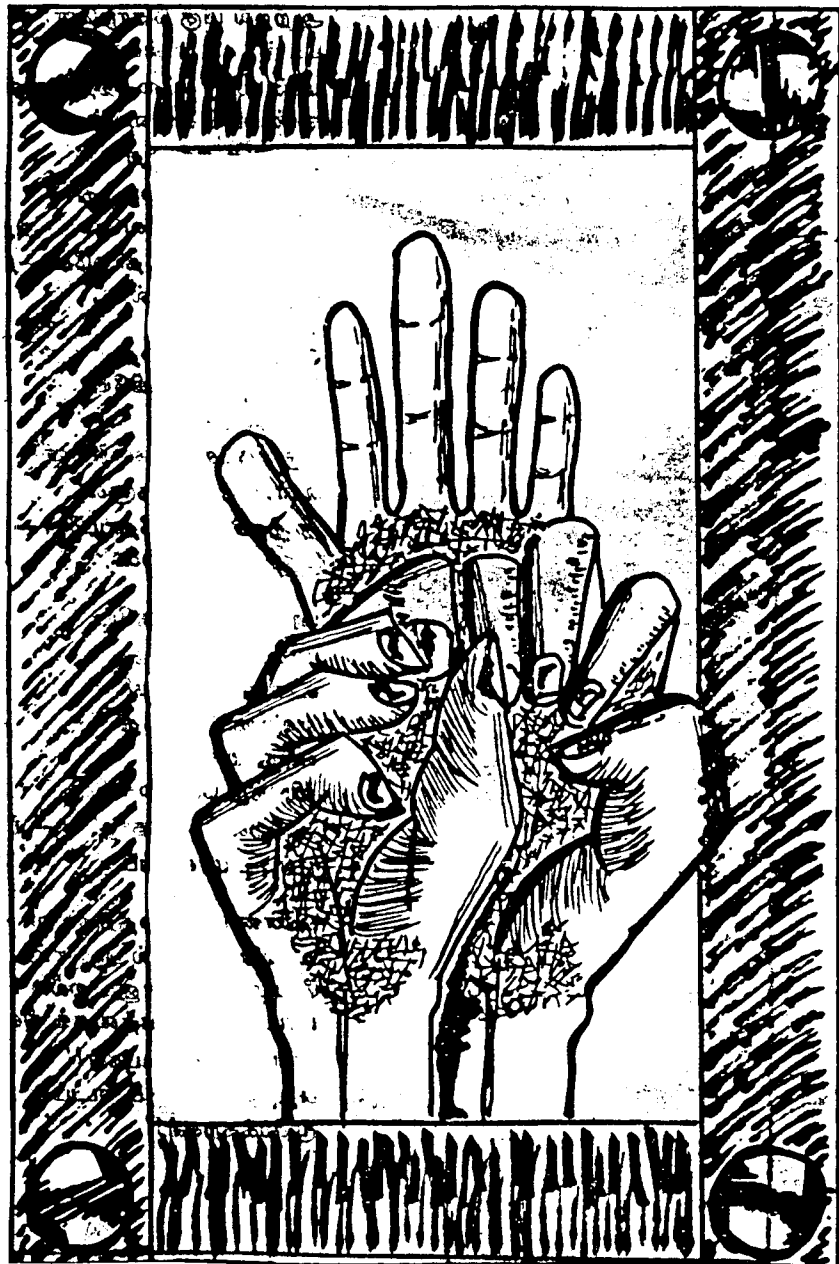


# EROS



## 'FORWARD WITH RIGHT STRATEGY'

'Four forms of violence were possible. There is sabotage, there is guerilla warfare, there is terrorism, and there is open revolution. We chose to adopt the first method and to exhaust it before taking any other decision.'

Nelson Mandela (ANC)

As Eelam Research Organisation we have always rejected the idea of 'hit and run' tactics described as 'sustained campaign' as a form of fighting against state terrorism and maintained the necessity to create revolutionary rear and sabotage as a primary form of fighting to destroy economic basis of the racist state which supply the means to its army - we must act like a 'flee on a dog'. The recent actions by Eelam revolutionaries in Sri Lanka means that our theoretical position is becoming a reality. This difference in tactical and strategic position is what gives rise to the traumatic misconceptions of the 'guerilla warfare' among Eelam freedom fighters, who have attached a label - 'revolutionaries' - to their names. Anyone can give himself the name of 'eagle' without having a single feather on his back. Likewise anyone can call himself a revolutionary without having a single revolutionary theory behind their actions. - This confusion is a consequence to the adoption of the slogan 'Armed struggle only way' instead of 'Armed struggle the fundamental way', which would have brought clarity to the revolutionary struggle. To say it is the fundamental way - the path that must be taken in the long run - while establishing cadres to lead the people to the mass armed insurrection and carrying out operations simultaneously to weaken and demoralise the enemy - is the correct formulation. In other words Propaganda-organisation should be our watch word.

THE PROGRESSIVE VOICE OF TAMILS OF CEYLON

The question is not whether one has to go out and grab a gun and start fighting tomorrow. It is the question of ideological conflict between those who want to make a revolution and those do not want to make it. It is the conflict between those who want to make it and those who want to prevent it and replace it with reforms.

'There is no socialism after liberation; socialism is the process through which liberation is won.'

A. Sivanandan

It is our strong belief that 'riflemania' will make the revolution an utopian dream denying the passage to create conditions for total liberation and compel political, military and organisational alienation of the people.

'No one can be sectarian, so dogmatic as to say that one has to go out and grab a rifle tomorrow, anywhere.'

Fidel Castro

because of this clear understanding of these concepts we applaud and approve those fighters who are initiating attacks of sabotage in Sri Lanka. The aims and the motives of such actions have already struck hard at the heart of the Sinhala chauvinists. This is reflected in the Sri Lankan media and speeches by politicians.

Regarding the attack on the oil pipeline in the early hours of Monday 8th October, Ministry of National Security in its statement said:

'The purpose was to blow up the pipeline and cause a major fire in the city of Colombo.' Daily News (9.10.1984)

'There was no oil flow at the time of the explosion, but if the major bomb - which was later defused - had exploded it could have still ignited the circulating gases and that would have caused serious damage to the oil refinery itself.' opinionated official experts.

British Dailies further reported on 23rd October 1984 of a series of bomb explosions on national institutions in Colombo. Such actions by revolutionaries - which precede and prepare the climate for total liberation should be commended for adding a new dimension and those for their mastery of the Sri Lankan-Eelam, political-military situation.

It is to our advantage that Mao Tsetung - one of the classic revolutionary writers - explores the aspects of a guerrilla warfare.

'The revolutionary war is a war of the masses, it can be waged only by mobilizing the masses and relying on them. Considering it as a whole, the operations of the people's guerrillas and those of the main forces of the Red Army compliment each other like a man's right arm and left arm, and if we had only the main forces of the Red Army without the people's guerrillas, we would be like a warrior with only one arm. In concrete terms, and especially with regard to military operations, when we talk of the people in the base area as a factor, we mean that we have an armed people. That is the main reason why the enemy is afraid to approach our base area.'

Once clearly understood the logistical strategy towards total liberation, it is a duty of a revolutionary not only to agree with such actions as preludes to that revolution, but also to support them all the way. EROS for its part would take a leading role in that process.

In choosing sabotage as a method one tries consciously to avoid deaths, and it is lamentable when they occur. It is doubly regrettable when one amongst them is an Eelam revolutionary.

#### A TRIBUTE

In announcing the death of comrade Ratnasabapathy Paripooranam an engineer from Kayts, who made the ultimate sacrifice when performing his revolutionary duties, we pay our revolutionary tributes and share the pains with his family and friends. At the same time express our similar emotions towards all the freedom fighters who had given their lives for their country. We, Eelavar should take great pride for having such sons among the big family of ours.

**We are Eelavar**

**Our language is Tamil**

**Our land is Eelam**

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