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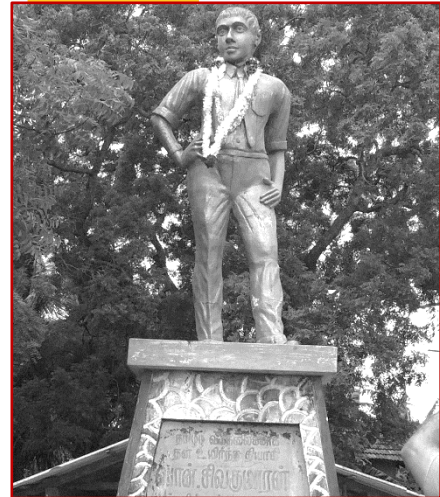
Stains on Switzerland's history increase as deaths of Tamil asylum seekers and deportation rates increase.

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SL Crisis and the Snowball Effect

A crumbling of public confidence snowballs into a disintegrating governance system. What is to ensue when consecutive failed decisions fuel social discontent?

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“இன்றைய உலக ஒழுங்கைப் பலம்தான்
நிர்ணயிக்கின்றது.”

Hon. V. Prabhakaran

Rally Against the Deportation Of Tamil Asylum Seekers

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A rally was held in Basel on 25.06.2022. This rally was organised by Phoenix TNG and LOTTA. The aim of the rally was to draw attention to Switzerland's migration practices and in particular the deportation of Tamils. This year alone, at least 23 Tamils have been deported from Switzerland.

At the time of the demonstration, another Tamil asylum seeker died in Switzerland. In total, at least three cases of deceased Tamil asylum seekers in Switzerland are known. Phoenix TNG is looking for further cases and will support through legal action.



1. Kowsika died on 14.06.2018 in Basel. She tried to take her own life. Although her cell was under video surveillance, she did not receive help. She was stripped naked and left on the floor. Only after about 20 minutes was resuscitation initiated and the ambulance called. She died two days later. The four guards were acquitted.

2. Nesurasa Rasanayagam died on 15.02.2022 in Gampelen. His cause of death is not clear. Therefore, his family demanded an autopsy and repatriation of his body to Tamil Eelam. However, Swiss authorities cremated his body against the family's wishes.



3. Naguleswaran Vijayan died on 20.06.2022 in Delemont. He took his own life. The authorities were aware that he had engaged in suicide attempts - yet, they did nothing. Now, he has passed away.

Justice We Seek,
Rest In Peace



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01.06.2022: **Bangladesh** - According to Economy Next, Bangladesh has donated USD 2.2 million worth of 79 essential medicines to Sri Lanka (SL).

- ◆ Cancer drugs
- ◆ Hypertension drugs
- ◆ Oral antibiotics
- ◆ Injectable antibiotics
- ◆ Antivirals
- ◆ Anti-epileptic drugs
- ◆ Asthma drugs.

03.06.2022: **Fund** - According to Economy Next, SL's President G. Rajapaksa has released a fund ITUKAMA, established to support people affected by COVID-19 in 2020, for health and social security. This was to import essential medicines.

03.06.2022: **India** - According to the High Commission of India in Colombo, 3.3 tonnes of medical supplies had been donated to SL on 03.06.2022, reports News First LK.

04.06.2022: **ADB** - According to News First LK, SL's Ministry of Health had received USD 400 million from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the import of essential drugs.

04.06.2022: **China** - According to Athavan News, USD 28 million worth of medicines and medical equipment donated by the Chinese Government had arrived at the Katunayake International Airport by 03.06.2022.

06.06.2022: **Litro** - A ship carrying 2,000 metric tonnes of gas arrived in SL on the morning of 06.06.2022, reports Athavan News.

07.06.2022: **India** - SL's Cabinet of Ministers approved a loan of USD 55 million from the Bank of India to purchase fertiliser, reports Athavan News.

07.06.2022: **Colombo Port** - According to Athavan News, SL's Cabinet had approved for a tax concession of upto 40 years for investors investing in the Colombo Port City.

08.06.2022: **Litro** - Another ship carrying 3,900 metric tonnes of gas from Litro arrived at Colombo, reports Athavan News.

08.06.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, SL's Prime Minister R. Wickremesinghe held a meeting with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) Managing Director, Kristalina Georgieva on the current economic situation in SL. He stated that negotiations on bridge financing are contingent on SL and the IMF finalising a staff-level agreement.

09.06.2022: **IFRC** - The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) launched an Emergency Appeal for CHF 28 million as immediate humanitarian relief to assist 500,000 individuals in SL, reports News First LK.

09.06.2022: **Hajj** - According to News First LK, SL's Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs mentioned that permission was granted to send Hajj

Pilgrims from SL with foreign assistance. Transfer of USD 1,500 per pilgrim in foreign currency is reportedly required for the pilgrimage. It is notable that the Government of Saudi Arabia had issued a quota for 1,585 pilgrims from SL.

09.06.2022: **UN** - According to News First LK, the UN in SL and NGOs launched a Humanitarian Needs and Priorities (HNP) Plan requesting USD 47.2 million to provide emergency assistance for 1.7 million people of SL.

10.06.2022: **Singapore** - On a two-day official visit to Singapore, Peiris requested assistance from Singapore to resolve SL's economic crises, reports Virakesari.

10.06.2022: **India** - According to News First LK, SL signed an agreement with India's EXIM Bank to obtain a credit line worth USD 55 million to procure the importation of 65,000 metric tonnes of Urea fertiliser.

10.06.2022: **UNICEF** - According to News First LK, UNICEF had appealed for USD 25.3 million to provide various services to 1.7 million vulnerable children in SL.

- ◆ Nutrition
- ◆ Healthcare
- ◆ Safe drinking water
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Mental Health

11.06.2022: **Adani** - According to Colombo Gazette, G. Rajapaksa has denied the allegations made by the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity (CEB). The chairman claimed that India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pressured G.

Rajapaksa to handover a wind energy project in Mannar to the Adani group.

12.06.2022: **China/India** - China commended India for providing significant assistance to SL in a statement issued by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reports Virakesari.

13.06.2022: **US & China** - According to Colombo Gazette, the Chinese and the American Ambassadors to SL have met in Colombo. In this meeting, both sides discussed how to assist SL to overcome the crisis.

14.06.2022: **Fuel** - According to R. Wickremesinghe, an LPG shipment of 3,500 metric tonnes had reached SL.

14.06.2022: **India** - According to SL's Minister of Education, Susil Premajayantha, whilst the last of fuel shipments from India's USD 200 million line of credit is due to arrive in Colombo, a request has been submitted for another line of credit worth USD 500 million, reports News First LK.

14.06.2022: **WTO** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL has refused to support two agreements proposed within the WTO. One agreement was about the maintenance of an open market without restrictions on export. The other agreement was to not curb exports to the WFP. SL wants a recognition that their export of food might be limited.

14.06.2022: **US/IMF** - US Secretary of State, Antony J. Blinken assured R. Wickremesinghe in a telephone call on 13.06.2022 that the US is prepared to work with SL under the UMF to enhance

US investments in SL following the conclusion of negotiations with the IMF, reports Virakesari.

15.06.2022: **US** - The Embassy of the USA in SL announced that the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) Board of Directors had approved loans worth USD 120 million to support the growth of SL's economy.

15.06.2022: **China** - According to Colombo Gazette, China and the UNFPA have donated medical equipment to SL. The equipment that was donated has a worth of USD 800,000.

15.06.2022: **UN** - According to Virakesari, countries which had co-sponsored a resolution on SL in Geneva had expressed deep concern on SL's use of violence against peaceful protestors at the 50th Session of the UNHRC session in Geneva.

- ◆ Canada
- ◆ Britain
- ◆ US
- ◆ Germany
- ◆ Malawi
- ◆ Montenegro
- ◆ North Macedonia

15.06.2022: **USAID** - According to Virakesari, USAID had committed USD 120 million in assistance to SL.

15.06.2022: **UNFPA** - According to Economy Next, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), with support from China through the Ministry of Health SL's Office of Family Health, has provided more than 300,000 packs of medical equipment and supplies worth USD

800,000. These protective gear will specifically fill the gap in medical equipment for health workers.

16.06.2022: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette, the final shipment of fuel under the Indian credit has arrived in SL.

16.06.2022: **FAO** - According to Economy Next, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the World (FAO) will distribute 50 kilograms of Urea fertiliser free of charge to 398,000 smallholder farmers, while it will provide cash assistance of USD 60 to about 9,000 green seed farmers. This measure is aimed at preventing a possible food shortage in August, 2022.

16.06.2022: **Aid** - According to News First LK, a consignment of essential medicine was presented by A-PAD Bangladesh representatives to the SL Prime Minister's Secretariat through the combined efforts of various groups.

- ◆ Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) Bangladesh
- ◆ Community Initiative Society (CIS)
- ◆ Dhaka Community Hospital Trust (DCHT)

16.06.2022: **US** - The US announced that it would provide SL with USD 6 million in emergency assistance to support marginalised and vulnerable communities in SL, reports News First LK.

16.06.2022: **QUAD** - According to the Chairman of US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Bob Menendez had directed a letter to Antony Blinken outlining that the Quad could lead SL to

avert an economic implosion which could lead to a wider humanitarian crisis which would destabilise the region, reports News First LK.

16.06.2022: **India** - According to News First LK, a protest was staged in Colombo on 16.06.2022 against the secret dealings between the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) and India's Adani Group in relation to energy projects. Reports indicate that recently retracted controversial remarks by the former Chairman of the CEB, M.M.C. Ferdinando linked Indian influence on SL's Energy Projects which aggravated SL citizens. Earlier reports from 11.06.2022 indicate that, Ferdinando admitted that he lied when making the remarks that G. Rajapaksa had disclosed to him that Modi had pressured him for a 500 MW Wind Power Project to be awarded to Adani - a claim which G. Rajapaksa denied.

16.06.2022: **India** - According to the SL Prime Minister's Office, GoSL had decided to import 50,000 metric tonnes of rice under the Indian Loan assistance program to avert a possible rice shortage, reports News First LK.

16.06.2022: **WFP** - According to News First LK, the WFP initiated a program to distribute food vouchers to pregnant women in affected areas of Colombo as the first phase of WFP's emergency assistance in SL. Reports indicate that the monthly vouchers are worth LKR 15,000 and are expected to support over 2,000 women to purchase essential food supplies.

17.06.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, it had been decided that 50,000 metric tonnes of rice was to be imported under India's debt assistance scheme.

17.06.2022: **US** - According to the US Embassy in SL, the US had committed to donate USD 6 million in emergency assistance to SL to address the SL crisis and implement good governance in SL, reports Virakesari.

17.06.2022: **Petrol** - According to Virakesari, SL's People's Bank had created a USD 42.6 million loan application to purchase Octane-92 petrol.

17.06.2022: **Pakistan** - The High Commissioner of Pakistan, Umar Farooq Burki met with G. Rajapaksa at the SL Presidential Secretariat on 17.06.2022 where Burki extended Pakistan's full support to resolve SL's economic crisis, reports News First LK. Ares for mutual development were also discussed:

- ◆ Politics
- ◆ Industrial
- ◆ Cultural
- ◆ Security

18.06.2022: **World Bank** - The World Bank warned that SL's economy would fall by 7.8% by the end of 2022 due to electricity and fuel shortages, reports Virakesari.

18.06.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, an IMF team is scheduled to visit SL between 20.06.2022-30.06.2022 to discuss an economic programme and extend its commitment to assisting in crisis response in accordance with IMF policies.

19.06.2022: **India** - SL's CPC made a payment in LKR to import oil under a credit line from India through money collated from customers of SL's Treasury, reports Economy Next.

19.06.2022: **HSBC** - According to Economy Next, the Managing Director (MD) of HSBC, Surendra Rosha visited SL and met SL officials to discuss support for SL.

- ◆ SL Central Bank Governor - Nandalal Weerasinghe
- ◆ SL Treasury Secretary - Mahinda Siriwardena

20.06.2022: **Australia** - Australia announced that it would provide USD 50 million as official aid to SL, reports Economy Next. Reports from Colombo Gazette, indicate that Australia mentioned that refugees from SL would not be accepted.

- ◆ WFP: USD 22 million to assist three million individuals
- ◆ Developmental Assistance: USD 23 million in 2022-2023

20.06.2022: **Australia** - According to News First LK, the Australian Minister for Home Affairs and Cyber Security, Clare O'Neil arrived in SL and is expected to meet SL's top officials to mark the 75th anniversary of SL-AU diplomatic relations. He is set to meet the following:

- ◆ G. Rajapaksa
- ◆ R. Wickremesinghe
- ◆ G.L. Peiris

20.06.2022: **Diaspora** - According to Chanakyan, the Tamil Diaspora should be prepared to provide assistance to our

people when there is a food famine in SL, reports Athavan News.

20.06.2022: **WFP** - According to Virakesari, the WFP launched an emergency operation in SL to assist in the distribution of food vouchers to pregnant women.

20.06.2022: **China** - China has indicated determination to increase the number of flights being operated between SL and China with three flights scheduled to arrive to SL from this week, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the announcement was made during a meeting between the Chinese Ambassador to SL and G. Rajapaksa on 16.06.2022.

21.06.2022: **US** - According to the Tamil Guardian, the US have announced the latest instalment of USD 5.7 million in humanitarian assistance 'to address the immediate needs of people hardest hit by the economic crisis in Sri Lanka.' A statement by the US said the funding would 'provide cash assistance, short-term jobs, and agriculture supplies.'

21.06.2022: **Borrowing** - SL's John Keells Holdings (JKH) conglomerate is to borrow USD 75 million from Canadian Financial Institution, Fairfax to fund dollar-based investments, reports Economy Next.

21.02.2022: **China** - R. Wickremesinghe met with the Deputy Ambassador of China, H.E. Hu Wei where Wickremesinghe re-emphasised SL's "One China Policy" and indicated eagerness to discuss debt restructuring with China. According to News First LK, the Deputy Ambassador had inquired about SL's food security programs and

reassured Wickremesinghe that China would donate rice to ease SL's food crisis.

22.06.2022: **Diplomats** - According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa met with representatives of countries in the South East Asian Region who had extended their support to SL during a meeting and briefed the delegation on opportunities in the following areas:

- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Investment
- ◆ Agriculture
- ◆ Education

Delegation:

- ◆ Ambassador of Myanmar
- ◆ High Commissioner of Malaysia
- ◆ Ambassador of Vietnam
- ◆ Ambassador of Thailand
- ◆ Ambassador of Indonesia
- ◆ Chief of SL's Presidential Task Force, Anura Dissanayake
- ◆ Admiral Jayanth Colombage

22.06.2022: **US** - The US' Hamilton Reserve Bank which holds USD 250 million in SL's international bonds has filed a lawsuit in US court against SL for failing to repay its foreign debt, reports Virakesari.

22.06.2022: **Australia** - According to Virakesari, one of Australia's Big Four Banks, the Commonwealth Bank had announced that it had decided to waive USD 6 million from remittances to SL through its bank due to SL's crisis.

22.06.2022: **Amnesty** - According to Virakesari, Amnesty International had expressed concern that GoSL's actions in managing SL's current crisis could lead to a humanitarian crisis and thus

emphasised the significance of respecting and protecting human rights.

22.06.2022: **Australia** - WFP announced that food aid for 3 million SL citizens requiring emergency food assistance would receive the support through USD 22 million in financial assistance from Australia, reports Virakesari.

22.06.2022: **Europe** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's High Commissioner to India, Milinda Moragoda, met 14 Ambassadors and one High Commissioner, who are accredited to SL from New Delhi. In this meeting, SL's current situation was briefed and the importance for a bridging finance until the IMF settlement. The countries were:

- ◆ Austria
- ◆ Belarus
- ◆ Belgium
- ◆ Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ◆ Croatia
- ◆ Czech Republic
- ◆ Denmark
- ◆ Ireland
- ◆ Luxembourg
- ◆ North Macedonia
- ◆ Portugal
- ◆ Serbia
- ◆ Slovenia
- ◆ Ukraine
- ◆ Malta

23.06.2022: **India** - According to Colombo Gazette, India's Foreign Secretary, Vinay Kwatra held talks with SL's President and Prime Minister. The talks will be about the current economic situation and about short term/long term assistance. The Foreign Secretary's delegation included following persons:

- ◆ Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Finance of India, Ajay Seth
- ◆ Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran
- ◆ Joint Secretary of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Kartik Pande of the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

23.06.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - Another ship with humanitarian aid provided by Tamil Nadu had arrived in SL, reports Athavan News.

- ◆ 14,712 tonnes - rice
- ◆ 250 tonnes - milk powder
- ◆ 38 essential medicines

23.06.2022: **India** - High-level 4-member Indian delegation including India's Foreign Secretary, Vinay Mohan Quadra had recently visited SL to discuss the additional provision of financial assistance to SL, reports Virakesari.

23.06.2022: **Australia** - According to Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Richard Marles, whilst the QUAD has potential to assist SL, Australia was currently considering assistance to SL on a bilateral basis due to a greater potential for bilateral economic cooperation, reports Virakesari.

23.06.2022: **World Bank** - World Bank officials visited the Kalviyankadu Public Market in Jaffna on 22.06.2022 which was operating through funds provided by the World Bank, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the officials had visited the market to discuss construction work and plans for future engagement.

23.06.2022: **New Zealand** - According to Virakesari, New Zealand's Foreign Minister had agreed to examine the support of New Zealand and the Commonwealth to assist in SL's crisis recovery. The decision was stated during a meeting between New Zealand's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Home Affairs, Nanaia Mahuta and G. Peiris on the sidelines of the 2022 CHOGM Meeting. According to News First LK, New Zealand is to provide NZD 800,000 to UNICEF SL.

24.06.2022: **India** - Peiris met with Jaisankar on the sidelines of CHOGM and thanked India for their extensive support during SL's crisis, reports News First LK.

24.06.2022: **New Zealand** - According to Athavan News, New Zealand has donated USD 800,000 to UNICEF for the children in SL affected by the crisis.

27.06.2022: **India** - According to News First LK, the High Commissioner of SL to India, Milinda Moragoda met India's Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs, met at India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to discuss urgent areas for bilateral energy cooperation.

27.06.2022: **US** - According to News First LK, G. Rajapaksa met a high-level US delegation to explore avenues for US assistance for SL's crisis recovery.

27.06.2022: **US** - The US Ambassador to SL, Julie Chung met with G. Rajapaksa to discuss the ongoing crisis and to identify meaningful economic stabilisation options, reports Colombo Gazette. The

meeting included Robert Kaproth, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Asia, and Ambassador Kelly Keiderling, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia.

28.06.2022: **US** - Biden during the G7 Summit announced the US will provide 20 million in assistance to aid and strengthen food security in SL, reports Colombo Gazette. Additional funding for agricultural assistance will also take place in the upcoming weeks.

28.06.2022: **China** - 44 containers containing 1,000 metric tonnes of rice from China arrived in SL, reports News First LK.

28.06.2022: **Fuel** - According to Aluthgamage, G. Rajapaksa had engaged in discussions with Russia, UAE and India to assist in SL's fuel crisis recovery, reports News First LK.

28.06.2022: **Qatar** - Wijesekara met with the Deputy Director-General of the Qatar Fund for Development to discuss the possibility of requesting a Fuel Credit Line for Petroleum and Gas for SL, reports News First LK.

28.06.2022: **US** - According to News First LK, Chung held meetings with SL's Treasury Secretary, Mahinda Siriwardana and the Governor of the Central Bank of SL (CBSL), Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe to discuss SL's crisis.

28.06.2022: **US** - Joe Biden announced at the G7 Summit that the US would provide SL an additional USD 20 million in assistance to strengthen food security in SL, reports News First LK.

29.06.2022: **Britain** - The British Foreign Secretary, Vicky Ford mentioned that Britain is committed to assisting SL, reports News First LK.

29.06.2022: **US** - According to News First LK, SL's Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Aruni Wijewardane met a senior US delegation at SL's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 28.06.2022 during an official visit to SL between 26.06.2022-29.06.2022. Reports indicate that they met to discuss bilateral relations and possible areas of support from the US to address SL's crisis recovery.

29.06.2022: **Commonwealth** - Peiris met with various Commonwealth representatives on the sidelines of CHOGM 2022 in a range of meetings to discuss various issues relating to the SL crisis and multilateral cooperation, reports News First LK.

- ◆ Dominica Foreign Affairs Minister, International Business and Diaspora Relations - tourism discussions
- ◆ Seychelles Foreign Affairs and Tourism Minister - medical tourism & ocean-related issues
- ◆ Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Minister - Bangladesh assistance to SL & areas for bilateral development
- ◆ Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs - SL's reconciliation efforts & Kenyan advice
- ◆ Mauritian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration & International Trade - increased bilateral cooperation
- ◆ Cyprus Foreign Affairs Minister - employment opportunities & consular assistance

- ◆ Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister - close bilateral cooperation, Malaysian advice on developing SL's digital economy
- ◆ Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation - bilateral relations
- ◆ India's External Affairs Minister - bilateral discussions
- ◆ New Zealand's Minister for Foreign Affairs & Local Government - bilateral discussions

30.06.2022: **Qatar** - SL lifted a ban it had imposed upon Qatar's "Pearl of Unity" charity organisation to strengthen weakening bilateral relations and the possibility to obtain a fuel credit line. According to Economy Next, a ban had been imposed upon the organisation on the basis of allegations that they were funding Islamic terrorism with Hejaz Hizbullah. Relations were also weak with Qatar as they had refused the country's requests to prevent the forced cremation of COVID-19 affected Muslims during SL's COVID-19 crisis.

30.06.2022: **World Bank** - Litro obtained 100,000 metric tonnes of LPG worth USD 90 million using USD 70 million funds received from the World Bank, reports Economy Next. According to SL's Prime Minister's Office, the remaining USD 20 million was contributed by Litro to finalise the payment.

30.06.2022: **IMF** - According to the Tamil Guardian, the IMF has concluded its visit to SL after ten days of discussion, vowing to continue discussions with SL but refusing to commit to a USD 3 billion bailout.

01.06.2022: **Dismissal** - The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) has dismissed SL's Agriculture Minister, Mahinda Amaraweera and Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister, Nimal Siripala de Silva from all party posts. The unanimous decision of the party's central committee is that any MP who violates this decision and takes a portfolio must be removed from all positions in the party, Economy Next reported.

07.06.2022: **Appointment** - According to Athavan News, G. Rajapaksa made two appointments.

- ◆ Professor M.S. Selvarajah - Chancellor of Eastern University
- ◆ Professor Wickrama Seneviratne - Vice Chancellor of Gampaha Wickramarachchi Indigenous Medical University

09.06.2022:
Resignation - According to Athavan News, B. Rajapaksa had announced his resignation as an SL MP during a special press conference held at the SLPP HQ and submitted his resignation to SL's Parliamentary Secretary General. It is notable that he had also withdrawn his name from the SLPP's National List.

09.06.2022: **Power projects** - According to

Economy Next, SL has passed amendments to the Electricity Law that allow power projects to be awarded without competitive bidding, in the face of opposition lawmakers and industry unions. Some members of SL's Opposition and unions have claimed that GoSL is rushing to push through the amendments as it intends to award large renewable energy contracts to India's Adani Group, which has signed an unsolicited agreement to construct a 500 MW wind power plant.

10.06.2022: **Resignation** - According to News First LK, the Chairman of Litro Gas, Vijitha Herath had made an announcement to SL media that his resignation was in effect from 10.06.2022.

10.06.2022: **Investment Promotion** - According to Economy Next, SL has



created a new Ministry of Technology and Investment Promotion under which the Immigration Department, the Board of Investment, the Colombo Port City Commission and the Industrial Parks will report. It has no permanent secretaries and both ministries and secretaries are fluid.

10.06.2022: **Gazette** - According to Virakesari, a Gazette Notification containing the powers and responsibilities of two of SL's New Ministeries had been issued by G. Rajapaksa.

- ♦ Technology & Investment Promotion
- ♦ Women, Children & Community Promotion

10.06.2022: **Resignation** - According to Economy Next, SL business tycoon Dhammika Perera has resigned from the boards of several public companies. Perera's resignation comes amid growing speculation that he will succeed former SL Finance Minister, B. Rajapaksa in SL Parliament on the national ticket of the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP). Further reports indicate that Perera assumed membership in SL's 9th Parliament. Perera takes over the seat of B. Rajapaksa, who resigned from SL Parliament on 09.06.2022.

11.06.2022: **Decentralisation** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa proposes the decentralisation of SL's main public institutions in the capital to the provinces to reduce the number of public servants coming to Colombo in response to SL's fuel and political crisis.

13.06.2022: **Resignation** - According to Economy Next, the chairman of the CEB, M.M.C. Fernando has resigned following contradictory statements about a no-bid renewable energy deal with the Adani Group.

13.06.2022: **Appointment** - Muditha Peiris was appointed as the new Chairman of Litro, reports Virakesari.

14.06.2022: **SL Constitution** - SL's Cabinet had decided to postpone the approval of the 21st Amendment to SL's Constitution, reports Virakesari.

14.06.2022: **Debt** - According to Economy Next, the financial and legal advisors, Clifford and Lazard, to help SL restructure its debt are in SL. An IMF team will also be in Colombo from 20.06.2022.

17.06.2022: **Resignation** - The Chairman of SL's Consumer Affairs Authority (CAA), Major General (Rtd) Shantha Dissanayake, has submitted his resignation on 17.06.2022, reports News First LK.

20.06.2022: **Public Sector** - SL's Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs issued a circular on 17.06.2022 deeming SL's Public Sector employees to work from home until 01.07.2022 due to SL's fuel crisis, reports News First LK.

24.06.2022: **Appointment** - According to News First LK, Dhammika Perera was sworn in as SL's Minister of Investment Promotion before G. Rajapaksa.

24.06.2022: **Land** - R. Wickremesinghe mentioned that measures were taken to legally provide land and home

ownership to SL citizens without land ownership deeds through a "Land for All" program which is to be implemented through SL's Ministry of Tourism and Lands, reports News First LK.

27.06.2022: **Inflation** - According to Athavan News, a professor from the John Hopkin University released a list of the countries with the highest inflation rate. In this list, SL was ranked in second place after Zimbabwe.

28.06.2022: **Post** - All of SL's Postal Services have been limited to three days per week, reports News First LK.

28.06.2022: **SL Parliament** - The addresses of all of SL's MPs were removed from the SL Parliament's website to reportedly protect them in the midst of SL's crisis, reports News First LK.

30.06.2022: **Appointment** - According to Virakesari, Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe had been appointed as the Governor of the CBSL by G. Rajapaksa until 2028.

30.06.2022: **Appointment** - Jayantha de Silva was appointed as the Secretary to SL's Ministry of Technology at SL's Presidential Secretariat, reports ViraGoSL.



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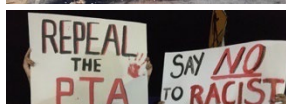
05.06.2022: **Motions** - Reports from Athavan News, indicate that two motions proposed by B. Rajapaksa during his tenure as SL's Finance Minister would be suspended by their current Ministry.

05.06.2022: **Debt** - According to R. Wickremesinghe, SL requires USD 5 billion to repay debts in 2022, reports Athavan News. According to Colombo Gazette, R. Wickremesinghe told NDTV that currently, SL has no foreign reserves at the moment.

06.06.2022: **Housing** - According to Athavan News, SL's Urban Development and Housing, Prasanna Ranatunga had submitted an SL Cabinet Paper to construct 101 new houses for members of SL's Parliament as a part of the "Vijayathpura" housing project in Pannipitiya.

06.06.2022: **Gotabaya** - According to the Tamil Guardian, G. Rajapaksa pledged not to step down from his role and said that he wouldn't cut the state's heavy military expenditure despite the economic crisis. He said during an interview with Bloomberg, 'I can't go as a failed president' and 'I have been given a mandate for five years. I will not contest again.'

07.06.2022: **Release** - Cabraal was released on personal bail of LKR 10 million by Fort Magistrate's Court in relation to allegations for the misappropriation of USD 6.5 million in Public Funds and a Criminal Breach of Trust, reports News First LK.



01.06.2022: **HRCSL** - The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) had decided to summon M. Rajapaksa to appear before them, reports News First LK.

03.06.2022: **Food Shortage** -

According to Colombo Gazette, R. Wickremesinghe has warned of a food shortage.

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07.06.2022: **Proposal** - According to Athavan News, a supplementary motion for LKR 695 billion was tabled in SL Parliament by R. Wickremesinghe to maintain essential public services without interruption.

09.06.2022: **Surrender** - SL's Court of Appeal ordered Johnston Fernando to appear before SL's Magistrate's Court before 20.00 local time, reports News First LK. Further reports indicate that, Dr P.B. Jayasundara and Ajith Nivard Cabraal were summoned to appear before SL's Parliamentary Committee on Finance's investigation into the causes of SL's crisis.

09.06.2022: **Commodities** - G. Rajapaksa has mentioned that in light of SL's current situation, necessary measures must be implemented immediately to release essential commodities without any further delays, reports Athavan News. The statement was made during a progress review discussion with SL's Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Aviation at SL's Presidential Secretariat on the morning of 09.06.2022.

09.06.2022: **Appeal** - SL's Attorney General had requested SL's Court of Appeals to dismiss a writ petition filed by Johnston Fernando to prevent his arrest, as Colombo's Fort Magistrate's Court arrest warrant issued on 08.06.2022, reports Athavan News.

09.06.2022: **Gazette** - G. Rajapaksa declared hospital and electricity services as essential services in an Extraordinary Gazette Notification, reports Athavan News.

09.06.2022: **Basil** - According to Katunayake International Airport authorities, B. Rajapaksa's wife, Pushpa Rajapaksa had left for the US via Dubai, reports Athavan News.

10.06.2022: **Oil** - According to Athavan News, nine leaders of SL's political parties requested G. Rajapaksa to immediately commence talks with Russia to purchase its oil.

13.06.2022: **Agriculture** - According to the Tamil Guardian, SL's new Commander of the Army has said that the military is prepared for an 'agricultural revolution' as he met with senior Buddhist monks who called for troops to be more involved in the cultivation process.

14.06.2022: **Social Security** - According to Virakesari, SL's Cabinet had authorised the publication of a Social Security Contribution Tax Bill in SL's State Gazette for submission to SL Parliament for approval. The tax is a new tax below 2.5% to increase total sales turnover by 120 million p.a.

- ♦ Importers
- ♦ Manufacturers
- ♦ Service providers
- ♦ Wholesalers
- ♦ Retailers

14.06.2022: **State Offices** - According to Economy Next, SL's government offices will be closed on Fridays to help state employees turn into part-time farmers and grow food in their gardens. After the government banned chemical fertilisers in 2021, there were also warnings of food shortages. Although the ban was lifted, the import of fertilisers was disrupted due

to the foreign exchange crisis. Furthermore, the import of fuel and medicines has also been hindered.

16.06.2022: **Circular** - SL's Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government issued a circular with approval from SL's Cabinet to enable a four-day work week for Public Officers. According to News First LK, the remaining day was for the officers to stay home and engage in agricultural activities. However, the circular does not apply for institutions which provide essential services such as:

- ♦ Water
- ♦ Electricity
- ♦ Health
- ♦ Defence
- ♦ Education
- ♦ Transport
- ♦ Ports
- ♦ Airports

17.06.2022: **Meeting** - R. Wickremesinghe held a special meeting with SL's ruling and opposition parties to discuss solutions to SL's current crisis, reports Virakesari.

17.06.2022: **Coordination** - According to Economy Next, Maithripala Sirisena has said that G. Rajapaksa and Ranil Wickremesinghe have no real working partnership. There would be a clear lack of coordination between them.

18.06.2022: **Fuel** - According to SL's All-island Petroleum Private Tanker Owners Association, only 30% of tanker capacity has been utilised for fuel distribution in SL, reports News First LK.

18.06.2022: **Appointment** - G. Rajapaksa issued an Extraordinary Gazette notification to appoint two secretaries to SL's ministries, reports News First LK.

- ♦ H.K.W.M.N.B. Hapuhinna - Women, Child Affairs & Social Empowerment
- ♦ Jayantha de Silva - Technology and Investment Promotion

20.06.2022: **Paper** - According to SL's Education Ministry, plans had been established to import paper required to print School Text Books under India's Credit Line to meet basic requirements in SL's school system, reports News First LK.

20.06.2022: **Case** - Transparency International and War had filed a fundamental rights petition in SL's High Court to seek action against 13 individuals responsible for SL's crises, reports Athavan News.

- ♦ M. Rajapaksa
- ♦ B. Rajapaksa
- ♦ Ajith Nivard Cabraal
- ♦ S.R. Attygalle
- ♦ R. Wickremesinghe
- ♦ G. Rajapaksa

21.06.2022: **SL Constitution** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet had approved a draft of the 22nd Amendment to SL's Constitution which has previously been referred to as the 21st Amendment thus far.

21.06.2022: **Gazette** - An Extraordinary Gazette notification was issued by G. Rajapaksa on 20.06.2022 to be in effect from 22.06.2022 deeming SL Armed Forces responsible for maintaining public

peace across all districts in SL and their adjoining coasts, reports Athavan News.

21.06.2022: **Gazette** - A special gazette notification was issued to transform the supply of petroleum products and fuel into an essential service on 20.06.2022, reports Athavan News.

22.06.2022: **Bail** - Johnston Fernando was released on bail as no action to cancel the bail under Section 14 of SL's Bail Act, reports Virakesari.

23.06.2022: **Allowance** - According to Athavan News, SL's Women, Children's Affairs and Social Development Ministry mentioned that from June 2022 an allowance of LKR 5,000 would be provided to 330,000 families.

24.06.2022: **Committee** - According to News First LK, SL's Probe into the Black Monday riots obtained a statement from Shavendra Silva and 40 others of SL's security forces.

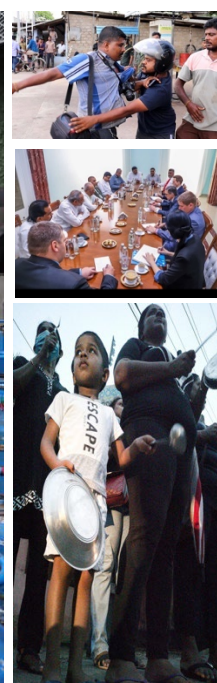
26.06.2022: **Imports** - SL lifted a ban on open account food imports on 10 essential goods, reports Economy Next.

26.06.2022: **Public Sector** - SL's Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government issued a statement informing the public that only minimum essential staff will be asked to work until further notice. The Colombo Gazette reported the decision was implemented following lack of transport accessibilities due to the ongoing crisis.

27.06.2022: **Fuel** - SL's COPA had instructed SL's Ministry of Power and Energy to make detailed preparations to engage in excavations and fuel exploration across SL to obtain gas and crude oil, reports News First LK.

29.06.2022: **Committee** - SL's Cabinet had received a Cabinet Paper Submission for the appointment of a Food Security Committee to review the stocks of food available in SL's market, reports News First LK.

30.06.2022: **Services** - According to Economy Next, the Consular Division of SL's Foreign Ministry had restricted its services to three days per week until 10.07.2022.



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03.06.2022: **PMD** - According to Economy Next, SL's protesters, who have been demanding G. Rajapaksa's resignation for 55 days, have denied claims by the SL President's Media Division (PMD) that they have held talks with Rajapaksa. They do not want to have any discussion with G. Rajapaksa and only want him to be sent home. This, they said, is the name of their movement "Gota Go Gama" (GGG).

05.06.2022: **Black Monday** - According to SL's Police, 2,400 individuals had been arrested thus far in relation to the Black Monday attacks of 09.05.2022, reports Athavan News.

06.06.2022: **Protest** - A demonstration was staged opposite the SL Prime Minister's Office demanding the protection and

stabilisation of SL-Russia relations. According to Athavan News, the demonstration was incited by the Aeroflot incident.

07.06.2022: **Deployment** - G. Rajapaksa has ordered the deployment of SL's armed forces across SL to the 40th power of Section 12 of SL's Public Security Act, reports Athavan News.

08.06.2022: **Arrest** - According to Athavan News, Colombo's Fort Magistrate had issued an arrest warrant to arrest Johnston Fernando in relation to the Black Monday attacks.

08.06.2022: **Strike** - According to Economy Next, the Ceylon Electricity Board Engineers Union (CEBEU) in SL will go on strike for the first time since 1996.

This is due to a proposed fraudulent amendment to SL's Electricity Act, which seeks to completely abolish the tendering process for the procurement of electricity from the private sector, which under the existing law ensures the lowest cost.

09.06.2022: **Protest** - A protest demanding the arrest of those involved in the Black Monday attacks of 09.05.2022 was held at SL's Fort Police HQ, causing SL Police to fire tear gas at the protestors, reports Athavan News. According to a Twitter thread by Amalini, protestors who were injured on 09.05.22 had rejoined the protests for the first time with bandages. Tear gas was fired at the protestors who were shaking and climbing on top of barricades opposite the Police HQ. Multiple rounds of tear gas were fired at protestors which they threw back at SL's Police - one such can landed at the entrance of SL's CID building which was manned by SL Police. Protestors soon returned to Galle Face following the incident to continue their protests.

09.06.2022: **CEB** - According to Athavan News, President of the Ceylon Electricity Board Engineers' Association, Anil Ranjith Induwara and the Association's Secretary have been banned from participating in trade union actions for 14 days by an injunction by the Colombo District Judge following a petition filed by the CEB.

10.06.2022: **Tear Gas** - The SL Police fired tear gas at a protest opposite SL's Education Ministry by the Inter University Students' Federation, reports News First LK.

12.06.2022: **Protest** - A protest was held opposite the residence of Dhammika Perera who was recently named as a National List MP of the SLPP, reports News First LK.

15.06.2022: **Demonstration** - A demonstration was staged in Dehiwala demanding fuel supply with heavy traffic congestion caused on both sides of the Colombo-Galle Road, reports Virakesari.

16.06.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, 3 individuals involved in a demonstration held opposite a petrol station in Batticaloa were arrested by occupational Batticaloa Police.

16.06.2022: **Adani** - A protest was staged by the public against the contract formed with India's Adani Group in relation to a 500 MW Wind Power Project, reports Virakesari.

17.06.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged in Hutton on 16.06.2022 in light of International Domestic Workers' Day demanding workers' rights amidst the SL Crisis, reports Virakesari.

17.06.2022: **Protest** - Locals waiting in long queues for petrol from early hours had commenced a demonstration on Nuwara Eliya Badulla Street before the petrol station, reports Virakesari.

18.06.2022: **Crime** - According to News First LK, SL Police claimed that crime rates had increased in Galle Face due to the presence of protestors.

18.06.2022: **Athurugiriya** - SL Police arrested 9 individuals for alleged links to a clash that occurred at an Athurugiriya

petrol station on 18.06.2022 where SL Police were allegedly attacked by angry mobs, reports News First LK.

18.06.2022: **Human Chain** - According to News First LK, many protestors formed a human chain from the Temple Trees to GGG to demand the immediate resignation of G. Rajapaksa and his government.

18.06.2022: **Discontent** - SL Minister Mahindha Amaraweera was forced to leave his visit to Tissamaharama after protestors and angry farmers demonstrated against his visit to the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat for an agricultural program, reports News First LK.

18.06.2022: **Shooting** - According to Tamil Guardian, the occupational SL Army opened fire at a petrol station in Visuvamadu where locals were queuing for fuel. At least two Tamils were reported to have been injured by the attack. SL soldiers blamed the attack at the petrol station at Visuvamadu on a 'drunk' mob whilst Tamils injured after the shots were fired are still receiving treatment.

20.06.2022: **Arrest** - According to Economy Next, 19 demonstrators gathered at GGG protests opposite SL's Presidential Secretariat were arrested by SL Police on G. Rajapaksa's Birthday.

20.06.2022: **Arrest** - 21 individuals were arrested by SL Police for protesting near SL's Presidential Secretariat for obstructing gates leading to the office from Lotus Road on the night of 19.06.2022 and setting up 2 tents at the gates to prevent employees from

entering. According to News First LK, SL Police had arrested them on 20.06.2022 as GGG protestors obstructed all entrances to SL's President's Office.

20.06.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the All University Students' Union staged a demonstration in Colombo on the morning of 20.06.2022 in a rally from the Lipton area of Colombo towards Colombo Fort Railway Station.

20.06.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, teachers from Jaffna engaged in marking GCSE Ordinary Level answer sheets conducted a protest demanding fuel opposite the Jaffna Hindu Women's College.

20.06.2022: **Arrest** - According to Athavan News, 21 individuals who were arrested during a protest opposite the Presidential Secretariat were released on personal bail at LKR 5 lakhs each by the Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court.

20.06.2022: **Visuvamadu** - TNA MP Sivagnanam Sreedharan met the youth who were attacked by occupational SL Army officers at the Visuvamadu Petrol Station on 18.06.2022, reports Athavan News.

20.06.2022: **Rally** - Batticaloa Teaching Hospital staff engaged in a rally to demand fuel from the hospital to the Batticaloa District Secretariat, reports Athavan News.

21.06.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, Land Day protests were held in Hutton with participation of the Hill Country locals calling for "Land for the Landless." A rally was conducted by the

Movement for Plantation People's Land Rights (MPPLR) between the Hutton Jasmine Junction and Jutton Sharda Cultural Hall.

21.06.2022: **Complaint** - A complaint had been lodged against Prasanna Ranatunga at SL Police-HQ by the "Resurrection - People of Justice" Organisation for his remarks that Buddhist temples and Christian churches were responsible for the Black Monday riots of 09.05.2022 where the places of worship had rung bells to mobilise the masses, reports Athavan News.

22.06.2022: **Protest** - Over 200 workers from the Torrington Estate in Akkarapaththana protested opposite the local community centre alleging that relief supplies provided by the Tamil Nadu government were being misappropriated and redistributed illegally, reports Virakesari.

22.06.2022: **Order** - An interim injunction imposed on the CEB Engineers' Association preventing them from engaging in any trade union actions had been extended by the Colombo District Court Judge until 06.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

23.06.2022: **Force** - According to News First LK, all of SL's Senior DIGs had been instructed to use minimum force if a situation arises where SL Police had difficulty controlling discontent public waiting in queues near filling stations.

23.06.2022: **Demonstration** - A demonstration was staged opposite the UN Office in Colombo against the arrest of seven of nine protestors who were

recently ordered to surrender by the Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court, reports Virakesari.

24.06.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, private bus owners, conductors and drivers staged a protest in Paruthithurai. They pushed their buses from the bus station to the Point Pedro Predesiyasabhai. They accused that the Paruthithurai Street fuel station is selling the diesel in the night at black and also is not distributing the fuel properly to private buses.

25.06.2022: **Protest** - Kilinochchi's District Health Workers staged a protest against the Kilinochchi Regional Director of Health Services, reports Virakesari.

26.06.2022: **Trial** - In a letter to SL's Attorney General, a request was made to appoint a special Trial-at-Bar to probe into SL's recent riots including Amarakeerthi Athukorala, reports News First LK.

27.06.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, principals and teachers held a protest in Oddamavadi to demand petrol.

27.06.2022: **Strike** - The SLTB's Vavuniya workers' had staged a strike demanding petrol, reports Virakesari.

28.06.2022: **HRCSL** - The HRCSL advised SL's Attorney General in a published statement to investigate and file criminal proceedings against SSP K.B. Keerthiratne regarding the Rambukkana Shooting, reports News First LK.

29.06.2022: **Strike** - 100 health workers engaged in a strike opposite the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital in protest of a lack of access to sign a credit book at the hospital's administration, reports Virakesari.

29.06.2022: **Strike** - According to News First LK, SL's midwives had decided to engage in a trade union action with various demands including transport allowances.

30.06.2022: **Petition** - According to Virakesari, Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith Andagai filed a writ petition with SL's Court of Appeal against SL's Inspector General of Police and

Secretary of their Ministry of Public Safety on 27.06.2022.

30.06.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, an individual was arrested by occupational SL Police for allegedly attempting to attack an occupational SL Army officer near Vavuniya petrol station on 29.06.2022.

30.06.2022: **Fuel** - According to News First LK, SL Army officers intervened to disperse a protest which was staged in Kanthale demanding fuel distribution and mentioned, "Diesel should be supplied to people in all parts of SL, and not just for those in Kantale."

International News

02.06.2022: **Diplomatic Corps** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL officials have briefed the diplomatic Corps in Colombo. The corps was briefed about the current crisis and the 21st amendment to SL's Constitution.

04.06.2022: **Russia** - Russia's Aeroflot has decided to suspend flights to SL following the detention of an Aeroflot Airbus A330 in Katunayake Airport as of 04.06.2022, reports Athavan News. Further reports indicate that the Colombo Commercial High Court issued an injunction restraining the Aeroflot flight from leaving SL, reports Athavan News. The flight which was detained at the Katunayake Airport departed for Moscow on the evening of 06.06.2022 following the

removal of a restriction order composed on the departure of the aircraft from SL, reports Athavan News.

17.06.2022: **Travel ban** - The former Finance Minister of Maldives who had a travel ban imposed against him for alleged links to the sale of a 15-year-old girl on a website has had the travel ban lifted by an order issued by Colombo's Judge, Gomindhya Perero on 16.06.2022, reports Virakesari.

21.06.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Virakesari, M.K. Stalin posted on his social media page on the eve of World Refugee Day that the Tamil Nadu government is committed to improve the lives of Eelam Tamils who had sought

refuge in Tamil Nadu with steps in place to rename the Refugee Camp to the "Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camp."

21.06.2022: **CHOGM** - Peiris is set to represent G. Rajapaksa at the CHOGM meeting which is to be held at Kigali, Rwanda on the theme of "Providing a Common Future: Incorporation, Innovation and Transformation," reports Virakesari.

24.06.2022: **LTTE** - According to the Tamil Guardian, four Tamils in Germany confessed to fundraising for the LTTE and a court has imposed suspended sentences. Dusseldorf Higher Regional Court imposed sentences of between one year and one year and nine months.

28.06.2022: **Ethiopia** - The UNHRC President announced that Radhika Coomarasamy had been appointed as a member of the International Human Rights Group on Ethiopia which was formed on 17.12.2021 to investigate international human rights violations, humanitarian and refugee violations which had occurred in Ethiopia since November 2020, reports Virakesari.

29.06.2022: **Canada** - According to Virakesari, the Ontario High Court approved the Tamil Genocide Awareness Week Bill 104, despite GoSL dissatisfaction and three lawsuits filed by three SL diaspora organisations.

Bilateral Discussions

05.06.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's High Commissioner to India, Milinda Moragoda, has invited Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister to SL.

08.06.2022: **UAE** - Kanchana Wijesekara visited the Ambassador of the UAE to SL to discuss issues of mutual interest, reports Virakesari.

09.06.2022: **Meeting** - G. Rajapaksa met with various foreign diplomats to discuss SL's current crises, reports News First LK. High Commissioners and Ambassadors from the following countries met G. Rajapaksa:

- ♦ Middle East
- ♦ China

♦ India

10.06.2022: **Myanmar** - According to the Tamil Guardian, SL has strengthened its diplomatic ties with Myanmar's junta, with the SL Ambassador presenting credentials that were accepted by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

10.06.2022: **Singapore** - According to News First LK, Peiris had sought assistance from Singapore during his official visit to Singapore between 08.06.2022-09.06.2022. Assistance sought to:

- ♦ Bridge financing
- ♦ Increase Foreign Direct Investments (FDI)

- ◆ Increase opportunities for SL exports to Singapore

11.06.2022: **China** - According to Virakeari, the Chinese Ambassador to SL met Maithripala Sirisena on 10.06.2022 at Sirisena's residence. Intent to strengthen diplomatic relations between SL and China was discussed alongside China's commitment to assist SL in combatting its crisis.

12.06.2022: **Australia** - Peiris met Australia's Minister of Defence, Dr. Richard Marles discussed a hold to further enhance relations between SL and Australia, reports Virakesari. Areas for Australia to provide further assistance to SL were also discussed.

Areas of discussion:

- ◆ Anti-kidnapping
- ◆ Immigration
- ◆ Border administration cooperation
- ◆ Greater opportunities for SL students
- ◆ Enhanced cooperation in international organisations - ASEAN Regional Forum, Policy Process, Commonwealth, Indian Ocean Margins Association

13.06.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, a special meeting between US Ambassador to SL, Julie Chung and Chinese Ambassador to SL, Qi Chen Hong was held at the Chinese Embassy in Colombo on 13.06.2022 to note mutual support for SL's efforts to ensure political and economic stability in light of its current crisis.

14.06.2022: **US** - The US and SL signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement a USD 27 million project with the aim of doubling the milk

production rates of SL dairy farmers participating in the US Department of Agriculture's food initiative which was launched in collaboration with GoSL in 2017 benefiting 25,000 dairy farmers through increasing milk production by an average of 68%, reports Virakesari.

16.06.2022: **Japan** - Peiris met with multiple foreign diplomats on the sidelines of the 50th session of the UNHRC in Geneva where a commitment to relations with Japan was indicated during a bilateral meeting with Myake Shingo and other Japanese officials, reports News First LK.

- ◆ Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs - Japan
- ◆ Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs - UK
- ◆ Ambassadors/Permanent Representatives of
 - ◆ US
 - ◆ Canada
 - ◆ India
 - ◆ France

16.06.2022: **UN** - UNHRC President and Argentina's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva, Federico Villegas was briefed by Peiris in a meeting in Geneva on 14.06.2022.

- ◆ PTA
- ◆ 21st Amendment to SL's Constitution
- ◆ National Unity & Reconciliation Office
- ◆ OMP
- ◆ Compensation Office

16.06.2022: **Saudi Arabia** - SL's Tourism Minister, Nazir Ahmed met Saudi Arabia's Acting Ambassador to SL in a series of

talks with Arabian countries which are set to commence, reports Virakesari.

16.06.2022: **Japan** - SL is seeking to restore broken relations with Japan after SL unilaterally cancelled a USD 1.5 billion Light Rail Transit (LRT) project and an Eastern Container Terminal (ECT). Peiris said in a meeting with Miyake Shingo, Japan's parliamentary vice minister for foreign affairs, that "relations with Japan are vital for SL."

17.06.2022: **New Zealand** - The Eastern Provincial Councillor, Anuradha Yahampath met New Zealand's Ambassador, Michael Appleton to submit a report on new investment opportunities, reports Virakesari.

17.06.2022: **Japan** - According to Virakesari, Peiris and Japan's Ambassador to SL held a meeting to discuss SL's current crisis. The current status of SL at the UN was also discussed during the meeting.

17.06.2022: **South Korea** - According to Virakesari, the South Korean Ambassador to SL expressed the South Korean government's commitment to seek a solution for SL's current crisis situation. The assurance was made during a meeting between the Ambassador and G. Rajapaksa.

19.06.2022: **UN** - Peiris met with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet in a side meeting at the 50th session of the UNHRC and assured the Commissioner of SL's attempts to engage with international systems in a transparent manner whilst outlining the supposed results achieved

through local justice mechanisms, reports News First LK.

20.06.2022: **IMF** - According to News First LK, the IMF Delegation to SL commenced their talks with R. Wickremesinghe at SL's Prime Minister's Office.

21.06.2022: **Maldives** - A special meeting was held between the President of Maldives and Current Speaker, Mohamed Nasheed and the Deputy Leader of SL's UNP, Ruwak Wijewardene to discuss mutual areas for future progress, reports Virakesari.

25.06.2022: **US** - SL's Ambassador to the US, Mahinda Samarasinghe met Joe Biden at the Oval Office on 13.06.2022, reports News First LK.

27.06.2022: **Russia** - Russia's Ambassador to SL, Yuri Materiy met with G. Rajapaksa to discuss various issues, reports News First LK.

- ◆ Fuel
- ◆ Gas
- ◆ Coal
- ◆ Aviation
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Trade
- ◆ Tea
- ◆ Fertiliser

29.06.2022: **Japan** - According to Virakesari, Manivannan met the Japanese Ambassador to SL at the Jaffna Municipal Council where mementos were exchanged and the current situation were discussed - especially the development of Jaffna through assistance. Further reports indicate that the Ambassador had also

met with TNA representatives on 28.06.2022.

29.06.2022: **Malaysia** - The Malaysian High Commissioner to SL met with SL's Minister of Justice, Prisons Operations and Constitutional Reforms at SL's Ministry of Justice to discuss bilateral market and diplomatic relations, reports Virakesari.

30.06.2022: **Japan** - The Japanese Ambassador to SL, Hideki visited the Jaffna Public Library on 29.06.2022 with

Manivannan and other local officials who contextualised the historical significance of the library, reports Virakesari.

30.06.2022: **Japan** - Douglas Devananda met with Hideki and updated him on their maritime activities. According to Virakesari, Devananda had mentioned that Japan's technical expertise and assistance in the area would be beneficial for locals.

Military News

05.06.2022: **RIMPAC** - According to News First LK, an SLN contingent of 50 SL Navy Personnel is scheduled to participate in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2022 which is hosted by the US Pacific Fleet in Hawaii. Reports indicate that they will partner with the Australian crew of HMAS Canberra for a two-week acclimatisation programme in Australia before leaving to the Hawaiian Islands aboard HMAS Canberra for RIMPAC 2022 between June-July 2022.

07.06.2022: **US** - According to News First LK, the US, SLN, SL Coast Guard and 12 SL agencies coordinated a US-funded 5-day Oil Spill Response Workshop and Exercise to strengthen SL's crisis-response.

07.06.2022: **Jubilee** - SL's genocidal tri-forces were given a platform during the colonial ceremony of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, reports Colombo Page. The military attended the parade upon invitation by the Government of the

United Kingdom. According to Economy Next, the SL military visited the SL High Commission and met with High Commissioner, Saroja Sirisena following the pageant.

07.06.2022: **Pakistan** - Pakistan's National Defence University Delegation (NDU) called on K. Gunaratne at SL's Defence HQ Complex on 06.06.2022 to hold cordial discussions, reports News First LK.

08.06.2022: **Detainment** - SL's Navy prevents the plight of economic refugees out of SL, reports Colombo Gazette. Accordingly, 91 individuals were detained in two operations carried out by the SL Navy where individuals from Jaffna, Trincomalee, Mullaitivu and Marawila attempted to flee - children were amongst those detained.

09.06.2022: **Army** - The newly-appointed Commander of the SL Army, Lt. General HLVM Liyanage met with the SLAF

Commander, Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana on the morning of 09.06.2022 where official plaques were exchanged, reports News First LK.

10.06.2022: **Police** - A guard of honour was presented by SL Police and STF officers when Lt. General Vikum Liyanage, the Commander of the SL Army made his first visit to SL's HQ on the morning of 10.06.2022 following his assumption of duties at the SL Army HQ, reports News First LK.

12.06.2022: **Appointment** - Major General Chandana Wijayasundara assumed duties as the 28th SL Commander of the occupational Jaffna Security Forces' Headquarters on 12.06.2022, reports Virakesari.

17.06.2022: **Army** - According to News First LK, the SL Army had established a Green Agriculture Steering Committee of the Army (GASC) on 16.06.2022 to promote SL's food security program through the cultivation of 1,500 acres of barren or abandoned state lands across SL.

22.06.2022: **Appointment** - According to News First LK, G. Rajapaksa appointed Rear Admiral Upul de Silva as the Chief of Staff of the SLN to come into effect from 21.06.2022 - the appointment letter was presented to de Silva by Nishantha Ulugetenne. Earlier reports indicate that Rear Admiral YN Jayarathne had retired from the same position and naval service as of 21.06.2022, thus causing the appointment.

22.06.2022: **Death** - An occupational SL Army soldier was killed when he was run over whilst attempting to cross a road in the Erapperiyakulam area of Vavuniya on the evening of 21.06.2022, reports Virakesari.

24.06.2022: **Appointment** - According to News First LK, the Rear Admiral Prasad Kariyapperuma assumed command as SL's Southeastern Naval Command at SL's Command HQ.

26.06.2022: **Asylum** - According to SL Police, a total of 399 individuals had been arrested by SL Police and Navy in 2022 for attempting to illegally migrate to Australia, reports News First LK.

Winning Hearts and Minds (WHAM)

Winning Hearts and Minds is a Counter Insurgency (COIN) method utilised by SL's genocidal forces to cause a shift in civil-military distrust to neutralise any resistance.

09.06.2022: **Pilgrimage** - According to Athavan News, the occupational SL Army officers of the 552nd Brigade of Iyakkachchi had provided accommodation for 53 devotees

engaged in a pilgrimage from Selva Sannathi temple to Katirkaamam. They were provided accommodation at the occupational Army's HQ. It is notable that such activities are a component of

enhancing civil-military trust as a form of WHAM.

15.06.2022: **Militarisation** - G. Rajapaksa announced during a meeting at his home in Colombo that all public services at district and divisional levels will be decentralised adding, SL's armed forces will be deployed for cultivation duties, reports Colombo Gazette.

19.06.2022: **Rations** - Occupational SL Army Women assisted elderly women, pregnant mothers and young mothers alongside differently abled individuals through the provision of dry rations to them in a compassion relief program conducted under the 653rd Vavuniya

Division Brigadier Commander, Namal Seravinga. According to Virakesari, relief was provided to 1,500 families in Vavuniya and Mannar under the theme of "Love Without Borders through the combined efforts of the following organisations:

- ♦ Tan Ngak Buay & Kee Meng Lang Foundation Ltd - Singapore
- ♦ Thalagala Sri Sridhartha Foundation

27.06.2022: **Blood** - According to News First LK, over 65 occupational SLA troops of the 57th Division operating under the occupational Mullaitivu HQ donated blood to Kilinochchi Hospital during a blood donation program organised by Mas Intimates (Pvt) Ltd in Kilinochchi.

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

06.06.2022: **Inauguration** - The Federation of All Ceylon Working Communities had been inaugurated in Jaffna on 06.06.2022 with the theme of "the journey to win the right to peace, co-existence and self-determination."

06.06.2022: **Investments** - According to an address made by the Deputy Ambassador of India, Rakesh Natraj Jayabaskaran at the Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat, the people of the Northern Province would benefit from Indian investments under the theme of "Atchayapatra Aid" including the provision of employment opportunities, reports Athavan News.

08.06.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Athavan News, dry food rations were donated by the Tamil Nadu government at the Kattankudi Divisional Secretariat on 07.06.2022.

09.06.2022: **India** - Jaffna's Deputy Ambassador to India, M. Nataraj visited Batticaloa on 08.06.2022 visited the Swami Vibulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the Eastern University on 09.06.2022, reports Athavan News and mentioned that the Indian Government provides assistance to the people of SL equally and they did not see any division.

12.06.2022: **School** - According to News First LK, SL's Minister of Education, Dr. Susil Premajayantha mentioned that a survey indicated that attendance rates to schools were the highest in the occupied Tamil Homeland.

13.06.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Athavan News, SL's Fisheries' Minister, Douglas Devananda mentioned that the SL Cabinet had approved two connectivity projects. One would connect Jaffna with Pondicherry via sea and the other one would be the flight service between Palaly and Thiruchchi. According to News First LK, the ferry service is an opportunity to retrieve essential items such as:

- ◆ Kerosene
- ◆ Diesel
- ◆ Fertiliser
- ◆ Milk powder
- ◆ Medicines

14.06.2022: **Release** - According to Virakesari, SL's Justice Minister, Vijayadasa Rajapaksa had announced that R. Wikremesinghe had decided to release 173 prisoners from prisons in SL on 14.06.2022 in a general amnesty. 4 inmates from Batticaloa prison, 7 inmates from Jaffna prison and 6 inmates from Vavuniya prison were released across the Tamil homeland on this basis.

- ◆ 141 prisoners - revocation of sentence
- ◆ 32 prisoners - reduction of sentence

14.06.2022: **Airport** - R. Wickremesinghe advised SL authorities to take necessary measures to resume operations at Palaly Airport to attract Indian tourists in a meeting which occurred at SL's Prime Minister's Office on 14.06.2022, reports

Virakesari. Reports from Athavan News indicate that services are to commence from 01.07.2022.

16.06.2022: **Transport** - According to Virakesari, a special train service between Jaffna-Colombo is to commence its services from 17.06.2022.

16.06.2022: **Training** - A workshop was held at a beachside resort in Kattankudi by the Centre for Communication Training on the theme of, "Addressing Preventing Violent Extremism in Sri Lanka by capacitating Civil Society Organisation" on 15.06.2022, reports Virakesari. The training is being conducted with the guidance of SL's National Peace Council, voluntary organisations such as Swiss-based Helvetas SL and the EU. Further reports indicate that such capacity building attempts included a total of 1,000,000 individuals and is being conducted across:

- ◆ Batticaloa
- ◆ Mannar
- ◆ Vavuniya
- ◆ Amparai
- ◆ Kandy
- ◆ Kurunakal

Death

04.06.2022: **Suicide** - A 22-year-old SL Army officer who had been assigned as the bodyguard of M.A. Sumanthiran had completed suicide and his body was found at Sumanthiran's residence after shooting himself with a T-56 rifle, reports Athavan News.

10.06.2022: **Body** - The body of a 30-year-old woman whose husband and two children had been residing in

London since December 2021 had been recovered from a well in Vavuniya around 19.45 local time, reports Virakesari.

12.06.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the body of a man with foot injuries was recovered on the night of 11.06.2022 on Basar Road in Vavuniya.

12.06.2022: **Body** - The body of a man was recovered on 12.06.2022 from a small waterlogged area near the Pattiruppu bridge on Kaluwanchikudi-Wellaveli Road, reports Virakesari.

12.06.2022: **Murder** - According to Virakesari, 40-year-old Alagappan Amirthalingam was found hacked to death by unidentified individuals from the Mallavi Palinaragar area of Mullaitivu on the night of 11.06.2022 with the body placed at Mallavi Base Hospital and is to be sent to Mullaitivu Manjola District Hospital for an autopsy.

13.06.2022: **Body** - The body of Rajamanillam Vasanthini was found hanging from a sari on a roof pole at the entrance of a house in the High Forest No.1 estate on 12.06.2022 in Kandapalai, reports Virakesari.

15.06.2022: **Death** - According to occupational Valaichenai Police, 51-year-old Ahmed Usanar Latdeepa Umma from Kawattamunai Thuraiyadi Road was electrocuted around 05.30 local time on 15.06.2022 with preliminary investigations revealing that the death was caused due to an electrical leakage, reports Virakesari.

15.06.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, an individual was killed in a road accident in Kodikaamam, Jaffna when a car and bicycle collided near the Kodikaamam Koilamanai Junction on the Jaffna-Kandy Highway on the evening of 14.06.2022.

15.06.2022: **Death** - According to occupational Talawakkala Police, 34-year-old Sellathurai Manimaran from Chris Westom Scalpa Estate was killed on the evening of 14.06.2022 when a tree fell onto him, reports Virakesari.

19.06.2022: **Murder** - Five suspects surrendered to the occupational Mannar Police Station on 18.06.2022 in relation to the murder of two family members in Nochchikulam, Mannar which occurred on 10.06.2022, reports Virakesari.

19.06.2022: **Human remains** - According to Virakesari, skeletal human remains were found in the Mamadu Forest Area in Vavuniya where it is predicted that the remains could be those of 29-year-old Danuska Amaradasa of the Mamadu area who was deemed missing.

20.06.2022: **Murder** - The body of a man who was rescued from a residence in the Keerimalai area of Kankesanthurai on 19.06.2022 was found to be strangled to death, reports Athavan News.

22.06.2022: **Corpse** - According to Virakesari, occupational Nelukkulam Police had recovered the body of 50-year-old Alagarsamy Vijayakumar from a well opposite the Veppankulam

Pathirakali Amman Temple in Vavuniya with investigations underway into his cause of death.

22.06.2022: **Body** - The body of an unidentified individual had been recovered from a ditch behind the Fort Muneeswaran Temple in Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

23.06.2022: **Accident** - 42-year-old Balakrishnan was killed in a collision with a car travelling towards Vavuniya from Omanthai and his brother-in-law was admitted to Vavuniya General Hospital after sustaining injuries, reports Virakesari.

29.06.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the body of 38-year-old Mookkan Sajeevan from Maharambaikulam, Vavuniya was recovered and sent to Vavuniya District General Hospital for an autopsy after a complaint was filed by his relatives at the occupational Vavuniya Police Station on 27.06.2022 that he was deemed missing from 25.06.2022.

30.06.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, occupational Kilinochchi Police had recovered the body of 19-year-old Raghu from a ditch in Ambalkulam with further investigations into his death underway.

20.06.2022: **Donation** - According to Athavan News, youth involved in the GGG protests visited Kilinochchi to donate learning equipment to school children in an event organised by the Kilinochchi Progressive Thinking Youth.

Crime

03.06.2022: **Missing girl** - According to Athavan News, a 15-year-old girl from Velanai went missing in Jaffna.

06.06.2022: **Arrest** - Occupational Jaffna Police arrested a 26-year-old man from Chavakachcheri on 04.06.2022 in relation to the stabbing of a 42-year-old woman in Mirusuvil in 2020, reports Athavan News.

07.06.2022: **Missing** - According to Athavan News, a complaint had been lodged at the occupational Akkarapathana Police Station that two young women who had gone in search of firewood had not been seen since 01.06.2022.

- ◆ 15-year-old Sivakumar Rubika
- ◆ 18-year-old Sivalingam Sridevi

09.06.2022: **Sword** - According to Athavan News, occupational Batticaloa Police had arrested four individuals for stabbing a man on a bicycle in the Puttur area on 20.05.2022 with swords in relation to an old feud. Suspects arrested were of ages:

- ◆ 22
- ◆ 35
- ◆ 40
- ◆ 45

09.06.2022: **Scuffle** - According to Athavan News, 31-year-old Kamalanathan Thajeevan was killed in a group scuffle in Mallavi-Thunukkai of Mullaitivu following a party involving alcohol consumption. Four other individuals were injured and admitted to Mallavi Hospital for treatment before being transferred to Kilinochchi Hospital

for further treatment. Further investigations are underway.

10.06.2022: **Treasure** - According to Virakesari, the occupational Jaffna District Crime Prevention Police had arrested seven individuals for allegedly attempting to dig gold buried at a residence in Kopay, Jaffna. The homeowner and six individuals from Southern SL were arrested. It is notable that large amounts of bounty were also seized:

- ◆ Gold worth LKR crores
- ◆ Non-electrical detonators
- ◆ Electrical detonators
- ◆ Urea/urea gel
- ◆ Concrete equipment

12.06.2022: **Robbery** - Three individuals were injured in a masked gang attack in Jaffna where gold jewellery was robbed from Paruthithurai on 12.06.2022, reports Virakesari.

14.06.2022: **Kidnapping** - Occupational Vavuniya Poovarasankulam Police arrested four individuals on 13.06.2022 for the abduction of a 55-year-old woman from Varikuttiyoor to be produced before Vavuniya Magistrate's Court, reports Virakesari. Suspects aged between 26-49 had threatened to kill the daughter of the abductee if a ransom of LKR 500,000 was not paid.

14.06.2022: **Robbery** - According to Virakesari, gold jewellery was stolen from a doctor's residence in Kondavil, Jaffna on the evening of 13.06.2022.

17.06.2022: **Arrest** - 3 individuals involved in a break and entry in

Paruthithurai on the night of 16.06.2022 where 6 individuals were wounded with swords and 12 pounds of gold jewellery were arrested by occupational SL Police, reports Virakesari.

18.06.2022: **Robbery** - Occupational Kalviyankadu Police arrested two men for stealing gold jewellery from a couple travelling on a motorcycle from Vavuniya along the Kalviyankadu-Chemmani, Adiyapatham Road, reports Athavan News.

21.06.2022: **Arrest** - Occupational SL Police have arrested 12 individuals when they raided a residence in the Uththumadu Pavakkodisenai area on 20.06.2022 to arrest a chewing gum dealer. According to Virakesari, they were arrested after the group injured the occupational Vavunithivu Police.

22.06.2022: **Attack** - According to Virakesari, a gang trespassed into a residence in the Dharmapuram area of Kilinochchi and damaged it including the main gate. It is notable that an arson attempt on the house was also made.

22.06.2022: **Corruption** - According to SL's Anti-Bribery Commission, two individuals including the brother of a former SL minister and development officer were arrested at a hotel on 21.06.2022 for accepting a bribe worth LKR 15 lakhs from a land owner in Vantharumoolai, Batticaloa, for a land permit reports Virakesari.

28.06.2022: **Abduction** - Two youths were arrested by occupational police

in relation to the abduction of a girl in Jaffna on 24.06.2022, reports Virakesari.

22.06.2022: **Explosives** - According to Virakesari, two individuals were arrested by SL's STF based on suspicions of the possession of explosives in the Jaffna and Bulloppalai areas with the intention of collecting ammunition from mortar shells and RPG bombs.

24.06.2022: **Newspapers** - According to Athavan News, printing and distributing newspapers has become progressively difficult in Jaffna. Three papers are based in Jaffna with printing issues. Despite several meetings, no solution was found for the problems.

26.06.2022: **Visit** - SL's Minister of Justice, Prison Services and Constitutional Reform, Dr. Vijayadasa Rajapaksa visited Jaffna to meet and hold discussions with the relatives of those subject to enforced disappearances at the OMP, where he is reported to have mentioned that due justice would be provided to the relatives, reports Virakesari.

Contraband

04.06.2022: **Cannabis** - According to Athavan News, an individual had been arrested with 208 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis in the Vivekananda Nagar area of Kilinochchi by occupational SL Police.

05.06.2022: **Cannabis** - According to Athavan News, three individuals have been arrested with 1.9 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis in the Dikkam Area of Paruthithurai, Jaffna by occupational police.

13.06.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, eight drivers and their vehicles were arrested by occupational Kilinochchi Police for loading firewood without permission near Elephant Pass and Poonakeri Sangupatti, Kilinochchi on 12.06.2022.

14.06.2022: **Smuggling** - According to Virakesari, a lorry carrying teak logs was overturned in Puttalam with a suspect involved in the smuggling, and was arrested by SL's Police Narcotics Unit.

15.06.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, a drug dealer was arrested in Kattankudy on the evening of 14.06.2022 with 25.25 grams of heroin worth LKR 875, 000 and is due to be produced in court.

17.06.2022: **Smuggling** - According to Virakesari, attempts to smuggle logs in Nedunkerni, Vavuniya near Nainaamadu Forest were intercepted by local SL Forestry Department officials.

19.06.2022: **Drugs** - According to Economy Next, occupational SL's STF arrested a 35-year-old woman from Shanthipuram, Mannar with 35 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis on 18.06.2022 following information received from occupational Mannar Police.

21.06.2022: **Smuggling** - According to Athavan News, occupational SL Police seized LKR 17 lakhs worth of beedi leaves smuggled from Thoothukudi to SL by boat. It is notable that turmeric, beedi leaves and herbicides are

amongst the many items smuggled between both locations.

21.06.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, two SL Naval detectives attached to the occupational Thambapanni Naval Base were arrested by the SL Police Narcotics Unit whilst attempting to smuggle packets Kerala Cannabis. Reports indicate that the detectives were arrested and 650 grams of Keral Cannabis were seized with an unmarked motorcycle which belonged to the occupational Thambapanni Navy to transport the cannabis.

27.06.2022: **Ferry** - SL's Defence Ministry granted approval to launch a cargo ferry service between Kankesanthurai as well as Karaikal and Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, reports News First LK.

Asylum

08.06.2022: **Arrest** - Occupational SL Navy arrested 91 individuals for attempting to travel abroad illegally by sea near Marawila, reports Virakesari.

12.06.2022: **Arrest** - Occupational SL Navy arrested 36 individuals attempting to flee via a motorboat from Negombo to Australia, reports Virakesari.

27.06.2022: **Asylum** - An elderly couple from Trincomalee have been found

dehydrated and faint by locals following seeking asylum by travelling by a plastic boat to Rameswaram, India, reports Colombo Gazette. The couple are among 85 Tamils who have fled SL since the turn of the economic crisis.

27.06.2022: **Asylum** - 54 individuals attempting to flee the island on a multi-day fishing trawler have been detained by SL's Occupying Navy in the East, reports Colombo Gazette. The operation was carried out by SLNS Rathnadeepa and it was identified that individuals were attempting to flee to Australia.

28.06.2022: **Asylum** - 47 individuals were additionally detained by occupying SLN at sea near Negombo, reports SL's Naval Media Unit. The Colombo Gazette identified among those detained were 5 agents, 6 women and 7 children.

28.06.2022: **Demining** - According to Virakesari, the Japanese Government had provided LKR 244 million to the DASH organisation for demining operations in the North of the occupied Tamil homeland. The agreement was signed in Kilinochchi.

Sri Lanka

01.06.2022: **VAT** - According to News First LK, a gazette notification to increase SL's Value Added Tax (VAT) was published on 01.06.2022 by R. Wickremesinghe.

01.06.2022: **Arrest** - According to News First LK, former SL Parliamentarian, Duminda Silva who was granted a presidential pardon was arrested based on SL's Supreme Court orders to suspend

the pardon which were issued on 31.05.2022.

07.06.2022: **State workers** - According to Economy Next, SL will encourage SL state workers to go abroad. SL's Ministry of Health is working on rules to help nurses to travel abroad.

07.06.2022: **Sentence** - Ranjan Ramanayake was sentenced to two years in prison with a five-year suspended sentence before SL's High Court, reports Athavan News.

09.06.2022: **Bill** - An Electricity Amendment Bill was passed in SL's Parliament with a majority of votes on 09.06.2022, reports Athavan News.

- ♦ For - 120
- ♦ Against – 36

12.06.2022: **Land rights** - According to Virakesari, Sajith Premadasa guaranteed plantation workers permanent land rights under a government led by his party. The assurance was made whilst handing over a drinking water structure to the residents of Puvrikpitiya Pentrick Estate on 11.06.2022.

22.06.2022: **Marriage** - According to Virakesari, a committee appointed for the reform of SL's Muslim Marriage Divorce Act had met with SL's Minister of Justice, Prisons' Affairs and Constitutional Reforms, Wijetasa Rajapaksa.

22.06.2022: **Report** - According to Virakesari, the final report of SL's Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCol) into SL's Customs was submitted to G. Rajapaksa by the Chairman of the Commission, Shiran Gunaratne.

30.06.2022: **Suicide** - According to Economy Next, a Sub Inspector (SI) attached to SL's STF had completed suicide through shooting himself with a service weapon in Kadawatha. Reports indicate that this is the second such incident to occur amongst SL service officers' within June, 2022.

30.06.2022: **Drugs** - 598 inmates of the escaped detainees from Kandakadu Rehabilitation Centre surrendered to SL authorities whilst reports indicate that occupational 261 escapees were arrested and remanded by the Welikanda Magistrate's Court, reports News First LK. According to Virakesari, the prisoner who was declared deceased at the Kandakadu facility was in fact assaulted and killed by an occupational SL Army officer, thus causing fellow inmates to become outraged and thus flee from the facility in a mass escape.

30.06.2022: **SL Constitution** - A Gazette Notification regarding the 22nd Amendment Bill to SL's Constitution was published with final approval granted by SL's Cabinet for submission to SL's Parliament, reports Virakesari.

Sri Lanka's Crisis and the Snowball Effect

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Having appeared in mass media during the acceleration of war, Sri Lanka has once again become a point of discussion amongst media outlets as it descended into crises from April 2022. What started as an economic crisis due to a shortage of fuel, power, and essential commodities, swiftly snowballed into a political crisis threatening the foundations of the country's governance system due to rising social discontent – especially within the majoritarian Sinhala nation. Whilst an examination of the chronology of the crisis remains crucial in examining Sri Lanka's downfall, the contextualisation of such events – especially within a wider framework remains essential in assessing the trajectory of this crisis and the impending implications it would have upon regional and international politics. Whilst various measures have been introduced at each juncture by SL's administration as the crisis accelerated, the state's reactionary politics limits their efficiency in crisis management thus furthering the disintegration of social cohesion within an already crumbling unitary state system.

Despite receiving mass amounts of assistance and resources from various international sources, Sri Lanka's extended mismanagement of rising commodity prices and shortages as caused by COVID-19 and corruption contributed to a steadily building rise in mass satisfaction with Sri Lanka's current administration. However, whilst the lives of subjugated communities had become assimilated with such crisis management due to decades of Sri Lankan state-imposed sanctions and embargoes unleashed upon such groups with genocidal intent, the majoritarian Sinhala Buddhist nation remained unaccustomed to such pressures. Thus, it is only when the core of the Sinhala nation's livelihood came under threat that mass uprisings and popular discontent could rise to such a mass scale. Whilst the role of the Sri Lankan Police and Military in stifling the #GotaGoHome movements through aggression at various instances such as 09.05.2022 at Galle Face in Colombo, a limit of the population's right to expression and assembly is not threatened in an institutionalised manner. This varies greatly in how marginalised communities such as Tamils are oppressed for resisting against their structural genocide – thus raising the question of the struggles of the privileged.

International

Due to Sri Lanka's geostrategic importance, they continue to receive assistance and loans from various global superpowers. Such assistance is provided with an intent of

simultaneously increasing SL's reliance on such powers whilst solidifying their presence on the island thus creating a base for them within the Indo-Pacific region. It is within this context that China cemented their assertion in Sri Lanka through the Hambantota Port deal of 2017 under the Sirisena administration where a 70% stake was leased to China for 99 years at a price of USD 1.12 billion – an amount according to The Diplomat which was not used to settle debts for the construction of the port but rather used to strengthen foreign reserves and cover Sri Lanka's Balance of Payment (BOP) issues. Whilst the deal was made due to Sri Lanka's inability to pay back China's debts, it allowed them the ability to manipulate Sri Lanka to remain enslaved within their Debt Trap as implemented in a similar manner in Pakistan – another victim of China's Debt Trap which has begun its descent into crisis as of 10.04.2022 as a vote of no-confidence was implemented against Pakistan's Prime Minister, Imran Khan.

It is at this juncture that many others have also attempted to set their foot into the door to facilitate impending control amidst crises. A rise of protests opposite Sri Lanka's Presidential Secretariat was initiated with a mass protest on 15.03.2022 calling on the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) to address rising living costs and calling for the resignation of Sri Lanka's then leadership. From this point onwards assistance from Japan, the World Bank, India, Singapore, China, Bangladesh, the European Union, Thailand, and Indonesia began to roll in between April-May 2022 despite Sri Lanka's announcement of a Debt Default on 12.04.2022. It is notable that high-level briefings and discussions continue to be conducted with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) since 09.04.2022 – indicating the extent to which Sri Lanka remains limited in seeking solutions to their own issues. Whilst economic intervention has been used as a tool by various parties, direct political commentary and condemnation has also been made on Sri Lanka's crisis management. Namely, they came under international scrutiny when Sri Lanka implemented Emergency Law in response to protests – thus indicative of the oppression of a right to assembly and expression. Therefore, the international dimensions of Sri Lanka's crisis are indicative of the imposition of economic authority on Sri Lanka to further geostrategic interests, hence simultaneously increasing political leverage as well.

Structure

Theoretically established as a democratic unitary state, the authority of a Sri Lankan government is determined based on the seats held by the ruling party in that Parliament. In that regard, as the pressure of #GotaGoHome protests and social discontent accelerated, many key SL State Ministers began to submit their resignation letters to G. Rajapaksa from 02.04.2022 thus resulting in a Minority Government in Sri Lanka. This

Minority Government was led by Sri Lanka's then Prime Minister, Mahindha Rajapaksa – brother of Sri Lankan President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa and former President of Sri Lanka – especially at the peak of Tamil Genocide in 2009 – after deflections from Sri Lanka's ruling coalition. Consequently, Gotabaya Rajapaksa was forced to reshuffle Sri Lanka's Cabinet constantly to ensure that the positions of office remained fulfilled for executive operation. It is notable that whilst Gotabaya had attempted to reimpose old allies of his family and the Sinhala Buddhist hierarchy into such positions, individuals such as Sri Lanka's Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Ranjith Siyambalapitiya had filed their resignation and withdrew it multiple times due to Gotabaya's failure to accept it – forcing them to remain in position. However, in many instances they continued to resign as of 03.04.2022 where Sri Lanka's entire Cabinet of Ministers presented their resignation letters to Mahindha Rajapaksa.

Whilst a “Gota Go Gama” (“Gota Go Village”) had been established opposite Sri Lanka's Presidential Secretariat for those protesting against Gotabaya on 11.04.2022, by 27.04.2022 calls for the dismantling of the entire Sri Lankan administration expanded with the establishment of a “Myna Go Gama” opposite the Temple Trees – the official residence of Mahindha Rajapaksa had emerged. Thus, the necessity of an All-Party Interim Sri Lankan Government emerged. Consequently, once an Extraordinary Gazette Notification was issued by Sri Lanka's Government administration on 10.05.2022, confirming the resignation of Mahindha Rajapaksa, speculations of seeking an alternative Prime Minister intensified with possible candidates and former Sri Lankan leaders, Sajith Premadasa, Maithripala Sirisena and Ranil Wickremesinghe. On one hand, whilst Sajith Premadasa presented conditions to accept the role of Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, to Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Ranil Wickremesinghe swiftly accepted his sixth term as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister on 13.05.2022 despite #RanilGoHome protests opposite his residence for his years of contribution to Sri Lanka's corruption. Subsequently, political commentary of a Gota-Ranil deal whilst Mahindha Rajapaksa was sent into hiding in a high-level security operation conducted by the Sri Lankan Army where he was held at the occupational Trincomalee Naval Base for security purposes have continued to arise, hence raising concerns regarding a solution for public grievances. Therefore, it becomes evident that whilst structural changes are made within Sri Lanka, the fundamental core values of the Sri Lankan state remain to be upheld – often at the expense of the masses.

Administration

Sri Lanka's administrative governance has also come under scrutiny during this crisis where particular attention has been paid to the Sri Lanka's Constitution. Maithripala

Sirisena and Sajith Premadasa called for the withdrawal of the 20th Amendment, the re-implementation of the 19th Amendment and the drafting of the 21st Amendment to Sri Lanka's Constitution on 05.04.2022. The 19th Amendment dilutes the powers of Sri Lanka's executive whilst the 20th enhances executive presidency and 21st seeks the abolition of executive presidency. Changes to the powers and authority of the Rajapaksa-led executive were proposed with an expectation that a change in the administrative composition of Sri Lanka's governance system would alleviate public grievances and increase the efficiency of the GoSL's operation. However, the limitations of the implementation of Sri Lanka's Constitution were not considered in such situations thus indicative of failed crisis management.

On the other hand, no-confidence and impeachment motions were signed by various Sri Lankan Opposition Parties such as the Samaji Jana Balawegaya (SJB) and the Tamil National People's Front (TNPf) on 13.04.2022. According to The Guardian, a vote of no confidence was previously passed once before in Sri Lanka's political history and it was against, Mahindha Rajapaksa on 14.11.2018 causing a constitutional crisis in Sri Lanka under the Sirisena Government. It is notable that the cyclical nature of such motions remains an indication of governance systems and the cycle of power where state control influenced by geopolitics is institutionalised through oppression which is countered through mass discontent causing institutional decay and social change through resistance which asserts the people's power through revolutions and uprising. However, it is at these points of mass authority that oppressive regimes impose agreements to consolidate state control once again to thus further institutionalised power regimes. Thus, at a point where Sri Lanka is facing social change through institutional decay and resistance, an impending attempt to nullify such change remains imminent thus raising concerns of the snowball effect of crises within power shifts.

Nepotism

Furthermore, nepotism remains at the forefront of the Rajapaksa regime and significantly influences Sri Lanka's policies as well – causing further discontent amidst the population. As coined by The Wire, the Rajapaksa's "family power project" commenced when Mahindha Rajapaksa was introduced to Sri Lankan politics by Srimavo Bandaranaike in place of his father D.A. Rajapaksa where he swiftly rose among the ranks to become President of Sri Lanka in 2005. Subsequently, his son Namal Rajapaksa was introduced into Sri Lankan Parliamentary politics, and his brothers Gotabaya, Basil and Chamal also assumed pertinent roles within his administration thus commencing a family-led dictatorship which peaked in efficiency with the orchestration of the peak of Tamil

Genocide in 2009 and ending Eelam War IV with which Sri Lanka's national threat, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were destructed with the assistance of various global allies. However, with increased military expenditure and operations, the Rajapaksa administration incurred high level debts and engaged in various activities including corruption and black-market deals – especially with North Korea to purchase arms as claimed by Basil Rajapaksa in January 2022.

Following the conclusion of Mahindha's regime in 2015, Gotabaya Rajapaksa was elected as Sri Lanka's President to replace Maithripala Sirisena in 2019 which caused the re-establishment of a new era of Rajapaksa rule – this time with accelerated powers and authority and without the threat of the LTTE. Gotabaya subsequently appointed Mahindha Rajapaksa as his Prime Minister and positioned his relatives including Namal, Chamal and Basil in pertinent roles in Sri Lanka's Cabinet again. However, as Gotabaya's administration was soon faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, causing a crisis, the Rajapaksa's utilised this opportunity to gain supplies from international agencies and powers to increase military expenditure. It is notable that military donations and exchanges had also increased during this term – all of which was being used to strengthen military rule in Sri Lanka through unbridled nepotism. However, the appropriation of essential commodities and funds required for basic commodities, combined with rising debts weakened Sri Lanka's economy and thus facilitated the country's descent into economic and now, political crisis. Therefore, the effects of unbridled nepotism on Sri Lanka's crisis become evident – especially in a context where the grievances of the public are disregarded to further government policies.

Resistance

Resistance against government oppression has always been stifled with an iron fist in Sri Lanka – especially when subjugated communities such as Tamils resist through, media, protests or any form of oppression through censorship, arrests through the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) and various other tools to further the Sri Lankan state's genocidal intent. However, as #GotaGoHome protests commenced in Colombo and expanded across the island, the Sri Lankan state was slower at quelling such resistance. By 01.04.2022, Economy Next reported that LKR 39 million worth of damages had been caused to public property near Gotabaya Rajapaksa's residence in acts of protest – something which would have been retaliated with killings if completed by Tamils. Whilst tear gas and water cannons were fired at protestors on 04.04.2022, by 19.04.2022, protestors were shot at by Sri Lankan Police at the Rambukkana Shooting. The further increased deployment of Sri Lankan riot police, military and armoured tanks into the

central streets of Colombo raised tensions. Subsequent attacks of protestors at Galle Face Green where tents, displays and possessions were forcibly removed by police further threatened the protestors through physical aggression.

However, such aggression accelerated when state-sponsored attacks which indicate possible links to organisation by Mahindha Rajapaksa when anti-GoSL peaceful protestors were attacked by Mahindha's supporters who were transported to the city centre in buses. Outraged by such violence, the peaceful anti-GoSL protestors burned down the residences of almost 41 Sri Lankan politicians including Mahindha Rajapaksa's residence and his father, D. A. Rajapaksa's statue was destroyed. Such resistance was further suppressed when Sri Lankan Army officials were instructed to shoot protestors at sight causing international concern and the imposition of a curfew preventing the masses' right to assembly and expression. It is further notable that almost 883 individuals had been arrested based on being involved in such protests hence instilling fear amidst resistors.

In conclusion, the various spheres of the Sri Lankan crisis and the internal and external factors influencing the trajectory of it remain pertinent in assessing power dynamic and governance models, especially as covered in the media. Despite heavy censorship and media intimidation, the constant coverage of the crisis displays the state of Sri Lanka's agenda which remains focused within government policies and developments rather than the grievances of the masses which were instigated by that very government's actions. Whilst the regime has been reshuffled, contextual pointers indicate that whilst ministerial positions, political alliances and the types of crises may change, Sri Lanka remains institutionally engrained in its power dynamics of institutionalising oppression and control to ensure that social change and progression is not enabled thus disabling mass autonomy. Thus, wars and crises ultimately indicate that it is not violence, but efficiency and foresight that enables the consolidation of public confidence rather than assertive dominance and tyranny.



Economic News

Economic Profile – June 2022

Gross International Reserves	April-May 2021	↑ to USD 1,920 million
FOREX Reserves		↑ to USD 1,805 million
Special Drawing Rights		↓ to USD 29 million
Gold Reserves		USD 28 million
Remittances	May 2022	↓ 33% to USD 304 million
Banking		↑ to USD 304.1 million
Trade		↓ 0.5%
Exports		↓ 18.5% to USD 969.8 million
Trade deficit		↓ to USD 729 million
Balance of Payments Deficit	April 2022	↑ to USD 2,569 million
Treasury Holdings	June 2022	LKR 2,045 billion
GDP	First Quarter, 2022	↓ 1.6%
Exports	May 2022	↑ 9.9% to USD 980.2 million
Inflation	July 2021	↑ to 6.8 %
Fitch Ratings		CC -> Restricted Default

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

02.06.2022: **Repayment** - According to Colombo Gazette, R. Wickremesinghe mentioned that SL is aiming to USD 5 billion for repayment and a further USD 1 billion for its reserve.

06.06.2022: **Stock trading** - According to Economy Next, stock trading in SL was halted after a sensitive index fell 5.1% on 06.06.2022. In this, the index-heavy stocks came under selling pressure.

07.06.2022: **Undiyal** - According to Economy Next, SL intends to provide tax breaks and other benefits such as housing loans to foreign workers who send their income through the official banking network. The funds flow through unofficial channels such as Undiyal or

Hawala at higher premiums. This leads to foreign exchange shortages in the official banking system when the CBSL prints money.

12.06.2022: **Hambantota Port** - Hambantota Port is being developed as a multipurpose port, reports Colombo Gazette. Accordingly, discussions were completed with SL Port Authorities regarding the future development and potential for investment by foreign persons.

15.06.2022: **Airlines** - According to a report released by SL's Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), SriLankan Airlines had recorded a loss of LKR 45,674 million in 2021 whilst the airlines'

management officials were receiving a monthly salary of LKR 3.1 million.

25.06.2022: **Import** - According to News First LK, SL's Cabinet approved the import of 10 essential items through open accounts from 01.07.2022-01.09.2022.

- ♦ Rice
- ♦ Flour
- ♦ Sugar
- ♦ Milk powder
- ♦ Dried chilli
- ♦ Dried sprats
- ♦ Potatoes
- ♦ Red Dhal
- ♦ Red onions
- ♦ Watana Dhal

25.06.2022: **Prohibition** - According to Economy Next, SL's CAA had prohibited

the use of paddy or rice in the manufacture of animal feed in a gazette issued on 24.06.2022.

29.06.2022: **Fuel** - Following a meeting between Nimal Siripala De Silva, SL Airline Representatives and Fuel Storage Operators, SL has decided to permit the private sector to import Jet Fuel into SL, News First LK.

30.06.2022: **Capital** - SL's Capital Alliance and CTCLSA Securities had received top awards at an awards ceremony conducted by SL's Chartered Financial Analysts, reports Economy Next.

Best Stockbroking Research Team

- ♦ Gold - Capital Alliance Securities Private Ltd
- ♦ Silver - Asia Securities Private Ltd
- ♦ Bronze - CT CLSA Securities Private Ltd



Caricature

Sri Lanka's delegation prioritizes food during meeting with IMF.



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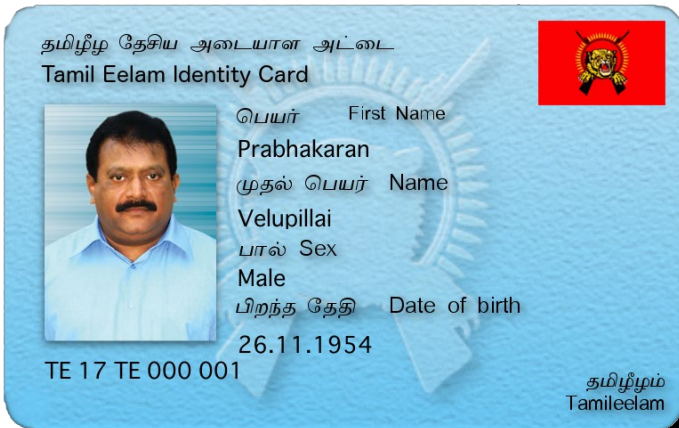
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SELVARANI SAHADEVAN

69-YEAR-OLD RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF KOKUVIL HINDU PRIMARY SCHOOL AND MOTHER OF TAMIL JOURNALIST S.NILAKSHAN WHO WAS KILLED BY SL MILITARY-LINKED GUNMEN ON 01.08.2007.

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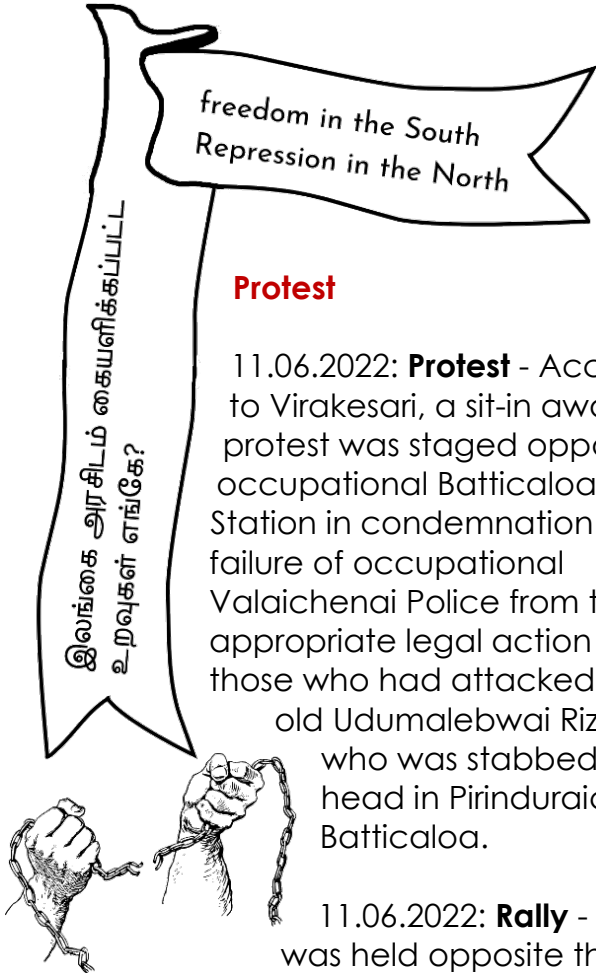


VIKNESWARANATHAN VAKEESWARI

78-YEAR-OLD MOTHER OF TAMIL POLITICAL PRISONER, V. PARTHIBAN PASSED AWAY AFTER SEEKING AMNESTY FOR HER ARRESTED SON FOR OVER 26 YEARS. HE WAS PERMITTED TO ATTEND HER FINAL FUNERAL RITES.

THIRUNELVELI, TAMIL EELAM

News about Oppression & Resistance



Protest

11.06.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a sit-in awareness protest was staged opposite the occupational Batticaloa Police Station in condemnation of the failure of occupational Valaichenai Police from taking appropriate legal action against those who had attacked 36-year-old Udumalebwai Rizana who was stabbed in the head in Pirinduraichenai, Batticaloa.

11.06.2022: **Rally** - A rally was held opposite the Jaffna Central Bus Stand around 09.00 local time to condemn the oppression of the transgender community and to raise awareness regarding their grievances, reports Virakesari. The rally was organised by the Jaffna Thirunar Network under the theme of "Rainbow Hiking Coordination" with the aim of providing the transgender community a voice and a life free from oppression.

15.06.2022: **Protest** - Workers from Achchuvveli commenced a signature collection protest at Achchuvveli Market on the morning of 15.06.2022

demanding fuel for agriculture. According to Virakesari, the collected signatures were submitted to the local District Secretary, Divisional Secretary and officials of SL's Department of Agriculture.

19.06.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged in Jaffna opposite the UN High Commissioner for Refugees' Office condemning Peiris' comments at the UN. It is notable that an effigy of Peiris was also burnt at this protest, reports Athavan News.

30.06.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the relatives of those forcibly disappeared from Vavuniya staged a protest on 30.06.2022 opposite Vavuniya Old Bus Stand demanding international justice.

30.06.2022: **Protest** - Several local women staged a protest rally towards Mullaitivu District Court condemning the abuse of many schoolgirls in the Mullaitivu District and calling for protection for these children. According to Virakesari, this demonstration was staged in light of the hearing of a case where a teacher raped a student.

03.06.2022: **Military Intelligence** - According to Colombo Gazette, nine officers of SL's military intelligence have been remanded over the

disappearance of journalist Prageeth Ekneligoda. It is noteworthy that these officers were indicted in November 2019.

06.06.2022: **Fishermen** - According to the Tamil Guardian, occupational SL Navy officers attacked Tamil fishermen in Pesalai, Mannar, leading to seven fishermen being admitted to hospital. The attack, which occurred on 02.06.2022, took place as the SL Navy questioned the fishermen as they were preparing to head out to sea around 15.00 local time.

06.06.2022: **Tamil Parties** - According to Athavan News, all Tamil political parties are meeting to discuss a united stand on the use of the 21st Amendment to SL's Constitution.

09.06.2022: **Commemoration** - The 34th Memorial of the shooting of Bishop Chandra Fernando was commemorated at St. Mary's Cathedral in Batticaloa. According to Athavan News, Fernando was shot by an armed anti-social group affiliated with the IPKF during the intervention period in 1988.

14.06.2022: **Nilavarai** - According to Virakesari, a case filed against Valikaamam East Pradesiya Sabha, Thiyagaraja Nirosh who had obstructed the activities of SL's Archaeological Department at Puttur Nilavarai, Jaffna is to be heard before a local court on 15.06.2022.

17.06.2022: **PTA** - Ganavathipillai Mohan's detention under the PTA has been extended by the Eravur Tourism Court until 29.06.2022 following a decision announced on 15.06.2022, reports

Virakesari. Mohan was arrested for sharing photographs of the LTTE on social media platforms in 2021.

17.06.2022: **Kurunthormalai** - The Mullaitivu District Court has questioned occupational Police regarding the violation of a court order to construct a Buddhist Viharai at Kurunthormalai, reports Virakesari.

17.06.2022: **Abuse** - According to Virakesari, the local Child Protection Division has conducted investigations into the hospitalisation of a 7-year-old Grade 2 girl after she was physically attacked by her teacher at a school near Siththankoyil, Jaffna.

18.06.2022: **Assault** - Shanmugam Thavaseelan, an independent journalist was attacked by an unidentified individual whilst he was covering queues at the Mallavi Petrol Station in Mullaitivu as occupational SL Police and Army officers watched on, reports Virakesari.

19.06.2022: **Shooting** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's genocidal army had opened fire on protesters in Visuvamadu. In video footage, the SL Army is being seen throwing objects towards demonstrators and damaging the fuel station. It is reported that protesters attacked an SL Army truck, which resulted in the shooting.

21.06.2022: **Warning** - Sarath Weerasekara warned that the patience of the Sinhala Buddhist in Sri Lanka was limited and should not be mocked whilst condemning the protests at Kurunthormalai during his address in SL Parliament. According to Athavan News,

he had made allegations that local Tamils involved in the interception alongside Selvarasa Gajendran were not in fact locals but rather individuals gathered from across the Tamil homeland.

22.06.2022: **Legal Action** - According to Colombo Gazette, Hamilton Reserve Bank Ltd. has filed a suit against SL in a Federal US court in New York. This bank holds more than USD 250 million of SL's 5.875% International Sovereign Bonds, which is due on 25.07.2022 and is seeking full payment with interest.

23.06.2022: **Reduction** - According to Colombo Gazette, sentences of two former cadres of the LTTE were reduced by the Madras High Court. Both and another were arrested in 2015 in Tamil Nadu. They allegedly attempted to revive the LTTE and planned attacks in SL.

24.06.2022: **TMVP** - According to Colombo Gazette, a Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pullikal (TMVP) informant has made explosive revelations in Geneva at the UN. He should have revealed sensitive information about the Easter Sunday Attack, the murders of former MPs Joseph Pararajasingham and Nadarajah Raviraj as well as the disappearance of journalist Prageeth Eknaligoda. TMVP is a break-away faction from the LTTE which emerged in 2004. The TMVP denied allegations of kidnapping and murders by its former members. Pillaiyan informed news outlets

the claims made by those who fled are false and are being used to complete asylum claims.

27.06.2022: **LGBT** - According to the Tamil Guardian, occupational SL Police have reportedly arrested two women in Amparai under anti-LGBT laws. An Indian Tamil woman and a local Muslim woman from Akkaraipattu were arrested.

29.06.2022: **Task Force** - According to News First LK, SL's "One Country, One Law" Presidential Task Force submitted a report they had prepared to G. Rajapaksa.

30.06.2022: **Kurunthormalai** - According to Virakesari, the Kurunthormalai Case was heard by the Mullaitivu Magistrate's Court and was later adjourned to 14.07.2022 after submissions from both the occupational SL Police and the temple management were heard.

30.06.2022: **Abuse** - The Mullaitivu Magistrate's Court, heard a case where a teacher and students systematically raped a 13-year-old female student after giving her anaesthetic drugs. According to Virakesari, the teacher and one student are to be remanded until 14.07.2022. 5 other students involved in the systematic sexual abuse of female students in Mullaitivu were released on bail. Many students were reportedly abused by this teacher - investigations are underway.

Signs of Structural Genocide

07.06.2022: **Land Appropriation** - Tamil journalist Kumanan resisted and challenged occupational SL Navy officers and Police in Mullaitivu who attempted to extract his Media ID without premise. Kumanan was covering SL's Survey Department's attempts to appropriate 250 hectares of land to expand an occupational SL Navy camp in the area to further SL's militarisation and occupation of the Tamil homeland with the assistance of the occupational SL Navy and Police - an attempt which was thwarted by locals. Land appropriation is an element of the SL state's genocidal policy against Tamils through the disruption of Tamils' territorial integrity.

14.06.2022: **Buddhicisation** - Following a protest on 13.06.2022 against the establishment of a Buddhist shrine at Kurunthumalai, MP Selbarasa spoke to the media to state that, "we respect Buddhism but can never accept Sinhala Buddhist aggression in the name of Buddhism." It is notable that three Tamil youth who were involved in the protest were also arrested by occupational SL Police. According to former member of the Northern Provincial Council, Durairasa Ravikaran, religion was being imposed in the Tamil homeland through the seizure of land in Tamil areas.

- ◆ Thavapalan
- ◆ Satyaseelan
- ◆ Kinduyan

15.06.2022: **Sand Mining** - According to Virakesari, illegal sand mining activities

which continue to occur despite local opposition have caused discontent amongst locals. The issue was discussed in the Mannar Local Group's Monthly Meeting on 14.06.2022, where options to sustainably cease such mining activities were discussed. The negligence and permission of sand mining in the Tamil homeland disrupts its territorial integrity.

18.06.2022: **Agriculture** - According to Economy Next, the SL Army is to cultivate over 1,500 acres of unused state land across SL to support SL's National Food Program in response to an impending food crisis.

21.06.2022: **Land** - According to Economy Next, SL had identified 5,000 acres across the Tamil homeland to cultivate sea cucumbers - of which 100 acres were to be released to farmers with an expectation of USD 1 billion in income within one year. This presents genocidal tendencies as such land may be used to appropriate adjoining lands and thus disrupt the territorial integrity of the Tamil homeland.

- ◆ Jaffna
- ◆ Kilinochchi
- ◆ Batticaloa

21.06.2022: **Coast** - The SL Cabinet approved a proposal submitted by Douglas Devananda for the creation of seafood production villages along the shallow waters of occupied Tamil Eelam's coasts to boost exports, reports Athavan News. Reports indicate that the proposal seeks to identify 5,000 acres of

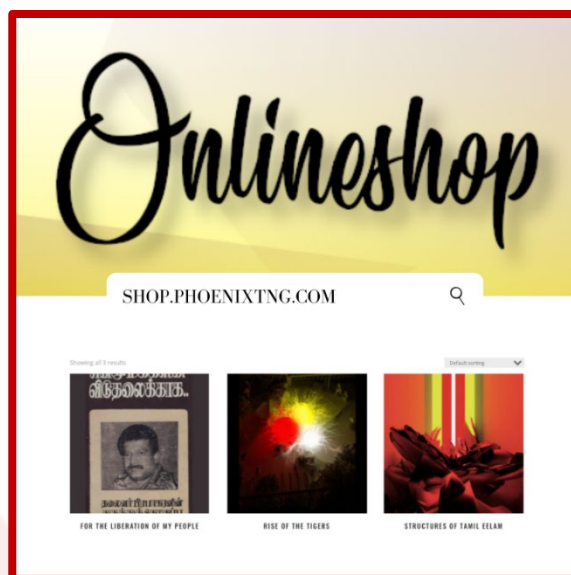
lands to develop 100 acres of seafood production villages through SL's National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka through a Commercial Marine Aquaculture Project. The project portrays genocidal tendencies through the appropriation of Tamil lands and neighbouring territorial waters, thus disrupting the territorial integrity of the Tamil homeland.

24.06.2022: **Death** - According to Athavan News an elderly woman was found dead in her house in Kankesanthurai. Her throat was slit and Tamil Guardian reported, that the woman was raped. She was 78-years-old and was living alone.

29.06.2022: **Militarisation** - Attempts to seize public land to establish an occupational SL Naval Base in Karainagar, Jaffna were intercepted by local opposition, reports Virakesari.

30.06.2022: **Kokilai** - The failure to construct a bridge which had been promised to be constructed over the Kokilai River which intersects over the main road connecting the Mullaitivu and Trincomalee districts has affected the livelihood of coastal village residents and school students from both districts, reports Virakesari. Whilst subsequent SL state ministries had claimed to construct the bridge since 2017, no initial steps had been taken thus disrupting the Tamils' territorial integrity through preventing access between districts, hence reflective of signs of structural genocide.





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