SENCHUDAR GEMINI

Whilst we reflect on Anton Balasingham's political career on the 15th memorial of Tamil Eelam's *Thesathin Kural*, we also take this opportunity to appreciate the deep bond that was forged in the crucible of the struggle between 2 men who had an undeniable influence on the trajectory of the Tamils' struggle for liberation. Both the National Leader of Tamil Eelam and Anton Balasingham are a testament to the concept of "detachment through attachment" - where attachment to the struggle is strengthened through an attachment to comrades.

Profile

Name:

Anton Stanislaus Balasingham

Date of Birth:

03.04.1938

Education:

- Sacred Heart College, Karaveddy
- Nelliady Central College
- Institute of Psychotherapy, UK
- MA with a Dissertation on Marxism from South Bank Polytechnic, UK
- Discontinued PhD

Occupation:

- Sub-editor at Virakesari
- Translator at British High Commission, Colombo
- Inner London Executive Council

Political Activities (prior to involvement with LTTE):

- Anti-Apartheid Movement, London
- Associated with Tamil students in London EROS
- Recruited into LTTE

LTTE:

- Pamphlet creation
- Translation
- Advisor during Thimphu Talks

- Went into Manalaaru forest with Adele, National Leader of Tamil Eelam, Col. Kittu and Others
- Present during Prabha-Rajiv Agreement
- Lead LTTE delegation during 1990 Peace Talks
- Responsible for media
- Wrote many books
 - War and Peace: Armed Struggle and Peace Efforts of Liberation Tigers
 - Viduthalai/Liberation
 - Socalivath Tamileelathai Nokki/Towards a Socialist Tamil Eelam
 - Politics of Duplicity: Re-visiting the Jaffna Talks
- Assisted Brigadier Tamilchelvan during 1994/1995 Peace Talks
- Lead peace talks from 2002 onwards in
 - Thailand
 - Norway
 - Japan
 - Switzerland
- 2002 Kilinochchi Press Conference translator

Health:

- 1999 kidney transplant in London due to renal complications
- Diagnosed with bile duct cancer cancer spread to other organs
- 2006 passed away at home in London

Legacy: Bestowed title of "Thesathin Kural/Voice of the Nation" by the National Leader of Tamil Eelam.



"சாதாரண மனித உறவுகளிலிருந்து இது முற்றிலும் வேறுபட்டது. காலத்தால் கனிந்து, வரலாற்றால் வடிவம் பெற்ற ஒரு அலாதியான இலட்சிய உறவு அது."

International News

02.12.2021: **CPJ Asia** - The Committee to Protect Journalists Asia (CPJ Asia) called upon SL authorities to conduct an impartial investigation into Tamil journalist Vishwachandran who was attacked by occupying military officers on 27.11.2021. Further, they condemned the denial of the attacks as a "shameful attack on press freedom."

05.12.2021: **Pakistan** - Locals of Lahore and Karachchi, Pakistan staged protests condemning the killing of Sri Lankan (SL) Buddhist citizen, Priyantha Kumara in Sialkot, reports JDS Lanka.

09.12.2021: **Uyghur Genocide** - The Chinese state was found to be guilty of genocide by an Independent Londonbased Uyghur Tribunal.

10.12.2021: **Wikileaks** - The UK High Court heard a US appeal against UK courts' refusal to allow the extradition of Julian Assange to the US. According to BBC News, the UK court approved the extradition. Many condemn the decision as a stain on investigative journalism on International Human Rights Day. According to Stella Morris, Julian Assange filed an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court on 24.12.2021.

11.12.2021: **USA** - According to Athavan News, SL Navy Lieutenant Commander, Chandana Hettiarachchi and SL Army Sergeant, Sunil Ratnayake have been banned from travel to America by the US State Department, due to their complicity in serious human rights violations between 2008-2009. Lieutenant Commander Chandana Hettiarachchi is allegedly accused to be involved in the kidnapping of 11 Youths, while Sergeant Sunil Rathnayake was sentenced to death for the murder of 8 Tamils but was instead pardoned by G. Rajapaksa.

13.12.2021: **GANHRI** - In a report released by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) in October 2021, the Sub-Committee on Accreditation recommended for the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) to be downgraded to a B status due to concerns over the institutions' status of independence.

15.12.2021: **India** - According to the Times of India, a court in Poonamallee, Chennai acquitted four Eelam Tamils who were arrested based on allegations to revive the LTTE.

16.12.2021: **Overseas Missions** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL is to shut down three overseas missions to counter their economic crisis.

Missions:

- The Consulate in Frankfurt (Operations will be shifted to Berlin)
- The Embassy in Nigeria
- The Consulate in Cyprus.

18.12.2021: **US** - According to the US Senate Cloakroom, Julie Chung was announced to be appointed as the Ambassador of the US to SL.

Credentials:

- Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service
- Class of Minister Counselor

23.12.2021: **UN** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL opposes excessive UN interference into their internal matters. At the same time, SL looks forward to strengthening their relation and

cooperation with the UN. In a meeting with the UN, SL mentioned that many institutions were implemented to tackle the remnants of the conflict.

Institutions:

- Office of Missing Persons (OMP)
- Commissions of Inquiry
- ◆ ONUR
- ♦ Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Bilateral Discussions

01.12.2021: **UN** - The UN Special Rapporteur discussed working conditions in various sectors and industries during his visit. He praised SL for the progress it has made to become a 'child labor free zone', Economy Next reports.

02.12.2021: **Islamic countries** - According to Economy Next, M. Rajapaksa, in a meeting with envoys from Islamic countries at diplomatic missions in Colombo, requested those present to support the pandemic-hit economy. In addition, SL is at risk of a national bankruptcy due to foreign debt and foreign exchange.

03.12.2021: **US** - According to Colombo Gazette, Mahinda Samarasinghe has been appointed as the SL ambassador for the US, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago.

03.12.2021: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette, India and SL have agreed on a currency swap deal to counter the economic crisis in SL. The SL Finance Minister, B. Rajapaksa

concluded a two-day visit to India during which he met the following Indian officials:

- Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
- External Affairs Minister, Dr.
 Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri
- National Security Advisor of India, Shri Ajit Kumar Doval

Both sides agreed to cooperate on the following matters:

- Food and health security package on an urgent basis that would envisage an extension of a line of credit to cover the import of food, medicines and other essential items from India to SL.
- Energy security package that would include a line of credit to cover import of fuel from India, and an early modernisation of Trincomalee Tank Farm.

- Offer of a Currency Swap to assist SL address the current balance of payment issues.
- Facilitating Indian investments in different sectors in SL that would contribute to growth and expand employment. This will build on recent trends in that respect.

03.12.2021: **Australia** - A delegation of diplomats of the High Commission of Australia in SL during a tour to Tamil Eelam paid a courtesy call on Jaffna's occupational Security Force Commander at the Security Force HQ-Jaffna on 02.12.2021, reports Army LK.

04.12.2021: **USA** - According to Colombo Gazette, two US Representatives, Gregory W. Meeks and Michael McCaul, Chair and Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, have sent a letter to the US' Secretary of State, Antony Blinken. In this letter they urged to prioritise the importance of a political solution in its SL Policy.

"We strongly urge the State Department to refocus its efforts in SL to emphasize the importance of a substantive and durable political solution," the two representatives wrote in the letter.

"Advancing these values will require solutions to political questions that remain unanswered years after the end of the civil war, including the meaningful devolution of power in an undivided Sri Lanka. We urge the Department to support the government's engagement with opposition parties, including Tamils and Muslims, to find such solutions," the letter continues.

07.12.2021: **UAE** - SL's Foreign Minister, G. L. Peiris discussed energy security cooperation, improved employment opportunities and increasing investment with the United Arab Emirates. This was brought about due to the energy crisis, a decline in foreign inflows and an acute shortage of foreign currency, Economy Next reports.

07.12.2021: **Belarus** - According to the Belarusian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, Mikalai Barysevich met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of SL, Janitha Abewickrema Liyanage on 07.12.2021 to discuss the strengthening of bilateral relations, reports BelTA.

08.12.2021: **Russia** - According to Colombo Gazette, Putin praised SL in a ceremony at the Kremlin. "Next year, we will mark the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with Sri Lanka. Good contacts have been established between foreign ministries, defence ministries and ministries of the economic bloc, as well as between parliaments. By the way, the Secretary of Russia's Security Council Nikolai Patrushev has just visited Colombo, on November 22.", he said. He further continued: "Sri Lanka has been involved in the work of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization as a dialogue partner, contributing to the efforts to ensure the security of the Eurasian region, its sustainable socioeconomic growth."

09.12.2021: **Armenia** - Gemstones from SL will enter Armenia following virtual B2B discussions between the Embassy of SL in

Moscow, in collaboration with the National Gem & Jewellery Authority of SL, and the Honorary Consul of SL in Armenia Sargis Tarverdyan and precious stone buyers, reports Colombo Page.

10.12.2021: **Switzerland** - A 4-member TNA delegation met with Switzerland's Ambassador to SL, Dominik Furgler and Political Secretary at the Swiss Embassy in Colombo, Sidonia Gabriel on 10.12.2021 to outline the Tamils' grievances, reports Tamil Guardian.

Attendees:

- TNA Vanni MP Selvam
 Adaikalanathan (Delegation Head)
- TNA Parliamentarian Vino Norathalingam
- TNA Parliamentarian Ko. Karunakaran
- TELO Spokesperson Surendran Gurusamy

10.12.2021: **China** - According to Athavan News, a treaty between SL and China has been signed to send archaeological artifacts from SL to China to use their technical equipment for the purpose of research.

12.12.2021: **Poland** - SL plans to further bilateral ties with Poland following a meeting between Peiris and the Ambassador of Poland, Adam Burakowski at SL's Foreign Ministry on 08.12.2021, reports Colombo Page. The two countries plan to establish a holistic approach to further the existing bilateral structures with plans for SL to promote Polish processed food within the tourism industry.

13.12.2021: **USA** - According to Colombo Gazette, Samarasinghe - the newly-

appointed SL Ambassador to the US, has met US officials at the US State
Department. Samarasinghe met Donald
Lu - Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South
and Central Asian Affairs, and Kelly
Keiderling - Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of South and Central Asian
Affairs. Reports indicate that former US
Ambassadors to SL were also present.
The purpose of this meeting was to
discuss the strengthening of bilateral
relations.

13.12.2021: **Canada** - SL's High Commissioner to Canada, Navaratne met the Canadian Governor General, reports Colombo Gazette. In this meeting Navaratne mentioned that his priorities in Canada would include the:

- renewal of reconciliation efforts
- improvement and increase of trade and investment ties
- Encouragement of Canadian tourism and investments in SL

14.12.2021: **India** - According to Economy Next, India's Exim Bank (Export and Import Bank) discussed SL projects which could be included in the BC-NEIA program in the future and about infrastructure projects. In addition, this bank provided SL with USD 441.42 million to finance four water supply projects.

16.12.2021: **UN** - United Nations Assistant Secretary General, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Assistant Administrator and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, Kanni Wignaraja met with M. Rajapaksa on 15.12.2021 to discuss the existing UNDP partnership and the renewal of the organisation's

commitment to the development of SL, reports Colombo Page.

19.12.2021: **Georgia** - According to Athavan News, SL and Georgia are planning to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). With that agreement the tourism of SL shall flourish with Georgian travellers.

20.12.2021: Australia - According to Colombo Gazette, Australia and SL are enhancing regional border security by opening up a Border Risk Assessment (BRAC) near Colombo, BRAC will be installed at the Department of Immigration and Emigration, which is under the Defense ministry. This facility will allow SL agencies to share their collective intelligence, systems, resources, and real-time data to facilitate lawful travel and trade while detecting and responding to unlawful activity. It is noteworthy that Australia has already assisted SL with the installation of over 4,500 Tracking and Monitoring Solution transponders on multi-day fishing vessels, as well as assisting in the establishment of a land-based monitoring center that enhances SL's maritime domain awareness and surveillance capability.

21.12.21: **Australia** - According to Virakesari, Australia and SL are scheduled to hold the next session of the Joint Working Group on Abduction and Other Transnational Crimes in SL within a few months. A MoU was also signed on the violation of Emigration and Immigration laws.

22.12.21: **Iran** - According to Daily FT and Economy Next, Iran & SL signed a

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth USD 251 million to settle the Ceylon Petroleum Company's (CPC's) outstanding credit with the supply of tea at an equivalent value.

24.12.2021: **Nepal** - In a bid to fail construction linkages and trade in building materials, the Embassy of SL in Nepal and the Export Development Board have brought together builders in the two South Asian countries. Ambassador SL intends to promote trade in construction materials and the exchange of expertise, Economy Next reports.

27.12.2021: **Trinco Oil Tanks** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL and India are to sign the Trincomalee Oil Tanks farm within a month after negotiating this deal for 16 months. However, in the Indo-Lanka Accord (1987) both states agreed to restore these tanks as a joint venture. These tanks were built by the British during WWII.

27.12.2021: **USA** - According to Athavan News, Major General Udaya Perera, who was SL's Deputy High Commissioner in Malaysia between 2009-2011, was restricted to travel to the US since he is a war crime suspect, though in August 2019 he was given a five-year travel visa to the US.

He was informed of this at the check-in at Katunayake International Airport, as he was scheduled to visit his first granddaughter in Los Angeles with his wife and his son on 05.12.2021. His family was permitted to travel, while he was held back.

28.12.2021: **Bangladesh** - Bangladesh's High Commissioner to SL, Tariq Mohamed Ariful Islam met with SL's Parliamentary Secretary, General Dhammika Dissanayake to discuss areas of mutual cooperation on 28.12.2021, reports Virakesari.

29.12.2021: **Saudi** - In a meeting between M. Rajapaksa and the CEO of the Saudi Development Fund (SDF), Sultan Abdulrahman Al-Marshad at the Temple Trees, Saudi assures to continue to support SL for development, reports Virakesari.

30.12.2021: **China** - China's Ambassador to SL, met M. Sirisena and conveyed New Year's greetings, reports Virakesari.

31.12.2021: **Oil Tank** - According to Economy Next, SL will divide the tanks in Trincomalee as follows after discussions with India:

- Lease 14 tanks to Lanka IOC for 50 years
- 24 tanks for the sole use of CPC
- Development of 61 tanks under a joint venture terminal venture with India

Military News

08.12.2021: **Cordial discussions** - According to Airforce LK,

- The Defence Attaché of Embassy of Italy
- The Counsellor Defence to the High Commission in India
- The Counsellor Defence to the High Commission in Australia
- The Defence Advisor at the British High Commission in Colombo called on the Commander of the SL Air Force (SLAF), Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana at SLAF-HQ to hold cordial discussions on matters vital to their mutual interests and implication on the SL.

09.12.2021: **Central African Republic** - According to Airforce LK, a change of command was implemented at the SL Aviation Unit in Bria, Central African Republic, deployed under the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated

Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

Drugs

15.12.2021: **Drugs** - K. Gunaratne during a ceremony to reopen the "Seth Sevana" - a centre for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation for substance users in Talangama, Battaramulla announced his hopes for making the island one that is free of drugs, reports Colombo Page. The facility can now support 75 persons compared to the previous 25 patient-capacity and was completed with labour aided by the SLN.

15.12.2021: **Drugs** - The SLN seized heroin worth LKR 2.5 billion along with 6 suspects off the shores of the Colombo harbour following the SLN and SL Police Narcotic Bureau's joint special

operation in international waters, reports Colombo Page. 9 sacks containing 225 packages of heroin weighing between 996 grams to 250 kgs were found aboard the vessel.

31.12.2021: **Drugs** - 4 individuals were arrested in a joint-operation by the SL Naval Intelligence Unit and the occupational Mullaitivu Police Special Task Force for the possession of 89 kg of Kerala Cannabis valued at LKR 26 million in Puthukkudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu on 30.12.2021 and were produced before the Mullaitivu Magistrate's Court on 31.12.2021, reports Virakesari.

15.12.2021: **Security** - According to Athavan News, K. Gunaratne participated in a media conference in Colombo. He announced that no SL citizen must be afraid of secession since SL possesses a high security intelligence network, which would not permit any threats to the unity of the state. He denied that any militarisation is occurring in SL and that there was nothing wrong with retired military officers using their experience and knowledge for the benefit of the country as GoSL authorities.

Positions

11.12.2021: **Promotion** - 145 officers inclusive of officers from foreign nations graduated on 10.12.2021 at Nelum Pokuna Theatre, reports Army LK. The officers completed Course No.15 at SL's Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC at Sapugaskanda).

Participants:

♦ 76 SLA

- ♦ 25 SLN
- 26 SLAF
- 3 Bangladesh
- 2 Nepal
- 3 Pakistan
- 4 Saudi Arabia
- ♦ 1 India
- 1 Indonesia
- 1 Maldives
- ♦ 1 Rwanda
- 1 Senegal
- ◆ 1 USA

15.12.2021: **Appointment** - According to Army LK, the 48th Commandant of the Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force (SLAVF) assumed office on 15.12.2021 at the SLAVF-HQ in Seethawaka.

17.12.2021: **Complex** - Shavendra Silva symbolically inaugurated a new Officers' Mess Complex building which was established within the 18th Gemunu Watch Camp by symbolically pressing a button in a virtual inauguration ceremony held on 17.12.2021, reports Army LK. Reports indicate that the inauguration occurred shortly after the elevation of the Officer Career Development Centre (OCDC) at Buttala.

18.12.2021: **Training** - Pakistan's Naval ship, PNS Tughril completed training with the SLN on 16.12.2021 following its arrival onto the island on 13.12.2021, reports Colombo Page. Accordingly, the fourday visit included naval training with SLN's Sindurala ship in preparation drills for Replenishment at Sea (RAS).

19.12.2021: **Discipline** - G. Rajapaksa during the 96th Commissioning Parade of SL's Military Academy stated the

importance of discipline in the life of a military officer, reports Colombo Page. Further noting "you must understand that the soldiers under your command are ordinary people, and not supermen. It is your responsibility to ensure that you get outstanding results from such normal people" representative of the existing oppressive ideology.

25.12.2021: **Shooting** - According to Daily Mirror, occupational officers were shot, killed and injured when an officer from Thirukkovil Police station fired at a group of duty officers at 22.30 local time on 24.12.2021. 4 officers were killed and 3 are hospitalised at Thirukkovil and Akkaraipattu hospitals. Reports indicate

that shortly afterwards, the SL police sergeant had surrendered two T-56 assault rifles, 19 rounds of ammunition and himself to the Ethimale Police station and had been handed over to Ampara police station for further investigation. Further reports from Virakesari on 30.12.2021 indicate that officers from the police station have been transferred to various police stations within the region as a part of a phased transfer operation.

29.12.2021: **Peacekeeping** - SL's 8th Contingent of the Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps' (SLAMC) first batch left for a United Nations Peace-Keeping Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), reports Colombo Page.

WHAM

03.12.2021: **Museum** - Memorabilia from the former Kilinochchi Security Forces Headquarters (SFHQ-KLN), before it was transformed into the 1 Corps Headquarters, designed as a reserve strike force for all types of emergencies, has been preserved and placed in a new museum at 1 Corps Headquarters in Kilinochchi, reports Army LK. The museum has a complete set of photos and many other mementos.

07.12.2021: **Jaffna** - The SLN and SL Life Saving in partnership with Northwind Projects conducted lifesaving training programmes at SLNS Elara in Karainagar for youths in Jaffna, reports Navy LK.

Blood Donation

02.12.2021: **North** - The Northern Naval Command organised a blood donation campaign at SLNS Uththara on 01.12.2021, to coincide with the forthcoming anniversary of the SLN, reports Navy LK.

03.12.2021: **Trincomalee** - According to Airforce LK, the medical officer of the SLAF Station in Morawewa coordinated a Blood Donation Programme in order to cater for the urgent blood requirements of the General Hospital and Blood Bank of Trincomalee.

03.12.2021: **Mullaitivu** - Mullaitivu's occupational Security Force HQ

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coordinated the donation of a stock of linen and sanitary essentials to the Oddusuddan Government Hospital in a move to further foster gestures of reconciliation and cooperation on 01.12.2021, reports Army LK.

13.12.2021: **Tree Planting Campaign** - The Northern Naval Area Commander Rear Admiral Priyantha Perera, the SLN has launched a tree planting campaign in the Northern Naval Command to mark the 71st Anniversary of the SLN. Currently, 1,500 mangrove seedlings are being planted in the lagoons of Jaffna, Navy LK reports.

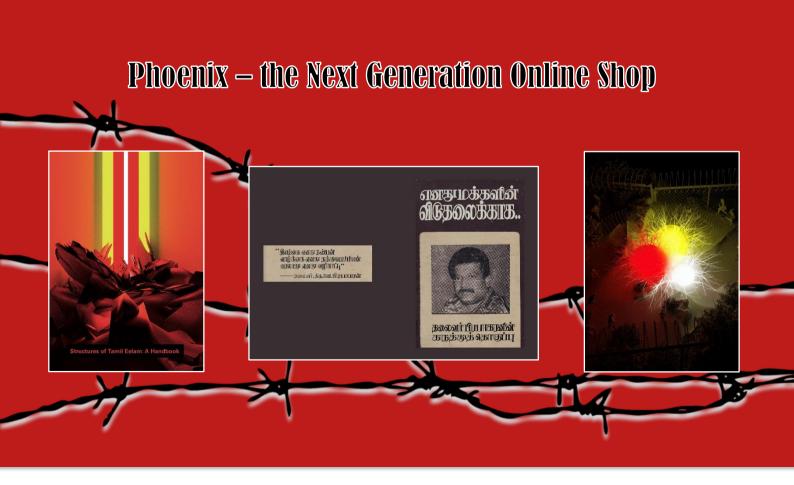
15.12.2021: **Computers** - According to Army LK, the Institute of Computer World Visit Education run by ex-combatants in Vettalakerni, Jaffna received

technological equipment from the occupational Security Forces
Headquarters - Jaffna with sponsorship provided by the Kilinochchi Commercial Bank to incentivise IT knowledge within the region.

Equipment:

- 5 desktop computers
- Computer tables
- Chairs

29.11.2021: **School Renovation** - According to Airforce LK, The Seva Vanitha Unit of the SLAF Regiment Training School Vanni concluded the 19th phase of the Guwan Mithudam Project in the Vavuniya District which renovated the school buildings and the nursery of the Sri Krishna Vidyalayam Primary school in Sinnathampanei.





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Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

05.12.2021: **Mannar** - According to The Sunday Morning, India's Adani Group had submitted a proposal to develop a 1,000 MW and USD 1 billion worth wind power project in Mannar to the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) and the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI). Reports indicate that Adani is also set to develop a second renewable project in Poonakeri.

08.12.2021: **Tank reopened** - According to Tamil Guardian, the Ariyakulam Tank which was renovated with financial assistance provided by the Thiyahie Charitable Trust was reopened by the Jaffna Mayor, V. Manivannan in an inaugural event where a monument commemorating the history of Ariyakulam was also unveiled by the event's chief guest and the Governor of the Northern Province, Jeevan Thiagarajah.

11.12.2021: **Bharathiyar Statue** - On the 139th birth anniversary of Tamil poet, Subramania Bharathiyar, a new statue of the poet commissioned by Chidambaram Mohan (the Chairman of the Jaffna-India Friendship Forum) was unveiled in Vaddukoddai, Jaffna on 11.12.2021, reports Athavan News.

Excavations

07.12.2021: **Excavation** - Excavation for LTTE gold which was launched by occupational SL police in

Suthanthirapuram, Mullaitivu on 02.12.2021 was resumed under the supervision of the Mullaitivu court judge, R. Saravanaraja. According to Tamil Guardian, 2 SL government officials had commenced excavations illegally and thus a CID investigation is reportedly due to be conducted into the act.

11.12.2021: **Excavations** - After human remains were found during excavations in Palai, Kilinochchi, the Kilinochchi court provided permission to continue excavations on 12.12.2021, reports Tamil Guardian.

Excavated material:

- Human skeletal remains
- ♦ LTTE uniform
- RPG remains

17.12.2021: **Demining** - According to Tamil Guardian, LTTE remains were found in Muhamalai.

Findings:

- LTTE fighter remains
- ♦ LTTE uniform
- LTTE ID tag

15.12.21: **China** - According to Virakesari and Athavan News, the Chinese Ambassador, Qi Shenhong visited the Northern Province between 15.12.2021 - 17.12.2021 to discuss the improvement of the Tamils' livelihood.

Jaffna Public Library

- Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil
- Fisher community

20.12.2021: **Fishermen** - The Kayts' Magistrate's Court orders 43 Indian fishermen arrested by SLN near Neduntivu in occupational waters to be kept in custody until 31.12.21. 6 boats were also seized during the arrest on 19.12.21, reports Virakesari.

Tamil Politics

12.12.2021: **Tamil politics** - According to Athavan News, the second meeting of Tamil political parties occurred in Colombo. Reports indicate that apart from the ITAK Federal Party and the Tamil National People's Front (TNPF), the leaders from all Tamil political parties in SL have participated in the meeting and discussed how the demands of the Tamil and Muslim people could be met and concluded. It was decided that it could only be attained through the full implementation of the 13th amendment.

12.12.2021: **Tamil politics** - According to Athavan News, ITAK MP M. A. Sumanthiran called the 13th amendment flawed and criticised the second meeting of the other Tamil parties in Colombo.

15.12.2021: **Tamil politics** - According to Athavan News, MP S. Kajendran of the TNPF mentioned that the ITAK MP R. Chanakyan is misleading the Tamil people by telling them that he shall become the next governor for Tamil Eelam. According to S. Kajendran, the

devolution of power to Tamil Eelam would not solve the issues of Tamil's self-determination.

22.12.2021: **Tamil Politics** - According to TNA MP M.A. Sumanthiran, the meeting of all Tamil political parties in Tamil Eelam would redo the letter addressed to the Indian Prime Minister to express their demands. They changed the heading from "The Reimplementation of the 13th amendment" into "Attending the political interests of the Tamil people and the Indo-Sri Lanka accord", reports Athavan News.

22.12.2021: **Japan** - Japan aims to engage in Dry Agriculture Development initiatives in contributing to capacity-building within the region, reports The Island. Representatives from the parties involved signed "The Project for Research and Education Capacity Improvement in Dry Zone Agriculture at University of Jaffna" agreement to foster the technical cooperation project.

Parties involved:

- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- SL's Ministry of Education
- University of Jaffna

27.12.2021: **China** - According to Virakesari, the Chinese Foreign Minister, Wang Yi is scheduled to visit SL between 08.01.2022 - 09.01.2022.

30.12.2021: **Kite** - According to Virakesari, N. Rajapaksa intends to expand the Jaffna Kite Competition held in January annually, into an international event.

Tami I Tiger Guerillas Directing Relief Effort - In Ruined Town, Rebels Outperform Officials

JOHN LANCASTER, WASHINGTON POST, 04.01.2005

The beachfront road is gone, along with all the neighborhoods behind it. The Catholic church is a shattered husk. On the buildings left standing, a grimy ring six feet above the ground records the depth of the water when the wave first crashed upon the town.

By Monday afternoon, however, destruction was not the only story in Mullaitheevu, which lost an estimated 3,000 of its 5,300 residents to the Dec.26 tsunami, according to local officials. The other story was the gradual return of order.

Most of the corpses had been burned. The ground had been sprayed with disinfectant. The streets had been cleared of rubble. Volunteers were erecting makeshift utility poles. And down the road a few miles, 1,500 displaced residents were being sheltered in the classrooms of a college, complete with medical clinic, outdoor kitchen and adequate supplies of donated clothing and food.

While international aid agencies, and to a lesser extent the Sri Lankan government, have each played a role in reviving this part of the country, aid experts say that most of the credit for the surprisingly well-organized relief effort goes to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a guerilla movement of the ethnic Tamil minority that controls large chunks of the north and east.

From 1983 until early 2002, the Tamil Tigers fought for an independent homeland in a conflict that claimed more than 60,000 lives. Known for suicide bombers and fanatical teenage fighters trained to swallow cyanide capsules in the face of capture, the Tigers are regarded as one of the world's most formidable guerilla armies, equipped with long-range artillery, surface-to-air missiles and a small navy of gunboats and supply ships.

They also pride themselves on self-sufficiency, operating a de facto state-within-a-state, with its own police force and judicial system -- and now a relief effort that in some ways appears to be outperforming government recovery operations to the south.

"These people have been displaced a lot, so they're quite good at banding together," said Ryan Anderson, a field coordinator for the U.N. World Food Program in the area,

who said the Tigers organized search-and-rescue operations in the first hours after the waves struck.

For all their emphasis on independence, the Tigers maintain some contact with the rest of the country -- the government pays the salaries of school teachers in Tiger-controlled areas, for example -- and in recent days there have been tentative signs of cooperation on relief efforts, such as easing barriers to the shipment of supplies through government and rebel checkpoints.

That has raised hopes for a peace process that began with a cease-fire agreement nearly two years ago but only last month appeared to be on the verge of collapse when the Tigers' leader, Velupillai Prabhakaran, warned that the movement might have no alternative but to resume the war.

Neither the Tigers nor the government "can repair this unprecedented damage without some kind of political settlement," said A.T. Ariyaratne, the founder and president of the Sarvodaya Movement, Sri Lanka's largest nongovernmental organization. "Both sides can't go to war. That is definite. This is a very great opportunity we have where both sides should come together first for relief, then for rehabilitation, which can be followed with reconciliation."

That outcome is far from certain, however. Because of the unresolved conflict, the government has never directly provided development funds to the Tigers and is not likely to start doing so now, according to Jehan Perera of Sri Lanka's National Peace Council, a Scandinavian-funded group. The Tigers, in turn, are unlikely to allow the government to perform reconstruction work independently out of concern that doing so would weaken their claim to legitimacy.

"They don't want the government delivering big benefits to the people," Perera said. "I'm not very optimistic."

Daya Master, a spokesman for the rebel group in Kilinochchi, its main administrative center, said in an interview Monday that government aid to the stricken coastal areas could help "build up the atmosphere" for rapprochement. But he also accused the government of favoring the country's ethnic Sinhalese majority in its distribution of aid and confirmed that the Tigers would insist on controlling reconstruction funds themselves.

Eric Fernando, a spokesman for President Chandrika Kumaratunga, said the government was "most definitely" interested in improving the coordination of relief efforts and had just appointed a task force for doing so.

The needs are plain enough. At least 5,000 people are confirmed dead in Tiger-controlled areas, according to Master, with thousands more missing. One of the hardest-hit areas was Mullaitheevu, once a picturesque fishing village backed by rice paddies and thick jungle about 175 miles northeast of Colombo, the capital, and an hour's drive over potholed roads from Kilinochchi.

In some respects, the area was relatively well prepared for a natural disaster. Because it is a war zone, it has been starved of resources relative to the rest of the country, and U.N. aid agencies and other humanitarian groups had a sizeable presence here before the wave struck. They were therefore able to assess the situation quickly and begin shipping in supplies with relatively little delay.

Moreover, said Anderson of the World Food Program, "we have better freedom of movement than ever before" because both sides have eased inspection procedures for relief convoys. The government has trucked modest supplies of rice and other dry rations to the Tiger-controlled areas, although most of the aid has come from Sri Lankan individuals and charities as well as international humanitarian organizations, aid workers said.

In Mullaitheevu and elsewhere, Tigers have been out in force collecting and burning bodies for the past several days. With that job largely complete, the rebel movement is turning its attention to restoring electricity and other basic services, said P. Ambigai Seelan, a local official who was supervising the effort here Monday.

"All the activity that's been going on here has been guided or sponsored" by the Tigers, he said. "The central government hasn't given anything, really."

The Tigers have also been taking the lead in sheltering refugees, establishing an emergency task force along with representatives of international aid organizations and the central government, which maintains a low-key administrative presence in the area. In Mullaitheevu district, which includes the town and surrounding areas, the tsunami drove about 24,000 people from their homes; about 11,000 of them are now living in 19 camps scattered throughout the area, local authorities said.

The camp at the college seemed well organized. At the medical clinic, boxes of antibiotics and other medicines were heaped on the floor. R. Thayaparan, 28, a medical student volunteer, said the camp has not experienced any serious outbreaks of disease. Nearby, cooks prepared a meal of lentils, potatoes and bread. Around the corner, people waited patiently in a line for bags of new clothing provided by a Danish charity. Children played marbles in the dirt.

Tamil Tigers were much in evidence. Though none wore a uniform and most kept weapons and other trappings of the insurgency under wraps, women wearing military-style canvas belts over long shirts saw to the needs of other women and children. Directing the overall effort was E. Maran, 28, a former guerilla whose forearm bears an ugly scar from a bullet wound he suffered while fighting government forces in 1995.

"Government bureaucracy is lethargic -- that is natural in Sri Lanka -- but it is more so when it comes to the north and east," said Maran, who speaks flawless English that he learned at a Tiger-run training academy. "When it comes to emergencies like this, we are all well aware they are not up to the demands."



Caricature

The SL government leased 1,750 hectares of Mahaweli land for commercial crops. It is intended to encourage investors to grow important food crops that can be grown locally to minimise the negative impact on the SL economy. For a state, it is important not only to project good actions like these to the public, but also to perceive bad actions as such and publicise them as well. The extermination of Tamils is one of the unforgettable horrible acts which has never been publicly accepted.



Sri Lanka

09.12.2021: **COVID-19** - According to Colombo Gazette, the National Operation Centre for Prevention of

COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) under Shavendra SIIva has ceased its

operation. Shavendra Silva mentioned in the body's last meeting:

"The country is now fully opened with some limited restrictions and he is confident that the Ministry of Health, medical and public healthcare staff will be able to further control the pandemic and enter into the year 2022 as a COVID free Sri Lanka."

12.12.2021: **Singapore** - In an Extraordinary Gazette Notification, G. Rajapaksa suspended the assembly of SL parliament which was due to convene on 11.01.2022 until 18.01.2022. According to Eastern Eye, G. Rajapaksa flew to Singapore immediately after the announcement in an unscheduled private visit.

14.12.2021: **Fertiliser** - Earlier reports from Global Times indicate that Seawin Biotech launched an international arbitration process against SL in Singapore on the basis of backtracking and insincerity. Reports indicate that the case was filed after a ship loaded with 20,000 tonnes of fertiliser which was headed towards Colombo as export material was returned after both parties' failure to reach a consensus to resolve their continuing dispute. Another arbitration process is due to be conducted from Colombo with both procedures amounting to USD 49.7 million. According to Ada Derana, due to advice from SL's Attorney General's Department, the GoSL announced that they have decided to pay Seawin Biotech USD 6.7 million.

16.12.2021: **Corruption** - Due to increasing corruption in SL, Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) has

launched an online platform called ApeSalli.lk, where users can report corruption cases to the anti-corruption agency. With the data, statistics on corruption-related incidents are created and steps can be taken to file complaints directly with the authorities, Economy Next reports.

19.12.2021: **Arrest** - According to the Navy Media Unit, the SLN detained 12 fishermen from India in the seas South of Mannar, Occupied Tamil Eelam in a special operation, reports Colombo Page. Additionally, the boats used by the fishermen were seized by SLN forces.

20.12.2021: **Strike** - According to Economy Next, Sri Lanka's Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) will go on an island-wide strike on 21.12.2021 to raise a series of demands. Some of these demands have been made for over two years and have not been addressed.

21.12.2021: **Treaty** - According to Economy Next, SL has approved the proposal to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). This treaty is in line with SL's policy of renouncing weapons of mass destruction and nuclear disarmament.

TPNW prohibits:

- The development of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosives,
- the experimentation, manufacture, design, exchange, possession, and stockpiling of such explosives, and the threat of their use,
- The deployment of such weapons, and assisting, harboring, encouraging,

or motivating any party to engage in such activities.

23.12.2021: **X-Press Pearl** - According to Virakesari, X-Press Pearl agreed to pay an additional USD 2.5 million in compensation for the wreckage from earlier in 2021.

Positions

03.12.2021: **US** - According to Tamil Guardian, SLPP parliamentarian, Mahindha Samarasinghe will assume duties as SL's Ambassador to the US due to G. Rajapaksa's requests. Samarasinghe resigned from his SL parliamentary position on 25.11.2021.

09.12.2021: **Appointment** - Trinco-11 suspect and former SL Navy Commander, Wasantha Karannagoda was appointed as the Governor of the North-Western Province by G. Rajapaksa on 09.12.2021 to replace Raja Collure after he passed away due to COVID-19, reports Economy Next.

14.12.2021: **HRCSL** - According to Colombo Gazette, the Retired Supreme Court Judge, Rohini Marasinghe has been appointed as the Chairperson of the HRCSL. Kalupahana Piyarathana Thero was also appointed as a new member of the Commission.

21.12.21: **Appointments** - According to Virakesari, 11 newly-appointed ambassadors and 6 high commissioners presented credentials to G. Rajapaksa at SL's Presidential Secretariat.

Officials:

- Ernest Mbaimba High Commissioner,
 Sierra Leone
- Mohamed El-Kayed Ambassador, Jordan
- Choe Hui Chol Ambassador, Korea
- Mukangira Jacqueline High Commissioner, Rwanda
- Gilbert Shimane Mangole High Commissioner, Botswana
- Reuben Gauci High Commissioner, Malta
- Andras Laszlo Kiraly Ambassador, Hungary
- Mohamed Ahmed Rara -Ambassador, Mauritania
- Habet Talbi Bilel Ambassador, Tunisia
- Hugo Xavier Gobbi Ambassador, Argentina
- Charrandass Persaud High Commissioner, Guyana
- Maged Mosleh Nafei Ambassador, Egypt
- David Emmanual Puig Ambassador, Dominica
- Ahmed Sule High Commissioner, Nigeria
- Dewi Gustina Tobing Ambassador, Indonesia
- Jose Maria Dominguez -Ambassador, Spain
- Mateja Ghosh Ambassador, Slovenia

22.12.2021: Two Secretary appointments

- According to Athavan News, G. Rajapaksa appointed two new secretaries for the Ministry of Agriculture and Media who will assume office from 01.01.2022.

- Anusha Palpita Media
- D.M.L.D Bandaranayake -Agriculture

23.12.2021: Ministry of Justice According to Athavan News,
the Chairmen of the "One Country,
One Law" Presidential Task Force for,
Gnanasara Thero had demanded the
removal of MP Ali Sabry from the
position of SL's Justice Minister. The
Thero states that if Sabry would be
Minister of Justice, Zahran Hashim would
never be punished for his alleged
involvement in leading the 2019 Easter
Sunday Attacks.

24.12.2021: **Court of Appeal** - Vikum Atula Kaluarachchi was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of SL's Court of Appeal before G. Rajapaksa, reports Virakesari.

24.12.21: **OMP** - According to Virakesari, SL's Senior Attorney Shiraz Noordin was appointed as the Commissioner of the Office of Missing Persons (OMP) for 3 years from 13.12.21.

29.12.2021: **Buddhism** - M. Rajapaksa launched initiatives to popularise Buddhism amongst the masses including digitisation through the Program of Digitisation of State Enterprises, reports Virakesari. Notable steps were taken in an event hosted by M. Rajapaksa at the Temple Trees on 29.12.2021 where the website of the Ministry of Buddhist, Religious and Cultural Affairs was launched.

Economic News

Economic Profile – December 2021		
Inflation	November 2021	↑ to 11.1%
FOREX Reserves	October 2021 November 2021	USD 2.269.2 billion ↓ to USD 1.587 billion
Foreign remittances	29. December 2021 November 2021	↑ USD 3.1 billion ↓ to USD 271.4 million
Gross Reserves	October 2021	USD 2.26 billion
Exports	January to November 2021 October 2021 2020	↑ 22.39% to USD 11.11 billion USD 1.2 billion USD 854 million
BOP Deficit	October 2021	USD 3.2 billion
Ext Debt	October 2021	↑ by USD 1.2 billion
Treasury Bills Fitch Rating	December 2021 November 2021 December 2021	LKR 1.9 trillion over LKR 1.8 trillion from "CCC" to "CC"
BOI Investments Foreign direct investment	November 2021 first half of the year	USD 2.0 billion USD 400 million

02.12.2021: **Economic Summit** - According to Economy Next, B. Rajapaksa and SL's Central Bank Governor opened the Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2021 organised by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. The following topics will be discussed:

- Laying the macroeconomic foundations for growth.
- Cooperation between the public and private sectors
- SL's potential as a technology hub
- Increasing exports
- Positioning for the new normal in travel

09.12.2021: **Depreciation** - World Bank Chief Economist for South Asia has mentioned that SL will require a "real devaluation" of its currency in the longer term to boost its exports. This can be achieved by reducing domestic inflation or through deflation, Economy Next reports.

10.12.2021: **Foreign Exchange Reserve** - B. Rajapaksa says that despite the coming foreign exchange reserve crisis, SL will repay all debt maturing in 2022, Economy Next reports.

Maturing debt:

- January a 500 billion sovereign bond
- June a sovereign bond of one billion
- Some other debt service and interest payments in between

11.12.2021: **Swap** - To boost SL's weakening foreign exchange reserves, SL is in talks with the Central Bank of Qatar to obtain swap facilities of over USD 1 billion, Economy Next reports. Similarly, a swap of USD 400 million is being

discussed under India's SAARC facility, reports Economy Next.

14.12.2021: **Leasing** - Based on 27 project proposals, SL's Ministry of Industry has recommended that 15 industrial estates be leased. SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal to lease land from 15 industrial zones for 35 years. The amount of investment is over LKR 4.5 billion and provides for over 2,400 direct employment opportunities, Economy Next reports.

18.12.2021: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, Fitch has downgraded SL's rating from "CCC" to "CC." Fitch noted that due to liquidity injections to sterilise interventions and the imposition of a 6.0% policy rate, the probability of default has increased. Foreign exchange reserves continue to decline while limited financing inflows are available for external debt payments.

19.12.2021: **Data Center** - NCINGA, an SL-based information technology company, has developed and implemented Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) optical multiplexing technology and Multiprotocol Label Switching for Fiji Telecom's wireless fiber network to provide high-speed broadband internet. It also built a data centre that provides cloud-based hosting services for businesses and government agencies in Fiji, Economy Next reports.

20.12.2021: **Swap** - Due to declining gross foreign exchange reserves, SL could draw on a swap deal with the People's Bank of China worth USD 1.5 billion. SL's gross official foreign exchange reserves

fell to USD 1,587 million in November 2021, Economy Next reports.

Board of Investment (BOI)

02.12.2021: **BOI** - According to Colombo Gazette, key members of SL's Board of Investment (BOI) have resigned from their post. In a statement released by the BOI, several parts of the BOI were actively hindering the progression of it. It is noteworthy that the intention of the BOI is to double the GDP of SL.

05.12.2021: **BOI** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa did not accept the resignation of top officials of SL's BOI as he trusts their services. Moreover, those who resigned have effectively helped promote foreign investment in the best interest of SL and have supported economic transformation after COVID-19. The resignation came after an internal dispute between a labor union and management.

07.12.2021: **BOI** - SL's BOI has reported that investments worth USD 2.0 billion have been approved in 128 projects

throughout November 2021. In the first half of the year, SL's BOI invested a total of USD 760 million, of which USD 400 million was directed towards foreign direct investment.

11.12.2021: **BOI** - The Chairman of the BOI, Sanjaya Mohottala, resigned despite G. Rajapaksa's request, Economy Next reports.

14.12.2021: **BOI** - According to Colombo Gazette, Raja Edirisuriya has been appointed as the Chairman of the BOI. According to Economynext, Edirisuriya had been the Executive Project Management Director at Colombo Port City since October 2020.

28.12.2021: **Bangladesh** - According to Economy Next, The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has extended the validity of the USD 200 million credit facility for an additional three months at the request of SL from the first three-month term. Bangladesh will receive 2 % plus LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate) as interest on the loan amount. If not yet disbursed, the interest would be 2.5 % plus LIBOR.

Caricature

A digital rendition of a pastiche of historical and political analysis. Draws attention to the paradoxical initiatives undertaken by GoSL in selling the island to foreign powers whilst undertaking genocidal actions to occupy Tamil Eelam.

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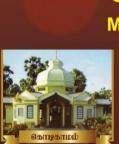




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News about Oppression & Resistance

01.12.2021: **Attack** - According to Media LK, the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of an occupational Kilinochchi police station was pictured in CCTV footage obtained from 24.11.2021 where masked men attacked diners at a night-restaurant in Palai, Kilinochchi for not wearing masks.

03.12.2021: **Fishermen** - According to Tamil Guardian, many locals participated in a signature drive opposite Mullaitivu Market on 03.12.2021 to gain support to demand the implementation of a law which proscribes trawler-use. Associations involved:

- National Fisheries Cooperation Movement
- Northern Province Fishermen's Association
- Mullaitivu District Fishermen's Association
- Public
- Politicians

04.12.2021: **Commemoration** - The 34th Memorial of the Othiyamalai Massacre of 32 Tamils by genocidal SL soldiers was commemorated at the memorial site by locals.

16.12.2021: **Ammunition cache** - According to Colombo Gazette, a large ammunition cache had been found by SL's STF (Special Task Force). 84 boxes had been found on a plot of land in Kilinochchi. The boxes included:

- 750 rounds of T-56 ammunition (ammunition=fully loaded projectile)
- 46,000 rounds of T-56 bullets (bullets= just the projectiles)
- 800 M-60 machine aun bullets
- ♦ 400 rounds of MPMG ammunition

Media Intimidation

03.12.2021: **Death threats** - According to Lanka Files, SL's Occupational Police officer in charge of Paruththithurai Police station issued death threats to Uthayan journalist, Jeyachandran Sulakshan who had questioned police bribery claims. Reports indicate that Sulakshan was threatened at gunpoint.

06.12.2021: **VIswalingam** - The 3 soldiers who attacked the Tamil journalist Viswalingam made an official apology for the attack. This contradicts a statement released by the SL Army which claimed that the journalists had "maliciously" planned a plot and orchestrated it, reports JDS Lanka.

12.12.2021: **Summons** - According to Tamil Guardian, SL's TID had summoned Tamil journalist and Jaffna University student, P. Sujeeban to appear in Kilinochchi on 17.12.2021 for an ongoing investigation. Reports indicate that Sujeeban has been constantly summoned by the TID since June 2021. According to a letter penned by Sujeeban in June 2021, the General Secretary of the Sinhala Ravaya has been targeting him calling for his arrest

under the PTA, causing Sujeeban to live under constant fear and depression.

18.12.2021: **Summons** - According to JDS Lanka, the secretary of the Batticaloa Tamil Journalists' Association, S. Nilanthan and the owner of the Batti News website, R. Sayanolipawan were summoned to Thirukkovil's occupational police station by SL police.

18.12.2021: **Death threats** - A journalist from Addalaichenai, Amparai, A. R. Saheer Ahamed received death threats from Akkaraipattu's occupational police officers who were in mufti and demanded him to withdraw a complaint the journalist made to HRCSL, reports JDS Lanka.

12.12.2021: **Protest** - According to video footage from JDS Lanka, Sinhala settlers in Punnakuda, Eravur called for the removal of a Buddhist monk Dambagalla Vanarathana, for the abuse of a 6-year-old child.

12.12.2021: **Attack** - According to Tamil Guardian, ITAK member Peter llancheliyan was hospitalised for surgery on his broken jaw at the Jaffna Teaching hospital due to an attack on him by 4 individuals in Mullaitivu on 12.12.2021 whilst confronting trespassers onto his brothers' property. Reports indicate that 3 occupational police officers in mufti who had witnessed the attack had supported the attackers. llancheliyan was initially sent to Mullaitivu District Hospital but was transferred to Jaffna due to his condition.

Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)

08.12.2021: May 18 - 10 Tamils arrested under the PTA for May 18
Commemorations in Kalkudah in May 2021 who were further remanded until 20.12.2021 by Valaichchenai district magistrate's court in a decision on 06.12.2021 were released after being granted bail on 08.12.2021, reports JDS Lanka. In video footage released on 09.12.2021, the released individuals mentioned how Tamils do not possess a right to commemorate the dead where 9 individuals remain in detention since November 2020 for commemoration.

09.12.2021: **Easter Sunday Attacks** - According to JDS Lanka, the Batticaloa magistrate, ACM Rizwan had extended the remand order on 63 Muslims who were arrested under the PTA in relation to the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks, until 22.12.2021.

11.12.2021: **PTA** - The GoSL responded to a joint-letter signed by 7 UN Special Rapporteurs on 09.12.2021 which called for a moratorium against the use of the PTA in a statement directed towards the UN Office in Geneva and other international organisations.

15.12.2021: **PTA** - According to JDS Lanka the 29-year-old Tamil youth, P. Rathikan from Muttur, Sampur was released by the Trincomalee High Court on 15.12.2021. P. Rathikan was arrested in November 2020 for sharing a commemorative post on Facebook. Further reports indicate that 27-year-old teacher and poet, Ahnaf Jazeem was also released on bail by the Puttalam High Court after being arrested on

16.05.2020 under the PTA. It is notable that many international groups had been calling for the release of Jazeem, including Amnesty International South Asia.

17.12.2021: **PTA** - 45-year-old Thevarasa Sivapalan, a Tamil political prisoner who was detained under the PTA for 15 years at Colombo Prison was acquitted of all charges at Colombo High Court, reports Tamil Guardian.

29.12.2021: **PTA** - PTA charges were filed by Colombo's High Court against former Jaffna University Students' Union President, M. Thivakaran and Secretary, S. Babilraj after they had been detained under the PTA between 03.05.2021 - 16.05.2021 and later granted bail by the Jaffna High Court, reports Tamil Guardian.

14.12.2021: **Commemoration** - Tamils commemorated the 15th memorial of the "Voice of the Nation" Anton Balasingham.

14.12.2021: **Vavuniya Protest** - According to Athavan News, the relatives of those forcibly disappeared protested in Vavuniya to express their dissatisfaction about the conduct of SL's relevant PCol. According to the relatives, local investigations are unnecessary. Instead, an international investigation must be initiated.

15.12.2021: **Vithushan** - Peradeniya University's Forensic Medicine Department requested for more time to submit a second autopsy report on Chandran Vithushan's cause of death, reports JDS Lanka.

16.12.2021: **NIA** - According to The Hindu, India's NIA (National Investigation Agency) has charged 15 SL nationals in connection with the smuggling of weapons, ammunition, drugs and the attempt to revive the LTTE. Some of the accused have been arrested in march on boat while smuggling. Others were accused of arranging conspirative meetings with the intention of reviving the LTTE.

Accused:

- L. Y. Nandana
- Janaka Dasappriya
- Namesh Chullaka Senarath
- Thilanka Madushan Ranasingha
- Dadallage Nissanka
- A. Suresh Raj
- L. Y. Nishantha Sudda
- A. Ramesh (Accused of procuring assets and funds through drug trade)
- Satkunam (Former cadre and part of the outer circle of the security of the National Leader of Tamil Eelam)

16.12.2021: **Commemoration** - According to Athavan News, a statue in memory of Rev. Fr. Eugene John Herbert was revealed in Batticaloa by the Tamil Christian community. The American born Reverend Herbert internationally raised his voice against the killings and injustices committed against the Tamil people in 1990 and was forcibly disappeared thereafter since 15.08.1990.

18.12.2021: **P2P** - According to JDS Lanka, the Pottuvil Magistrate's Court heard 2 cases filed against 32 people for their participation in the Pottuvil to Polikandi (P2P) marches which occurred in February 2021.

Human Rights Day

10.12.2021 **Human Rights Day** - According to Athavan News, protests had been conducted in Jaffna, Batticaloa, Mannar and Vavuniya by the relatives of the disappeared in occupied Tamil Eelam. These protests have been conducted in light of International Human Rights Day with the demand of justice and an international Investigation into the human rights violations of SL. MP Sivasakthi Anandan - member of the EPRLF - mentioned that GoSL must provide justice to the people without any delay and without destroying evidence and witnesses.

13.12.2021: **Ban** - According to the Human Rights Office of the Diocese of Kandy (HROK), the Kandy court had banned a Human Rights Day event organised by the HROK citing that the event would cause disunity amongst ethnic groups. Reports from Asia News indicate that at least 22 families of political prisoners were to receive tokens of appreciation at the event - which was prevented due to the ban.

12.12.2021: **Protest** - On the evening of 12.12.2021, Batticaloa locals and journalists demanded GoSL to protect human rights and ensure the freedom of press in a protest staged outside the Batticaloa Public Library Auditorium in light of International Human Rights Day, reports Tamil Guardian.

Organisers:

- Eastern Journalist Forum
- Professional Web Journalist Association

19.12.2021: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, the Association of Relatives of Disappeared in Vavuniya have reached their 1, 767th day of protest. They conveyed their distrust in the SL government and Tamil political parties, who campaigned for the implementation of the 13th amendment. In their opinion the 13th amendment would not provide protection to the Tamil Homeland and its citizens.

20.12.2021: **Assault** - According to Tamil Guardian, the families of 9 Muslim prisoners who were transferred from Batticaloa to Badulla prison in 2019 and assaulted within prison premises, had made a complaint to the Human Rights Commission in Batticaloa to assist the prisoners.

Injuries:

- Broken jaw
- Heady injury requiring at least 13 stitches

21.12.2021: **Assault** - Kayts, Jaffna locals filed a complaint to the HRCSL demanding action against an occupational police officer who forcibly entered a house and assaulted inhabitants during a raid in the region where a 17-year-old Tamil child was detained over allegations of engaging in a theft, reports Tamil Guardian.

Assaulted:

- Woman
- ♦ 17-year-old

22.12.2021: **Attack** - According to Tamil Guardian, 34-year-old Tamil fisherman, Gnanapragash Rajkumar mentioned that genocidal SL security officers who claimed to be SL military intelligence

officers tied his limbs and assaulted him with cricket stumps on 21.12.2021 causing hospitalisation at Kilinochchi General Hospital.

23.12.21: **Death** - A 13-year-old Tamil girl, Yogarasa Nitharsana who was deemed missing on 15.12.21 was found to be deceased around 400m from her home in Moongilaaru, Mullaitivu on 18.12.21, reports Virakesari. Earlier reports indicate that Nitharsana was found dead due to genital injury and was found to be 2 months pregnant in a medical report released on 19.12.2021. Mullaitivu Moongilaru villagers staged a protest on 20.12.2021 demanding justice for her rape and illegal abortion.

Fishermen

22.12.2021: **Protest** - Local Tamil fishermen from Trincomalee conducted a protest near Trincomalee clock tower to demand state intervention against the presence of fishermen from other districts within occupied territorial waters and the practise of harmful fishing methods within the waters. reports Tamil Guardian. Later reports from Virakesari indicate that a protest was also staged by local fishermen from Myliddy, Jaffna against encroachment of Indian fishermen on 31.12.2021. The protest was organised by the Vali. North Fishermen's Association and the Myliddy Fishermen's Association.

24.12.2021: **Protest** - Local fishermen from Jaffna protested against entry of Indian fishermen into occupied waters by blocking the street opposite the Jaffna District Secretariat. Tamil Nadu fishermen commenced hunger strike

condemning arrest of Tamil Nadu fishermen on 23.12.21, reports Virakesari. According to Athavan News, Jaffna District Fishermen's Co-operative Society Union's Federation organised the blockade on the A9 Road. Earlier reports indicate that fishermen from Trincomalee had also staged a protest opposite Trincomalee clock tower on 22.12.2021

25.12.2021: **Commemoration** - Tamils commemorated the 16th memorial of the assassination of Maminathar Joseph Pararajsingham across the Tamil homeland.

25.12.2021: **Commemoration** - Locals commemorated the 17th memorial of the 2004 Asian Tsunami across the Tamil homeland.

26.12.2021: Marriage approval -According to Colombo Gazette, foreigners who intend to marry SL nationals must request for clearance and approval from SL's Defence Ministry. Reports from Economy Next further indicate that Thishya Weragoda (a lawyer) had filed a complaint with the HRCSL citing that approval from the Ministry of Defense for marriage is absurd. The lawyer mentioned that Article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) must be amended if this is to be implemented. Moreover, the lawyer was reported to have cited that marriage and the freedom to marry falls under freedom of thought and conscience in SL's Constitution.

27.12.2021: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, Vadamunai, Batticaloa locals have blocked the Vadamunai-

Velikandai road in protest of the daily ongoing and unlawful sand mining in Vadamunai.

28.12.2021: **Commemoration** - According to Tamil Guardian, Tamil Diaspora groups paid respects to Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Tamil supporter and South African Anglican Bishop, Desmond Tutu.

28.12.2021: **Commemoration** - The 34th memorial of MGR was commemorated at his statue in Jaffna by locals, reports Tamil Guardian.

29.12.2021: **Shooting** - 27-year-old Tamil youth, Yasinthan from Ariyalai-mulli, Jaffna was obstructed by the SL's STF whilst he was operating a tractor in farmland. When he continued to

operate the tractor despite the occupational officers' instructions, they shot at him causing him to be hospitalised at Jaffna Teaching Hospital for the treatment of severe injuries, reports Tamil Guardian.

30.12.2021: **Strike** - The Federation of Health Professionals (Northern Province) joined 13,000 nurses striking across SL to conduct a protest in Jaffna with 19 demands, reports Virakesari. Nurses from Vavuniya also engaged in a workers' strike at Vavuniya hospital.

30.12.2021: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the relatives of forcibly disappeared persons staged a protest in Mullaitivu marking 1,757 days of protest.

Signs of Structural Genocide

07.12.2021: **Leasing** - According to Economy Next, SL will lease 1,750 hectares of land to investors for the commercial cultivation of food crops, including for export and animal feed, in Mahaweli. This should minimise the negative impact on SL's economy but deprive the Tamil homeland of agricultural development and territorial integrity.

10.12.2021: **Buddhicisation** - Locals of Sangamankandi, Komari protested against a group of Buddhist monks who had installed a Buddha statue within the area, reports JDS Lanka. Buddhicisation of the Tamil homeland continues to be conducted systematically to disrupt its territorial integrity hence constituting as a

sign of structural genocide. Reports indicate that politicians from the following areas had also joined the protest:

- Pottuvil
- Karaitivu
- ◆ Thirukkovil

According to Tamil Guardian, when protestors returned to the site on 12.12.2021, they found that the Buddha statue had been removed in response to the local resistance.

11.12.2021: **Heritage genocide** - According to Athavan News, the Ceylon Workers Congress Vice President Senthil Thondaman condemned the new company signboard of the wholesale retail chain Lanka Sathosa, which

evicted the Tamil scripted name from it hence constituting a sign of structural genocide.

13.12.2021: Land survey - SL officials from SL's Forestry Department who attempted to survey forest land in Talaimannar West met heavy local opposition causing an argument to ensue. Reports indicate that further land-surveying attempts were not made at the site and the officials had left, reports Taml Guardian. Land-surveying is used as a tool for land appropriation across the Tamil homeland which disrupts the Tamils' territorial integrity and thus reflect signs of structural genocide.

Argument between:

- SL Forestry Department officials
- Bishop Marcus Talaimannar
- Public

17.12.2021: Sinhalicisation - According to MP Govindan Karunakaram of the ITAK. the SL-Government is pursuing a Buddhist sinhalisation of the Island. Especially in the Eastern Province, where Sinhala settlements and Sinhalicisation have increased with measures to decrease the Tamil population. Sinhalicisation is implemented by SL's Archaeological Research Department composed of Buddhist monks and retired military officials as well as G. Rajapaksa's "One Law, One Country" Task Force. Since the establishment of the Task Force, Buddha statues have been erected across the Tamil homeland with the intent of disrupting the Tamils' territorial integrity. MP Karunakaram is afraid that the statues have been erected to show the tourists and future generations that the traditional Tamil homeland is an

allegedly historical and rightful Buddhist Sinhala nation, reports Athavan News. According to TELO Organiser Surenthiran Gurusamy, GoSL is forcibly appropriating private land in the Tamil homeland under the pretext of development, safety, archaeological research, and tourism.

17.12.2021: **Cultural Genocide** - According to Tamil Guardian, a Pillaiyaar statue at Kanchikudicharu Junction, Amparai was desecrated on the morning of 17.12.2021 after being reported as damaged on the night of 16.12.2021. Desecration of religious symbols can be considered to be a sign of cultural genocide.

20.12.2021: **Cultural genocide** - According to Tamil Guardian, Jaffna locals had filed a complaint following a Pillaiyaar statue was deemed missing from the Kankesanturai Kumara Kovil. It is notable that a Vihara was constructed opposite the temple, causing concerns that this act may be planned and constitute a sign of cultural genocide. Further reports from Virakesari indicate that 2 brothers were arrested by Kankesanthurai police on 25.12.2021 for allegedly engaging in idol smuggling after discovering 3 idols at the suspects' home with investigations underway.

22.12.2021: **Militarisation** - TNPF released Google Earth satellite images capturing deforestation conducted East of the A9 road within the Vanni region between 2011-2021 to facilitate the increase of occupational Army camps in the area.

23.12.2021: **Land appropriation** - SL's Land Survey Department attempted to survey and appropriate over 30 acres of

land owned by 21 Tamils in Valikaamam North for military use but were blocked by local protestors, reports Tamil Guardian.

24.12.2021: **Cultural genocide** - According to Virakesari, following complaints received on 23.12.2021, forensic investigations were conducted to investigate the desecration of a Jesus statue at a Christian morgue in Karpiti. Reports indicate that 40 damaged crucifixes had also been found at the site. The desecration of sites of worship and of the dead is conducted with the intent of increasing psychological warfare.

25.12.2021: **Navy** - SL's Navy denies claims of sand mining following questions raised regarding the presence of a barge that had anchored off the coast of Batticaloa, reports Colombo Page. Accordingly, SLN responded stating the barge was transporting limestone. Genocide denial constitues as genocide.

27.12.2021: **Police station** - According to Athavan News, a new occupational police station was opened in Murikandy, Mullaitivu.

Criminal Profiles

Sunil Ratnayake



Profession Staff Sergeant of the Sri Lankan Army

Criminal Offenses

- 19.12.2000: Mirusuvil Massacre genocidaire at least 5 Soldiers of the SLA killed 8 Tamil civilian refugees and buried them in a mass grave
- 25.06.2015: Sunil Ratnayake was found guilty of the murder of eight civilians in Mirusuvil, Jaffna and has been sentenced to death by the Colombo High Court
- 26.03.2020: Ratnayake was granted a full presidential pardon by G. Rajapaksa enabling impunity

Chandana Prasad Hettiarachchi



Aka Navy Sampath, adopted during 2006 Raviraj Operation while under employment with SL State Intelligence Service, formally known as the National Intelligence Bureau (NIB).

Profession SL's Naval Intelligence Officer

Criminal Offences

- 2006: Connection to murder of TNA MP N. Raviraj in Colombo
- ◆ August 25, 2008 and February 2009: Denial of right to liberty of 8 of the 11 Tamil youth in the Trincomalee 11 case where youth were deliberately abducted and forcibly disappeared with strong patterned evidence suggesting they have been subsequently killed according to Sri Lanka's Police in 2019's court statement. Investigators believe they were killed on or about May 2009 following transport to Trincomalee from their initial place of abduction in Colombo.
- Ransom
- Evasion of arrest

Mahinda Buddhadasa Samarasinghe



Profession Ambassador of SL to the USA, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago

Past Activities

- 22 March 2015 17 August 2015: A member of Parliament under G. Rajapaksa's Government
- Chief Organiser of SLPP for Panadura constituency in Kalutara district
- President of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians in the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

SL's delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva – to Special and Regular Sessions of the multilateral body (2006-2014), including to the successful adoption of the Universal Periodic Reviews of Sri Lanka in 2008-2012 before the Council.

Criminal Offences

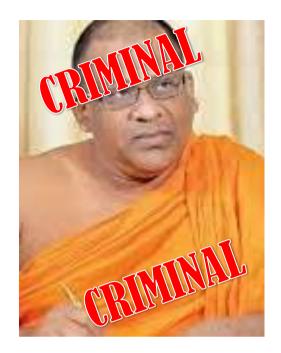
◆ 2006: Witness intimidation

Dr. Kasippillai Manoharan, the father of Ragihar, one of the student victims in the January 2006 execution by Sri Lanka's Special Task Force, was intimidated by Mahinda Samarasinghe calls. Dr. Manoharan was the only witness to testify on the "Trinco 5" case for the Magistrate's Court. Notably, Mahinda Samarasinghe had represented Sri Lanka at international human rights forums during this time.

Genocide denial

- Mahinda Samarasinghe claims that civilians were never attacked by the military and reduces the number of Tamil civilian casualties
- He denies the execution of Tamil civilians and LTTE cadres, giving strong protection to the military
- He denied the attacks on doctors working in the war zone.
- Denied the disappearances of Tamils.
- Media freedom and press freedom of journalists were restricted, which Mahinda Samarasinghe denied.
- He supported M. Rajapaksa in deceiving the second evacuation bid of trapped Tamil civilians in 2009.

Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara



At the end of October 2021, G. Rajapaksa set up a Presidential Task Force to make proposals for the implementation of the "One country, One law" concept. This concept was a part of G. Rajapaksa's 2019 election campaign. The chairman of this Task Force is Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara.

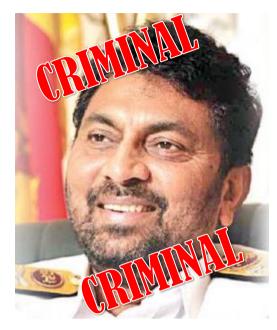
Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara is the Secretary General of Bodu Bala Sena (BBS) - an extremist Sinhala Buddhisy organisation. Whilst the economic crisis deepens and the Rajapaksas are losing the support of the Sinhalese populace, this appointment is being interpreted as a satisfactory step to address his core supporter, who elected him in the first place. On the other hand, this can be perceived as a step to increase extremist Sinhala-Buddhist rhetoric against other groups to divert discontent away from SL's economic crisis.

- 2012: BBS founded as a break away from JHU
- ◆ G. Rajapaksa appears at a BBS event
- 2013: Halal food Label withdrawn after pressure from BBS
- 2014: BBS blamed for the 2014 Anti Muslim Riot
- BBS signed a pact with 969 a Burmese Buddihist extremist movement
- Rajitha Senaratne mentioned that they have evidence that G. Rajapaksa supported National Thowheed Jamath and BBS
- 2018: BBS blamed for the 2018 Anti Muslim riot
- 2018: Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara sentenced for six years for contempt of court
- 2019: Granted presidential pardon by Maithripala Sirisena
- 2021: Appointed as the Chairman of SL's Presidential Task Force for "One Country, One Law." He also ruled out the inclusion of Tamils in this Task Force.

"This is a Government created by Sinhala Buddhists and it must remain Sinhala Buddhist. This is a Sinhala country, Sinhala Government. Democratic and pluralistic values are killing the Sinhala race."

- G.A. Gnanasara

Wasantha Karannagoda



Profession New governor of Northwest Province

Past Activities

- 1992: **Sea Service** onboard SLNS Wickrama
- ◆ 1997: **Deputy Area Commander** (DAC) North
- September 2019: SL's First Admiral of the Fleet and 5-Star Admiral
- September 2005 July 2009: 15th Commander of SL Navy
- 2009
 - Advisor to the President of National Security Council (NSC)
- Regional Security Studies at National Defence University (NDU) - US
- March 2011: SL Ambassador to Japan
- November 2014: Launched memoirs on Eelam War IV, "Adhishtanaya" (Defeat of the LTTE: Role of the Navy" with M. Rajapaksa as the Chief Guest at the book launch.
- Wasantha Karannagoda Auditorium established in Trincomalee
- Awards
 - Rana Sura Padakkama
 - Vishista Seva Vibhushanava
 - Uttama Seva Padakkama
 - Sri Lanka Armed Services Long Services Long Service Medal
 - Sri Lanka Navy 50th Anniversary Medal
 - President's Inauguration Medal
 - 50th Independence Anniversary Commemoration Medal
 - East Humanitarian Operation Medal
 - North Humanitarian Operation Medal
 - North and East Operation Medal
 - Purna Bhumi Padakkama
 - Riviresa Campaign Service Medal

Activities in Eelam Wars

Evaluation of SL security measures and LTTE activities

- Unified SL triforces and police
- Trincomalee Harbour security
- Established ND Muttur
- 2003: Lead SL Navy ships to destroy 3 LTTE ships
- Acquired passenger ferry "Jet Liner" for SL Navy
- Instructed navy officers to destroy LTTE floating warehouses
- Established Naval detachments in Vettilakerni and Chundikulam
- Surrounded around Mullaitivu sea during final stages of Eelam War IV to prevent defence
- Expanded SL Naval Civil Engineering branch
- Contact with foreign superpowers friendly with SL to strengthen bilateral relations and destruct LTTE

Criminal Offences

- Co-conspirator and genocidaire in enabling peak of Tamil genocide in 2009
- Enabler of structural Tamil genocide through strategic military presence in Trincomalee after 2009
 psychological warfare, disruption of Tamils' territorial integrity enabled through Wasantha Karannagoda Auditorium, Trincomalee
- 14th suspect named in Trinco-11 case
- Assisted primary suspect in Trinco-11 case, Hettiarachchi from evading arrest
- Impunity from Trinco-11 case enabled by G. Rajapaksa

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