

★ **Nothing will come out of the Colombo conference**★ **Jayawardene is playing double game**

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**Sinhalese will mount another carnage, says Tiger leader**

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**By Our Staff Reporter**

Umamaheswaran, the legendary leader of Sri Lanka Tigers, told a news conference here today that the Colombo Round Table Conference would not solve the basic problem of Tamils' demand for self-determination and as such it was of no practical value.

Talking to newsmen, Umamaheswaran said, "so far as we are concerned we reject the Round Table Conference. Assuming it succeeds nothing good will flow from it. And if it fails we will stand further vindicated. So far as we are concerned we will not settle down for anything less than a sovereign Tamil Eelam State".

Umamaheswaran, S.A. David, leader of Gandheeyam Movement and others had been to Mauritius on a week-long tour. They returned today to Madras. Umamaheswaran said that while in Mauritius, a Tamil delegation met Governor-General Ramgoolam and Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth. They also expressed gratitude to the Mauritius leaders for their support.

Umamaheswaran said that the Tamils never believed in the Round Table Conference. The only solution for the Tamil people could be through an armed revolution to gain Eelam.

Umamaheswaran said that the Sinhala chauvinists are preparing for what they describe as a 'final solution' to the Tamil problem. They were giving military training to 10000 Sinhala youths. He expected a further violent uprising by the Sinhala chauvinists against the Tamils. Therefore it had become necessary for the Tamils to organise themselves and resist genocide.

**International conspiracy**

Umamaheswaran said that America and Israel were behind the Sri Lanka Government in its genocidal killings. Some Israeli Generals had already visited Colombo to ascertain the nature of training to be given to Sinhala youths and its armed forces. There was also a proposal for President Jayawardene to meet U.S. President Reagan in China when the latter goes there in April.

Jayawardene is playing a deep game. While he is pretending to talk to Tamils to dupe India, he is actually preparing to convert Sri Lanka into a frontline 'State of U.S. strategists', Umamaheswaran said.

Umamaheswaran added that only through armed resistance the Sinhala chauvinists could

be checkmated and Tamil Eelam established.

David who was tortured in Sri Lanka jails before he was rescued by the Eelam Tigers in a brave, swift action said that though a Gandhian he felt that non-violent means would never be effective against Sinhala criminals.

Umamaheswaran said that under the chairmanship of former Social Welfare Minister Radha Ponnuswami, a unit of the Peoples Liberation Front of Tamils had been started in Mauritius.

The delegation to Mauritius included S.L. Sedarandam, N.S. Krishnan and Siddharthan.

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## 'Israel training' Sri Lanka army

**By Our Staff Reporter**

Commandos from Israel were presently training Sri Lankan Army men in Jaffna in anti-guerilla warfare, Mr. Uma Maheswaran, Secretary-General of the Peoples' Liberation Organisation Tamil Eelam (PLOT) said on Sunday.

The Sri Lankan government had brought in the Israeli commandos at the instance of the US government, he alleged. The Sri Lankan Government which had increased its defence budget this year to Rs. 2.6 billion from 1.3 billion last year was also drafting about one lakh school-children into the army.

Meanwhile, at Trincomalee and Pulanaruva Industries Minister Cyril Mathews was organising military training for about 10,000 thugs, most of whom had taken part in last year's large-scale looting, he said.

Speaking to newsmen in the city on Sunday Mr. Maheswaran said that there was considerable apprehension among the Tamils on the outcome of the roundtable talks, since success or failure of the talks was certain to provoke some kind of adverse reaction among the Sinhala extremists.

The independent "Voice of Eelam" was now broadcasting in English and Sinhalese as well, in an attempt to convince the Sinhalese, especially the leftist parties in the island, about the struggle of the Tamils, he said.

Mr. Uma Maheswaran, who returned from Mauritius after leading a five-member team of PLOT to that country, said that the visit was mainly to thank the Mauritian government for being the only country to raise the Tamils issue at the UN. He and his friends were allowed to explain their stand to the people of that country over the mass media. A steering committee of PLOT headed by former Social Services Minister Mrs. Radha Ponnuswami had been formed in Mauritius, he said.

