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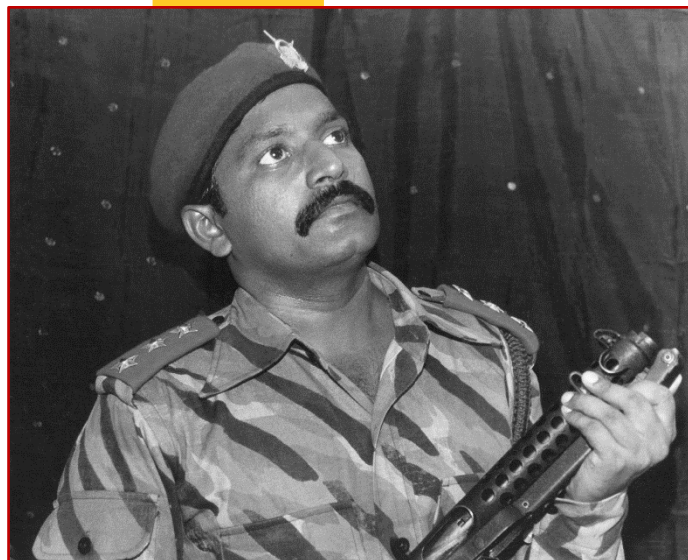


### 120,000 Armenians Under Siege

Armenian Youth Federation, Australia

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**National Leader of Tamil Eelam**



# 120,000 Armenians Under Siege

Nanor Shokayan (AYF-AU Central Executive Committee)



“How long must we wait for Australia to speak up and end its silence?”



For over three weeks, our compatriots in Artsakh have been under blockade. In what is the world's largest open-air prison as we speak, no one and nothing has been able to enter the Republic of Artsakh since December 12th 2022.

Artsakh, commonly referred to as Nagorno-Karabakh, is located in the Caucasus and has been the indigenous homeland of Armenians for millennia. Situated where Europe meets Asia, throughout history, Artsakh has been subjected to the rule of foreign powers.

In 1923, the Soviet Union's dictator Joseph Stalin placed Artsakh under the administrative control of Azerbaijan as an autonomous oblast. However, in 1991 following the Soviet Union's break up, Artsakh exercised its right to self-determination, declaring independence. Azerbaijan resorted to military aggression, and although unsuccessful in 1991, in 2020, after three decades of investing in its military, under the guise of a COVID pandemic, Azerbaijan invaded the self-determined territory, resulting in the occupation of more than 70% of Artsakh.

Not satisfied with simply the occupation of a majority of Artsakh, Azerbaijan's brutal aggression has continued. For 24 days, food has been cut off, medical supplies and incoming cargo turned back to Armenia and humanitarian aid prohibited from entering the self-determined Christian Armenian Republic in the Caucasus region in the middle of winter.

The cause of this blockade is not what mainstream media outlets across the globe are communicating. The headlines may tell you about Azerbaijani climate activists blocking the road due to environmental concerns, but when you read between the lines, it is clear that these so-called 'eco-activists' are participating in another state-sponsored, Armenophobic attack aimed at terrorising the people of Artsakh.

The Azerbaijani regime is known for its brutal, vicious crackdowns on dissenting voices. They are repeatedly criticised by the international community, including Human Rights Watch, for their gross violations of the right to assembly. A quick search on Google will also highlight the lack of freedom citizens are given when protesting, with arrests and imprisonment a common feature in every article.

Suppose that is not enough to convince you that the Azerbaijani regime has orchestrated these demonstrations along the Armenian-Artsakh corridor. Is it not ironic that these 'activists' are expressing grievances over the mining of natural resources in Artsakh, yet their regime extracts approximately 800,000 barrels of oil per day?

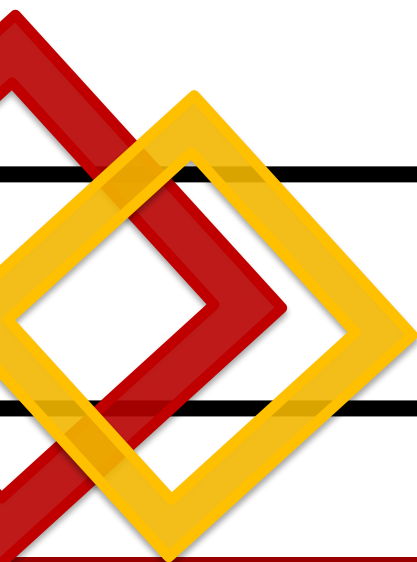
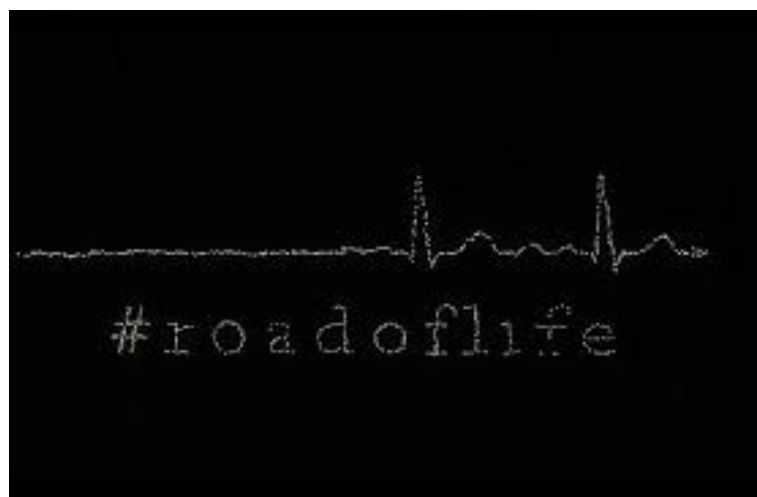
Under the guise of protests, this blockade continues and has one intention, the destruction of an Armenian presence in Artsakh. By making life unbearable, cutting off gas, and restricting food and medical equipment supplies for the over 120,000 people in Artsakh, the Azerbaijani dictatorship believes the people of Artsakh would have no choice but to surrender their right to self-determination and leave their homeland.



This is a new method of annihilation by the Azerbaijani regime, who over the last two years have regularly cut off gas supplies to Artsakh, violated the 2020 Nagorno Karabakh ceasefire agreement by indiscriminately shooting at villages in Artsakh and invading the sovereign borders of Armenia, all to intimidate the people of Artsakh.

Ilham Aliyev, Azerbaijan's petro-dictator, does not quite understand that his illegal medieval tactics did not break the backs of the people of Artsakh, and it will not achieve that result now. Fruit and vegetable shelves may be empty, and medical supplies may be running low, but the people of Artsakh have overcome decades of war. They will not easily throw away their right to self-determination.

For Armenian-Australians, there is only one question on everyone's mind, when will the Australian Government and Australian media outlets stop ignoring this inhumanity? When will Australia join its allies, the USA, France and Canada, to name a few and unequivocally call on Azerbaijan to re-open the corridor and Artsakh's road of life to the outside world. How long must we wait for Australia to speak up and end its silence? Twenty-four days have passed, and Artsakh is on the verge of an enormous humanitarian catastrophe. I hope it is not too late before Australia adds its voice to support the Armenians in Artsakh.



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# International News

05.12.2022: **Tea** - According to Economy Next, Sri Lanka (SL) plans to spend USD 1.5 million to promote Ceylon tea in Europe and the US while exploring opportunities to establish the Ceylon tea brand in the ready-to-drink market. Currently, SL markets around 105 markets worldwide.

08.12.2022: **India** - According to Kalaikathir, India's Minister for External Affairs, S. Jaishankar, stated in the Rajya Sabha (India's Council of States) that the economic aid to SL is aid to the whole of SL - not limited only to the Tamil community. This statement was in response to a question posed by Vaiko.

11.12.2022: **Sanction** - According to Lanka Files, the US had imposed a sanction against the SL Army's former head of their clandestine platoon "Tripoli Military Intelligence Platoon", Prabath Bulathwatte for gross human rights violations - namely torture/degrading punishment of SL Journalist Noyahr in May 2008.

13.12.2022: **RAW** - SL Cabinet Spokesperson Bandula Gunawardena mentioned that the details of R. Wickremesinghe's meeting with the Chairman of RAW could only be disclosed to SL's National Security Council. According to Virakesari, this was mentioned in response to queries regarding the Chairman's attendance at SL's Weekly Cabinet Conference for the third consecutive week. Economy Next reports the RAW chairman's visit almost a

month ago was due to rising concerns of increasing Chinese influence in SL.

14.12.2022: **ITJP** - The High Court King's Bench Division has ruled in favour of Jasmin Sooka - executive director of the International Program for Truth and Justice (ITJP), in a data protection case that she launched against UK-based SL lawyer Jayaraj Palihawadana, reports Virakesari. According to Colombo Telegraph, Palihawadana - who was the UK representative of the SLPP, published a report in 2021 claiming that Sooka was biased in favour of a "proscribed terrorist group" - the LTTE and had sent this report to 47 diplomatic missions in Geneva. Palihawana has thus apologised in court and has been deemed responsible to pay Sooka's reasonable costs. Sooka's witness statement indicated the following: "Naturally these allegations are completely false and appear to be a calculated attempt to discredit me in my work as a human rights defender in Sri Lanka. The Court will probably be aware that it is well-worn tactic of repressive regimes around the world to denounce human rights defenders as terrorists, or supporters of terrorists, smearing them by association."

14.12.2022: **WFP** - According to Virakesari, SL's strategic plan has been endorsed by the World Food Programme's (WFP's) Executive Board and is set to come into effect from January 2023. The strategic plan is based on the period from 2023-

2027 and is estimated to cost USD 74.87 million.

19.12.2022: **Diaspora** - The National Council of Canadian Tamils (NCCT) have released a press release stating that Tamil Diaspora organisations have sent a letter to Tamil Parliamentarians emphasising non-negotiable core principles of the Tamil people which must be upheld during formal negotiations which the Tamil parliamentarians are to participate in with the Government of SL. The undersigned include:

- ◆ NCCT - Canada
- ◆ Danish Federation of Tamil Associations - Denmark
- ◆ Italian Council of Eelam Tamils - Italy
- ◆ Maison du Tamil Eelam France - France
- ◆ Council of Eelam Tamils in Germany - Germany
- ◆ National Council of New Zealand Eelam Tamils - New Zealand
- ◆ Dutch Tamil Forum - Netherland
- ◆ Norwegian Council of Eelam Tamils - Norway
- ◆ Swiss Council of Eelam Tamils - Switzerland
- ◆ Tamil Cultural Centre - Belgium

19.12.2022: **UN** - As reported by Economy Next, the SL Parliament's Committee on High Offices has approved the appointment of 04 ambassadors and 02 permanent representatives to UN agencies. According to Kalaikathir, the

following ambassadors have been appointed:

- ◆ Niroshani Manisha Dias Abeywickrama Gunasekara as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the French Republic and Permeant Representative of Sri Lanka to UNESCO
- ◆ Himalee Subhashini De Silva Arunatilaka as the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland
- ◆ Lanka Varuni Muthukumarana as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Federal Republic of Germany
- ◆ J. A. D. S Priyangika Wijegunasekara as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- ◆ Mr. Sajeewa Umayanga Mendis as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

23.12.2022: **USAID** - According to Economy Next, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) mentioned that it has launched a 05-year project in SL and the Maldives to reduce plastic use in the environment by reducing industrial plastic use and improving integrated waste management practices. The US assistance program will be led by a group named the Research Triangle International (RTI), which will work with local partners.

## SC Phoenix Women's Cricket Team Formation

15.12.2022 Melbourne, AU



# Bilateral Discussions

05.12.2022: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, SL has offered Japan the East Container Terminal (ECT) of the Port of Colombo. If Japan does not accept the offer, it will be open to others. The West Terminal of the Port of Colombo has been given to India's Adani Group for development as a joint venture.

15.12.2022: **India** - Indian Navy Commander Admiral R. Hari Kumar met R. Wickremesinghe during his 04-day official visit to SL for discussions where the focus was on enhancing bilateral defence cooperation to strengthen bilateral relations, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that Hari Kumar had met SL's Defence Minister earlier in the day. According to Kalaikathir, his visit will be from 13.12.2022-16.12.2022 and occurs amid tension between SL and India related to China.

19.12.2022: **UN** - United Nations Resident Attaché to SL, Hanaa Singer met R. Wickremesinghe on 19.12.2022 prior to the completion of her tenure since her assumption of duties on 07.09.2018, reports Virakesari.

19.12.2022: **Norway** - Erik Solheim met R. Wickremesinghe at the SL Presidential residence to discuss areas of bilateral importance, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Green investments - solar power, wind power & hydropower in SL
- ♦ SL's crisis recovery

19.12.2022: **Envoy** - The SL Parliament's committee on high posts have cleared

the appointment of 04 ambassadors and 02 permanent representatives to UN agencies, reports Economy Next.

19.12.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, China will supply RMB 90 million (about LKR 05 billion) worth of fabrics for SL's school uniform needs in 2023. The first shipment of 03 million metres of finished fabric has already left China.

22.12.2022: **Switzerland** - According to Economy Next, the SL Export Development Board (EDB) mentioned that it is conducting market studies in the European Union (EU) with the assistance of the Swiss Import Promotion Program (SIPPO). A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on 22.12.2022 covering areas such as:

- ♦ trade regulation
- ♦ non-tariff measures
- ♦ pricing
- ♦ environmental and social requirements for fish, processed food and apparel products

22.12.2022: **South Africa** - According to Economy Next, diplomats from SL presented investment opportunities in SL to the business community in South India in an interactive session with the South Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI). 30 traders and investors from various business and investment sectors in South India participated.

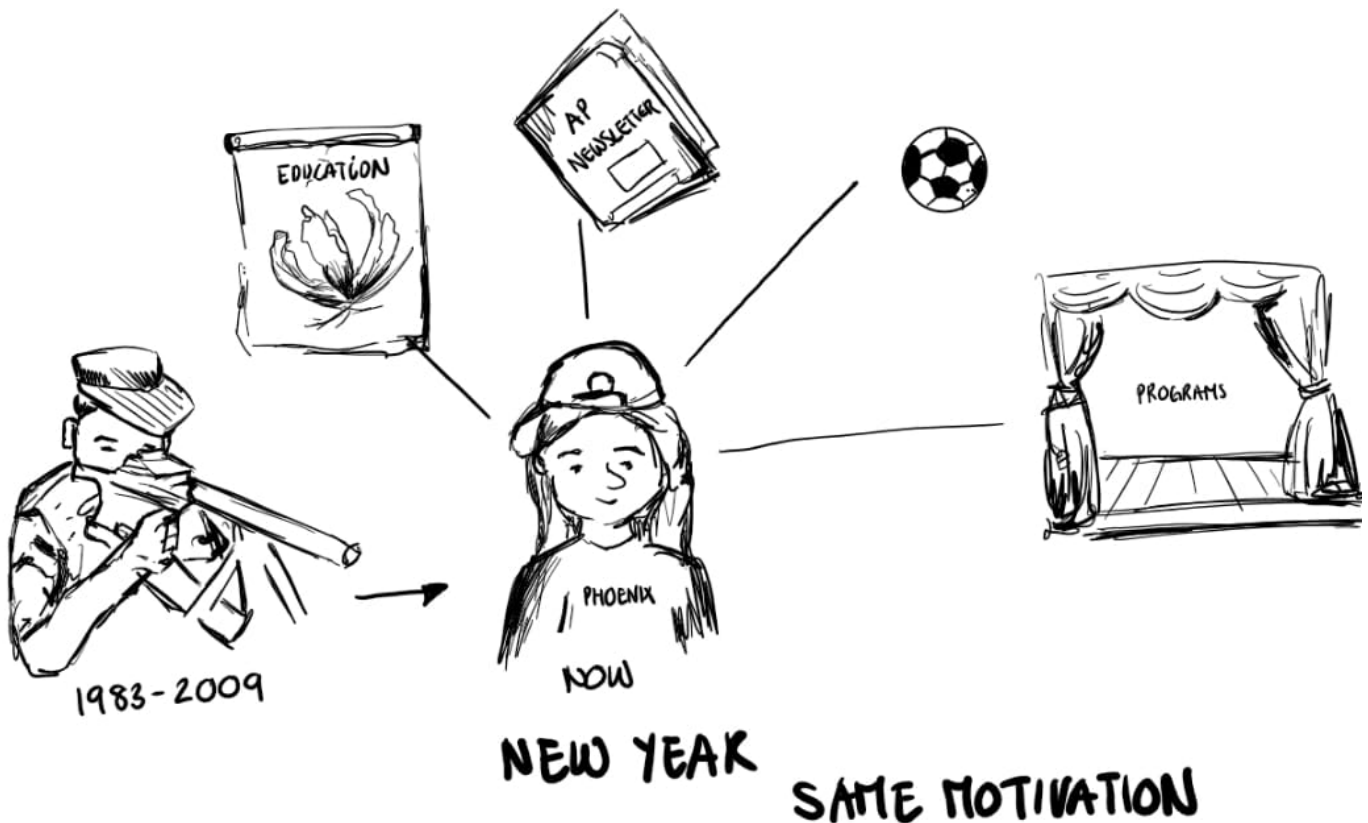
27.12.2022: **Russia** - According to Economy Next, Russian airline Red Wings



will start offering charter flights to Mattala Airport on 28.12.2022. This flight operation

is crucial for the revival of SL's tourism industry.

## Caricature



## Military News

05.12.2022: **Russia** - According to SL's Ministry of Defence (MoD), SL's state minister of Defense and the Russian ambassador to SL have met. The discussion focused on further strengthening the bilateral ties and enhancing military diplomacy between the 02 countries.

06.12.2022: **Senegal** - According to SL's MoD, the Military, Naval and Air Attaché of the Republic of Senegal Col. Abdoulaya Traore met SL's Defence Secretary K. Gunaratne. Continuation and the increase of the training opportunities for Senegal military officers at the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University and Defence Services

Command and Staff College in SL were discussed at this meeting.

06.12.2022: **COVID-19** - According to Kalaikathir, SL's Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment mentioned in SL Parliament that a leading SL military officer had generated a lot of financial gain. He further stated that infected persons and foreign visitors were isolated in hotels in the past 2.5 years. While SL's military supervised these isolation processes, visitors from abroad paid LKR 14,000 per day for accommodation and food. From that LKR 1,000 had been reportedly redirected to the private bank account of the wife of that leading military officer.

13.12.2022: **Sahyadri** - According to SL's MoD an Indian Navy ship has arrived at Colombo. The INS Sahyadri is expected to conduct a naval exercise with the SL Navy in Western seas on its departure on 16.12.2022.

14.12.2022: **Attaches** - A group of defence attachés have visited SL's HQ in Wanni. The "visitors" were briefed on current roles of the genocidal troops. Focus was made on:

- ♦ security
- ♦ community development
- ♦ civil-military cooperation

♦ "reconciliation" and "peace-building"

15.12.2022: **SoME** - SL's military has issued an order to ban several social media activities of its troops. It is forbidden to share military secrets, criticism, political opinions and slurs on social media. The news further states that this order was implemented by Major General L.D Herath.

16.12.2022: **Army** - According to Economy Next, SL's Army has decided to vacate the posts of over 16,000 military personnel based on a budget proposed by R. Wickremesinghe to reduce GoSL spending in light of their deal with the IMF.

18.12.2022: **Appointment** - According to Virakesari, Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera has been appointed as the 25th Naval Commander of SL. A farewell ceremony for Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne who has retired from the SL Navy was also held at the SL Navy HQ.

18.12.2022: **Rescue** - According to Economy Next, the occupational SL Navy have rescued 104 Myanmar nationals from a distressed vessel which was found in Tamil Eelam's occupied territorial waters near Veththalakerni on 18.12.2022.



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# Domestic News

## Tamil Eelam

01.12.2022: **US** - According to Kalaikathir, 04 MPs of the TNA met the US Ambassador.

01.12.2022: **UK** - According to Kalaikathir, Britain's Ambassador to SL met Jaffna's Mayor Manivannan.

01.12.2022: **Flights** - According to Kalaikathir, a flight service between Jaffna and Chennai will commence from 12.12.2022. The news quotes from Sunil Dissanayke, a Board Member to the Northern Province Tourism Bureau. According to a Tweet by journalist Sabeshwaran, 04 flights between the 02 locations would be running weekly by the air carrier "Alliance Air."

10.12.2022: **Mandous** - According to Eelanadu, the cyclonic storm Mandous created havoc in the Tamil homeland, even without hitting it directly. Continuous rain, cold weather and strong winds were observed in the homeland. One person died in South of Tamil Eelam.

- ◆ 2,143 persons - affected
- ◆ 510 houses - damaged
- ◆ Over 275 cows - died
- ◆ Dead Animals - increased to 1,660 (Kalaikkathir)

15.12.2022: **Harbour** - Following a meeting to discuss SL's national plan to ensure food and nutrition security which was held under the leadership of R.

Wickremesinghe, Senthil Thondamann has indicated that SL and India should engage in discussions to convert Talaimannar Port into a commercial port, reports Virakesari.

28.12.2022: **Railways** - According to Economy Next, India's state-owned IRCON will begin a LKR 33 billion rupee (around USD 90 million) upgrade of the railroad line to Jaffna from 05.01.2023. The line from Maho to Omathai in Vavuniya will be upgraded to allow trains to travel at speeds of up to 100 kilometres per hour.

29.12.2022: **Independence Day** - According to Virakesari, SL's President R. Wickremesinghe will participate in SL's Independence Day festivities in Jaffna which are scheduled to occur on 17.02.2022.

31.12.2022: **Manivannan** - According to Kalaikathir, the Jaffna Mayor V. Manivannan has resigned from his position. The reason for his resignation is the rejection of his proposal of a 2023 budget plan.

30.12.22: **Sumanthiran** - According to News First LK, M.A. Sumanthiran has reportedly rejected the idea of uniting and creating alliances with all Tamil parties within his party TNA and has only agreed to keep traditional allies with PLOTE and TELO.



## Sri Lanka

01.12.2022: **HIPG** - According to Economy Next, Johnson Liu, CEO of Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) has mentioned that Mein Schiff 05 is the first cruise ship to call at the port since the pandemic began. Mein Schiff 05 passengers had also visited Bundala National Park, Hambantota Botanical Garden, Galle and Kataragama.

01.12.2022: **Samurdhi** - According to Economy Next, SL's welfare program should only benefit those who actually require assistance. First, it must be determined who qualifies to be in the program and people must be removed from the list who no longer need it.

13.12.2022: **US** - According to Economy Next, the US has pledged to provide SL USD 82,192 to preserve Asia's oldest shipwreck found off the coast of Godavaya near the Hambantota Port in 2003.

19.12.2022: **Arrests** - According to Economy Next, SL's Dangerous Drugs Act has been expanded to include ice, or crystal meth. Possession of more than 05 grams of it currently carries either a life sentence or the death penalty.

21.12.2022: **Arrests** - According to Economy Next, SL's Navy has arrested more than 6,000 people and seized 377 kilograms of the drug in a crackdown on methamphetamine (ICE) through October 2022. According to the NDDCB, SL arrested 67,900 people in connection with drugs from January -October 2022 - a 77.8 % increase from the same period in 2021.

27.12.2022: **Gotabaya** - According to Kalaikathir, G. Rajapaksa has fled to a European country with his family. His transit was through Dubai.

27.12.2022: **Kidnapping** - According to Kalaikathir, 3,596 kidnappings have occurred in the first 11 months of 2022 in SL. It is noteworthy that 835 kidnappings have occurred in 2021.

29.12.2022: **SL Constitution** - According to Virakesari, SL's Fisheries minister and EPDP leader Douglas Devananda has mentioned that he is prepared to work with the TNA on the issue of the 13th Amendment to SL's Constitution. However, he emphasised that the TNA needs to be truthful to it

## Economic News

02.12.2022: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, Fitch Ratings has downgraded SL's local currency rating to 'CC' from 'CCC', citing a likely domestic debt restructuring. They assess a local

currency debt default as likely given an unsustainably high domestic interest payment to revenue ratio, high interest costs, tight domestic financing

conditions, and rising local currency debt to GDP ratios.

04.12.2022: **Debt moratorium** - According to Economy Next, the Paris Club group of creditor nations has proposed a 10-year debt moratorium for SL and a 15-year debt restructuring. The fact is that SL's creditors will have to take a large cut for revival, with the Paris Club clearly suggesting that the Global South should take the same cut as the Global North despite the unequal distribution of wealth.

05.12.2022: **Dairy Industry** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has requested India for assistance to make the local dairy industry self-sufficient and reduce imports. SL spends more than USD 300 million on dairy imports.

20.12.2022: **Saudi Arabia** - According to Economy Next, SL's CHEC Port City said China Harbour Engineering has teamed up with Saudi-based Ajlan Brothers Holdings to invest in several projects in a special economic zone. CHEC had signed a strategic partnership on 08.12.2022 to jointly develop projects worth USD 1.3 billion, including Colombo International Financial Centre Phase 01, Marina Waterfront Commercial and Marina Hotel and Golf Course.

20.12.2022: **Currency** - According to Economy Next, the SL Cabinet of Ministers has approved a draft of a new currency legislation that will regulate SL's central bank. This is one of the conditions for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Board to approve a loan and reform program for SL.

21.12.2022: **BOI** - According to Economy Next, SL's state Board of Investment (BOI) is targeting USD 2 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2023. However, implementation of the upwardly revised tax will be a barrier to attracting FDI.

21.12.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, approval for a USD 2.9 billion IMF loan is delayed beyond the originally expected January 2023 date due to complex debt restructuring negotiations with SL's bilateral creditors. The 03 bilateral creditors are hoping for further clarifications. The Paris Club has expressed its willingness to do so. However, so far there has been no official word on the matter.

22.12.2022: **Trade Office** - According to Economy Next, SL is establishing a Trade Office to conduct trade negotiations and conclude agreements with India, China, Thailand, Indonesia, and Bangladesh, with plans to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. The ITO's first task would be to bring the SL-Singapore Free Trade Agreement into force.

27.12.2022: **Electricity** - According to Economy Next, SL plans to increase electricity tariffs by 60-65% in January 2022 with SL Cabinet approval to offset costs. Costs are based on average rainfall.

29.12.2022: **SME** - According to Economy Next, small and medium food suppliers to SL's supermarket chain are being financed by USAI

## Economic Profile – December 2022

### Fitch Ratings

Local currency December 2022 ↓ from 'CCC' to 'CC'

### Credit

Privat credit October 2022 ↓ by LKR 46 billion  
credit to government ↑ by LKR 135 billion  
central bank credit about LKR 1,257 billion  
state enterprises ↑ by LKR 74.8 billion to LKR 1,777.80 billion

### GDP

Third quarter from 2021 ↑ by 45.2% to LKR 6.4 trillion

### Trade

Exports October 2022 ↓ by 11.9% to USD 1,051 million  
Imports ↓ by 21.2% to USD 1,336 million  
Trade deficit ↓ to USD 285 million

### Inflation

December 2022 ↓ to 57.2% from 61% in November

## News about Oppression & Resistance

01.12.2022: **Protest** - According to Kalaikathir, relatives of the Enforced Disappeared have staged a protest in Vavuniya.

04.12.2022: **Dead Body** - According to Uthayan, a corpse was retrieved at Kanthankulam in Vinayagapuram, Kilinochchi. The deceased was a 21-year-old male.

02.12.2022: **China** - According to Economy Next, opposition MP R. Shanakiyan of the TNA stated that SL owes China - an economy worth nearly USD 20 trillion, USD 7.4 billion and that if China was a true friend, it would agree to either forgive or at least help restructure this debt. According to one calculation, nearly one-fifth of SL's external public debt is held by China.

Now he joins 22 million SLs in calling on China to go home.

06.12.2022: **Protest** - According to Supeedsam, farmers from Batticaloa staged a protest at the Kiran-Pulipanthakalai Road. This protest was organised by the agrarian service centres from Kiran and Valachenai. The protesters demanded that SL cease the land grab of 9,942 families in Batticaloa under the Mahaweli scheme. It is noteworthy that Tamil, Muslim and Indian Tamils receive only 3.8% lands under this scheme, while the rest is allocated to the Sinhalese.

07.12.2022: **Protest** - The demands of fishers protesting for 60 consecutive days in Karanci, Kilinochchi were echoed by the Vadamarachchi North Fisheries Federation President N.



Varnakulasingham who demanded the complete removal of all sea urchin farms from the region, reports Lanka Files.

08.12.2022: **Reparations** - Kalaikathir reports that SL's minister of Justice, Prisoners Affairs and Constitutional Reforms, Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa, told in SL Parliament that 1,753 families received reparations under the Office of Missing Persons (OMP). Further 3,320 reparations will be paid and 5,246 are remaining, he stated. To that 11,780 persons have returned from India and their settlements are being conducted.

08.12.2022: **Political Prisoners** - According to Kalaikathir, SL's Minister of Justice, Prisoners Affairs and Constitutional Reforms requested the Chief Justice that cases related to the LTTE should be handled specially. He further stated that in 2015, 400 prisoners related to the LTTE were held. Currently, 31 prisoners related to the LTTE are held in SL's prisons. 16 of them were proven guilty and 15 remaining as suspects, he further mentioned in SL's Parliament.

11.12.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Lanka Files, the Chairperson of the North East Secretariat on Human Rights (NESoHR), Father Xavier "Kili" Karunaratnam who was assassinated by SL's genocidal SLA Deep Penetration Unit, was commemorated.

12.12.2022: **Protest** - Tamils marked International Human Rights Day across the Tamil homeland through various awareness protests.

- ♦ Mannar
- ♦ Association of Relatives of Enforced Disappeared (ARED) - Vavuniya

- ♦ Relatives of the disappeared - Batticaloa Kalladi Bridge to Gandhi Park

13.12.2022: **EPDP** - According to an Eelanadu, the EPDP's Pradeshiya Sabha member was arrested by SL's STF for carrying a sharp-edged weapon. He was brought in to the occupational Vaddukoddai Police station.

16.12.2022: **Protest** - A protest organised by the National Fishery Cooperation Movement commenced opposite the Jaffna Central Bus Station in support of the protest of fishers against the establishment of seafood farms at Kilinochchi Poonakeri Kranchi, reports Virakesari.

17.12.2022: **Elilan** - According to Kalaikathir, the High Court of Vavuniya has ordered SL's forces to produce Elilan - the former head of the LTTE's political wing, Trincomalee - on 23.03.2023 before the court, or to explain why he cannot appear. Elilan surrendered at the end of war and has been forcefully disappeared since. It is noteworthy that this is 01 of 05 cases of enforced disappearances that the Vavuniya High court is handling at the moment. 01 has been adjourned and the verdicts of the other 03 will be held on 27.01.2023.

17.12.2022: **Switzerland** - According to Kalaikathir, a protest was held opposite the Swiss embassy. The demonstration was against M.A. Sumanthiran and R. Shanakiyan - 02 MPs from the TNA. The protesters demanded that the Swiss government end their support for a federal solution. Further, the demonstrators resist the reduction of the

militarisation of the Tamil homeland, aimed by the 02 MPs. They even mentioned that this was the agenda of the LTTE.

17.12.2022: **Investigation** - It has been announced that the OMP will conduct investigations into 244 relatives of forcibly disappeared persons in Mullaitivu district, reports Virakesari.

- ♦ Karaituraipattu
- ♦ Puthukkudiyiruppu
- ♦ Oddusuddan
- ♦ Thunukkai
- ♦ Manthai East

20.12.2022: **Solheim** - According to Kalaikathir, Erik Solheim has met R. Sampanthan and M.A. Sumanthiran from the TNA. The topics of the talks are not known. Erik Solheim is the current advisor to SL's President on climate change and formerly led the Norway-led peace process in SL. It is noteworthy that Solheim has officially refused to play a role as a negotiator for the talks between GoSL and the Tamils.

20.12.2022: **OMP** - According to Kalaikathir, relatives of the Enforced Disappeared staged a protest in front of the OMP office in Mullaitivu. The reason for this was that the OMP summoned 244 persons for inquiries about their disappeared relatives. The protesters mentioned, that the OMP was an "eyewash" and that they want a real investigation, about the fate of their relatives. They also rejected the reparations. Over 20 Police and intelligence officer surveilled the protest.

21.12.2022: **Summons** - According to JDS Lanka, Tamil journalist K. Kumanan has

been summoned to appear before the office of the occupational Mullaitivu Police on 29.12.2022 to record a statement for an unspecified investigation.

22.12.2022: **Political Solution** - According to Kalaikathir, 04 days of talks between GoSL and the Tamil political parties will be conducted in January, 2023. The aim is to reach a "solution" for the Tamils' conflict before Thai Pongal on 14.01.2023. This consensus was reached at a meeting on 21.12.2022. This meeting occurred at the office of SL's President. The following members were present at the meeting:

- ♦ SL's President - R. Wickremesinghe
- ♦ SL's Prime Minister - D. Gunawardene
- ♦ SL's Justice Minister - Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa
- ♦ SL's Foreign Minister - Ali Sabry
- ♦ SL's Fisheries Minister - Douglas Devananda
- ♦ SL's Chief Justice - Sanjay Rajaratnam
- ♦ TNA - R. Sampanthan & M.A. Sumanthiran

Following consensus was reached:

**Political prisoners** —> 14 political prisoners are already convicted. 05 from them could be immediately released. This could happen even before SL's Independence Day on 04.02.2023. The political prisoners with pending cases, can be released through the court.

**Land Release** —> After a meeting between SL's military and SL's President "plenty" of land will be released by SL's military. After the approval of the National security council on their

meeting on 03.01.2023, the Tamils will be informed on 05.01.2023.

**Constitution** —> This will be discussed 04 days before Pongal. The tracts for this meeting will be decided during the meeting on 05.01.2023. M.A. Sumanthiran will submit a list to SL's government about the implementation of the 13th Amendment and their amendments to SL's Constitution. The news further stated that the land rights and the police rights under the 13th amendment will be accepted. It is noteworthy that this talk is aimed towards the 75th Independence Day of SL.

25.12.2022: **Commemoration** - According to JDS Lanka, the 17th commemoration of Joseph Pararajasingham who was assassinated by SL-backed para-military operatives was held in Batticaloa.

25.12.2022: **Political Prisoners** - 309 prisoners were released on a Christmas amnesty by SL's Prisoners Commissioner General Chandana Ekanayake. However, no updates regarding the release of 05 Tamil political prisoners as promised by R. Wickremesinghe to the TNA.

26.12.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Kumanan, the 2004 Asian Tsunami was commemorated at Mullaitivu by many locals.

26.12.2022: **Enforced Disappearances** - Leeladevi Anathanadaraja, the secretary of the Association of the Relatives of Enforced Disappearances

challenged SL's Ali Sabry's claims that 3,700 SL security forces had been deemed missing during a press conference at the Jaffna Press Club.

27.12.2022: **Protest** - Keppapelavu locals conducted a protest demanding the release of lands appropriated by occupational SL military, reports Tamil journalist Kumanan.

29.12.2022: **Intimidation** - Video footage of occupational Naval intimidation through stop and search operations against locals at Jaffna's occupational Ponnalai Junction checkpoint has been widely circulated, reports Lanka Files.

30.12.2022: **Investigation** - Occupational SL Police allegedly commenced an investigation into SL Navy personnel's intimidation of Tamil Journalist, Kumanan during his coverage of protests against Vadduvakal Gotabaya Naval Base, reports Lanka Files.

30.12.2022: **Property** - According to Economy Next, SL's agricultural authorities are planning to appropriate over 14,000 hectares of rice land, violating owners' property rights by claiming the land is "fallow" and giving them to "young people" to farm. The rulers have decided to "take over and cultivate" 2,774 hectares of rice in Matakal, Nuwara Eliya, Vavuniya, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Badulla and Moneragala districts, which have not been cultivated for more than 05 years, and 11,256 hectares in other districts.



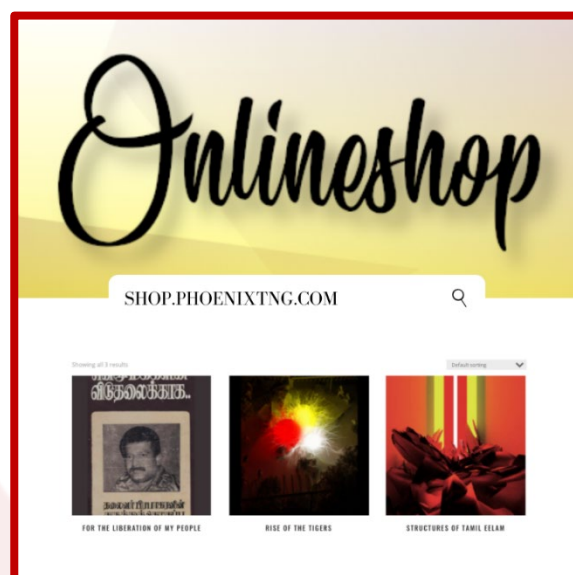
## Signs of Structural Genocide

01.12.2022: **Batticaloa** - According to Virakesari, SL wants to identify lands in Batticaloa for improving the region's tourism. The area stretches from Verugal to Batticaloa town. The goal is to identify which is state-owned or private land.

08.12.2022: **Shiva Lingam** - According to Eelanadu, Dr. Aru Thirumurugan mentioned that SL's occupational military hindered the process of establishing a Shiva Lingam statue at

Chemmani, Jaffna. The soldiers questioned them several times while establishing this 07-foot-tall statue.

15.12.2022: **Land grab** - According to Eelanadu, residents from Vadduwakal, Mullaitivu staged a protest opposite the Gotabaya Navy Camp in condemnation of the measurement of 617 acres of private land for the expansion of the occupational navy camp.



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