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*“தமிழீழ தனியரசே தமிழீழ மக்களின்
பிரச்சினைக்கு நிரந்தரத் தீர்வை
அளிக்கும் என்பதில் எனக்கு அசையாத
நம்பிக்கையுண்டு.”*

National Leader of Tamil Eelam,
V. Prabhakaran



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01.07.2022: **Malaysia** - According to Virakesari, many Buddhist organisations from Malaysia cooperated to donate emergency medicine and medical supplies to Sri Lanka (SL) worth USD 54,046.26, which was handed over to SL on 14.06.2022.

02.07.2022: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, Japan, along with other development partners, will support SL to work out an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Japan, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have assisted SL in the past; including with direct budget support in previous IMF bailouts. According to Virakesari, Japan is to provide SL USD 3 million under the World Food Program (WFP).

02.07.2022: **Sending money** - According to Colombo Gazette, Sri Lankans living in Australia are refusing to send money to their friends and family, who are struggling due to SL's ongoing crisis. The reason for this is that they fear that the money will never end up in the hands of the recipients and will be stolen by the SL state.

03.07.2022: **Asylum** - According to Virakesari, an elderly woman Parameswari was declared deceased on 02.07.2022 after an elderly couple was found unconscious on the beaches of Dhanuskodi after seeking asylum in Tamil Nadu from Tamil Eelam.

05.07.2022: **India** - The first phase of 65,000 metric tonnes of Urea Fertiliser is scheduled to arrive in SL on 09.07.2022,

reports Virakesari. According to Amaraweera, USD 110 million relief loans are due to be provided by the World Bank for the purchase of fertilisers.

06.07.2022: **Japan** - The Japanese Ambassador to SL, Mizukoshi Hideki had mentioned that the Japanese Government is prepared to provide SL with medicines worth USD 3 million, reports Athavan News.

07.07.2022: **WFP** - According to Economy Next, the WFP had launched a program to provide food and school meals to 3 million people in SL by December, 2022. The latest situation report mentioned that about 6.26 million people are facing food insecurity due to shortages and a jump in food inflation.

07.07.2022: **Russia** - According to Athavan News, two representatives from Russian oil companies had visited SL to discuss fuel supply. Earlier reports from Colombo Gazette indicate that, SL's President G. Rajapaksa had a telephone call with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin over a credit to obtain fuel and the resumption of Aeroflot flights to SL.

07.07.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Athavan News, the Tamil Nadu State Police had donated INR 1,400,000 to the citizens of SL.

08.07.2022: **Protests** - The US demanded that the SL Military and Police should accommodate the peaceful protestors, reports Athavan News. The demand was made in a Tweet by Julie Chung. According to Virakesari, the OHCHR had called for the protests scheduled for 09.07.2022 to be peaceful and urged SL

security forces to refrain from preventing the protest.

10.07.2022: **Monitoring** - According to Virakesari, the IMF was monitoring developments in SL closely and expected a resolution to SL's crisis to allow the resumption of negotiations between SL-IMF for support. According to Economy Next, the IMF hopes that the political crisis will be resolved and discussions on a program can resume. They are currently planning technical talks with interlocutors in the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of SL. Further reports indicate that the British High Commissioner to SL, Sarah Hulton and their Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tariq Ahmed mentioned that they were monitoring the events occurring in SL closely. Whilst the European Union (EU) released a statement where they mentioned that they are observing the situation closely, Athavan News reported that India's External affairs Minister, Jaishankar had mentioned that India would continue to extend its support to SL. According to Virakesari, the Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, Wang Wenbin mentioned that he was closely monitoring the current situation in SL.

10.07.2022: **US** - The US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken mentioned that Russia's embargo on Ukraine's grain exports may have exacerbated SL's crisis, reports Virakesari. Julie Chung had further made a statement that all parties must cooperate for a peaceful democratic transition of power to be facilitated in SL.

11.07.2022: **India** - The BJP's Subramanian Swamy mentioned in a Tweet that they are prepared to send the Indian Army to

assist the Rajapaksas if requested, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that the Indian High Commission in SL had denied that troops would be sent to SL from India. According to Athavan News, India has denounced the media reports which reported that India has sent its troops to SL.

12.07.2022: **Dubai** - "Fly Dubai" flights based in the UAE had temporarily suspended services to SL from 10.07.2022 due to the crisis situation in SL, reports Virakesari.

12.07.2022: **UNDP** - The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in SL launches an emergency relief program titled "Individual and Private Sector Giving Facility for Emergency Relief" to secure urgent medical supplies and to address the ongoing food insecurity in SL, reports Colombo Page. The meeting was carried out with Hemas Holdings PLC, Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company, Brandix Apparel Ltd and Daraz SL who have pledged to support the initiative.

12.07.2022: **Denial** - According to Virakesari, India had denied SL's request for an AN32 aircraft to land at an Indian Airport with G. Rajapaksa. US Consular Services had also notified SBS Sinhala that G. Rajapaksa had also been denied a travel visa as he had renounced his US Citizenship in 2019 to contest in SL Elections.

12.07.2022: **US** - According to Athavan News, G. Rajapaksa's visa application to the US had been rejected.

13.07.2022: **Travel Advisory** - The Swiss Foreign ministry (EDA) has advised

against non-essential travel to SL. Earlier reports from Colombo Gazette indicate that New Zealand had also announced a travel warning to SL. They were told to avoid non-essential travel to SL.

14.07.2022: **Maldives** - According to Tamil Guardian, Maldives' speaker Mohamed Nasheed, who announced G. Rajapaksa's resignation, mentioned that he would not have resigned if he were still in SL and mentioned that G. Rajapaksa was 'fearful of losing his life'.

14.07.2022: **UN** - According to Economy Next, United Nations (UN) Secretary-General António Guterres has called for a peaceful, democratic transition of power in crisis-ridden SL. It is important to address the root causes of the conflict and the grievances of the protesters. Further reports indicate that the Secretary General of the British Commonwealth, Patricia Scotland, called for a peaceful transition of power in SL. She also calls on all leaders to uphold democratic principles, the rule of law and human rights.

14.07.2022: **Singapore** - According to Athavan News, Singapore has denounced the news that they gave G. Rajapaksa asylum. They stated that he is in Singapore for a private trip.

15.07.2022: **Amnesty** - Amnesty International expressed concern regarding the appropriation of absolute power by SL's soldiers, reports Virakesari.

17.07.2022: **WTDS** - The World Tamil Defence Secretariat (WTDS) had appealed to all countries to refrain from sheltering G. Rajapaksa and called for

him to be referred to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), reports Virakesari. Earlier reports indicated that British MP Sir Ed Davy had made a request in Britain's Parliament that an international warrant be issued against G. Rajapaksa for SL's causing crisis.

17.07.2022: **India** - An All-party Meeting was held with Tamil Nadu political parties following a request by the Government of India, reports Colombo Page. The meeting centred on establishment of economic and supply based support for SL in light of the current situation.

18.07.2022: **Australia** - According to Colombo Gazette, the Australian government has authorised the voluntary departure of the family of the staff of Australian High Commission in SL. They also advised the reconsideration of non-essential travel.

21.07.2022: **Recognition** - According to Economy Next, the United States and the UN have recognised the appointment of a new President in SL. They emphasise a joint-effort to overcome the economic crisis while ensuring freedom of assembly and expression. Reports from Athavan News, the British Ambassador to SL, Sarah Hulton tweeted that Britain looks forward to cooperating with R. Wickremesinghe.

21.07.2022: **Arrest** - According to Tamil Guardian, protests were held outside Singapore's Embassies around the world, urging them to arrest G. Rajapaksa. The Deputy Chief Minister of Penang, in Malaysia, Professor Ramasamy, handed Vanu Gopala Menon a memorandum during a meeting with the Singapore High Commissioner to Malaysia. The letter

read: 'The criminal who had no sympathy or compassion for thousands of innocent Tamils, killed and raped women, should not have a place in a decent society like Singapore.' According to Virakesari, a demonstration was staged at the Speaker's Corner in Honglim Park, Singapore against Singapore's permission of shelter to G. Rajapaksa.

22.07.2022: **EU** - The EU expressed continued support for SL and its goal of economic recovery in a statement released by High Representative Josep Borrell, reports Colombo Page. Specifically, special interest was drawn to the permissibility of peaceful assembly under SL's constitutional guidelines.

22.07.2022: **US** - According to Economy Next, US Ambassador to SL, Julie Chung met with SL President R. Wickremesinghe after a military raid on a peaceful protest site in Colombo left 09 people injured. She mentioned that this is not the right time to crack down on citizens. At this time, the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) should take immediate and tangible steps to regain the people's trust, restore stability and rebuild the economy, she said.

22.07.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, Chinese President Xi Jinping offered SL's new government a willingness to help the leader and his people to the best of his ability.

23.07.2022: **Concern** - The United Nations Human Rights High Commissioner's (UNHRC) Office expressed serious concerns following the unnecessary use of force by SL Tri-Force and Police

Personnel to dismantle the protest camps at Galle Face, reports Colombo Page. Additionally, special awareness was drawn to the physical abuse of protesters, journalists and lawyers. According to Athavan News, the EU has reminded SL to safeguard all the agreements based on the GSP+. This statement was released after the SL military attacked Sinhalese demonstrators. Reports from Virakesari also indicate that Amnesty International had called on SL to stop its brazen and merciless attacks on protestors in a published statement. Economy Next reported that the EU stresses the need to uphold the freedom of expression, opinion and individual rights of SL citizens.

24.07.2022: **ITJP** - The International Truth and Justice Project (ITJP) had filed a criminal complaint with the Singapore Attorney General's Department, calling for the arrest of G. Rajapaksa, reports Virakesari.

24.07.2022: **IFRC** - According to Economy Next, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) has launched an international appeal to raise 28 million Swiss francs (USD 28.9 million) for urgent humanitarian aid. Due to SL's economic crisis, 2.4 million people are already living below the poverty line.

25.07.2022: **IMF** - According to the Tamil Guardian, SL will not see an IMF bailout until the political chaos ends, a professor at Johns Hopkins' University has said. She said that there is 'no one for the IMF to talk with' until the 'government stabilises' and until they have a Finance Minister.

25.07.2022: **Jordan** - SL's Embassy in Jordan made its 05th donation of medical goods and medicine on 19.07.2022, reports Colombo Page.

25.07.2022: **Congratulations** - Belarusian President Aleksandr Lukashenko congratulated R. Wickremesinghe's victory in SL's Parliamentary Presidential election, reports Colombo Page. According to Economy Next, Vladimir Putin had stated in a letter to R. Wickremesinghe that Russo-Lankan relations are traditionally friendly in nature. He counts on constructive bilateral cooperation in various fields for the benefit of our peoples and wants to further expand in the interest of strengthening regional stability and security.

27.07.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Virakesari, Humanitarian Aid from the Tamil Nadu government worth LKR 3.4 billion was handed over by Indian Officials.

- ♦ Rice - 40,000 metric tonnes
- ♦ Milk powder - 500 metric tonnes
- ♦ Medicines - 100 metric tonnes

26.07.2022: **Gotabaya** - According to the Tamil Guardian, former SL President G. Rajapaksa will reportedly return to SL just weeks after he fled the country, as organisations across the world call for his arrest over war crimes. According to Virakesari, G. Rajapaksa's visa was extended by Singapore until 14.08.2022.

30.07.2022: **Norway** - According to Economy Next, SL's Colombo Dockyard, a unit of Japan's Onomichi Dockyard, is losing a contract to build 02 Commissioning Support Operation

Vessels (CSOVs) for Norway's Edda Wind AS. The reason for this is the prevailing unstable economic and financial situation in SL.

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02.07.2022: **SL Constitution** - According to Economy Next, SL's proposed 22nd Amendment to SL's Constitution lacks provisions that should be included to restore the essence of the more progressive 19th Amendment. This draft amendment does not include the positive provisions we expected: independence of the civil service, devolution of power to SL's Parliament, checks and balances, devolution of powers between the President and Prime Minister of SL.

05.07.2022: **Committee** - According to Virakesari, SL's Cabinet had approved the reconstitution of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Cost of Living through an 8-member committee of SL Ministers to recommend to the SL Cabinet the necessary policy and practical solutions to stabilise the cost of living in SL.

- ♦ G. Rajapaksa - President, Committee Head
- ♦ R. Wickremesinghe - Prime Minister
- ♦ Douglas Devananda - Maritime Affairs
- ♦ Bandula Gunawardena - Transport & Highways
- ♦ Mahinda Amaraweera - Agriculture
- ♦ Ramesh Pathirana - Horticulture
- ♦ Kanchana Wijesekara - Power & Energy

- ♦ Nalin Fernando - Trade, Commerce & Food Security

06.07.2022: **Resignation** - According to Athavan News, Nimal Siripala de Silva had announced that he would resign from his ministerial position as investigations into a bribery scandal are underway.

07.07.2022: **Appointment** - SL's Ministry of Public Administration had decided to temporarily appoint officers of SL's Management Service to SL's Department of Immigration and Emigration, reports Athavan News.

08.07.2022: **Resignation** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa promised to address shortages of essential supplies such as fuel, gas and medicines "within a few days." Thousands of people marched to SL's capital Colombo on 08.07.2022 to protest near the SL



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President's official residence on 09.07.2022 calling on Rajapaksa to resign.

08.07.2022: **Deployment** - According to Virakesari, 9,126 SL Police, Army and Civil Defence personnel were deployed to Colombo to prepare for mass anti-GoSL protests scheduled for 09.07.2022.

08.07.2022: **Committee** - R. Wickremesinghe appointed a special committee to resolve the fuel crisis of fishermen and advised Douglas Devananda to implement steps to resolve the grievances of the fishermen, reports Virakesari.

09.07.2022: **SLPP** - According to Virakesari, 16 MPs of the SLPP had called on G. Rajapaksa to resign immediately in a letter addressed to him. Further reports indicate that SL's Speaker mentioned that G. Rajapaksa had accepted the decision made during the Emergency Meeting and would announce his resignation on 13.07.2022.

10.07.2022: **Resignation** - According to Economy Next, 05 ministers of the SL Cabinet have announced their resignation. These include:

- ♦ Bandula Gunawardana - Minister of Transport, Highways and Mass Media.
- ♦ Harin Fernando - Minister of Tourism and Land Development
- ♦ Manusha Nanayakkara - Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment
- ♦ Mahinda Amaraweera - Minister of Agriculture
- ♦ Dhammika Perera - Minister of Investment Promotion

11.07.2022: **TISL** - According to Virakesari, Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) had released a report on the incidents of 09.07.2022 where they commended "all the people who fought bravely to assert people's sovereignty against corrupt and inefficient governance amidst many difficulties."

11.07.2022: **Speaker** - According to Virakesari, SL's Speaker had notified the BBC during an interview that G. Rajapaksa had left SL and was in a nearby country and is scheduled to return to SL on 13.07.2022. Later reports from ANI indicate that SL's Speaker had notified ANI that he had misspoke and that G. Rajapaksa was still in SL and had not fled. Further reports from Economy Next indicate that SL's Parliament will elect a new president on 20.07.2022 after meeting for a nomination session on 19.07.2022. SL Speaker Abeywardene mentioned that the election of SL's President by SL Parliament will be completed in accordance with Article 40 of SL's Constitution and a 1981 Legislation on the election of SL's President.

12.07.2022: **VIP Terminal** - According to Economy Next, border control officials have withdrawn from SL's Colombo Airport VIP Terminal. This is due to top politicians' attempts to leave SL, but immigration officials had refused.

12.07.2022: **Supreme Court** - According to Economy Next, former SL National swimmer Julian Bolling, local corruption watchdog Transparency International and 02 others have filed a fundamental rights petition in SL's Supreme Court seeking an injunction against former SL Prime Minister M. Rajapaksa, his brother

and former SL Finance Minister B. Rajapaksa, former SL Central Bank Governors W.D. Lakshman and Ajith Nivard Cabraal, and former SL Finance Minister S.R. Attygalle.

12.07.2022: **Archeology** - SL's Archaeological Department has assigned officials to investigate the condition of SL's Presidential Palace following occupation by protestors, reports Colombo Page.

13.07.2022: **Gazette** - An Extraordinary Gazette Notification which had been issued to confer the powers of the SL President to SL's Prime Minister R. Wickremesinghe during the absence of G. Rajapaksa was to come into effect from 13.07.2022, reports Virakesari. According to Economy Next, SL's Western Province is under curfew and SL has been placed under Emergency Law. Protests increased against R. Wickremesinghe, who will take over as SL's President if Rajapaksa resigns on 13.07.2022. R. Wickremesinghe was appointed as SL's acting President as G. Rajapaksa is abroad. He was to assume the functions of the office according to Article 37-1 of SL's Constitution.

13.07.2022: **CDS** - SL's Chief of Defence Staff and war criminal Shavendra Silva has called on the support of SL citizens to ensure SL's tri-forces are supported in executing peace following protests, reports Colombo Page. Subsequently, they have been encouraged to use force to protect their lives and the SL State following the seizure of weapons belonging to SL Army officials by local protestors.

14.07.2022: **Resignation** - According to SL's Speaker, G. Rajapaksa had sent his resignation letter to him via email following his arrival in Singapore, reports Virakesari. The email was sent to SL's Attorney General for legal verification and authorisation.

14.07.2022: **Supremacy** - SL's Chief Prelates of the 03 Buddhist Chapters curated a joint-statement and called on the urgent establishment of a systematic governance structure. The Colombo Page identified the prelates involved are from Malwatta and Asgiriya, Amarapura and Ramanna Maha Nikaya and have stressed the responsibility of the security forces to ensure the peace of SL is maintained with transparency.

15.07.2022: **Resignation** - SL's Speaker announced in a press conference that G. Rajapaksa had officially resigned as SL's President and his resignation letter had been received under Article 38 (1) of SL's Constitution, reports Virakesari. He further noted that R. Wickremesinghe would enact duties as SL's Interim President and that the SL Parliament would be convened by 16.07.2022 to ensure that the election and appointment of SL's President would occur by 22.07.2022. R. Wickremesinghe was sworn in as SL's Acting President in the presence of SL's Chief Justice, Jayantha Jayasuriya.

16.07.2022: **Travel Ban** - According to Athavan News, SL's High Court had imposed travel bans against M. Rajapaksa and B. Rajapaksa.

19.07.2022: **Nominations** - The names of 03 members of SL Parliament were

nominated in SL Parliament for the position of SL's President following the resignation of G. Rajapaksa, reports Virakesari.

- ◆ R. Wickremesinghe
- ◆ Dullas Alahapperuma
- ◆ Anura Kumara Dissanayaka

19.07.2022: **SL President** - Sajith Premadasa withdrew from SL's Presidential race, reports Virakesari.

21.07.2022: **Appointment** - According to Athavan News, Saman Ekanayake had been appointed as the Secretary to SL's President, R. Wickremesinghe.

21.07.2022: **Swearing In** - An investigation had commenced into the sudden outage of power at SL's Parliament during the swearing-in ceremony of R. Wickremesinghe as SL's 8th President. According to Athavan News, live coverage of the ceremony was interrupted after R. Wickremesinghe entered SL's Parliamentary complex due to an unexpected outage which lasted 10 minutes. It is notable that generators were switched on within a few seconds to enable the ceremony to proceed. Despite the obstacles, R. Wickremesinghe was sworn in as the 8th Executive President of SL before SL's Chief Justice, Jayantha Jayasuriya.

22.07.2022: **SL Cabinet** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has appointed the following ministers to an Interim SL Cabinet without its own Finance and Defence ministers:

- ◆ Dinesh Gunewardene - Prime Minister and Public Administration.
- ◆ Susil Premajayantha - Education
- ◆ Douglas Devananda - Fisheries

- ◆ Keheliya Rambukwella - Health
- ◆ Bandula Gunewardene - Transport
- ◆ Mahinda Amaraweera - Agriculture and Wildlife
- ◆ Harin Fernando - Tourism
- ◆ Ramesh Pathirana - Plantation Industry, Industry
- ◆ Prasanna Ranatunga - Urban Development
- ◆ Ali Sabry - Foreign Countries
- ◆ Kanchana Wijesekera - Electricity and Energy
- ◆ Roshan Ranasinghe - Sports and Youth Affairs
- ◆ Manusha Nanayakkara - Labour and Foreign Affairs
- ◆ Tiran Alles - Public Security
- ◆ Nalin Fernando - Trade and Food Security

23.07.2022: **Taisei** - R. Wickremesinghe, has appointed a committee headed by a retired SL Supreme Court judge to investigate allegations that an SL Minister demanded bribes from Japanese construction firm Taisei. Nimal Siripala de Silva said Taisei had been involved in a Colombo Airport Contract.

26.07.2022: **Appointment** - According to Economy Next, D.R.S. Happuarachchi (a senior official) has been approved as the Commissioner General of the Revenue Department. P.B.S.C. Nonis was appointed as SL's Director General of Customs. W.A. Sathkumara was appointed as the Deputy Secretary of SL's Ministry of Finance.

26.07.2022: **FRED** - According to Economy Next, renewable energy companies in SL have formed an association called the Federation of Renewable Energy Developers (FRED), affiliated with the

Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. FRED will be a unified voice for the renewable energy sector in SL and will work to promote and implement advanced, efficient and sustainable technologies and strategies that promote and support the country's long-term sustainable energy needs and goals.

27.07.2022: **State of Emergency** - According to Economy Next, SL's Parliament passed a State of Emergency for 30 days by 120 votes to 63. The State of Emergency provides the SL Police and Military broad powers to crack down on people if they perceive a threat to the GoSL state or national security.

28.07.2022: **SL Parliament** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has suspended SL Parliament and called for a new session on 03.08.2022. This action will dissolve the existing committees of SL Parliament so that new members can be appointed. Further reports from Athavan News indicate that the Secretary of SL's Presidential Commission on Education, K.R. Padmapriya, issued an announcement stating that the Presidential Commission on Education established by G. Rajapaksa was dissolved with immediate effect.

29.07.2022: **Fuel Passport** - According to Economy Next, SL's National Fuel Passport registration process has been altered to make it easier for companies with multiple vehicles to register all of their vehicles under their company registration number. Previously, only one vehicle was allowed to be registered under one company registration number. 04 million vehicles were registered for the online fuel rationing system by

25.07.2022. SL's fuel costs for 2022 are estimated at USD 6.7 billion.

30.07.2022: **Fuel rationing** - According to Economy Next, SL will begin full implementation of the QR system for fuel rationing on 01.08.2022. The Last Digit System, Token System and other systems introduced to address the fuel crisis in SL will no longer be used.

31.07.2022: **Appointment** - According to Economy Next, veteran SL banker Nihal Fonseka has been reappointed as a member of SL's Monetary Committee for a 06-year term. Fonseka has 23 years of experience in SL's banking sector.



to conditionally release documents presented as evidence in relation to the case of fraud of trust amounting to LKR 33.9 million belonging to the SL Land Recovery and Development Corporation for the construction of the Rajapaksa Memorial Tower & Museum, reports Virakesari.

05.07.2022: **Gotabaya** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's President G. Rajapaksa was forced to leave SL Parliament due to the protest of SL's Opposition. SL's Prime Minister held a special Statement about the ongoing crisis, when the opposition held the protest.

05.07.2022: **Waiver** - According to Virakesari, the SL Cabinet had approved a proposal to waive defaulted initial loan amounts taken from the SL State Bank for rice cultivation on lands of two hectares or less.

09.07.2022: **Emergency Meeting** - According to Virakesari, R. Wickremesinghe had called an emergency meeting of SL's Party Leaders to discuss the SL crisis and make a swift decision and had also instructed SL's Speaker to convene SL Parliament. Further reports indicate that 33 individuals had been injured thus far leaving them in a critical condition. According to the Prime Minister's Office of SL, a decision was made during the meeting for G. Rajapaksa to resign. A decision was also made for R. Wickremesinghe to resign as SL's Prime Minister to allow an All-Party GoSL to be formed. Further reports indicate that SL's Speaker had informed G. Rajapaksa regarding the decisions made in the

04.07.2022:
Emergency Meeting - An emergency meeting was held between Sajith Premadasa and Maithripala Sirisena in Colombo at the Office of the Leader of SL's Opposition, reports Athavan News.

05.07.2022:
Rajapaksa - SL's First Permanent Special High Court issued an order on 04.07.2022

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meeting through a letter addressed to him outlining that G. Rajapaksa should resign immediately to allow SL Parliament to be convened within 07 days to appoint a replacement President for SL. M.A. Sumanthiran had requested SL's All-Party Committee to meet set conditions and guarantee that a solution for the ethnic national problem should be provided through SL's All-Party Interim Government. According to Economy Next, SL's entire Cabinet of Ministers are prepared to resign to allow an All-party Government until a new All-party Government is formed and SL's President has accepted their resignation. 05 SL Cabinet Ministers have already announced their resignations.

09.07.2022: **Ships** - Two Naval ships, Gajabahu and Sindhurala which were anchored at Colombo Port had left the port with goods and personnel, reports Virakesari.

11.07.2022: **SJB** - According to Economy Next, SL's Main Opposition Party, the Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) is ready to lead SL at its Presidential and Prime Ministerial levels and develop SL's economy. Sajith Premadasa has mentioned that they will appoint a government headed by a President and a Prime Minister.

12.07.2022: **Airport** - According to the SL Immigration Officers' Association had made an announcement that Border Control Officers had withdrawn from the duties in the VIP area of Colombo Airport in light of reports that B. Rajapaksa was attempting to leave SL, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that they refused to process his documents and thus he

had to return from the airport. Further reports indicate that VIP lanes at the Kattunayake and Mattale Airports had been locked preventing B. Rajapaksa's departure.

12.07.2022: **SLAF** - The SLAF denied speculations that G. Rajapaksa was currently residing at the SLAF Commander's residence, reports Virakesari.

12.07.2022: **Injunction** - According to Virakesari, a motion to issue an interim injunction against many SL leaders from leaving SL without obtaining permission from SL's High Court had been filed by Upendra Gunasekara.

- ♦ M. Rajapaksa
- ♦ B. Rajapaksa
- ♦ Ajith Nivard Cabraal
- ♦ W.T. Laxman
- ♦ S.R. Attigale

12.07.2022: **Commerce** - According to Economy Next, SL's Chambers of Commerce are calling for a smooth transition of power in SL. The chambers mentioned that the resignations and appointments of new leaders in SL should take place as soon as possible.

13.07.2022: **Escape** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa reportedly fled to the Maldives with his wife and 02 bodyguards in an SL Military plane. This was done "with the full approval of the Ministry of Defence and in compliance with immigration, customs and all other laws at Katunayake International Airport."

13.07.2022: **Fascism** - According to Economy Next, SL's newly-appointed acting President and Prime Minister R.

Wickremesinghe mentioned that SL must be contained from a "fascist threat." He also said that he has appointed a committee of military commanders and SL's Police Chief to enforce a curfew and State of Emergency.

13.07.2022: **SLPP** - According to Economy Next, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) led by former SL Prime Minister M. Rajapaksa still has a majority in the 225-member legislature. Therefore, their SL Parliamentary majority will make them key to electing SL's New President.

13.07.2022: **Salaries** - According to Athavan News, a senior SL Minister mentioned that the provision of this month's salaries to SL's state employees would be difficult.

14.07.2022: **Flight** - According to Economy Next, Saudi Air flight SV788 with G. Rajapaksa on board has landed at Changi Airport in Singapore. SL's Office of the Speaker of SL's Parliament mentioned that SL's Parliament would not meet as scheduled on 15.07.2022 as G. Rajapaksa's resignation did not occur as expected.

15.07.2022: **President** - According to Economy Next, SL's genocidal Army Chief, Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, is prepared to assume SL Presidency if the majority in SL's Parliament agrees. He wants a change in SL's current political system.

15.07.2022: **Travel ban** - According to Colombo Gazette, a travel ban had been issued against Mahinda, Basil and Cabraal until 28.07.2022.

17.07.2022: **Surveillance** - R. Wickremesinghe called for an investigation to probe social media threats to MPs who would be provided with full protection to express their opinions independently, reports Colombo Page.

18.07.2022: **Easter bombing** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe is calling for a full and impartial review of the investigation into the 2019 Easter Sunday bombings, and he would like the assistance of the UK and its Police personnel in doing so. SL's Catholic Church rejected a call by R. Wickremesinghe to review the investigation into the 2019 Easter Sunday bombings with the assistance of UK authorities. Father Cyril Gamini Fernando, a spokesman for the Archdiocese of Colombo mentioned that Wickremesinghe used the attack to achieve his political goal.

19.07.2022: **Election** - According to Economy Next, Sajith Premadasa withdrew from SL's Parliamentary race for SL's President. He mentioned that the SJB would support Dullas Alahapperuma for office. SL's crucial Presidential Election became a race with two strong candidates. The candidacies of R. Wickremesinghe, ruling party Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuan (SLPP) MP Dullas Alahapperuma, and National People's Power (NPP) MP Anura Kumara Disanayake were proposed and seconded in SL Parliament on the morning of 19.07.2022.

19.07.2022: **TNPF** - According to the Tamil Guardian, the TNPF mentioned that it was going to abstain from voting for a

new SL President, after explaining that there were 'no choices for the Tamil people'.

20.07.2022: **Polling booth** - According to Economy Next, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena requested SL MPs who are participating in the election of SL's new President not to take their cell phones into the polling booth as the photography of voting cards was illegal.

20.07.2022: **Presidential Election** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe won SL's Presidential election, becoming SL's 08th executive President. In the election, 223 MPs cast their votes and 02 abstained, making the total number of valid votes 219. Candidate Dallas Alhahepperuma received 82 votes and Anura Kumara Dissanayake received 03 votes.

27.07.2022: **Summons** - According to Athavan News, SL's Supreme Court had

decided to summon G. Rajapaksa. He has to appear before the Court on 01.08.2022.

27.07.2022: **Passport** - According to Economy Next, an SL MP who defected from SL's Opposition to support the then G. Rajapaksa-led GoSL called for a probe into delays in stamping G. Rajapaksa's passport. SL Immigration officials, however, have denied refusing to stamp his passport despite interrupting work at a VIP terminal as part of a union drive.

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.

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UPRISING



01.07.2022: **Protest** - Lawyers staged a protest in Colombo on the theme of "let's get rid of the government that is persecuting the people", reports Virakesari.

01.07.2022: **Arrest** - 14 additional suspects have been arrested in relation to the Black Monday attacks, reports Virakesari.

01.07.2022: **Protest** - A fundamental rights petition was filed by two lawyers against the SL Military intervention of a protest staged at Galle Fort against the Test Cricket Match between Australia and SL, reports Virakesari.

02.07.2022: **Disturbances** - According to Virakesari, SL's Ministry of Public Security announced that SL's STF would be used

to control disturbances at fuel stations across SL.

03.07.2022: **Monks** - According to Virakesari, a letter signed by 11 Buddhist Monks of the Association of Theras and addressed to G. Rajapaksa warned him to resign from his position before 07.07.2022 without subjecting SL to further anarchy or else they would bring all Buddhist monks to Colombo to conduct an ongoing protest.

04.07.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, Mannar City Council's patrol officers and drivers had staged a vigil opposite the Mannar District Secretariat.

04.07.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, Mannar City Council's

Sanitation Workers and Drivers conducted a demonstration opposite the Mannar District Secretariat due to a suspension of waste disposal operations in Mannar due to fuel shortages.

04.07.2022: **Assault** - According to Colombo Gazette, a social media video capturing an SL Military personnel assaulting a man at a fuel station has been circulating and has gone viral. According to reports from the genocidal SL Army's media, a court of inquiry has been appointed to investigate this incident. Lt. Col. Viraj Kumarasinghe - the Commanding Officer of the 1st SL National Guard who was recorded kicking and assaulting a civilian at a fuel station in video footage which became viral on social media networks has been suspended from all responsibilities by the SL Army HQ, reports Virakesari. A five-member military court was appointed by SL's Western Defence Force HQ to conduct further investigations into the activities of Kumarasinghe.

05.07.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, G. Rajapaksa left SL Parliament due to protests of SL's Opposition. G. Rajapaksa was seen leaving SL Parliament when opposition MPs interrupted R. Wickremesinghe during a speech.

05.07.2022: **Protest** - Private bus owners and tricycle drivers staged a demonstration to block the road and prevent GoSL transport services from proceeding, reports Virakesari.

05.07.2022: **Deployment** - SL's Ministry of Defence commenced discussions to

remove SL armed forces deployed at petrol stations, reports Virakesari.

06.07.2022: **Protest** - Tear gas and water cannons were used to disperse protests near SL's Parliament, reports Athavan News.

07.07.2022: **Ban** - According to Athavan News, a court injunction had been imposed against several organisations from entering the streets of Colombo in an attempt to prevent protests.

07.07.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, SL's influential Buddhist monks from 03 communities have begun a protest hunger strike unto death, demanding the resignation of GoSL and G. Rajapaksa. The protest began 02 days before the main protest, where a large-scale social media campaign is currently underway calling on the public to join the protest site at Galle Face near the SL President's official residence.

07.07.2022: **Security** - According to Athavan News, an announcement was made that GotaGoGama protests would proceed on 09.07.2022 despite the imposition of highest security in Colombo.

08.07.2022: **Protest** - Although SL Police imposed a surprise curfew on the night of 08.07.2022, organisers are determined to continue the demonstration. Protesters had planned to gather in the heart of the capital to demand G. Rajapaksa's resignation.

08.07.2022: **Curfew** - According to Economy Next, SL imposed a local curfew in some areas of the capital

Colombo and a town near SL's main airport from 21.00 local time on 08.07.2022. The curfew imposed on several areas in SL's capital Colombo ahead of the 09.07.2022 protests had been lifted as of 08.00 local time. The local SL Police curfew was imposed across:

- ◆ North Colombo
- ◆ South Colombo
- ◆ Central Colombo
- ◆ Mount Lavinia
- ◆ Nugegoda
- ◆ Negombo
- ◆ Kelaniya

08.07.2022: **BASL** - According to Economy Next, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) chief Saliya Pieris and Secretary Isuru Balapatabendi signed a statement mentioning that there is no provision in SL's Police regulation to impose such curfew. BASL would like to question the Inspector General of SL Police under which authority the curfew was imposed.

08.07.2022: **Protest** - Thousands of students of the All Students' Union in Kelaniya protested in a demonstration calling for the resignation of the R. Wickremesinghe-led-GoSL, reports Athavan News.

08.07.2022: **Declaration** - According to Athavan News, a "Sengadala" declaration would be issued to call for the resignation of G. Rajapaksa for the establishment of an All-Party GoSL.

08.07.2022: **Ban** - According to Virakesari, three requests filed by the SL Police to ban demonstrations scheduled for

09.07.2022 were rejected by the Colombo Magistrate's Court.

08.07.2022: **Protest** - Tear gas and water cannons were fired by SL Police to disperse a rally conducted by the All University Students' Union, reports Virakesari.

09.07.2022: **Chauvinism** - SL Diplomat, Dr. Dayan Jayatilake warned that the Tamils' "aloofness" and lack of participation in the GGG protests would create an opportunity for Sinhala-Buddhist chauvinism to re-emerge, reports Virakesari.

09.07.2022: **Violence** - According to Virakesari, K. Gunaratne mentioned that he had received information that some forces were attempting to incite violence in SL under the guise of peaceful demonstrations and called on the public to exercise patience.

09.07.2022: **Protest** - Two trains left from Kandy and Galle to arrive at Colombo to join mass GGG protests, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that an unprecedented flood of people towards Colombo had completely stalled the capital city. Tear gas was used on over thousands of protestors who had gathered near Chatham Road near SL's Presidential Secretariat. 5 demonstrators and 2 SL Police were injured whilst protesting near the Colombo Fort area and had been admitted to Colombo National Hospital for treatment. Demonstrators were reported to be moving towards the SL Presidential Palace as they broke through three levels of barricades, roadblocks and SL Police attacks into the main entrance.

Demonstrators had also seized two water cannons to spray water at SL's security forces. Soon, protestors had occupied SL's Presidential Secretariat raising suspicions that G. Rajapaksa had left SL as he was not present within the premises. Further reports indicated that SL Military personnel had retreated from their security duties after they had fired bullets into the air to prevent the take-over. Protestors had also entered the Temple Trees despite being fired at by tear gas as well.

09.07.2022: **Rally** - According to Virakesari, a bicycle rally was staged in Jaffna demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and R. Wickremesinghe near Jaffna Central Bus Stand.

09.07.2022: **Demonstration** - Nuwara Eliya locals staged a demonstration against GoSL bringing the main city to a closure. According to Virakesari, locals rallied from Nuwara Eliya Main Bus Stand around the city.

09.07.2022: **Protest** - A demonstration was staged in Vavuniya demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and R. Wickremesinghe, reports Virakesari.

09.07.2022: **Attack** - According to Virakesari, three officers attached to SL's STF were suspended in connection with the attack of News First LK journalists involved in covering mass anti-GoSL protests. Six journalists from Newsfirst were attacked, reports Athavan News.

09.07.2022: **Demonstration** - According to Economy Next, protesters demand the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and R. Wickremesinghe after occupying SL's

Presidential Palace and his office. SL's Prime Minister R. Wickremesinghe has told SL Party leaders that he is prepared to step down as SL's Prime Minister and clear the way for an All-party government.

09.07.2022: **Demonstration** - According to Economy Next, 55 people were injured in clashes with GoSL opponents. There is one critically injured patient and 02 other minor cases. There will be more people.

09.07.2022: **Journalist** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe regrets the attack on a television crew outside his residence. He requested both SL security forces and protesters to exercise restraint to prevent any violence and ensure the safety of the public. SL Police Chief Wickremaratne will suspend at least 04 SL Police officers allegedly involved in the attack.

10.07.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was staged in Talawakele demanding the resignation of G. Rajapaksa and R. Wickremesinghe.

10.07.2022: **Fire** - A residence of R. Wickremesinghe in Kollupitiya was set alight by demonstrators, reports Virakesari.

10.07.2022: **Triforces** - SL's Triforces appealed to SL's people to support the triforces to maintain peace in the country during a public press conference, reports Virakesari.

10.07.2022: **Cash** - Over LKR 10,000,00 was recovered by demonstrators occupying SL's Presidential Secretariat

and handed over to SL Police, reports Virakesari.

10.07.2022: **Arrests** - According to Virakesari, three individuals were arrested based on suspicions of committing an arson attack on R. Wickremesinghe's residence and have been detained at the Kollupitiya Police Station.

11.07.2022: **Army** - According to Virakesari, the SL Army denied reports that SL troops had opened fire at demonstrators on 09.07.2022.

11.07.2022: **Suspension** - According to SL's Police Media Unit, SL's Senior Superintendent of Police of the STF, Romesh Lienake had been suspended in connection with the attack of journalists during the protests of 09.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

12.07.2022: **Clash** - According to Virakesari, 10 individuals who were injured in a clash which emerged between two groups inside the Temple Trees were hospitalised at the Colombo National Hospital for treatment.

12.07.2022: **Bus** - A 28-year-old woman who was suspected of pelting stones at an SLTB Bus in Vavuniya on 11.07.2022 was arrested by SL Police and produced before the local Magistrate's Court, reports Virakesari.

12.07.2022: **Road Block** - According to Virakesari, locals blocked the Jaffna-Kandy highway to demand fuel after they had been waiting in long queues at a nearby IOC petrol station.

12.07.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a demonstration was staged opposite Jaffna University from 12.00 local time to condemn the suppression of media and the attack on journalists.

12.07.2022: **Military** - According to Virakesari, Omalbe Sobitha Thera had requested that SL's Presidential Secretariat and the Temple Trees be produced to SL's Military forces once G. Rajapaksa resigned on 13.07.2022.

12.07.2022: **CID** - SL's CID had commenced investigations into the attack of journalists by SL's STF officers, reports Virakesari.

13.07.2022: **Clash** - According to Virakesari, 4 demonstrators were injured in a clash at Galle Face Green on the night of 12.07.2022 and had been hospitalised at the Colombo National Hospital for treatment.

13.07.2022: **Demonstration** - A demonstration staged opposite R. Wickremesinghe's office was dispersed through the use of tear gas and water cannons which were fired by SL Police, reports Virakesari.

13.07.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged opposite the Maldives' President's Office to demand the immediate expulsion of G. Rajapaksa from the Maldives, reports Virakesari.

13.07.2022: **Archaeology** - SL's Department of Archaeology had called on protestors not to damage ancient properties at SL's Presidential Secretariat and the Temple Trees after many artefacts had been destroyed following

the uprising of 09.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

13.07.2022: **Rupavahini** - SL's Rupavahini TV Corporation was taken over by protestors after the premise was surrounded by them and a live broadcast announcing their objectives was made. According to Virakesari, the broadcast was suspended temporarily due to this and was resumed shortly afterwards.

13.07.2022: **Siege** - According to Virakesari, demonstrators had besieged the Prime Minister's Office in SL causing the injury and hospitalisation of 24 individuals. SL Police used tear gas and water cannons were used to disperse the protest.

13.07.2022: **Death** - 26-year-old Jaliya Dissanayake who had respiratory issues had been declared deceased after participating in anti-GoSL protests opposite the SL Prime Minister's Office due to an attack by SL Police with tear gas which aggravated his respiratory issues, reports Virakesari.

13.07.2022: **Triforces** - According to Virakesari, SL Triforces' request for permission to retaliate in case of an attack on SL Parliament was rejected.

14.07.2022: **Clash** - According to Virakesari, 42 demonstrators were injured and hospitalised for treatment following a clash at Bhattaramulla-Poltuva Junction at the entrance of SL Parliament.

14.07.2022: **Weapons** - According to Virakesari, demonstrators had seized an

T-56 rifle and magazines from an SL Army Soldier during a demonstration near SL Parliament on 13.07.2022.

14.07.2022: **Evacuation** - Demonstrators held a press conference to announce that they will immediately leave the Temple Trees, SL's Presidential Secretariat and SL's Prime Minister's Office but emphasised that they would not abandon their protest until R. Wickremesinghe resigned, reports Virakesari.

14.07.2022: **Army** - The SL's Army HQ warned that demonstrators should refrain from acts that cause damage to GoSL property and incite violence or else SL's security would enact absolute power to maintain peace in SL, reports Virakesari.

14.07.2022: **Demonstration** - According to Economy Next, clashes occurred between anti-GoSL demonstrators and SL's security forces. In the process, 44 demonstrators and 16 SL soldiers were hospitalised.

14.07.2022: **Curfew** - According to Economy Next, SL imposed a curfew in Colombo from 12.00 local time on 14.07.2022 to 05.00 local time on 15.07.2022. The curfew applies to the Colombo administrative district and territorial waters adjacent to that district.

14.07.2022: **Handover** - According to Economy Next, representatives from the Aragalaya, youth-led protest movement, are prepared to return SL's government buildings except for its Presidential Secretariat and the protest site on Galle Face, which they have occupied for several days. They would remain on

Galle Face and at the Presidential Secretariat until their objectives were achieved.

14.07.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, SL's Police Media Unit reported that a 24-year-old was arrested with a package of ganja during a special search operation carried out at SL's Presidential Secretariat by SL's STF.

16.07.2022: **Fired** - According to Virakesari, Brigadier Anil Somaweera of the Colombo 112 Brigade was removed from his duties and recalled to the SL Army HQ after he had refused to shoot at protestors who surrounded the SL Prime Minister's Office to disperse them.

18.07.2022: **Arrest** - Suspects who attacked 03 SL Police officers and seized 50 tear gas canisters have been arrested by Welikada Police at Nanayakkara Mawatha, Obesekarapura and Welikada, reports Nihal Talduwa. According to Colombo Page, the seized canisters were found hidden in a house in Gotami Road in Borella following the seizure on 13.08.2022.

18.07.2022: **Arrest** - 3,215 persons have been arrested following the 09.05.2022 incidents with a total of 08 deaths following attacks by M. Rajapaksa supporters, reports Colombo Page.

18.07.2022: **Clash** - According to Virakesari, Occupational SL Police arrested another local due to tensions between GoSL employees and SL Police at the petrol station near Vavuniya-Mannar Road. Clashes ensued after around 50 Occupational SL Police officers had formed their own new line

and claimed that the public could only receive fuel after they had obtained fuel.

18.07.2022: **Crack Down** - According to Colombo Gazette, SL's CID has launched an investigation against 03 activists from GGG. The allegations are that they have received large sums of money into their local bank accounts. According to SL's CID, investigations had commenced into the transfer of funds from abroad to three prominent protestors involved in the GGG protests, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that SL Police had identified around 70 suspects in connection with the arson of prominent SL political leaders and the alleged theft and damages of antiquities and public property. According to Economy Next, SL's CID should investigate reports that 03 anti-GoSL protest activists received LKR 45 million from abroad. According to media reports, YouTuber Rathidu Senarathna (Ratta) and 02 other activists opened a new account at an SL state-owned bank in early July, 2022 and deposited a total of LKR 45 million from abroad into the accounts.

18.07.2022: **State of Emergency** - According to Athavan News, a State of Emergency had been declared in SL under SL's Public Safety Ordinance in a gazette notification which was issued by the Secretary to SL's President.

19.07.2022: **CCTV** - According to Virakesari, SL's Colombo Crime Prevention Unit had received court orders to commence investigations into the beating of an SL Police Officer and the confiscation of an SL Army official's

gun during the besiegement of SL's Parliament. Accordingly, police had requested the Colombo Additional Magistrate's Court for unedited CCTV footage from the vicinity for further investigations.

19.07.2022: **Attack** - Following an attack on a clerk waiting at a petrol station in Vavuniya by an occupational Vavuniya Police officer, locals blocked the main road of Vavuniya-Mannar in protest, reports Virakesari.

20.07.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, anti-GoSL protesters mentioned that they will continue their struggle to remove SL's newly-appointed President R. Wickremesinghe as well.

21.07.2022: **Legal Action** - It is reported that legal action is to be taken against those who remain within a 50-metre radius of the SWRD Bandaranaike statue in Colombo, reports Athavan News. It is notable that a court order had been issued by the Colombo Fort Magistrate preventing such assembly.

21.07.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, plans had been made to provide the Colombo Viharamahadevi Park for protestors to continue their "Go Home Ranil " protests rather than at Galle Face Green.

21.07.2022: **Arrest** - An arrest warrant was issued by the Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court against the All University Students' Union's Vasantha Mudalike and Rathgaravve Jinarathana Thera, reports Athavan News.

22.07.2022: **Raid** - According to Economy Next, SL's Supreme Bar Association

strongly and unreservedly condemned the use of force by SL authorities when they attacked protesters on Galle Face near SL's Presidential Secretariat. SL Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa also found the attacks cowardly. Furthermore, the EU, US envoy Julie Chung and British High Commissioner to SL, Sarah Hulton had also expressed concern about the situation.

22.07.2022: **Operation** - SL Army, STF and Air Force officers took over segments of Colombo's Galle Face protest site and forcibly removed, assaulted and arrested protestors in an operation commenced at midnight local time on 22.07.2022. This operation was conducted on the same day that R. Wickremesinghe was sworn in as SL's 8th Executive President. According to Virakeari, Al Jazeera and the US Ambassador to SL had expressed concerns over the incidents.

Timeline

- ▶ Tents and food supplies were demolished after SL Military attacked protestors by surprise.
- ▶ SL military prevent journalists from entering the protest site to cover the attacks.
- ▶ 2 BBC Tamil journalists from Tamil Nadu, freelance journalists Gunawardena and Mohammed were beaten by SL Military.
- ▶ Armed SL Air Force troops assault and drag a minimum of 03 youth.
- ▶ At least 07 activists, journalists and lawyers were arrested by SL Military officers during the operation.
 - ◆ Nuwan Bopage
 - ◆ Shalika Anuranga
 - ◆ Lahiru Fernando
 - ◆ Randimal Gamage

- ◆ Kasun Kumarage
- ◆ Chaturanga Kumara
- ▶ A differently-abled SL Soldier
- ▶ The wounded were not permitted to be taken to hospitals for treatment until after 07.00 local time.
- ▶ SL Army moved to seize SL's Presidential Secretariat which was planned to be handed over by protestors by 14.00 on 22.07.2022.

23.07.2022: **Solidarity** - According to Athavan News, a demonstration was held in Jaffna in solidarity with the protestors attacked at Galle Face Green. This demonstration was held at the Jaffna Bus station.

23.07.2022: **Black market** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe requested SL Police to crack down on black market fuel traders. He instructed the SL Police to expand raids and strictly enforce the law against individuals and groups involved in black market trading.

24.07.2022: **Attack** - According to Economy Next, SL Police officers defended the forcible eviction of protestors from SL's Presidential Secretariat. They claimed that they had come to a point where they could not believe the protestors regarding their eviction from GoSL buildings. Therefore, SL's Tri-Forces and STF removed such individuals from alleged illegal assembly.

25.07.2022: **Arrest** - According to Economy Next, 03 suspects, aged 28, 34 and 37, residing in Obesekarapura in Rajagiriya, were arrested for capturing 40 gold-plated brass curtain rods and attempting to sell them. The 03 arrested

protesters were handed over to the Colombo (North) CID.

25.07.2022: **Strike** - Sri Lanka Transport Board's (SLTB) Jaffna workers and private bus drivers went on a strike. The private bus owners went on strike in relation to the fuel issue. SLTB workers went on strike as two of their employees were attacked on route from Jaffna to Colombo on 22.07.2022. As suspects were arrested, the strike of the SLTB workers also ended.

25.07.2022: **Travel Ban** - According to Virakesari, a travel ban had been imposed upon 5 GGG protestors.

- ◆ Joseph Stalin
- ◆ Father Jeevandha Peiris
- ◆ Lahiru Weerasekara
- ◆ Wasantha Mudalige
- ◆ Erange Gunasekara

27.07.2022: **Protest** - The Vavuniya District Hospital workers staged a protest demanding that fuel should be provided separately for health workers, reports Virakesari.

28.07.2022: **Travel Ban** - The Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court issued an injunction preventing the travel of 21 GGG protestors from leaving SL, reports Athavan News.

29.07.2022: **Raid** - According to JDS Lanka, 2 SL Police teams raided a Frontline Socialist Party Office in Nugegoda in search of student protestor, Wasantha Mudalige.

29.07.2022: **Protest** - The North East Coordination Committee staged an anti-GoSL protest opposite Jaffna's District Secretariat in condemnation of police

brutality against protestors in Colombo, reports Lanka Files.

29.07.2022: **Reportage** - According to eye-witness, Amalini, reports by the Daily Mirror claiming that the Director General of SL's President's Media Division, Dhanushka Ramanayake had met in an unofficial and brief capacity with

protestors was fake and no such discussion had been held.

29.07.2022: **Protest** - A solidarity anti-GoSL protest was staged by Batticaloa locals in condemnation of the attacks of protestors in Colombo, reports Lanka Files.

To create and observe news - 3 Years of AP

PHOENIX TNG

Akkinip Paravaikal (AP) newsletter commenced as Phoenix - the Next Generation's official monthly newsletter with the release of the first issue on 01.09.2019. It is curated by Phoenix's media division, Puradsi Media. The AP Team comprises members from across 03 continents and effectively manages all obstacles to constantly produce output with continuity. It initially commenced as a bilingual newsletter which swiftly evolved to comprehensive English-language coverage which has been uninterrupted since its inception. In addition to functioning as a newsletter which not only covers occurrences concerning the Tamils' struggle, AP has been the official voice of Phoenix TNG and now operates as an independent news agency. As such, 3 years and exactly 36 months since the publication of the first issue of AP, the AP Team members, Phoenix members and coordinators reflect on the significance of this newsletter at this critical juncture of the struggle.

"To understand is to perceive patterns. For that AP is an important tool for the Tamil struggle. It collects, selects, dissects, edits and categorises information related to the Tamil struggle. The progression of the AP within three years is immense and the potential of it is still wide. வெல்வது உறுதி" - Nitharsan (Puradsi Media Coordinator, AP Founder & member)

"Behind Akkinip Paravaikal Newsletter is a small, international, family team that has great will to summarise what is happening in our homeland. It does not end with collecting - moreover, with the intensive structural analysis, it forms the foundation for the continuation of the struggle. I am happy to continue this fight with my most beloved team." - Ranjini (Switzerland & AP Coordinator and member)

"The Akkinip Paravaikal Newsletter is not only the voice of Phoenix, but also the voice of Eelam Tamils. It is not only a newsletter, but a disciplinary practice embodying continuity, routine and commitment. Today, AP stands as an example of an unfaltering resolve. With

time, progress and success is inevitable, if one is prepared to commit with undying spirit to the failures, stagnation and their consequences as much as to the joys of victory.
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“AP creates an opportunity to understand the socio-economic and political trends of the island and further its geopolitical allyships. Through these contexts, we are able to predict potential outcomes in the country and its impact on Tamil Eelam and its people. As a globally displaced community, AP offers a sense of comradeship in the rapidly moving digital world.” - Vithusa (AP Team member)

“AP plays a vital role in the community by bringing detailed news updates directly from the homeland to the diaspora in a manner which helps us link our struggle to current affairs taking place in Sri Lanka. By mapping day-to-day incidents in Eelam we can understand important trends in the region such as land grabs, cultural genocide and colonisation. Through its newsletters, AP allows readers to study these worrying trends, but also understand solutions and the need for goals such as self-determination, which are explained through in-depth analysis and feature articles.” - Vanathi (AP Team member)

“A lot of us, especially when we are living overseas, find it hard to stay in touch with what is happening in our homeland. AP allows us to know exactly what is happening in the country in a short and quick way making sure we are not lost. The team is doing an amazing job to make sure all of us stay in touch with our homeland!” - Kayazhini (AP Team member)

“AP newsletter marks its 3rd year this year. We can see the progression by having a look at each AP newsletter with more news, art, pictures, articles and videos on social media. AP is not just a newspaper. All news is selected, edited and reported very carefully to spread not only information but a message as well. It shows us what is happening and what will be the consequence in the future if we read each AP carefully. It reminds us of the aim of our struggle; Tamil sovereignty and the value and principles of our state, Tamil Eelam.” - Kayalvizhi (Early AP Team member)

“I do not think justice can only be found through politics or violence. You can also get it with art. As is well known, a picture (painting) is worth more than 1,000 words. AP shows this in many ways.” - Shaumi (AP Young Phoenix Contributor)

“AP work has been occurring continuously for 03 years now. An example of the importance of AP can be observed through such work. Through analysing each particular incident, its significant consequences can be identified allowing lessons to be learnt from it.

However, AP is unique in that through observing all incidents and angles of actions conducted against Tamils from the homeland and the diaspora, the connections between such events, their origins, causes and effects can be identified through the AP

newsletter. The structural Tamil genocide conducted against Tamils and its planned execution is explicitly evident through this immense tool. When utilised effectively, this tool can prove to be useful not only for the formulation of our future actions as Phoenix, but also for all those engaged in the Tamils' struggle.

With Akkinip Paravaikal's ongoing coverage, a comparison of news coverage has established a strong redline through its explanations and analysis. Thus, structural Tamil genocide becomes more apparent in a contextualised manner rather than as isolated incidents.

Personally, AP is an important tool - a tool that is crucial for our struggle. Through comprehending this, it is my expectation that this AP Team works further to strengthen this. As we always mention, when all initiatives come together as one, victory is certain. வெல்வது உறுதி" - Jathuram (Phoenix TNG Coordinator & Co-founder)

"AP is a new kind of opportunity to bring the knowledge to everyone clearly and transparently for any kind of people and to bring an understanding between the goals of the news closer. It is important to bring the platform everywhere and to everyone." - Avinash (Tamil Economic Forum Coordinator)

"AP is not merely a news outlet - it is evidence of the Tamils' existence. I am confident that Akkinip Paravaikal will remain one of the Tamils' significant news platforms in the future. AP will further encourage the lifestyle of Tamils. வெல்வது உறுதி" - Biranavan (SC Phoenix Coordinator)

"AP is an important source for Eelam Tamils and news readers in general as it contains information about the happenings around the world in context with Tamil Eelam. The Newsletter is the first step to becoming a massive information supplier that will be reached worldwide rapidly.

In my eyes AP is very informative, creative and tells the most important news in an understandable way for everyone. It is a great project to include ideas from talented people in different ages, like for example the drawings and caricatures. The newsletter is modern, practical to use online and it has a great structure." - Saina (HR Coordinator)

"AP newsletter has created a space for Eelam Tamils to be aware of the current events that are occurring back in the homeland and it has formed a community of people on social media such as Instagram to always know the events that take place and sensationalises reports that should be coming from mainstream media that is not being reported to its full truth. வெல்வது உறுதி" - Thaaraaga (Art Division Coordinator)

"Akkinip Paravaikal (AP) is a well-written newsletter, featuring thoroughly researched snippets highlighting recent hot topics and more. AP educate the Tamil diaspora and

interested audiences from various backgrounds on international news, politics, and the Tamil genocide, among other topics. The efforts by the team to cater for all generations is highly appreciated, and there will be something to learn for everyone.” - Raagavan (Phoenix member)

“The AP is an extremely important platform. They provide such important information about the Tamil struggle and our Maaveerar. Not only that, they follow Thalaivar's demands on educating the current and upcoming generations about our struggle and get them involved in keeping our tamil community strong. So many young bloods working behind this shows a great sense of determination in educating people about our history. Extremely proud of them for connecting with Tamils all around the world. Thalaivar would be extremely proud of the AP.” - Abitharany (Phoenix member)

“I think it is good that you summarise the most important information and that way you do not have to collect the news yourself.” - Tharmi (Phoenix member)

“AP keeps us updated through the months, not only with the news from Tamil Eelam but also news from Phoenix itself. It is our monthly checklist of what we have achieved this month, like a diary.” - Phoenix member

“It is the 3rd year of the AP newsletter. An organic Tamil youth-curated monthly publication that serves as a tool to re-establish original thinking. This 'thinking' embedded in Tamil leaders of the next-generation, the world over, will allow them to reimagine a better tomorrow for Tamils, nation building starts with passionate individuals. AP newsletter is written by youngsters to inform kindred to imagine again with purpose. It serves to provide concise holistic news to inform the struggle of tomorrow.” - Krish (Phoenix member)

“It is of great importance for the Tamil people to write and inform both the world and our own community of the truth. A truth which has been crushed time and time again by those who wish to control our narrative. This is the importance as to why we must reclaim the truth. AP newsletter is the vessel for this, gifted to my people.” - Theevan (Phoenix member)

International News

01.07.2022: **Australia** - According to Economy Next, more people are migrating out of SL without proper authorisation despite a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and possible deterrents. More than 100 people have been arrested in the past 07 days.

02.07.2022: **Suicide** - 22-year-old Niroshan - a Tamil refugee who completed suicide in the Mandapam Refugee Camp in Tamil Nadu was commemorated, reports Virakesari.

02.07.2022: **Myanmar** - According to Virakesari, SL has decided to provide 6 million Pfizer vaccinations to Myanmar.

07.07.2022: **Australia** - According to Athavan News, Paul Stephens was appointed as Australia's new High Commissioner to SL.

08.07.2022: **Japan** - According to Athavan News, G. Rajapaksa had mentioned that Japan had lost a highly-respected politician following the death of its former Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe.

08.07.2022: **Ban** - Peiris mentioned to an EU envoy that SL is to review their list of banned organisations and individuals. According to Virakesari, SL's "developments in domestic mechanisms to deliver political reforms despite the current crisis" were also emphasised by Peiris during the discussion.

08.07.2022: **Conference** - According to Virakesari, the 6th Deputy National

Security Advisor Level Conference, "The Colombo Security Conclave" organised by the National Security Council of India was conducted in Kochi on 07.06.2022 with participation from many South-East Asian countries.

- ♦ Participants
 - ♦ India
 - ♦ Maldives
 - ♦ Mauritius
 - ♦ Sri Lanka
- ♦ Observers
 - ♦ Bangladesh
 - ♦ Seychelles

15.07.2022: **Russia** - According to Virakesari, the Colombo Commercial Court ordered to dismiss a case against Russia's Aeroflot.

17.07.2022: **Red herring** - R. Wickremesinghe during talks on the topic of "Preventing Global Hunger and Famine" pointed fingers at the Russo-Ukraine War as the causation for SL's economic crisis, reports Colombo Page.

21.07.2022: **Human trafficking** - SL reaches Tier 2 on the US Department of States' Trafficking in Persons Report released on 19.07.2022. The country was acknowledged for increasing efforts to mitigate such acts with the recognition of COVID-19 in SL, reports Colombo Page.

23.07.2022: **WHO** - According to Economy Next, the monkeypox disease has been declared as an international health emergency. WHO Director-

General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said WHO estimates that the risk of monkeypox is moderate worldwide and in all regions, with the exception of the European region, where WHO considers the risk to be high.

25.07.2022: **UK** - According to Athavan News, students from SL had been limited admission to the South Wales university. The reason for this is that student fees had not been paid by the students.

26.07.2022: **Wikileaks** - Wikileaks leaked a cable from 2007 where SL's then newly-elected Opposition Leader, R. Wickremesinghe requested Japan to suspend economic assistance to SL.

Bilateral Discussions

01.07.2022: **China** - The Chinese Ambassador to SL held discussions with Dhamikka Perera regarding the expansion of Chinese projects in SL during a meeting held at the Chinese Embassy in Colombo, reports Virakesari.

01.07.2022: **Japan** - The Japanese Ambassador assured G. Rajapaksa in a meeting that bilateral relations would be strengthened through continuous cooperation for projects with the IMF to develop SL, reports Virakesari. According to Colombo Gazette, SL's Foreign Ministry mentioned: "The discussions focused on enhancing bilateral political, economic and defence cooperation as well as strengthening people to people ties." A meeting was also held with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan led by Kano

27.07.2022: **China** - According to Athavan News and Swissinfo, the Chinese Yuan Wang 05 ship is scheduled to be docked at the Hambantota Port between 11.08.2022-17.08.2022. The Yuan Wang will conduct space tracking, satellite control and research tracking as a part of scientific research in the North-western part of the Indian Ocean region between August-September 2022.

Takehiro and SL's Foreign Affairs, Aruni Wijewardene on 15.07.2022 where discussions on enhancing mutual ties, economic and defence corporation were facilitated, reports Colombo Page.

02.07.2022: **Oman** - G. Rajapaksa met with the Ambassador of Oman to SL on 01.07.2022 where the ambassador committed to provide all necessary assistance to SL, reports Virakesari.

03.07.2022: **China** - During a meeting with SL's Foreign Minister, G.L. Peiris had promised SL that the Chinese government would continue to cooperate with SL to provide assistance to SL in all possible ways, reports Virakesari.

03.07.2022: **Norway** - Chanakyan met the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss SL's current crisis, reports Virakesari.

05.07.2022: **Russia** - According to Economy Next, Russia has received assurances from GoSL for the resumption of flights to avoid another diplomatic disagreement. Russia's Aeroflot was grounded in Colombo in early June 2022 after Ireland's Celestial Aviation Trading 10 Limited (the aircraft's owner) obtained an injunction against Aeroflot in a Colombo Court over a leasing dispute.

16.07.2022: **India** - Gopal Baglay met SL's Speaker to discuss SL's Crisis and the maintenance of democracy and SL's constitutional framework, reports Virakesari.

18.07.2022: **US** - SL MP, Sivagnanam Sritharan briefed US diplomats regarding

SL's current political and economic situation and made a request for a free referendum to be conducted to obtain a permanent political solution for Tamils, reports Virakesari.

28.07.2022: **US** - Julie Chung met with SL's Prime Minister, Dinesh Gunawardena to discuss stabilisation in response to SL's crises, reports Athavan News.

31.07.2022: **Bangladesh** - According to Economy Next, SL held discussions with the Bangladesh Confederation of Commerce to increase trade between the 02 countries in tourism, investment and shipping. NCE Secretary General Shiham Marikkar and DCCI Secretary General Afsarul Arifeen had prepared a plan to identify potential business opportunities between Bangladesh and SL.

Military News

01.07.2022: **Death** - According to Virakesari, a 19-year-old SL Army Soldier attached to the Maduruoya Army Training Camp died on 30.06.2022 after being attacked by an elephant.

04.07.2022: **Fuel** - The Occupational Jaffna Commander Major General Chandana Vijaya Sundara Jalmar mentioned during a meeting with the Jaffna District Bishop that the SL Army would extend full cooperation to distribute fuel to locals, reports Virakesari.

Asylum

07.07.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - 09 individuals who attempted to seek asylum in Tamil Nadu from the Pesalai and Kilinochchi areas were arrested and handed over to occupational Mannar Police, reports Athavan News.

08.07.2022: **Kalmunai** - 67 individuals were arrested by the occupational SL Navy in a patrol operation near the Kalmunai East coast, for attempting to flee and seek asylum, reports Virakesari.

10.07.2022: **Trincomalee** - According to Virakesari, the Trincomalee Magistrate's Court remanded two of 67 individuals arrested by occupational SL Naval Officers for attempting to seek asylum away from SL until 22.07.2022 and released the remaining 65.

11.07.2022: **Batticaloa** - 77 individuals were arrested at Kaluvankerni Beach in Batticaloa for illegally travelling to Australia to seek asylum, reports Virakesari.

12.07.2022: **Fishermen** - 06 Tamil Nadu fishermen had been arrested by SL's Occupying Navy (SLN) for breaching the International Maritime Boundary Line on 11.07.2022, reports Colombo Page. The fishermen were arrested in the Northern waters of Occupied Tamil Eelam and have been brought to Kankesanthurai Port where they were handed over to SL's Fisheries Inspector of Jaffna for legal action.

12.07.2022: **Distress** - 55 individuals onboard a fishing trawler off the coast of Hambantota were located and brought back to SL following a distress call. Those onboard were suspected of attempts to flee SL and were alerted to SLN HQ on 08.07.2022 by SL's Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Colombo, reports Colombo Page.

Cannabis

19.07.2022: **Cannabis** - SLN seized 30 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis in Kachchativu on 18.07.2022 following a chase of Indian poaching trawlers in the Occupied waters of Tamil Eelam, reports Colombo Page. Those

connected to the substance have not been detained.

20.07.2022: **Cannabis** - SLN arrest 02 suspects including the seizure of 575 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis worth LKR 172 Million off of Occupied Tamil Eelam's waters of Old Casuarina Beach, reports Colombo Page. Both men arrested were residents of Madagal aged 42 and 51 respectively.

23.07.2022: **Accountability** - SL's Defence Secretary, K. Gunaratne has tasked the Midshipmen of the SLN to be accountable for assets incurred from SL public funds during Commissioning Ceremony of the SL Navy's Midshipmen held at General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University's Naval and Maritime Academy in Trincomalee on 22.07.2022, reports Colombo Page.

27.07.2022: **Navy** - According to Economy Next and The Maritime Executive, 09 of 50 SLN sailors aged between 27 and 36 who had travelled to the US for RIMPAC training exercises had "jumped ship" and deserted. This has been forwarded to US law enforcement authorities. Individuals who violate US immigration laws can be arrested, detained and deported.

29.07.2022: **US** - According to a tweet by Julie Chung, the US is to provide over USD 1 million to SL's Defence Ministry for the following purposes:

- ◆ Protect and support trafficking survivors
- ◆ Ensure accountability of traffickers

29.07.2022: **SLAF** - According to a statement released by the SLAF, SLAF Corporal MYGRMLP Ratnasuriya from the

occupational Batticaloa camp who was bound to a tree and stripped of his clothes in Valachchenai on 28.07.2022 had staged the incident and had done it to himself to imply that Tamils were attacking SL troops. According to Lanka

Files, it is notable that he had also put up a sign next to him reading, "This is how stooges who help brutal politics are killed," thus implying the above-mentioned connotation.

The Craft and Construction of AP

VANATHI

Within just over half a year of joining AP, I have integrated into a team that works tirelessly to document all news and developments in Tamil Eelam, aiding the diaspora in understanding and keeping track of current affairs on the island. Given the quality, depth and accuracy of each newsletter, you would never think that the team behind it is only made up of a handful of people. From the daily collation of news, the editing, the graphics, and the design, each element is done with precision and dedication. The strong team ethic is what allows all of this to take place. Each member shares similar values and goals of fighting for Eelam, and making our movement known, and this is what drives each person to invest the time into crafting and building AP.

Working at a large newspaper, I am exposed to the multiple elements that are required when putting together news. Yet, at AP a small number have been able to put together regular newsletters for three years running. Each one is put together not just to dictate the news to readers, but to link them to our struggle, and to better understand running themes such as land grabs, Sinhalicisation, and military intimidation hence contextualising the ongoing structural Tamil genocide. Given this immense task, I assumed that joining the team would be daunting. However, I quickly integrated into the family - an attribute every Tamil organisation should strive to have. We are made up of members from all corners of the world - Canada, Australia, Switzerland and the UK.



However, our common goal and passion for our homeland is what allows us to work in sync. This strong team dynamic means that we are able to look out for one another, cover work when others are feeling overwhelmed, and above all discuss any issues and provide feedback to ensure everyone is gaining and giving the most of the project.

Being in AP, I am constantly learning. We discuss not just current affairs, but world news and developments. We discuss the role of geopolitics, the economy, world powers, and much more. This is what is portrayed in our newsletters. It is not just concerned with churning out updates on the news, it is focused towards building the foundations to understand politics and to aid us in fighting for self-determination. This is why we even provide viewers with insights to our meetings, posting short notes where we link what we have discussed.

AP is not a singular newsletter, but works within Phoenix to build the organisation. The intention of the newsletter is to provide condensed news, but also in-depth analysis, as well as encouraging art and literature through graphics and creative writing. I soon learnt at AP that we are not just building a newsletter, but a media team that is crucial within the movement. During the conflict, organisations such as TamilNet were vital in allowing Tamils to be aware of horrific abuses taking place when all other media outlets were against us. Now, AP has taken a strong stance of playing that same role in the post-war generation. Through being part of the team, I have learnt immeasurable amounts of knowledge about our history, politics, developed my understanding of geopolitics in the region, but also developed skills including critical thinking, writing concisely, and working as a unit.

As AP's newest member there are many skills that I am still working on, but the welcoming and nurturing nature of the team means that I am provided with the right environment to be able to do this. Writing has always been a passion of mine, and I have always wanted to contribute that skill towards fighting for our freedom, and AP is letting me do this. Being part of the team reminds me that there are other Tamils that share my same visions and have the same demands for an independent Tamil Eelam. Thalaivar showed us that a liberation movement is made up of a strong unit that has one vision, and everyone in AP is driven by this same vision.

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

04.07.2022: **Ice** - The Occupational Kalmunai STF arrested a suspect for smuggling 20 grams of the drug ice in an

operation executed on 03.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

Death

01.07.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the body of an elderly man was recovered from Vavuniya. Further reports indicate that the body of a 38-year-old had also been found on 29.06.2022 in Vavuniya.

01.07.2022: **Body** - The body of 57-year-old fisherman, Thigari Nainas was recovered in Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

03.07.2022: **Death** - A 60-year-old woman who went to collect clams at the Oddamavaddi River was declared deceased on 02.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

04.07.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, the Chettikulam District Coordinator of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation (SRITELLO), 33-year-old Ruksan from Gandhinagar has been declared deceased after being involved in a train accident in Vavuniya, Chettikulam which is under investigation by occupational SL Police.

05.07.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the body of a man was found ashore at the Umari beach in Thirukoil.

10.07.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the dead body of 81-year-old Kanthiya Annamma who suffered from a neurotic condition had been recovered from a well in Sangana.

11.07.2022: **Death** - 47-year-old Gopalallai Bhuvanasingham was found to be deceased in his bedroom

after he had hung himself to complete suicide, reports Virakesari.

18.07.2022: **Body** - According to Occupational Katankudi Police, a dead body was recovered near Navakuta Public Market in Batticaloa and is yet to be identified, reports Virakesari.

18.07.2022: **Hanging** - According to Virakesari, Occupational Vavunitivu Police mentioned that 21-year-old Alagaiyya Dinesh had completed suicide by hanging himself.

21.07.2022: **Death** - A 20-year-old youth had been declared deceased after he had injected himself with a heroin injection in Jaffna, reports Athavan News.

24.07.2022: **Death** - According to Virakesari, 71-year-old Ganapathipillai Chinnathambi was killed by an electric fence which was established to keep out elephants.

25.07.2022: **Hanging** - The body of 37-year-old Kumarasamy Thilakeswaran was found hanging from a tree in the Makizhadvituvu area after he had completed suicide, reports Virakesari.

26.07.2022: **Accident** - According to Virakesari, two brothers travelling on a motorcycle died on the spot in a collision which occurred in Batticaloa.

05.07.2022: **Pilgrimage** - A pilgrimage to Katirkaamam which commenced from Thondamanar, Selvachchannidhi temple arrived at Batticaloa on 04.07.2022, reports Athavan News.

05.07.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - The second phase of humanitarian relief items received from Tamil Nadu was distributed under the Tambalakkam Divisional Secretariat Division, reports Virakesari.

Fuel

03.07.2022: **Fuel** - According to Virakesari, Occupational Kilinochchi mentioned that 31 barrels of diesel, kerosene and petrol stored in the Navapuram area had been recovered and arrested an individual in relation to the illegal hoarding.

05.07.2022: **Fuel** - Grassroots organisations submitted a letter to Vavuniya's Councillor to realign fuel distribution efforts in the district, reports Athavan News.

08.07.2022: **Fuel** - 6,800 litres of illegally-stored diesel seized from an individual was handed over to the district government president for essential services by the Kilinochchi Court, reports Athavan News.

19.07.2022: **Fuel** - According to occupational Kaluwanchikudi Police had arrested 5 individuals with 6 gas cylinders, a DVD player and LKR 6,500 in cash, reports Virakesari.

06.07.2022: **Mines** - According to SL's National Mine Action Centre, 95% of landmines had been cleared from the Tamil homeland, reports Athavan News.

Fishermen

04.07.2022: **Fishermen** - The Paruthithurai Court Judge has ordered 12 Tamil Nadu fishermen who were arrested on 03.07.2022 by occupational SL Navy officers for engaging in illegal fishing activities to be remanded until 08.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

05.07.2022: **Fishermen** - 05 Tamil Nadu fishermen who were arrested for trespassing into occupied waters are to be further detained until 19.07.2022, reports Athavan News.

05.07.2022: **Fishermen** - 05 fishermen arrested by occupational SLN on 04.07.2022 were produced before the local Magistrate's Court on 05.07.2022 who ordered them to be remanded until 19.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

08.07.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Athavan News, 12 Tamil Nadu fishermen who were arrested off the Paruthithurai Coast had been sentenced to 3 years of imprisonment suspended for 10 years.

12.07.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Virakesari, a local District Magistrate's Court had ordered that 06 Tamil Nadu fishermen who were arrested near Karainagar Beach in Jaffna by occupational SL Navy officers to be further remanded until 15.07.2022.

15.07.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Virakesari, 11 Tamil Nadu fishermen were acquitted by a Urgavariurai Court with a 10-year suspended sentence.

17.07.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Virakesari, 03 Tamil fishermen had been deemed missing from Talaimannar Pier after they had departed from it for net fishing on 14.07.2022.

- ◆ Rasathurai Rasasekar (52)
- ◆ Rajamurthy Mohanraj (50)
- ◆ Raji Janath (27)

20.07.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Athavan News, the Kurunagar Fishermen's Association had submitted a majjar to the Jaffna District Secretariat, demanding fuel as fishing activities had been stalled for over a month due to a lack of fuel.

21.07.2022: **Fishermen** - 11 fishermen from Rameswaram were arrested by occupational SLN officers for allegedly engaging in illegal fishing within waters between Naachchikuda and Talaimannar. According to Athavan News, a boat has been seized and 06 fishermen brought to the Mannar Naval Camp were handed over to the Mannar Fisheries' Department to be produced before Mannar Court for further investigations.

06.07.2022: **Batticaloa Airport** - According to Athavan News, SL's Cabinet had approved the conversion of Batticaloa Airport into a flight training facility.

07.07.2022: **Training** - A training event was held for Jaffna University students related to archaeological technologies in an event held at the Jaffna Fort, reports Athavan News.

13.07.2022: **Thimpu** - According to Tamil Guardian, it has been 37 years since the Tamil organisations unanimously agreed

on a set of 'Thimpu principles' during the first stage of the Thimpu peace talks in Bhutan.

Crime

05.07.2022: **Turmeric** - According to Virakesari, a batch of turmeric and disinfectant which were illegally smuggled were recovered by occupational SL Army on 04.07.2022 in the Gautarimunya Vetakadu area of Kilinochchi based on an SL Military Intelligence tip-off.

10.07.2022: **Smuggling** - Two individuals were arrested by the Ramanathapuram Forest Department of Tamil Nadu for based on suspicions of involvement in the smuggling of 450 kilograms of molluscs to SL, reports Virakesari.

13.07.2022: **Robbery** - According to Virakesari, the occupational Jaffna District Crime Prevention Police had arrested 10 individuals including the main suspect and accomplices involved in the theft and robbery of three houses in Koppay following a complaint filed at the occupational Koppay Police Station.

16.07.2022: **Smuggling** - According to Virakesari, 07 individuals were severely wounded and 02 are in a critical condition when an illegal sand tipper chased by occupational Police rammed into bystanders on Tipper Road in Jaffna.

20.07.2022: **Treasure** - According to Athavan News, 04 individuals were arrested in Ariyampathi for engaging in

illegal gold excavations in an abandoned plot of land on 19.07.2022.

21.07.2022: **Robbery** - According to Athavan News, occupational Chidamparapuram Police, an individual had been arrested in Vavuniya with LKR 400,000.

18.07.2022: **Appointment** - J.B.R. Sugatapalasree was appointed as the Chief Superintendent of the Occupational Batticaloa of Police by SL's Inspector General of Police and assumed duties on 17.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

19.07.2022: **Explosives** - Explosives were recovered by occupational STF officers from private land in the Kanakambikaikulam area in Kilinochchi, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Mortar cells
- ♦ Magazines

Sri Lanka

01.07.2022: **Security** - According to Economy Next, Sirisena mentioned that there is zero national security. He said that the SL government is unwilling to correct the mistake of appointing retired SL Military officers to key civil administration positions.

01.07.2022: **HRCSL** - According to Economy Next, the Human Rights Commission of SL (HRCSL) is investigating the escape of nearly 700 prisoners from the Kandakadu Drug Rehabilitation Centre in Polonnaruwa. The escape occurred during an investigation by Welikanda Police into the suspicious death of one of the inmates. According

- ♦ Tear gas canisters

20.07.2022: **Mannar** - United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in SL's Small Grant Program funded by the Global Environment Facility which provided grants to 10 community organisations in Mannar to minimise environmental disturbance and promote biodiversity resulted in positive outcomes reports Dr. Anil Jasinghe, SL's Secretary to the Ministry of Environment, reports Colombo Page. Accordingly, such developments are seen as positive growth for the area with potential policy implications in the future.

26.07.2022: **Korea** - The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has handed over new schools constructed with KOICA funding through UNICEF in Kilinochchi to education authorities, reports Colombo Page.

to Virakesari, 04 SL soldiers attached to the Kandakadu Rehabilitation Centre were arrested in relation to the death of an inmate.

11.07.2022: **Ranil** - According to Tamil Guardian, R. Wickremesinghe had commented that 'Only Hitlerists would do things like that' in response to the burning of his private residence.

13.07.2022- **Fonseka** - According to Tamil Guardian, Sarath Fonseka had called upon SL's Military not to comply with R. Wickremesinghe's orders and to instead 'raise your weapons against corrupt politicians'.

16.07.2022: **Eligibility** - The SL Parliamentary Secretary General mentioned that the MPs of SL Parliament should pay attention to deficiencies mentioned in SL's Constitution which prevent them from being elected to the position of SL's President, reports Virakesari.

16.07.2022: **Fuel Card** - According to Economy Next, SL's Ministry of Power and Energy has introduced a new SL National Fuel Passport for the public. This will permit the regulation of distribution to receive fuel on a regular basis.

18.07.2022: **Corruption** - The Colombo High Court adjourned a crime report filed by SL's Bribery and Corruption Commission against Vimal Weerawansa until 13.09.2022 for the acquisition of SL's state assets through illegal means, reports Virakesari.

19.07.2022: **SL National List** - According to Athavan News, a verdict on the hearing

of a petition seeking the cancellation of R. Wickremesinghe's position as an SL MP which was heard before Justice Gamini Amarasekara, Shiran Gunaratne and Janak de Silva on 18.07.2022. According to the 14th Amendment of SL's Constitution, an individual who failed to obtain a sufficient amount of votes in SL's General Elections could not enter SL's Parliament via SL's National List.

21.07.2022: **Ranil** - According to Tamil Guardian, SL's new President said that he is not a friend of the Rajapaksas when questioned by Sky News. He claimed not to be a friend of the Rajapaksas, but a friend 'of the people.'

25.07.2022: **Imprisonment** - SL's Court has sentenced a manager of a filling station in Anuradhapuram to 03 months of imprisonment and suspended from carrying out similar duties for 03 years, reports Colombo Page.

Not Losers but Equal Winners

SC PHOENIX

In June, 2022, the SC Phoenix Women's and Men's Football team participated at the Maaveerar Cup football tournament. This tournament took place in Bern, Switzerland. This tournament was the third tournament that the SC Phoenix Women Football team had participated in and the first tournament that the SC team had won a place at - third place. Arshiny, the captain of the SC Phoenix Women Football team, told us about preparation and the tournament.

We started preparing for the tournament in Spring. No matter what the weather was like, we went through the training and were very motivated. We wanted to win the tournament, so each player had a high ambition. During these months we also got

new players and that also added to the team. In this context, we also took a sports test in which endurance, stamina, strength and ball control were tested. These results were recorded. The goal is to take another test next time and compare, so that we become better.

At the tournament, the mood was pretty balanced. We had been neither very excited nor relaxed. We spoke to each other a lot and encouraged each other - this also made it easier for us. I also have to admit that because we are playing as a whole club, that is, with the mens' and women's teams, there is a higher level of self-confidence for each player.

The first tournament was against Swissboys Girls, in which we won 3:0. The first goal was scored by Lavanya and the next two were scored by myself. We were very happy and our audience cheered us on. It was very gratifying that we won the first one. However, that was no reason to relax and we were still focused on winning the other matches.

After that, we played the second match against SC Lyss. The game had been extremely good. We lost 1:0. However, if you compare this match with last year's tournament, we made an extreme improvement. It was our best game ever. If you look at the previous results, we lost 4:1 or 6:0. So apart from this year's result and just looking at the game, every player has been very strong. The goal they scored came from a clumsy mistake, so the second game was very good. We also got a lot of feedback from spectators and the players that we really improved - we took on that feedback from the game.

We lost the last game against Blue Flames 3:0, although we clearly could have won it. We had been under high pressure. Because this game was crucial for us to reach the Finals. Due to this, the performance of everyone had not been so good. Nevertheless, we finished in third place and won a cup and medals.

There were only four teams, but I think that it was a small success towards an immense victory. That is, we are getting better step-by-step every year. I think that you have to start from the bottom and I think it is nicer to see success that way instead of starting from the bottom.

I am really proud of my team. We also got a lot of feedback from the audience and I am very happy. Of course we wanted to come first place, but it is not just about this win. If you look at the team and the games, we are the only team that has only Tamil women in the team for years. We do not play with FC or Swiss women, as it should be. We always fight and train every week and we can be proud of that.

Some thoughts from the SC Women's Team players

"We trained hard in the training and tried hard to implement what we learned in the match. We gave our best as a team and fought for a win, where we came out at 3rd place." - Ramya

"I think the tournament was a huge success for us. There is a saying, 'he who fights can lose' and we implemented that relatively well and we are not losers but equal winners when we compare our progress to the previous years." - Arshiny

"I think it is very cool that we were able to play together as a team, our team spirit has improved as a result. I have definitely seen progress. I hope we continue like this and win more matches." - Subhanu

"The tournament was educational and full of emotions. Despite the heat and the new experience with the artificial turf, we did not let it stop us from doing our best. I am proud of the progress we have made as a team, which can be seen in comparison to last year. With the momentum gained from this, I would like to continue to support my team in the upcoming tournaments." - Anonymous SC Women's Team Player



Economic News

Economic Profile – July 2022

Inflation	June 2022	↑ to 58.9%
	July 2022	↑ to 60.8%
Trade	May 2022	
Imports		↓ 9.7% to USD 1,451 million
Exports		↑ 17.5% to USD 892 million
Trade deficit		↓ from USD 716 million to USD 404 million
	June 2022	
Imports		↓ 26% to USD 1,226 million
Exports		↑ 23.9% to USD 1,249 million
Trade surplus		USD 21 million
Remittances	June 2022	↓ 42% to USD 274.1 million
Fitch Ratings		
Local currency		'Under Criteria Observation' (UCO)
Long-term foreign currency		↓ to RD
Long-term rupee		CCC
Debt		
Public debt	First Quarter, 2022	↑ to around 126% of GDP

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

01.07.2022: **Key rate** - According to Economy Next, SL's key rate rose 33 cents to 359.55 against the USD from 359.88 the previous day. SL's Central Rate is the average interbank transaction rate for the previous day, which is used by the Central Bank of SL as a benchmark for the following day.

04.07.2022: **CPC** - According to Economy Next, SL's state-owned Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) suffered a loss of LKR 628 billion between January-April 2022. This is due to unsecured dollar loans it had to take whenever.

05.07.2022: **Debt** - According to Economy Next, SL's debt has risen to 140% of SL's GDP. R. Wickremesinghe mentioned that

he hopes with the IMF to reduce debt to 95% of SL's GDP by 2032.

06.07.2022: **Stocks** - According to Economy Next, SL's shares fall more than 1.5%, reaching the lowest level in more than 02 months, after falling for the third consecutive session. This is due to fuel shortages, an increase in the return of fixed assets and a looming political crisis.

07.07.2022: **Interest rates** - According to Economy Next, SL's Central Bank has raised the rate at which overnight money is printed for banks by 100 basis points to 15.5 %. The reason is increasing inflation, where the LKR is always devalued.

25.07.2022: **Undiyal** - According to Economy Next, SL's authorities blame Middle Eastern workers for not remitting money through SL's formal banking system, thereby extending the blame from the usual scapegoats for foreign exchange shortages due to contradictory monetary and exchange rate policies. Undiyal transfers leave no dollars available to the CBSL.
<https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-is-wrong-to-scapegoat-expat-workers-over-undiyal-bellwether-97870/>

26.07.2022: **Airline** - According to Economy Next, state-owned SriLankan Airlines will make an interest payment on a USD 175 million government-guaranteed bond. It matures in 2024 and GoSL guarantees settlement.

27.07.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, IMF cut global growth in 2022 by 0.4%-3.2%. SL's economy could shrink 6.9% by 2022, after a soft-peg collapse.

28.07.2022: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, rating agency Fitch estimates that SL will still face political risks as it recovers from a currency crisis and default, despite R. Wickremesinghe's Presidency. Political risks continue to challenge SL's path out of default. Fitch warns of a second downgrade because SL's local currency debt, which has lost nearly 44% in value. Most of the debt is held by banks and pension funds. The bond of SL state-owned SriLankan Airlines continues to be rated 'C' despite the airline's payment of the interest coupon. This is because they continue to be affected by 02 specific events of default associated with the guarantor (GoSL) and governed by the bonds' trust deed.

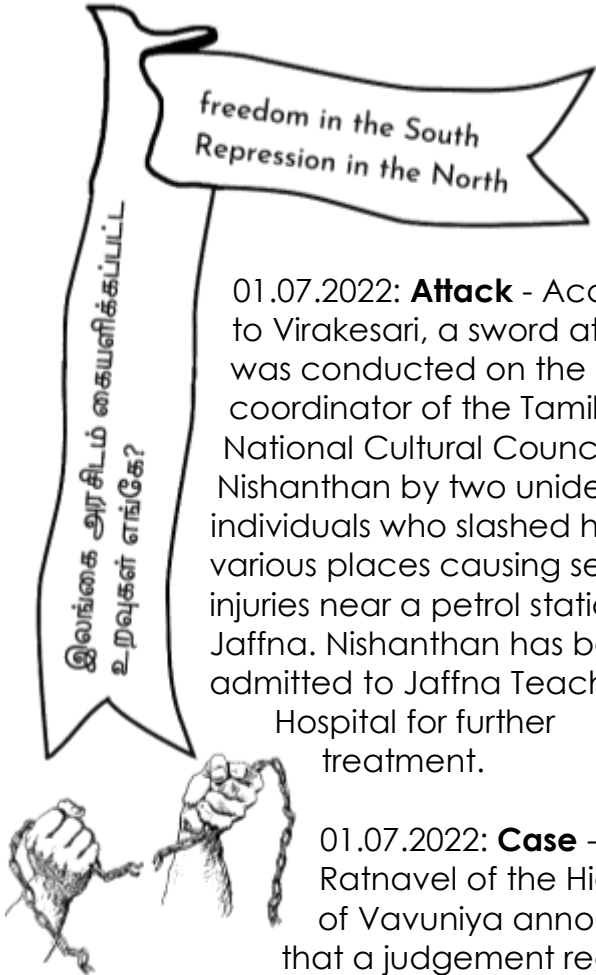
29.07.2022: **Inflation** - According to Bloomberg, SL's Inflation had risen to 60.8% on a year-on-year basis. Transport costs had risen 143.6% whilst food prices had increased by 90.9%.

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News about Oppression & Resistance



01.07.2022: **Attack** - According to Virakesari, a sword attack was conducted on the coordinator of the Tamil National Cultural Council, Nishanthan by two unidentified individuals who slashed him in various places causing severe injuries near a petrol station in Jaffna. Nishanthan has been admitted to Jaffna Teaching Hospital for further treatment.

01.07.2022: **Case** - Justice Ratnavel of the High Court of Vavuniya announced that a judgement regarding an appeal petition filed by Ananthi Sasitharan's relatives regarding those who surrendered in the final stages of Eelam War IV would be announced on 15.09.2022, reports Virakesari.

01.07.2022: **Case** - According to Virakesari, a case filed against Gnanasara Thero which was heard on 01.07.2022 due to his comments that "Islam is a cancer" has been adjourned until 26.08.2022.

04.07.2022: **Bombing threat**- According to Colombo Gazette, SL's Defence Ministry

mentioned that a bombing threat for 05.07.2022-06.07.2022 is unconfirmed. A letter sent by SL's Inspector General of Police to SL's Defence Secretary regarding an intelligence information of a purported terrorist attack was circulating across social media.

05.07.2022: **Commemoration** - Karumpulinaal was commemorated in secret at Jaffna University, reports Virakesari.

08.07.2022: **Arrest** - According to Luton Today, a man in his 30s was arrested at Luton airport on suspicions of being a member of the LTTE.

08.07.2022: **Protest** - A drug avoidance awareness rally was staged by Jaffna's social organisations as organised by the QTech Company, reports Virakesari.

10.07.2022: **Commemoration** - The 27th Commemoration of the Navaly Church Massacre was conducted at St. Peter's Church in Navaly, Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

10.07.2022: **Attack** - An occupational Vavuniya Police officer was attacked and beaten by unknown individuals on the night of 09.07.2022, reports Virakesari.

17.07.2022: **Pardon** - According to Virakesari, R. Wickremesinghe had advised SL's Justice Minister to secure the

release and pardon of Ranjan Ramanayake.

18.07.2022: **Statement** - The Ampara District Disappeared Persons' Association mentioned during a press conference that no country should shelter G. Rajapaksa, reports Athavan News.

19.07.2022: **Easter Sunday** - According to Virakesari, 51 suspects arrested from the Kathankudi area in connection with the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks, were further remanded until 02.08.2022 in an order by Batticaloa's Magistrate.

20.07.2022: **Kurunthumalai** - According to Virakesari, occupational Mullaitivu Police informed SL's Attorney General's Department that there were issues in implementing the order issued by the local court as implementation may raise tensions between communities. Occupational Mullaitivu Police filed a motion deed at the local Magistrate's Court on 18.07.2022 against the court order issued on 14.07.2022 calling for the removal of all illegal constructions erected at the site. Earlier reports indicate that the Mullaitivu Magistrate's Court issued an order calling for the removal of all constructions including the illegal viharai constructed at Kurunthumalai in violation of earlier court orders.

20.07.2022: **Acquittal** - According to Lanka Files, Jaffna's Mayor, V. Manivannan was acquitted of all charges of allegedly reforming the LTTE in occupied Tamil Eelam based on allegations under the PTA that a Jaffna Municipal Council Task Force's uniform was identical to the Tamil Eelam Police

Force's. Reports indicate that the seized uniforms were also returned to the Jaffna Council by occupational SL Police.

21.07.2022: **Crack Down** - According to Colombo Gazette, India's National Intelligence Agency (NIA) has resided 22 places in Tamil Nadu. This raid is connected to the allegations of a drug mafia which intends to revive the LTTE. This drug mafia is being operated by C. Gunashekharan alias Guna and Pushparajah alias Pookutti Kanna in association with Pakistan-based drug and arms supplier Haji Salim, the news further reports.

23.07.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Athavan News, the Jaffna Student Union has held a remembrance for Black July at the Jaffna university.

23.07.2022: **Black July** - The 39th Memorial of the Black July Pogroms were commemorated across the Tamil homeland, reports Virakesari.

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24.07.2022: **Political Prisoners** - "The Voice of the Voiceless" Organisation met with C.V. Wigneswaran and submitted a document with details of Tamil political prisoners who had been detained in SL prisons for an extended period of time to discuss their release, reports Virakesari. It is notable that Wigneswaran had supported R. Wickremesinghe upon a conditional basis - one of which included the release of Tamil political prisoners.

28.07.2022: **Protest** - According to JDS Lanka, Jaffna University's staff, students and Vice Chancellor staged a protest

march in Jaffna on 28.07.2022 condemning discrimination against the LGBTQI+ community and calling for gender equality. An awareness performance was also held at the university campus.

28.07.2022: **LTTE** - A former LTTE cadre accused of providing false information in relation to the abduction and disappearance of journalist Egnelikoda had been released on bail. According to Athavan News, the case filed against SL's Military Intelligence Unit regarding the disappearance was also heard.

28.07.2022: **Commemoration** - The 39th Commemoration of Kuttimani, Thangadurai and prominent members of TELO was held at their Vavuniya District Office, reports Athavan News.

28.07.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Athavan News, the 39th Memorial of the Welikada Prison Massacre was staged at the Mannar District TELO Office.

29.07.2022: **PTA** - The Eravur Tourism Court released Ganavathipillai Mohan who was arrested under the PTA for uploading images of the LTTE online, on bail based on advice from SL's Attorney General, reports Athavan News.

29.07.2022: **Petition** - Ambika Satkunanathan filed a Fundamental Rights Petition with SL's High Court demanding the repeal of the Gazette issued in SL implementing Emergency Law, reports Athavan News.

Signs of Structural Genocide

05.07.2022: **Vattuvakal** - According to Virakesari, Tamil devotees who attempted to engage in festival proceedings at the Vattuvakal Saptha Kannimar Temple in Mullaitivu around 17.30 local time on 04.07.2022, occupational 12 SL LI Platoon Soldiers of the 591st Brigade blocked roads leading to the temple. Video and photographic coverage by Tamil journalist Kumanan indicates that despite the blockade and heavy militarisation attempts in the area through land appropriation, locals claimed their lands by setting up a sign indicating that the land belonged to them.

26.07.2022: **Conservation** - Area around Sampalativu Lagoon in Trincomalee has been designated under SL's ecologically sensitive zone and in its natural forest reserve by its Ministry of Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation on 25.07.2022, reports Colombo Pag.



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