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It is not the outcome, but the mindset that determines ultimate victory.

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Phoenix Magalir

What will ensue when small steps at first glance, mirror leaps to victory?

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PERMANENT PEOPLE'S TRIBUNAL III

Krish Sabapathy, Phoenix TNG UK

In the UK team's first project, messages from all over the world remain clear – the structures of yesteryear will crumble.

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“When identifying shortcomings, one must not critique, but rectify.”

Phoenix-the Next Generation

SENNERUPPU IDEATIONS

From Day to Week

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In Senneruppu
Vaaram, we rise from
the ashes carrying the
sands of Nandhikadal
on our wings to skim
the skies of this earth
and echo to the
clouds that Tamil
sovereignty is
inviolable and will
brook no
compromise.

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Phoenix-the Next Generation remains committed to upholding the core values of the Tamils' struggle for liberation. As such, commemoration and political spaces continue to be diluted over the years - the most significant of such being the month of May which is used to commemorate the peak of Tamil genocide which was orchestrated in Mullivaikkal by not only the genocidal Sri Lankan state but various global superpowers.

Frustrated by over a decade of self-victimised perspectives within our community, we as Phoenix decided to encapsulate our wider community into our strengthened views of commitment, loyalty and courage through introducing them to the concepts of the Nandhikadal Principles which emerged on those very shores in 2009.

*“When all the
oppressing
powers unite to
destroy an
oppressed nation,
the stand that the
oppressed nation
takes at this
moment is
representative to
all oppressed
people.”*

Thus, it is on this basis of addressing international complicity and international solidarity that our Australia Division spearheaded our engagement in Senneruppu activities from 2021, declaring 18.05.2022 as “Senneruppu Naal” or “The Day of Red Fire.”

With a presence in over 7 countries and 3 continents, the opportunity to maximise mobilisation and exposure was used in 2022 where Senneruppu Naal was expanded to “Senneruppu Vaaram” or “Senneruppu Week” between 11.05.2022-19.05.2022. This year's projects were thus conceptualised through the categorisation of Tamil genocidal ideology into core areas and thus split amongst five countries for activities to be conducted in their respective domains. All activities reached a pinnacle on 18.05.2022.

- ◆ Sinhalicisation
- ◆ Enforced Disappearances
- ◆ International Complicity
- ◆ Militarisation

DAY 1: SINHALICISATION - DENMARK

A social media campaign on the role of Sinhalicisation in fostering ongoing Tamil genocide was examined by our newly formed Denmark team. It is notable that this was the team's first project.

DAY 2: ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES - SWITZERLAND

The Swiss team examined how enforced disappearances facilitated subsequent Governments of Sri Lanka attempted to further Tamil genocide and deprive Tamils' of their future leadership through activities conducted on Days 2 and 4. Day 2 was used as

an opportunity to engage youth across social media through a social media campaign which examined the profiles of 14 individuals who were forcibly disappeared by the Sri Lankan state with the above-mentioned intent.

DAY 3: INTERNATIONAL COMPLICITY - UK

Phoenix TNG's UK team also engaged in their first official project through Senneruppu Vaaram. With Phoenix TNG-UK representation scheduled for the third phase of the Permanent People's Tribunal (PPT) on Sri Lanka in Berlin between 19.05.2022-22.05.2022, the team decided to generate content regarding international complicity and Tamil genocide using material gained from the first two phases of the PPT. The content was then shared on social media platforms.

DAY 4: ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES - SWITZERLAND

Day 4 marked the launch of a virtual exhibition gallery which featured the 14 profiles and supplementary material within a virtual space. Further, a Karthigai Poo Seed Distribution Drive was also facilitated by Phoenix TNG-Swiss members at Tamilskalary in Bern, Switzerland which gained mass support and engagement from the public. As the seeds will bloom with our national flowers across households in Switzerland, so too will mass courage and commitment to our unwavering struggle.

DAY 5: MILITARISATION - AUSTRALIA (SYDNEY)

The Australia Division of Phoenix TNG conducted



activities exposing the role of militarisation in facilitating ongoing structural Tamil Genocide and its subsidiary components across Days 5 and 6 of Senneruppu Vaaram. Day 5 saw an announcement made by the Sydney branch of Phoenix TNG-AU declaring that a Karthigai Poo Plantation Drive would be conducted at the local

Tamil Memorial Monument during an appropriate season. Similar to the Swiss team, the announcement comes as an announcement to strengthen existing spaces in declaring voices of Tamil resistance in an unwavering manner.

DAY 6: MILITARISATION - AUSTRALIA (MELBOURNE)

The Melbourne branch of Phoenix TNG-AU conducted a Webinar on Militarisation as a cornerstone in Tamil genocidal ideology which facilitates components of genocidal ideology to be propelled. The demographic shifts and impending geographic tactics examined invigorated the participants to be proactive in shifting such attempts.

DAY 7: SCREENING - CANADA

The Canada Division of Phoenix TNG conducted a small-scale screening of our original mini documentary, "Beyond the Red" at a library in Brampton. It must be noted that it was decided by the attending youth that such screenings should be conducted on a larger scale to engage wider audiences and educate them on the sheer scale of international complicity in Tamil Genocide.

DAY 8: SENNERUPPU NAAL

Whilst Senneruppu Naal was marked by Phoenix members across the countries that we reside and operate in through active participation and engagement in locally organised commemorative events, two seminal activities across opposite ends of the globe reiterate the values and commitment of Phoenix.

Karthigai Poo Plantation - Switzerland



Phoenix members who had visited the Tamil memorial stone situated in Yverdon-les-Bains earlier on 15.05.2022, cleaned the site which had been in disarray.

They later returned on 18.05.2022 to conduct a Karthigai Poo Plantation Event.

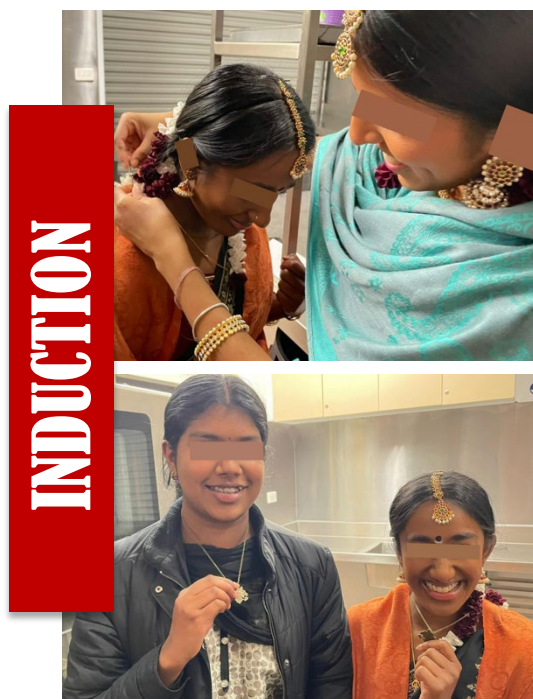


The neglected pots and stone were cleaned once again, refilled with fresh soil and replanted with sustainable plants. Further, karthigai poo seeds were planted by each member. Following this a small vigil was held at the site with an ahavanakkam and lighting of eehaichudars.

This act not only reflects the strength of commemoration, but the stance we have assumed as Phoenix. If a fault is sited within our collective struggle, it is not our duty to point fingers, laugh and proceed with an elitist mindset. This struggle is for our collective liberation and thus we have a responsibility for both its successes and failures. As Phoenix, our initiative to rectify the mistakes sighted at this memorial site and elevate it to the next stage is a symbolic indicator of our commitment to our responsibilities.

Member Induction - Melbourne, Australia

In addition to Phoenix TNG's activities, our members are known for our strict discipline which is embodied through our uniform. Each Phoenix member is presented with a member chain which has the head of a tiger emblazoned on it. This chain is symbolic of each member's commitment to our people, our struggle and our organisation. It is a reminder that we are all connected to each other despite geographical differences, and it embodies the sacrifices of not only thousands of our maaveerar and brethren but also our fellow comrades who stand by our sides, shoulder to shoulder as we carry forward



responsibility for our struggle for liberation.

In that regard, a Phoenix Member Induction ceremony was conducted on a small-scale in Melbourne at a local Tamil Genocide commemoration event. This induction saw that each member had their chain placed around their necks by their local coordinator - with whom they will lead their local activities.

It is notable that such an induction was conducted for the first time on Senneruppu Naal.

Horizons

The development of Senneruppu activities from a day to a week is not a mere extension of activities but rather an expansion of Phoenix's horizons. A new generation of invigorated Phoenix members are being developed as unwavering and unforgiving young leaders. The speed of these leaders combined with the experiences of senior members will lead not only Tamils, but all oppressed communities towards collective liberation.

International News

05.05.2022: **US** - According to Economy Next, Fed raised interest rates by 50 basis points. Jerome Powell of the Fed has also promised to remove liquidity by selling government bonds and agency debt.

11.05.2022: **EU** - According to Economy Next, the European Union (EU) called for calm in SL. The EU calls on authorities to launch an investigation into the events and to hold those who incited or perpetrated the violence, accountable.

15.05.2022: **LTTE** - According to SL's Ministry of Defence, they had taken note of news published by "The Hindu" on 13.05.2022 claiming that Indian intelligence had gained information that the LTTE was planning to execute attacks in SL again, reports Virakesari.

16.05.2022: **ITJP** - According to Virakesari, the ITJP had released a report uncovering G. and M. Rajapaksa's role in the Enforced Disappearances of 1989 in a report titled, "Gotabaya Rajapaksa: The Sri Lankan President's Role in 1989 Mass Atrocities".

19.05.2022: **Britain** - According to Britain's Minister for Commonwealth and Development, Tariq Ahmed has indicated that his government is paying close attention towards the implementation of truth, justice and accountability for those killed and forcibly disappeared during the war and had indicated that they are prepared to discuss further with key stakeholders regarding a political solution inclusive of all communities, reports Virakesari.

19.05.2022: **Canada** - According to Virakesari, the Canadian Parliament had passed a resolution recognising May 18 as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day after a motion tabled by MP Gari Anandasangaree received approval votes from 338 members of all Canadian parties. SL's Ministry of Foreign Affairs had issued a statement expressing concern over the Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day Resolution passed in Canadian Parliament and claimed that false accusations of genocide were made against SL.

21.05.2022: **Boat** - A boat travelling to Australia had been intercepted and around 15 individuals aboard the boat were detained by Australia Border Guards and detained on Christmas Island for offshore processing, reports Virakesari.

23.05.2022: **Action Plan** - According to Economy Next, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will work on a "joint action plan" to assist SL in their recent currency crisis. All three institutions are taking a coordinated approach to maintain basic services and livelihoods and mitigate the impact of the economic crisis on the people of SL.

24.05.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to the Tamil Guardian, Tamil Nadu police have arrested hundreds of people for attempting to commemorate Tamil Genocide Day. They were arrested by Tamil Nadu police.

29.05.2022: **UK** - According to the Tamil Guardian, the UK admitted to funding police training in SL while publicly condemning their attacks on protesters. Parliament Under-Secretary for the British

Foreign Office, Vicky Ford, admitted that the UK's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) had been used to fund police training in SL.

Bilateral Discussions

03.05.2022: **China** - According to Colombo Gazette China, has offered RMB 300 million to SL to ease their current economic crisis. With this amount, China's total amount of aid is CNY 500 million.

12.05.2022: **US** - According to Colombo Gazette, the US Ambassador to SL, Julie Chung has announced that the US is prepared to work with SL's new Prime Minister, R. Wickremesinghe.

13.05.2022: **Bilateral Talks** - According to Colombo Gazette, R. Wickremesinghe has met representatives from several countries with the intention of seeking assistance to address SL's current crisis.

14.05.2022: **Ambassadors** - Sajith Premadasa met international envoys to support SL's progression amidst crisis, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ EU Ambassador to SL - Denis Sieby
- ♦ German Ambassador to SL - Holger Lothar Seubert
- ♦ French Ambassador to SL - Eric Laverte
- ♦ Dutch Ambassador to SL - Thanja Congrex
- ♦ Italian Ambassador to SL - Rita Giuliano Manella

- ♦ Roman Ambassador to SL - Victor Cujeda

19.05.2022: **US** - Karu Jayasuriya met Chung and held discussions regarding SL's current crisis on 19.05.2022, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that Jayasuriya had suggested for discussions to be held with the leaders of comprehensive structures and policy experts to assist in addressing public grievances.

20.05.2022: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette, India has allowed SL to settle INR 1 billion of its debt.

20.05.2022: **Maldives** - Former Maldivian President and Current Speaker, Mohamed Nasheed has been appointed by R. Wickremesinghe to coordinate foreign aid and assistance for SL's recovery from its crisis, reports Virakesari.

20.05.2022: **New Zealand** - According to Virakesari, New Zealand's High Commissioner to SL, Michael Appleton and the General Secretary of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Manjula de Silva occurred on 20.05.2022 to discuss future bilateral economic areas of

interest and the impact of SL's current crisis.

23.05.2022: **US** - According to Viraksari, the CWC met with Julie Chung at the US Embassy in Colombo to request assistance to face SL's economic crisis.

26.05.2022: **US** - Julie Chung met with SL's Energy Minister to discuss projects that could be conducted within SL's Energy sector to address SL's power crisis, reports Athavan News.

27.05.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) requires SL to provide sufficient assurances to restore debt sustainability during the debt restructuring process. The IMF team held technical discussions on a comprehensive reform package to restore macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability.

27.05.2022: **US** - Julie Chung met with Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena at SL's Parliament to discuss the development of bilateral relations through the SL-US Parliamentary Friendship Association. According to Athavan News, discussions

were also conducted regarding SL's current crisis.

28.05.2022: **India** - According to Economy Next, SL's envoy to New Delhi, Milinda Moragoda, and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman are holding talks on expanding trade credit and restructuring loans already granted. The High Commissioner reiterated that SL needs bridge financing until the economic adjustment program can be negotiated and finalised with the IMF.

31.05.2022: **Britain** - R.Wickremesinghe and Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson had discussed British support to rebuild SL's export-oriented economy in a telephone conversation on 30.05.2022, reports Athavan News.

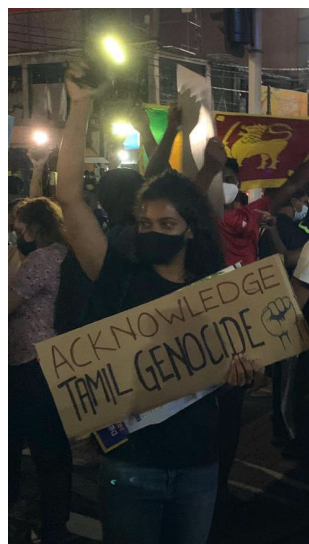
31.05.2022: **Saudi Arabia**- According to the Tamil Guardian, Saudi Arabia has welcomed a racist SL Buddhist monk to provide assistance to 'combat religious extremism' in SL. However, a senior representative of the Bodhi Bala Sena (BBS), Dilantha Withanage had refuted the claim. Monk Galagodaaththe Gnanasara is known for being racist and violent.



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INTERNATIONAL



01.05.2022:
Hambantota - According to Economy Next, a high-level delegation from Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) visited the port of Hambantota in Sri Lanka (SL). The delegation sought "first-hand information" on a wide range of issues related to port operations and the economy.

03.05.2022: **Thailand** - SL Cabinet approved the purchase of cooking gas for one year through Thailand's Siam Gas Company to meet 70% of SL's gas

demand by the end of May 2022, reports Virakesari.

03.05.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, China had decided to provide CNH 300 million for medicine, food, fuel and other essential commodities for SL in response to a telephone conversation between M. Rajapaksa and Chinese Premier, Li Keqiang on 22.04.2022.

04.05.2022: **India** - According to the Indian High Commission in SL, another 40,000 metric tonnes of

petrol is scheduled to arrive in Colombo on 04.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

04.05.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, the Deputy Ambassador of the Embassy of India in Jaffna, Rakesh Natraj paid a courtesy call on the University of Jaffna on 04.05.2022 to discuss ongoing projects between the university and India.

06.05.2022: **Oil** - According to Economy Next, SL is in talks with Russia to import oil. However, Western nations once urged SL to be

vocal in supporting Ukraine over Russia.

06.05.2022: **EU** - According to Virakesari, the EU indicated in a published statement that they would provide EUR 200,000 which is equivalent to LKR 74 million to assist 80,000 SL families from 25 districts in light of SL's current crisis.

08.05.2022: **India** - India's High Commission in Colombo mentioned that claims that GoSL had imported a hydroelectric vehicle under India's loan scheme were false, reports Virakesari.

10.05.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, India reaffirmed their commitment to the people of SL to completely support its democracy, stability and economic recovery in a statement issued by the media spokesperson of India's Ministry of External Affairs.

11.05.2022: **India** - According to India's High Commission in SL, speculations that India was sending troops to assist SL in crisis-management were false, reports Virakesari.

11.05.2022: **US** - The US State Department has expressed deep concern regarding violent attacks on peaceful protestors on 09.05.2022 and called on the citizens of SL to seek long-term solutions to SL's current economic and political crisis, reports Virakesari.

12.05.2022: **Amnesty** - Amnesty International expressed concern over GoSL's commitment to upholding justice and accountability and called for the lifting of emergency law and an order to fire "violence-insighters" at sight, reports Virakesari.

14.05.2022: **PM** - According to Economy Next, SL's newly-appointed Prime Minister R.Wickremesinghe has begun talks on foreign aid for economic recovery. These foreign envoys include India, Japan, US, UK, and China. He is also attempting to obtain foreign funding through the Donors' Conference.

14.05.2022: **PM** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has spoken to the envoys of several countries and received a "good response" for financial assistance. However, it may take up to three months to finalise the deals.

15.05.2022: **No Fire Zone** - Callum Macrae had expressed that this was the optimal time to encourage the Sinhalese community to watch the "No Fire Zone" documentary, reports Virakesari.

16.05.2022: **Gas** - According to Litro, 3,700 metric tonnes of cooking gas is scheduled to arrive at Colombo Port on 16.05.2022 with another consignment expected to arrive on 19.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

18.05.2022: **JPMorgan** - According to Colombo Gazette, the US investment bank JPMorgan has backed SL Government bonds. The recent political changes in SL should gradually improve and will help the government with talks with the IMF.

20.05.2022: **G7** - According to Virakesari, G-7 countries had jointly-mentioned that they are committed to seek a long-term solution for the SL crisis in a draft letter approved at the G7 Summit held in Germany.

20.05.2022: **WFP** - According to Colombo Gazette the WFP (World Food Programme) is to distribute food rations to vulnerable families in SL financed by Japan with USD 1.5 million.

20.05.2022: **India** - The Ceylon Workers' Congress (CWC) met with Indian Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman to discuss the provision of assistance and cooperation for the resolution of SL's crisis, reports Virakesari.

21.05.2022: **Merger** - According to Virakesari, three

main international structures had decided to cooperate through a joint-merger program to provide assistance to SL.

- ♦ World Bank
- ♦ Asian Development Bank
- ♦ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

22.05.2022: **Fitch** - Fitch Ratings downgraded SL's debt repayment capacity to "D" following their failure to meet payment deadlines to international networks whose grace period ended on 18.04.2022, reports Virakesari.

22.05.2022: **Siberia** - According to Economy Next, Nissos Delos, a ship carrying Siberian light oil, has been waiting for payment since 01.05.2022 so that it can be unloaded. It has loaded 90,000 tons of Siberian light oil.

22.05.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Virakesari, a ship carrying the first batch of goods worth LKR 2 billion donated by the Tamil Nadu Government to SL arrived.

- ♦ 50 metric tonnes of milk powder

- ♦ 9,000 metric tonnes of rice
- ♦ 25 metric tonnes of medicine

24.05.2022: **Financial advisors** - According to Economy Next, SL has selected French firm Lazard as financial advisor and Clifford Chance LLP as legal advisor. The advisors were recommended by a committee led by SL Finance Minister Mahinda Siriwardena and Central Bank Governor Nandalal Weerasinghe to assist SL with debt restructuring.

24.05.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, SL's Cabinet had approved a loan of USD 500 million to seek cooperation with India's EXIM Bank to purchase petroleum products.

24.05.2022: **Russia** - Kanchana Wijesekara has mentioned that discussions are being held with Russia regarding the purchase of fuel to address SL's fuel crisis

with no response from Russia thus far, reports Athavan News.

25.05.2022: **World Bank** - According to Economy Next, the World Bank will not make new loans to SL until a proper economic plan is in place. The World Bank would only continue to use already approved loans.

25.05.2022: **USAID** - R. Wickremesinghe and the administrator of USAID, Samantha Power held a phone call on 24.05.2022 to discuss SL's crisis where Power suggested political and economic restructuring to build trust amongst SL citizens, reports Virakesari.

25.05.2022: **WHO** - According to Athavan News, WHO had committed to donate USD 2 million to SL to address its drug shortage.

26.05.2022: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette,

the High Commissioner of SL to India, Milinda Moragoda, and the Indian Foreign Secretary, Shri Vinay Kwatra, had met in Delhi. In this meeting the bilateral relationship between these both countries with special focus on the current economic situation.

26.05.2022: **France** - A ship carrying USD 2.5 million worth of surgical equipment from France is expected to arrive in SL on 26.05.2022, reports Athavan News.

27.05.2022: **QUAD** - According to Colombo Gazette, the Prime Ministers of Japan and India had met in Japan to discuss SL's crisis. This meeting was held at the sidelines of the QUAD-summit.

28.05.2022: **India** - According to Athavan News, the Indian Navy had donated 25 tonnes of medicine to SL.

29.05.2022: **Philippines** - According to Colombo Gazette, the Philippines have ordered the immediate repatriation of its nationals, if they intend to leave SL due to the crisis. This action will be coordinated via its embassy in Dhaka, its Consulate in Colombo and through Filipino community leaders.

30.05.2022: **World Bank** - It is expected that the World Bank will provide USD 700 million in assistance to SL to address its crisis, reports Athavan News.

30.05.2022: **Litro** - According to Athavan News, 3,500 metric tonnes of gas arrived at Colombo Port from Litro.

31.05.2022: **India** - A ship with 40,000 metric tonnes of diesel arrived in Colombo on 30.05.2022 as a part of India's assistance to SL, reports Athavan News.

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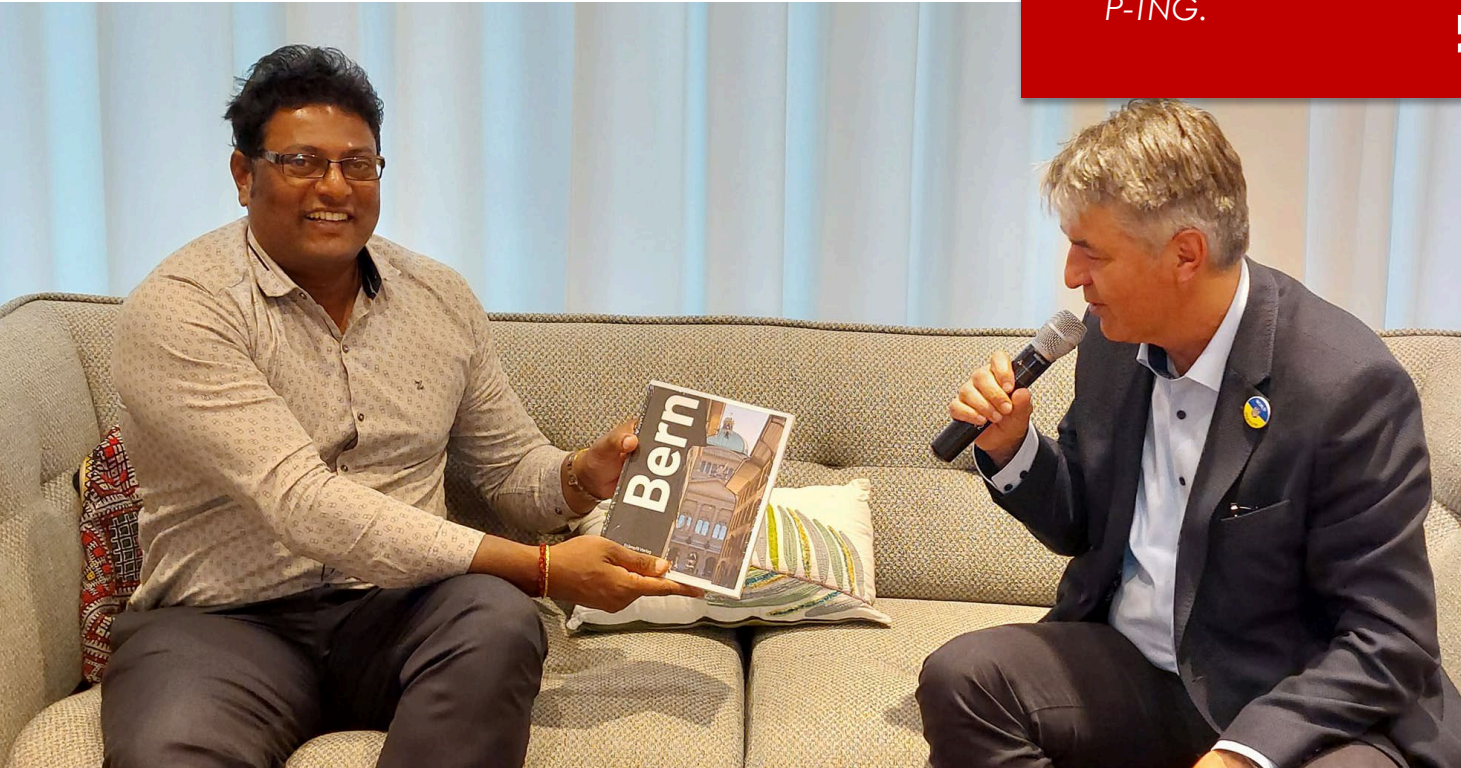
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Phoenix TNG was happy to have created a space, where the homeland and the diaspora were able to meet and engage in healthy discussions. The further need of such spaces was also noted by P-TNG.

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Jaffna Mayor V. Manivannan visited Switzerland's capital city Bern between 07.05.2022-08.05.2022. During his visit, a bilateral meeting with Phoenix TNG, a discussion forum with the mayor of Bern, Alec von Graffenried and a public meeting with Tamils from Switzerland were held. V. Manivannan was accompanied by the Chairman of the Nallur Pradeshiya Sabha, P.Mayooran and a member of the Jaffna Municipal Council, V. Parthiban



Bilateral meeting with Phoenix TNG

The bilateral meeting between the delegation from the homeland and Phoenix TNG occurred in the morning of 08.05.2022. In this healthy conversation, the current situation of the homeland and in the diaspora were shared. This was especially beneficial for the younger members of Phoenix TNG as their direct interaction with the homeland was insightful.

Discussion forum with the Mayor of Bern

Following the meeting with P-TNG and lunch, a discussion forum was held at the "Haus der Religionen". There, the Mayor of Bern, Alec von Graffenried, members from the "Haus der Religionen", members from "Saivanerikoodam" and P-TNG were present. In the healthy discussion, the situation in the homeland was shared by V. Manivannan. Areas for possible collaboration between the cities of Jaffna and Bern were also discussed. Both the bilateral meeting and the discussion forum were held at the "Haus der Religionen".

Public meeting

The public meeting with the Tamil community was also held in Bern at a location near the "Haus der Religionen." Despite minor disturbances created by political rivals of V. Manivannan, the public meeting was well attended. The delegation from the homeland and the Swiss Tamil community discussed the environmental situation in the homeland and the political situation of the Tamils. The discussion was very natural and healthy. Following the end of this meeting, the delegation from the homeland departed for their next destination.

Military News

18.05.2022: **Promotion** - According to Virakesari, SL Army Personnel had been promoted in light of SL's Ranaviru Day by Shavendra Silva with approval from G. Rajapaksa.

- ♦ 396 officers
- ♦ 8,110 soldiers

23.05.2022: **Smuggling** - SL Police arrested a retired SL Army soldier, an SL Police Sergeant for smuggling 910 litres of petrol to Ampara, reports Virakesari.

23.05.2022: **Navy Commander** - According to Economy Next, retired SL diplomat Aruni Wijewardane - a career Foreign Service officer has taken over as the top official in SL's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, replacing politically appointed former SL Navy Commander, Jayantha Colombage. Her appointment comes as part of a new GoSL with R. Wickremesinghe.

24.05.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, occupational SL Navy officers collaborated with Nilaveli police to arrest 67 individuals attempting to travel illegally by sea near the Sallisambaldivu area off Trincomalee on the night of 23.05.2022.

24.05.2022: **MINUSMA** - According to Virakesari, the first batch of 23 members of SL's Army had left for Mali as a part of 243 well-trained members of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Mali.

26.05.2022: **Appointment** - According to Economy Next, Major General Vikum Liyanage will be appointed as the new commander of SL's army on 01.06.2022. On 31.05.2022, Shavendra Silva is scheduled to leave his post as SL's Army Chief and is set to take over as the Chief of Defence Staff in the SL Army. According to Colombo Gazette, Major General Vikum Liyanage will assume the role as SL's New Army Commander.



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03.05.2022: All-party Government -

According to Jayantha Samaraweera, a Member of Parliament for the National Freedom Front, mentioned that the All-Party Government would be formed only after the removal of SL's Cabinet and M.Rajapaksa. He added that G.Rajapaksa had already accepted the ideas put forth by the 11 independent political parties, reported Athavan News.

04.05.2022: Cabinet Committee -

According to Economy Next, SL has appointed a Cabinet Committee composed of key ministers to speed up the processing of foreign investment applications stuck at various agencies.

05.05.2022: Voting -

According to Economy Next, a secret ballot is being held in SL Parliament to elect a Deputy Speaker. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya - formerly the ruling coalition partner of Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena of Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) were normalised as

Deputy Speaker. Siyambalapitiya was re-elected as Deputy Speaker. He received 148 out of 225 votes from the deputies.

06.05.2022:

Appointment - G. Rajapaksa appointed Peiris as the Dean of the University of Peradeniya on the afternoon of 06.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

06.05.2022:

Resignation - According to Virakesari, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya who was elected as the Deputy Speaker of SL's Parliament on 05.05.2022 had decided to resign from the position again - a resignation which was again

denied by G. Rajapaksa.

06.05.2022:

Resignation - According to Economy Next, M. Rajapaksa resisted pressure to resign. In addition, G. Rajapaksa called an emergency meeting of the SL's Cabinet.

07.05.2022: **Prime Minister -**

According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa had requested Sajith Premadasa to accept the post of SL's Prime Minister in a phone call.

07.05.2022: **Judges -**

M. Rajapaksa advised SL's Inspector General of Police to immediately strengthen the

security of all courts in SL - especially the security of judges, reports Virakesari.

09.05.2022:

Resignation - According to Economy Next, M. Rajapaksa has submitted his resignation.

11.05.2022: **SL**

Parliament - Party leaders representing SL's Parliament are to meet online via Zoom at 15.00 local time on 11.05.2022 discuss SL's multiple crises. They plan to decide on the way forward, Economy Next reports.



STRUCTURE

11.05.2022:

Disharmony -

According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa urges all Sri Lankans to reject subversive attempts that drift into racial and religious disharmony. He mentioned that it is time to overcome the economic, social and political challenges.

11.05.2022: **Protection**

- According to Economy Next, M. Rajapaksa is being protected at Trincomalee Naval Base. This came after the military protected Rajapaksa from thousands of protesters.

11.05.2022: **Business**

Chambers - The Joint Chambers and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of SL are calling for the appointment of an Interim Prime Minister and the formation of a small SL Cabinet in consultation with all SL Parties as soon as possible. This must be done with immediate effect to take urgent measures to restore law and order and economic activity in SL, Economy Next reports.

11.05.2022:

Appointments -

According to a statement from SL's President's Office, SL's

Secretaries to their Ministries of Defence, Public Security and Finance have been re-appointed to their positions to be in effect from 10.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Kamal Gunaratne - Defence Secretary
- ♦ Jagath de Alwis - Public Security Secretary
- ♦ Mahinda Siriwardena - Finance Secretary

11.05.2022: **Central**

Bank - According to Economy Next, SL's Central Bank Governor Nandalal Weerasinghe has threatened to resign if SL's political leaders are unable to ensure political stability as political instability cannot address SL's current crisis.

12.05.2022: **PM -**

According to Colombo Gazette, former SL Prime Minister (PM) R. Wickremesinghe took oaths as SL's new PM.

12.05.2022:

Emergency Conditions -

According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa has appointed K. D. S. Ruwanchandra, a special official of the SL Administration, as

CONDITIONS

12.05.2022: **Conditions** - Sajith Premadasa sent a letter to G. Rajapaksa mentioning that he is prepared to assume the role of Prime Minister in an interim SL Government if the following four conditions were met:

- 1 G. Rajapaksa's consent to resign from presidency within a brief period of time
- 2 Implementation of 19th Amendment to SL's Constitution with full cooperation within two weeks
- 3 Implementation by consensus of all SL political parties to abolish executive presidency through 21st Amendment to SL's Constitution
- 4 Normalise livelihood of the masses and conduct SL parliamentary elections to ensure rule of law is established with a stable government following implementation of above-mentioned constitutional amendments

SL's Commissioner General for Essential Services under Emergency Conditions. Rohana Pushpakumara, SL's former Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, and Ranjith Ariyaratne, Postmaster General, were appointed as additional Commissioners.

14.05.2022: **Pillayan -**

According to the Tamil Guardian, Pillayan had reportedly fled SL following the resignation of M. Rajapaksa.

14.05.2022: **Ministers -**

According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa has appointed four new ministers, all four key members of the previous government, in the interest of "stability."

- ♦ Minister of Foreign Affairs: Prof. G. L. Peiris
- ♦ Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs and Local Government: Dinesh Gunawardena
- ♦ Minister of Urban Development and Housing: Prasanna Ranatunga

20.05.2022: **Cabinet Ministers** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa has appointed new cabinet ministers.

Nimal Siripala	Ports, Shipping & Aviation
Keheliya Rambukwella	Health, Water Supply
Ramesh Pathirana	Plantation & Industry
Susil Premajayanth	Education
Wijedasa Rajapakse	Justice
Tiran Alles	Public Security
Harin Fernando	Tourism & Land
Manusha Nanayakkara	Labor, Foreign Employment
Nalin Fernando	Trade, Food Security
Douglas Devananda	Fisheries
Bandula Gunawardena	Transport, Highways & Mass Media
Mahinda Amaraweera	Agriculture, Forest Resources and Wildlife
Vidura Wickramanayake	Buddhashasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs
Ahamed Naseer	Environment
Roshan Ranasinghe	Irrigation, Sports & Youth Affairs

CABINET

- ♦ Minister of Power and Energy: Kanchana Wijesekara

14.05.2022: **Panel** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe appoints two panels for the #GotaGoGama demonstrators. He would not remove the youth agitators from the site and their voices would feed into GoSL policy.

15.05.2022: **Interim** - According to Virakesari, attempts

had been made to establish an interim administration to implement rehabilitation, resettlement, reconstruction and other development projects to improve the occupied Tamil Homeland to the same status as other areas in SL.

15.05.2022: **Appointment** - Dinesh Gunawardena and Prasanna Ranatunga have been re-appointed to positions in GoSL, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Dinesh Gunawardena - Chief Minister
- ♦ Prasanna Ranatunga - Chief Whip of Governor

15.05.2022: **Police** - According to Economy Next, SL will fire key political appointees and replace them with competent officers. This is because at least 60 houses of top politicians of SL's ruling party were destroyed by arson attacks in the recent mob riots, despite the deployment of a large contingent of SL security forces.

15.05.2022: **Constitution** - According to Economy Next, a proposed 21st Amendment to SL's constitution will be put up for discussion at an SL Cabinet meeting on 16.05.2022. Several parties have proposed different versions of a 21st Amendment - at least one of which includes provisions to abolish SL's executive presidency.

17.05.2022: **Appointment** - According to Virakesari, the first SL Parliamentary Session following the appointment of R. Wickremesinghe as

SL's Prime Minister was held on 17.05.2022 where Ajith Rajapaksa was appointed as SL Parliament's Deputy Speaker.

20.05.2022: **Appointment** - According to Economy Next, Dilshan Wirasekara, director and chief executive officer of First Capital Holdings, has been appointed chairman of the Colombo Stock Exchange, effective from 24.06.2022. He succeeds Dumith Fernando.

21.05.2022: **COPA** - SL's Committee on Public Finance (COPA) had decided to discuss with the Governor of SL's Central Bank the Secretary to SL's Ministry of Finance to invite them into the committee meeting on 20.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

22.05.2022: **SLFP** - 5 SLFP members have been reported to indicate that they will join the R. Wickremesinghe-led GoSL, reports Virakesari.

23.05.2022: **Appointment** - According to Virakesari, SL's New Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Aruni

Wijewardene assumed their duties at SL's Ministry of External Affairs.

24.05.2022:

Resignation - Retired Major General Jagath Alwis submitted a resignation letter to resign from his position as Secretary to SL's Ministry of Public Security on 23.05.2022 following a four-hour interrogation on the 4th floor of SL's CID regarding alleged links to the attack of peaceful protestors, reports Virakesari.

24.05.2022:

Resignation - According to Economy Next, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA) Chairperson Kimarli Fernando is resigning from her post with immediate effect. In her letter, she stated that she had not received any salary or other benefits during her 30-month tenure.

24.05.2022: **SL**

Constitution - According to Virakesari, SL's 21st Amendment was tabled at an SL Cabinet meeting on 24.05.2022 and was approved by SL's Cabinet.

24.05.2022:

Appointments -

According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa had appointed 23 new Secretaries to SL's Ministries.

- ♦ Transport & Highways - Rs. W. R. Premasiri
- ♦ Public Admin, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Gov - MMGK Mayathunna
- ♦ Ports, Shipping & Civil Aviation - KDS Ruwanchandra
- ♦ Commerce & Food Security - S.T. Kodikara
- ♦ Justice, Prison Affairs & Constitutional Reforms - Vasantha Perera
- ♦ Public Security - S. Hettiarachchi
- ♦ Education - M. N. Ranasinghe
- ♦ Power & Energy - U.D.K. Maya
- ♦ Fisheries - M.I. Ratnayake
- ♦ Water Supply - Monti Ranatunga
- ♦ Irrigation - U.D.C. Jayalal
- ♦ Sports & Youth Affairs - Anuradha Wijekoon
- ♦ Environment - Dr. Anil Jasinghe
- ♦ Media - Anusha Peplita
- ♦ Agriculture - P.R. Pushpakumara
- ♦ Buddhism, Religion & Cultural Affairs - Somaratne Vidanapathirana

- ♦ Industry - General (Rtd) Dayaratne
- ♦ External Affairs - Aruni Wijewardene
- ♦ Plantation - J. Dharmakeerthi
- ♦ Wildlife & Wildlife Conservation - C.M. Herath
- ♦ Health - SJS Chandragupta
- ♦ Urban Development & Housing - GHC Ratnayake
- ♦ Labour & Foreign Employment - RGH Wimalaweera

25.05.2022: **PCol** -

According to Virakesari, independent members of SL's Parliament had submitted a petition to G. Rajapaksa to call for the appointment of a Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCol) to investigate the incidents of 09.05.2022.

25.05.2022: **Finance**

Minister - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe was sworn in by G. Rajapaksa as Minister of Finance, Economic Stability and National Policy. The finance portfolio has been vacant since the resignation of former SL Finance Minister, Ali Sabry and the appointment of

Wickremesinghe as PM.

28.05.2022: **Monetary**

Authority - According to Economy Next, Nihal Fonseka, a veteran banker, has been reappointed to SL's Monetary Council - the governing body of the Central Bank of SL. Fonseka has 23 years of experience in the banking sector. He was Chief Executive Officer of DFCC Bank and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of HSBC SL for 10 years.

31.05.2022: **Ruling**

Party - A special meeting of SL's Ruling Party's Parliamentary Committee was held on 30.05.2022 where R. Wickremesinghe, G. Rajapaksa and SL's new cabinet of ministers had participated in a discussion for the first time, reports Athavan News. According to SL MP Charitha Herath, "The basic idea was to address the current economic and political crisis in Sri Lanka together or to resolve one crisis and move onto another."

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

03.05.2022: **Eid** - Eid was celebrated by the Muslim community in various events, reports Virakesari.

04.05.2022: **Deforestation** - According to Athavan News, a project was commenced on the illegal deforestation of the Kaluvankerni coastal area in Batticaloa where the burning of valuable trees and mangroves have been conducted for the construction of buildings. Pradeshiya Sabha member Surendran pointed out that there was a program for such activities in the area and called on local authorities to suspend such programs.

Tamil Nadu

02.05.2022 - In a media briefing after a meeting with the TNA, Annamalai mentioned that steps had been made in Jaffna to implement the 13th Amendment, reports Virakesari.

02.05.2022 - According to the Tamil Guardian, Tamil Nadu BJP leader K Annamalai visited Jaffna and met with the TNA. He tweeted: 'Humbled to have visited Nallur Kandasamy Temple to take the blessings of Lord Muruga for the prosperity of all Tamils.'

03.05.2022 - Annamalai of the BJP met representatives of NGOs in

Jaffna at a private hotel, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ MoU submission to Modi requesting arrangements for reopening of Jaffna Palaly International Airport
- ♦ Resumption of shipping between Kankesanthurai-Karaikal

03.05.2022 - Annamalai met C.V.Vigneswaran, reports Virakesari.

13.05.2022 - According to Virakesari, the Tamil Nadu Government had organised the formation of a team of four IAS officers to arrange the transport of relief items to SL.

- ♦ 40,000 tonnes of rice at LKR 80 crores
- ♦ 137 medicines worth LKR 28 crores
- ♦ 500 tonnes milk powder at LKR 15 crores

07.05.2022: **Attack** - According to Occupational Kattankudi Police, four individuals including a priest were admitted to the local Modular Teaching Hospital after a youth group involved in drug abuse entered Kalladi Thiruchendur Temple premises in Batticaloa and attacked individuals engaged in erecting a wall around the temple to prevent the entry of such youth into the premises, reports Virakesari. It is notable that the temple premises are often used by such youth to consume drugs hence

causing tensions between the temple administration and the youth.

Arrests

04.05.2022: **Navy** - According to Athavan News, members of 3 families including 7 boys, 3 girls and 2 men from Trincomalee and two boatmen from Mannar have been arrested by occupational SL-Navy as they had illegally sailed to India through the waters off Mannar. They are being detained at the occupational Mannar Police Station and are being investigated.

14.05.2022: **Arrest** - Two individuals were arrested based on CCTV footage for the robbery of gold jewellery worth LKR 30 lakhs from a residence in Manipay, Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

19.05.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, eight individuals were arrested by occupational Puttalam and Karuvelachewa Police on 18.05.2022 following information received by occupational Police that they had travelled from Vavuniya to Puttalam by bus in a suspicious manner. It is notable that further investigations are underway.

19.05.2022: **Arrest** - Occupational SL Navy arrested nearly 40 individuals from Tamil Eelam on the morning of 19.05.2022 for allegedly boarding a boat illegally near the East Coast to seek asylum in Australia. According to Virakesari,

the arrest was made following information received by SL's Naval Intelligence Unit. Individuals from the following districts were arrested:

- ♦ Kilinochchi
- ♦ Jaffna
- ♦ Batticaloa
- ♦ Trincomalee

24.05.2022: **Arrests** - According to the Tamil Guardian, Tamils who attempted to flee SL were arrested by SL's STF. As many as 12 were arrested last week as they tried to flee by boat from Batticaloa.

15.05.2022: **Release** - According to Athavan News, three prisoners were released from the Vavuniya Jail ahead of Vesak Day, after the announcement that 244 prisoners would be released islandwide under an SL Presidential Amnesty. However, two of them were re-imprisoned after serving their sentences on other charges.

Contraband

01.05.2022: **Drugs** - According to information received from SL's Occupational Intelligence Unit in Kilinochchi, 130 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis worth LKR 2.5 crore which was stored with the intent to be smuggled overseas was recovered during a raid in the Poonakeri Veravil area, reports Virakesari.

04.05.2022: **Cannabis** - Occupational SL Navy seized 492 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis worth LKR 123 million in Jaffna's

territorial waters and arrested a 20-year-old suspect from Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

22.05.2022: **Cows** - A man was arrested for loading many cows into a vehicle without the appropriate permits in Omanthai, Vavuniya, reports Virakesari.

24.05.2022: **Cigarettes** - Occupational Kattankudy Police have arrested a 65-year-old to recover 1,020 cigarettes hidden in a residence for the trade of banned cigarettes within the area, reports Athavan News. Reports indicate that a special raid was conducted through the collaboration of the occupational Kaluwanchikudi Special Task Force and SL's Intelligence Unit.

22.05.2022: **SHARP** - According to Virakesari, SHARP had removed 33,670 explosives from an area of 282,110 square metres in Muhamalai and Elephant Pass in Kilinochchi.

22.05.2022: **ACYF** - According to Virakesari, the All-Ceylon Youth Front had been formed under the leadership of Rasaiya Victorraj with members across Vavuniya, Mannar and Mullaitivu to call for youth seeking change to mobilise.

Fishermen

01.05.2022: **Collision** - A boat belonging to the President of the Paruthithurai Supermadam Fishermen's Association, Thevarasa Devakumar collided with a boat in waters of Vadamarachchi causing

severe damage to the boat and engine leaving it beyond repair, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that two fishermen aboard the boat survived the crash and were brought ashore by occupational SL Navy officers.

02.05.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, occupational Indian Navy who were patrolling along the Indian Ocean border on 01.05.2022 interrogated and arrested six individuals from Trincomalee for attempting to fish in Indian borders.

12.05.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, 12 Tamil Nadu fishermen who were arrested and detained in Jaffna Prison were released from jail on 12.05.2022.

27.05.2022: **Paalamunai** - According to Athavan News, a 52-year-old fisherman from Paalamunai, Mattakalappu, has died due to a boat accident which was caused by rough seas. Due to SL's fuel shortage, the fishermen were forced to go fishing in a boat without an engine. Another fisherman was also injured in this incident.

27.05.2022: **Famine** - Nallur Pradesiya Sabha Chairman, Padmanathan Mayuran had mentioned that two projects would be implemented by the Nallur Pradesiya Sabha with the intent of supporting local residents against an impending food famine, reports Athavan News.

Death

05.05.2022: **Murder** - Three individuals considered to be prime suspects in the stabbing and murder of 24-year-old Geron in Kurunakal, Jaffna on 22.08.2021 surrendered to the Jaffna Magistrate's Court on 04.05.2022

06.05.2022: **Death** - According to Virakesari, a pedestrian was killed when they were hit by the vehicle of a Puttalam District Parliamentarian on the night of 04.05.2022.

07.05.2022: **Body** - The body of 43-year-old Lalasingam was recovered from inside an Iyappan temple in Kilinochchi on the morning of 07.05.2022 with further occupational police investigations underway, reports Virakesari.

14.05.2022: **Death** - According to Virakesari, the body of 29-year-old fisherman, Christopher Jacqueline who was fishing in the Mannar area had been found on the morning of 14.05.2022 when he fell into a ditch near the Mannar Railway Bridge.

19.05.2022: **Mullaitivu** - The body of 65-year-old Aiyathurai Thuraiatnasingham was found hanging in the Pandiyankulam area of Mullaitivu, reports Virakesari.

30.05.2022: **Relief** - The Tamil Nadu Government donated relief packages to Tamils across the occupied Tamil Eelam due to the effects of SL's crisis upon their livelihood. The Indian Ambassador to Jaffna, Rakesh Nataraj Jayabaskaran formally presented relief packages to local Jaffna District Agents for distribution to affected individuals. According to Athavan News, 250,000 kilograms of essential food items were also presented to the Mannar District Government Agent at the Mannar Divisional Secretariat for distribution to 25,000 families in the area. It is notable that 20,000 rice packets and 7,500 kilograms of milk powder were provided as relief packages to Jaffna locals by the Government of Tamil Nadu on 25.05.2022. 50,000 packages were also donated to Batticaloa locals. Further, 20,000 packages were presented to Kilinochchi locals on 24.05.2022.

Sri Lanka

01.05.2022: **Sri Lankan Airlines** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has mentioned that the SL state-owned airline, Srilankan Airlines should be sold due to its losses.

03.05.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Colombo Gazette, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M.K. Stalin, has appealed to Tamil Nadu for donations to assist SL's crisis. His own party has donated INR 1 crore. The Tamil Nadu government is also

scheduled to send food and medicines to SL soon.

06.05.2022: **Ranaviru** - According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa hoisted SL's National Ranaviru Flag (Heroes' Flag) at SL's Presidential Palace to inaugurate May as Ranaviru Memorial Month which commemorates SL's brave warriors who ended over three decades of terrorism through a dedication of their lives to the independence of SL.

06.05.2022: **LTTE** - Whilst addressing SL Parliament, Ranil Wickremesinghe mentioned that whilst the Rajapaksas had joined with the National Leader of Tamil Eelam, Hon. V. Prabhakaran to defeat him, he had never conspired with the "LTTE Leader" at any costs, reports Virakesari.

09.05.2022: **Dematagoda & Slave Island** - According to Colombo Gazette, residents of Dematagoda and protesters have clashed as protesters were blocking the roads of Dematagoda. After several negotiations failed, the residents forcefully opened the barriers set up by the demonstrators. Two vehicles were also attacked at Slave Island by demonstrators, who were blocking the street.

10.05.2022: **Attack** - According to Tamil Guardian, Muslim shops and vehicles in Negombo were torched by individuals - allegedly on orders by a local area politician. The unidentified individuals targeted and set the shops and vehicles alight.

13.05.2022: **Pillaiyan** - According to Colombo Gazette, Pillaiyan - former

Minister and a defector from the LTTE, had fled SL. It is noteworthy that he was in jail during his election and was freed when the Rajapaksas assumed power.

15.05.2022: **SLFP** - According to Colombo Gazette, SLFP will support R. Wickremesinghe.

16.05.2022: **Pharmacy** - According to Economy Next, SL's state-owned State Pharmaceutical Corporation (SPC) is at risk of being blacklisted by foreign companies. This is because it has failed to settle imports of medicines in the last four months.

17.05.2022: **Passport** - According to Athavan News, SL's Department of Immigration and Emigration had mentioned that the process of the issuance of passports under one-day services and normal services would also be executed as usual.

17.05.2022: **Oil vessels** - According to Economy Next, SL will purchase dollars from the "free" market to pay for three oil vessels anchored in SL's waters. R. Wickremesinghe did not list what exactly the "free" market is.

18.05.2022: **Ranaviru** - Ranaviru (SL's National Veterans' Day) was upheld on 18.05.2022 by SL. In a public statement released by G. Rajapaksa on 18.05.2022 he mentioned that there was no room for racism or any other extremism in his peaceful motherland of SL, reports Virakesari.

27.05.2022: **Annual Report** - According to Economy Next, SL's listed companies are refraining from printing annual reports for the fiscal years ending 31.12.2021 and

31.03.2022 in view of SL's current paper shortage.

29.05.2022: **Reconciliation** - According to the Tamil Guardian, G.L. Peiris has mentioned that the GoSL is 'fully committed to addressing reconciliation-related issues. Reports indicate that this was mentioned during a meeting with Chung, in which he thanked the US for their support.

30.05.2022: **Farmland** - According to Economy Next, SL's newly appointed Agriculture Minister, Mahinda Amaraweera intends to propose to SL's Cabinet that all rice and farmland that has remained uncultivated for a long time would be acquired and handed over to parties willing to farm. In addition, envoys from seven countries have been

written to request fertiliser. Furthermore, talks are also taking place with Indian High Commissioner Milinda Moragoda to expedite the delivery of 65,000 tons of fertiliser from India.

30.05.2022: **Shooting** - According to Economy Next, a shooting occurred at Bastian Mawatha, Colombo. The incident occurred near a bus station when two unidentified men on a motorcycle shot at the victims as they drove by causing the death of one and the injury of another.

31.05.2022: **Arrest** - SL's Supreme Court has ordered the CID to arrest former SL Parliamentarian and murder convict, Duminda Silva, who was pardoned by G. Rajapaksa in 2021.

Caricature



18.05 is a memorial day observed by the Tamil people to commemorate those who died in the final stages of the war, in 2009. On the very same day, 13 years later, it was announced that the Sri Lankan state was officially bankrupt - sometimes it is not man that answers, but time.

SC Football Tournament

SC Phoenix



An important tournament for SC Phoenix occurred - not only because it was a compulsory tournament but also because it was a memorial tournament for Annai Poopathi, who went on a hunger strike for the Tamil liberation struggle and died as a result. We entered with mostly junior players, which was very brave of us.

We had prepared well for the tournament in our regular training sessions and went to Lausanne, Switzerland with high

motivation. We warmed up after the opening commemorative services. Following instructions from the coach, the first match commenced.

Our first opponent was last year's tournament champions who are very experienced. However, we played bravely and even took the lead. Unfortunately, we were very unlucky and lost the game 3-2. We should have won the second game; however, it was a hard-fought game where a shot from the opponent landed in our goal. We then went into the final game of the group phase, where two of our goals did not count. Although at least one goal was in accordance with the rules, it was wrongly recognised and thus we had to accept another defeat.

However, the tournament was a complete success from the point of view of the players and coaches as our young players had a lot of fun despite the outcome of the match. All our players did their best and gained a lot of experience. There is not much time left for us to prove ourselves again as there is another important tournament which is scheduled to occur in a few weeks - the Maveerar Cup in Bern. However, we will again give our best. We do not just rely on luck, but on hard work and discipline. With this strategy, we have already won.

Obituary

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RASENDRAN YATHURSHI

16-YEAR-OLD GIRL RECOVERED DEAD IN A WELL. ALCOHOL BOTTLES AND A ROPE WERE FOUND NEAR THE SITE.

VAVUNIYA, TAMIL EELAM

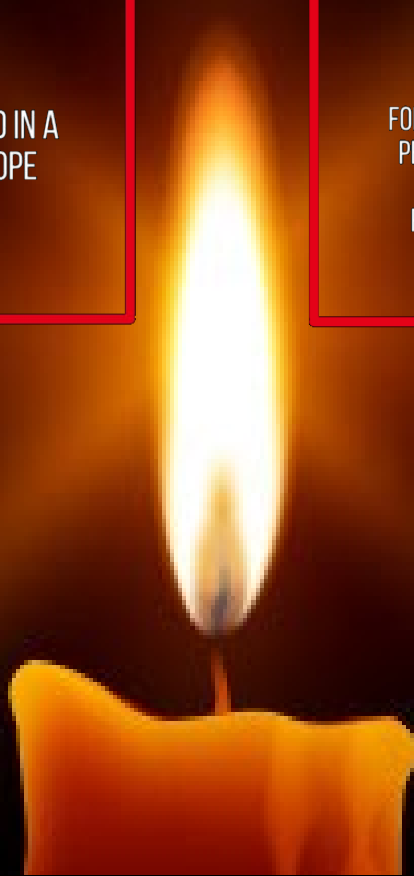
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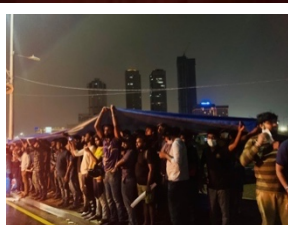


**MARY FATIMA PUSHPARANI
ARULANANTHAM**

FORMER PRESIDENT OF JAFFNA DISTRICT MISSING PERSONS' ASSOCIATION PASSED AWAY FROM A HEART ATTACK AFTER SEARCHING FOR HER FORCIBLY DISAPPEARED SON FOR 13 YEARS.

VADAMARACHCHI, TAMIL EELAM





**GO
SL**

02.05.2022: **SJB** - SL's main opposition party, SJB ruled out joining an interim government with G. Rajapaksa.

02.05.2022: **JVP** - The leader of the opposition Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), Anura Kumara Disanayake, called for SL elections to end the political

deadlock, Economy Next reports.

02.05.2022: **SLPP** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa and key members of the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) are holding talks with anti-government MPs on a proposed interim government by "national consensus." Agreement has been reached for such a government, but it is unclear whether the "rebel" MPs now working independently in SL Parliament would agree to a government under G. Rajapaksa.

03.05.2022: **No Confidence Motion** - According to Colombo Gazette, SJB has handed over No Confidence Motion against SL's President and PM.

03.05.2022: **Prime Minister** - According to Colombo Gazette, the SLPP has agreed to appoint a new PM and to replace SL's current PM, M. Rajapaksa.

03.05.2022: **SL Constitution** - A five-member Special Cabinet Sub-Committee led by Peiris has been

appointed to examine and make recommendations on the report of the Special Expert Committee appointed to draft SL's new Constitution, reports Virakesari.

03.05.2022: **No Confidence** - SL's Main Opposition, the UPFA submitted two no-confidence motions against GoSL and G. Rajapaksa to the SL Parliament's Speaker, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, reports Virakesari.

03.05.2022: **Committee** - Two special SL Cabinet Sub-Committees were appointed to examine the maintenance of the cost of living and foreign exchange investments, reports Virakesari.

04.05.2022: **Committee** - According to Virakesari, the Speaker of SL's Parliament informed their Parliament that certain members had been appointed to a Committee on Parliamentary Affairs during a sitting on the morning of 04.05.2022 in accordance with

Article 115 of the Standing Orders of Parliament and motions adopted by SL Parliament on 20.01.2022.

- ♦ Rohitha Abeygunawardana
- ♦ Johnston Fernando

06.05.2022:

Emergency -

According to SL's Presidential Media Unit, G. Rajapaksa had issued an order to implement a State of Emergency in SL from midnight of 06.05.2022 as protests against G. Rajapaksa continued to escalate.

06.05.2022: **State of Emergency -**

According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa imposed a state of emergency as protests intensified demanding his resignation. The state of emergency would take effect from 06.05.2022.

09.05.2022: **Unity Government -**

According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa invited all SL Political Parties to seek solutions to SL's current socio-economic and political issues. All have been requested to

participate in a government of national unity.

09.05.2022:

Protection -

According to Virakesari, local members of the SLPP gathered outside the Temple Trees on the morning of 09.05.2022 in response to G. Rajapaksa's call for the resignation of M. Rajapaksa claiming that they will protect M. Rajapaksa at all costs.

09.05.2022:

Suspension - An SL Police Constable stationed for security duty at Kaduwela Magistrate, Sanima Wijebandara was suspended due to a failure to perform his duty efficiently, reports Virakesari.

09.05.2022:

Executive -

According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa had mentioned in a meeting with a special committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) that he would engage in implementing steps to abolish SL's Executive Presidency.

09.05.2022:

Shavendra Silva - According to the

Tamil Guardian, Shavendra Silva told the public to 'think intelligently and act calmly' after violence and mob attacks spread across the south. The accused war criminal said: 'We must go forward as a country. We cannot only fight and kill and burn.'

10.05.2022: **No**

Confidence -

According to Virakesari, SL Speaker Mahindha Yapa Abeywardena had agreed to include a no-confidence motion against GoSL in SL's Parliamentary Order.

10.05.2022: **Gazette -**

An Extraordinary Gazette Notification was issued confirming the resignation of M. Rajapaksa, reports Virakesari.

11.05.2022:

Negombo - SL Police mentioned that several properties were destroyed in violence which occurred in Negombo on the night of 10.05.2022 as a result of clashes between two groups, reports Virakesari.

Damages caused to:

- ♦ 05 shops
- ♦ 02 three-wheelers
- ♦ 04 motorcycles
- ♦ 06 bicycles

11.05.2022: **Power -**

According to SL's Central Bank Governor, Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe mentioned that if SL's political instability extended over the next two days, mass shortages of electricity, fuel and other essentials could ensue with power outages for 10-12 hours per day, reports Virakesari.

12.05.2022: **Court**

ban - SL's Fort Magistrate issued a court ban preventing key SL politicians from leaving SL, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ M. Rajapaksa
- ♦ N. Rajapaksa
- ♦ Johnston Fernando
- ♦ Pavithra Vanniyarachchi
- ♦ Deshabandhu Tennakoon

13.05.2022:

Committee - SL Prime Minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe appointed a Special Committee to examine the need to address a shortage in essential goods and services in SL to provide relief

to the masses, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Vajira Abeywardena
- ♦ Palitha Range Bandara
- ♦ Chakala Ratnayake

13.05.2022: **Committee** - According to Virakesari, a team of six police officers will be allocated a duty to ensure the protection of SL MPs.

13.05.2022: **SJB** - According to Economy Next, SL's main opposition parties are refusing to work with R. Wickremesinghe. These parties include SJB, SLFP, the JVP-led NPP and a group of former government MPs.

13.05.2022: **SLPP** - According to Colombo Gazette, the SLPP has announced its support for SL's new PM.

14.05.2022: **Transfer** - According to Virakesari, SL's Deputy Inspector General of Police, Sambika Siriwardena who allegedly told SL Police Chiefs to strengthen security at peaceful protest sites on the 08.05.2022 was transferred to the

Kegalle district in his sixth instance of transfer within 2022.

14.05.2022: **Committee** - R. Wickremesinghe established a committee to examine the needs of protestors to address their grievances, reports Virakesari.

taking immediate action to curb the violence which erupted on 09.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

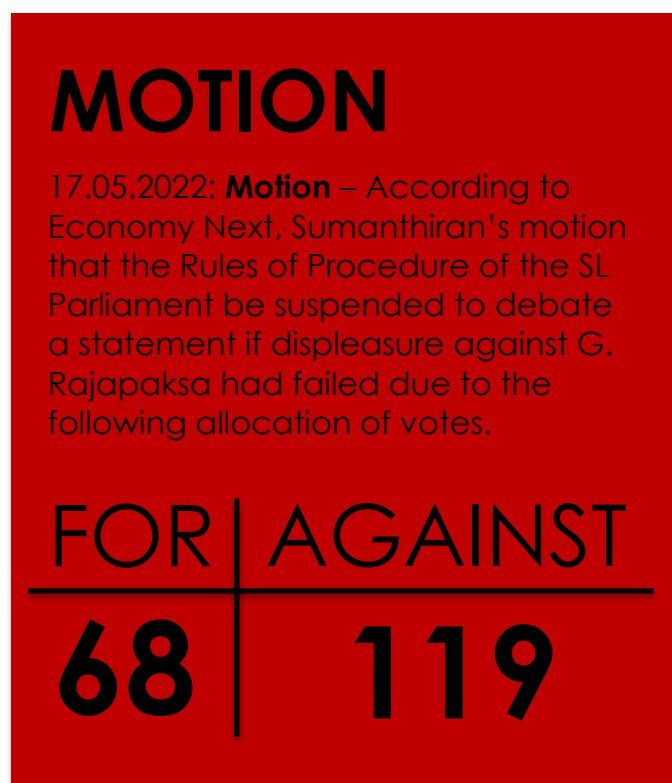
14.05.2022: **PM** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe invited Sajith and his party to be a part of his proposed new

SJB would not join a new government under Wickremesinghe. However, Sajith has mentioned that he would support "right decisions" in light of SL's economic crisis.

17.05.2022: **Parliament** - According to Athavan News, SL's first parliamentary session after R. Wickremesinghe's assumption of office as SL's PM was held. It is reported that the entrance to SL's Parliament at Poltuwa Junction had been closed due to security concerns.

17.05.2022: **Motion** - According to Colombo Gazette, Sumanthiran's motion was defeated in SL Parliament. The motion was about the suspension of the standing order and a discussion about SL's current President. It is noteworthy that Wickremesinghe had also voted against it.

18.05.2022: **SL Parliament** - According to Virakesari, M. and N. Rajapaksa participated in an SL Parliamentary session on 17.05.2022



14.05.2022: **Tensions** - During a meeting between G. Rajapaksa and the SLPP on 14.05.2022, SL's Inspector General of Police, Chandana Wickramaratne was summoned and severely reprimanded for not

government. They are expected to assist in establishing economic, social and political stability whilst seeking quick solutions to the burning problems of the people.

14.05.2022: **SJB** - According to Economy Next, the

despite resigning from their positions.

20.05.2022: **CID** - According to Colombo Gazette SL's CID has inquired Former SL Minister and the son of SL's former PM, Namal Rajapaksa over the incidents of 09.05.2022. Others, who were inquired are:

- ♦ Pavithra Wanniarachchi
- ♦ Rohitha Abeygunawardena
- ♦ Kanchana Jayaratna
- ♦ C.B. Ratnayake
- ♦ Sanjeewa Edirimanne

20.05.2022: **Agriculture** - A meeting between R.

Wikremesinghe and key international stakeholders on 20.05.2022 saw the assurance of the provision of food security in SL through strengthening SL's agricultural sector. According to Virakesari, the meeting was held with the following parties:

- ♦ UN Representative in SL - Hana Singer Hamdi
- ♦ Representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
- ♦ World Food Program (WFP)

20.05.2022: **Fuel** - According to Lanka

IOC, fuel including petrol would only be distributed to the fuel tanks of vehicles at Lanka IOC sheds from 20.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

20.05.2022: **Lunch** - According to SL's Speaker, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, the demands of 53 of SL's ruling party members to suspend lunch served in SL Parliament until the grievances of the public were addressed, would be implemented, reports Virakesari.

21.05.2022: **Fuel** - According to Virakesari, petrol was distributed in Oddamavaddi on 21.05.2022 following

a continuous shortage of petrol in SL.

21.05.2022: **State of emergency** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's State of Emergency period had elapsed as of 20.05.2022.

22.05.2022: **Fuel** - Litro had released a schedule detailing 46 locations at which cooking gas would be distributed to the masses, reports Virakesari.

26.05.2022: **Mahinda** - According to Colombo Gazette, M. Rajapaksa was enquired by SL's CID over the incident of 09.05.2022.



SMALL STEPS FOR A LEAP

First live Meeting of Phoenix Magalir

Let's Talk

Menstruation
Sexual Abuse & Violence
Tamil Martial Arts
Marriage & Divorce
Mental Health & Wellbeing



The Phoenix Magalir Division officially met for the first time on 21.05.2022 at Tamilskalary in Switzerland. As Phoenix TNG consists of a large demographic of female-identified members who operate in multiple divisions and projects, the first meeting of a few members remains essential in developing the public engagement of such members in the future of propelling the Tamils' struggle for liberation.

As such, the first meeting was divided into 2 segments - an internal skill-building workshop for Phoenix members and an external Let's Talk Community Engagement Project discussion on taboo topics.

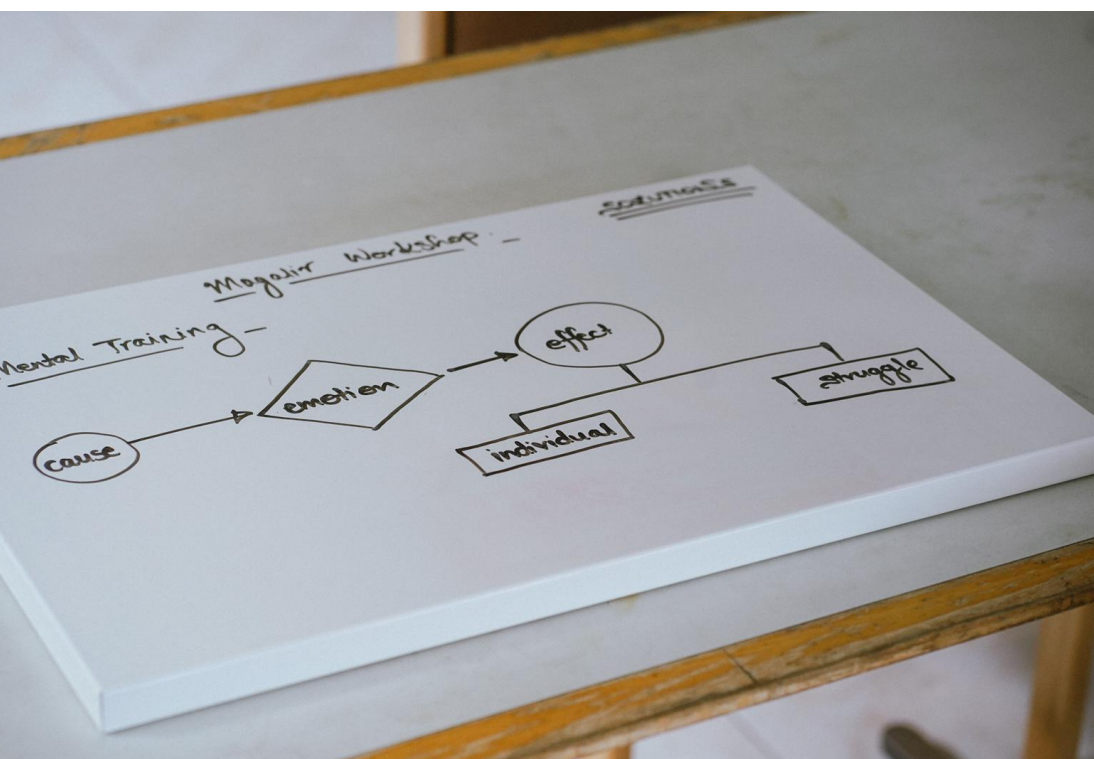
Internal Workshop

The Magalir division had their first live workshop. There were six female participants. The intention was to focus on leadership skills, problem solving, body language, meeting etiquette and networking. These basics are the foundation for our coming workshops where we will focus on essential developments and does it help us to work on our appearance in general. It was a great opportunity to have a live workshop to become closer in the team and also strengthen ourselves in small steps.

“ *The solution to a problem can be found at the source of it – it is both the question and the answer.* **”**

Let's Talk - Menstruation

The Magalir division met for the first time in Tamilskalary, Switzerland. Following the workshop, the first Let's Talk was held live. A Magalir division member led the discussion on Menstruation. Until now, five such discussions have been held internally online. Let's Talk is a platform to discuss taboo topics and exchange opinions to strengthen cohesion. This was the first such external discussion.



Leap

Whilst this first external engagement may seem as small steps, such opportunities will be the foundations to strengthen ourselves not only as individuals but also our community and will thus cement our growth as an undeniable leap to victory.

Economic News

Economic Profile – May 2022

Inflation	May 2022	↑ to 39.1%
FOREX Reserves	April 2022	USD 1.9 billion
IMF Reserves		USD 65.5 million
SDR		117 million
Gold		29.8 million
Other reserves		21 million
Gross official foreign reserve	April 2022	↓ by USD 90 million to USD1,827 million
Trade		
Imports	February 2022	USD 1,888 million
Exports	April 2022	USD 1,092 million
		USD 915.3 million
Money Printing	February 2022	LKR 55 billion
	First quarter 2022	LKR 588 billion
Remittances	April 2022	↓ 52% year-on-year to USD 248 million

04.05.2022: **Debt** - According to Economy Next, SL's central bank may defer about USD 1 billion it owes the Reserve Bank of India until March 2022. This will help strengthen SL's foreign exchange reserves. India has provided the following services:

- ♦ The Reserve Bank of India provided USD 400 million to SL's Central Bank.
- ♦ On 18.04.2022, the swap was extended for another three months.
- ♦ India provided a USD 500 million loan for the purchase of fuel.
- ♦ India provided USD 1 billion for food, medicine, import of fuel and liquefied petroleum gas.

05.05.2022: **Currency crisis** - SL's Finance Minister, Ali Sabry mentioned that it could take SL up to 10 years to recover from its recent currency crisis if wrong decisions

are made. The greater the devaluation and the destruction of real capital and real income, the longer it would take, Economy Next reports.

11.05.2022: **IMF** - According to Colombo Gazette the IMF has announced that technical level discussions with SL had begun. This is a preparation for policy discussions, once a new government has been formed.

14.05.2022: **Lending** - According to Economy Next, due to the increase in interest rates, lending has slowed down. The interest rate was raised from 7.50-14.50% by SL's Central Bank Governor, Weerasinghe.

19.05.2022: **Moody's** - According to Economy Next, SL is still rated "Ca/stable"

by Moody's Investors Service rating agency after a 30-day grace period expired on 18.05.2022. The 'Ca' rating is typically associated with a recovery rate of 35-65%. Recovery assumptions for SL are due to the very low adequacy of GoSL's foreign exchange (FOREX) reserves and the very weak affordability of GoSL's debt.

20.05.2022: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, Fitch downgrades SL to "Restricted Default" 30 days after the suspension of debt repayments announced on 12.04.2022. The dollar bonds were downgraded to "Default" (D).

24.05.2022: **Financial and legal advisors** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL has hired Lazard and Clifford as Financial and legal advisors. A creditor group of the largest holders of SL's sovereign dollar bonds had simultaneously hired Rothschild & Co. as a financial advisor and White & Case as a legal advisor.

25.05.2022: **Payments** - According to Economy Next, SL plans to save USD 2.3 billion in foreign loans over the next six months to pay external creditors. However, USD 900 million must be paid to multilateral organisations.

27.05.2022: **Fitch** - Fitch Ratings has downgraded Singer Finance and placed four other financial firms on a negative rating due to a rise in interest rates, which has caused the LKR to fall, Economy Next reported.

27.05.2022: **Standard & Poor's** - Rating agency Standard and Poor's has downgraded two SL government bonds maturing in 2025 and 2027 to "default"

(D). Fitch had previously downgraded SL's sovereign bonds to 'D' due to cross-default clauses after payments were not made, Economy Next reported.

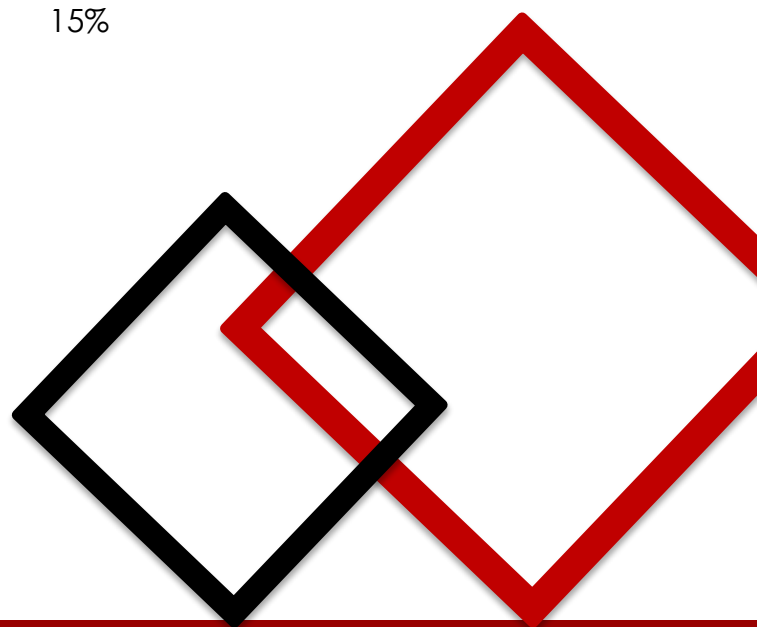
30.05.2022: **Garment** - According to the Tamil Guardian, women in Sri Lanka's textiles and garments industry are having to turn to sex work as the economic crisis worsens.

31.05.2022: **Tax** - According to Economy Next, SL will raise taxes back to 2019 levels. The Cabinet has approved amendments to the following tax laws to raise revenue. The Law on the Responsibility of the Tax Administration will also be amended.

- ◆ 2017 Law on the Tax Office
- ◆ 2002 Value Added Tax Act
- ◆ 2011 Telecommunications Act
- ◆ 1998 Law on the Betting and Gambling Tax

31.05.2022: **Tax changes** - According to Economy Next, the following tax changes were made:

- ◆ Value Added Tax: 8% -> 12%
- ◆ Corporate Income Tax: 30%
- ◆ Increase of the highest Income Tax Rate: 18% -> 34%
- ◆ Telecommunication tax: 11.25% -> 15%





02.05.2022: **Removal**

- According to Virakesari, SL Police attempted to remove temporary tents set up at Galle Face causing mass unrest.

03.05.2022: **Isaipriya**

- According to the Tamil Guardian, photographs of Isaipriya were held up at a protest in Galle Face as her 40th birthday was marked on 02.05.2022.

04.05.2022:

Possessions

- According to Virakesari, Fort Magistrate's Court ordered the removal

of all possessions and vehicles owned by protestors from near the Temple Trees.

04.05.2022: **Protest**

- A protest was staged opposite Maharagama Police Station, demanding the release of protestors who were arrested near the entrance of SL Parliament for protesting, and detained at Maharagama Police Station, reports Virakesari.

04.05.2022: **HRCSL**

- According to Athavan News, 12 protesters were arrested in the

vicinity of SL Parliament.

04.05.2022:

Injunction - The Myna Go Gama protest staged opposite the residence of M. Rajapaksa at the Temple Trees has ceased due to a court injunction by Fort Magistrate's Court, reports Virakesari.

05.05.2022: **Strike**

- According to Economy Next, more than 2,000 unions in SL plan to stage a 24-hour strike on 06.05.2022 in solidarity with protesters

demanding the resignation of GoSL. Transportation, banking, health care, energy, education and other sectors will participate.

05.05.2022: **Protest**

- According to Virakesari, representatives of the Fishermen's Union dragged a boat to the protest in Galle Face to participate in anti-GoSL protests and condemn the disregard of fishermen's rights.

05.05.2022: **Tear gas**

- SL Police fired tear gas at a university students union

engaged in a demonstration rally near Battaramulla-Poltuwa Junction, reports Virakesari.

05.05.2022: **Statue** - According to the Tamil Guardian, the SLFP have blamed the Tamil Guardian for the temporary blindfolding of a SWRD Bandaranaike statue by protestors. The General Secretary of the SLFP called for an investigation claiming that the Tamil Guardian had inspired the move.

05.05.2022: **Walk** - A family of fathers from Nuwara Eliya commenced a 178 kilometre walk from Dayagama Chandrikamam Estate from the morning of 05.05.2022 to strengthen the Colombo protests through their participation, reports Virakesari.

06.05.2022: **Protest** - According to Colombo Gazette, protesters have put up their underwear on barricades around Parliament Road. Also the Hiru Go Gama protest camp that was established at the Parliamentary Road was attacked by SL Police with water

cannons and tear gas as students had down a barrier.

06.05.2022: **Protest** - A demonstration was staged in Vavuniya by SL's People's Health Services Union against GoSL and severe medical supply shortages, reports Virakesari.

06.05.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a mass anti-GoSL protest was staged in the Iragalai city of Nuwara Eliya with the participation of thousands including plantation workers from over 10 estates.

06.05.2022: **Clash** - 16 individuals were hospitalised to Akkaraipattu Base Hospital for treatment following clashes between occupational SL Police and civilians at a police roadblock around 23.30 local time on 05.05.2022, reports Virakesari. It is notable that Akkaraipattu's Police Chief was also hospitalised in the incident.

06.05.2022: **Hartal** - According to Ajith Rohana, legal action would be implemented against those who

threatened not to engage in business or trade activities during the hartal organised for 06.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

06.05.2022: **Hartal** - An all-SL hartal was conducted in resistance against GoSL, reports Virakesari.

06.05.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, an anti-GoSL protest was staged in Talawakkala with mass involvement from city traders and businesses.

06.05.2022: **Protest** - A mass anti-GosL demonstration was staged in Vavuniya with a majority of the demonstrators bearing black flags, reports Virakesari. A rally was commenced at 10.00 local time opposite Vavuniya's New Bus Stand with participation from various sectors.

07.05.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest has occurred near the residence of R. Wickremesinghe, who refused to meet the protesters.

07.05.2022: **Medicine** - According to

Virakesari, requests were made to the Jaffna Teaching hospital by locals following a severe shortage in medicine within the area.

08.05.2022: **Anuradhapura** - According to Virakesari, public discontent and resistance escalated during M. Rajapaksa's visit to Anuradhapura to pay homage to the Jayasri Maha Vihara and Ruvenwelisaya Vihara.

09.05.2022: **Shooting** - According to SL Police, two individuals were killed and eight were injured in a shooting incident in the Weeraketiya area of Hambantota near the residence of the Chairman of the Weeraketiya Pradesiya Sabha, reports Virakesari.

09.05.2022: **Shooting** - Member of the SLPP, Amarakeerthi Athukorala was killed during clashes with anti-GoSL protests when shots were fired at a vehicle causing at least three to be injured, reports Virakesari.

09.05.2022: **Attack** - According to

Virakesari, buses carrying supporters of the SLPP who attended a meeting with M. Rajapaksa at the Temple Trees on the morning of 09.05.2022 were attacked by civilians.

09.05.2022: **Resistance** - Reports indicate that many had amassed at the premises of the New Fort Magistrate's Court against the attack of peaceful protestors by pro-GoSL supporters and had embarked on a strike, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Postal Workers
- ♦ Hospital Staff
- ♦ Lawyers

09.05.2022: **Army** - Heavy army presence was noted in Galle Face following the escalation of attacks and violence in the area. According to Virakesari, Shavendra Silva was also on site to engage in security operations.

09.05.2022: **Curfew** - According to Economy Next, SL has imposed a nationwide curfew. This was due to the clash between M. Rajapaksa's supporters and protesters demanding his

resignation. Police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse the crowd.

10.05.2022: **Attack** - The Temple Trees, was besieged by thousands of protesters on the night of 09.05.2022 and vehicles bringing supporters were set on fire and plunged into a nearby lake. There were 8 people killed and over 100 houses damaged or set on fire, Economy Next reported.

10.05.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, overnight violence in SL left at least 5 people dead across the country and 219 people hospitalised. Three individuals died in an incident in Nittambuwa.

10.05.2022: **Protesters** - According to Economy Next, small groups of protesters attacked senior SL Police officer Deshabandu Tennakoon. The crowd wanted to know who had ordered an attack on peaceful government opponents. as the answer was not satisfactory, they attacked.

10.05.2022: **Arson** - Reports indicate that tensions had risen following an attack by pro-GoSL violent mobs where peaceful protestors responded by setting alight the residences of key SL politicians, reports Virakesari.

M. Rajapaksa
Wimal Weerawansa
Bandula Gunawardena
Keheliya Rambukwella
Johnston Fernando
Ramesh Pathirana
Sanath Nishantha
Mahipala Herath
Tissa Kuttiyarachchi
Kanchana Vijayasekara
Arundhika Fernando
Rajapaksa's family home
Tushara Sanjeeva

ARSON

10.05.2022: **Strike** - According to Economy Next, a collective of labor unions in SL has begun an ongoing strike to protest violence. They are demanding that they take action against M. Rajapaksa and his paid thugs who incited violence.

10.05.2022: **Curfew** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa has extended a nationwide curfew until 12.05.2022. The curfew is necessary to maintain public order.

10.05.2022: **Shooting order** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's Defence Ministry announced a shooting order against looters and violent protesters. Later SL's Genocidal Army was roaming in Colombo.

10.05.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest was staged near the Trincomalee naval base on suspicion that security was being provided to the family of M. Rajapaksa. Video footage was released of some helicopters flying from Colombo with

VVIPs, including members of the Rajapaksa family.

10.05.2022: **Surveillance** - According to Virakesari, protestors had rallied again outside the Temple Trees in response to earlier violent mob attacks on peaceful protestors. Tensions escalated as SL police continued to use tear gas and water attacks on the demonstrators. Further reports indicate that drones were sighted surveilling the area.

10.05.2022: **Damages** - According to Virakesari, SL police mentioned that 7 individuals were killed and 220 were wounded in the violence that ensued in SL on 09.05.2022.

10.05.2022: **Fire** - The residences of Negombo's SL politicians were set on fire on 09.05.2022 and destroyed, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Nimal Lanza
- ♦ Dayan Lanza
- ♦ Owner of Grandacia Hotel

10.05.2022: **Statue** - The statue of D.A. Rajapaksa - the father of the Rajapaksas in Tangalle was

brought down and demolished by protestors in a sign of resistance against the Rajapaksa regime in SL, reports Virakesari.

11.05.2022: **Defence** - SL's military has launched special security operations in Colombo and other sectors with troops in armoured vehicles commencing street patrol in Colombo from the morning of 11.05.2022, reports Virakesari. According to Kamal Gunaratne, SL would never become a military regime unless it is provided the power to do so - regardless of whether violence increases. Special Task Force (STF) patrols were also commenced across the following areas:

- ♦ Colombo
- ♦ Purakkottai
- ♦ Mirihana
- ♦ Kirulapone
- ♦ Kollupitiya

11.05.2022: **Affidavit** - According to Virakesari, many individuals including the head of M. Rajapaksa's security had been summoned to testify by SL's CID in relation to the attack of protestors by violent mobs on 09.05.2022.

11.05.2022: **Protection** - According to Kamal Gunaratne, M. Rajapaksa was being held at the occupational Trincomalee Naval Base for security purposes, reports Virakesari. Shavendra Silva mentioned that M. Rajapaksa would be protected until his death.

11.05.2022: **Mirigama** - According to Virakesari, three shops had been smashed and damaged in attacks in the Mirigama area of Negombo. Arson of the following have been reported:

- ♦ Motorcycle
- ♦ Three bicycles

11.05.2022: **Checkpoint** - According to Virakesari, the Chairman of the Kotagala Trade Union and Financial Secretary of the Upcountry Workers' Front, Vishwanathan Pushpa has questioned as to why an SL military checkpoint had suddenly been established in Kotagala and not in any other city in Nuwara Eliya. Reports indicate that Pushpa had addressed the question during a

meeting at the Dimbula Pathana Police Station on the morning of 11.05.2022.

11.05.2022: **Announcement** - SL Police issued an announcement outside SL's Presidential Secretariat mentioning that the public is not allowed in any public places as per SL's State of Emergency and curfew laws and appropriate disciplinary action would be taken if such regulations were violated, reports Virakesari.

11.05.2022: **Continuous strike** - According to Economy Next, unions in SL have called off a continuous strike. It was the responsibility of the unions to help stabilise SL after the violence.

13.05.2022: **Protest** - Masses blocked the Negombo Road calling for the provision of cooking gas, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that the block caused traffic congestion in the Mahabage area on Colombo-Negombo Road.

13.05.2022: Violence
- SL's CID launched an investigation into the violence which occurred near the Temple Trees and have thus announced hotlines that the public could contact to report property damage, injuries or attacks, reports Virakesari.

14.05.2022: Protest - Residents of Gunasingapura blocked roads on 14.05.2022 to protest against a lack of gas supply despite having waited. According to Virakesari, the protestors were dispersed following assurances provided by an SL Military officer that gas would be distributed.

14.05.2022: Arrests - Four individuals were arrested in relation to the arson attacks launched on the houses of key SL politicians, reports Virakesari. Nawalapitiya Police arrested four of sixteen suspects and produced them before the Nawalapitiya Magistrate who permitted them to be released with a personal bail of LKR 1 lakh.

15.05.2022: Summons
- The Leader of the Opposition of SL's Youth Parliament, Thilina Prasad Weerasekara was summoned by SL Police on 15.05.2022 based on a complaint filed by a former SLPP Minister, reports JDS Lanka.

15.05.2022: Arrests - According to

Province, 47 from North Central Province, 13 from Sabaragamuwa Province, two from Uva Province and one from Northern Province.

15.05.2022: Black Monday - According to Economy Next, preliminary investigations into the attack on

Thennakoon not to permit the protesters streaming out of Temple Trees to enter Galle Face. However, another had provided conflicting instructions. At least 17 people, including G., N. and M. Rajapaksa, as well as former SL Ministers, Johnston Fernando, Rohitha Abeygunawardena, and Pavithra Wanniarachchi, were named in a court case as instigators of violence, and their passports were confiscated.

16.05.2022: Arrests - According to SL Police, 398 suspects were arrested in relation to arson attacks during a rise in tensions following the 09.05.2022 incident, reports Virakesari.

16.05.2022: Protest - According to Virakesari, a protest was staged opposite SL's Police HQ demanding the arrest of pro-GoSL supporters.

16.05.2022: Summons - According to JDS Lanka, Roshan Akmeemana and Rashmitha Eshan who both actively participated in anti-GoSL protests have

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Economy Next, SL's police have arrested over 230 suspects in connection with the incidents of 09.05.2022. The 230 suspects include 71 suspects from Western Province, 43 from Southern Province, 17 from Central Province, 36 from Northwestern

peaceful protesters in Galle Face have shown that there was political interference at the highest level. G. Rajapaksa gave clear instructions to SL IGP Chandana Wickramaratne and Senior Deputy Inspector General Deshabandu

been summoned by SL Police based on a complaint filed by SLPP politician.

16.05.2022: **Arrest** - Library assistant of Kanthale Mahaweli Pura Vidyalaya, Susantha Rambukwella who actively participated in anti-GoSL protests was arrested by Kanthale Police on 16.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

16.05.2022: **Summons** - According to JDS Lanka, Pushpa Weerasekara, a prominent freelance journalist involved in anti-GoSL protests, and her husband have been summoned to appear at Wariyapola Police Station for "arson investigations."

17.05.2022: **Media** - Pro-GoSL MPs attempted to attack the leader of SL's Parliamentary Journalists' Association inside SL Parliament for filming an SL Ruling Party meeting and confiscated the journalists' mobile phones in an act of media intimidation and censorship, reports Virakesari.

17.05.2022: **Arrests** - According to Economy Next, SL

police arrested five more suspects in connection with a government-backed attack on two protest sites in Colombo and the killing of an MP in Nittambuwa. According to SL Police, more than 230 people have been arrested so far in connection with the violent riots.

17.05.2022: **Arrest** - According to Athavan News, so far 664 people have been arrested in connection with the events of 09.05.2022.

17.05.2022: **Arrest** - SL MP Sanath Nishantha was arrested in relation to the 09.05.2022 attacks in Galle Face, reports Virakesari.

17.05.2022: **Arrest** - Jude Lakshman Appuhamy of Kolinjadiya West, Vennapuwa was arrested by SL Police on 17.05.2022 for "inciting unrest", reports JDS Lanka.

17.05.2022: **Protest** - According to JDS Lanka, lawyers had staged a protest near Hulftsdorp Court Complex in Colombo on 17.05.2022 calling for the immediate arrest of M. Rajapaksa for

inciting violence against peaceful protestors on 09.05.2022.

17.05.2022: **Protest** - Students of Vantharumoolai Eastern University continued protests for the 10th consecutive day and marched towards Chengkaladi Road bearing torches and demanding the Gota-Ranil GoSL to resign, reports JDS Lanka.

17.05.2022: **Bail** - Amila Mendis, who was arrested on 16.05.2022 by SL Police for active participation in an anti-GoSL protest in Kurunegala based on a complaint made by SLPP Mayor of Kurunegala, was released on bail by the Kurunegala magistrate. According to JDS Lanka, the case had been adjourned with the next hearing scheduled for 28.10.2022.

17.05.2022: **MPs arrested** - According to Colombo Gazette, two SL MPs were arrested in connection with the attacks of 09.05.2022. The MPs are Sanath Nishantha and Milan

Jayathilake from the SLPP.

18.05.2022: **Violence** - According to SL Police Spokesperson, Senior Superintendent of Police, Nihal Taltuwa made an update regarding the investigations of the incidents of 09.05.2022 as of 18.05.2022, reports Virakesari. The arrested subjects were being prosecuted in court on charges of unlawful assembly, assault, causing grievous bodily harm and damage to property.

- ♦ 883 arrested
- ♦ 805 complaints
- ♦ 364 released on bail
- ♦ 412 remanded

19.05.2022: **Protest** - Colombo Magistrate's Court rejected Welikada Police's request to ban a protest rally organised by the All University Students' Union at Poltuwa Junction, reports Virakesari. However, an injunction was granted to prevent them from entering York Street, Setham Street and SL's Presidential Mawatha.

19.05.2022: **Death** - A 47-year-old man who was receiving

treatment for head and chest injuries at the Colombo National Hospital due to the attacks of 09.05.2022, was declared deceased on 19.05.2022 raising the death toll of the incident to 10, reports Virakesari.

19.05.2022: Tear Gas

- According to Virakesari, tear gas and water cannons were being used at a protest rally conducted by University Students between Colombo Lotus Pond and SL's Presidential Secretariat causing a rise in tensions.

19.05.2022: Arrest - According to Virakesari, a suspect was arrested by SL's CID in relation to the arson attack of a bus during a protest in the Mirihana area. It is notable that the SL Police had also released images of these suspects to seek public support to arrest them.

19.05.2022: Bail - A Tamil Youth Service Officer from Hutton, Arumugam Balasubramaniam was granted bail by Hutton District Court after he was arrested by SL Police on 16.05.2022 for criticising the SL state-backed

violence from 09.05.2022, reports JDS Lanka.

19.05.2022: Protest - According to JDS Lanka, members of the Collective of Trade Unions & Mass Organisations staged a protest opposite Colombo Fort Railway Station calling for the masses to defeat the Gota-Ranil conspiracy.

19.05.2022: Bail - Wasundara Gamage of SL's Rupavahini Corporation was released on bail after being arrested at her residence by SL Police on 18.05.2022 for "inciting violence" via social media, reports JDS Lanka.

19.05.2022: Police - According to JDS Lanka, a heavy presence of SL Riot Police was noted at Colombo Fort as students staged a protest calling on the Gota-Ranil GoSL to resign after students were attacked by SL police earlier on 19.05.2022.

19.05.2022: Shooting Order - R. Wickremesinghe denied that the SL Military had been given a shoot-to-kill order to quell violent

protesters, but that the police could act as they saw fit under SL's existing laws. SL's Ministry of Defense, however, mentioned on 10.05.2022 that SL's Military had received orders to shoot at individuals attempting to destroy public property or injure people, Economy Next reported.

20.05.2022: Bicycle - According to Athavan News, Rajaratnam Janakavarman, a 32-year-old father of three from the Mayilvakanapuram, Kilinochchi, commenced a 4-day bicycle journey from Visvamadu, Kilinochchi towards the Galle Face Green protest. He mentioned that he had commenced his journey to seek justice for the forcibly disappeared and to support the struggle over SL's economic crisis.

20.05.2022: Protest - According to Virakesari, Vavuniya locals blocked the A9 demanding gas causing traffic to come to a halt for around 30 mins. Consequently, occupational police and army officers were deployed to the site resulting in

brief tensions between the public and the officers.

20.05.2022: Protest - Nuwara Eliya General Hospital's medical staff staged a protest against SL's G. Rajapaksa administration in solidarity with mass anti-GoSL protests, reports Virakesari.

22.05.2022: Fuel - According to Virakesari, occupational Army presence at a petrol station in Arayampathi due to high mass tensions due to a refusal to distribute petrol to the public despite fuel availability.

22.05.2022: Arrest - According to Virakesari, SL's CID had arrested 225 individuals in connection with inciting violence through social media networks for further investigations.

22.05.2022: Inquiry - According to Virakesari, SL's CID had conducted a special inquiry into SL's Inspector General of Police, Chandana Wickramaratne on 21.05.2022 as a part of wider investigations.

22.05.2022: **Fire** - According to Economy Next, the house of a petrol station owner and dealer in Anuradhapura was set on fire by an unidentifiable mob on the night of 21.05.2022. At the time of the incident, the station dealer, his wife and two children were in the house, however, none were injured. The motive for the arson attack has not yet been determined.

22.05.2022: **Court** - According to Virakesari, Major General Jagath Alwis, SL's Secretary of the Ministry of Law and Order had been accused of contempt of court for allegedly sending a letter to SL's Chief of Justice focussing on the refusal of SL Courts to issue a restraining order to ban mass protests.

22.05.2022: **Arrest** - 15 individuals including a 16-year-old were arrested on 21.05.2022 by SL's CID in relation to an arson attack of Hafiz Nazeer Ahmed in Eravur and have been detained until 25.05.2022, reports Virakesari.

24.05.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged near Parameswara Junction in Jaffna blocking the roads and demanding the distribution of cooking gas from 09.00 local time, reports Virakesari. It is notable that occupational SL police swiftly arrived at the scene to confront protestors.

24.05.2022: **Protest** - A protest had been staged opposite SL's CID Department demanding the arrest of Johnston Fernando as confessions are being obtained from him through SL's CID investigations, reports Virakesari.

25.05.2022: **Chemical Analysis** - According to Virakesari, Colombo's Additional Magistrate, Manjula Ratnayake had issued a special order on 24.05.2022 to obtain the State Chemical Analysis Report on the arson of vehicles during violence unleashed in Colombo following the incidents of 09.05.2022.

25.05.2022: **Arrests** - According to Economy Next, SL police arrested

another 117 people in connection with Black Monday attacks. SL Police Spokesman, Nihal Thaldewa mentioned that SL Police have arrested 1,708 suspects in connection with 852 reported mob attacks across SL thus far.

25.05.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged opposite the Fort Magistrate's Court against SL's Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police, Deshabandhu Tennakoon, reports Athavan News.

26.05.2022: **Protest Square** - According to Economy Next, only four young men were at the entrance of SL's Presidential Secretariat after the appointment of R. Wickremesinghe. The protest site near SL's Presidential Secretariat opposite Galle Face was thus almost empty.

26.05.2022: **Vigil** - A candlelight vigil is scheduled to occur at Independence Square from 10.00 local time on 28.05.2022 near the Bandaranaike Statue to mark the 50th day of the Gota Go Home protests,

reports Athavan News.

26.05.2022: **Meeting** - According to SL's Prime Minister's Office, a program has been launched via their official website to allow youth and groups involved in Gota Go protests to submit issues and suggestions to implement change, reports Athavan News. Reports indicate that there may be opportunities for such youth to meet R. Wickremesinghe to develop more effective and practical plans to address SL's crisis.

27.05.2022: **Demonstration** - According to Economy Next, hundreds of anti-government protesters in SL gathered opposite Wickremesinghe's office in Colombo, to demand justice for the Black Monday attacks. Furthermore, they demand immediate action to overcome SL's ongoing economic crisis to prevent imminent social unrest.

27.05.2022: **Arrests** - According to Economy Next, four individuals

suspected of executing a mob attack on two SL MPs on 09.05.2022 have been arrested. Two individuals arrested in connection with the Welgama incident are a 37-year-old restaurant owner from Makumbura and a 30-year-old health assistant from Horana. Two other suspects were

arrested in connection with the murder of MP Amara Keerthi Athukorala in Nittambuwa.

28.05.2022:
Restraining Order - Fort Police had obtained a restraining order to stem protests that are to occur in Colombo on the 50th day of protests

against the G. Rajapaksa GoSL, reports Athavan News.

29.05.2022: **Tear Gas**
- According to Athavan News, Colombo Police in riot gear had fired tear gas and water cannons at protestors near the World Trade Centre in the Fort region, leading to tensions.

31.05.2022: **Arrest** - The Chairman of the Boralesgamuwa Municipal Council was arrested by SL's CID based on alleged connections to the violence of 09.05.2022 in Colombo, reports Athavan News.



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Permanent People's Tribunal III

Phoenix TNG UK



People's Tribunals are a form of grassroots justice and take the form of opinion tribunals organised by civil society. The panel of judges is largely made up of relevant prominent members of society like past judges or intellectuals. People's Tribunals have a long tradition and are usually organised for issues where governments failed to provide justice. Most People's Tribunals are organised to hold states accountable for violations of international law by building public awareness and generating a legitimate evidence record. People's Tribunals can also play an important role in empowering victims and recording their stories.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Permanent People's Tribunal 3 on behalf of Phoenix TNG - the third in a series of tribunals held considering the Tamil genocide perpetrated by the Sri Lankan State, held in Central Berlin in May 2022. It was an honour as previous work compiled by the tribunals have provided ample material to further work as a young Tamil Eelam liberation activist in the past. This tribunal had considered niche but extremely important questions such as the complicity of a superpower and other prominent state actors in engineering the conditions for genocide. I say "niche" as the question posed is not to do with monetary aid or supply by way of arms and technical equipment to enable Mullivaikal, but rather was the stage leading to 2009 set, meticulously, through the sustained efforts of powers outside the island. It is a stage that helped the Sri Lankan State to achieve its crown jewel in its several decades-long

genocide efforts against the Tamil nation - a genocide that is still ongoing. However, Mullivaikal allowed accelerated structural genocide currently experienced without any buffers and has incinerated six per cent of Tamil Eelam's total population.

This Tribunal is an alternative space for justice. Tying heart-wrenching, many insightful testimonies from first-hand witnesses from Mullivaikal, some for which audience participation was disallowed due to witness safety concerns, and beyond to pass judgement on critical questions. Furthermore, depositions from experts who have tirelessly held firm in our struggle towards self-determination supported the case were put forward. The most surprising was that many people showed solidarity and accurate knowledge of the Tamil genocide, from people in Colombia to Kashmir to Jeju Islands to Okinawa. A commendable group of tireless organisers and a panel of judges includes indigenous people with lived experience of oppression, professors to ex-supreme court judges. From all over the world, the message is clear - our Tamil Eelam state is an endless measure of resistance and inspiration for the oppressed. People all over the world want Tamil Eelam - the structures of yesteryear will crumble.

PPT supports a pillar in Phoenix's core principles which is the creation of new and retrieving lost, independent Tamil spaces - both civil and political. Reclaiming such spaces is an effort for said spaces to be a steppingstone towards self-determination. Defining a narrative is important and freedom to do so becomes difficult for oppressed people - especially people who have been and who are currently on the receiving end of calculated and prolonged genocide - a prime example, is the Tamil people.

Furthermore, initiatives such as PPT serve to play a crucial role in creating solidarity with known and unknown oppressed people all over the world. Learning from people who have historically or at present experienced the trauma of events like that of the Tamil nation is crucial in seeking justice and a permanent solution without relinquishing our autonomy as an indigenous people of Tamil Eelam.

On a personal level, it was therapeutic - the love of indigenous people from across the world was not only healing but motivating. Motivating, because many indigenous people battling oppression by force or litigation against state or MNCs took incredible inspiration and expressed voluntary willingness to learn more about the pinnacle of Tamil collective achievements in modern history - the state of Tamil Eelam.

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News about Oppression & Resistance

03.05.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest was held in Batticaloa on the eve of International Media Independence Day. A candlelight vigil was staged by journalists to pay tribute to the deceased. The Batticaloa Tamil Journalists Union, the Modular Media Centre, the Eastern Provincial Journalists Union and the Eastern Province Tamil Journalists Union jointly-organised the protest.

01.05.2022: **May Day** - A May Day event was organised by the Ceylon Workers' Congress (CWC) on 01.05.2022 which was attended by Tamil Nadu's BJP Leader, Annamalai as the Chief Guest, reports Virakesari.

02.05.2022: **GTF** - According to Colombo Gazette GTF - Global Tamil Forum - a Tamil diaspora outlet has recognised that remarkable developments are occurring in SL.

"Any such changes have to include transitioning Sri Lanka into a truly pluralist state where no community will be left out of the governance arrangements"

02.05.2022: **Removal** - The Batticaloa Magistrate's Court ordered all students of the Swami Vibulandanda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of Batticaloa East University to leave the hostel premises from 02.05.2022 under Section 106(1) of SL's Criminal Procedure Code No.15 (1979), reports Virakesari.

04.05.2022: **PTA** - The Eravur Tourism Court ordered the remand of Batticaloa Tamil

Awareness Organisation leader, Ganavathipillai Mohan under the PTA until 11.05.2022 based on allegations that he had uploaded images of the LTTE to websites, reports Virakesari.

04.05.2022: **Easter Sunday** - According to Virakesari, Batticaloa's Magistrate Court Judge, Peter Paul ordered that the 55 individuals arrested and kept in detention to be further detained until 17.05.2022 to extend interrogations into the investigation of their role in 2019's Easter Sunday Attacks.

04.05.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, tributes were made to 75-year-old Sellaya Selvarani who was searching for her son, son-in-law and grandson who were forcibly disappeared in Vavuniya had recently died due to illnesses. It is notable that the mother had been engaged in the protests conducted by the families of the disappeared and thus the families staged a vigil for her in Vavuniya.

05.05.2022: **Shooting** - According to Athavan News, 16 individuals have been injured in a clash between occupational SL police and civilians on duty at an SL police checkpoint opposite Palamunai Hospital, Ampara District. 11 policemen, including a journalist and 4 civilians were injured in the incident and were admitted to Akkaraipattu Base Hospital for treatment due to open fire by occupational Amparai police.

10.05.2022: **Attack** - Occupational Kilinochchi Police attacked a pregnant

woman and differently abled individuals in indiscriminate attacks within the Ramanathapuram region, causing backlash from locals, reports Virakesari.

12.05.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest had been launched on 12.05.2022 against the attack of a garment factory in Eravur, demanding the arrest of the attackers.

12.05.2022: **Commemoration** - A vigil was held at the reconstructed Tamil Genocide Memorial Monument at Jaffna University Campus by university students and staff, reports Virakesari.

12.05.2022: **Commemoration** - An awareness campaign with displays portraying a timeline of acts of Tamil genocide was put on display near the remains of Lt. Col. Thileepan's desecrated monument in Nallur, Jaffna in light of Tamil Genocide Week, reports Virakesari.

12.05.2022: **Mullivaikkal Remembrance** - According to the Tamil Guardian, occupational SL Police threatened to shoot Tamils who were gathering in Mullaitivu to commemorate Tamil Genocide Day. They mentioned that: 'We remind you we have a shooting order as well!' Meanwhile, a flame was lit at Nandhikadal lagoon.

13.05.2022: **Commemoration** - The second day of Tamil Genocide Week was commemorated by the TNPF in Jaffna where a lamp was lit and respects were made near Semmani around 11.00 local time, reports Virakesari.

13.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Tamil Genocide Week was commenced with the lighting of a lamp at Nandhikadal. According to Virakesari, Peter Ilancheliyan commenced commemorations by lighting a public flame and laying flowers in the area.

13.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Kanji was served across the Tamil homeland in light of Tamil Genocide Memorial Week. According to Virakesari, leaflets titled, "Mullivaikkal Kanji" were also distributed to the public.

- ◆ Opposite Eastern University - Chengkaladi Market area
- ◆ Mullaitivu - Puthukudiyiruppu area (organised by Association of Relatives of the Disappeared)
- ◆ Thirukovil, Ampara - Association of Relatives of the Disappeared
- ◆ Mannar
- ◆ Vavuniya
- ◆ Lt. Col. Thileepan monument remains, Jaffna

14.05.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Athavan News, commemoration of the Naval Church Massacre was conducted by the TNPF. It is notable that Tamil Genocide commemorations were also conducted at this site.

14.05.2022: **Security** - According to Virakesari, occupational SL Police had accelerated police security and surveillance operations around the Mullivaikkal area. Reports indicate that when journalist Shanmugam Thavaseelan went to the area, police had intercepted him, obtained information and recorded the information in his books to be shared with SL Military.

14.05.2022: **Seminar** - The Tamil Nadu Students' Federation organised a commemorative Mullivaikkal Genocide Commemoration Seminar with mass attendance and participation by Tamil Nadu BJP leader, Annamalai and former Tamil politician, M.K. Sivajilingam, reports Virakesari.

15.05.2022: **Commemoration** - The 37th Memorial of the Kumuthini Boat Massacre was held in Neduntivu, Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

15.05.2022: **LTTE** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's Defence Ministry sought details from India about an alleged planned attack by the LTTE. This allegation was based on an article from The Hindu which was published on 13.05.2022 which claimed that the LTTE was to conduct an attack on 18.05.2022.

"After inquiring about the above information, the Indian intelligence services have informed Sri Lanka that the information has been given as general information and further informed that the investigations will be carried out in this regard and action will be taken to inform Sri Lanka about it."
- SL's Defence ministry

16.05.2022: **March** - According to JDS Lanka, a march organised by the Relatives of Disappeared Persons commenced a march to Mullivaikkal from the residence of the National Leader of Tamil Eelam, Hon. V. Prabhakaran on 16.05.2022.

16.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Mullivaikkal kanji was served at Thampalakamam, by the Thampalakamam Union of Civil

Organisation, reports Virakesari. Kanji was also served at Kilinochchi Vaddakkachchi Public Market and Valvettithurai Muthumari Amman Temple, Jaffna.

16.05.2022: **Commemoration** - The Mullivaikkal Commemoration Awareness Float reached Mannar, reports Virakesari.

16.05.2022: **Commemoration** - A rally which commenced from Valvettithurai Jaffna reached the Tamil Genocide Monument at Jaffna University on 16.05.2022 where it is notable that Sinhala students had also participated in commemorative practices, reports Virakesari. It is notable that floral tributes were made, lamps were lit and Mullivaikkal kanji was served at the event.

17.05.2022: **Disappearances** - In a published statement, the Families of the Disappeared (FoD) requested SL Parliamentarians to publish the names of alleged perpetrators who examined the JVP Uprising, reports ITJP.

17.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Peter Ilancheliyan marked the 6th day of Mullivaikkal Commemoration Week by lighting a public flame at Pudhukudiyiriuppu Madu Junction in memory of massacred civilians, reports Virakesari.

17.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Mullivaikkal porridge was served by the Tamil National Green Movement in Jaffna on 17.05.2022 from 09.00 local time opposite the organisation's office in

Kantarmadam, Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

17.05.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, a Tamil Genocide Commemoration event was held at the Tamil Genocide Monument at Jaffna University Campus on 17.05.2022 with mass student participation.

17.05.2022: **Float** - A Mullivaikkal Awareness Float organised by TNPF commenced its journey from Kilinochchi at Depot Junction opposite an SL Victory monument where a lamp was lit and floral tributes were made to the commemorative monument aboard the float, reports Virakesari. It is notable that the vehicle is to travel towards Mullivaikkal for commemorations on 18.05.2022.

17.05.2022: **Surveillance** - The Tamil Genocide Commemoration Awareness float organised by the TNPF was closely followed by a three-wheeler containing uniformed individuals and later were followed by two individuals in plain clothes who were travelling on motorcycles and taking photos, reports Virakesari.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Tamil Genocide Day was observed by the TNA opposite Kalladi Siddhivinayagar Temple in Batticaloa where kanji was served and tributes were made, reports Virakesari.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, the Valikaamam East Pradesiya Sabha held a commemoration event in light of Tamil Genocide Day where a lamp was lit.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Floral tributes were made at Nandhikadal by Durairasa Ravikaran on 18.05.2022 in memory of the lives lost at Mullivaikkal, reports Virakesari.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, Tamil Genocide Day was held at the Equality Party Office in Kilinochchi where lamps were lit, floral tributes were made, and silence was observed.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, Tamil Genocide Day commemorations were held across various locations in Jaffna including sites of worship.

- ◆ Velanai Pradesiya Sabha
- ◆ University of Jaffna

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Tiruch Chepamalai was held in Bhavani Mannar in commemoration of Tamil Genocide Day, reports Virakesari.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - The first Mullivaikkal commemoration was co-organised by Tamils and Sinhalese in Colombo to commemorate "the victims of war", reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that members of the Buddhist and Christian clergy were present at the memorial service where flower tributes were made at sea, a commemorative monument was erected and Mullivaikkal Kanji was served at Galle Face.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, a Tamil Genocide Day commemoration event was held from 08.00 local time in Mannar as organised by V.S. Sivakaran.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - Tamil Genocide Day commemorations were held by the Relatives of the Disappeared Association - Vavuniya who were conducted their awareness protest demanding justice for their enforcibly disappeared relatives for over 1,915 days, reports Virakesari.

18.05.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, TNA officials held a minute's silence in SL Parliament during which an SL Leading Party member intervened and mentioned that whilst they do not understand the language in once a moments' silence was held, they had commemorated the LTTE who had died at Nandhikadal and thus requested SL's Speaker to remove such commemoration from SL's Hansard. Reports indicate that the request was made on the basis that the LTTE could not be commemorated whilst SL paid respects to their war heroes - the genocidal SL Army who died during the war.

21.05.2022: **Genocide Motion** - The Valikaamam West Pradesiya Sabha has passed a resolution that a planned genocide was conducted against Tamils, reports Athavan News. Reports indicate that the resolution was passed with the support of most of the members who were present at the Pradesiya Sabha's Session which was held on 20.05.2022. It is notable that members of the EPDP and SLFP had left the session as the discussion ensued.

22.05.2022: **Assault** - According to the Tamil Guardian, a Tamil man was hospitalised after being assaulted by SL military-aligned thugs. Vivekanandan

Piriyangan, who resides in Mullaitivu, was attacked for commemorating Tamil Genocide.

25.05.2022: **OL** - According to the Batti Press Club, students from the Batticaloa Education Zone have been prevented from receiving admission cards to appear for their Ordinary Level Examinations by SL, thus violating their fundamental rights to education, reports Athavan News.

30.05.2022: **Book** - According to the Tamil Guardian, a book has been launched to mark the 18th memorial of Tamil journalist, Aiyathurai Nadesan's assassination. Tamil Press Clubs in the Tamil Homeland launched the book, which is a compilation of essays written by Nadesan's friends and family from Jaffna and Batticaloa.

30.05.2022: **Missing** - According to occupational Kalmunai Police, 16-year-old girl, Wadurdeen Fatima Sajana had been missing since 14.30 local time on 29.05.2022, reports Athavan News.

30.05.2022: **Enforced Disappearances** - According to Athavan News, the relatives of the forcibly disappeared have staged several protests across the homeland. One such protest was staged in Mannar opposite the old bus station, and another occurred in Kilinochchi. It is noteworthy that 115 relatives of the disappeared have already died whilst searching and protesting for their relatives.

31.05.2022: **Dead** - According to Athavan News, a missing 16-year-old girl was found dead in the Kanasapuram Forest

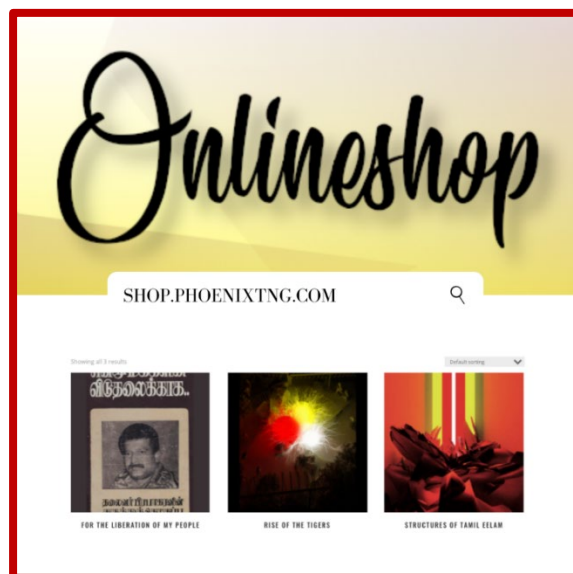
in Vavuniya. The girl went missing one day earlier. It's noteworthy that a 9-year-old girl named Fatima Aisha was found dead in Atulugama on the 27th.

31.05.2022: **Commemoration** - The 41st memorial of the burning of the Jaffna Library was commemorated across the Tamil homeland.

Signs of Structural Genocide

20.05.2022: **Buddhicisation** - A Donation Event for the maintenance of the Naga Viharai was conducted in Jaffna to mark Vesak, reports Athavan News. Donations were made by public organisations. The Naga Viharai is located in Jaffna and was attacked by locals in the past as the site was used to appropriate neighbouring Tamil areas. The financial strengthening of the site heightens Buddhicisation attempts which disrupt the Tamils' territorial integrity thus furthering Tamil genocidal ideology.

21.05.2022: **Land appropriation** - According to Athavan News, attempts to survey land in the Kodikaamam area for the establishment of an occupational Army Camp have been interjected and prevented by locals. Troops of the 15th Gajabahu Regiment have been reported to be camping on 10.5 acres of privately-owned land to acquire the lands - an attempt which was suspended by local intervention and opposition.



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