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**From the Ashes we Rise** - Phoenix and  
Maaveerar Commemorations

As Tamils amassed across the Tamil homeland and diaspora to commemorate the martyrs of the Tamil struggle, what contributions were made by Phoenix TNG and how do they vary from the norm?

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வாழுங்கள். நாடு நமக்குப்  
பெரிதானால் நாம் அனைவரும்  
அதற்குச் சிறியவர்களே. எமது  
நிலையற்ற வாழ்விலும் பார்க்க  
நாட்டின் வாழ்வே பெரியது."

**National Leader of Tamil Eelam**



# From the Ashes we Rise

Phoenix & Maaveerar Commemorations



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*You can cut all  
the flowers, but  
you cannot  
keep Spring  
from coming.*

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# Switzerland



**26.11.2022**

Like all the previous years, Phoenix TNG participated in preparation work for Maaveerar Naal. The Swiss coordinators had a coordination workshop on 26.11.2022. After finishing it, the coordinators went to Forum Fribourg, where Maaveerar Naal usually takes place in Switzerland. After the preparation work, the Phoenix members participated in the birthday celebration for the National Leader of Tamil Eelam.



**27.11.2022**

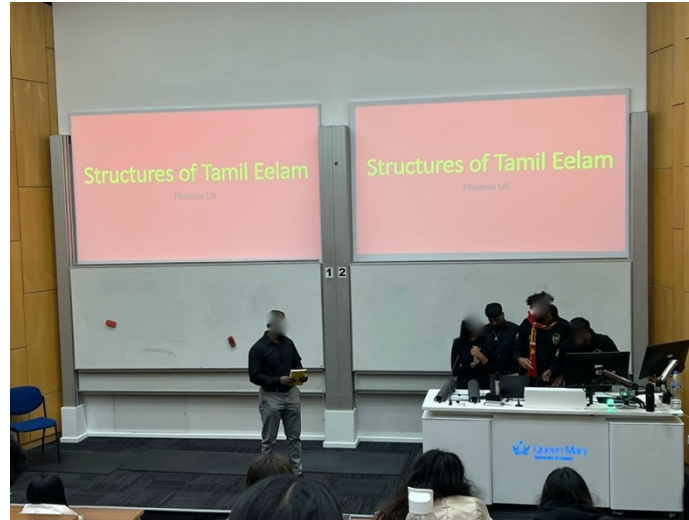
Before the Maaveerar Naal event started, Phoenix TNG held a schooling for its members and for external persons. At this schooling, the significance of Maaveerar Naal and the history around Maaveerar Naal was explained. Afterwards Phoenix stood in their formation to honour and commemorate the Maaveerar. In the end, Phoenix TNG assisted with closing the event.



# United Kingdom

## ***TSI Screening of 'Operation Ellalan' - Queen Mary University***

Phoenix TNG UK was invited as guest speakers at the end of the event where the team conducted an informative presentation on the structures that the Tigers had in place which focused on nation building and the general well-being of the people in the nation of Tamil Eelam. Although many know the Tigers for their military brilliance, not many are aware of their achievements in running a nation, which the presentation informed the audience in an eye-opening way.



## ***Phoenix TNG UK x University of Essex Tamil Society***

Members of Phoenix conducted an informative presentation with Tamil students from University of Essex. The presentation went through the history of the island, liberation movement and its future in today's geopolitical climate. The importance of carrying on the struggle was set clear especially as those back home are persevering through many oppressive actions committed by the Sri Lankan government. The event was well received with many young students engaging and being naturally inquisitive, our members were more than helpful with answering their many questions.



## ***Phoenix TNG UK x Imperial College London Tamil Society***

Our members in the UK conducted another presentation for the Tamil students in Imperial College London about the struggle, our Maaveerar and the future of the liberation movement. The informative presentation was well received and many questions the students had were answered in great detail. Spirits were high and confidence that the continuity of the liberation struggle would persist was eagerly shown.



# Australia

Phoenix Australia members were involved in Maaveerar Naal preparations across 03 states in Australia. In addition, a Karthigai Poo plantation drive was held in Sydney by Phoenix members and supporters to plant 40 Karthigai poo plants at the Tamil monument in Rookwood cemetery to mark 40 years of Lt. Shankar's legacy - the martyrdom of the first martyr of the Tamils' struggle.

## Preparation

Maaveerar Naal preparation had commenced with Phoenix members' participation throughout Maaveerar month. Assistance to the community was mainly provided through the following means:

- ♦ Kallarai construction & painting - Sydney
- ♦ Event preparation - Melbourne
- ♦ Support - Darwin

## Maaveerar Naal Sydney

The Sydney team commenced Maaveerar Naal with a Karthigai poo plantation at the Tamil monument. Shortly afterwards, the team proceeded to the grounds at which the

local Maaveerar Naal was being conducted to assist with event preparation and set up. The team members assisted through manual labour and tasks in the simultaneous rain and heat.

During the event proceedings, Phoenix Sydney members were joined by our Armenian comrades from the Armenian Youth Federation - Australia and shared the legacy of Maaveerar Naal through guiding them around the commemorative space.

## Melbourne

The Melbourne Team provided assistance with Maaveerar Naal preparation and the event proceedings. Members of Phoenix Melbourne had set up a TEF Stand at Maaveerar Naal where they sold Phoenix material and engaged with the community. Further, Phoenix members had also performed in a Maaveerar Naal performance by Nadanalaya Dance Academy.

## Darwin

Maaveerar Naal was held for the first time in Darwin, Northern Territory. This Maaveerar Naal was a historic event as it was an opportunity for the Tamil community in that state to have a space for collective commemoration. At this commemoration, Phoenix had supplied Tamil Eelam's National Flag.



MAAVEERAR  
NAAL '22

# International News

03.11.2022: **Creditors** - According to Economy Next, SL is holding a second meeting with bilateral creditors on 03.11.2022 as SL seeks to obtain assurances from creditors on debt restructuring to finalise an agreement with the IMF. The first round was held in Washington. Another meeting has been scheduled to ensure that all issues are resolved.

10.11.2022: **OFAC** - According to Virakesari, the US had imposed sanctions against SL businessmen, Mohamad Irshad Mohamad (also known as Haris Nizar) who allegedly had ties with the Al Qaeda.

12.11.2022: **LTTE** - According to Ada Derana, India's National Intelligence Agency (NIA) filed charges against 03 LTTE supporters for allegedly planning terrorist acts to revive the LTTE in Tamil Nadu. Further reports indicate they were found to have been in possession of 02 country-made pistols, ammunition and gunpowder during a vehicle check near the Salem District in Tamil Nadu on 19.05.2022.

- ♦ Naveen alias Chakaravarthy. M
- ♦ Sanjay Prakash. J
- ♦ A. Kabilar alias Kabilan

14.11.2022: **Rajiv Gandhi** - An official mentioned that all those except Murugan who were released following detention regarding alleged involvement in the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi would be permitted to return to SL, reports Virakesari.

17.11.2022: **Iran** - SL's Ambassador to Iran mentioned that SL was considering sending SL to 06 major ports in Iran for employment opportunities, reports Virakesari. Further it was mentioned that particular attention had also been directed towards facilitating direct flight services between Tehran and Colombo following discussions with SL's Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation Services.

19.11.2022: **HRW** - According to Virakesari, the Human Rights Watch (HRW) which has encouraged GoSL to implement reasonable measures to suspend the use of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) has indicated that any new law created in its place must comply with international human rights norms.

19.11.2022: **Vietnam** - Asylum seekers who had been rescued from a sinking ship off Vietnam in the Philippine Sea have emphasised that they should not be sent back to SL and they would not return. According to Virakesari, two such asylum seekers had attempted to complete suicide to further emphasise this on 18.11.2022.

25.11.2022: **Canada** - Eric Walsh has been appointed as Canada's new Ambassador to SL, reports Virakesari.

26.11.2022: **Diesel** - According to the Chinese Embassy in SL, diesel samples aboard the "Super Eastern" diesel ship which had arrived at Colombo Port had been tested and thus the docking



process had commenced, reports Virakesari.

27.11.2022: **Vietnam** - The Tamil National People Front's (TNPF's) media spokesperson and lawyer Kanakarathnam Sugash mentioned that the corpse of the individual who had completed suicide in

Vietnam should be returned to Chavakachcheri, Jaffna safely and returned to their family members, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that this was mentioned at an event held at the TNPF office on 26.11.2022 to honour the parents' of Maaveerar.

## Bilateral Discussions

01.11.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, SL's Minister of Buddhist, Religious and Cultural Affairs Vidura Wickremanayake and Indian High Commissioner to SL Gopal Baglay had held 02 separate meetings regarding the implementation of the USD 15 million financial assistance for the development of Buddhism and Jaffna Cultural Center activities provided under the donation-based assistance program of the Government of India.

01.11.2022: **Adani** - According to Economy Next, SL's Colombo West International Terminal, a joint venture between India's Adani Group and John Keells Holding, has begun dredging work. Phase 01 would add a capacity of 1.5 million twenty-foot units to the Colombo Port and is expected to be completed in the second half of 2024.

02.11.2022: **ILO** - Discussions were held between SL's Labour Congress and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Social Security Specialist, Mariko Ouch at Soumiya Bhavan. According to Virakesari, various views were exchanged between both parties regarding the welfare of workers.

02.11.2022: **US** - SL's Justice Minister Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa had assured the US Ambassador to SL Julie Chung during a meeting at SL's Justice Ministry in Colombo that he would take steps to complete all investigative procedures regarding missing persons by 31.12.2023, reports Virakesari.

03.11.2022: **Korea** - The Korean Ambassador to SL, Santhush Woonjin Jeong mentioned that the Korean government had decided to provide financial assistance to the family of Mohammad Jinath from Kandi-Utadalawinna who had died during a Halloween celebration stampede in Seoul. According to Virakesari, he mentioned this during a meeting with SL's Prime Minister, D. Gunawardena.

05.11.2022: **Canada** - According to Economy Next, SL is likely to receive USD 100 million in infrastructure investment from the Canadian Diaspora for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The Canadian Diaspora group held discussions with R. Wickremesinghe and SL Prime Minister D. Gunawardena on their investment plans, particularly in the Tamil homeland.



07.11.2022: **Hambantota** - According to Economy Next, SL's China-backed Hambantota International Port Group has been in talks with a partner to set up a repair facility for reconditioning and handling used cars exported from Japan to Africa. The move into used car transshipment will further solidify Hambantota Port as a hub for roll-on-roll-off (RO-RO) vehicle shipments

07.11.2022: **COP-27** - R. Wickremesinghe met various global leaders at the COP-27 Climate Change Conference which is being held in Egypt, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ British Prime Minister - Rishi Sunak
- ♦ President of Slovenia - Aak Pakor
- ♦ Commonwealth Secretary General - Patricia Scotland
- ♦ Rwandan President - Pol Kalama
- ♦ Barbados Prime Minister - Sandra Mason
- ♦ British MP - Alok Sharma

08.11.2022: **Food needs** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe called on United Nations chief António Guterres to convene a meeting of agriculture ministers from all member states to assess food needs for 2023 and 2024. He stressed the need to work closely with multilateral organisations, identify sources of funding and develop a sustainable debt relief plan without delay.

08.11.2022: **China** - During a meeting between SL Minister of State Finance, Sehan Semasinghe and the Chinese Ambassador to SL Qi Zhenhong on 07.11.2022, China assured its continued need to rebuild SL's economy. According to Virakesari, discussions

regarding debt restructuring with SL were also conducted.

09.11.2022: **IMF** - A special meeting was held between R. Wickremesinghe and the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at the COP-27 conference in Egypt. According to SL's Presidential Media Unit, a successful discussion was held regarding debt management, reports Virakesari. The Finance Minister of Ghana and the Speaker of the Maldives were also present during the said meeting.

09.11.2022: **HNP** - According to Economy Next, the United Nations (UN) in SL and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have revised and expanded a joint Humanitarian Needs and Priorities Plan (HNP) aimed at providing life-saving assistance to 3.4 million people in SL. The revision of the HNP plan extends the plan to 2022 and requires an additional USD 70 million in funding to reach the total of USD 149.7 million.

09.11.2022: **COP** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe discussed debt management with International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva at the COP-27 climate summit in Egypt. SL has reached a staff-level agreement with the IMF on a USD 2.9 billion extended fund facility over a 04-year period, pending IMF board approval.

09.11.2022: **US** - According to Virakesari, the Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath met with the US Ambassador to SL, Julie Chung. According to Yahampath, Chung is reported to have mentioned during the meeting that they

have hope for Batticaloa to provide rice to the entire global rice market.

**10.11.2022: India** - During a meeting between the SL Labour Congress and India's High Commissioner to SL, Gopal Baglay the grievances of the plantation community who had migrated and settled in Tamilnadu Tea Plantation Corporation Ltd (TANTEA) were discussed, reports Virakesari.

Areas of discussion:

- ♦ Construction of 10,000 houses
- ♦ Appointment of Indian teachers at the Thondamann Vocational Training Centre
- ♦ Initiation of new courses to raise livelihood of plantation youth

**11.11.2022: World Bank** - According to Virakesari, the President of World Bank, David Malpass had requested R. Wickremesinghe to continue negotiations with SL's official bilateral and private creditors to ensure that they reach an agreement regarding SL's debt restructuring.

**12.11.2022: Mexico** - According to Economy Next, SL has the potential to boost tourism and trade with Mexico as SL's exports far outweigh imports. Ambassador Salas, a senior career diplomat, mentions that he intends to promote people-to-people contacts with Mexico, expand existing trade relations, and explore new opportunities for additional products from Mexico.

**14.11.2022: Vietnam** - The Vietnam-SL Business Conference was held on 11.11.2022 at the Amaya Beach complex in Pasikuda, reports Virakesari. The Summit discussed opportunities for

Eastern Province entrepreneurs to invest in Vietnam. Further reports indicate that the Yampath had met Vietnam's Ambassador to SL, Ho Thi Thanh Truc to discuss the export of goods produced in the Eastern Province to Vietnam.

**16.11.2022: Singapore** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has directed officials to immediately implement the long-delayed and politicised Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Singapore. It was signed at the ministerial level in January 2018 and entered into force on 01.05.2018.

**16.11.2022: Bangladesh** - According to Economy Next, a 69 % stake in Laugfs Gas (Bangladesh) Ltd (LGBL), consisting of 2,645,203 million shares, was sold for USD 16.1 million. Another 31 % stake held by Dubai-based Slogal Energy DMCC, which is also a Laugfs entity, was sold for USD 7.254 million. The proceeds of the sale will be used to pay off debt.

**17.11.2022: Bangladesh** - According to Economy Next, Laugfs Lubricants of SL, which owns a blending plant on SL, announced that it has entered the Bangladesh market. LAUGFS Lubricants mentioned that it has combined global technologies with local research and development expertise to produce lubricants suitable for the tropical climate of SL and the rest of the South Asian region.

**18.11.2022: UN** - Representatives of the Tamil Progressive Alliance (TPA) met with Peter Due and Hanaa Singer-Hamdy - UN representatives, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the meeting was held following an invitation extended by



the UN in Colombo to explore the challenges faced by "Tamil minorities residing in Southern SL." During the meeting the TPA presented a document outlining the demands of the Hill Country Tamils and their grievances.

19.11.2022: **UN** - A delegation of UN Special Officials who visited Jaffna met for discussions with the Governor of the Northern Province, reports Virakesari. Reports indicated that they assured the UN's continued support to strengthen development in the North.

- ♦ UN's Chief of Political Affairs for the Asia Pacific Region - Peter Nicholas Due
- ♦ UN's Resident Representative for SL - Hanaa Singer-Hamdy

19.11.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, China is actively cooperating with relevant countries and international financial institutions to assist SL reduce its debt burden and achieve sustainable development. In 2021, China was SL's second largest trading partner, largest source of foreign direct investment, and had itself provided loans to stabilise the currency without pushing SL to tighten monetary policy.

20.11.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, China welcomed SL's resumption of talks on an FTA. Li Guangjun, Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Colombo, wishes to reach an agreement to expand their trade and investment cooperation as soon as possible.

21.11.2022: **India** - According to Economy Next, India has disbursed or committed SL USD 1.55 billion in 2022 to

enable imports. This makes India the top lender to SL in 2022.

22.11.2022: **UAE** - According to Economy Next, SL refuses to officially register people travelling to the UAE and Oman on tourist visas. Registration of women going on their own to do domestic work and women doing low-skilled work has also been stopped.

24.11.2022: **Russia** - According to Economy Next, SL is pursuing the option of purchase crude oil from Russia at discounted prices and has held several rounds of talks with Moscow in this regard. Due to the devaluation of the LKR, prices have increased four to five times, which is why they intend to trade Russian oil in the future if the option is available.

24.11.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, dollar fluctuations have reduced the value of China's swap in SL's reserves by USD 100 million. China's CNY 10 billion late last year helped boost SL's reserves by USD 1.5 billion, and that swap has since been included in foreign exchange reserves.

25.11.2022: **UK** - According to Economy Next, the UK is assisting SL with a USD 1 million grant to support 5,000 low-income fishing families. The aid will go as a cash grant to fishermen who use traditional gear in:

- ♦ Tangalle
- ♦ Negombo
- ♦ Colombo
- ♦ Kalutara
- ♦ Galle
- ♦ Matara
- ♦ Puttalam

- ♦ Chilaw
- ♦ Mannar

26.11.2022: **China** - During a special meeting between R. Wickremesinghe and the Chinese Ambassador to SL on 25.11.2022, China had pledged its full cooperation to help SL recover from its crises, reports Virakesari.

27.11.2022: **Bangladesh** - A meeting was held between Ali Sabry and Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her residence on 26.11.2022. According to Virakesari, views on bilateral cooperation were exchanged.

27.11.2022: **Pakistan** - According to Virakesari, a lifetime supply of medicines for Thalassemia patients had been donated to SL by Pakistan's renowned pharmaceutical company - Hainoon Laboratories.

27.11.2022: **Bangladesh** - According to Economy Next, the SL Ports Authority mentioned that it has met with officials of Chittagong Port in Bangladesh to seek means to improve connectivity between the two ports. The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) also held discussions with trade and industry stakeholders with the aim of improving connectivity between Chittagong and Colombo and expanding networks with trade and industry stakeholders in Bangladesh to bring more volume to the Colombo port.

28.11.2022: **US** - US Ambassador to SL, met SL's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry ahead

of his scheduled official trip to the US, reports Virakesari. The trip is reported to be an opportunity to strengthen bilateral cooperation based on the following areas:

- ♦ Human rights
- ♦ Economic governance
- ♦ US future assistance

29.11.2022: **France** - According to Economy Next, SL will launch a project supported by France and the Michelin Group to help 6,000 rubber farmers. The project will be implemented by the French Ksapa Group under the direction of the Ministry of Industry.

29.11.2022: **Switzerland** - According to Economy Next, SL's food and export companies will be supported by the Swiss Import Promotion Program (SIPPO). The cost of CHF 100,000 will be invested for research by SIPPO to support exporters of prepared foods, sustainable fish and seafood products, and apparel in the Swiss market.

30.11.2022: **India** - According to Economy Next, the head of India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) intelligence agency, Samant Kumar Goel, has called on Ranil Wickremesinghe to fulfil all commitments made by the island nation since 1987. This includes the federal solution for the Tamils. He is also concerned about the increasing activities of China and Pakistan in northern and eastern SL.



# Military News

02.11.2022: **US** - The Douglas Monroe P.627 ship provided to SL by the US Coast Guard arrived at Colombo Port after departing from the Port of Seattle on 03.09.2022, reports Virakesari.

07.11.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, a team of SL officials had seized and arrested suspects aboard the fishing vessel, "Kavindhu Budha" which was travelling through international waters into SL with around 300 kilograms of heroin. Reports indicate that the seized drugs have a street value of around LKR 06 billion.

09.11.2022: **ICRC** - According to SL's Ministry of Defence (MoD's) website, a delegation of the ICRC met several representatives of SL's genocidal forces.

14.11.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, around 41 kilograms of Cannabis smuggled from India to Jaffna was seized by the Occupational SL Navy. Reports indicate that the drugs were seized in the Tamils' territorial waters of Jaffna's Kurunagar. A suspect was also arrested.

14.11.2022: **DSCSC** - According to SL's MoD's website a delegation under Major General A.M Roe CB, Chief Executive and Commandant, Defence Academy of the UK visited SL's Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) commandant. The discussion focused on the co-hosting of the South Asian

Conference of Commandants 13.02.2023-16.02.2023 by SL and UK. It is noteworthy that Britain played a crucial role in setting up the DSCSC .

17.11.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Virakesari, 14 Tamil Nadu fishermen were arrested by SL Navy officials based on allegations of illegally fishing in SL's territorial waters on 16.11.2022. The fishermen were arrested while they were fishing near Paruththithurai beach in Jaffna - in Tamil Eelam's territorial waters. It is notable that one of their boats was also seized by the Occupational SL Navy.

21.11.2022: **ICRC** - According to the SL Army's website the ICRC conducted a 02-day workshop for SL's genocidal forces on International Humanitarian Law and on Human Rights.

22.11.2022: **Vijayabahu** - According to SL's MoD website, SL's Navy has renamed the P-627 to Vijayabahu. It is noteworthy that this Offshore Patrol Vessel was donated by the US Coast Guard to SL.

28.11.2022: **Agriculture** - According to Army LK, 02 agriculture experts from Tamil Nadu held a workshop for SL's genocidal military. The experts were A. Gopal Raj, former Director of the Tamil Nadu Agriculture Board and D. Kodei Selvam, Managing Director of Maharishi Education Trust.

# WHAM

08.11.2022: **Volleyball match** - According to SL's MoD's website, SL's genocidal forces organised a volleyball match in Mirusuvil, Jaffna.

15.11.2022: **Palaly Airport** - According to SL's MoD website, SL's genocidal forces arranged a visit to Palaly Airport for 40 students and their parents. The children were from J/Madihe Pannaseeha Vidyalayam School in Puttur.

15.11.2022: **Housing** - According to SL's MoD website, SL's genocidal forces had constructed a new house for a former member of the LTTE in Kilinochchi. The cost is LKR 1.7 million, the news further reports.

16.11.2022: **Housing** - According to SL's MoD, SL's genocidal forces had built a new house in Paranthan for a Tamil family at the cost of LKR 1.7 million.

17.11.2022: **Blood donation** - According to SL's MoD, SL's genocidal forces had donated blood at the Jaffna Teaching hospital.

21.11.2022: **House & Playground** - According to SL's MoD, SL's genocidal forces have constructed a house in Madu, Mannar. Additionally, SL's genocidal forces have built a playground for students at Vinayanagar Vidyalaya in Manmune, Batticaloa.

25.11.2022: **Spectacles** - According to SL's MoD, SL's genocidal forces have

distributed over 1,500 spectacles in Pooneryn.

27.11.2022: **House** - According to SL's MoD, SL's genocidal forces have built a house in Puloly-West Paruththithurai for a Tamil family.

30.11.2022: **English Course** - According to Army LK, SL's genocidal Army are providing tuition lessons in English for children from Kevil and Kaddaikaadu villages from Jaffna. The classes will be every Saturday from 09.00-11.00 local time.





# Domestic News

## Tamil Eelam

02.11.2022: **Trincomalee** - According to Economy Next, SL's Trinco Petroleum Terminal Limited (TPTL), a joint venture between state-owned Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and India's Lanka IOC, plans to invest up to USD 70 million to renovate 61 oil tanks in Trincomalee. TPTL has control of 51 tanks at a World War II-era tank farm on a 600-acre site at Trincomalee Port in Tamil homeland. The tank farm has 99 tanks, 15 of which are operated by Lanka IOC. The rest are to be used by CPC.

05.11.2022: **Palaly** - SL's Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda mentioned during a press conference that India does not want to land flights at Jaffna Airport, hence attributing to the fact that Palaly Airport has not been operating since being opened 03 years ago, reports Virakesari.

## Drugs

03.11.2022: **Arrest** - 02 individuals were arrested for the possession of heroin in Maniamthottam, Jaffna by Occupational SL Police, reports Virakesari. 40 and 42 milligrams had been seized during the operation, respectively.

06.11.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, Northern Governor Jeevan Thiagaraja mentioned that special joint measures were being taken to control drugs in the North. Further reports indicate that he

had indicated that measures would be taken to monitor those who were addicted to drugs and ensure that they were rehabilitated.

09.11.2022: **Drugs** - The Rural Alcohol and Drug Prevention Committee submitted letters to the North Governor and SL's Assistant Superintendent of Police, demanding to control the increased drug use in the Kilinochchi Mutkomban area. According to Virakesari increased levels of the following had been noted in the area:

- ◆ Child marriages
- ◆ Domestic violence
- ◆ Child abuse
- ◆ Suicide
- ◆ Robberies

09.11.2022: **Drugs** - The Buddhist monk attached to Jaffna's Ariyakulam Naga Viharai had advised local fishermen that Northern fishermen should not engage in drug trafficking. According to Virakesari, he had warned them during a meeting that if information regarding trafficking was received, they would be stopped.

20.11.2022: **Protest** - A demonstration was staged near Maanipay's St. Anthony's Church to raise awareness amongst the

community regarding drug abuse, reports Virakesari.

26.11.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, Chavakachcheri's Hospital Medical Specialist A. Vinoda mentioned that SL's Department of Education is not providing its full cooperation for efforts to control drug abuse.

26.11.2022: **Drugs** - 02 individuals were arrested with 29.15 kilograms of Cannabis in the Mukhamalai area of Kilinochchi, reports Virakesari.

09.11.2022: **Protest** - Parents protested opposite Amparai Thambilu Madhya Mahavidyalaya demanding the immediate transfer of the school principal and teacher who had sexually abused female students, reports Virakesari. Further, due to administrative disarray at the school 13-year-old student Sivapalan Kishan had perished during a clash between him and another student on 08.11.2022.

### Crime/Abuse

09.11.2022: **Child Marriage** - A 15-year-old girl from Achchuveli informed local Occupational SL Police that she has been pressured to marry a 53-year-old man from the Netherlands by her parents, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that the parents had forced her to speak with the man via video calls. During such calls he had pressured her to speak with him naked, which she refused - however her parents had pressured her to do so as well. As a

result, actions are being taken to arrest her parents. Earlier reports indicate that the girl had went into hiding with a 20-year-old youth who had returned from France and was arrested by Occupational SL Police. After she had been subject to tests which determined that she had not engaged in sexual activities, she was sent to a juvenile centre where she has made this statement regarding her parents during an investigation at the centre.

09.11.2022: **Domestic Violence** - According to Virakesari, an arrest order has been released against a husband and father of Urkavatturai who had assaulted his 03-year-old child and circulated an obituary notice for his living and mute wife.

09.11.2022: **Abuse** - According to Virakesari, a special discussion was held at the official office of SL's Ministry of Sports to further discuss decisions and in-depth inquiries regarding SL Cricketer Dhanushka Gunathilake who is arrested on the grounds of sexual abuse charges in Australia.

12.11.2022: **Sexual Abuse** - According to Virakesari, a 21-year-old from Koolavadi who had sexually abused a 15-year-old girl from Batticaloa was ordered to be remanded between 12.11.2022-21.11.2022 by the Batticaloa Magistrate's Court.

23.11.2022: **Attack** - According to Virakesari, following an incident where a teacher in a school in Jaffna had been attacked, individuals who identified themselves as well-wishers and former students of the school had threatened 02 journalists who attempted to cover the incident and obstructed them from their duty.

13.11.2022: **Trincomalee** - According to Economy Next, discussions are underway at a very high level regarding the establishment of a refinery at the Trincomalee port. A feasibility study was also conducted some time ago.

13.11.2022: **Former Cadres** - An event to inaugurate a Former Cadres' Welfare Association was held at 10.30 local time at the Vavuniya Municipal Council Hall to unite all former cadres across SL, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Vanni MP - Vino Nekaraathalingam
- ♦ Colombo Tamil Arasu Katchi Leader - K. V. Thavarasa
- ♦ Jaffna Mayor - Manivannan
- ♦ Former Jaffna MP - Saravanabavan
- ♦ Former Northern Provincial Council member - S. Mayuran
- ♦ Senior Lecturer - Paranthaman
- ♦ Former Cadres

18.11.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - According to Virakesari, Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister, M.K. Stalin had officially announced that 677 houses would be constructed for employees working under the TANTEA company through the allocation of government funds.

19.11.2022: **Office** - R. Wickremesinghe inaugurated the sub-office of the Northern Regional Development Unit which operated under the Office of SL's President in Vavuniya, reports Virakesari. During his inaugural address at the event, it was reported that he is prepared to unite all people including the Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims to solve the issues of the North. He further went on to emphasise that he hopes that the people of SL could "live as the children of one mother during SL's 75th Independence Day celebrations."

20.11.2022: **Mannar** - According to Virakesari, R. Wickremesinghe visited Mannar to assess the grievances of Mannar locals and discuss with them to seek solutions.

- ♦ Examined renovation of Mannar's Holland Fort
- ♦ Visit to Nadukuda Fishing Village
- ♦ Examined constructions of Mannar Wind Power Plant

Attendees:

- ♦ SL Minister of Fisheries - Douglas Devananda
- ♦ SL Minister of Power - Kanchana Wijesekara
- ♦ Governor of Northern Province - Jeevan Thiagarajah
- ♦ SL State Minister for Urban Development and Housing - Kadar Mastan
- ♦ Secretary to SL's President - Saman Ekanayake
- ♦ Mannar District Secretary - Srenli Demel

25.11.2022: **Water** - MP Sritharan raised a question in SL Parliament regarding the possibility of extending a project to develop drinking water in Mullaitivu



under the program funded by the World Bank, reports Virakesari.

26.11.2022: **HALO** - According to Virakesari, the HALO Trust demining company had cleared 270,000 landmines and up to 01 million explosive devices over the past 20 years. Reports indicate that this was mentioned by the Trust's Manager, Stephen Hall.

### **Fishermen**

05.11.2022: **Fishing** - According to Virakesari, Douglas Devananda had mentioned during a press conference that apart from the Chinese who were stationed in Ariyalai in the North and the local

Eelam Tamils no others were engaged in the fishing of sea slugs. Reports indicate that he had mentioned this in response to questions regarding illegal sea slug farming in the North.

28.11.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Virakesari, information had been received that 04 fishermen who had been deemed missing in the deep sea from 25.09.2022 had been found in the Andaman Islands. The fishermen from Valachchenai had been rescued with their boat by Andamann officials.

## Caricature



THEY SCARED US AWAY WITH THE  
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THEIR ACTION WILL BE THE REASON  
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## Sri Lanka

02.11.2022: **Hambantota** - According to Economy Next, SL's China-backed Hambantota Port is ramping up into fertiliser and cement storage and handling. A 10,000-square-metre bonded fertiliser warehouse, built with a USD 2.2 million investment by a private investor, is expected to be operational in the first quarter of 2023.

04.11.2022: **SLPP** - According to Economy Next, SL Podujana Peramuna (SLPP, faces an imminent split into factions after the party's failed economic policies led to public anger, protests and the ouster of a powerful incumbent president. It is struggling to survive as lawmakers representing the party have lost grassroots support.

08.11.2022: **Refugees** - According to Economy Next, Vietnamese ships picked up 305 asylum seekers who were aboard a sinking ship from SL. They were aboard the LADY R3311 LD, a fishing boat from Myanmar, and were rescued by the Helios Leader, a Japanese vessel. After initial resistance in Vietnam, they left the ship. Some of the new migrants were brought ashore with their luggage on 08.11.2022 and the last group arrived on the morning of 09.11.2022. Vietnamese authorities are searching for the captain of the ship who is reported to have abandoned it and disappeared.

12.11.2022: **CPC** - According to Economy Next, SL's state-owned fuel trader Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) has increased prices of diesel and kerosene effective midnight Friday. Its sole competitor Lanka OIC has also raised

prices for the same products to match CPC's prices.

15.11.2022: **Data** - According to Economy Next, SL will establish a data protection authority to protect personal data while taking measures to implement SL's Personal Data Protection Act. The SL Parliament passed the Data Protection Act on 10.03.2022 to promote SL's digital economy.

19.11.2022: **Land Acquisition** - According to Economy Next, SL needs to amend their Land Acquisition Act to favour large and small farmers. Reports indicate that it would be equivalent to any freehold land.

23.11.2022: **FITIS** - According to Economy Next, the Federation of IT Industries of Sri Lanka (FITIS) is calling for more graduates to fill vacancies, liberalisation of the fintech landscape, and foreign exchange controls on foreign companies in SL. FITIS mentioned that global companies are hiding behind the Western mindset that globalisation is free for all, and digital colonisation is a God-given right.

24.11.2022: **Geopolitics** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has mentioned that SL cannot rule out security threats due to recent geopolitical developments in the Indian Ocean. He mentioned naval forces may need to be increased by about 2030, SL's Air Force may take on more transport tasks, and the number of drones may increase by 2030-40

# Economic News

01.11.2022: **SOE** - According to Economy Next, SL can raise USD 03 billion to USD 04 billion to build reserves and strengthen the LKR by selling SL state-owned enterprises. R. Wickremesinghe says this is the only way to enable growth in the state sector.

03.11.2022: **Debt** - According to Economy Next, SL owes USD 1.9 billion to the Asian Clearing Union, which was formed in 1974 after the collapse of the Bretton Woods system and foreign exchange shortages in many countries due to money printing. It is not clear whether these were settled after June 2022.

14.11.2022: **Military** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has mentioned that SL military personnel will have the option to take early retirement after 18 years of service. Currently, military retirement is scheduled after 24 years of service.

15.11.2022: **Tax** - According to Economy Next, SL will make tax changes to facilitate foreign trade:

- ♦ CESS - a border tariff, will be phased out over three years beginning in January 2023.
- ♦ The Ports and Airports Levy - another border tax, will be abolished in 05 years.
- ♦ The standard import duty - will be raised from 0, 10 and 15 % to 0, 15 and 20 %.
- ♦ Surtax on fuel imports to recover LKR 700 billion loan (pay over 10 years)

15.11.2022: **Banks** - According to Economy Next, SL has taken measures to

alleviate the lack of liquidity in banks, which could lead to a decline in short-term market interest rates. There is a deficit of about LKR 300 billion in the interbank market.

18.11.2022: **SL Airlines** - According to Economy Next, SL state-owned SriLankan Airlines suffered a loss of LKR 112.8 billion rupees in the first half of fiscal year 2022/2023. It generated revenue of LKR 170.4 billion rupees in the first half of the year, while expenses were LKR 284.5 billion.

20.11.2022: **FTAs** - According to Economy Next, SL's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) have brought SL 600 % more exports than imports in 2022. By September 2022, exports under 04 FTAs totaled 229. LKR 01 billion, while imports totaled only LKR 32.29 billion, meaning exports were seven times larger than imports.

24.11.2022: **Loans** - According to Economy Next, SL's central bank (CBSL) is taking out more short-term loans due to high borrowing costs, which have risen above 30 %. SL Treasury yields are more than double CBSLs policy rates.

24.11.2022: **SL Budget** - According to Economy Next, SL's 250-member Parliament passed its hefty defence budget by 81 votes to 10. The GoSL has allocated:

- ♦ LKR 539 billion - defence and public security
- ♦ LKR 322 billion - health
- ♦ LKR 232 billion - education



28.11.2022: **Disinflation** - According to Economy Next, SL is on a disinflation path much earlier than observers expected, which is also confirmed by November data. Inflation is expected to fall to 4-5 % in 2023.

30.11.2022: **Loans** - According to Economy Next, SL is in talks with the

World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to obtain USD 1.9 billion in loans after approving a reform program with the International Monetary Fund. Under the IMF program, USD 2.9 billion would be made available to the central bank in tranches after debt sustainability is achieved.

#### **Economic Profile – November 2022**

<b>Inflation</b>	October 2022	↓ to 66%
Food prices		↓ 2.0%
		LKR 124 / 170 billion printed
<b>Foreign Debt</b>		
Bilateral loans		USD 10.9 billion
Multilateral loans		USD 9.3 billion
Commercial loans		USD 14.8 billion
<b>Gov Revenue</b>	August 2022	↑ 38% to LKR 1,448 billion
<b>FOREX</b>		
Imports	September 2022	↓ 15.8% to USD 1,284 million
Exports		↑ 4.3% to USD 1,079 million
<b>Income</b>		
Remittances		USD 359 million
Tourism		USD 54 million
Inflows		↓ from USD 477 million to USD 49 million
<b>Trade Deficit</b>		↓ to USD 206 million from USD 492 million
<b>Money Printing</b>		
Net Credit	September 2022	↓ by LKR 8.7 billion to LKR 3,302 billion
Banking system Credit		↓ to LKR 53.3 billion from LKR 163.7 billion
<b>Balance of Payments</b>		
Deficit		↓ to USD 2,927 million from USD 3,035 million

## News about Oppression & Resistance

01.11.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was staged by the Relatives of Forcibly Disappeared Persons in condemnation of the activities of the Office of Missing Persons (OMP). The protest was held opposite a mobile service established in Kilinochchi.

01.11.2022: **Compensation** - According to Virakesari, the mobile service program of SL's Ministry of Justice, Prisons Affairs and Constitutional Reform was held at the Jaffna District Secretariat Complex on 31.11.2022 from 09.00-16.00 local time under the leadership of Governor Ganapathipillai Mahesan. A cheque worth LKR 2.3 million had been issued by the Office of Compensation for the mobile service to be provided to 23 individuals including war victims, dead and indigent GoSL employees.

01.11.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, 06th major business chambers in SL have asked political parties and groups organising a protest on 02.11.2022 to cancel the protest. Any social unrest in SL will negatively impact SL's economic and tourism recovery, the chambers said in a joint statement.

02.11.2022: **Hospital** - According to Virakesari, the organiser of SL's All University Students' Union, Wasantha Mudalige was taken to Colombo National Hospital for treatment for a skin condition. It is notable that Wasantha Mudalige had been detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) for participation in the anti-GoSL Aragalaya movement.

02.11.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, teachers had led a protest rally opposite the Eastern Province Education Department in Trincomalee condemning the suspension of long service teachers despite economic difficulties and a lack of completion of service provisions.

02.11.2022: **Protest** - A protest organised by the Jaffna University Students' Union was held in Tellipalai demanding the release of lands in Valikaamam North, reports Virakesari. It is notable that the lands have been subject to long term encroachment due to SL militarisation.

02.11.2022: **Protest** - The North East Tamil Students Union President and Eastern University Arts and Culture Students Union President Darsan mentioned during a press conference that Tamils should work together for the Tamil nation and the Tamils' grievances without the disparity of North and East, reports Virakesari.

03.11.2022: **Arrest** - According to Economy Next, police in SL arrested the head of the controversial Krishi development company, Janaki Siriwardhana, in connection with a multibillion-dollar scam that also involved sex, lies, videotapes, and extortion. Police believe that after the arrest of Siriwardhana, the alleged mastermind of the money laundering transactions, they will be able to get to the powerful figures behind Priyamali.

03.11.2022: **Land** - A special consultation meeting was held at the Kalmunai

Mayor's Secretariat to accelerate measures to recover land occupied by individuals in Kalmunai Santankeni United Sports Ground, reports Virakesari. It is notable that encroachment in the area had been conducted for over 25 years causing drain and water blockages thus resulting in the reduction of the square footage of the area through consequential degradation over time.

04.11.2022: **Compensation** - According to Virakesari, the SL Labour Congress had received LKR 40 lakhs from the Namunugala Plantation Company for the death of employee Harshan Ganesamoorthy. According to reports, Ganesamoorthy had been forced to work under pressure and had thus died due to electrocution.

04.11.2022: **Commemoration** - The Vannivilankulam Maveerar Thuyilum Illam clearance work was commenced by a team of local volunteers following a brief tribute held at the site, reports Virakesari.

06.11.2022: **Arrest** - According to Economy Next, SL cricketer Dhanushka Gunathilaka was arrested on charges of sexually assaulting a 29-year-old woman he met through an online dating app while playing in the T20 World Cup tournament. SL Cricket has been informed by the International Cricket Council who will take strict action against the player if he is found guilty.

06.11.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was launched in Nuwara Eliya demanding the provision of legal guarantees for over 37,000 plantation housing since 1987. The

protest was held by the Kandy Community Development Corporation and various other civil organisations opposite the Nuwara Eliya Main Post Office.

06.11.2022: **Protest** - A mass protest was staged in Malwani, against the alleged transfer of property belonging to the Magola Muslim Orphanage to private individuals, reports Virakesari.

07.11.2022: **Resources** - Mullaitivu's former District Agricultural Minister, K. Sivanesan condemned the exploitation and destruction of Mullaitivu's resources, reports Virakesari.

07.11.2022: **Solution** - According to Virakesari, MP Sritharan condemned Nimal Siripala's comments on a solution for Tamils. "Nimal Siripala, who did not offer a solution when the Tamils asserted their position with armed force, is now advising us today. The [SL] government is not prepared to go to the elections. They do not want it. To prevent them from occurring, they have appointed a demarcation committee for local councils under the leadership of former Election Commission Chairman Mahinda Deshapriya."

07.11.2022: **Commemoration** - K. Panparasa, the Chairman of the Martyrs' Organising Committee for Alankula Thuyilum Illam, accused the All Sri Lankan Tamil Congress of forcibly imposing their party politics into the commemoration sites, reports Virakesari.

07.11.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, mass protests were held across Tamil Eelam to mark the final day of the 100-day action organised by the



North East Coordination Committee demanding an honourable political solution for Tamils. A declaration was also released on this day as announced earlier by the Coordination Committee during a press conference at the Jaffna Press Club on 05.11.2022.

- ♦ Nallur Sankiliyan Park - Jaffna
- ♦ Karaitivu District Secretariat Park - Amparai
- ♦ Paranthan Junction Playground - Kilinochchi
- ♦ St. Soosaiyappar Playground - Batticaloa
- ♦ City Council Stadium - Vavuniya
- ♦ Muttaveli Outdoor Stadium - Trincomalee
- ♦ Karaiturai District Stadium - Mullaitivu
- ♦ Mannar Public Playground - Mannar

08.11.2022: **Protest** - A sit-in protest was staged opposite the Puloli Community Welfare Services Station demanding that the basic needs of local farmers be fulfilled, reports Virakesari. The protest commenced from 09.00 local time and demanded the provision of kerosene and agricultural inputs required for agricultural practices.

08.11.2022: **Proclamation** - According to Virakesari, the North East Coordination Committee made their declaration in Mullaitivu in light of the completion of their 100-day action across the Tamil homeland demanding an honourable political solution for Tamils.

"We as the Tamil-speaking people of the North-Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka hereby present the People's Declaration for a permanent political solution for the Tamils of the North and East on 08.11.2022 - the 100th day of our ongoing

100-day-action demanding power devolution."

They claimed that their declaration upholds a call for a federal solution as the people's voice. The solution they declare is reportedly upon the basis of formerly introduced political programmes, the essence of the 13th Amendment to SL's Constitution and especially of that accepted through the Norwegian brokered Peace Process of 2002 and the Oslo Declaration which was led by R. Wickremesinghe and Norway at the time.

10.11.2022: **PTA** - SL's Justice Minister Wijeyadasa mentioned that, "...instead of amending the existing Prevention of Terrorism Act, the focus has been placed upon drafting a new law that prioritises national security," reports Virakesari

11.11.2022: **India** - According to an Indian Consulate official in Jaffna mentioned that their Consulate in Jaffna near Marutadi Road had been attacked with a glass bottle, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that a complaint had been lodged with the local Occupational SL Police.

11.11.2022: **Gotabaya** - According to Newswire LK, the Colombo Fort Magistrate had issued an order instructing SL Police to record a statement from G. Rajapaksa. Reports indicate that he is to be inquired regarding LKR 18 million in cash which was found by protestors at the SL President's House during the storming of the residence in July 2022.

14.11.2022: **Court** - According to Virakesari, Wasantha Mudalige who has

been detained in SL Police custody for 86 days under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) was produced before the Thangalle Magistrate.

11.11.2022: **Release** - According to Uthayan, 07 Tamil political prisoners were released in Tamil Nadu. These seven prisoners had sentences for over 30 years for the accusation of their involvement in the assassination of Rajeev Gandhi.

13.11.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, the Former Batticaloa District SL MP, P. Ariyenthiran mentioned that it is the duty of the Tamils to pay respects to martyrs at Thuyilum Illam sites regardless of political discrepancies.

14.11.2022: **Commemoration** - As all arrangements including transportation to light lamps on 27.11.2022 had been made, the Tamil National People's Front's (TNPF) national organiser Dharmalingam Suresh requested those who could not attend the designated Thuyilum Illam sites to light lamps at their own residences at the allocated time, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Vakarai
- ♦ Mavadimunmari
- ♦ Dakani
- ♦ Thandiyadi

15.11.2022: **Land** - According to Former Provincial Council Member, Durairasa Ravikaran, the land surveying process to acquire 617 acres of public lands for the construction of the Occupational Gotabaya Naval Camp in Vadduvakal will occur on 16.11.2022, reports Virakesari. Further reports from Tamil journalist Kumanan indicate that, private landowners who were aware of

clandestine land surveyance conducted by Occupational SL Survey Department Officials who had arrived from Colombo to survey almost 617 acres of lands in Mullaitivu Vadduvakal, staged a protest against land appropriation on 18.11.2022.

15.11.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was held opposite the Northern Provincial Governor's Secretariat in Jaffna. The protest was in condemnation of the appropriation of lands by SL's occupational triforms. In response to this, Jeevan Thiagarajah mentioned that, "I am not a governor who appropriates lands."

16.11.2022: **Commemoration** - Locals expressed disappointment regarding the removal of memorial plaques set up at Batticaloa's Kiran Tharavai Maaveerar Thuyilum Illam by unidentified individuals, reports Virakesari.

17.11.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, organisers had expressed concerns that unidentified persons had removed memorial plaques established at the Marungu Thuyilum Illam near Batticaloa Grand Circuit Centre once again.

18.11.2022: **Commemoration** - Many Tamils from Mullaitivu were summoned by Occupational Mullaitivu Police in relation to investigations regarding involvement in Maaveerar Naal events, reports Kumanan.

- ♦ Former Northern Provincial Council (NPC) Member - Ravikaran
- ♦ Mullaitivu Disappearance Association President - Eswari
- ♦ Peter Ilancheliyan

19.11.2022: **Sovereignty** - According to the Secretary of the Association of Disappeared Tamils, Rajkumar mentioned that "we request the so-called Tamil leaders to hold a referendum under the supervision of the UN to decide whether Ranil's solution for Tamils is a political solution or Tamil sovereignty," reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that Rajkumar had mentioned this during a press conference following a protest staged earlier in the day to mark the 2,100th continuous day of protest by relatives of forcibly disappeared persons. The protest was staged in Vavuniya from 12.00 local time.

19.11.2022: **Protest** - A protest against the arrival of R. Wickremesinghe in Vavuniya was staged by the relatives of forcibly disappeared persons. According to Virakesari, they protested bearing black flags. Following his visit to Vavuniya, R. Wickremesinghe travelled to visit the occupational Vanni Joint HQ aboard a special train.

19.11.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Tamil journalist Kumanan, the SL Occupational Military's 592nd Brigade attempted to prevent Maaveerar Naal preparations at the Mulliyawalai, Mullaitivu Thuyilum Illam and intimidated locals.

20.11.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, an event was organised to honour the parents of Maaveerar on 18.11.2022 at Visuvamadu. Palm saplings were handed to the parents at the conclusion of the event for them to raise the trees as if they were their children.

21.11.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, preparations for Maaveerar Naal have been completed at Jaffna University Campus. Reports indicate that the Maaveerar Memorial area of the campus had been painted and redecorated by the students.

21.11.2022: **Commemoration** - An engraved monument with the inscriptions of the names of Maaveerar will be placed near Lt. Col. Thileepan's monument remains in Nallur for the public to pay tribute. According to Virakesari, 34 stones with inscriptions will be inaugurated by 17 parents of Maaveerar at 18.00 local time on 21.11.2022. These inscriptions will be on display at the site until 27.11.2022.

21.11.2022: **Land** - According to Virakesari, Jaffna's Allaipatti locals claim that a private housing area consisting of 70 housing plots which is to be constructed in Allaipatti has caused a danger of impeding salination of nearby agricultural fields and lands.

23.11.2022: **Commemoration** - Despite the establishment of an Occupational SL Military Camp at the Vavuniya Eechankulam Thuyilum Illam site, locals had engaged in clearing the area in preparation of Maaveerar Naal commemorations, reports Virakesari.

23.11.2022: **Government** - R. Wickremesinghe mentioned in SL Parliament that he would not permit protests to crumble the GoSL and he would deploy SL's military if any such threat emerged, reports Virakesari.

24.11.2022: **Militarisation** - Occupational soldiers of SL's 591st brigade camp



located in Mullaitivu visited the Mullaitivu Media Centre and demanded information regarding the media centre.

**24.11.2022: Power sharing** - C.V. Wigneswaran mentioned in SL's Parliament that a coalition constitution with reasonable decentralisation would provide freedom to Tamils through power devolution, reports Virakesari.

**25.11.2022: Commemoration** - An event honouring the Parents' of Maaveerar was held at the Vaddukottai Tamil Arasu Katchi Office, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that lamps were also lit at the Karaichchi Pradesiya Sabha office in memory of martyrs.

**26.11.2022: Education** - According to Virakesari, SL's Ministry of Education had implemented steps to introduce a bill to SL Parliament regarding the removal of students from universities who do not graduate within a specified period. The bill will take into consideration that some students remain in university residences for 09-10 years without completing exams due to their involvement in political activities.

**27.11.2022: Commemoration** - Tamil Eelam's National Maaveerar Naal (Martyrs' Day) was held across the Tamil homeland in an extravagant manner, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Jaffna University.
- ♦ Vavuniya City Council - commemorations were held by the relatives of forcibly disappeared persons. Occupational SL Police attended the event, collected details and removed a commemorative

photo claiming that it commemorated the LTTE.

- ♦ Valikamam East Pradesiya Sabha - Thiagaraja Nirosh mentioned that GoSL should accommodate the Tamils' right to commemoration by handing over the lands of Koppay Thuyilum Illam to the Valikaamam East Pradesiya Sabha.
- ♦ Mullaitivu Thuyilum Illam - earlier in the day, occupational SL Police had ripped flags and decorations and had taken down memorial arches erected at the site by organisers.
- ♦ Theevakam Maaveerar Parents' Recognition event - recognition for the relatives of Pungudutivu Maaveerar.
- ♦ Mullaitivu and Puthukudiyiruppu businesses close in commemoration.
- ♦ Jaffna
  - ♦ Theevakam Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Chatty Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Koppay Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Kodikaamam Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Uduththurai Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Valvettithurai Theeruvil
  - ♦ Nallur
- ♦ Kilinochchi
  - ♦ Kanakapuram Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Visuvamadu Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Mulankavil Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Mannar
  - ♦ Aatkaattiveli Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Pandivirichchaan Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Mullaitivu - preparations for commemoration completed at over 10 Thuyilum Illam sites.
  - ♦ Mulliyavalai Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Alampil Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Aalankulam Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Vannivilankulam Thuyilum Illam
  - ♦ Theravil Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Vavuniya

- ♦ Eechchankulam Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Vavuniya Municipal Hall
- ♦ Eastern Province
- ♦ Maavadimunmari Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Tharavai Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Vaakarai Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Kandaladi Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Thaandiyadi Junction
- ♦ Amparai Kanchikkudiyaaru Thuyilum Illam
- ♦ Trincomalee Aalankulam Thuyilum Illam

27.11.2022: **Protest** - Locals expressed resistance through a protest on 26.11.2022 against the construction of a private telecommunication tower within a residential area in Kattankudi Batticaloa, reports Virakesari.

27.11.2022: **Justice** - SL Muslim Congress Party's President Raub Hakeem mentioned that they would never forget the injustices committed against them due to wilful hatred and would continue to demand justice for it. According to Virakesari, Hakeem had mentioned this while in attendance at a Lifetime Achievers' Awards Ceremony held in Batticaloa on 26.11.2022.

27.11.2022: **Solidarity** - According to Virakesari, a "Solidarity Movement for North East People's Struggle" was launched in Colombo during a media conference. Representatives of the movement mentioned that this was the first phase of a larger effort to share the grievances of Tamils with the Sinhalese to facilitate a shared process for the resolution of these issues.

28.11.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, Tamil National Alliance (TNA) MP, Selvam Adaikalanathan mentioned in SL Parliament that "the President's permission of Maaveerar Naal commemorations are a signal that reconciliation will occur." Further reports indicate that he had also thanked R. Wickremesinghe for allowing the events to occur without crisis.

28.11.2022: **Land** - Occupational SL Army surveyors who had attempted to measure 11 acres of land belonging to 44 families were prevented from doing so due to heavy opposition expressed by Karainagar locals, reports Virakesari.

28.11.2022: **Uprising** - According to Economy Next, SL's opposition leader Sajith Premadasa has promised to bring millions of people onto the streets to defy a controversial statement by SL's President R. Wickremesinghe that he would use the military to prevent another uprising.

29.11.2022: **TNA** - According to Kaalaikathir TNA MP Selvan Adaikalanathan thanked the SL's president for not hindering the Maveerar Naal commemoration in the homeland.

29.11.2022: **Assault** - According to Kalaikathir a 28 year old Tamil was assaulted by the STF and SL's Military in Manippay, Jaffna. The youth defended two drivers who were verbally assaulted by SL's traffic police. The youth is being held at the police station.

## Signs of Structural Genocide

08.11.2022: **Genocide Denial** - The Tamil National Alliance's Media Spokesperson M.A. Sumanthiran called upon SL's Justice Minister to pay attention to statements such as those made by the SL Army which claimed that no LTTE cadres had surrendered in 2009 - statements which deeply infuriates the Tamil populace, reports Virakesari.

08.11.2022: **Ukanthamalai** - According to Uthayan, SL's Department of Wildlife Conservation has ordered the cessation of the construction of a Murugan statue at the almost 2,000 year-old Ukanthamalai temple in Amparai. The foundation for the statue has been already laid after approval was received by SL's Department of Wildlife Conservation HQ in Colombo.

11.11.2022: **Land** - The over 2000-year-old Thimbulugala Archaeological Museum in Polonnaruwa which has been instrumental in preserving the local archaeological significance of Tamil history was bulldozed, reports Worldwide Tamils.

14.11.2022: **Militarisation** - According to local Akkinip Paravaikal sources, mandatory bus checks by Occupational SL Army officials have been enforced at the Mandaitivu Naval Point since the beginning of November 2022.

20.11.2022: **Appropriation** - Locals of Vavuniya have expressed concerns that the Vavuniya Nedunge Nochiadi Iyenar temple site is in danger of being appropriated by SL officials after it had been declared as another archaeological site by SL's Archaeological Department, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that Buddhist monks had recently frequented the site and examined it further raising concerns of impending Buddhicisation.

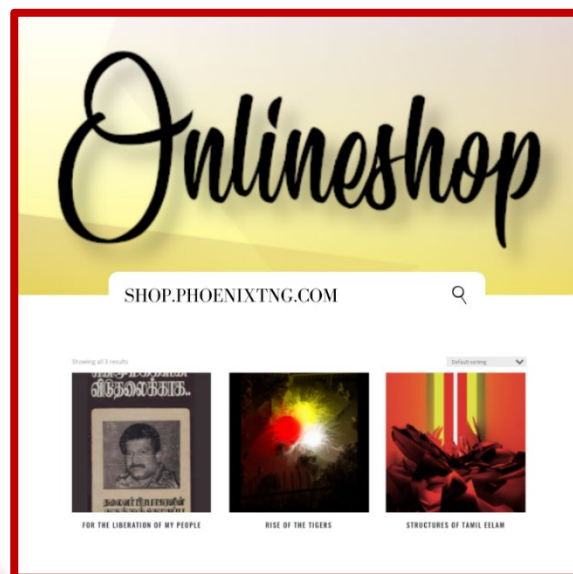
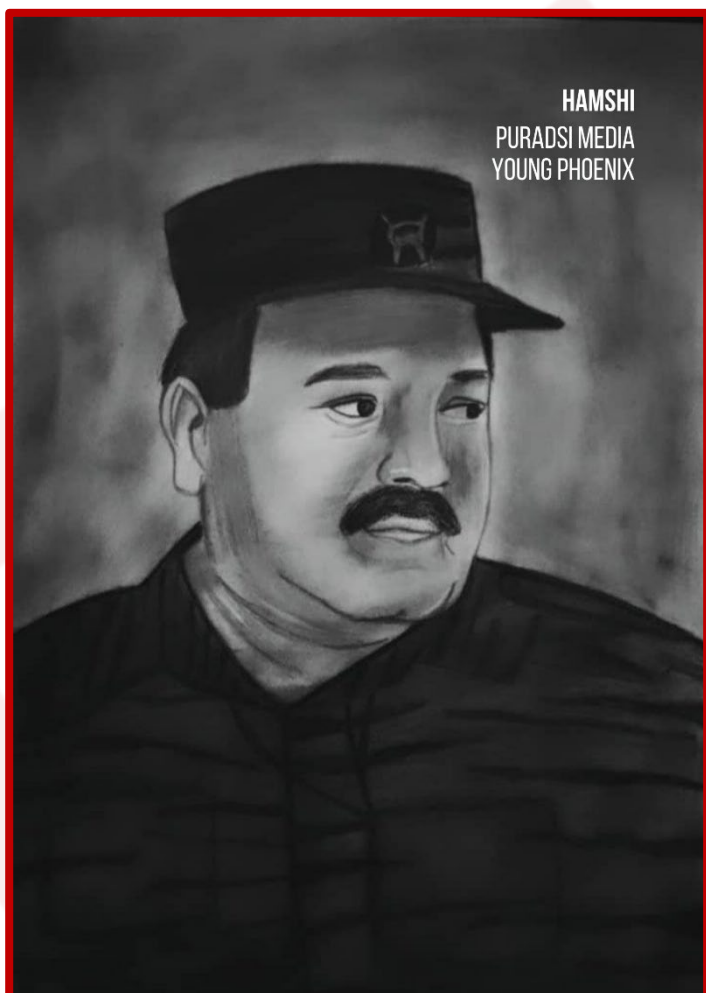
29.11.2022: **Land** - According to Kalaikathir, residents from Karainagar stopped the land survey of SL's Survey Department. They intended to survey 11 acres of private land for SL's genocidal military. These lands belong to 44 families.



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