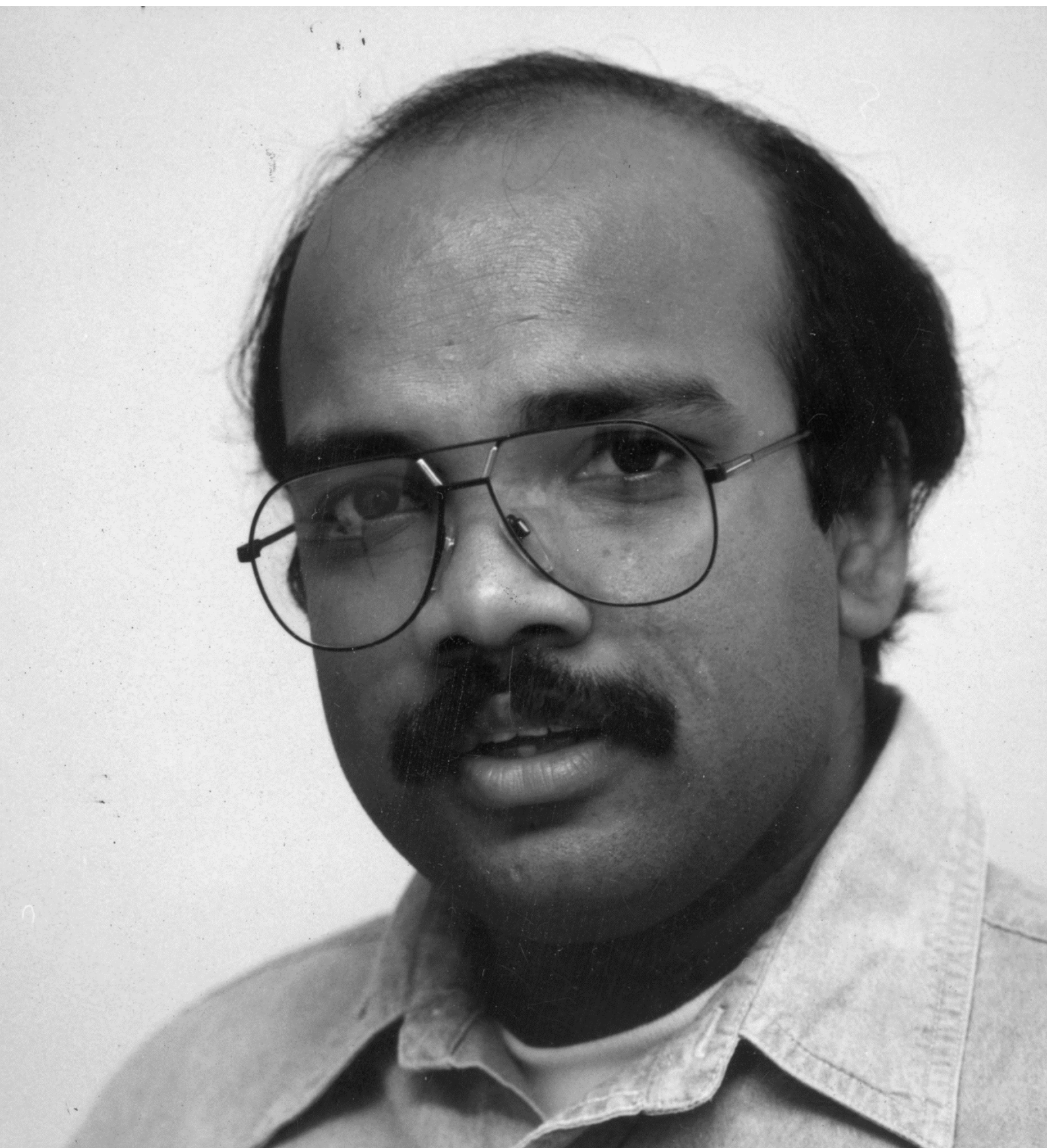




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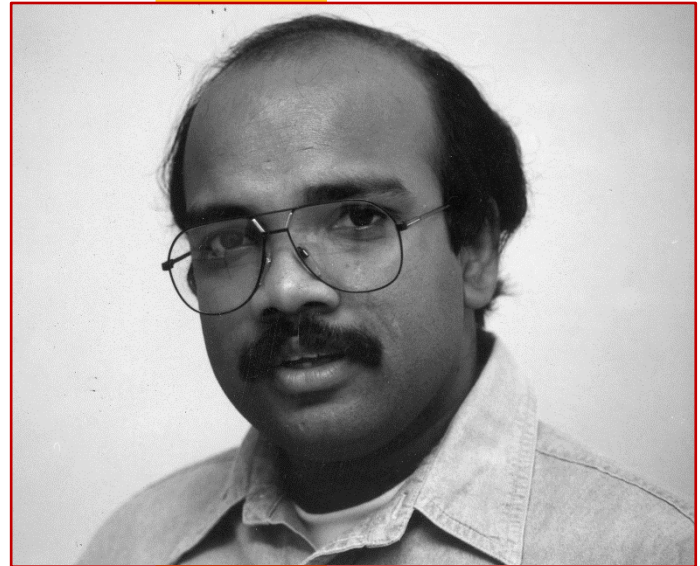
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Colonel Kittu

International News

10.01.2022: **KNDU** - In an inauguration ceremony held at the Faculty of Technology at the Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KNDU) on 10.01.2022, M. Rajapaksa mentioned that KNDU was not only recognised nationally, but internationally, reports Virakesari.

18.01.2022: **UAE** - According to Economy Next, Sri Lanka (SL) has condemned a drone attack on an oil facility in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The statement from SL's Foreign Ministry cited the need to be vigilant against the ever-present and evolving threat of terrorism, which can endanger global peace and security.

20.01.2022: **Pakistan** - According to Virakesari, the family of SL citizen Priyantha Kumara who had been killed in Pakistan were provided with a grant of USD 100,000 alongside monthly payments of his salary for the next decade by the Pakistani Government on 20.01.2022.

24.01.2022: **Tourism** - According to Tamil Guardian, SL has made it mandatory for tourists to be charged in foreign currency by hotel services in response to the worsening dollar crisis and a decline in the country's financial situation.

24.01.2022: **Maldives** - According to Economy Next, the ruling Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) has obstructed some Chinese "island projects". Six to seven islands that are in various stages of construction by Chinese companies will not proceed and ownership will have to

be settled in court. Maldives is currently attempting to repay a large portion of its debt to China.

25.01.2022: **ITJP** - According to Tamil Guardian, the ITJP has called on the British Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office to bring Magnitsky-style sanctions into place against retired SL General Jagath Jayasuriya for his crimes of torture, sexual violence and more. In the video, it is noted that Jayasuriya has faced no legal consequences for these crimes.

26.01.2022: **Corrupt** - SL makes no progress on the Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index - placing itself at the rank of 102, reports Colombo Page. The following recommendations have been put forth to the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL).

- ◆ Uphold the rights needed to hold power to account.
- ◆ Restore and strengthen institutional checks on power.
- ◆ Combat transnational forms of corruption.
- ◆ Uphold the right to information in government spending.

29.01.2022: **Diaspora** - According to Virakesari and The Quest of Tamils, 9 Tamil Diaspora organisations had jointly-called on their host-country governments to ban military personnel involved in war crimes in SL in a report published on 26.01.2022. Reports indicate that they have called for the imposition of sanctions against individuals accused of gross misconduct as outlined in the UN

High Commissioner for Human Rights' Inquiry Report on SL.

Sanctions called for:

- ◆ M. Rajapaksa
- ◆ G. Rajapaksa
- ◆ General Sarath Fonseka
- ◆ Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva
- ◆ Major General Sathyapriya Liyanage
- ◆ Major General Kamal Gunaratne
- ◆ Major General Mahinda Hathurusinghe
- ◆ Major General Nanda Mallawarachchi
- ◆ Major General Jagath Dias
- ◆ Major General Jagath Jayasuriya
- ◆ Brigadier Prasanna Silva
- ◆ Brigadier Nandana Udawatta
- ◆ Brigadier Chagie Gallage
- ◆ Colonel G.V. Ravipriya
- ◆ Admiral Wasantha Kumar Jayadewa Karannagoda
- ◆ Admiral Thisara S.G. Samarasinghe
- ◆ Admiral Dissanayake Wijesinghe Arachchilage Somatilake Dissanayake
- ◆ C.N. Wakishta

The Diaspora signatories:

- ◆ Australian Tamil Congress (ATC)
- ◆ British Tamils Forum (BTF)
- ◆ Irish Tamils Forum (ITF)
- ◆ Maison du Tamil Eelam - France
- ◆ National Council of Canadian Tamils (NCCT)
- ◆ Solidarity Group for Peace and Justice (SGPJ) - South Africa
- ◆ Swiss Tamil Action Group (STAG)
- ◆ Tamil Movement Against Genocide - Mauritius
- ◆ United States Tamil Action Group (USTAG)

29.01.2022: **UN** - SL's Ministry of Foreign Affairs drafted a document to the UNHRC outlining the internal mechanisms and independent structures supposedly implemented by GoSL to provide evidence in support of the UN Human Rights Council Resolution 46/1 - especially their progress towards reconciliation and accountability processes, reports Virakesari. According to MP Sumanthiran, TNA is also preparing a report, reports Athavan News.

Bilateral Discussions

04.01.2022: **UN** - According to Athavan News, the UN had praised the green agriculture plans of SL in a meeting between the Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Kanni Wignaraja, UNDP Resident Representative of SL, Robert Juhkam, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, Malin Herwig and G. Rajapaksa. Reports indicate that G. Rajapaksa had reassured that he will

take measures to develop a green SL through increasing economic prosperity and fighting poverty.

04.01.2022: **Slovenia** - In an interview with Daily Mirror, Slovenia's envoy to SL, Mateja Vodeb Ghosh had mentioned the following: "In Slovenia, there is an International Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence. And the main task of this centre is to implement the

Sustainable Development Goals with the help and assistance of artificial intelligence. So I do think we could find quite a few opportunities to cooperate in this area."

07.01.2022: **Korea** - According to Economy Next, during a meeting between the Foreign Ministers of Korea and SL, SL had requested assistance in exchange for a special investment zone. Korean Foreign Minister, Chung Eui-yong responded to SL's Foreign Minister, G.L. Peiris' request by providing increased dollar aid to the EXIM Bank of ROK and greater developmental assistance.

08.01.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi had arrived in SL for a two-day official visit. Wang Yi's visit comes at a time when SL is facing a foreign exchange shortage after its fertiliser crisis.

On 09.01.2022, M. Rajapaksa and Wang Yi declared SL's Port City Marina Promenade open to the public. According to Virakesari, discussions at the Temple Trees between Wang Yi and M. Rajapaksa were conducted to facilitate the visit of SL medical students to China who are expected to complete their academic activities. Later, Wang Yi met G. Rajapaksa. In this meeting SL requested China for a restructuring of debt repayments, reports Colombo Gazette.

The Following subjects were discussed amongst the two delegations:

- ◆ Further support for the vaccine program.

- ◆ Attracting investments to the Port City and the Hambantota Industrial Zone.
- ◆ Increasing tourism from China to SL.
- ◆ Increasing SL exports to China.
- ◆ Enhancing cultural cooperation, especially in the area of Buddhist ties.

The following agreements were also signed during a meeting between Peiris and Wang Yi at the Temple Trees:

- ◆ Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation.
- ◆ Letter of Exchange on the Project of Subsidised Housing for Low Income Category in Colombo.
- ◆ Handover Certificate of the Technical Cooperation Project for BMICH.
- ◆ Handover Certificate of the Technical Cooperation Project for the Kidney Disease Mobile Screening Ambulance Vehicles.

10.02.2022: **China** - The People's Bank of SL has announced that it expects to be removed from China's Blacklist after SL had paid the Chinese fertiliser company USD 6.9 million, reports Virakesari.

10.01.2022: **Australia** - According to Australian Ambassador David Colin, the government of Australia is to provide assistance to renovate and update the facilities of the Children and Pregnancy wards in the Batticaloa teaching Hospital. Accordingly, Colin is reported to have travelled with the head secretary of the Australian Embassy in SL and the staff of the UNICEF Australian aid to the mentioned hospital, reports Athavan News.

12.01.2022: **India** - SL's Cabinet approved the proposal made by M. Rajapaksa, SL's Minister of Buddhist, Religious and

Cultural Affairs to sign an MoU between GoSL and the Government of India to promote Buddhist heritage between SL and India, reports Virakesari. Projects to be implemented if the MoU were to be signed include:

- ◆ Infrastructure development
- ◆ Capacity building
- ◆ Cultural affairs
- ◆ Archaeological collaborations
- ◆ Display of sacred relics of Buddhist monks in SL
- ◆ Promotion of Buddhist pilgrimages to India

13.01.2022: **Hungary** - Hungarian Foreign and Trade Minister, Péter Szijjártó met Peiris, reports Colombo Gazette. According to Virakesari, SL's G.L. Peiris and Hungary's Foreign Minister, Peter Szijjártó held a bilateral meeting discussing areas of mutual interest. Szijjártó arrived in SL on a one-day official visit with a delegation on 12.01.2022. Discussions include:

- ◆ SL-Hungary relations
- ◆ Trade
- ◆ Investment
- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Co-convene 2nd Session of SL-Hungary Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation
- ◆ Dual Taxation Agreement finalisation
- ◆ Science and technology
- ◆ Ayurveda
- ◆ Renewable Energy
- ◆ Inauguration of SL-Hungary Chamber of Commerce under the SL National Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Hungary provided EUR 52 million in infrastructure development assistance
- ◆ Inspection of Kohuwala and Kattambe flyover constructions by Sigardo

- ◆ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed within the framework of the Stipendium Hungary Plan (2022-2024) - SL is the 86th country to benefit from this program
 - ◆ Annual offers of 20 scholarships to eligible SL students to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies in
 - ◆ Engineering
 - ◆ Science
 - ◆ Economics
 - ◆ Water management
- ◆ Agreement to convene regular political consultations to discuss mutual interests

13.01.2022: **Australia** - According to the SL Navy, Australian High Commissioner H.E. David Holly, met the Commander of the Eastern Naval Area, Rear Admiral Sanjeewa Dias. They exchanged views on several matters of bilateral importance and mutual interests.

15.01.2022: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's Finance Minister B. Rajapaksa and Indian External Affairs Minister, Dr. S Jaishankar held a virtual meeting. In the meeting the following points were noted:

- ◆ Extension of USD 400 million to SL under the SAARC currency swap arrangement.
- ◆ Deferral of ACU settlement of USD 515.2 million by two months.
- ◆ Extension of Indian credit facility of USD 1 billion to import food, essential items and medicine.
- ◆ USD 500 million to import fuel from India.
- ◆ Indian investments in:
 - ◆ ports
 - ◆ infrastructure

- ◆ energy
- ◆ renewable energy
- ◆ power
- ◆ manufacturing
- ◆ Modernisation of Trincomalee Oil Tank Farms.
- ◆ Enhance SL's energy security.

16.01.2022: **Maldives** - The former Maldivian President and current Speaker, Mohamed Nasheed had arrived in SL on a four-day official visit with a two-member delegation at 12.45 local time, reports Virakesari.

18.01.2022: **EU** - According to Virakesari, All Ceylon People's Congress (ACPC) President and SL MP, Rishad Bathiudeen had met with the EU's Ambassador to SL, Denise Seipi to extend cooperation for the welfare of political prisoners detained under the PTA.

18.01.2022: **India** - In a press release statement issued by the Indian High Commission it was stated that Delhi had sent Peiris a letter to confirm India's provision of a USD 500 million-worth loan as funds to address SL's request for assistance to manage its fuel crisis, reports Virakesari.

18.01.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, a delegation of Tamil political party leaders submitted a letter for India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to India's Ambassador, Gopal Baglay on 18.01.2022. Representatives present include:

- ◆ R. Sampanthan
- ◆ C.V. Wigneswaran
- ◆ Mavai Senathirajah
- ◆ Selvam Adaikalanathan
- ◆ Suresh Premachchandran
- ◆ M.A. Sumanthiran

- ◆ Surendran

18.01.2022: **UK** - Tariq Ahmed met with M. Rajapaksa at the Hilton Hotel, Colombo on 18.01.2022. According to Virakesari, mutual areas of cooperation were discussed. Areas of discussion:

- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Education

19.01.2022: **Hungary** - SL's Cabinet had approved the construction of four new flyovers through SL-Hungary cooperation. According to Virakesari, the Government of Hungary and GoSL had entered into a Financial Cooperation Agreement to enable concessional loans through the Exim Bank of Hungary for the implementation of infrastructure development projects in SL. According to Economy Next, the flyovers will be built at the following crossings:

- ◆ Muththettugala railway crossing - Hiripitiya
- ◆ Pasyala
- ◆ Negombo-Maristella
- ◆ Thalawathugoda

20.01.2022: **Japan** - During a joint-press conference organised by SL's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Japan in light of the 70th Anniversary of SL-Japan diplomatic relations, the 2 parties' traditional relations were reiterated, reports Virakesari. According to Peiris, the discussion highlighted significant progress in enhancing bilateral engagement across:

- ◆ Politics
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ People-to-people relations

25.01.2022: **Oman** - Due to some concerns about the terms of the USD 3.6

billion fuel credit line agreement with Oman, SL has decided not to proceed with the deal. Oman previously tried to offer SL an area for oil exploration in lieu of interest payments on the credit line, Economy Next reports.

25.01.2022: **Britain** - According to Britain's Minister for Commonwealth and Development, Tariq Ahmed, Britain is to provide SL with GBP 3.7 million through their "Conflict, Stability and Security Fund" to conduct projects aimed at "ending inter-communal conflicts, promoting human rights and building community solidarity," reports Virakesari.

25.01.2022: **Embassies** - According to Virakesari, M. Rajapaksa met with representatives from foreign embassies at the Temple Trees on 25.01.2022 for discussions. Attendees include:

- ♦ Secretary to SL's Prime Minister, Mr. Anura Dissanayake
- ♦ Secretary to SL's Ministry of External Affairs, Admiral (Retd) Jayanth Colombage
- ♦ Chief of Staff to SL Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Yoshitha Rajapaksa
- ♦ M. Rajapaksa
- ♦ Representatives from Foreign Embassies

26.01.2022: **South Korea** - According to Tamil Guardian, South Korea visited SL as part of a diplomatic visit. South Korea's Speaker of the National Assembly, Park Byeong-Seug, met with Peiris and members of the Rajapaksa family.

26.01.2022: **France** - According to SL's Ministry of Plantation, projects aimed at strengthening SL's economy of rubber plantation owners with the use of modern technology would be

conducted with France's financial assistance. Reports from Virakesari indicate that SL's Minister of Plantation, Ramesh Pathirana and the French Ambassador to SL, Eric Laverde visited the Agalawatta Rubber Research Station on 25.01.2022 to examine operations.

26.01.2022: **Pakistan** - Pakistan's Prime Minister, Imran Khan called for the strengthening of bilateral trade relations between Pakistan and SL. Reports indicate that he had also called for the optimal utilisation of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two countries. For this, he said, regular high-level exchanges must be held. He also hoped that more SL citizens would visit Pakistan through religious tourism as there is a "strong cultural bond", Economy Next reports.

27.01.2022: **Diplomats** - Peiris briefed foreign diplomats operating in SL on 27.01.2022 regarding SL's progress to ensure the facilitation of human rights and reconciliation efforts in light of the upcoming 49th session of the UNHRC, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that the UN's Resident Representative in SL, Hana Singer Hamdy had emphasised in a tweet that the GoSL should ensure that the internal mechanisms introduced are in accordance with international standards and obligations.

27.01.2022: **Japan** - The Ambassador of Japan to SL, Hideaki Mizukoshi on the eve of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between SL and Japan, visited Shavendra Silva on 26.01.2022, reports Army LK.

27.01.2022: **China** - China is to donate 7 earthquake centres following a meeting with Mahinda Amaraweera, SL's Minister of Environment, reports the Colombo Page. The facility will be established in the West and North-Western Provincial Borders accordingly, under the "Let's Listen to the Earth" program which is set to be launched in the course of two months.

29.01.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, China's Foreign Minister is said to have informed Colombo of Beijing's prospective plans for SL during his recent visit. The two following issues of interest were discussed:

- ♦ SL-China Free Trade Agreement
- ♦ Security Agreement

30.01.2022: **Turkey** - Turkey's Foreign Minister, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu called on Peiris on 29.01.2022 and discussed areas for mutual cooperation - especially Turkey's "Asia New Initiative", reports

Virakesari. Çavuşoğlu arrived in SL for a one-day official visit with a 13-member delegation who were met at Bandaranaike Airport by SL's Taraka Balasuriya and the Turkish Ambassador to SL on 28.01.2022. According to Colombo Gazette, Turkey and SL signed an agreement on avoidance on double taxation. Further both sides agreed to further develop relations between both countries.

31.01.2022: **North Korea** - In an interview with The Sunday Divayina, SL's Finance Minister, B. Rajapaksa mentioned that SL had purchased weapons from North Korea and paid for fuel during the war through sourcing black market dollars through connecting with the 'Pettah' Business District in Colombo, reports News First LK. Reports indicate that the statement was made to justify the use of the black-market system to address the current unprecedented pressure on SL's foreign reserves.

Military News

05.01.2022: **Fighter Squadron** - According to Air Force LK, SL's NO 10 Fighter Squadron, also known as the "Lion Cubs", celebrated its 26th anniversary at its hangar premises. This Squadron is supposed to have freed the island from "terrorism" during the "humanitarian operation".

09.01.2022: **Discharges** - According to the SL Navy (SLN), 364 regular and volunteer recruits of the 243rd year of the SLN were discharged after completing their basic training at Poonewa.

09.01.2022: **Visit** - The Commander of the SLN, Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, visits the SL Naval Command North. He briefed about the operational readiness and administrative functions of the Northern Naval Area, reports Navy LK.

11.01.2022: **Maritime Squadron** - According to Air Force LK, SL's NO 3 Maritime Squadron celebrated its 3rd anniversary at the SLAF Academy in China Bay, Trincomalee. That historical Squadron shifted their SLAF Base to the

China Bay in the year 1988 to conduct surveillance operations against the LTTE.

12.01.2022: **Germany** - A German Navy's frigate named "Bayern" is set to arrive in SL on 15.01.2022, reports Colombo Gazette. The deployment of Bayern related to Germany's "Policy Guidelines for the Indo Pacific" as well as to the EU's "Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo Pacific".

20.01.2022: **English Course** - A group of 35 Army personnel serving under the Security Force HQ - Jaffna (SFHQ-J) joined a special English Language Training Course, reports Army LK.

26.01.2022: **Jaya Pirith** - According Air Force LK, the annual "Jaya Pirith" Chanting took place at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall under the supervision of G. Rajapaksa. The event was attended by:

- ◆ 1,000 Buddhist monks
- ◆ SLAF Commander, Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana
- ◆ Secretary to SL's Ministry of Defence

- ◆ Secretary to SL's State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management
- ◆ Commanders of SL's Army and Navy
- ◆ SL's Inspector General of Police
- ◆ GoSL Officials
- ◆ SL Military Officers
- ◆ Family members of "fallen war heroes"

27.01.2022: **SLAF Hospital** - According Air Force LK, the foundation stone laying ceremony for a new SLAF Hospital at Narahenpita was held on the morning of 27.01.2022 under the supervision of SL's Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management, General K. Gunaratne. The project is supported by G. Rajapaksa.

27.01.2022: **SPEAT** - Sri Lanka Prisons Emergency Action and Tactical Force [SPEAT Force] was established on 26.01.2022 by K. Gunaratne citing the transparent tackling of corruption and misconduct within the country's prison system, reports Colombo Page.

Future Features

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WHAM

03.01.2022: **Mullaitivu** - According to Army LK, occupational forces in Jaffna handed over 60 packets of dry rations. Reports indicate that they had also donated to Bharathi Children's Home and Ladani's Children's Home on 02.01.2022.

03.01.2022: **Jaffna** - According to Army LK, occupational forces in Jaffna handed over 100 packets of dry rations to residents of Columbuthurai, Valvettithurai (VVT) and Araali. The sponsors were SL citizens, Dr. Sukumar and Ms. Ann Nagendran residing in the US.

04.01.2022: **Poonakari** - According to Army LK, occupational forces in Poonakari donated schoolbooks and other materials to 100 school children from 10 schools.

08.01.2022: **Mullaitivu** - According to Army LK, 100 students from 7 schools in Mullaitivu received free school shoes from SL's occupational 59th division.

13.01.2022: **Stationary Pack** - According to Army LK, 50 stationary packs were provided to students from the Uduppiddy Girls school.

14.01.2022: **Kite Festival** - According to Army LK, a Kite Festival was added as a novel feature to the Pongal celebrations

in Kankesanthurai. Occupying troops from the Jaffna-HQ co-organised the festival with the "Elavalai Youth Club".

15.01.2022: **Plantation drive** - On the instructions of SL's Commander Naval Area, Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne, 256 coconut saplings were planted at the SLNS Uththara facility. This took place under the supervision of the Commander of the Northern Sea Area, Rear Admiral Priyantha Pere, SL Navy reports.

19.01.2022: **Pongal** - According to the SL Army, the 52nd, 55th and 65th Divisions invoked blessings on Thai Pongal and distributed pongal rice to devotees.

26.01.2022: **Pongal** - 10 SL Light Infantry, 19 SL Light Infantry and 17 (V) SL Light Infantry troops under the 651st and 652nd Brigades of SL's 65th Division jointly supported the conduct of the 'Thai Pongal' festival by contributing to the cleaning projects of Hindu temples, reports SL Army.

28.01.2022: **Kilinochchi** - According to the SL Army, the 57th Division HQ of SL's Security Force HQ-Mullaitivu conducted a Mobile Eye Clinic in the general area of Kilinochchi, with SL's Commercial Bank and the My Vision Eye Care Centre. Nurses and medical assistants recommended the use of eyeglasses to a total of 156 civilians.

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

Deaths

01.01.2022: **Stabbing** - According to Virakesari, 24-year-old Karthik of Paranthan died after being attacked by a group of four individuals who stabbed and cut two youth in Kilinochchi. The other was injured and was admitted to hospital for treatment. Occupational Kilinochchi police are conducting further investigations.

01.01.2022: **Death** - A fisherman who was fishing in the Sakamam rivers in Amapara was found dead after being bitten by a crocodile on 01.01.2022, reports Virakesari.

01.01.2022: **Accident** - Three youths who were travelling on a motorcycle collided with a tipper vehicle on 01.01.2022 in Keppapelavu, Mullaitivu causing two of the three to be killed on the spot with the other admitted to the Mullaitivu District General Hospital with severe injuries, reports Virakesari.

09.01.2022: **Body** - 39-year-old Yogarasa Rajini's body was recovered from a well in Mullaitivu. According to Virakesari, investigations are underway.

14.01.2022: **Deaths** - Two of seven boys, 16-year-olds Jeevananda Sujinan and S. Aswan who went

swimming at Kumpurumulai Kajuwatta were found to have gone missing after drowning at sea. According to Virakesari, one boy was rescued and admitted to the Valaichenai Base Hospital for treatment.

18.01.2022: **Body** - According to occupational Vavuniya police, the body of 56-year-old father, M. Dissanayake and 21-year-old son, T. Akilavasan of Kannaki Amman Kovil Veedu, Kayankerni who went fishing in the Kayankerni sea, Batticaloa had been recovered on the evening of 17.01.2022, reports Virakesari.

18.01.2022: **Body** - A 23-year-old man who went missing on 06.01.2022 in the Passara-Akkarathan area was found dead and hung from a tree on the evening of 18.01.2022. According to Virakesari, the deceased was found within 1 km from his grandfather's house. It is notable that the deceased's grandfather had lodged a complaint on 14.01.2022 to occupational Passara police.

22.01.2022: **Death** - According to Virakesari, a 3-year-old girl has drowned after falling into a small plastic barrel in a housing scheme located on Kaluwanchchikudi Mariamman Temple Road, Batticaloa on 21.01.2022.

23.01.2022: **Accident** - A father and son travelling on a motorcycle towards Batticaloa were hit by a speeding pickup truck causing the death of the father and the son to be admitted to hospital with severe injuries. Virakesari reports that further investigations are underway.

23.01.2022: **Immolation** - According to Virakesari, 47-year-old mother, Anandarasa Seedeve and her 17-year-old daughter, Laksika were found burnt to death in Punnainiravinathan, Kilinochchi on 20.01.2022. The occupational Dharmapuram police were notified of the incident on 21.01.2022 from which further investigations have been conducted.

26.01.2022: **Body** - According to Karpiti police, the deformed corpse of an unidentified individual was found washed up on Kanduli beach, Karpiti on the evening of 25.01.2022 after being informed of the body's presence by a local fisherman, reports Virakesari.

27.01.2022: **Murder** - According to Virakesari, 85-year-old Suleiman Buhari from Sainthamaruthu 15 Division Puthupally Road was robbed of her gold jewellery and killed on the morning of 27.01.2022. Reports indicate the death is being investigated by the occupational police of Sainthamaruthu.

27.01.2022: **Accident** - In the collision of a motorcycle and tractor at Mullaitivu Manthai East Pandian Lake, 47-year-old Ravindra Nikkaseela of Anuradhapuram was killed and 28-year-old Vimal Vignesh of Pandiankulam, Selvapuram was admitted to Mallavi Base Hospital with serious injuries before being transferred to Kilinochchi Teaching Hospital for further treatment. The driver of the tractor was arrested and the case is being further investigated by the occupational police of Pandiankulam, reports Virakesari.

29.01.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the body of a 30-year-old father of a child had been recovered from an abandoned shrimp farm water tank in the Kothandivu village. Reports indicate that the individual had been deemed missing on 28.01.2022 with the body recovered on 29.01.2022.

30.01.2022: **Bodies** - According to Virakesari, of 11 individuals who went to bathe in a pool near the Arana Kerandi Ella Falls in Badulla on 29.01.2022, the bodies of four were recovered on 29.01.2022 and the fifth was recovered on 30.01.2022 after they were swept away by the river. According to the Attampitiya police, the deceased individuals were:

- ◆ Raja David Kumar: 23-year-old
- ◆ Shiva Subramaniam Kansana: 21-year-old
- ◆ Bhavani: 22-year-old

- ◆ Sindhu: 18-year-old
- ◆ Syria: 20-year-old

30.01.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the body of an SL Special Task Force (STF) officer from the Haputale Special Task Force Camp had been found with gunshot wounds to his forehead. Reports indicate that the corpse is being kept at the Diyatalawa Base Hospital for further inquiries and an autopsy.

03.01.2022: **Trincomalee** - Sajith Premadasa is scheduled to visit parts of Trincomalee between 04.01.2022-05.01.2022 to provide financial assistance to the victims of the Kurinjankerni boat accident, reports Virakesari. According to Athavan News, Premadasa visited the Nallur Kandaswamy temple and opened a newly-built preschool in Jaffna, during his visit.

04.01.2022: **Trade Fair** - The 12th Edition of the Jaffna International Trade Fair (JITF) is set to take place between 21.01.2022-23.01.2022 organised by the Lanka Exhibition and Conference Services (Pvt) Ltd and the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Yarlpanam (CCiy) with endorsement by the International Business Council, SL's Ministry of Industry & Commerce and the Consulate General of India in Jaffna, reports Colombo Page.

Explosives

05.01.2022: **Explosives** - According to Virakesari, the occupational Puthukkudiyiruppu police arrested six individuals for attempting to smuggle two large bombs each

weighting 400 kilograms each for iron. The arrested individuals from Kaiveli Puthukkudiyiruppu were produced before the Mankulam District Magistrate's Court on 05.01.2022. The explosives were recovered from land which had been under the control of the occupational SL Army for over 12 years.

06.01.2022: **Grenade** - A hand grenade was recovered from the roof of a house near the occupational Kopay police station during repair work, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the grenade was later removed by the occupational police.

18.01.2022: **Arms** - According to Virakesari, an individual had been arrested for the possession of an illegal Indian gun in the Chorapatru area after the occupational Pallai police raided the suspect's house following a tip-off on 17.01.2022 and had been produced before the Kilinochchi court on 18.01.2022.

19.01.2022: **Explosives** - A hand grenade was recovered from Omanathai Navarkulam whilst clearing private land in Vavuniya. According to Virakesari, occupational police were involved in removing and deactivating the grenade.

21.01.2022: **Explosives** - According to Virakesari, occupational Omanthai police had recovered a locally-made Indian gun from

Navarkulam forest. Further reports indicate that occupational Eechchankulam police had also recovered a 60 mm cell and cluster bomb from Vavuniya Eechchankulam, Thavasiyakulam.

08.01.2022: **Festival** - The Annual International Kite Festival organised by the Vigneswara Community and the Valvai Sunrise has been indefinitely postponed following mass opposition against the invitation of N. Rajapaksa as the Chief Guest for the event, reports JDS Lanka.

09.01.2022: **Transport** - SL's Transport Minister, Pavithra Vanniyarachchi inaugurated an air-conditioned Nagarkoyil train service between Mount Lavinia and Kankesanthurai on 09.01.2022. According to Virakesari, the service was received by the Deputy High Commissioner of India at the Colombo Fort Railway Station. Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) had provided two-refrigerated diesel trains (DMUs) to the SL Railways under a USD 318 million loan from India - one of which was launched on 09.01.2022.

10.01.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, occupational Muttur police had conveyed that 27 individuals were injured in a road accident on the Muttur-Batticaloa Main Road between a passenger bus and heavy vehicle.

Drugs

10.01.2022: **Drugs** - Two youth were arrested by occupational police for smuggling 22 kg of Kerala Cannabis from Jaffna to Colombo on 10.01.2022 following a tip-off

received by SL's military intelligence unit with the case under further investigations, reports Virakesari.

22.01.2022: **Drugs** - A couple from Sullipuram, Jaffna were arrested in the possession of 85 kg of cannabis by occupational Sullipuram police, reports Virakesari.

25.01.2022: **Cannabis** - According to the SL army, SL Intelligence troops of the 54th Division, with patrolling troops apprehended a stock of 3.8 kg of Kerala cannabis on 20.01.2022 at Keeri village in Mannar.

10.01.2022: **Heritage** - According to the Tamil Guardian, three ancient copper coins from Tamil Eelam have been discovered by a Tamil Nadu schoolgirl. The coins, which were unearthed from a field in Ramanathapuram, date back to the 11th and 12th centuries and mark Rajaraja Chola I's reign.

10.01.2022: **Electricity** - China is installing power supply systems on three islands off Jaffna due to "security concerns of a third party". The islands in question are:

- ◆ Nainativu
- ◆ Neduntivu
- ◆ Analaitivu

12.01.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, China's ambassador, Qi Zhenhong visited Point Pedro in Jaffna. He distributed compensation for the fishermen there. He would like to see how the situation is in the North and help local people and promote development.

Crimes

04.01.2022: **Arrest** - Four individuals were arrested by occupational police at the Vavuniya 1st Cross Street on the afternoon of 04.01.2022 where a scuffle broke out between some people who were at a mobile phone sales outlet. According to Virakesari, individuals from both sides engaged in the scuffle with dangerous weapons such as axes.

05.01.2022: **Attack** - According to Virakesari, a man was arrested for assaulting a driver and pedestrian aboard a bus belonging to the SL Transport Board when a mob intercepted a bus near Nellyati Junction on the night of 04.01.2022.

05.01.2022: **Robbery** - According to Virakesari, a complaint was lodged at the occupational Eechankulam police alleging that robbers had entered a house in Devakulam, Pudukulam, Vavuniya and looted gold jewellery and money on 05.01.2022.

09.01.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, a 26-year-old suspect from Manipur had been arrested for allegedly breaking into two separate houses and engaging in sword violence in Kopay and Kokuvil.

11.01.2022: **Shooting** - According to Virakesari, a 22-year-old was injured in a shooting which occurred on the evening of 10.01.2022 in Eastern Visvamadu,

Mullaitivu due to an argument between two men. The suspect was arrested and produced before the Mullaitivu Magistrate's Court on 11.01.2022.

12.01.2022: **Clash** - According to Virakesari, two individuals were admitted to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital with injuries following a clash between Jaffna University's Science Faculty students due to forcible entrance into students' homes. Reports indicate that this is the third such clash between science students at the university within January 2022.

18.01.2022: **Robbery** - Robberies were reported across three temples after robbers had broken into the Akkarapathana Chinnathottam Sri Muththumariamman Temple, looting temple jewellery and money. According to Virakesari, two other temples located in the gardens adjacent to the city of Akkarapathana had raised discontent amidst the public. According to Nuwara Eliya police, further investigations were underway.

21.01.2022: **Assassination** - According to Virakesari, the case of Balasundaram, who was killed in a shooting incident which occurred opposite the residence of SL Minister, Sathasivam Viyazhenthiran on 06.03.2021 was heard by Batticaloa's District Magistrate, AC Rizwan on 21.01.2022 who ruled for the

extension of the remand of the accused.

30.01.2022: **Liquor** - Occupational SL police had arrested a suspect on 29.01.2022 with liquor bottles in a raid following a tip-off received by the Dharmapuram Occupational Police Station, reports Virakesari. According to the Officer-in-Charge of the Dharmapura Police Station, the suspect is to be produced before Kilinochchi Court on 30.01.2022.

31.01.2022: **Hack** - Virakesari's official Twitter page had been reported to be hacked by unknown individuals with official investigations and attempts to revive the page underway, reports Virakesari.

19.01.2022: **Solar power plant** - In 1980, Die Deutsche Welle, the Voice of Germany, set up a relay station in Trincomalee, which was handed over to the SL Broadcasting Corporation, SL's state radio, in 2012. Plans are now underway to build an 80 to 100 MW solar power plant, Economy Next reports

Fisheries

05.01.2022: **Fishermen** - More than 600 fishermen in the coastal belt of Jaffna have switched to sea cucumber farming as demand for it has increased due to banned bottom trawling. The Chinese joint-venture Gui Lan had opened a hatchery in Jaffna's coastal village of Ariyalai five years ago. Since the right certification process is not in

place for exporting sea cucumbers to China, the sea cucumbers go through the certification process in Singapore and Hong Kong, losing some foreign exchange, Economy Next reports.

13.01.2022: **Trial** - According to Athavan News, the announcement of the judgement about the 43 Indian fishermen, who are still under custody of occupation police in Neduntivu for alleged illegal fishing, was postponed for the third time on 27.01.2022.

18.01.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Virakesari, the interrogation of 13 Tamil Nadu fishermen who were arrested on 20.12.2021 for trespassing into Tamil Eelam's occupied waters was ordered to be extended until 01.02.2022 by the Kayts' Magistrate's Court.

25.01.2022: **Judgement** - According to Athavan News, the 55 Indian fishermen have been released from custody on conditional bail following their acceptance of guilt. If they are caught again in Tamil Eelam's occupied waters within the timeframe of five years, they will be immediately arrested and imprisoned for 6 months.

26.01.2022: **Fisheries** - According to Virakesari, a preliminary meeting was held between Douglas Devananda, Malikawatta, and Jay Min Woo at SL's Ministry of Fisheries on 26.01.2022. Reports indicate

that discussions were conducted regarding Indian fishermen's encroachment activities within the Bay of Bengal and challenges which exist within the Gulf of Mannar.

19.01.2022: **Kilinochchi Library** - According to Athavan News, the laying of the foundation stone for the construction of a library by the Karachchi Divisional Council was done in

Sri Lanka

02.01.2022: **Award** - G. Rajapaksa was awarded the "Sri Lankadeeswara Padma Vibhushan " award by the Sri Jayawardenapura Fort Sri Kalyani Samagiridharma Maha Sangam, reports Virakesari.

03.01.2022: **Allowance** - According to B. Rajapaksa, the GoSL had decided to provide public servants LKR 5,000 per month as a special allowance, reports Virakesari.

07.01.2022: **Fuel oil** - With the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) unable to purchase fuel oil, power cuts are expected. Power cuts have already occurred in several districts due to the sudden failure of the Kelanitissa Power Station, Economy Next reports.

09.01.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, SL had about USD 3.5 billion in central government debt to China by 2020 - not including loans to state-owned enterprises. At the meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, G. Rajapaksa pointed out to him that it would be a relief if the debt repayments

Kilinochchi. The laying ceremony was attended by MP Sritharan and Indian ambassador Rama Rajesh.

27.01.2022: **Bus** - 3 unlicensed buses travelling from Batticaloa to Colombo were restricted by SL's Road Transport Authority causing tensions. According to Virakesari, occupational police arrived at the scene and sent the buses back to Kattankudy.

could be restructured. G. Rajapaksa sought debt relief and import credits from China.

11.01.2022: **Grenade** - Three suspects had been arrested in relation to the recovery of a hand grenade from a Borella church's premises on 11.01.2022 following a tip-off from a church employee, reports Virakesari.

12.01.2022: **Ports** - According to Virakesari, construction on the second phase of the Colombo Port East Terminal was inaugurated by G. Rajapaksa and M. Rajapaksa with a heavy presence of Buddhist monks at the inauguration ceremony.

14.01.2022: **MV Express Pearl** - According to SL's Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA), the first instalment of compensation sought by the GoSL for damage caused by the MV Express Pearl would be available within a fortnight. Reports from Virakesari indicate that USD 2.15 would be available for damage to the marine environment.

18.01.2022: **SL Parliament** - According to Virakesari, the SL Parliament's 2nd session was inaugurated under G. Rajapaksa at 10.00 local time. According to G. Rajapaksa, it is his duty as SL's president to remind every SL citizen of all races of their responsibilities. He also adds that no violation of human rights has occurred in his tenure as President and requested SL parliament's members not to indulge in provoking the people, reports Athavan News.

18.01.2022: **IOC** - In a special discussion held under SL's Minister of Power and Energy regarding the procurement of fuel for the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB), Lanka IOC rejected the request of SL's Ministry of Power and Energy to supply fuel to the CEB due to the fuel shortage, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that the CEB had announced that the 63 Mega Watt (MW) generator at the Kelanitissa Thermal Power Station had also recently failed due to a lack of fuel to produce electricity.

18.01.2022: **Constitution** - According to Economy Next, SL's new constitution will be submitted to a committee of experts, SL's Cabinet of Ministers and SL Parliament.

19.01.2022: **Appointment** - According to Virakesari, senior official of SL's Administrative Service and Secretary to SL's Prime Minister, Gamini Senarath had been appointed as the new Secretary to SL's President with his letter of appointment presented to G. Rajapaksa on the morning of 19.01.2022. Earlier reports indicate that SL's Former Secretary to the Ministry of Irrigation,

Anura Dissanayaka had been appointed as the new Secretary to M. Rajapaksa to fill Gamini Senarath's position.

21.01.2022: **Digitalisation** - According to Virakesari, N. Rajapaksa mentioned to SL's Parliament that India would assist SL in their plans to digitise SL's National Identity Card (NIC).

26.01.2022: **BOI** - According to Economy Next, G Rajapaksa has appointed a new board of directors for the Board of Investment (BOI). The board consists of:

- ♦ Raja Edirisuriya (newly appointed BOI chair)
- ♦ Jayamin Pelpola (investment banker turned tech entrepreneur)
- ♦ Athula Haputanti (managing director of Tantri Trailers)
- ♦ Kushan De Alwis (advisor to G. Rajapaksa)
- ♦ Dr Lawrence Perera (chief executive officer of Micro Cars LTD)

26.01.2022: **CEB** - According to Economy Next, Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) Chairman M. M. C Fernando has tendered his resignation with effect from 01.02.2022. Amongst other things, Fernando was one of the signatories to the controversial agreement between SL and US-based New Fortress Energy.

28.01.2022: **Corruption** - According to Virakesari, SL Minister Johnston Fernando and two others were acquitted of three charges filed by SL's Bribery and Corruption Commission in 2010, in a verdict announced by Colombo's Chief Magistrate, Buddhika Ragala. Reports indicate that allegations were made for Fernando's use of 153 Sathosa employees for electioneering between

2010-2014, causing GoSL a loss of LKR 40 million.

31.01.2022: **SL Independence Day** - In a media briefing at the GoSL's Information Department, SL's Western Province's Senior Deputy Superintendent of Police, Deshabandu Tennakoon outlined security plans which were to be implemented in Colombo in light of SL's Independence Day and requested the public's full cooperation. According to Virakesari, the following procedures would be in place on 04.02.2022 and in the lead up of the events:

- ◆ Independence Square and 21 adjoining streets will be temporarily closed from 04.30 local time until the end of celebrations.
- ◆ 3,000 police personnel will be deployed in Colombo alone.
- ◆ Independence Square will be closed between 06.00-14.00 local time for SL's Independence Day Parade Rehearsals.

- ◆ Special guests have been provided an invitation to the event with a special parking permit stamp enclosed to park their vehicles.

The programme structure is as follows: (all times are indicated in local time)

- ◆ 07.30 - Special guests' arrival
- ◆ 08.13 - G. Rajapaksa to arrive at Independence Square as the event's Chief Guest
- ◆ School children's Welcome Anthem
- ◆ Moments' silence
- ◆ 11.15 - SL's 74th Independence Day Parade
 - ◆ Phase 1: SL Army & Police Salute Parade
 - ◆ Phase 2: SL Civil Defence Force & National Student Corps' Salute Parade
 - ◆ Special 111 vehicle-tribute
- ◆ 11.20 - SL's 74th Independence Day Event Conclusion

Economic News

01.01.2022: **FOREX** - Due to the shortage of US dollars in SL's banking system, shipping agents have requested for dollarised freight rates, reports Economy Next. Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents (CASA) has warned that delays in the payment of freight charges for Colombo could lead to a reduction in freight quotas. This will make it difficult for exporters to meet their customers' deadlines.

04.01.2022: **Loan** - According to Economy Next, SL's Alliance Finance PLC has received a USD 5 million loan from EMF Microfinance Fund AGmvK for on-lending to micro, small and medium enterprises. EMF Microfinance is a private fund that focuses on impact investing. It also received USD 10 million from the Dutch development finance company FMO, which was advised by Swiss-based Enabling Capital SA.

05.01.2022: **Inflation** - SL Opposition MP Harsha de Silva mentioned that the aid measures announced to increase wages will also increase SL's inflation. According to Economy Next, printing money for relief will worsen inflation. The spending package includes.

- ◆ LKR 87 billion - salaries,
- ◆ LKR 40 billion - pensions,
- ◆ LKR 31 billion - agricultural subsidies for lands less than 10 acres
- ◆ Payments for differently-abled SL soldiers

07.01.2022: **Gates Foundation** - According to Colombo Gazette, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is set to assist The Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) in the development of Farmer Data Management Systems and Digital Strategy of SL Agriculture. This initiative will be driven by ICTA.

08.01.2022: **Gold holdings** - The Central Bank of SL has sold about 3.6 tonnes of its early 2021 gold holdings of 6.69 tonnes to increase liquid foreign assets in line with a decline in annual foreign exchange reserves. Thus, gross foreign exchange reserves increased to USD 3,137 million in December 2021. Despite this, reserves were also increased by a swap from China, Economy Next reports. In order to improve the liquidity of SL's reserves, SL's Central Bank has also declared that part of the gold stock has been sold. Gold reserves were reduced to USD 175 million in 2021, Economy Next reports.

11.01.2022: **Blacklist** - According to Economy Next, the Chinese Embassy in Colombo has removed SL's state-owned People's Bank from a blacklist. It was

removed from the list for settling the disputed payment of USD 6.87 million to China-based Quindao Biotech Group.

12.01.2022: **Standard and Poor's** - The rating agency Standard and Poor's has downgraded SL from 'CCC+' to 'CCC'. This is due to the shortage of foreign exchange, which indicates that there is an increased likelihood of sovereign default scenarios occurring in the next 12 months. In addition, the deteriorating fiscal position would lead to SL's inability to service its debt in the next 12 months, Economy Next reports.

14.01.2022: **UN** - According to Colombo Gazette the 2022 World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report cites that SL is to face several issues such as food shortages, dwindling foreign reserves and sovereign debt risks. SL's GDP growth is projected at 2.6%. WESP produced by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

15.01.2022: **Shortage** - The Canadian government warned its nationals visiting and living in SL via its official Twitter account that SL is facing an impending economic crisis. This may lead to shortages of food, medicine and fuel. A deterioration in the security situation, public services including health care could be home consequence, Economy Next reports. This caused outrage amongst SL officials.

16.01.2022: **Deferment** - According to a statement issued by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, India has allowed SL to defer due payments under the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) for two months as part of a support package for the island.

The deferred payments amount to USD 512.5 million, Economy Next reports.

17.01.2022: **Remittance** - According to Economy Next, SL has remitted the required funds for the repayment of a USD 500 million government bond that matures on 18.01.2022. Of this, about USD 117 million of the 500 bonds belong to SL holders.

17.01.2022: **Debt** - In 2022, SL must repay USD 1.5 billion in government bonds, with USD 1 billion maturing in July 2022. In total, SL has USD 6.9 billion of debt to repay in 2022, of which about 40 % is owed to domestic holders.

21.02.2022: **Artificial Intelligence** - According to Colombo Gazette, India and SL have agreed to cooperate in the fields of science and technology for 2 more years. This expansion of cooperation was decided at the India-Sri Lanka 5th Joint Committee on S&T Cooperation. Since April 2020, over 550 students from SL have visited training in various Indian institutions under this cooperation.

Areas of ongoing collaboration:

- ◆ food technology
- ◆ plant-based medicines
- ◆ meteorology
- ◆ space research & applications
- ◆ robotics & automation

- ◆ industrial electronics
- ◆ renewable energy
- ◆ waste management
- ◆ information and communication

Inclusion of new areas:

- ◆ waste-water technologies
- ◆ industry and biotech
- ◆ sustainable agriculture
- ◆ aerospace engineering
- ◆ robotics
- ◆ big data analysis
- ◆ artificial intelligence

23.01.2022: **LIOC** - According to Economy Next, Lanka Indian Oil Corporation (LIOC), a unit of SL, reported a net profit of LKR 890 million in the December quarter of 2021. Earlier in January 2022, LIOC had entered into an agreement to develop 61 oil tanks, 49% shares of Trinco Petroleum Terminal (Pvt) Ltd, at the China Bay Oil Tank Farm in Trincomalee.

26.01.2022: **Hambantota** - According to Colombo Gazette, the tank farm along with its oil jetties of Hambantota International Port (HIP) have been fully refurbished and certified. The port has also received its first Marine Gas Oil shipment. Through that the HIP is able to function as a strategic fuel bunker operator in the region, the news further reports.

Economic Profile – January 2022

Inflation	December 2021	↑ to 12.1%
Money Printing	November 2021	LKR 113 billion
Credit	November 2021	
Privat loan		↑ by LKR 60 billion
Government loans to enterprises		↓ by LKR 9.1 billion
Loan to the government		↑ to LKR 151.3 billion
Remittances	2021	↓ by 22.7% to USD 5,491.5 million
Money reserves	until November 2021	↑ 40% to LKR 1,287 billion
Net foreign assets	November 2021	about USD 1.6 billion
Real GDP	in the third quarter of 2021	about LKR 178 billion
Growth estimation	Year 2022	about 5.5%
Trade		
Imports	2020	USD 16. 1 billion
	2021	↑ to USD 21.6 billion
	December 2021	↑ to USD 2.2 billion
Exports	November 2021	↑ by 54.6% to USD1.2 billion
	2021	↑ by 24.9% to USD 11.3 billion
BOP Deficit	November 2021	↑ USD 3.6 billion

SL's economic developments reported within the month of January 2022.

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KARUPPAIYA RAMAIYEE

78-YEAR-OLD MOTHER WHO WAS INVOLVED IN 1,799 DAYS OF PROTEST THROUGH A ROTATIONAL HUNGER STRIKE IN SEARCH OF HER ADOPTED SON, R. INDRAPALAN WHO WAS FORCIBLY DISAPPEARED IN 2007.

VAVUNIYA, TAMIL EELAM



இலங்கையின் சுதந்திர மாயை February 4, தமிழர்களின் கரிநாள்

காலனியத்துவத்துவத்தின் கைமாற்றத்தையும், எல்லையின்றி தொடரும் தமிழினவழிப்பையும் குறிக்கும் Feb 4 ஐ, சுதந்திரம் எனும் மாயையினூடாக கிளிர்ச்சி முறியடிப்புத்திட்டங்களைத் துரிதப்படுத்தும், சிங்களபௌத்த பேரினவாதம் தலைவிரித்தாடும் களமே இலங்கையின் ஒற்றையாட்சி மேலாண்மையின் மேடை. தமிழினவழிப்பு எனும் நிகழ்ச்சி நிரலைக்கொண்டு, தமிழீழ தேசத்தின் எச்சங்களின் கரிநாளாக இந்நாள் அமைகின்றது.

அக்கினிப் பறவைகள் அமைப்பினராகிய நாம், நந்திக்கடலின் மனந்துளிகளில் உறைந்திருக்கும் அடிப்படைக் கோட்பாடுகளின் முடிக்கமாக, தமிழினவழிப்பில் தொடர்ந்தும் ஈடுபட்டுவரும் அனைத்து சர்வதேச வல்லாதிக்க சக்திகளையும் எதிர்த்து நிற்கிறோம். தமிழிறைமை எனும் எமது ஈடினையற்ற அடையாளத்தை என்றும், எதிலும், எப்படியும், விட்டுக்கொடுக்கமாட்டோம் என்பது திண்ணம்.

உலகத்தின் அடக்கும் சக்திகள் ஒன்றிணைந்து ஒரு போராட்டத்தை அழிக்க நினைக்கும்பொழுது, அப்போராட்டத்தை வழிநடத்துபவர்கள் எடுக்கும் முடிவானது அடக்கப்படும் அனைவருக்குமான ஒரு முடிவாகப் புலப்படும். இதுவே நந்திக்கடலில் ஒலித்த செய்தியாகும். அவ்வாறான வகையில், தமிழிறைமை என்றும் விட்டுக்கொடுக்க முடியாத ஒன்றென்று தமது ஆயிரமாயிரம் இன்னுயிர்களை ஈகம் செய்து நிலைநாட்டிய நம்மறவரின் வழியில் நாம் எமது நிலைப்பாட்டை முன்னிறுத்துகிறோம். அனைத்து அடுக்கும் சக்திகளுக்கும் இனவழிப்பிற்கும் எதிராக ஓர் ஈடினையற்ற, தனித்துவம்மிக்க சுதந்திரக் கோட்பாட்டை நமதாக்கி, வாழ்வாக்கி, விடியலாக்கி பயனிக்கிறோம்.

உலக ஒழுங்கின் அடக்குமுறை சக்திகளை வேரறுத்து, பேரெழிச்சியின் வாயிலாக சுதந்திர இறைமைமிக்க வாழ்வு நிலைநாட்டப்படும் என்பது உறுதி.

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04.01.2022: **Arrest** - According to JDS Lanka, Frontline Socialist Party member, Duminda Nagamuwa was arrested by SL police on 04.01.2022 and later released on bail by the Kaduwela District Court.

04.01.2022: **CAA** - According to Colombo Gazette, the Tamil Nadu government has created a task force that will undertake a survey of Eelam Tamils residing in Tamil Nadu. With the numbers of the Eelam Tamils and how many of them received Indian Citizenship, they will request the Union Home Ministry to make necessary provisions in the Citizenship Amendment Act of 2019, that denies Indian Citizenship to Eelam Tamils.

06.01.2022: **Police** - An individual from Alwai who was detained at the occupational Paruthithurai police station attempted to complete suicide at the station through hanging himself, reports Virakesari. Accordingly, the individual was recovered by police.

07.01.2022: **Drone** - According to Virakesari, a young Indian couple were arrested by Weligama police on 06.01.2022, produced before the Colombo Chief Justice's Court and were fined for using a drone camera to capture video footage and photographs at the Weligama beach without permission.

07.01.2022: **Treasure** - Four individuals were arrested in connection with a treasure hunt in the Sakamam Vammiyadi, Ampara. Reports from Virakesari indicate that the arrests were

made after occupational police seized the equipment and vehicles used by the suspects.

08.01.2022: **Inquiry** - According to JDS Lanka, former LTTE cadre Aathavan's murder enquiry report had revealed evidence of trauma with injuries noted on the neck, chest and abdomen indicative of torture and murder.

11.01.2022: **Suicide** - A woman who was detained for the acquirement of LKR 60 Million has completed suicide following her jump from the 5th floor of the CID building, reports Colombo Page.

11.01.2022: **Murder** - According to Virakesari, M.K. Sivajilingam had stated that the occupational SL Navy had killed a fisherman from Madhakal who was rescued in waters of Jaffna on 11.01.2022 with serious head injuries as well as severe external impact to the victim's boat which indicates an external attack.

11.01.2022: **INTERPOL** - A joint counterterrorism-operation named "Operation Flycatcher" was conducted by Interpol and several SL's immigration, border and police agencies. From 08.11.2021-12.11.2021, six individuals were arrested. Before this mission, the SL's state agencies received training from INTERPOL on forensic identification techniques, CT investigative skills and INTERPOL's data sharing mechanisms. They also received INTERPOL-sourced intelligence on transnational terrorist networks. The arrested individuals are related to the LTTE, IS and NTJ. Further

arrests and prosecution are foreseen globally as investigations are going on, reports Interpol. "Operation Flycatcher" is carried out in the Counterterrorism framework of INTERPOL for SL and Maldives. It is noteworthy that the EU is funding this operation and it is jointly implemented with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Following agencies were involved in this operation:

- ◆ INTERPOL National Central Bureau for Sri Lanka in Colombo
- ◆ Counter Terrorism and Investigation Division
- ◆ Criminal Investigation Department (CID)
- ◆ Criminal Records Department (CRD)
- ◆ Financial Investigation Unit of CID
- ◆ Financial Intelligence Unit Central Bank of Sri Lanka
- ◆ Immigration and Emigration Department
- ◆ Special Task Force
- ◆ State Intelligence Service (SIS)

12.01.2022: **Lokka** - According to an investigation by Tamil Nadu Crime Branch CID Angoda Lokka, an SL crime don deceased in Tamil Nadu while hiding, had connections with Tamils, who were arrested by the NIA for drugs and weapons smuggling as well as an attempt to revive the LTTE, reports Colombo Gazette.

12.01.2022: **Welikada** - A special three-judge panel of Colombo's High Court announced on the evening of 12.01.2022, that SL's Former Prisons' Commissioner, Emil Ranjan Lamahewa was the culprit in the murder of several

Welikada prisoners during the 2012 Welikada prison riots. According to Virakesari, the original charge sheet was filed against former SL Police Inspector, Neomal Rangajeeva and Lamahewa on 04.07.2019. Rangajeeva had been acquitted of all charges.

13.01.2022: **Detention** - According to the Tamil Guardian, a court order was issued for the extension of the remand of 43 Tamil Nadu fishermen for another fortnight. 55 fishermen were arrested by the SLN in December 2021 as part of the occupational navy's effort to prevent 'poaching by Indian fishing trawlers' and despite the case being taken up in court three times, they remain in custody.

18.01.2022: **Militarisation** - According to Tamil Guardian, militarisation and the securitisation of the island is being ramped up further, with its 600th police station being opened in Nungamuva, Gampaha District. The Minister of Public Security Read Admiral Sarath Weerasekara opened the police station himself.

19.01.2022: **Britain** - According to Tamil Guardian, Tamil families had condemned British minister Lord Tariq Ahmad for his silence on enforced disappearances during his visit to SL. They released a statement criticising his failure to address the issue, and People Uprising Movement (P2P) also released two letters after their meeting with him which addressed the plight of Tamils and demands for self-determination.

19.01.2022: **Human remains** - According to Virakesari, human remains had been identified by the Humanitarian Demining

Unit in the Muhamalai area causing the Kilinochchi District Magistrate to visit the area on 19.01.2022 alongside occupational Pallai police.

19.01.2022: **13th Amendment** - SL's Energy Minister, Udaya Gammanpila reminded TNA that SL is not a part of the Indian Union, Colombo Gazette reports. This statement was made after a delegation of Tamil MPs from TNA and other parties such as that of former Chief Minister of Northern Province, CV Vigneswaran met the Indian High Commissioner on 18.01.2022. In this meeting they handed over a letter addressed to the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The implementation of the 13th amendment to achieve meaningful devolution was asked in the letter.

20.01.2022: **Foreign Marriage** - According to Athavan News, Law Attorney Thishya Weragoda amended the new law about marrying individuals with foreign citizenship. He addressed his challenge to General W.M.M.B Weerasekara, K. Gunaratne and SL Health minister, S.H. Munasinghe. According to Weragoda, the law breaks the UN human rights, under which every individual has the right to choose their own life partner regardless of origin and citizenship.

20.01.2022: **Jaffna Airport** - According to Athavan News, the occupational SL army has increased their military presence at the 400-metre occupied road from Kattuvan to Myliddy to integrate it to the Jaffna International Airport. This road has been under military occupation for over 32 years. Now, for the purpose of security and

development of this road, the military allegedly ceased additional private land.

Protests

01.01.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged by the relatives and friends of a 32-year-old resident of Thonikkal, Vavuniya who was killed on the spot when a three-wheeler collided with a pick-up truck on the A9 Road. According to Virakesari, the protestors blocked the A9 Road, affecting traffic for around an hour.

03.01.2022: **Protest** - Paranthan traders staged a sit-in protest demanding justice for 24-year-old Gunaratnam Karthiban who was stabbed to death on the night of 01.01.2022 at Paranthan Junction, Kilinochchi whilst another is being treated for their injuries at a local hospital. According to Virakesari, no arrests have been made in relation to the stabbing causing local discontent.

04.01.2022: **Protest** - A protest strike was staged on 04.01.2022 by Valikaamam South Pradesiya Sabha's workers to condemn the attack on a health worker and the failure to take appropriate action, reports Virakesari.

05.01.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged in Vavuniya on the morning of 05.01.2022 demanding the appointment of the Principal for the Srirampapuram Thirugnanasampanthar Vidyalaya after the previous principal had

been transferred for the past three months, reports Virakesari.

05.01.2022: **Protest** - The Unemployed Graduates' Unions staged a protest opposite the Fort Railway Station on the morning of 05.01.2022 against age discrimination for employment opportunities, reports Virakesari.

05.01.2022: **Protest** - The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) staged a protest at the Trincomalee Bus stand on the evening of 05.01.2022 against the lease of the Trincomalee oil farms to India, reports Virakesari.

07.01.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the Jaffna District Fishermen's Cooperative Societies Federation and the Madhakal Pradesiya Sabha Fishermen had staged a protest on the morning of 07.01.2022 against the 2,500 Indian trawling industry.

07.01.2022: **Protest** - Buddhist monks protested outside SL's Presidential Secretariat in condemnation of the GoSL's decision to transfer shares of the Yugadanavi power plant to a US company, reports Virakesari.

08.01.2022: **Protest** - Video footage from JDS Lanka captured a scuffle at Sivananda College, Batticaloa after occupational SL police forcibly entered school premises after students had protested against the paramilitary leader S. Chandrakanthan's attempt to transfer several teachers who had

engaged in a recent teachers' strike.

10.01.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was staged outside the Valikaamam East Pradesiya Sabha demanding the arrest of an individual who threatened the Pradesiya Sabha's Secretary.

10.01.2022: **Protest** - Unions staged a sit-in protest with public participation against the agreement to develop the Trincomalee oil refinery on 10.01.2022 at the United Trade Confederation on the Trincomalee-Batticaloa-China Bay Main Road, reports Virakesari.

11.01.2022: **Protest** - SL's All University Student Union staged a protest outside SL's Presidential Secretariat on 11.01.2022 calling for the shortcomings of universities to be addressed, reports Virakesari.

13.01.2022: **Liberation Pongal** - According to Virakesari, Liberation Pongal was held on 13.01.2022 at 11.00 local time to "illuminate the lives of political prisoners and demand their release. The pongal was made inside a model of a prison which was constructed.

13.01.2022: **Protest** - According to the Tamil Guardian, a protest was held in Jaffna on Thursday following the murder of a prominent Tamil activist which locals say was committed by the

Sri Lankan Navy. Locals say Edward Mariyaseelan was killed after a Sri Lankan navy vessel rammed into his fishing boat, and protests broke out after his body was brought home.

19.01.2022: **Protest march**- According to Athavan News, a protest march was organised by the Kilinochchi District Women's Civil Society Network to demonstrate against the rising prices and demands to limit the marketing measures of paddy.

21.01.2022: **Protest** - The Karainagar Pradesiya Sabha Fishermen's Cooperative Society and Jaffna District Fishermen's Cooperative Society co-organised a protest against Indian fishermen's encroachment which was staged opposite the Karainagar Pradesiya Sabha on the morning of 21.01.2022, reports Virakesari.

24.01.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, volunteer teachers from the Northern Province of occupied Tamil Eelam engaged in an awareness protest opposite the Secretariat of the Governor of the Northern Province on 24.01.2022.

25.01.2022: **Teacher Protest** - According to Athavan News, pre-school Teachers protested in front of the Valikamam West Divisional Council. They complained that the salary of LKR 6,000 rupees was not sufficient for livelihood thus leading to widespread poverty amidst

teachers. They demand a raise in salary.

26.01.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, health workers and SL's Health Officers' Association marched from Colombo's General Hospital to SL's Ministry of Health on 26.01.2022 to demand:

- ♦ Promotions
- ♦ Pay rises
- ♦ Reduction in the price of essential medicines

28.01.2022: **Protest** - A protest was held opposite the Jaffna-Kayts Divisional Secretariat on 28.01.2022 condemning Indian fishermen's encroachments within Tamil Eelam's occupied waters, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the protest was co-organised by the Kayts Divisional Fishermen's Cooperative Society and the Jaffna District Fishermen's Cooperative Society and put forth 4 demands.

28.01.2022: **Black January** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's journalists staged a demonstration as "Black January" to draw attention to the killings of journalists in SL.

31.01.2022: **Black January** - According to Athavan News, journalists held "Black January" protests in Batticaloa (30.01.2022) and Jaffna (31.01.2022).

31.01.2022: **Protest** - Paruthiththurai Suppamadam fishermen protested against the destruction of countless fishing nets by Indian

fishermen's boats on the night of 30.01.2022. According to Virakesari, the recent release of 55 Indian fishermen by the Kayts Court has also led to an increase in the number of Indian fishermen encroaching in Tamil Eelam's occupied territorial waters.

31.01.2022: **Protest** - The Mannar District Citizens' Committee organised an awareness protest from 10.30 local time on 31.01.2022 within the Mannar District area against various activities including illegal mining within the area, reports Virakesari. The protest further raised awareness regarding the environmental implications of various practises such as the:

- ◆ Impact of high-power windmills
- ◆ Poor quality of newly constructed roads
- ◆ Initiatives taken against those protesting the transformation of Mannar into a drug-trafficking base
- ◆ Destruction of the livelihood of Mannar locals

21.01.2022: **Britain** - The Association of Disappeared Relations of the North and East had condemned Tariq Ahmed's silence on enforced disappearances in SL whilst prioritising the deepening of British relations with SL, reports Virakesari.

23.01.2022: **Textbook** - According to Tamil Guardian, SL is forcing the withdrawal of an Islamist textbook over concerns it may contain 'ideas of extremist ideology.' SL's 'One Country, One Law' task force and an SL Defence Ministry think-tank forced

the removal of the textbooks for Grade 6 children.

24.01.2022: **Attack** - According to Virakesari, 41-year-old Navaratnam Udayaseelan of Kaiveli, Puthukkudiyiruppu had been hospitalised after being attacked with barbed wire by drunk Sri Lankan officers around 03.00 local time on 24.01.2022. Reports from Tamil Guardian indicate that the tipper-truck driver had to be admitted to hospital after the assault.

Commemoration

05.01.2022: **Commemoration** - The 22nd Memorial of All Ceylon Tamil Congress leader, Kumar Ponnambalam who was assassinated on 05.01.2000 near Ramakrishna Road, Colombo was commemorated at the TNPf Office in Batticaloa on 05.01.2022, reports JDS Lanka.

06.01.2022: **Commemoration** - According to JDS Lanka, the 37th Memorial of Reverend Mary Bastian, a Tamil Catholic Priest and Human Rights activist who was assassinated by genocidal SL armed forces at St. Anne's Church in Vankalai, Mannar was commemorated by locals in a large event held on 06.01.2022.

08.01.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, the 12th memorial of Lasantha Wickramatunga was organised by the Batticaloa District Tamil Journalists' Union at the Massacred

Journalists' Memorial in Batticaloa on 08.01.2022.

11.01.2022: **Remembrance** - According to the Tamil Guardian, an event was held in Jaffna to commemorate the 48th Memorial since eleven Tamils were killed by SL police officers at the World Tamil Research Conference of 1974.

24.01.2022: **Commemoration** - The 16th Memorial of Tamil journalist, Subramaniam Sugirdarajan who was assassinated on 24.01.2006 for exposing the murder of five Tamil students in Trincomalee by the STF was commemorated in an event organised by the Batticaloa District Tamil Journalists' Union and the Batticaloa Press Club, reports JDS Lanka.

29.01.2022: **Commemoration** - According to JDS Lanka, local Tamil residents had commemorated the Kakkaddicholai Prawn Farm Massacre where 87 prawn workers were massacred in a Surround, Lock and Attack Operation conducted by SL's STF in line with training received from the Keenie Meenie.

30.01.2022: **Commemoration** - The 74th Memorial of Gandhi was commemorated in Jaffna on 30.01.2022 in an event co-organised by the All Ceylon Gandhi Seva Sangam and the Consulate General of India at Gandhi's statue which is located

opposite the Jaffna Teaching Hospital, reports Virakesari.

24.01.2022: **Training** - According to Colombo Gazette, the UK may continue the training of SL's police officers. After Scotland's police pulled out of the training of SL's police over Human Rights concerns, a letter from the UK Foreign Office stated the following:

"Police Scotland's decision does not mean that there will be no future programme of UK-funded support to the Sri Lankan police. The British High Commission is considering its approach to any future programme and the ongoing review will be taken into account alongside a number of other factors. We continue to engage with the Government of Sri Lanka on these important issues"

25.01.2022: **Demining** - In a press-release issued by Japanese-funded demining organisation, SHARP, the organisation had engaged in demining activities across 1,874,987 square metres of land in Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi since November 2016, reports Virakesari.

Sand Mining

25.01.2022: **Sand mining** - According to SL's State Agent of the Kilinochchi District, Mrs. Rupavathi Ketheeswaran had warned that illegal sand mining in Kilinochchi would pose a threat to the resources of the district, reports Virakesari.

25.01.2022: **Sand mining** - Occupational SL troops fired at a gang involved in sand smuggling

in the Kerpeli area of Jaffna, Kodikaamam on the morning of 25.01.2022. According to Virakesari, the tractor was seized, and the driver was arrested.

25.01.2022: **Sand mining** - According to Virakesari, 12 individuals were arrested for sand mining in the Kalmadukulam River area of Kilinochchi, following a tip-off from the occupational SL Lions' Division of the 6th Battalion and were handed over to the occupational Dharmapuram police.

26.01.2022: **Illegal Sand Mining** - According to Athavan News, the occupational army arrested 9 individuals for engaging in illegal sand mining in Kalmadu Kulam in Kilinochchi.

Access to Justice Mobile Service

26.01.2022: **Vavuniya** - The relatives of missing persons who were protesting outside the Vavuniya District Secretariat on 26.01.2022 against the Access to Justice Mobile Service led by SL's Justice Minister, Ali Sabry, were harassed by occupational Vavuniya police. According to Virakesari, the protest was organised by the Association of Relatives of Missing Persons in Vavuniya. When the relatives attempted to enter the premises of the Mobile Service, they were obstructed by occupational police leading to a scuffle to erupt between the two parties. Several hours later, the

relatives were permitted inside the Secretariat where views were exchanged with SL Justice Ministry officials.

28.01.2022: **Mullaitivu** - According to Virakesari, the relatives of missing persons staged a protest outside the Mullaitivu District Secretariat on 28.01.2022 against the Access to Justice Mobile Service led by Sabry. Reports indicate that all departments under SL's Justice Ministry conducted a Mobile Service Camp at the Mullaitivu District Secretariat. The relatives protested in the rain, rejecting the Office of Missing Persons (OMP) and the Access to Justice Mobile Service. According to further reports, an SL Justice Ministry official met with the protesting relatives and called on them to visit the Mobile Service Camp and speak with Sabry - a request which the relatives rejected. It is notable that the relatives were also intimidated by occupational police. The coordinator of the Mullaitivu Disappeared Relatives' Association, Mariyasuresh Eswari mentioned to an SL Justice Ministry official that "We have no faith in this government or the judiciary." It is notable that 4 representatives of the relatives expressed their views at the Mullaitivu District Secretariat.

30.01.2022: **Jaffna** - Whilst speaking at the Access to Justice Mobile Service and Awareness event organised by SL's Ministry of Justice

at the Jaffna Central College on 29.01.2022, Sabry mentioned that the GoSL is prepared to identify Tamils' grievances and provide solutions through an internal mechanism, reports Virakesari. According to Sabry, a PTA Advisory Council had also been appointed with former Chief Justice, Ashoka de Silva as its head. The role of the Council is to provide G. Rajapaksa with recommendations to release on bail or release prisoners or detainees under the PTA. Of 44 applications, the council has currently approved recommendations to release 27 political prisoners, reports Virakesari. Further reports from Virakesari indicate that the relatives of forcibly disappeared persons protested opposite the Central College from 10.30 local time condemning the discussion of missing persons through the SL Ministry's mobile service.

26.01.2022: **LTTE** - Colombo's Chief Magistrate, Chandima Liyanage ordered SL's State Signature Examiner on 25.01.2022 to examine the signatures of 26 suspects who were arrested and detained on 26.03.2020 for allegedly completing application forms to join the LTTE, reports Virakesari.

26.01.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, a 41-year-old man from Miraverada, Valaichenai entered the Batticaloa Airport Air Force alongside airport employees on 26.01.2022 - fooling airport security at the checkpoint. However, reports indicate that the individual was arrested after he

produced his SL National Identity Card (NIC) with further investigations underway.

PTA

12.01.2022: **PTA** - According to the Tamil Guardian, five Tamils arrested under the draconian Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) and detained in Magazine prison since 2019 have been released without charge. Colombo Magistrate's Court ordered that the five who are from Pallai, Kilinochchi and Jaffna were to be freed.

25.01.2022: **PTA** - According to Tamil Guardian, Daya Master, a former-LTTE media coordinator, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment. He surrendered to the SL state in 2009 but was kept under military custody for years, with charges only filed in 2018 under the PTA.

26.01.2022: **PTA** - The leader of the Tamil Awareness Movement, Ganavathapillai Mohan who was arrested on 03.05.2021 under the PTA for sharing images of the LTTE on the internet, has been ordered to be further remanded until 09.02.2022 by Eravur Tourism Court's Chief Magistrate, Karuppaiya Jeevarani on 26.01.2022, reports Virakesari.

29.01.2022: **PTA** - 30-year-old K. Vijayadasa, a Tamil resident of Puliyanandaladi, Batticaloa was arrested by occupational police under the PTA on 27.11.2020 for

sharing an image of the LTTE on Facebook was granted bail on 27.01.2022 by the Valaichenai Magistrate, reports JDS Lanka.

30.01.2022: **PTA** - According to Virakesari, a gazette notification had been issued to make several amendments to the PTA - 43 years after the introduction of the Draconian Law. Amendments include:

- ◆ Article 2 - reduction of the total period of detention of an individual under a restraining order from 18 months to 12 months.
- ◆ Article 3 - enactment of the Judiciary's Privilege Act to ensure that a suspect is protected to the extent prescribed in the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
- ◆ Article 4 - amends Section 10 of the primary legislation to enable detainees to apply for a guaranteed remedy under Article 126/140 of SL's Constitution.
- ◆ Article 5 - amended to include a new Section 10A to enable a lawyer access to an individual placed in detention and to enable detainees to communicate with their relatives.
- ◆ Article 6 - amends Section 11 of the primary legislation to allow a forensic officer to establish that the suspect was not subjected to torture prior to the enactment of the amendment.
- ◆ Provision of interpretations on a daily basis to ensure that cases are handled in an expeditious manner.
 - ◆ Article 7 - amended to repeal Section 14.
 - ◆ Article 8 - amend Section 15.
- ◆ Article 9 - amended Section 15A to enable the effect of Section 11.

- ◆ Article 10 - allow provision in Section 10A to provide for the granting of bail to detained individuals.
- ◆ Article 11 - amends Section 19 to enable the effect of Section 7.
- ◆ Article 12 - amends Section 26.
- ◆ Article 13 - refers to the removal of the definitions of "newspaper" and "printing". New definition of "torture" added. Amends Section 31.
- ◆ Incorporation of new sections into Section 9A. Orders made under Section 9 should be final and subject to question in any proceedings or court of law other than proceedings specified under Articles 126/140 of SL's Constitution.
- ◆ If any interpretation or injunction of the PTA has not commenced within 12 months from the date of arrest, SL's Court of Appeal may make an appeal on behalf of the suspect.
- ◆ Appellate court may decide whether a convicted individual may file an appeal against their conviction. Such individuals may be released on bail in exceptional circumstances.

27.01.2022: **Park** - According to Virakesari, locals had called on occupational authorities to reconstruct the Oddamavadi Children's Park which has become infested with snakes and dengue mosquitoes. Due to neglect, there has been an overgrowth of grass at the park alongside damaged play equipment.

28.01.2022: **Democracy** - The Community Development Institute (CDI) lodged a complaint with the Human Rights Commission (HRC) at a press conference in Colombo in 28.01.2022 citing that the establishment of new divisional

secretariats in Nuwara Eliya were in violation of an SL gazette notification, reports Virakesari.

Missing

09.01.2022: **Missing** - According to Virakesari, 20-year-old Balasundaram Sudarshan who went to Colombo for work from Iluppaikulam, Vavuniya is missing. Reports indicate that the youth had notified friends that he would be returning home on 06.01.2022 after working in Colombo for 3 months. However, as the youth did not return by 08.01.2022, his mother filed a complaint to the occupational Vavuniya police station where investigations are underway.

25.01.2022: **Missing** - According to Tamil Guardian, 12 years ago journalist and cartoonist Prageeth Eknaligoda went missing, just two days before the presidential election in 2010. His wife, Sandhya has been fighting for justice but has now said she has given up on authorities and SL's judiciary system. She shaved her head at a Kaali temple for a special pooja.

28.01.2022: **Missing** - According to the parents of a 15-year-old girl from Kilinochchi who has been missing since 17.01.2022, the occupational Kilinochchi police were negligent in taking sufficient action to further investigate the filed case, reports Virakesari.

29.01.2022: **Missing** - A 17-year-old boy who left from his home on

Oddamavadi-1 People's Bank Road, Valaichchenai on his bicycle around 15.00 local time on 28.01.2022 had not returned home. According to Virakesari, the boy's bicycle and jacket had been found at the Calcutta-Kalmalai beach on 29.01.2022 causing concerns that he may have drowned at sea.

31.01.2022: **Disappearance** - According to Virakesari, 30-year-old Balakrishnan Nirez had been deemed missing after visiting the Kurumankadu area of Vavuniya on 27.01.2022. Reports indicate that occupational Vavuniya police are conducting further investigations following a complaint filed by the youth's mother.

29.01.2022: **NIA** - According to Colombo Gazette, the Indian National Investigation agency (NIA) has arrested 3 SL nationals, who were allegedly raising money for the revival of the LTTE. All three had fake-passports - two Indian and one Spanish passports, the news further reports. It is noteworthy that it is reported that persons residing in Europe are attempting to extort money from dormant LTTE accounts.

30.01.2022: **Declaration** - The "Kittu Park Declaration" was made at the conclusion of the Tamils' mass protest against the 13th Amendment. According to Virakesari, the protest which was co-organised by the TNPF and All Ceylon Tamil Congress, commenced at the remains of Lt. Col. Thileepan's monument in Nallur, Jaffna and concluded at Kittu

Park where the declaration was made. The declaration called for parties operating against the Tamils' aspirations to abandon such initiatives amongst. Reports indicate that the protest itself called for the following 11 demands:

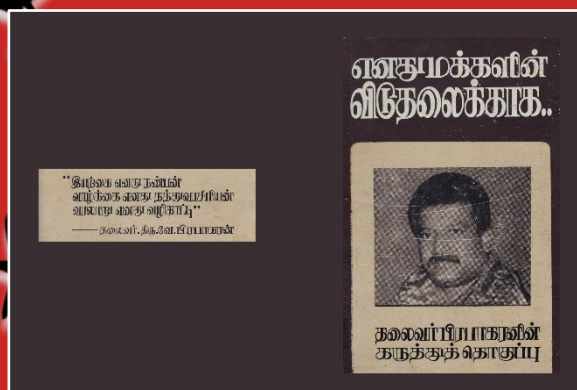
- ◆ Stop Sinhala-Buddhisization of the Tamil Homeland!
- ◆ Federal solution recognizing the Tamil nation, its sovereignty and it's right to self-determination!
- ◆ International Investigation for genocide!
- ◆ Remove PTA immediately!
- ◆ Release Political Prisoners unconditionally!
- ◆ Ensure justice for the forcibly disappeared!
- ◆ Remove occupying Sri lankan Forces!
- ◆ Stop seizing our traditional Lands!
- ◆ Prevent forcible & arbitrary entry of fisherman not belonging to the Northeast into our sea!
- ◆ Stop harassing former combatants let them live with dignity!

- ◆ Ensure the safety, security and dignity of tamil women and children!

30.01.2022: **LTTE** - Former SL MP Vijayakala Maheswaran's case was heard by Colombo's Chief Justice Buddhika C on 28.01.2022 in the presence of Ragala. According to Virakesari, Vijayakala Maheswaran who had participated at an event held at the Weerasinghe Hall, Jaffna as SL's Minister of State for Children and Women's Affairs on 02.07.2018, had mentioned that their main objective was to recreate the LTTE. Reports indicate that the case had been adjourned until 10.06.2022.

31.01.2022: **Drone** - According to Virakesari, a Russian photographer had been arrested by SL's Mirissa Coast Guard and handed over to the Weligama Police for allegedly operating a drone camera within the vicinity of Mirissa beach without obtaining permission.

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It is only after departing from my land that I comprehend how intensely I love her.

The sea breeze and perfume of the *Poovarasam* tree cannot be sought anywhere. We who once liberally donned one *saaram* are today burdened with incessantly wearing one too many outfits. Freezing cold in the Winter and blistering heat in the Summer.

Our country is heavenly land - when will I see her? I swoon.

My fate has left me here to wither away from it all - dirt draped dogs and *Poovarasam* Koels, the fanning coconut palm fronds and ebony palm trunks.

With Love,
Kittu

Caricature

The Indo-Sri Lankan deal for the joint-development of the Trincomalee Oil Tank Farms has been signed. The efforts for this goal commenced over 30 years ago. At that time, the Tamil representatives still existed and were used as an auxiliary bridge for this contract. Today, the contract was signed without the Tamils.



Signs of Structural Genocide

02.01.2022: **Temple** - According to Virakesari, idols had been desecrated at the Sri Siddhi Vinayakar Temple in Akkarapathana on 02.01.2022 causing local discontent. Investigations are underway after a complaint had been lodged at the occupational Akkarapathana police station.

02.01.2022: **Award** - According to Colombo Gazette, G. Rajapaksa has been given the "Sri Lankadheeshwara Padma Vibhushana" title by the Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagri Dharma Maha Sanga Sabha. At this event G. Rajapaksa mentioned that he has been given the responsibility of protecting the Sinhala-Buddhist community in SL.

02.01.2022: **Demolition** - According to UCPF leader, Velusami Radhakrishnan, approximately 60 to 70 Statues were destroyed by an unknown group in a Hindu temple in Agrapatana. He suspects that those attacks were planned to induce racial tension and distract from social issues in the state.

07.01.2022: **Vihara** - According to Athavan News, the Tamil citizens of Periyakulam, Trincomalee conducted a protest against the planned construction of a Vihara. For the construction of the Vihara some local shop owners must evict their place for the vihara area. TNPF MPs Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam and Selvarasa Gajendran participated in the protest.

16.01.2022: **Stupa Renovation** - According Air Force LK, the laying of the

foundation stone for restoration of the Neelakiri Stupa was held under the supervision of SL Defence Minister and Chairperson of SL's Archaeological Heritage Management Presidential Task Force for Eastern Province, K. Gunaratne. The restoration of stupa shall be constructed by the Civil Engineering Wing at the occupational SLAF Base Katunayake.

23.01.2022: **Statue** - A Pillaiyaar statue in Iluppaiyadi area, Vavuniya has been reported to be removed by unidentified persons, reports Virakesari.



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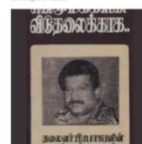
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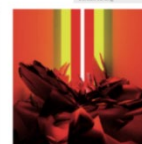
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