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*No matter how many obstacles are in the way,
we will keep fighting*
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International News

04.05.2024: Climate Summit - According to Economy Next, the SL Climate Summit 2024 with the theme "Code Red: Climate Risks and Opportunities for Sri Lankan Businesses," will be held from 07.05.2024-09.05.2024 at the Shangri La Hotel in Colombo. The event aims to explore the dual reality of climate risks and opportunities and the specific climate threats for SL.

08.05.2024: Agriculture - According to Economy Next, SL will receive an investment of USD 100 million to modernise agricultural practices over the next 20 years for sustainable agriculture and exports. SL's Climate Change Office under R. Wickremesinghe, the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) and Portugal's Nativa Capital signed a USD 100 million agreement on 07.05.2024 to collaborate on an agriculture and forest conservation project in SL's Anuradhapura.

08.05.2024: Climate summit - According to Economy Next, SL will refrain from attending the international climate summit, the Conference of the Parties, in the future if the heads of state and government continue to lack a unified solution to combat climate change. R. Wickremesinghe explained that the funds SL had expected from the Conference of the Parties in Glasgow in 2021 had not been received.

08.05.2024: Environment - According to Economy Next, SL requires a green economy and the government is working on new laws that will address the environment and climate change. Wickremesinghe was speaking at the inaugural session of SL's Climate Summit hosted by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. The aim of the summit is to assess potential disruptions in critical sectors of SL's economy

and deliberate on policy reforms required to transition to a low emission, climate resilient economic framework.

14.05.2024: Ban - According to the New Indian Express, the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs has extended the ban against the LTTE an additional five years.

13.05.2024: IORA - According to Economy Next, the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce will host a business conclave to foster strategic alliances, explore untapped markets and capitalise on emerging trends in sectors critical to economic development. The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Business Conclave on 28.05.2024-29.05.2024 will focus on "sectors critical to the economic development and prosperity of the Indian Ocean region, including agriculture, ICT, logistics and tourism."

Bilateral

01.05.2024: **UNRWA** - According to Economy Next, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has thanked SL for its financial contribution to address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. SL's contribution to UNRWA will significantly support efforts to address critical humanitarian needs - particularly for over one million people seeking shelter in UNRWA facilities.

04.05.2024: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, Japan will resume stalled JPY lending projects in SL after SL had formally reached an agreement with its bilateral lenders. Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamalkawa mentioned she conveyed Japan's expectation for an early signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Official Creditors Committee (OCC) and SL.

06.05.2024: **Tourism** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved that tourists from China,

India, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Malaysia and Japan will receive free visas until the end of May 2024. With SL's controversial decision to hire IVS-GBS-VFS Global, a private contractor that charges unusual fees for processing applications, SL has apparently lost the ability to issue free tourist visas. SL's "free" visa, which was approved as a promotion, now costs over USD 25 online, the same cost as a "fee-based" visa in Vietnam.

07.05.2024: **Adani** - According to Economy Next, SL will purchase electricity from wind turbines built by India's Adani Green Energy Limited at a price of 8.26 US cents per kilowatt hour. SL's Cabinet had approved the price after a negotiating committee appointed by the Cabinet reached an agreement.

07.05.2024: **Singapore** - According to Economy Next, a five-member team from Singapore's Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) will be in SL from 27.05.2024 to assess SL's immigration counters with the aim of modernising them along

the lines of Singapore. This emerges amidst repeated complaints of overcrowded immigration counters at SL's Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA).

07.05.2024: **China** - According to Economy Next, SL has approved a project proposal to introduce digitisation in schools with financial support from the Chinese government. The project aims to provide smart boards for classroom teaching, reception rooms, a data centre to monitor these activities by SL's Ministry of Education, and studio and conference rooms.

08.05.2024: **Victory day** - According to the SL Ministry of Defence's (MoD) website, genocidaire K. Gunaratne has participated at the Russian Victory Day Ceremony in Colombo.



UNRWA

Source: Economy Next

08.05.2024: **Mercenary companies** - According

to Economy Next, SL is attempting to use diplomatic and non-diplomatic means to assist citizens allegedly working for mercenary companies linked to Russia and Ukraine.

09.05.2024: **Russia** - According to Economy Next, ex-SL soldiers recruited by several teams died by the hundreds in the killing fields on the Russia-Ukraine border amid drone warfare. 01 ex-soldier who fled mentioned he went to Russia after paying 1.6 million to a recruitment team composed of retired senior military officers to provide support services to the Russian military as 'camp helpers'.

10.05.2024: **ID** - According to Economy Next, SL's government is awaiting clearance from SL's Ministry of Public Security to proceed with the Indian-funded unified ID card project. The project, which has raised concerns about the privacy of SL citizens and the protection of personal data, must be re-tendered after being cancelled in 2023.

13.05.2024: **BRICS** - According to Economy Next, SL - which holds

the chairmanship of the IORA, has been invited to the BRICS Foreign Ministers Summit in Russia on 30.05.2024-31.05.2024 to discuss antimicrobial resistance. BRICS is an intergovernmental organisation comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). IORA is a regional tripartite forum which brings together representatives from government, business and academia to promote cooperation and closer interaction between them.

15.05.2024: **India** - According to Economy Next, SL is in talks with Indian arms manufacturers to establish an arms manufacturing unit in SL. The SL state minister's remarks come a month after Indian arms manufacturers demonstrated Delhi's weapons manufacturing capabilities to the SL military at a seminar, while SL anticipated future joint cooperation in arms production and military services.



Russia
Source: ALJAZEERA

15.05.2024: **Russia** - According to Economy Next, SL's Ministry of Defense has so far received 280 complaints from family members of citizens who were recruited by mercenary companies to fight on the Russian-Ukrainian war front. So far, 16 deaths have been confirmed.



Victory Day
Source: MoD

15.05.2024: **India** - According to Economy Next, selected officials of the Supreme Court of SL participated in a 04-day training organised by the Indian Supreme Court on the technological and digital transformation of the

Court including the e-Courts project. During the program, the delegates were introduced to the technological and digital transformation of the Supreme Court of India including the e-Courts project, library, court processes such as filing, listing, examination, scanning and record keeping.

15.05.2024: **China** - According to Economy Next, a delegation from the China National Garment Association (CNGA) met with 12 companies from SL to explore potential synergies. The main objective of this high-level delegation was to strengthen existing trade relations, explore new opportunities for cooperation and invest in the SL garment industry.



Climate
Source: Economy Next

16.05.2024: **Russia** - According to Economy Next, SL plans to send a high-level mission on the instructions of R.

Wickremesinghe to discuss the repatriation of former soldiers hired by Russian mercenary companies and the injured. The delegation will consist of former Ambassador to Russia Saman Weerasinghe, K. Gunaratne and senior officials from SL's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

16.05.2024: **India** - According to Economy Next, Indian tourists will be able to pay for their purchases in SL with their cell phones using QR codes following a collaboration between Lanka Pay and Indian company PhonePe. As India is the main source of tourists to SL, the cooperation will strengthen bilateral relations.

17.05.2024: **Climate Change** - According to Economy Next, India and China have shown great interest in the International University for Climate Change in SL, with the aim of promoting climate-related research and technologies. The British Council has pledged to support universities for academic activities.

19.05.2024: **India** - According to Economy Next, SL will either have

to join India or set up a nuclear power plant if the country is to meet its renewable energy targets due to weather conditions. Solar power is only available for a few hours a day and can also vary depending on cloud cover.

Hydropower (run-of-river power plants) is more stable but dependent on rain. Wind energy is available throughout the day, but can also be unstable. The issue of variability (unsecured energy) can be solved to a certain extent by ramping and battery storage at additional cost.

20.05.2024: **World Bank** - According to Economy Next, the World Bank will hold a roundtable on "Advancing Energy Transition" in Colombo. The program will focus on attracting investment in the renewable energy sector, accelerating the energy transition, green hydrogen programs and scaling up private investment.

20.05.2024: **Finance Alliance** - According to Economy Next, SL has joined a group of countries led by Indonesia that aims to mobilise capital to achieve carbon neutrality. The world

has a USD 2.5 trillion financing gap to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

20.05.2024: World Bank - According to Economy Next, the World Bank will assist SL restructure its USD 800 million debt in the water sector. In addition, SL will gain access to credit enhancement programs that will generate new water projects transparent and affordable and put SL on a safe path to achieving SDG6.

20.05.2024: Iran - According to Economy Next, SL has declared 21.05.2024, a national day of mourning to express its solidarity with Iran following the sudden death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash. President Raisi and 08 other people, including Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian, were killed in the crash when the helicopter made a “hard landing” due to adverse weather conditions with heavy fog.

21.05.2024: OHCHR - According to Economy Next, a new report by the Office of the United

Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has recommended targeted sanctions against officials responsible for enforced disappearances in SL since 1970 and has called for justice for the families of victims outside SL. Bilateral interviews were conducted with 39 victims and focus groups were convened with 43 victims, with a higher proportion of women, to prepare the report.

23.05.2024: Japan - According to Economy Next, the Japanese government will provide scholarships worth JPY 304 million (around LKR 578 million for masters and doctoral programs in human resources for senior public sector officers in SL.) SL's Cabinet has approved the proposal to sign an exchange agreement with the Japanese government and enter into an agreement with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to receive the grant.

29.05.2024: Russia - According to Economy Next, a SL delegation including Foreign Minister Tharaka

Balasuriya and K. Gunaratne will travel to Moscow “soon” to hold talks over concerns about hundreds of SL's former soldiers who joined the Russia-Ukraine war. At least 16 Sri Lankans are believed to have been killed and around 600 are believed to have joined the Russian side as fighters, in particular, taking the risk for higher pay.

29.05.2024: Iraq - According to Economy Next, the Chargé d'Affairs of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Colombo, Mohammed Obaid Jabur Zahir Al-Masoudi, has invited investors from SL to establish business relations in the Middle Eastern country. The Head of the Embassy encourages SL investors to establish business relations in Baghdad and Kurdistan.



Finance Alliance
Source: Economy Next

29.05.2024: UNHRC - According to Economy Next, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) adopted a

resolution in March 2021 mandating the global body to establish a mechanism to collect evidence outside the country on alleged human rights violations during and after 2009. The resolution allows the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to “collect, consolidate, analyse and preserve information and evidence and develop possible strategies for future accountability processes for gross human rights violations or serious violations of international humanitarian law in SL.

30.05.2024: **Thailand** - According to Economy Next, tourists from SL will be able to enter Thailand visa-free from 01.06.2024 under a program approved by the country's cabinet to promote the sector, according to a media report. SL is among 36 countries included in a list of 57 countries to receive a 60-day stay under the program.

30.05.2024: **ICA** - According to Economy Next, a 06-member delegation from Singapore's Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) is in SL to conduct a comprehensive study on

the working systems of the airports and SL's Immigration Department. The purpose of this visit is to work together to improve the immigration system in SL by achieving the same standards as Singapore and integrating advanced technologies.

30.05.2024: **IORA** - According to Economy Next, SL companies have the opportunity to strengthen their relationships with companies in IORA) countries.

31.05.2024: **India** - According to Economy Next, candidates from SL should be provided the opportunity to complete a PhD in India as part of an initiative launched for BIMSTEC countries. Under the BIMReN Split-Site Doctoral Fellowships, PhD candidates in BIMSTEC member countries will receive a research grant of up to INR 01 million and the opportunity to conduct research in Indian research labs for 06-12 months.



Thailand

Source: Economy Next



ICA

Source: Economy Next



IORA

Source: Economy Next

Military News

09.05.2024: **Navy** - According to Economy Next, SL has already commenced the expansion of the SL Navy's capacity to deal with foreign research vessels during a 01-year moratorium. SL's Wickremesinghe government has temporarily halted the entry of foreign research vessels after neighbouring India and the United States (US) raised strong security concerns following the visit of 02 Chinese research vessels within 14 months.

10.05.2024: **Australia** - According to the SL MoD's website, the Commander of SL's Airforce (SLAF) met with Australia's Ministry of Home affairs to discuss about a donation of an Beechcraft King Air 350 aircraft.

10.05.2024: **Special unit** - According to Economy Next, the SL Defense Ministry said it has set up a special unit to deal with the trafficking of retired military personnel for the Russia-Ukraine war. The ministry is seeking information from the family members of those

involved about retired SL military personnel who joined the Russo-Ukrainian war through various routes.

16.05.2024: **Defence** - According to Economy Next, SL will reduce its Army by over 50 % by 2030 and strengthen its Navy to protect SL's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the Indian Ocean. SL's EEZ has become a geopolitical hotspot due to the cold war between China and SL's neighbour India. Therefore, SL is required to strengthen both its Navy and Air Force.

16.05.2024: **Navy** - According to Economy Next, US Ambassador Julie Chung met Rear Admiral Rohitha Abeysinghe - the new commander of the SL Navy in occupied northern SL, to discuss US and SL efforts to support SL's maritime sovereignty. They are working together on initiatives to improve maritime awareness, strengthen anti-drug trafficking efforts, and jointly contribute to a free and open Indo-Pacific and regional prosperity.

21.05.2024: **Army** - According to Economy Next, SL has discharged 15,667 absentees from service, including those who are abroad, following a month-long general amnesty until 20.05.2024. Arrangements have also been made for 373 persons who are currently abroad and absent without leave to be legally discharged from the army during this amnesty period.

22.05.2024: **Army** - According to Economy Next, the SL government is to establish the SL Institute of Strategic Studies, which will offer military tactics training for members of SL's armed forces, pensioners and civilians. Interested individuals may participate in these programs. This initiative will coincide with the ongoing restructuring of the security forces.



Defence
Source: Economy Next

Domestic News

10.05.2024:

Kankesanthurai -

According to Economy Next, SL is in talks with Canadian-based entrepreneurs to establish a CAD 500 million industrial park in Kankesanthurai on the Jaffna peninsula. The industrial park is to be built on the 700-hectare site of a disused state-owned cement factory.

18.05.2024: **Arrest -**

According to Economy Next, SL's occupational Navy has arrested 08 individuals for fishing illegally in the waters off Ambalanpokkane, Mullaitivu, Poduwakattu and Trincomalee. The operations also led to the seizure of 03 dinghies and unlicensed fishing gear used for these illegal activities.

22.05.2024: **Mannar -**

According to Economy Next, a tender for a 50 megawatt (MW) wind power plant in Mannar by the SL state-run Ceylon Electricity Board has been blocked to prevent the sharp drop in electricity prices from the tender from reaching the public. SL's Power Ministry mentioned Adani will get a price of 8.26 cents

per unit for its 484-MW plants in Mannar and Pooneryn.

Sri Lanka

03.05.2024: **Visas -**

According to Economy Next, an outsourcing system for visas in SL, IVS-GBS-VFS Global, which has led to an exponential increase in fees which replaces an earlier fast-track electronic process for issuing travel permits, has led to a new controversy over visa denials. In a viral video, an angry SL citizen was seen berating a private visa provider at the airport after his foreign companion was apparently denied an entry visa by the company.

08.05.2024: **Russo-Ukrainian War -**

According to the SL MoD's website, K. Gunaratne made a statement to SL's soldiers not to get caught in an illegal scheme to get trafficked to the Russo-Ukrainian war as mercenaries. Several SL agencies have commenced investigations against

this trafficking. It is noteworthy that SL's MoD has acknowledged that a significant number of former SL soldiers have died or have been injured. Further reports indicate that a special unit has been formed to gather information on human trafficking of former SL soldiers.

09.05.2024: **SL**

Elections - SL's Electoral Commission has announced that their presidential election will be held between 17.09.2024-16.10.2024, reports Lanka Files.

12.05.2024:

Privatisation -

According to Economy Next, genocidaire and SL's former President M. Rajapaksa has sharply criticised SL's current privatisation campaign - claiming that it involves "national" assets. The current divestment drive is allegedly aimed at minimising the GoSL's expenditure on loss-making SL state-owned enterprises and meeting certain IMF requirements.

15.05.2024: **Laws -**

According to Economy

Next, SL has passed 75 new laws between 2022-2024 - making it the country with the most modern legal framework in South Asia. Reports indicate that this new legal system will promote a new political culture in SL.

23.05.2024: Vesak - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe recalled a sermon by the Buddha on sacrificing for a better tomorrow and called for unity to heal and rebuild SL as Buddhists celebrate Vesak Day. He mentioned that SL - regardless of race, religion, caste or political affiliation - must unite to heal and rebuild itself.

24.05.2024: Privatisation - According to Economy Next, SL will reverse the privatisation of plantation companies that do not pay GoSL-mandated wages by terminating land leases and finding new investors under a "competitive system." SL privatised the ownership of 22 plantation companies through long-term leases in the 1990s, after initially contracting out only the

management to private companies.

28.05.2024: Reforms - According to Economy Next, SL's Finance Minister Semasinghe has mentioned that the reforms have yielded positive results. SL's gross official reserves have increased significantly and will reach USD 5.5 billion by the end of April 2024.

29.05.2024: Labor law - According to Economy Next, SL's new labour law, which is currently being drafted, will not include provisions against age discrimination. It is intended to combat discrimination based on gender and sexual orientation.

29.05.2024: Citizenship - According to Economy Next, a person of SL descent or a person "whose Sri Lankan citizenship has lapsed under sections 19, 20 or 21 of the Citizenship Act" and a foreign spouse can apply under the new provisions after 06 months of marriage. However, if the marriage is dissolved before 05 years, the PR status will automatically lapse.



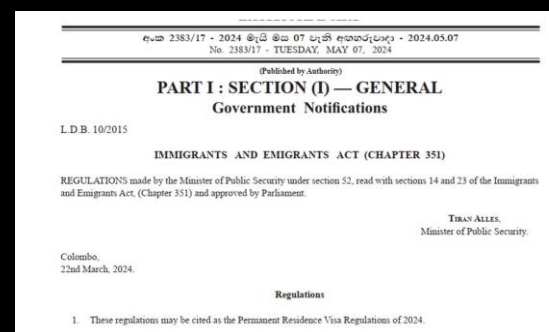
Privatisation

Source: Economy Next



Labor law

Source: Economy Next



Citizenship

Source: Economy Next

ECONOMIC PROFILE – May 2024

Remittances	April 2024	about USD 543.8 million
Gross FOREX Reserves	April 2024	↑ by USD 478 million to USD 5,438 million
Trade	March 2024	
Exports		about USD 2,041 million
Imports		about USD 1,508 million
Trade deficit		USD 1,229 million
Service account surplus		USD 1,267.5 million
Merchandise exports	April 2024	↓ by 4.1% from a year ago to USD 813.81 million
Goods exports		↓ by 3.55% from a year ago to USD 3,982.71 million
Service exports		↑ by 19.28% from a year ago to USD 300.41 million
Inflation	in the 12 months to May 2024	0.9 %

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01.05.2024: Plantation workers - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe announced a 70 % increase in the daily wage for plantation workers to LKR 1,700. This is an unprecedented move amidst his plans to run for the 2024 SL Presidential elections.

03.05.2024: IFC - According to Economy Next, the Washington-based International Finance Corporation (IFC) has agreed to invest LKR 3.7 billion in Sunshine Healthcare Lanka Limited. Sunshine Healthcare is currently a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sunshine Holdings Plc.

08.05.2024: Rupee - According to Economy Next, SL Central Bank Governor Nandalal Weerasinghe mentioned that the LKR will not fluctuate in the future based on currently available data. SL's Central Bank is now in possession of USD 5.4 billion s for intervention. However, they will leave it to the market to determine interest rates as required, he mentioned.

12.05.2024: Port city - According to Economy Next, a China Duty Free

shopping complex in the port city of Colombo is expected to be operational in June, 2024. Several businesses have already commenced operations in the port city of Colombo until the buildings are constructed in accordance with regulations.

12.05.2024: FDI - According to Economy Next, SL expects to sign USD 3 billion in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2024 with the assistance of a refinery to be constructed by China's Sinopec. The Board of Investment in the UK, Canada, France, Italy and Germany appointed investment agents and country representatives on a voluntary basis from businessmen of SL origin and launched investment forums.

14.05.2024: Trade - According to Economy Next, SL's People's Bank will provide financial advisory services, financing facilities and trade finance options to exporters in collaboration with the SL Export Development Board. This strategic alliance aims to promote the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and

integrate them into the global export market.

23.05.2024: BESS - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved the development of grid-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) to maintain the stability of the electricity system as variable renewable power plants are expanded. SL expects to connect large amounts of solar and wind energy between 2024 and 2030 to meet the 70 % renewable electricity target, but due to the variability of wind and solar energy (non-firm energy), system stability will be undermined.

26.05.2024: Exchange rate - According to Economy Next, SL's unstable exchange rate makes it difficult for companies to quote prices for their production to foreign business partners, and widespread fears of future instability have also shaken investor confidence. Economic analysts, citing classical principles, have pointed out that the current exchange rate stability and also appreciation is the result of a deflationary monetary policy pursued by a central bank with reserve accumulation

facilities amid weak private lending, enabled by a market interest rate.

30.05.2024: **Debt talks** - According to Economy Next, SL is confident of concluding debt talks in time for the IMF to consider the next review of SL's program. Talks on converting agreements in principle with official creditors

into letters of intent are progressing.



Port City

Source: Economy Next



FDI

Source: Economy Next



Trade

Source: Economy Next



Protest

11.05.2024: Protest -
A protest was staged in Jaffna demanding that GoSL immediately ceases the systematic land appropriation conducted under the Mahaweli Development Scheme, reports Lanka Files.

Oppression & Resistance

02.05.2024: **Land** - According to Lanka Files, locals Tamils resisted another attempt to legalise the appropriation of the Alampil Maaveerar Thuyilum Illam in Mullaitivu for the occupational SL military's 10th Battalion of the Sinha Regiment which is already occupying the land.

02.05.2024: **Human remains** - Construction workers discovered a human skeleton at the Sathananthasivan Hindu temple premises in Perunthurai south, of Jaffna, reports Lanka Files. Copper coins, fabrics and grains of rice were also found with the remains. Reports indicate that the discovered items were transferred to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital.

04.05. 2024: **Land** - SL's Wildlife Department has gone to court to evict over hundred locals in the Kariyanwayal area of Puthukkudiyiruppu in Vanni who returned to their land after 2009, reports Lanka Files.

05.05.2024: **Media** - Tamil journalists in

Jaffna protest to demand justice for colleagues killed or disappeared to mark World Press Freedom Day, reports Lanka Files.

06.05.2024: **Missing Persons** - SL's Constitutional Council called for applications to fill the vacancies to the posts of members in SL's Office on Missing Persons, reports Lanka Files.

09.05.2024: **Protest** - Vanni locals, protested opposite the Jaffna Provincial Governor's office demanding the return of their land occupied by Sinhalese settlers, reports Lanka Files.

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12.05.2024: **Militarisation** - According to Lanka Files, allegations of unauthorised constructions have been posed against the

occupational SL Army and its activity in a public park in Killinochchi.

12.05.2024: **Mullivaikkal** - Tamils in Visuvamadu and Puthukkudiyiruppu served Mullivaikkal kanji to commence commemorations of the peak of Tamil genocide. 04 Tamils including 03 women were arresting for serving kanji in commemoration in Sampur by occupational SL Police:

1. Kamaleswaran Thennila
2. Kamaleswaran Vijitha
3. Selva Vinod Sujani
4. Navarathna Rasa Harihara Kumar

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15.05.2024: **Protest** - According to Lanka Files, occupational SL Police and Public Health Inspectors from Batticaloa attempted to disrupt an event to commemorate the war dead on 14.05.2024. The event was halted under the alleged pretext of 'health concerns of public gatherings.

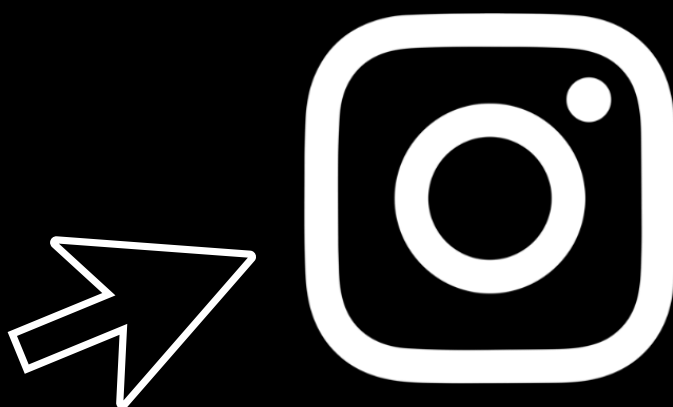
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17.05.2024: **Commemoration** - According to Lanka Files, a poetry book by Pasuntivu Rudran titled உப்புக் கடலை உரசிய நினைவுகள் (Memories Stroking the Salty Sea) was released in memory of the 39th commemoration of the Kumuthini Boat massacre.

19.05.2024: **Protest** - The TNPF led a protest demanding occupational SL military to evacuate the Chandiran Public Park in Kilinochchi, reports Lanka Files.

24.05.2024: **Thaiyiddi** - According to Uthayan, a protest was staged against the construction of an illegal Vihara in Thaiyiddi.



Signs of Structural Genocide

Any occurrence which reflects the implementation of Tamil genocidal ideology in a structural manner.



Vali North
Source: Uthayan

23.05.2024: **Vali North** -

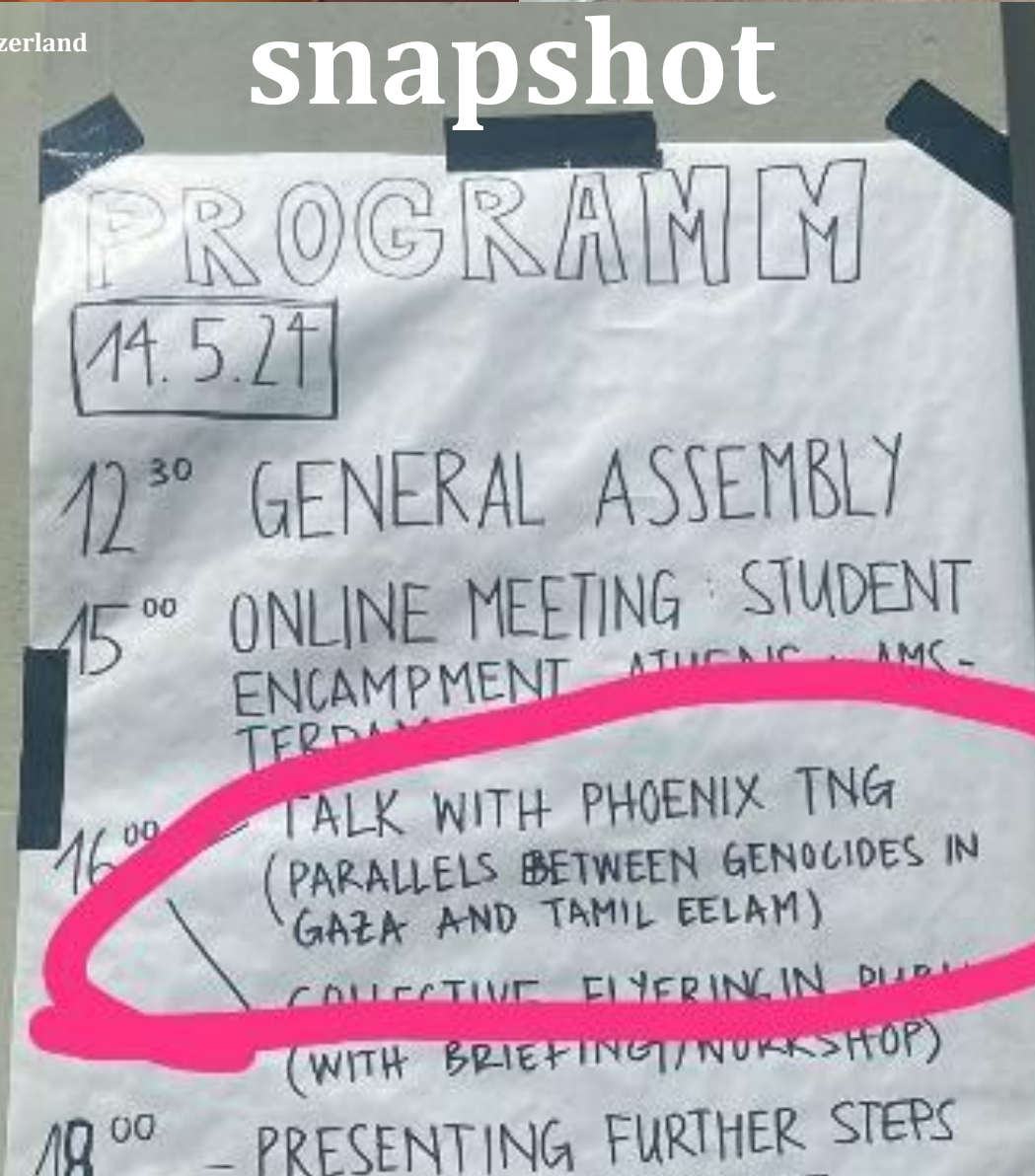
According to Uthayan, locals were prevented from returning to their recently-released private lands in Vali North. SL claimed that explosives are the reason for this prevention.

04.05.2024-05.05.2024 Basel, Switzerland
Art Exhibition



PHOENIX snapshot

14.05.2024: Basel Switzerland
Talk with Phoenix TNG



17.05.2024: Australia
Documentary Screening "No Fire Zone"





18.05.2024: England
Speech at SOAS university



MEET & DISCUSS

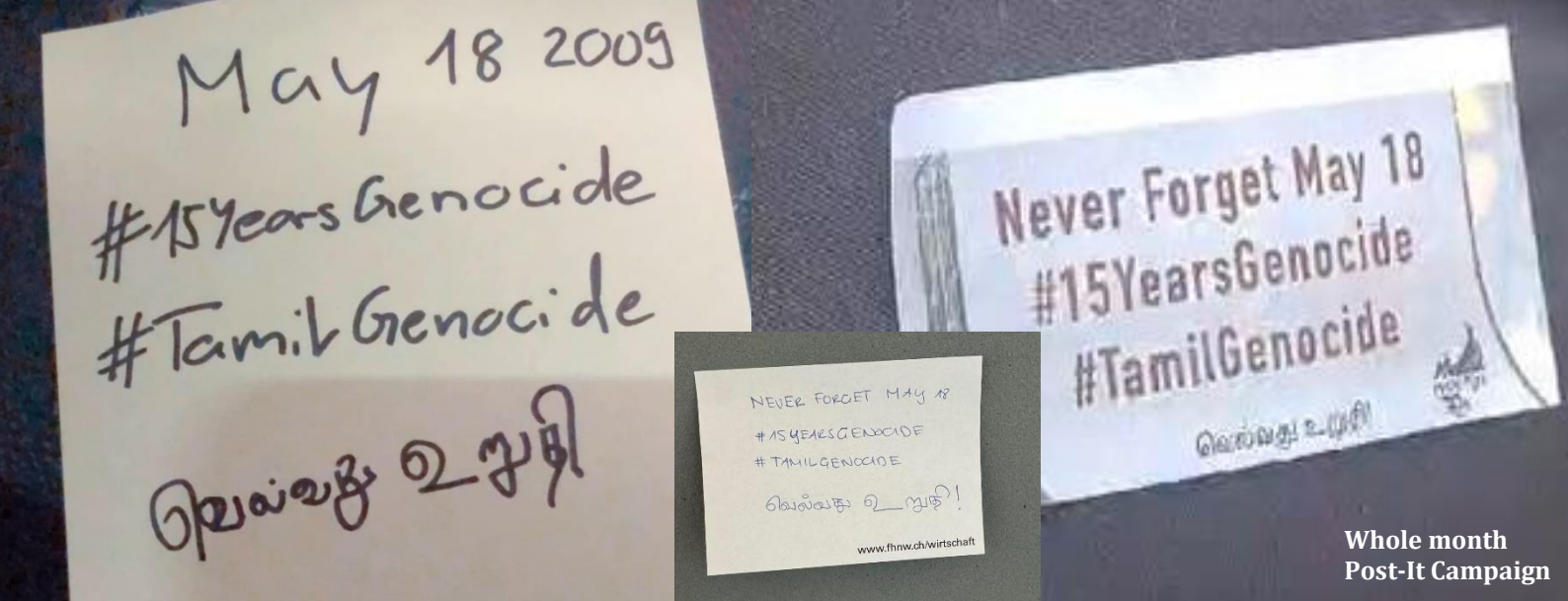
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19th May 2024

14:00 - 15:00





Whole month
Post-It Campaign



Whole month
Blood donation



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