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SL CRISIS COVERAGE

At a glance, SL's deepening crisis displays mismanagement. Yet a closer examination exposes gaping flaws in global order and governance. Follow our detailed breakdown of the unfolding crisis to connect the dots.

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International

International agencies and states have not hesitated to jump to SL's assistance at times of crises and the current events are of no exception. Yet what motives remain at the core of such proactivity?

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Structure

The reshuffling of SL state administrations developed into a chessboard of diplomacy to ensure that the core of the board remained safeguarded. What will ensue when such core values become unprotected?

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GoSL

Explore further the invisible puppet strings of flailing governance models on the stage of state administrative management.

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Uprising

What will ensue when mass uprising and social discontent are used to heighten national sentiment and nationhood. Will distinct identities be maintained or amalgamated into one nation blasphemy?

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"Our people are our mountains. As long as the power of the people is behind us, we can face any challenges."

National Leader of Tamil Eelam,
V. Prabhakaran

International News

01.04.2022: **UN** - According to Economy Next, the United Nations (UN) is concerned about the use of violence during the protests and tweets that groups should show restraint. This call came after a mass protest was staged outside the residence of G. Rajapaksa.

02.04.2022: **India** - The Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka (SL) has mentioned in a published statement that reports claiming that India had sent 180 troops to SL to assist with SL's current crisis were false, reports Virakesari.

05.04.2022: **Embassies** - According to Economy Next, SL is closing its embassies in Norway and Iraq, as well as a consulate in Sydney. This is part of the overall restructuring of SL's diplomatic missions abroad due to the economic and foreign exchange crisis.

06.04.2022: **HRW** - A New York-based international human rights group, Human Rights Watch (HRW), called on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to condition any loan agreement with SL in respect of the human rights of low-income populations protect and corruption and entrenched barriers to the rule of law in SL. In addition, the IMF and the Government of SL (GoSL) should prioritise ensuring adequate investment in social protection programs before making adjustments, Economy Next reported.

08.04.2022: **EU** - According to Economy Next, the European delegation in

Colombo mentioned that there is an "extreme urgency" for SL to begin in-depth talks with the IMF and was supported by various states. They mentioned that all parties should seek constructive and democratic ways to emerge out of the current crisis.

- ♦ Australia
- ♦ New Zealand
- ♦ Norway
- ♦ Switzerland
- ♦ UK

20.04.2022: **IAEA** - According to Colombo Gazette, a team of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has concluded a visit to SL. The intention of this trip was to review SL's infrastructure development for a nuclear power program. The team called for further preparations and development in this area.

24.04.2022: **Japan** - According to Athavan News, whilst addressing the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Japan with 48 countries, G. Rajapaksa noted that GoSL's achievements are a reflection of inclusive growth. G. Rajapaksa mentioned that it was the duty of the government to manage water for sustainable development for future generations and therefore expects financial, development and credit assistance.

25.04.2022: **Pope** - According to Colombo Gazette, relatives of the victims of the Easter Sunday Attack will meet the pope in the Vatican.

28.04.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Athavan News, Tamil Nadu authorities have taken steps to prosecute two youths who had fled to Tamil Nadu from the Kurunegala area in Jaffna due to drug trafficking cases pending in SL. Preliminary investigations have revealed that the two had sought refuge in Tamil Nadu as refugees due to the economic crisis in SL.

30.04.2022: **Illegal Import** - According to Virakesari, the SL Customs Department had seized several items including two luxury items worth over LKR 4 crores including a container containing goods weighing over 1,000 kilograms and two luxury cars.

Bilateral Discussions

06.04.2022: **Korea** - According to Virakesari, Korean Minister Koo Yoon-Seoul mentioned that the Korean government is already focussed on the provision of more employment opportunities for Sri Lankans in South Korea on the basis of a job quota system.

11.04.2022: **IMF** - SL Central Bank Governor, Weerasinghe and SL's Secretary to the Finance Ministry, Siriwardena held talks with IMF's Asia Pacific Regional Representative, Marie Gulde in a Zoom call. The contents of the discussion were not disclosed however, the talks occurred within a context where an SL delegation led by Ali Sabry is to travel to the US on 18.04.2022 to hold extensive talks with the IMF on reforms required to revive SL's economic stability, reports Virakesari.

18.04.2022: **IMF** - The diplomats in SL had been briefed on the preliminary arrangements and process for negotiations with the IMF. During the meeting, the attendees called on donor

countries to provide merger funding in the interim until assistance from the IMF is available, reports Virakesari.

Attendees:

- ♦ G. L. Peiris
- ♦ Ali Sabry
- ♦ Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe
- ♦ Foreign diplomats
- ♦ Jayanath Colombage

19.04.2022: **India** - A meeting between Indian Financial Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman and Ali Sabry met in Washington to focus on developing approaches to tackle the challenges posed by SL's current economic situation, reports Virakesari.

19.04.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, India has called on the IMF to expedite financial assistance to SL during a meeting between the IMF's Crystalina Georgia and India's Financial Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman.

20.04.2022: **Human Rights** - According to Virakesari, the US Ambassador to SL, Julie

Chung met with the retired SL Justice Rohini Marasinghe, the Chairperson of the SL Human Rights Commission to discuss the use of violence against unarmed protestors as evidenced through the Rambukkana shooting.

22.04.2022: **China** - Sajith Premadasa met China's Ambassador to SL to emphasise that China's generous support would be essential to revive SL and discuss bilateral relations, reports Virakesari.

23.04.2022: **China** - According to M. Rajapaksa, the Chinese Prime Minister had assured GoSL that China would continue to support stability in economic and social development. The two leaders also discussed a number of issues related to free trade agreements and attracting Chinese tourists, reported Athavan News.

23.04.2022: **Bangladesh** - According to Virakesari, Ahmed Sadiq met Bangladesh's High Commissioner, Tariq Ariful Islam at the High Commission of Bangladesh. The role of youth in various sectors were discussed.

- ♦ Education
- ♦ Sports
- ♦ Foreign Affairs
- ♦ Tourism

23.04.2022: **US** - According to Virakesari, Julie Chung met with Maithripala Sirisena and Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga in separate meetings to discuss SL's current crisis.

25.04.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, China's Ambassador commented that SL's discussions with the

IMF will impact SL's request for a USD 2.5 billion loan from China.

26.04.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, SL is in talks with China on Beijing's alternative debt-restructuring proposal. The talks were held as China does not agree with the restructuring of its debt of over USD 3 billion. Instead of debt-restructuring, China has agreed to provide SL another loan to repay its loans.

27.04.2022: **France** - A meeting was held between the Mayor of Bobigny, France and Mayor of Jaffna at the Bobigny Municipal Hall on 25.04.2022 to discuss how the Tamils' long-term political aspirations could be achieved through long-term cooperation between the Jaffna Municipal Council and Bobigny City Council, reports Virakesari.

29.04.2022: **New Zealand** - According to Virakesari, SL's Health Minister Channa Jayasumana mentioned that he expects assistance from New Zealand to address the pharmaceutical shortage caused by SL's current crisis. Reports indicate that the request was made during a meeting between Jayasumana and New Zealand's High Commissioner to SL, Michael Appleton.

29.04.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, Baglay emphasised India's commitment to cooperate with SL, to SL Ministers operating independently of SL Parliament in a meeting conducted on 28.04.2022.

- ♦ Susil Premajayantha
- ♦ Anura Priyadarshana Yapa
- ♦ Mahindha Amaraweera
- ♦ Nimal Siripalady Silva

- ♦ Dayasiri Jayasekara
- ♦ Udaya Gammanpila
- ♦ Lasantha Alagiyawanna

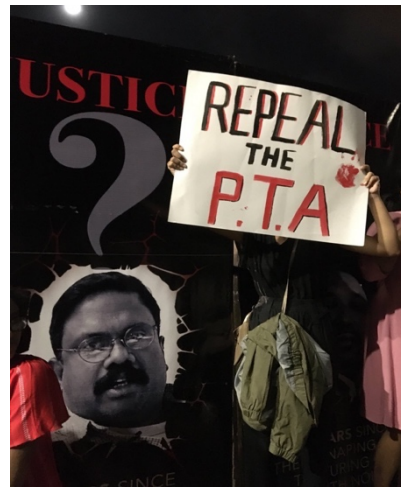
29.04.2022: **International** - Peiris briefed Foreign Ambassadors on the

amendments made to the PTA and steps taken to draft a new similar legislation in a recent meeting conducted at SL's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on post-conflict reconciliation and similar issues, reports Virakesari.

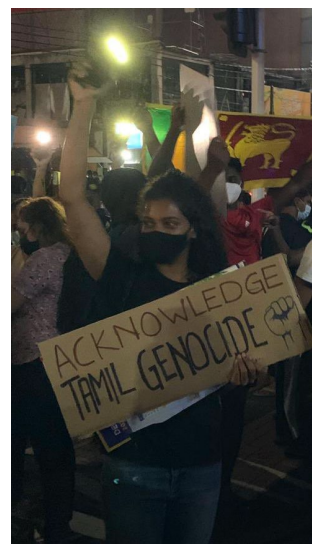
Caricature

The demonstrations and the general situation in Sri Lanka reminds us of the time when we stood in the streets and fought for our country. Because of the bad situation, many Sri Lankans have acknowledged the suffering and pain of the Tamils. Every bad and good action comes back in some way and teaches us how we should have behaved in the past. What they are experiencing in Sri Lanka today should be a lesson for the future.





INTERNATIONAL



02.04.2022: **Diesel** - According to Virakesari, a separate ship with 40,000 metric tonnes of diesel and LKR 500 million in assistance arrived in SL under the Indian loan scheme. SL's Energy Minister, Gamini Lokuge received fuel from Gopal Baglay at Colombo Port.

06.04.2022: **WHO** - According to News First LK, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has agreed to provide USD 2 million for the importation of medicines to address the shortage.

06.04.2022: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, Japan is granting JPY 500 million which is equivalent to LKR 800 million to improve and upgrade phytosanitary certification in SL. This will assist the acceleration of the export of perishable plant products.

07.04.2022: **IMF** - To assist with the IMF program, G. Rajapaksa has appointed three experts with international experience:

- ♦ Indrajith Coomaraswamy

- ♦ Shanta Devarajan
- ♦ Sharmini Cooray

08.04.2022: **Aid** - According to Virakesari, Poolpundian - a beggar from Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu had donated LKR 83,295.53 to GoSL to assist them with their crisis.

09.04.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, the IMF had commenced technical-level talks with SL's Central Bank teams.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

03.04.2022: SL has come under international scrutiny following the declaration of a state of emergency. The EU delegation in Colombo mentioned that they are concerned about the state of emergency in SL and called for the protection of democratic rights of all citizens, Economy Next reports.

12.04.2022: **Debt Default** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL has announced to "temporarily" suspend the payment of its debt.

13.04.2022: **Import** - According to Virakesari, SL's Finance Ministry had issued a special gazette notification extending import restrictions on 367 other items to come into effect from 00.00 local time 09.04.2022.

14.04.2022: **India** - India has decided to provide another USD 2 billion in assistance for food and fuel purchases to SL, reports Virakesari.

18.04.2022: **Singapore** - According to Virakesari, the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs had decided to provide USD 100,000 through the Singapore Red Cross on a humanitarian basis for people affected by SL's economic crisis.

20.04.2022: **Investigation** - According to Economy Next, US, EU and Amnesty International called for an impartial

investigation into violent protests. Police shot one person when they used "minimal force" to disperse the angry, unarmed crowd, and 24 were injured, including eight police officers, after using tear gas.

21.04.2022: **World Bank** - Sabry, along with officials from SL's Ministry of Finance and Central Bank, held talks with representatives of the World Bank and their private sector arm with a focus on economic growth and stability, Economy Next reports.

22.04.2022: **IMF** - Sabry, Nandalal Weerasinghe and SL Finance Ministry officials met with the IMF's Managing Director, Kristalina Georgieva and First Deputy Managing Director, Gita Gopinath to discuss policy measures, Economy Next reports. Reports indicate that SL will not receive access to a RFI as requested on 19.04.2022 until GoSL presents a viable fiscal plan.

22.04.2022: **Swap** - According to Economy Next, India

has extended a USD 400 million swap to SL's Central Bank. India had already separately provided money for the import of oil and medicines in the face of acute foreign exchange shortages.

22.04.2022: **Debt** - According to Economy Next, SL already owes India about USD 1.4 billion. However, India accepts deferral of payments under a "bridge financing" arrangement until January 2023.

22.04.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, China has announced that it is determined to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to SL following SL's emergency financial assistance request to the IMF to avert an economic crisis. It is notable that favourable responses had been retrieved for the following concessions:

- ♦ India - USD 500 million
- ♦ Bangladesh - USD 450 million

23.04.2022: **EU** - According to Colombo Gazette, the EU has granted LKR 60 million for SL's

small enterprises in SL's Tourism sector. The first three enterprises received the grant.

26.04.2022: **World Bank** - According to a statement issued by SL's Presidential Secretariat, the World Bank had agreed to provide USD 600 million in financial assistance to SL. According to Athavan News, the first transaction of USD 400 million is expected to be provided to SL soon.

29.04.2022: **Medicine** - According to Virakesari, SL's Ministry of Health had announced that another batch of essential medicines would be available in SL from 29.04.2022 under India's Credit Line.

29.04.2022: **Indonesia** - The Indonesian Government provided SL with essential medicines and equipment LKR 517.5 million worth of medicine and medical equipment in humanitarian assistance in light of its pharmaceuticals shortage in a handover on 28.04.2022, reports Virakesari.

Military News

02.04.2022: **Bangladesh** - With a crew of 140, BNS PROTTASHA will remain at Trincomalee port between 02.04.2022-04.04.2022 under the command of Bangladeshi Naval Commander, Mohammad Golam Kibria. According to Navy LK, Kibria called on Rear Admiral Saman Perera and Rear Admiral Jayantha Kularatne at the occupational Eastern Naval Command-HQ on 02.04.2022 to hold cordial discussions and exchange mementos to signify the occasion. It is notable that the crew of the vessel would engage in several programmes organised by the SLN to promote bilateral camaraderie and cooperation.

06.04.2022: **Navy** - According to Virakesari, the new Commander of the Eastern Naval Command, Rear Admiral KJ Kularatne met the Governor of the Eastern Province, Anuradha Yahamba on the evening of 05.04.2022 at the Governor's Secretariat in Trincomalee. Reports indicate that necessary assistance would be provided to prevent the illegal environmental destruction which continues to occur within their area of control.

06.04.2022: **Scholarship** - Ulugetenne awarded scholarships under the sponsorship of SL's Naval Welfare Fund to children of SL Naval personnel for academic excellence in their GCSE A/L examinations (2020). Reports from Navy LK indicate that the ceremony was held at the Admiral Somathilake Dissanayake

Auditorium on 06.04.2022. 20 such students received scholarships.

07.04.2022: **Secretariat** - According to Navy LK, the first floor of the SL Naval Association (SLNA) Secretariat was inaugurated by Nishantha Ulugetenne at the Welisara Naval Complex on 07.04.2022. Reports indicate that the new facility would provide accommodation for Naval visitors - especially those seeking medical treatment from SL's Navy General hospital in Colombo.

10.04.2022: **RABS** - Four SL Navy officers and 28 sailors who successfully completed the Rapid Action Boat Squadron (RABS) Qualifying Course-26 were awarded insignia at the parade ground of the RABS-HQ in Gagewadiya, Puttalam on 09.04.2022 following 8 months of training.

- ◆ Comprehensive training
- ◆ sharpening RABS skills on classic role using small boats
- ◆ lifesaving
- ◆ rescue sessions

11.04.2022: **ICE** - According to Navy LK, 03 suspects were arrested by occupational Navy officers with around 1 kilogram of Crystal Methamphetamine (ICE) with an estimated street value of around LKR 8 million near the Delft Islands on the morning of 11.04.2022 through regular patrol operations. The suspects are residents of Poonakeri and Mannar aged between 23-26.

12.04.2022: **Book** - According to Army LK, Lord Naseby, "true defender of Sri Lanka's war against terrorism", released his book "Sri Lanka: Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained". The 333-page book with a 54-page appendix of letters and memoirs, defended SL's resolute stand against alleged LTTE brutality and LTTE genocide allegations.

13.04.2022: **US** - According to Army LK, Shavendra Silva mentioned to a meeting of Defence Advisors/Attachés of SL-based High Commissions and Embassies that SL's Army as a professional unit is always prepared to provide security and protection to the SL state when necessary. The meeting was held to brief the foreign defence advisors/ambassadors on SL's current situation.

14.04.2022: **Cannabis** - Reports from Navy LK indicate that a special operation conducted by the SL Navy in territorial waters near the Delft Island on the night of 13.04.2022 led to the identification of 03 suspects with around 150 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis in wet weight worth around LKR 45 million in street value. The suspects are 22 and 49-years-of-age. Further reports indicate that the seized contraband and suspects are to be handed over to the occupational Talaimannar Police.

17.04.2022: **Cannabis** - The SLNS Mihikatha which was patrolling Tamil

Eelam' territorial waters near Mannar recovered 50 packages of Kerala Cannabis in 02 sacks with a combined wet weight of around 197 kilograms and 60 grams on 16.04.2022, reports Navy LK.

18.04.2022: **Cannabis** - According to Navy LK, occupational SL Navy officers of SLNS Thamanna of the Occupational North Central Naval Command seized 14 packages of Kerala Cannabis with a wet weight of around 50 kilograms and 380 grams and a gross street value of over LKR 15 million during a special patrol conducted along Urumalai beach, Mannar on the morning of 18.04.2022.

23.04.2022: **Parade** - 291 recruits of the 244th intake of the SLN's Regular and Volunteer Forces passed out at the Main Parade ground of SLNS Nipuna in Boossa, Galle on 22.04.2022 during a smart parade, reports Navy LK.

24.04.2022: **Conference** - According to Navy LK, a Logistics Conference-2022 on the topic of "Opportunity of Revolutionary Logistics in Naval Context to Counter Challenges in Third Decade of Twenty First Century" and the Certificate Awarding of Long Logistics Management (LLMC) Course No.6 to 19 student officers were conducted at the Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda Auditorium on 23.04.2022 in Trincomalee.

WHAM

02.04.2022: **Gardening** - According to Army LK, SL's Army planted around 500 vegetable seedlings on the sidewalk adjacent to SL's Army Headquarters in Sri Jayawardenepura to support the project led by SL's Ministry of Lands. In addition, Army troops in various locations including the occupied Tamil homeland simultaneously participated in the national project by planting vegetable seedlings in their respective fields at the same time.

- ♦ Karandeniya
- ♦ Niraviya
- ♦ Adiyapuliyakulam
- ♦ Mahawa
- ♦ Menik Farm
- ♦ Kilinochchi
- ♦ Vellankulam
- ♦ Akkarayakulam
- ♦ Kankesanthurai
- ♦ Mullaitivu
- ♦ Panagoda

06.04.2022: **Ambalpuram** - According to Army LK, the 65th Division of the SL Army has donated a sewing machine to a woman currently residing at 6th Mile Post, Ambalpuram, Vavunikulam. Brigadier Sanjeewa Wanasekera, the Commander of SL's 652nd Brigade, coordinated the project.

06.04.2022: **Kanagarayankulam** - According to Army LK, the students of Kanagarayankulam Maha Vidyalayam in Vavuniya district received free school supplies. Mr. Prasad Lokubalasuriya (Chief Organiser), Ms. Samanthi Wijewardena and Ms. Chandrika

Illerumaarachchi represented their organisations alongside the Commander of SL's 561st and 563rd Brigades.

06.04.2022: **Mullaitivu** - According to Army LK, 47 students of the Sacred Heart Family Convent in Mullaitivu received school utensils as a gift. Preacher and social activist, Father Charles Thomas sponsored the gifts whilst occupational Brigadier Chaminda Arachchige, commander of SL's 592nd Brigade, and several senior officers and civilians from the region attended the event in a display of military-civil cooperation initiatives.

06.04.2022: **Ampara** - According to Army LK, 45 students of Niwguna Saddhathissa Junior College in Eragama, Ampara received school bags with the support of Mr. A.L Tawfiq - SL's Cultural Officer of Akkaraipattu District. The distribution was executed by 11 Sri Lanka National Guard (SLNG) soldiers of their 241st Brigade attached to the occupational 24th Divisional Security Forces HQ-East.

07.04.2022: **Padaviya** - The 14 (V) Sri Lanka Light Infantry (SLLI) troops of SL's 621st Brigade attached to the occupational 62nd Divisional Security Forces HQ-Wanni constructed a new house for the needy family of Mrs. A.M Indrani of Parakramapura, Thonigala. Recently, the new house was handed over to the beneficiary, Mrs. A.M Indrani, and her children in the presence of the occupational Brigade Commander and

GoSL officials who attended the inauguration ceremony, Army LK reports.

12.04.2022: **Jaffna** - According to Army LK, 412 recruits trained at the Battalion School in Vasavillan, Jaffna, have successfully completed their four-month basic training. They were trained into professional soldiers whilst making them physically, mentally and morally fit for all future challenges of SL's military organisation.

13.04.2022: **Puttur** - According to Army LK, the occupational Commanding General of SL's 52nd Division, Brigadier Udaya Hearth, donated school supplies and dry rations to 44 children and their families in SL's 52nd Division area. The project was jointly sponsored by Mr. D.D Wijesinghe, Ms. Lakshmi Dissnayake and her daughter, Miss Kaveesha Jayani and Mr. Janaka Gunathilake of "Jathika Urumayan Surakeeme Maha Sammelanaya".

19.04.2022: **Myliddy** - According to Army LK, a house is being built for Mr. Rasawallan Thaboruban of Myliddy, Jaffna, after his helpless situation was brought to the attention of Shavendra Silva, by Major General Sujeewa Senarath Yapa, SL's Commander of the occupational Jaffna Security Forces. Rasawallan Thaboruban was a former-LTE combatant and was rehabilitated and reintegrated into society.

20.04.2022: **Katuwela** - Troops of SL's 211th Brigade, serving SL's Security Forces HQ-Wanni, are constructing another new house in Katuwela to reinforce the concept "Way Forward Strategy 2020 - 2025", Army LK reports.

25.04.2022: **Batticaloa** - According to Army LK, troops of SL's 233rd Brigade under SL's 23rd Division of their occupational Security Forces Headquarters East (SFHQ-E) distributed 100 dry rations worth LKR 350,000 to needy families in the Batticaloa district. Mr. Suresh, the owner of Kurunegala Murugan Business Ltd, supported civil-military cooperation the project.

25.04.2022: **Vavuniya** - According to Economy Next, needy students in Palinagar Vidyalayam in Vavuniya received book packs through the initiative of SL's 65th Security Forces Headquarters Wanni Division (SFHQ-W) with the support of philanthropists. On the instruction of the occupational Commander of the Division, Major General Anil Samarasiri, several senior SL officers had also participated in the distribution ceremony.

30.04.2022: **Jaffna** - According to Army LK, a logistics symposium titled "Paradigm Shift in Military Logistics in Jaffna Peninsula" was held at the Security Forces Headquarters in Jaffna (SFHQ-J) where occupational troops in Jaffna developed their knowledge of logistics.

02.04.2022:

Resignation -

According to Virakesari, Minister for SL State for Provincial Councils and Local Government, Roshan Ranasinghe has sent a letter to G. Rajapaksa stated that he had decided to resign from his post as the grievances of farmers had not been resolved.

03.04.2022:

Resignation -

According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers have presented their resignation letters to M. Rajapaksa. Dinesh Gunewardena also mentioned that he would leave SL at any time.

04.04.2022:

Appointment -

According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa had appointed four ministers to maintain the legitimacy and stability of SL's Parliament until a full cabinet was appointed.

04.04.2022: **SL**

Cabinet - Apart from M. Rajapaksa, all other SL Cabinet ministers had submitted their resignation letters to M. Rajapaksa

following a unanimous decision taken during a special cabinet meeting which occurred on the night of 04.04.2022 due to the intensification of unrest against GoSL, reports Virakesari.

04.04.2022:

Resignation - The Central Bank of SL Governor, Nivard Cabraal resigned, Economy Next reported.

04.04.2022:

Ministerial positions - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa invited all political parties represented in SL Parliament to jointly hold ministerial posts. Reports indicate that

the invitation was extended in response to SL's deepening political crisis with an increase in protests. It is notable that the opposition parties, Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) and National People's Power (NPP) had refused.

04.04.2022:

Government -

According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa lost two-thirds of their majority in SL's 225-member assembly. Reports indicate that one of the reasons is the resignation of the largest party, Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), with its 14 members.

04.04.2022:

Appointment -

According to Athavan News, new SL ministers had been appointed as all of the former ministers had submitted their resignation letters to M. Rajapaksa. Accordingly, the following changes have been made to SL's Cabinet:

- ♦ Ali Sabry - Finance
- ♦ Dinesh Gunawardena - Education
- ♦ G.L. Peiris - Foreign Affairs
- ♦ Johnston Fernando - Highways



STRUCTURE

MINORITY GOV

APRIL ISSUE
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05.04.2022: According to the Hindustan Times, M. Rajapaksa is leading a minority GoSL after several defections from the ruling coalition. It is notable that 113 seats are required for a majority.

RULING COALITION

SLPP	117
SLFP	015
Others	014
TOTAL	146

AFTER DEFLECTION

105

OPPOSITION

SJB	054
TNA	010
Others	015

04.04.2022:
Appointment -
According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa appointed his former lawyer and justice minister, Ali Sabry, as SL's new Finance Minister. It is notable that he represented SL's previous government in alleged corruption cases in court. Furthermore, Dinesh Gunawardena was appointed as SL's Education Minister and Chairman of Parliament, Prof. G. L. Peiris was appointed as Foreign Minister and Johnston Fernando was appointed as the Road Construction Minister and Chief Whip of the Government, thus holding the same portfolio.

05.04.2022: Central Bank - According to Economy Next, Nandalal Weerasinghe - a retired Deputy SL Central Bank Governor would take over as the chief of SL's Central Bank. Weerasinghe assumed office as SL's monetary authority had also borrowed through SL's Central Bank with interbank swaps.

05.04.2022:
Resignation -
According to Virakesari, Ali Sabry who was appointed as SL's Finance Minister on 04.04.2022, resigned on 05.04.2022 and submitted his resignation to G. Rajapaksa.

05.04.2022:
Resignation - SL's Treasury Minister, S. R. Attygalle has resigned from his post, Economy Next reports.

06.04.2022:
Resignation - Chief whip of GoSL and SL Minister of Highways, Johnston Fernando mentioned that G. Rajapaksa would not resign in any case as 6.9 million people had voted for him as SL's President. However, thousands of SL citizens had commenced protests since 31.03.2022 demanding his resignation, Economy Next reports.

07.04.2022:
Resignation -
According to Economy Next, the JVP-led National People's Power (NPP) would assist in resolving SL's economic crisis only if G. Rajapaksa resigned. According to the JVP leader, the citizens of SL would not accept any interim government or other mechanisms that could arise whilst G. Rajapaksa is in office.

07.04.2022:
Appointment - G. Rajapaksa appoints

K.M. Siriwardena, an SL Central Bank official with fiscal experience, as SL's new Finance Minister. Nandalal Weerasinghe, the retired deputy governor of SL's Central Bank, was also appointed as its new Governor, Economy Next reports.

08.04.2022:
Resignation - SL's Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya, has temporarily withdrawn his resignation from his post until the end of April 2022. G. Rajapaksa had cited compelling reasons for remaining in office, Economy Next reports. Earlier reports indicate that G. Rajapaksa had refused to accept the resignation of SL's Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya. G. Rajapaksa called on him to continue his duties.

10.04.2022: Central Bank - Ranee Jayamaha, a former Deputy Governor of SL's Central Bank, and Sanjeeva Jayawardena - an adviser to G. Rajapaksa would continue to hold office at SL's Monetary Board,

Economy Next reports.

12.04.2022:

Appointment - The SLFP's Kurunegala District MP, Shantha Bandara has been appointed as SL's Minister of State for Organic Production, Development and Distribution Regulation, Paddy & Cereals, Organic Foods, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilli, Onion and Potato Development, Seed Production and High Technology, Agriculture. According to Virakesari, Bandara was sworn in before G. Rajapaksa. Further reports indicate that Biyankara Jayaratne's resignation letter was denied by G. Rajapaksa, thus causing him to continue to hold the position of SL's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

14.04.2022: **Transfer** - SL's Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Nilantha Jayawardena, who was previously the Chief of SL's National Intelligence Service has been transferred to the Colombo Police HQ as the Senior DIG in charge of the Auxiliary

Services Division of the Police Department, reports Virakesari.

20.04.2022:

Resignation - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa has conveyed to the Speaker of SL's Parliament that he is prepared to resign from his position if all of SL's Party leaders unanimously demand his resignation. Political analysts believe that it is highly unlikely that the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) would support such a demand.

20.04.2022: **Protest** -

According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa had appointed four new ministers to SL's Cabinet.

- ♦ Suren Raghavan - Higher Education
- ♦ Viyalenthiran - Youth Affairs and Sports
- ♦ Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan - Rural Road Development
- ♦ Mohamed Musharraf - Sari and Local Clothing Production



18.04.2022: According to Colombo Gazette, G. Rajapaksa has appointed a new cabinet.

Dinesh Gunawardena	Public Services, Provincial Councils and local government
Douglas Devananda	Fisheries
Ramesh Pathirana	Education & Plantation
Prasanna Ranatunga	Public Security & Tourism
Dilum Amunugama	Transport & Industries
Kanaka Herath	Highways
Vidura Wickramanayaka	Labour
Janaka Wakkumbura	Agriculture & Irrigation
Shehan Semasinghe	Trade & Samurdhi Development
Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva	Water Supply
Wimalaweera Dissanayake	Wildlife & Forest Resources Conservation
Kanchana Wijesekera	Power & Energy
Thenuka Vidanagamage	Sports & Youth Affairs
Dr. Nalaka Godahewa	Media
Professor Channa Jayasumana	Health
Naseer Ahamed	Environment
Pramitha Bandara	Ports & Shipping
Tennakoon	

CABINET



22.04.2022: **Office** - According to Economy Next, the SLFP coalition unanimously decided that M. Rajapaksa should remain in office. Members of SL's ruling party assured M. Rajapaksa of the stability of GoSL despite activities to overthrow SL's current government and indicated that support for it would be strengthened in the future. Further reports indicate that

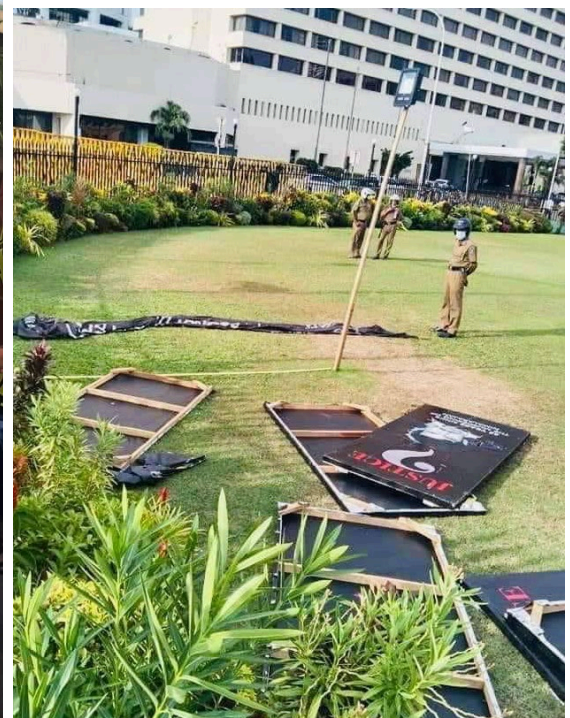
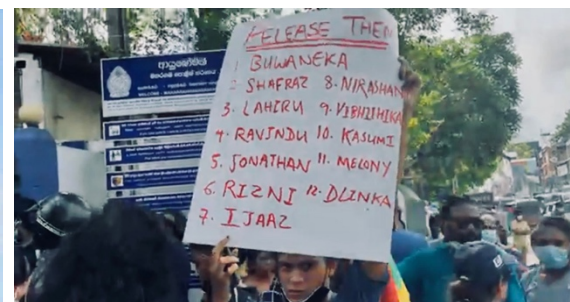
M. Rajapaksa mentioned that any interim government that is appointed must be under his leadership alone. In addition, he thinks a majority of MPs will not call for his resignation.

26.04.2022: **Appointment** - According to SL's Presidential Media Unit, Ali Sabry had been re-appointed as SL's Minister of Justice in addition to

his role as finance Minister and was sworn in at SL's Presidential Palace.

28.04.2022: **Dismissal** - Secretary to SL's Minister of Commerce, Badrani Jayawardena was removed from office with immediate effect in response to public dissatisfaction over SL's Ministry of Commerce's inability to manage or guide programs launched

between 2020-2022, reports Virakesari. It is notable that Neil Bandara Hapuhinna, SL's former Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Samurdhi, Home Economy, Microfinance, Self-Employment and Business Development had been appointed in their place.



Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

05.04.2022: **Demining** - According to Athavan News, donors and US Embassy officials involved in a humanitarian demining operation in the Western part of Muhamalai, Kilinochchi have visited the site to discuss the progress of demining operations. The delegation included US Representatives Rodne Robedia and Briget R. Hess, who are donating to the demining mission, alongside US Ambassadors to SL, Rulay Woodside and Shanlbeep Croos. The demining humanitarian work is being carried out by DASH.

Deaths

01.04.2022: **Death** - According to Virakesari, occupational Vavuniya police arrested the husband of an 18-year-old young woman in connection with the mysterious death of his wife in the Panichchankerni area of Batticaloa. Reports indicate that the corpse of Yogarasa Trisha was recovered on 29.03.2022.

02.04.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the body of a man had been recovered from the swimming pool of a popular private hotel in Jaffna. Occupational Jaffna police claim that they are conducting investigations to determine whether the cause of death was natural or homicide.

07.04.2022: **Death** - Oddusuddan Pradesiya Sabha MP, Namasivayam Tilakshan, aged 25 drowned at 16.00 on 05.04.2022 and his body was recovered and kept at the Mullaitivu District Hospital. According to Virakesari, the occupational Oddusuddan Police claim that investigations into the death are underway.

08.04.2022: **Murder** - 42-year-old Pradeepan Jacintha from Udayapuram who had been reported missing, was found to be involved in money laundering, reports Virakesari. Occupational Jaffna Police investigations reveal that the family who had received LKR 3 lakhs from her, are in the process of seeking permission from a local court to execute excavations in the area on suspicions of murdering and burying the woman. Her body was recovered on 08.04.2022 after being buried in a house with her motorcycle in Ariyalai, Jaffna.

08.04.2022: **Drowning** - According to occupational Eravur Police, a 24-year-old who went swimming with his friends had drowned at sea in Batticaloa near Eravur beach and was later found on a street in Arumugamthanikudiru Kaliko, reports Virakesari.

18.04.2022: **Suicide** - According to Virakesari, a 23-year-old youth from the Omanthai Government Employees' Housing Scheme committed suicide by jumping into a train in Vavuniya and was killed on the spot.

18.04.2022: **Death** - The body of 57-year-old Jesudasan Mettilamma was found dead hanging from a residence in Vavuniya Chettikulam and was recovered by occupational police for further investigations into the death, reports Virakesari.

19.04.2022: **Body** - The body of a 10-year-old was recovered on 18.04.2022 from a well in the Kalnattinakulam area of Vavuniya with occupational police claiming that investigations are underway, reports Virakesari.

06.04.2022: **Human rights** - According to Athavan News, a seminar on human rights was organised by the Institute for Socio-Economic Development in Mannar. During the meeting, various issues related to human rights and land disputes were clarified. The event was attended by the Director of the Mannar Socio-Economic Development Agency, Johnson Picardo, the Program Coordinator Johnson, members of the Mannar Municipal Council, Mannar human rights activists, Mannar civil society organisations and staff of the Mannar MSED.

Fuel

13.04.2022: **Fuel** - Three individuals were arrested by occupational Batticaloa HQ Police with 30 litres of petrol which had been stored with the intent of engaging in the illegal trade of the field at grocery stores within the Karuppankerni Urani area in a police raid, reports Virakesari.

15.04.2022: **Tension** - According to Athavan News, tensions were high in the Batticaloa Regional Petroleum Corporation area as police blocked a public blockade of the branch. Various people in the Batticaloa district are facing difficulties due to the continuous shortage of fuel at petrol stations.

27.04.2022: **Death** - According to the wife of 55-year-old, Devanayagam Krishnasamy from Hutton, her husband had passed away in his sleep after waiting in line for kerosene all day and returning home around 23.00 local time - after which he had been found to have died in his sleep, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the man did not have any prior illnesses or medical conditions.

07.04.2022: **Norway** - According to Virakesari, two universities from Norway are in Jaffna for pure energy research activities through a tripartite agreement which was signed in a ceremony at the Jaffna University Library Auditorium on 06.04.2022. Further reports indicate that the agreement will focus on collaborative doctoral research projects

between universities for higher education and research activities in pure energy technologies.

- ◆ University of Jaffna
- ◆ Western Norwegian University of Applied Sciences
- ◆ University of Bergen, Norway for Advanced Research Activities

Fisheries

03.04.2022: **TN Fishermen** - According to Athavan News, 12 fishermen from Tamil Nadu had been arrested by occupational SL Navy Officers for crossing the border. They have been brought under the custody of SL's Department of Fisheries in Myliddy.

03.04.2022: **Shrimp** - According to Virakesari, Vavuniya locals staged a petition campaign demanding the cancellation of a shrimp farming project in Vakarai, Vavuniya.

03.04.2022: **Fishermen** - 12 Indian Fishermen were arrested by occupational SLN officers near Neduntivu within the occupied territorial waters of Tamil Eelam, reports Virakesari.

23.04.2022: **Seafood Prices** - According to Athavan News, seafood traders in Vavuniya mentioned that the price of seafood from Mannar, Trincomalee and Mullaitivu had risen sharply due to rising fuel prices. Therefore, the people in Poonthottam, Vavuniya

conducted a protest condemning the increase in prices of goods.

09.04.2022: **Agriculture** - Amongst diesel shortages and SL's current economic crisis, agricultural harvest drivers and tractor drivers are amongst many, especially from the Trincomalee district who have been severely affected by a diesel shortage, affecting their livelihood, reports Virakesari.

09.04.2022: **Manipur** - A residence near Manipay Sellamuthu Stadium in Jaffna was damaged due to thunder, causing damage to the home and motorcycle, reports Virakesari.

Crime

01.04.2022: **Attack** - According to Virakesari, a violent mob broke into a residence in Tavadi, Jaffna on the night of 31.04.2022 during a power outage. Reports from the occupational Chunnakam police indicate that the attack was executed by a gang of six on 3 motorcycles who burnt motorcycles at the residence, damaged valuables and fled.

12.04.2022: **Arson** - According to Virakesari, an arson attack was conducted on a three-wheeler by a violent mob of six. The attack occurred on Ananda Road, Navaali.

13.04.2022: **Gang** - According to Virakesari, a violent gang in Jaffna was paid money from Canada to attack a residence and make

death threats to the owner of a house on St. Anthony's Road in Chunnakam, Jaffna.

16.04.2022: **Logs** - According to Virakesari, occupational Jaffna Police had recovered 8 illegally stamped logs and are in the process of taking the arrested person and the seized contraband to court.

19.04.2022: **Treasure** - According to Virakesari, four individuals were arrested with one escaping from occupational Batticaloa police for their alleged involvement in treasure hunting with advanced equipment after cordoning them off.

19.04.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, occupational Muttur police mentioned that a 31-year-old son beat and killed his 59-year-old father in a residence in the Toppur-Palathadichenai area. Further reports indicate that the drunk son had beaten the father while he was sleeping. Consequently, the son was arrested and is due to appear before the Muttur Magistrate's Court.

18.04.2022: **General of Police** - According to Athavan News, Priyantha Vijayasuriya had been appointed as SL's new Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police for the Northern Province. After assuming duties at his official office in Kankesanthurai, it is reported that he had mentioned that civil-police distancing in the North should be bridged.

US - According to Virakesari, Julie Chung visited Jaffna on a two-day official visit between 24.04.2022-26.04.2022.

24.04.2022: **Meeting** - During the visit she met with civil society leaders mentioning that they plan an important role in advocating for the rights of vulnerable communities in a democracy. She also met with the occupational Commander of SL's Jaffna District Security Forces, Commander Major General Senarath Yapa.

25.04.2022: **Meeting** - It is notable that she had also made visits to Nallur Kandasamy Temple and the Diocesan Bishop of Jaffna as well as the Governor of the Northern Province. It is notable that a meeting was also held with the leaders of Tamil political parties on 25.04.2022 at a private hotel in Kokuvil, Jaffna from 18.30 local time.

Attendees:

- ◆ Mavai Senathirasa - Leader, SL Tamil National Party
- ◆ Dharmalingam Siddharthan - Leader, PLOTE
- ◆ Selvam Adaikalanathan

26.04.2022: **Mining** - Chung also paid a visit to Muhamalai where she examined the demining operations conducted in the area through assistance from American donors. Chung also met the relatives of missing persons on 26.04.2022 and emphasised the need for reconciliation and accountability.

27.04.2022: **Library** - Chung visited the Jaffna Public Library alongside

Thuraijajah Esan and E.T. Jayaseelan, reports Virakesari.

27.04.2022: **University** - A visit was also made to the University of Jaffna on the morning of 27.04.2022 where a Sponsorship Agreement on Peace and Conflict Resolution conducted by the Faculty of Higher Studies of the University was signed with assistance from USAID.

23.04.2022: **Bharathi Festival** - According to Athavan News, the Bharathi dance and poetry festival organised by Mannar Tamil Sangam was held at Mannar Municipal Hall. Mannar District Government Agent Mrs. A. Stanley Dimel, Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs of the Northern Province Mrs. Raja Malligai Sivasundara Sharma, Vavuniya Tamil Sangam Founder Tamilaruvi T. Siva Kumaran and many other religious leaders were also present at the event.

Accident

03.04.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, two individuals including a Canadian national had been admitted to Vavuniya District General Hospital following a head-on collision between a van and a three-wheeler near the occupational Kokuveli Army Camp on the Vavuniya A9 road around 09.30 local time on 02.04.2022.

10.04.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, 72-year-old Thambipillai Kanakarathnam of Achuveli was killed when a truck collided with his bicycle while he

was waiting for fuel in the Achuveli area of Jaffna.

11.04.2022: **Accident** - A 7-year-old boy was killed on the spot when a truck collided with a motorcycle in Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

12.04.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, the body of an occupational Naval soldier who went missing after two SLN boats collided in the waters off Neduntivu had been recovered in the waters off Karanaigar on 12.04.2022. Reports indicate that the boards had fled in violation of naval orders when the SLN attempted to hijack two suspected boats entering Tamil Eelam's occupied territorial waters. It is during the chase which ensued that the two boats collided. Four sailors were rescued by three other sailors.

22.04.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, a boy and two others were admitted to Jaffna Teaching Hospital after being injured in a train accident in the Kodikaamam area in Jaffna.

- ◆ Death: 12-year-old Dayabaran Janusan
- ◆ Injured: 45-year-old Nagamani Dayabaran and 15-year-old Dayabaran Dhanushan

22.04.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, two individuals were admitted to Vavuniya Hospital following an accident in the Veppankulam area on the Vavuniya-Mannar Road.

27.04.2022: **Excavation** - According to Athavan News, the excavation of the bodies of the victims of the Sainthamaruthu suicide bombing on 21.04.2019 by Zahran Hashim's brother, Mohamed Rilwan had commenced at the Ampara Public Cemetery. Investigations revealed the bodies of 17 people, including children.

27.04.2022: **Grievances** - A meeting was held with Moulavi S.A.Subian, the head of the People's Workshop, to identify the grievances of Muslims in the Jaffna District. It is notable that the meeting was held at the office of the People's Secretariat for the Jaffna & Kilinochchi District on Navandurai Road.

Sri Lanka

01.04.2022: **Mirihana** - In a press conference held at the SL Government Information Department on 01.04.2022, SL Senior Police Spokesman, Ajith Rohana mentioned that around LKR 39 million worth of property had been lost due to the Mirihana protest which occurred on 31.03.2022, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ 53 arrests
- ♦ 24 injured - SL state officials
 - ♦ 18 STF officers
 - ♦ 6 SL police
- ♦ 15 injured - civilians

02.04.2022: **Petition** - The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) filed a fundamental rights violation petition in SL's High Court on 02.04.2022 calling for an interim order from SL's Minister of Finance, Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Governor of SL's Central Bank to set aside USD 200 million for

30.04.2022: **Promotion** - Three senior lecturers were promoted at the University of Jaffna in accordance with SL's University Grants Commission Circular Standards, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Dr. E. Surendrakumaran - Medical Lecturer and senior lecturer in the field of community medicine and family medicine
- ♦ Dr. P. Pradeepkanth - Professor in the Department of Community Medicine and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Accounting, Faculty of Business Management
- ♦ Dr. J. Robinson - Senior Lecturer, Department of Human Resource Management

procurement to avoid difficulties faced by the masses due to power outages, reports Virakesari.

03.04.2022: **Electricity** - Operations of the Kerawalapitiya Power Station were resumed following the availability of diesel for power generation. Reports from Virakesari indicate that 6,000 metric tonnes of diesel was procured for power generation in accordance with the IOC.

03.04.2022: **Gas** - According to Vegapitiya, a shipment of 5,500 metric tonnes of LPG gas had been diverted due to a non-issuance of bonds. According to Virakesari, this prevents the distribution of cooking gas cylinders to consumers. The shipment has been repatriated for failing to issue a bond to pay USD 5 million. Further reports indicate that a 3,800 metric tonne gas tanker

purchased by Litro is scheduled to arrive in SL on 04.04.2022.

04.04.2022: **CWC** - A meeting was held between the Ceylon Workers' Congress (CWC) and G. Rajapaksa at the Presidential Palace on the afternoon of 04.04.2022 to discuss various issues including:

- ◆ Plans to establish an upcountry university
- ◆ LKR 1,000 daily wage for plantation workers
- ◆ Appointment of teaching assistant

04.04.2022: **Briefing Defence**

attaches/advisers - According to News First LK, Shavendra Silva briefed Defence advisers/attachés of High Commissions and Embassies about SL's crisis. There he mentioned that SL's armed forces would always comply with SL's constitution.

Countries present at the meeting:

- ◆ Australia
- ◆ China
- ◆ India
- ◆ Iran
- ◆ Japan
- ◆ Maldives
- ◆ Pakistan
- ◆ Russia
- ◆ UK
- ◆ USA

05.04.2022: **SL Parliament** - According to Virakesari, the SL Parliament convened amidst crisis at 10.00 local time after the last session was adjourned on 25.03.2022.

04.04.2022: **ICT** - A collective of more than 160 information and communications technology (ICT)

industry representatives have called for measures to be introduced to reduce further uncertainty among stakeholders, reports Economy Next.

- ◆ Transparency
- ◆ Stability in governance and financial management
- ◆ Access to dollars for start-ups and small businesses for critical services
- ◆ End to the ongoing public emergency

05.04.2022: **Amendment** - Maithripala Sirisena and Sajith Premadasa called for the withdrawal of the 20th Amendment to SL's Constitution and the restoration of the 19th Amendment, reports Economy Next.

06.04.2022: **Investigation** - According to Economy Next, the SL police chief has promised SL's Army Commander that an investigation into an incident where a group of masked and armed men who arrived at a protest site in Colombo on unregistered motorcycles were obstructed by SL police. Reports indicate that the protesters reacted angrily to the masked men.

06.04.2022: **Tea** - According to Economy Next, SL's foreign exchange shortage affects the transportation of SL's tea sector. In addition, factories have no diesel to run generators during a power outage. An industry association mentioned that the likelihood of some factories having to close due to the current crisis remains real.

06.04.2022: **Moody** - According to Economy Next, the wave of resignations of SL Ministers and officials increased political uncertainty. This also

exacerbates SL's external crisis. According to Moody, progress in obtaining external financing from key development partners or attracting foreign direct investment would be hampered.

07.04.2022: **Medicines** - Indika Rathnayaka, the president of SL's Government Medical Officers Association (GMOA) warned of an impending major health crisis due to a possible breakdown in SL's medicine supply chain. Current drug supplies in GoSL hospitals are expected to be sufficient until around 21.04.2022, Economy Next reports.

07.04.2022: **Central Bank** - According to Economy Next, a local court in SL has prevented Cabraal from leaving the country. Political activist Ranjith Keerthi Tennakoo has filed a suit alleging that Cabraal failed to disclose his relationships with some players in the primary bond market and is responsible for causing GoSL to suffer a loss of between LKR 10.04-10.06 billion.

08.04.2022: **Economic crisis** - According to Economy Next, some MPs mentioned that not only the political representatives, but also some MPs remain responsible for SL's crisis.

- ◆ W. D. Lakshman
- ◆ Dr. P. B. Jayasundara
- ◆ Ajith Nivard Cabraal
- ◆ Sajith Attiygalle

08.04.2022: **Media ID** - According to SL's Government Information Department, the validity of media identity cards issued to all journalists by them has been

extended to 30.04.2022, reports Virakesari.

11.04.2022: **Speech** - According to Athavan News, M. Rajapaksa addressed SL with a focus on SL's current economic situation. In that speech, he mentioned that the public should be patient as G. Rajapaksa and the GoSL would work tirelessly to end this crisis. He also advised not to insult SL's troops who serve SL and those who serve in the police service. He mentioned that today the citizens only travel freely and fearlessly on the streets and engage in anti-government struggles because SL's military had sacrificed their lives to save the country.

11.04.2022: **Government** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa and a group of 41 "independent" lawmakers who have distanced themselves from his government held talks. According to G. Rajapaksa, the meeting was held to "maintain ties" yet the outcome of the meeting was inconclusive.

11.04.2022: **Reserves** - In an interview with CNBC, Ranil Wickremesinghe mentioned that SL would run out of its reserves by the end of April, 2022, reports News First LK.

13.04.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, former SL Finance Minister Attigala, former SL Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Carbraal, and former Secretary to SL's President P.B. Jayasundara prevented SL from requesting the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for assistance whilst almost all of SL's remaining cabinet ministers were in favour of IMF assistance.

13.04.2022: **Fuel** - 67 sieges were executed by SL's STF and police intelligence unit on 12.04.2022 to recover fuel which had been stored to be illegally collected and sold at higher prices, reports Virakesari.

14.04.2022: **Medicine** - According to Virakesari, Anwar Hamdani, a special medical expert and the director of technical services at the Ministry of Health mentioned that SL was engaged in talks with several countries to procure essential medicine required by the country with many requests proving to be successful thus far. Further reports indicate that pharmaceuticals had been made available under the Indian loan concessions.

- ♦ India
- ♦ Bangladesh
- ♦ Indonesia
- ♦ China
- ♦ Japan
- ♦ Thailand
- ♦ Korea

16.04.2022: **Coal** - According to Economy Next, SL's state-owned Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) may be forced to shut down one of three 300-megawatt coal-fired power plants with the hopes of exacerbating SL's power crisis.

17.04.2022: **LIOC** - According to Colombo Gazette, the price of fuel has increased.

Petrol (92 Octane)	LKR 338
Petrol (95 Octane)	LKR 367
Petrol Euro 3	LKR 347
Auto Diesel	LKR 289
Super Diesel	LKR 327

18.04.2022: **Ranaviru** - According to JDS Lanka, a Ranaviru Gama (War Heroes Village) had been set up in Colombo to provide SL armed forces with space.

20.04.2022: **Coal** - According to Economy Next, SL is paying USD 38 million for two ships with 120,000 tons of coal on board. The coal is expected to be used for power generation during the monsoon season.

20.04.2022: **Dairy** - According to Economy Next, SL's dairy farms are suffering due to the shortage of foreign currency. Supplies of food, medicines and vitamins are disrupted due to rising costs.

21.04.2022: **Database** - SL's Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (COPA) has made recommendations to SL's Excise Department to expedite a proposed computer database system. This would permit the streamlining of the calculation of excise revenue, Economy Next reports.

25.04.2022: **CWC** - According to Economy Next, SL's Ceylon Workers' Congress (CWC), which largely represents Tamils of Indian origin, has decided to vote against the incumbent GoSL in the event of a no-confidence motion. The CWC has the principle of neutrality, but considers the circumstances, which is why a collective and reasonable decision is necessary.

25.04.2022: **Ban** - SL's Former Central Bank Governor, Cabraal was issued another restraining order by Fort's Magistrate, Thilina Gamage preventing his travel, reports Virakesari.

26.04.2022: **HRCSL** - The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka issued a statement on 26.04.2022 for SL Police to focus on the protection of the citizens' rights to freedom of expression and assembly whilst ensuring that G. and M. Rajapaksa are also provided with adequate security, reports Virakesari.

27.04.2022: **TNA** - According to Economy Next, SL's TNA is still undecided on a proposed no-confidence motion (NCM) against GoSL. Reports indicate that they remain undecided due to the uncertainty of governance following an NCM.

27.04.2022: **Flights** - According to Economy Next, state-owned SriLankan Airlines will be diverted to Mattala due to fuel shortages.

28.04.2022: **Black Market** - According to Virakesari, N. Rajapaksa has been scheduled to testify a case under SL's Money Laundering Act before Colombo High Court Judge, Navaratna Marasinghe on 28.04.2022 for allegedly making an undisclosed amount of LKR 30 million between 01.10.2013-31.08.2014 during a transaction with another company.

28.04.2022: **Food** - According to Economy Next, SL is facing its worst growing season in more than a decade during the current Yala season. There is a possibility of an impending food crisis in the upcoming months.

29.04.2022: **Fertilisers** - A Fundamental Rights petition was filed at SL's High Court 29.04.2022 alleging that G. Rajapaksa had violated the fundamental rights of the citizens of SL by completely banning chemical fertilisers, reports Virakesari.

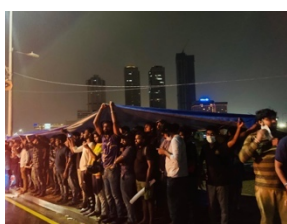
29.04.2022: **Training** - Sri Lankan education group Gateway is planning a school in the Chinese-backed port city of Colombo with a British partner. The SL High Commission in London planned collaboration with the CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt) Ltd and the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council to organise a forum that showcased investment opportunities in finance and education in the port city of Colombo, Economy Next reports.

30.04.2022: **SL Parliament** - According to Virakesari, the SL Parliament celebrated the 40th anniversary of the relocation of it to Sri Jayawardenapura Fort on 29.04.2022.



Future Features

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02.04.2022: **State of Emergency** -

According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa declared a State of Emergency as SL's economic crisis sparked protests. Further reports indicate that he had implemented regulations on public safety and essential services to come into effect from 02.04.2022.

02.04.2022: **Gazette** -

According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa released a gazette notification declaring a state of emergency across SL to come into effect from 01.04.2022.

03.04.2022: **Gazette** -

According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa issued another Extraordinary Gazette restricting the movement of people on any public road, parks, grounds, railway tracks and sea areas during the curfew period from 06.00-18.00 local time 04.04.2022.

04.04.2022: **Interim** -

During a special media briefing, Jana Balawegaya MP, Rajitha Senarathne mentioned that

Sajith Premadasa had rejected a call by G. Rajapaksa to the UPFA to form an all-party interim government to resolve SL's national crisis, reports Virakesari.

04.04.2022: **Cabinet** -

According to Economy Next, M. Rajapaksa invited SL's opposition to the SL Cabinet to offer them certain portfolios for the next Cabinet. Eleven parties in G. Rajapaksa's ruling coalition called for a caretaker or interim government.

06.04.2022:

Emergency - G. Rajapaksa repealed the Extraordinary Gazette proclamation issued declaring a State of Emergency in SL, reports Virakesari. The repeal was released on 05.04.2022.

12.04.2022: **Boycott** -

According to Colombo Gazette, eleven of SL's political parties have refused to engage in talks to form an interim SL Cabinet with G. Rajapaksa.

13.04.2022: **No-**

Confidence & Impeachment - According to News First LK, SL's main

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opposition party, SJB, had signed both a no-confidence and impeachment motion. Whilst SL's opposition was engaged in this move, SL's M. Rajapaksa invited protesters to talks - an invitation which was declined. Further reports from Virakesari indicate that the TNPF had signed the no-confidence motion at SL's Opposition Office in Colombo.

14.04.2022: **Meeting** - According to Virakesari, various political parties had held emergency meetings with SL's former President, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga at the Bandaranaike International Hall, Colombo to hold lengthy discussions on issues such as SL's current crisis.

16.04.2022: **Meeting** - According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa chaired a series of discussions on the current situation on 16.04.2022 with SL's Finance, Energy and Health Ministries.

18.04.2022: **SL Constitution** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa is

prepared to assist SL Parliament in implementing amendments to the SL Constitution. However, he refrained from examining the details in doing so and would defer to a newly-appointed SL Cabinet.

19.04.2022: **SL Constitution** - According to Virakesari, M. Rajapaksa has sought to submit to the new cabinet the idea of amending the SL Constitution to include the positive aspects of SL's legislature, administration and judiciary - calling for the repeal of the 20th Amendment and re-implement the 19th Amendment. The 19th Amendment dilutes powers of SL's executive and the 20th Amendment enhances powers of executive presidency.

21.04.2022: **Constitution** - The SJB has submitted a draft of SL's 21st Amendment Bill to the Secretary General of SL's Parliament. This includes, amongst other things, the abolition of the current executive presidential system

and introduction of the election of SL's President through SL's Parliament, Economy Next reports.

25.04.2022: **Letter** - A letter was sent to G. Rajapaksa with signatures from 20 members representing SL's National Council of Bhikkus claiming that a conspiracy to convince G. Rajapaksa to fulfil the need for a separatist argument through amendments to SL's Constitution was being developed - which they claim should not occur and should be halted, reports Virakesari.

26.04.2022: **SL Constitution** - According to Virakesari, SL's Cabinet Spokesman, Ramesh Pathirana had approved the proposal put forth by M. Rajapaksa to draft the 21st Amendment to SL's Constitution which would include existing elements of the 19th and 20th Amendments.

26.04.2022: **Prime Minister** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's Prime Minister, M. Rajapaksa had stated that he is not

going to step down anytime soon. He made this statement in a meeting with provincial and local GoSL representatives.

27.04.2022: **SLEC** - According to Virakesari, SL's Elections Commission (SLEC) urged the SL Cabinet to include all parties represented in SL Parliament to implement an appropriate interim program or any other solution to resolve SL's current crisis.

27.04.2022: **All-party government** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa had agreed to lead an all-party government. This comes after the composition of the all-party government to be formed after the resignation of M. Rajapaksa and the cabinet must be decided in talks.

28.04.2022: **Gazette** - A special gazette notification was issued by SL's Consumer Affairs Authority with instructions provided to all manufacturers, warehouse owners, distributors and suppliers in SL to

maintain a record of all products in their possession, reports Virakesari.

29.04.2022: **Meeting** - Preliminary talks between G. Rajapaksa and the leaders of 11 parties scheduled to occur at 10.30 local time at SL's Presidential Secretariat to discuss the formation of an interim GoSL to resolve SL's current political and economic crisis in SL were cancelled.

29.04.2022: **SJB** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa must step down for SL's main

opposition party Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) to form an all-party interim government. G. Rajapaksa and his government have lost their moral legitimacy to remain in office any longer.

29.04.2022: **Interim** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa had agreed for the formation of an interim government with a new Prime Minister and a new Cabinet of Ministers. Reports indicate that the new cabinet must be small, with only 15-20 ministers.

30.04.2022: **Gazette** - G. Rajapaksa issued a special gazette notification to amend 31 of SL's Ministries, reports Virakesari.



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Economic News

Economic Profile – April 2022

Inflation	March 2022 April 2022	↑ to 18.8% ↑ to 29.8%
Trade	January 2022	
Imports		↑ 23.3% to USD 1.959 billion
Exports		↑ 17.5% to USD 1,101 million
Trade deficit		USD 859 million
BOP		USD 3.9 billion
FOREX Reserves	March 2022	↓ by USD 372 million to USD 1.9 billion
Net Debt	February 2022	about LKR 734 billion (≈ USD 3.6 billion)
Gross reserves	February 2022	USD 2,311 million
Budget deficit	Year 2021	12.2% of GDP
Fitch Rating	April 2022	from CCC to C
Moody Rating	April 2022	from Caa2 to Ca
Standard and Poor's Rating	April 2022	Selective default (SD)
Growth estimate	Year 2022	≈ 1%

04.04.2022: **Monetary Policy** - Due to the rapidly developing political crisis in SL, a monetary policy decision that should have been announced on 05.04.2022 could not occur. A possible rate hike, which would have reduced money printing and domestic private credit, was delayed as a result, Economy Next reported.

04.04.2022: **India** - According to the Indian High Commission of Indian in SL, India had provided SL the following in the first quarter of 2022, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ USD 2.5 billion - loans
- ♦ USD 400 million - remittances (January, 2022)

06.04.2022: **BOI** - According to the Board of Investment (BOI), SL has signed investment agreements worth USD 765 million in the first quarter of 2022. It also received applications for projects worth USD 1,412 million, Economy Next reports.

06.04.2022: **Rupee** - According to Economy Next, the LKR has fallen to a record low and has become the world's worst currency. According to a report, the LKR was close to 300 per USD on 06.04.2022, down 32% within 2022.

06.04.2022: **Nirupama Rajapaksa** - According to The Week, SL's former Deputy Minister and the niece of the Rajapaksa brothers, Nirupama Rajapaksa, had left the country. It is

noteworthy that both she and her husband were mentioned in the Pandora Papers

07.04.2022: **Tax** - In an effort to raise revenue, the SL bar legislature passed a retroactive surtax with amendments. This law was passed without a vote. The new law would permit GoSL to impose a 25% tax on business groups, sole proprietorships, partnerships and individuals, Economy Next reports.

08.04.2022: **Fuel** - According to Economy Next, SL has so far claimed up to 60% of India's USD 500 million fuel loan. According to a GoSL source, it would be difficult to purchase fuel after 20.04.2022 unless it sought another line of credit or made drastic policy changes.

08.04.2022: **Interest rate** - According to Economy Next, under its newly-Governor, SL's Central Bank, had raised the key interest rate at which money is printed by 700 basis points to 14.50%. Forecasts speculate that this may slow SL's economy, reduce imports and stabilise the currency.

09.04.2022: **Central Bank** - According to Economy Next, Nandalal Weerasinghe, raised the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) by a record 700 basis points to a 20-year high on his first day in the role. The SDFR was raised to 13.50%, and the SLFR to was raised to 14.50%. Weerasinghe expects some stability and market confidence, as well as a positive market reaction.

11.04.2022: **Yield** - SL's government bond yields rose to a multi-year high at the

weekly auction. This was achieved by raising the key monetary policy rates by 700 basis points, Economy Next reports.

12.04.2022: **CPC** - SL's Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) is losing between LKR 800-1,000 billion per day. The CPC sells gasoline at LKR 254 rupees per litre and auto diesel at LKR 176 per litre, Economy Next reports.

12.04.2022: **Default** - According to Economy Next, SL is expected to suspend the repayment of their external debt and public sector entities pending an orderly debt restructuring. This is a "pre-emptive negotiated default" by giving advance notice to lenders and requesting them to come to the negotiating table. SL's total foreign debt is estimated at around USD 32 billion.

12.04.2022: **Restructuring** - According to Economy Next, Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB), dollar-denominated bonds sold to domestic buyers, have been excluded from a planned restructuring. Of the USD 1.79 billion in outstanding SLDBs, USD 1,593 million were held by domestic banks, about USD 166 million by non-banks and USD 13.2 million by individuals.

12.04.2022: **Circular** - According to Economy Next, SL is scheduled to issue a new circular to reduce GoSL spending and tighten fiscal policy. The move emerged after SL officially announced that it can no longer pay its foreign debt and interest payments due to a lack of foreign exchange reserves.

12.04.2022: **Return requirement** - SL is lowering the return requirement from

50%-25%. However, they have requested for this money to be used for important imports, Economy Next reports.

13.04.2022: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, Fitch Ratings had placed 13 state-owned and private banks in SL on a possible downgrade due to the lack of foreign exchange in the banking system. SL's Bank of Ceylon (BOC) is also at risk of this downgrade. This risk is exacerbated by the sovereign's credit profile and the resulting risks to the stability of SL's financial system.

13.04.2022: **Standard and Poor's** - According to Economy Next, the rating agency Standard and Poor's (S&P) had downgraded SL from "CCC" to "CC". This occurred after the announcement that SL is suspending most external debt payments pending a restructure. This increases the likelihood that a selective default (SD) would ensue, Economy Next reports.

14.04.2022: **SL Airlines** - According to Newswire LK, Srilankan Airlines had issued four requests for proposals to lease 21 of its aircrafts. In its official statement, they stated that this move would support their long-term business strategy.

14.04.2022: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, Fitch has downgraded SL's sovereign rating from "CCC" to "C". The downgrade was introduced due to a "default-like process" which had commenced with the announcement that foreign payments would be suspended. Fitch mentioned that it would downgrade SL to 'RD' if a payment for an issue is missed and the grace period has expired.

14.04.2022: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, Fitch had downgraded a USD 175 million bond issued by SL state-owned Srilankan Airlines to 'C' from 'CC'. It was rated at the same level as government bonds due to GoSL's unconditional and irrevocable guarantee.

15.04.2022: **Freight** - According to Virakesari, Srilankan Airlines had announced on 14.04.2022 that 102 tonnes of paper was taken to Entebbe International Airport in Uganda in 2021 as a part of a commercial venture in line with international freight standards. It is notable that this announcement was made amidst allegations on social media that dollars had been smuggled into SL from Uganda.

16.04.2022: **CSE** - According to SL's Networks and Exchange Commission has announced that the CSE would be temporarily closed between 18.04.2022-23.04.2022, reports Virakesari.

17.04.2022: **Stagnation** - SL has been in stagnation for seven years, triggering three currency crises under SL's "flexible" inflation target. SL is now in the midst of the most severe monetary instability since 1950, Economy Next reports.

17.04.2022: **Government finances** - According to Economy Next, Mahinda Siriwardene had mentioned that SL plans to strengthen public finances and reduce money printing. It is expected that he would issue a circular to all spending agencies to cut spending.

18.04.2022: **Moody** - Moody's Investors Service has downgraded SL's sovereign rating to Ca from Caa2 with a stable

outlook. Moody's expects that private sector creditor losses resulting from any debt restructuring are likely to be significant and exceed the limited losses that accompanied the previous Caa2 rating, Economy Next reports.

20.04.2022: **Power grids** - According to Colombo Gazette, India and SL have renewed talks to link up their power grids. This subject was raised in March, 2022 as SL's former Finance Minister approached India to seek assistance for their economic crisis.

21.04.2022: **Airlines** - According to Economy Next, SL is engaged in talks to raise USD 1 billion through low-cost airlines with the help of private sector investment. Reports indicate that this is a private sector-sponsored project.

23.04.2022: **Investments** - According to Sabry, there will be difficulties in the near future. Now SL is seeking investors to pump up to USD 2 billion in investments into SL's Central Bank. SL is engaged in talks with several countries, Economy Next reports.

24.04.2022: **Exchange rate** - US economist Steve Hanke has mentioned that a currency board for SL would lead to low deficits and stability. A currency board is a "hard" or "credible" peg. In this, the currency must not be devalued by open market operations or by financing the budget deficit, Economy Next reports.

24.04.2022: **Importers** - According to Economy Next, essential food importers require USD 200 million per month and are awaiting an Indian credit line. The

Essential Food Importers and Traders Association (EFITA) spokesperson mentioned that suppliers do not trust them and that there are issues with deliveries.

26.04.2022: **Petroleum** - According to Economy Next, SL's cabinet has approved an amendment to the Petroleum Act which would permit licence to import fuel to "properly identified parties." The CPC currently imports oil and distributes fuel to the electricity and other sectors.

27.04.2022: **Sovereign Bonds** - According to emerging market investor Mark Mobius, the sovereign bonds, which trade at 40 cents on the dollar or less depending on maturity, could be an opportunity as restructuring could increase its value, Economy Next reports.

29.04.2022: **Current Accounts** - SL is soon to ban the import of current accounts to stop the demand for unofficial remittances through Undiyal/Hawala gross settlement systems as it is often used for imports which are not essential, reports Economy Next.

30.04.2022: **Rupee** - According to Economy Next, the LKR has begun to slow the pace of its decline. As a result, the LKR is expected to stabilise and appreciate in the upcoming year.



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the Mirihana police station to offer the detainees free legal aid.

01.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a rally was organised in Jaffna to protest against SL's current economic crisis and the actions of the GoSL organised by the SJB. SL police were accumulated and strengthened in the area as tension erupted when a pro-GoSL group appeared. Some were injured in the tensions.



01.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, SL's government alleges that a person who was on the national list of the opposition Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) in the 2015 general election was responsible for the "extremist elements" of the protest. It is also alleged that the SJB are linked to it.

01.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, the protests near G. Rajapaksa's residence caused LKR 39 million worth

of damage to public property. Suspects were arrested under SL's Public Property Act and charged.

01.04.2022: **Protest** - Whilst protests were staged against GoSL in Jaffna under the coordination of the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA) where a rally reached Jaffna Central Bus Stand from the Jaffna District Secretariat where a group of protestors in support of the G. Rajapaksa government had confronted the rally causing a scuffle to ensue. Reports from Virakesari indicate

that occupational Jaffna police amassed to the scene to control the situation causing many to be injured.

01.04.2022: **Solidarity** - According to Virakesari, many lawyers had expressed support for 54 individuals arrested and detained under the suspicion of involvement in the Mirihana protest on the night of 31.03.2022 with concerns that they may be prosecuted under the PTA. Reports indicated that the journalists had congregated at

02.04.2022: **Attack** - Six journalists who were covering the Mirihana protest were attacked by SL security forces and admitted to Colombo National Hospital with serious injuries causing many to issue statements in condemnation of the oppression of media freedom on the island of SL, reports Virakesari.

02.04.2022: **Protest** - An awareness protest was conducted in Jaffna opposite Jaffna's Central Bus Stand at 10.00 local time by the New Democratic Marxist-Leninist Part against the economic crisis in SL, reports Virakesari.

02.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest was staged in Jaffna by the New Democratic Marxist-Leninist Party condemning the rise in prices of essential food items and demanding that the people come forward to oust SL's current government.

02.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, the People's Voice organised a protest against the prevailing inflation and extraordinary situation in SL in the tone of the democratic voice of the people of Trincomalee. However, occupational police dismissed the protest under the order of SL's current State of Emergency.

03.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, the students of the Peradeniya

University staged a protest against GoSL. Police have reportedly used tear gas and water cannons to disperse the demonstration as curfews have been imposed in the country.

03.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, Sajith Premadasa and UPFA parliamentarians staged a demonstration opposite Independence Square in Colombo on 03.04.2022, despite the curfew restrictions.

03.04.2022: **Protest** - Tear gas and water cannons were fired at protesting Peradeniya University students who had staged a demonstration at the university campus against the GoSL despite curfew restrictions, reports Virakesari.

03.04.2022: **Protest** - JVP staged a protest against GoSL and government repression at Maharagama, reports Virakesari.

03.04.2022: **Protest** - Jaffna University's Kilinochchi Campus students staged a

protest against GoSL, reports Virakesari.

03.04.2022: **Protests** - The SJB protested despite the current imposition of a curfew. Reports indicate that they intended to go to the statue of the "Father of the Nation" to express solidarity with SL citizens, but were prevented from doing so, Economy Next reports.

04.04.2022: **Protests** - According to Economy Next, demonstrators demanded the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government. Protesters gathered near Carlton House in Tangalle and attempted to break through police barriers.

04.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a large number of popular protests are being reported across SL. These struggles are being waged against the SL state and its current crisis. People from various walks of life and civil societies are mentioned to have been involved in these protests.

04.04.2022: **Protest** - According to

Athavan News, students of the Faculty of Science of the University of Jaffna have launched a protest to end the economic crisis in SL and demand G. Rajapaksa to leave. For about an hour students blocked the street and engaged in a struggle.

04.04.2022: **Protest** - As SL's economic crisis intensifies, people and Bhikkus from Nuwara Eliya staged a protest against the continuing shortage of essential commodities in SL with participation from around 300 people, reports Athavan News.

04.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, SL Police had been appointed to dissolve the protest demonstration opposite the residence of M. Rajapaksa. Although the SL Police used water cannons and tear gas to disperse the protestors, they were still able to break through the barricade to continue protesting.

04.04.2022: **Rally** - A protest organised by Jaffna University students who

marched towards Jaffna town via Paruththithurai Road via Palaali Road amassed into a mass uprising as many locals joined along the way to express discontent against GoSL, reports Virakesari.

04.04.2022: Protest -
An elderly man staged a solitary protest by sitting in the middle of a road in Kottawa, Colombo with a picket sign condemning the actions of GoSL, reports Virakesari. It is noteworthy that many police attempted to speak with the men to make him leave the road to allow traffic to pass.

04.04.2022: Protest -
Reports from Virakesari indicate that a mass protest was staged in Tinsin, Bogawantalawa against the rising prices of essential commodities and fuel shortages, demanding the immediate resignation of G. Rajapaksa.

04.04.2022: Protest -
Nuwara Eliya locals and clergymen staged a protest against SL's crisis opposite the Nuwara

Eliya Post Office, reports Virakesari.

04.04.2022: Protest -
According to Virakesari, an anti-GoSL protest was staged in Trincomalee, Abhayapura roundabout on the morning of 04.04.2022.

04.04.2022: Protest -
According to Virakesari, Batticaloa East University students protested against GoSL in a rally from the university premises to Chengkaladi junction.

05.04.2022: Protest -
According to

Eastern University's Vantharumoolai Campus students had staged a protest by lighting torches in protest of power outages, fuel shortages and rising prices of essential commodities.

05.04.2022: Protest -
Reports indicate that many bishops and Christian organisations joined Colombo Archbishop Melkum Cardinal Ranjith in peaceful protests against the economic crisis in SL, reports Virakesari.

05.04.2022: Protest -
Lawyers had been protesting around SL's Attorney General's Department to voice their opposition to the inadequacies of GoSL, reports Virakesari.

05.04.2022: Protest -
According to Virakesari, 13 health unions had protested against GoSL in Mannar opposite the Mannar District General Hospital.

05.04.2022: Protest -
Vavuniya University students staged a protest rally demanding G. Rajapaksa to leave SL, reports Virakesari.

“...as such, human rights must be at the heart of discussions on Sri Lanka's economic future.”

Amnesty International

04.04.2022: Protest -
Jaffna District High Technical College students staged a rally between Jaffna Public Library and Jaffna Central Bus Stand from 12.00 local time in condemnation of SL's crisis, reports Virakesari.

Athavan News, more than 100 Batticaloa East University students staged a protest rally against GoSL with the slogan 'We will chase away all the thieves who have brought the country to the streets'.

05.04.2022: Protest -
According to Virakesari, Batticaloa

06.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the employees of the Vavuniya Electricity Board staged an anti-GoSL protest opposite the Chief Electrical Engineer's Office located on Park Road, Vavuniya at 12.00 local time causing the A9 Road to be blocked for a few hours.

06.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, doctors, nurses and paramedics of the Kilinochchi District General Hospital staged a protest. They chanted slogans against the GoSL's operational shortage of medicines and the inability of SL's health sector to fully-function due to shortages of health products.

06.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, Vavuniya workers staged a protest against GoSL. Traffic was blocked for a few hours on the A9 Road. The protest included slogans against G. Rajapaksa and slogans such as "No gas, no electricity, no fuel, no supply of electricity".

06.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a demonstration was staged in Batticaloa by the Batticaloa District Local Government Women's Union. The protest was launched on the pretext that women in the occupied Tamil Homeland were being hit the hardest by rising commodity prices in SL.

06.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a man wearing a mask in Mannar had solely staged a peaceful protest with a banner demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa over SL's economic crisis.

07.04.2022: **Protest** - An anti-GoSL protest was held opposite the Sanganai Divisional Secretariat in Jaffna on 07.04.2022 by locals.

07.04.2022: **Protest** - A demonstration was held opposite the local court today by the Kantalai Bar Association against the SL economic crisis, reports Virakesari.

07.04.2022: **Protest** - Reports from Virakesari indicate that an awareness

protest was staged in Vavuniya by the Samagi Jana Pawura, demanding the resignation of G. Rajapakasa and GoSL.

07.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, an anti-GoSL protest was organised in Mannar by the Tamil National Right to Life Movement. Reports indicate that participants chanted various slogans such as "Cease Gotabaya", "We don't want a family regime", "give our stolen money back".

07.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest was held in Vavuniya by the UFPA demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government. The protesters blocked the road for a half hour.

08.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest was staged opposite the Jaffna Teaching Hospital by SL's State Medical Officers' Association. They mentioned that SL's health structure was deteriorating without essential medicines due to the poor financial

management of GoSL.

08.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was organised by the SL Government Medical Officers' Association at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital around 08.00 local time, condemning the deterioration of the health sector and its facilities due to the poor financial management of the state which endangers the lives of people.

08.04.2022: **Protest** - The education community, principals, teachers, and general public of Valappanai Education Zone schools in Nuwara Eliya staged a mass anti-GoSL demonstration and rally in Irugalai, reports Virakesari.

08.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, Vavuniya locals had blocked the A9 Road in Vavuniya, due to disruptions to the supply of cooking gas at a gas distributor's premises.

08.04.2022: **Protest** - Civil servants from the Hutton area staged a protest

before the Hutton Clock Tower during their lunch break to protest the rise in prices of essential commodities and in condemnation of GoSL, reports Virakesari.

08.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a mass anti-GoSL protest was staged by Mannar locals in condemnation of a rise in the prices of essential commodities. Demands were also made to repeal the PTA and the release of Tamil political prisoners.

09.04.2022: **Protest** - An anti-GoSL protest organised by youth working in shopping malls was staged opposite the Nuwara Eliya Main Post Office, reports Virakesari.

09.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, many amassed at Colombo's Galle Face Stadium on 09.04.2022 in anti-GoSL protests.

09.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, thousands of Sri Lankans demand G. Rajapaksa's resignation at a rally near SL's Presidential

Secretariat in Colombo. Protesters also include University Students and Buddhist monks. Reports indicate that one demonstrator mentioned that for the first time Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils had joined forces to fight against Rajapaksa.

09.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, for the first time, private and public students came together to protest at Galle Face Green, as SL faces its worst economic crisis. Heavy security has been put in place and water tanks have been obstructed.

10.04.2022: **Protests** - Hundreds of protesters spent a second consecutive night near SL's Presidential Secretariat. Many protesters told Economy Next that they plan to continue their protests over the holidays. It is notable that such protests continue to occur across various locations on the island.

10.04.2022: **Protest** - A fireball demonstration was staged for the third

consecutive day in the Sammanthurai area of the Ampara district from Sammanthurai Public Market to Hijra Junction, causing traffic congestion, reports Virakesari.

10.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, pro-G. Rajapaksa supporters in Tangalle and Kandy held a rally in support of him and his government. Simultaneously, the protests at Galle Face green are ongoing despite heavy rain. It is notable that activists had been providing food and drinking water, as well as raincoats to assist those involved in the struggle.

11.04.2022: **Village** - According to Virakesari, protestors who continue to protest opposite SL's Presidential Secretariat despite heavy rains have set up a camp named, "Kottagogama" as a model village with campsites, essential facilities, food and medicine.

11.04.2022: **Protest** - A demonstration was staged in Tellippalai, Jaffna near the the Tellippalai Divisional Secretariat on

11.04.2022 with various demands such as resettlement, the removal of the PTA and a rise in the price of goods, reports Virakesari.

11.04.2022: **Clash** - According to Virakesari, unrest erupted amid clashes between pro and anti-GoSL protestors in Chilaw due to a verbal altercation between the two parties. However, the situation was diffused by SL security forces. It is notable that two vehicles were damaged during the incident.

11.04.2022: **Media** - Portraits of media officials who were murdered or tortured by the genocidal SL state were put on display along the perimeter of SL's Presidential Secretariat, reports JDS Lanka.

- ♦ D. Sivaram
- ♦ Prageeth Ekneligoda
- ♦ Lasanth Wickramatunge

12.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, Buddhist monks staged a rally in Colombo on 11.04.2022 in support of G. Rajapaksa. The monks claimed that they were protesting

to safeguard Sinhala-Buddhism.

13.04.2022: Buddhism

- According to the Secretary of the Malwatu Peetha Bahamuna Sumangala Thero, the three faculties had jointly-decided to meet the heads of the SL state and political party leaders, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that the Mahanayakes of the Asgiriya Peetha and Amarapura Nikaya Peetha met the Malwattu Peetha on 09.04.2022 to discuss the current crisis in SL.

14.04.2022: Attack -

Members of the student union of the University of Kelaniya who were setting up a makeshift hut at Makola Junction to engage in protests were attacked by a team who arrived at the site around 17.30 local time on 13.04.2022. According to Virakesari, many injured students were admitted to Kiribathgoda Hospital and police had arrested Nilanda Perera who is a member of the Kelani Pradesiya Sabha to be produced before the Mahara

Magistrate's Court on 14.04.2022.

14.04.2022: Protest -

According to Athavan News, the uprising in the Galle Face area has continued for the sixth consecutive day as their New Year was being celebrated.

14.04.2022: Protest -

According to Athavan News, a protest was staged in Nuwara Eliya, amidst widespread protests demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his current government. Reports indicate that the protest was conducted under the theme of "In the middle of the street in our New Year", and was attended by many youth, young women, adults, children and politicians.

15.04.2022: Attack -

According to Virakesari, Mahara Magistrate's Court ordered Perera to be remanded until 22.04.2022 for attacking protestors.

15.04.2022: Protest -

A Satyagraha protest was conducted in Trincomalee in solidarity with the anti-GoSL protests which continued to

occur for the 7th consecutive day at the Galle Face Green (#WithGalleFace), reports Virakesari. The Satyagraha protest was conducted between 13.04.2022-14.04.2022 at the 4th block junction in Trincomalee.

16.04.2022: Protest -

Nuwara Eliya locals protested before the local post office demanding the resignation of the G. Rajapaksa government, reports Virakesari.

16.04.2022: Galle Face

- According to Athavan News, the popular uprising against GoSL at the Colombo Galle Face Green is continuing for the 8th consecutive day. The large number of police vehicles which were deployed, have now been completely removed.

17.04.2022: Galle Face

- According to Athavan News, the public continues for the 9th day to protest against GoSL opposite the SL Presidential Secretariat in Colombo. Reports indicate that tents erected opposite the Galle bus stand were forcibly

removed by SL Police as they were a hindrance to public transport.

17.04.2022:

Intimidation - Tents set up by protestors demonstrating at Galle Face Green were forcibly removed by police, causing tensions to rise, after which the tents were returned, reports Virakesari.

17.04.2022: Military -

According to SL's Military Media, they had not acted in a way to incite violence among the people, reports Virakesari.

18.04.2022: Protest -

According to Athavan News, a fire protest was held in Pannai, Jaffna under the Youth United for Democracy. It is notable that M. A. Sumanthiran, TNA local government representatives and hundreds of former provincial councillors had attended. Slogans were raised in the struggle such as "Where is the relationship? Where is the right to self-determination? Abolish the Prevention of Terrorism Act and Go Home Gota". Organisers mentioned that the protest was in

support of the ongoing protests at the Galle.

18.04.2022: **Galle Face** - According to Athavan News, protest groups and the public displayed various creative ideas created by the youth using projector technology across the front walls of SL's Presidential Secretariat on the 10th day of the Galle Face Green protest. It was also stressed that those involved in the Easter Sunday Attacks should be brought to justice immediately.

18.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a demonstration was staged for the second consecutive day in Hutton in solidarity with anti-GoSL protests under the theme of "People's Voice for Democracy".

19.04.2022: **Clash** - A demonstration at the Kotagala petrol station in Hutton demanded the supply of fuel by blocking the road with gas cylinders causing unrest. According to Virakesari, local police rushed to the scene and unloaded 60 gas cylinders to be distributed

amongst the protesters.

19.04.2022: **Protest** - Tensions rose in protests in Rambukkana of Kegalle where protestors burnt tyres, reports Virakesari.

19.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, Anuradhapura locals staged a protest against a rise in fuel prices by blocking the streets using Peko machines hence effectively blocking traffic.

19.04.2022: **Protest** - A mass anti-GoSL protest was staged in Matale causing roadblocks, reports Virakesari.

19.04.2022: **Clash** - Almost six individuals were injured in clashes between police and protestors in Rambukkana causing tear gas to be fired at the protestors, reports Virakesari.

19.04.2022: **Rally** - According to Virakesari, a protest march titled, "People's March" was launched in various locations with a rally from Beruwala to Colombo arriving in Colombo on

19.04.2022 causing heavy traffic congestion across Colombo. Other stages of the protest were conducted across:

- ♦ Thimbirigasyaya
- ♦ Dehiwala
- ♦ Ratmalana
- ♦ Mount Lavinia
- ♦ Moratuwa
- ♦ Kattukurunda

19.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, locals blocked several streets in Trincomalee denouncing the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) for raising prices similar to the prices of the IOC.

19.04.2022: **Rambukkana** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's police have opened fire on protesters at Rambukkana. One person was killed and at least 24 others were injured. Later the police declared curfew in Rambukkana.

19.04.2022: **Galle Face** - According to Economy Next, a new wave of intense protests broke out across the island on 19.04.2022. Aggravated masses took to the streets to express their frustration over the

rising prices of gasoline, diesel and other fuels. Some minor incidents were reported in different areas and local police took measures to control these situations.

19.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest was held in Eravur, Batticaloa against Hafiz Nazeer Ahmed, Member of SL Parliament for the Batticaloa District of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress. People have mentioned that Hafiz Nasir Ahmed should not have accepted the ministry post from G. Rajapaksa's Government in the midst of SL's economic crisis that the public are currently facing.

20.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, anti-GoSL protests continued to occur near Colton House in Tangalle.

20.04.2022: **Hunger strike** - Buddhist monk, Tribeha Siridhamma Thero went on a hunger strike during a protest rally in Galle calling for the resignation of the G. Rajapaksa government, reports Virakesari.

20.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, trade centres in Chettikulam closed on 20.04.2022 in condemnation of a rise in the prices of essential commodities and in support of anti-GoSL protests.

20.04.2022: **Protest** - Bank of Ceylon (BOC) employees' unions staged a protest opposite Vavuniya Old Bus Stand in protest of rising prices and shortages of essential commodities, reports Virakesari.

20.04.2022: **Protests** - According to Virakesari, the BOC and trade unions staged a protest at the Gandhi Park in Batticaloa to stop political pressure on SL state-owned banks alongside protesting in solidarity with anti-GoSL protests.

20.04.2022: **Roadblock** - According to Athavan News, the Trincomalee-Kandy main road had been blocked by protesters. According to sources, students did not attend school while shops and the local central fish

market were also closed.

20.04.2022: **Protests** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa granted the right to peaceful protests after SL Police fatally shot a protester. He urged all citizens to refrain from violence during their protests.

20.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest was held in Kotagala, Nuwara Eliya demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and condemning the increasing prices. Thus, traffic operations came to a standstill. However, the protesters allowed foreign tourists who came to the Kotagala area to move freely without any hindrance.

20.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, several protests occurred in the Upcountry Plantations, demanding the resignation of the GoSL led by G. Rajapaksa and condemning the continued rise in commodity prices.

21.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News,

fishermen in Trincomalee gathered to protest fuel shortages and rising prices. Fishermen, who mentioned that they had been hit hard by rising fuel prices, have called for the G. Rajapaksa led government to step down.

21.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a street protest was conducted in Hutton demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa where tyres were burnt on the streets.

21.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, an anti-GoSL protest was staged in Oddamavaddi demanding justice for the Rambukkana shooting victim.

22.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, the plantation locals of Hutton, Nuwara Eliya launched a protest against the G. Rajapaksa government. They burned a puppet of G. Rajapaksa and SL Minister Arvind Kumar, calling them traitors and urging them to resign. Prior to the protest, locals amassed before a church in the area to

conduct a candlelight vigil in memory of the Easter Sunday Attacks of 2019. Reports indicate that they had also prayed for justice for the affected people.

22.04.2022: **Galle Face** - According to Athavan News, the Galle Face Green protest had reached its 14th day. It was reported that Theribehe Siridhamma Thera, who has been on a hunger strike in Galle since 20.04.2022 to demand justice for a youth who was shot dead by police in Rambukkana, had been admitted to hospital. Theribehe Siridhamma Thera had stated that G. Rajapaksa and M. Rajapaksa should leave immediately and that they would not abandon their struggle until they left.

23.04.2022: **Protests** - According to Virakesari, a mass demonstration and shop closure took place in the Vavuniya Garden area condemning an increase in commodity prices.

23.04.2022: **Protests** - A mass protest was staged in Mullaitivu on 23.04.2022 in

protest of various issues such as essential commodity prices, reports Virakesari.

23.04.2022: **Protests** - According to Virakesari, a protest was staged in Trincomalee against price hikes of essential commodities.

24.04.2022: **Protests** - An anti-GoSL demonstration was conducted by all university students in Colombo amidst increased security using roadblock - especially on all roads leading to SL's Presidential Secretariat, reports Virakesari.

24.04.2022: **Protest** - An anti-GoSL protest was staged outside Hutton Clock Tower against rising commodity prices and the activities of GoSL, reports Virakesari.

24.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, all university student unions had besieged M. Rajapaksa's residence in Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo.

25.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, Ceylon Teachers'

unions went on a symbolic strike in protest of the problems facing students and teachers due to the political and economic crisis in the country.

25.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the Kalmunai locals staged a protest carrying fireballs in anti-GoSL protests demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa.

25.04.2022: **Strike** - Upcountry teachers joined mass protests against the economic policies of the GoSL and its human rights violations, reports Virakesari. Claims have been made that such behaviour from teachers disrupts students' education. Protests were also staged in Vavuniya.

24.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, the protesters from Galle Face green marched to the prime minister residence this evening to pay tribute to Saminda Lakshan, who was shot dead by the police in Rambukkana. His funeral was held

today at Hirawattuna Cemetery.

24.04.2022: **Clashes** - According to Athavan News, clashes between the police and the public at the lotus road in Colombo have been reported.

24.04.2022: **Roadblock** - According to Athavan News, with the arrival notification from the protestors of the All-universities Student Union rally, nail roadblocks have been placed around Galle Face Green. Protesters were reportedly injured by the nail roadblocks.

24.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, the youth protested in front of the Hutton Clock Tower against the rise in prices of essential commodities and the actions of the government. The protesters chanted slogans such as "The next generation must live, Rambukkana must do justice to the youth, do not ruin the education of minors".

24.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, A protest was held in

the Easwarypuram, Vavuniya organised by the Eeswaripuram Mother's Association condemning the increase in prices of goods in the country.

24.04.2022: **Shooting** - SL's Union Against Torture called for an immediate and independent inquiry into the Rambukkana Shooting and for all those involved in the violence against civilians to be held accountable, reports Virakesari.

25.04.2022: **Strike** - A collective of SL's state teachers' and head teachers' unions have called a one-day warning strike to protest the sharp rise in fuel prices. This is because transport costs have risen and teachers are unable to get to work, Economy Next reports.

26.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, the Galle Face Green protest reached its 18th day. Tensions were high in the Kollupitiya area this morning and protesters went to the Kollupitiya police station to lodge a complaint. However, the police said that there was no proper

authority to accept their complaint.

26.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a spontaneous protest was staged by the masses demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa opposite the Temple Trees, where protestors burnt a coffin.

26.04.2022: **Rally** - According to Virakesari, the United People's Power organised a rally in Kandy demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government. Further reports indicate that the "United People's Rally" is expected to commence on 26.04.2022 at Kandy and end on 01.05.2022 in Colombo. The rally has been organised to be conducted in five main stages:

- ♦ 26.04.2022: Kandy-Mawanella
- ♦ 27.04.2022: Mawanella-Galigamuwa
- ♦ 28.04.2022: Galigamuwa-Danovida
- ♦ 29.04.2022: Danovida-Yakkala
- ♦ 30.04.2022: Yakkala-Peliyagoda
- ♦ 01.05.2022: Kember Park, Colombo

27.04.2022: **Temple Trees** - According to Virakesari, an anti-GoSL protest staged opposite the Temple Trees continued for the 20th consecutive day, progressively increasing in intensity. Reports from JDS Lanka indicate that SL police forcibly removed the boards placed around the perimeter of SL's Presidential Secretariat in memory of tortured and murdered media representatives. It is notable that this action has occurred in close proximity to Taraki Sivaram's upcoming 17th memorial commemorations.

27.04.2022: **Rambukkana** - According to Virakesari, Kegalle Magistrate, Vasana Navaratne ordered SL's Inspector General of Police to arrest and produce those who ordered the shooting of protestors in Rambukkana before the Kegalle Court.

27.04.2022: **Boards** - SL Police forcibly removed the posters of assassinated and tortured journalists which were put up around the perimeter of SL's

Presidential Secretariat, reports Virakesari. According to JDS Lanka, this move coincides with the 17th commemoration of Taraki Sivaram's assassination.

27.04.2022: **Strike** - According to Economy Next, more than 1,000 unions in SL plan to stage a massive one-day warning strike. Unions from the following sectors are expected to participate in the strike:

- ♦ Ports
- ♦ Railroads
- ♦ Petroleum
- ♦ Health
- ♦ Banking
- ♦ Education

28.04.2022: **Shooting** - The six SL Police who had engaged in the shooting of a protestor at Rambukkana have all been admitted to Kundasale Police Hospital due to persistent vomiting and various ailments, reports Virakesari. It is evident that further investigations are being conducted into the execution of the shooting. Further reports indicate that four SL Police officers were arrested in relation to the Rambukkana shooting.

28.04.2022: **Unions** - According to Economy Next, more than a thousand SL's unions have virtually paralysed SL in a one-day warning strike. According to reports, most SL state and private banks are barely in operation.

28.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, in the midst of heavy rain the Galle Face Green Protest reached its 20th day. The protest opposite M. Rajapaksa's residence also continued with three individuals engaged in a hunger strike.

28.04.2022: **Strike** - The Trincomalee Thambalagama Divisional Secretariat was also involved in an islandwide trade union struggle staged on 28.04.2022 by civil servants, reports Virakesari.

28.04.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the Jaffna University Teachers' Union and Employees' Union engaged in a protest on 29.04.2022 demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government.

28.04.2022: **Demonstration** -

Reports indicate that BOC and trade unions staged a mass demonstration opposite Batticaloa's Gandhi Park around 11.00 local time in solidarity with the islandwide strike, reports Virakesari.

28.04.2022: Rally - According to Virakesari, Nuwara Eliya locals conducted an anti-GoSL protest rally. It is notable that all shops in the area were shut down in resistance. Further reports indicate that some protestors had held Chinese language banners at the rally as well.

28.04.2022: Lockout - According to Virakesari, businesses in Vavuniya were closed on 28.04.2022 in support of over 1,000 trade unions engaged in demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government.

28.04.2022: Protest - Reports indicate that doctors, nurses and staff of Negombo Hospital had staged a protest opposite the hospital at 12.00 local time in solidarity with SL's trade union strike, reports Virakesari.

28.04.2022: Protest - Mass anti-GoSL protests were staged at Kotagala Pathana Junction by plantation workers, young women and social activists with mass participation, reports Virakesari.

28.04.2022: Protest - According to Virakesari, former Jaffna District MP and Senior Puttalam Politician, Dr. M.I. Ilias had engaged in a rotational satyagraha campaign demanding the immediate resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government, which commenced on 28.04.2022.

28.04.2022: Protest - Schools and banks in Mannar were closed and traffic restrictions emerged due to mass protests in the district in line with mass strikes, reports Virakesari. Four health service unions from the Mannar General Hospital had also engaged in protests opposite the hospital between 12.00-14.00.

28.04.2022: Protest - According to Virakesari, many teachers' unions joined in staging mass demonstrations

in Nuwara Eliya in line with anti-GoSL strikes and demonstrations.

- ♦ Ceylon Teachers' Union
- ♦ Teachers; Liberation Front
- ♦ Upcountry Teachers' Front
- ♦ Ceylon Federation of Education
- ♦ Progressive Democratic Teachers' Union

28.04.2022: Protest - Principals and teachers of the Balangoda Education Zone staged a mass anti-GoSL protest and proceeded to the main local bus stand in the town demanding the immediate resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government, reports Virakesari.

28.04.2022: Demonstration - According to Virakesari, Pusallawa plantation workers had rallied to demand the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government. Reports indicate that thousands had rallied across the Hill Country region:

- ♦ Theraniyagala
- ♦ Bogawantalawa

28.04.2022: Protest - All public and

private sector employees from the Badulla district had engaged in mass anti-GoSL protests and demonstrations, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Badulla
- ♦ Passara
- ♦ Welimada
- ♦ Bandarawela

28.04.2022: Protest - According to Virakesari, Ratnapura principals, teachers, employees and locals joined anti-GoSL protests at 11.00 local time.

28.04.2022: Kandy - Various GoSL agencies and private organisations engaged in protests opposite the Gotagamma Branch in Kandy in condemnation of price hikes caused by the G. Rajapaksa government's failed economic policies, reports Virakesari.

28.04.2022: Demonstration - A picket strike was held in Kotagala demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and in support of ongoing protests causing traffic operations to come to a standstill - especially as protestors blocked the main road in Hutton-Nuwara Eliya, reports Virakesari.

28.04.2022: Arrest -
According to Virakesari, two youths who were engaged in protests and had burnt tires on Neriyakulam Road in Vavuniya, Chettikulam were arrested by occupational Chettikulam Police and were later released after being warned after investigations.

29.04.2022:
Demonstration -

According to Economy Next, SL's police are accused of assaulting a demonstrator opposite M. Rajapaksa's official residence - the Temple Trees. The injured demonstrator was admitted to Colombo National Hospital's casualty ward.

29.04.2022: Killing -
According to Virakesari, Haputale Police mentioned that a 56-year-old

plantation worker who participated in a protest in the area on 28.04.2022 had been declared deceased with further investigations underway by local police.

30.04.2022: Protest -
According to Virakesari, students of the Batticaloa Music and Dance College staged a protest in response to the attack of two students. The students were injured

when a lecturer attacked the students to prevent them from conducting a Students' Union meeting which they had scheduled to occur. Whilst the students were hospitalised, the remainder of the students staged a protest to condemn the violation of their rights.



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Protests Timeline

- ▶ 02.04.2022: **Disappearances** - Due to SL's current political situation, the secretary of the Association for the Disappeared, A. Leela Devi has decided to postpone the protest planned for 03.04.2022, reported Athavan News. The protest was planned to condemn SL police brutality which was conducted upon protestors who denounced M. Rajapaksa's arrival in Jaffna.
- ▶ 09.04.2022: **Easter Sunday** - According to Virakesari, a rally would be staged on 09.04.2022 from Negombo-Kattuvapitiya church to be concluded with special worship services from 15.00 local time at St. Anthony's Church, demanding justice for the victims of the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks.
- ▶ 09.04.2022: **Rally** - According to Virakesari, a rally was staged in Negombo demanding justice for the Easter Sunday attacks.
- ▶ 14.04.2022: **Disappearances** - According to Athavan News, the relatives of the disappeared in Vavuniya reached their 1,881st day of protest. They mentioned that the time had come to either negotiate a referendum or a bargain for Tamil independence.
- ▶ 17.04.2022: **Easter Sunday** - According to Virakesari, individuals staged a protest in Colombo where they lay as dead bodies in memory of the third commemoration of the Easter Sunday Attacks to demand justice for their deaths.
- ▶ 17.04.2022: **Rights** - A fireball protest was held in the Jaffna Pannai area on 17.04.2022 by local youth demanding the whereabouts of forcibly disappeared persons, self-determination, and the repeal of the PTA, reports Virakesari.
- ▶ 30.04.2022: **Disappearances** - Families of the forcibly disappeared staged a protest in Kilinochchi around 11.00 local time opposite the Kilinochchi OMP to raise awareness, reports Virakesari.
- ▶ 30.04.2022: **Disappearances** - According to Virakesari, the relatives of individuals subject to enforced disappearance by GoSL staged an awareness protest at the Old Bus Stand in Vavuniya.
- 01.04.2022: **Police Minister** - According to Athavan News, SL Police Minister, Sarath Weerasekara had mentioned that riots in the guise of demonstrations cannot be taken lightly, and that stern legal action would be taken against them.

01.04.2022: **Curfew** - After the clash of hundreds of protesters and police, at least 45 individuals were arrested. In addition, a curfew was imposed from 00.00 01.04.2022-06.00 02.04.2022 in SL's Western Province, Economy Next reported.

02.04.2022: **Curfew** - According to Economy Next, SL imposed a nationwide curfew from 18:00 02.04.2022-06:00 04.04.2022. Reports indicate that such a curfew was imposed to prevent activists who had called for a protest via social media requesting the masses to come out of their homes with placards to pressurise GoSL.

03.04.2022: **Release** - Social media activist and university student, Anurugga Bandara had been released on bail by the Colombo Magistrate's Court after being arrested and detained at SL's CID under Section 120 of SL's Penal Code on the charges of conspiracy against GoSL, reports Virakesari.

03.04.2022: **Curfew** - According to Virakesari 664 individuals had been arrested for violating curfew orders.

03.04.2022: **Gatherings** - According to Economy Next, SL banned public gatherings under Emergency Laws until 04.04.2022. In addition, users were having difficulty accessing popular Facebook channels such as YouTube, Facebook and WhatsApp.

03.04.2022: **Social media** - According to Economy Next, SL is blocking social media. Thus, on the instruction of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of SL (TRCSL), access to

Facebook, Messenger, YouTube, WhatsApp, Viber, Twitter, IMO, Instagram, Telegram, Snapchat and TikTok has been restricted with immediate effect until further notice.

06.04.2022: **Burial** - The Mannar Magistrate's Court which heard the case of the Mannar mass burials adjourned the case as the professionals and experts involved in the excavations were summoned again due to the non-availability of the community in SL Parliament, reports Virakesari.

06.04.2022: **Wikipedia** - According to Economy Next, young protesters are editing the Wikipedia pages of members of the Rajapaksa family and Cabraal. Due to the high number of edits, Wikipedia has blocked some pages, such as those of G. and M. Rajapaksa.

07.04.2022: **Trinco-11** - According to Virakesari, the case of genocide Wasantha Karannagoda is to be heard on 27.06.2022.

07.04.2022: **Land grabbing** - According to Athavan News, TNA MP Sritharan brought to the attention of the SL Parliament that, while the public and youth are protesting against GoSL, the SL Army is still conducting land grabbing activities in the occupied Tamil homeland - especially at the sites of Analaitivu and Mullaitivu.

07.04.2022: **Farming** - According to Virakesari, Kilinochchi's District Government Agent, Rupavathi Ketheeswaran mentioned that they will discuss the reasonable nature of local farmers' demands regarding their water

supply for irrigation. Local farmers marched from Kakka Shop Junction in Kilinochchi to the District Secretariat where they submitted a majjar to Ketheeswaran expressing concern over damages caused to water supply during 2022's cropping season under the Iranaimadu Pond which is the largest irrigation pond.

12.04.2022: **India** - According to Mena FM, the Indian "Enforcement Directorate" had attached assets to arrested people, who are accused of reviving the LTTE. These assets are worth INR 359 million. There are several plots of lands, vehicles and money from various accounts associated with the amount.

14.04.2022: **Germany** - According to various German Media, four individuals will be trialled on 27.04.2022 in Düsseldorf. These individuals are trialed for the support of terrorism. Further reports indicate that they are also accused of having collected money for the LTTE between 2007-2009.

17.04.2022: **Homage** - According to Athavan News, the Zion church in Batticaloa held a special worship service to commemorate the Easter Sunday Attacks of 2019.

17.04.2022: **Cyber** - According to Virakesari, a cyber-attack had been launched on the official website of SL's Police.

19.04.2022: **Commemoration** - Occupational SL Police forcibly prevented Tamils from Batticaloa from lighting a lamp in light of the 34th commemoration of Annai Poopathy on

19.04.2022 following the issuance of a restraining order by the Batticaloa district magistrate on 18.04.2022 - preventing any such commemoration, reports JDS Lanka.

20.04.2022: **Commemoration** - Father Mariampillai Xavier Karunaratnam who headed NESoHR was killed by an SL Army LRRP unit on Mallavi-Vavunikkulam Road on 20.04.2008, reports JDS Lanka.

20.04.2022: **Pillaiyan** - According to Colombo Gazette, Pillaiyan has been given the role of SL State Minister of Rural Road Development. It is notable that he is a former member of the LTTE, who broke away with Karuna in 2004.

21.04.2022: **Investigation** - According to Virakesari, SL's Police HQ has appointed a special committee to conduct special investigations into all issues related to the Rambukkana protest and shooting.

21.04.2022: **Dismissal** - According to Virakesari, SL Police Officer Mohammedi Amaradasa (30158) who participated in the protests at Galle Face was arrested, released on bail and then sacked for engaging in anti-GoSL activity.

21.04.2022: **Easter Sunday** - Amongst many protests demanding justice for the Easter Sunday Attacks, a special memorial service was organised for the 3rd commemoration of the 2019 Easter Sunday bombings. The commemoration service was organised by the Archbishop of Colombo at various churches. It is noteworthy that the attacks were conducted with heavy security.

- ♦ St. Sebastian's Church
- ♦ Kattuvapitiya

♦ St. Anthony's Church

21.04.2022: **Media** - According to JDS Lanka, SL police intelligence officers had visited the families and relatives of the Batticaloa District Tamil Journalists' Union Secretary, S. Nilanthan and Batticaloa Press Club treasurer, P. Sasikaran to inquire about their social media activity - especially in the #GoHomeGota campaign with accusations of promoting separatism.

26.04.2022: **Remembrance** - The 45th Remembrance Day of Thanthai Selva, the Founding Father of the ITAK was celebrated at the Father Selva Memorial Square on the main road in Jaffna. Reports from Virakesari further indicate that the Batticaloa branch of the ITAK had organised a commemorative event as well.

26.04.2022: **PTA** - The Valaichenai Magistrate released 10 individuals arrested under the PTA from the Batticaloa area for Mullivaikkal commemorations upon the advice of SL's Attorney General, reports Virakesari.

27.04.2022: **Exhumation** - According to SL Police Spokesman, Senior Superintendent of Police, Niha, the remains of those killed in a bomb blast at a residence in the Sainthamaruthu area on 26.04.2019 was exhumed on 27.04.2022 to confirm the death of Sarah Jasmine, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that Jasmine is known to be the wife of a man suspected of executing the Easter Sunday Attacks at the Kattuvapitiya Church.

28.04.2022: **Court order** - Occupational Kaluvanchikudi Police handed over a court order obtained from the Local Magistrate's Court preventing MP R. Chanakyan from engaging in anti-GoSL protests to Chanakyan, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the restraining order prevented Chanakyan from crossing any roads or causing any damage to public property until 11.05.2022.

29.04.2022: **Commemoration** - A commemorative event was conducted at the Jaffna Press Club around 12.00 local time to commemorate the 17th memorial of Darmaratnam 'Taraki' Sivaram.

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05.04.2022: **Land** - In a media briefing held at the Jaffna Media Centre on 06.04.2022, T. Sajeevan mentioned that despite the protests of landowners, 4 acres of land in the Eluvai Island area would be surveyed on 06.04.2022 from

09.00 local time for the purpose of SL's occupational Navy, reports Virakesari.

07.04.2022: **Land** - According to Virakesari, locals had alleged that the Mullaitivu District Forest Department had continued its work despite a decision to

suspend the demarcation of lands in the Moonrumurippu Forest Reserve, Mullaitivu. Locals allege that most of the arable land abandoned has already been appropriated and continues to be appropriated by genocidal SL forces with the full cooperation of Grama Niladhikaris.

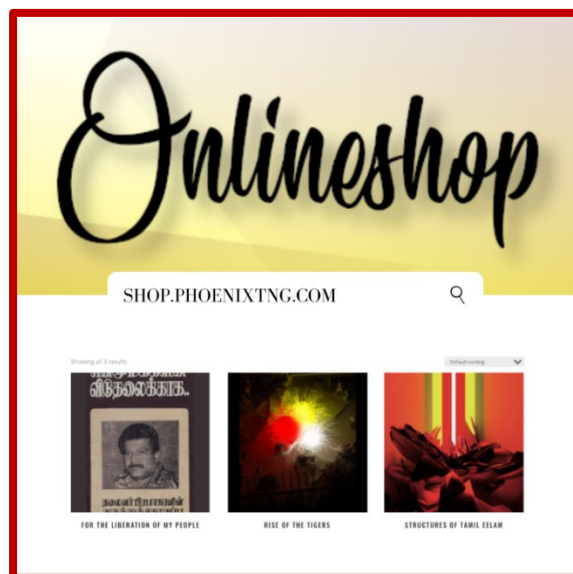
23.04.2022: **Buddhification** - According to the TNPf, Buddhist monks, occupational SL Army and police blocked access to the Raja Vanthan shrine in Muttur where Tamil worshippers were turned back and abused with racist threats.

28.04.2022: **Kurunthoormalai** - MP Charles Nirmalathan visited Thannimurippu

Kurunthoormalai which had been appropriated by SL's Forest Resources and Archaeological Departments to further examine the issue, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that Nirmalathan had raised the issue in SL Parliament that the livelihood of locals remained dependent on their native lands and thus should be reclaimed. Subsequently, a delegation of local representatives visited the site to discuss the current situation and the release of the land.

- ♦ Charles Nirmalathan
- ♦ Addition Assistant GoSL Agent of Mullaitivu District
- ♦ General Public





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