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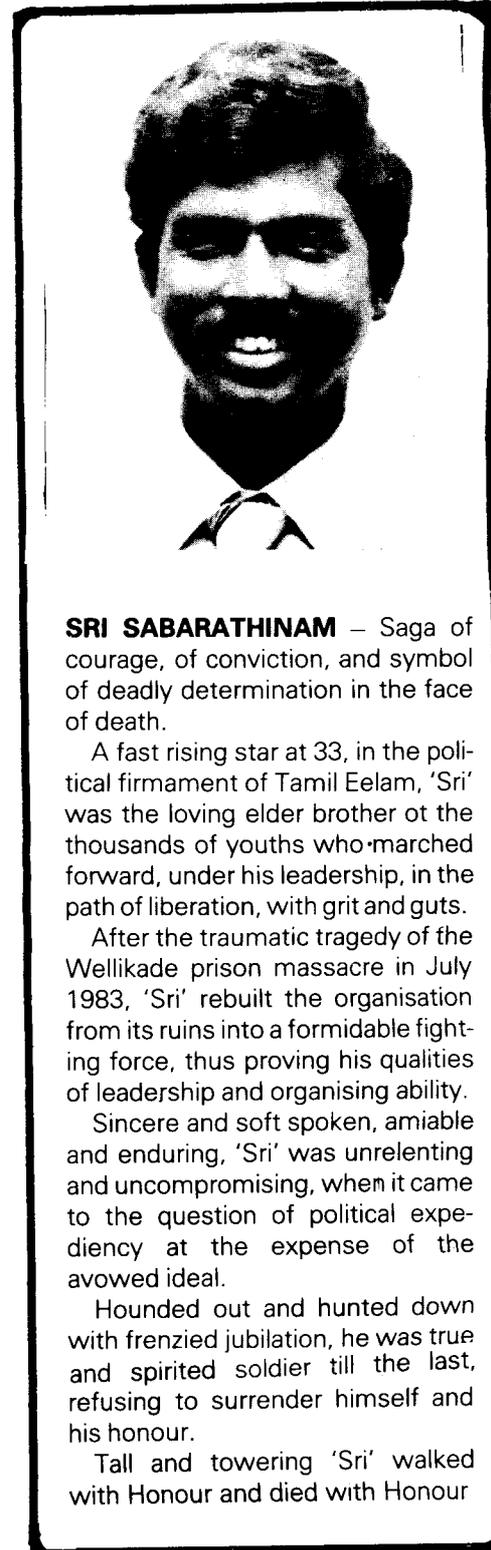
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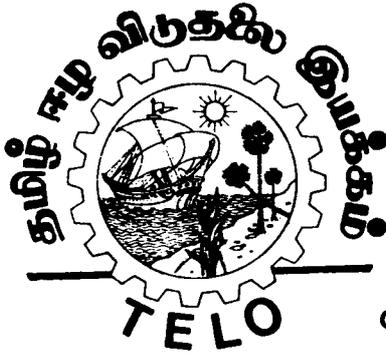
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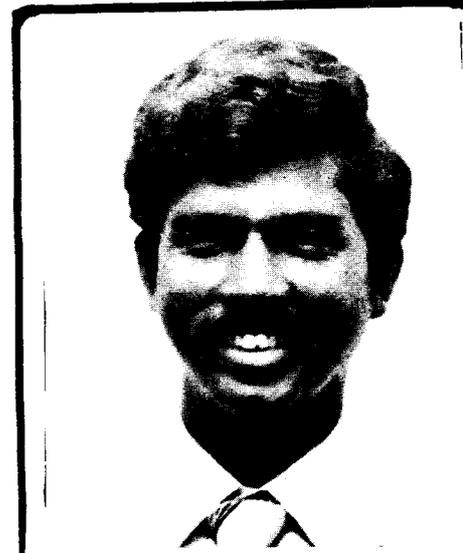
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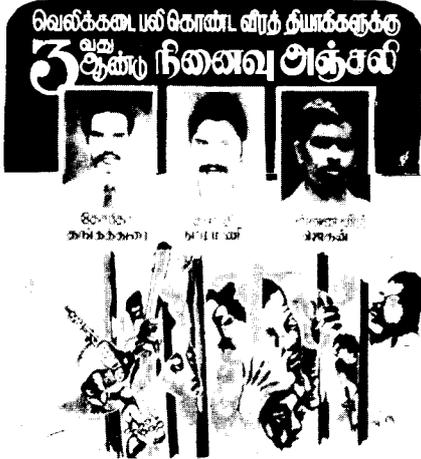
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## TO THE HEROES



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தமிழ் மறு விடுதலை கியக்கம் TELO

TELO TIMES SALUTES THE FATHER OF THE NATION THANGATHURAI, MARTYRS KUTTIMANY, JEGAN, THEVAN, NADESUTHASAN, SIVAPATHAM, AND KUMAR THE LEADING LIGHTS OF TELO, AND 46 OTHER TAMIL POLITICAL PRISONERS MASSACRED TO DEATH AT WELLIKADE PRISON IN JULY 1983, DURING ANTI-TAMIL RIOTS, ON THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DEATH.

They (Sri Lankan Govt.) must release all political prisoners being held under the "Prevention of Terrorism Act" (PTA). They must hold their forces inside the barracks. They must concede we deserve much more than what their old proposals are willing to give - that we deserve freedom to decide on our lives without interference from the racist regime and then, we also want the Sri Lankan Government to bring under control their own chauvinistic forces before they come to talk to us.

- Sri Sabaratnam  
in 'The Week' 8.9.85.



## TELO TIMES

## ADIEU ! ASSASSINATION POLITICS

On the 27th of July 1975, the then Mayor of Jaffna, the top most traitor to the Tamil race and the conspiring collaborator of the racist regime of Srimavo Bandaranayake – the infamous Alfred Thangarajah Thuraiappa was gunned down.

No patriotic Eelam Tamil asked why. For he knew why and also knew that, that was how it should be.

Again on the 26th of May 1981, Arumugam Thiagarajah – Former M.P. for Vaddukkodai, the man who inflicted the stunning defeat on the so-called invincible Appappillai Amirthalingam in the latter's formidable fortress in 1970, contesting in the Tamil Congress Ticket and subsequently defected to the ruling Srilanka freedom Party to get ignominiously rejected by his electorate seven years later and the leader of the United National Party's list of candidates in the District Development Council elections for Jaffna in 1981 – succumbed to the gunshot injuries sustained the previous night during an election meeting.

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The peace-loving Tamil people had by then attuned and acclimated to the atmosphere of violence thrust upon them by successive governments of Sinhala Chauvinism. Their youth had started to fight a liberation struggle and the physical elimination of their traitors was unavoidable though unfortunate. After all, it had been part and parcel of all liberation struggles all over the world.

But later, in the same year of 1981, when Sivashanmuga Moorthy alias Suntharam a militant youth with praiseworthy political acumen was shot dead in broad day light in a busy street in the Bazaar area, of Jaffna Town,

When in 1982, Iraikumaran and Umaikumaran, the inseparable militant twins – not by birth, but by heart and soul became inseparable in death also, when they together fell victims to a volley of shots in the thick of night,

When in 1983, 'Obroi Thevan', the leader of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Army – T.E.L.A., admired for his determination amply demonstrated by his 'dare-devil' attacks on the Sinhala Governmental targets was awarded the death penalty one dizzy afternoon,

And in 1984, Jegan – the leader of T.E.L.E., a very small militant organization beginning to get name and fame for its military manoeuvres was 'hit' and killed in an encounter explained to have arisen out of 'mistaken identity,

The patriotic Eelam Tamils asked why and what for.

The fanatical but forceful answers forwarded to explain these fratricidal killings failed to cut any ice with the intelligent and shrewd tamil people.

The murky mysteries initially clouding each and every one of these meaningless murders ultimately gave way to the rational realisation on the part of the tamil people that the young tamil patriots who had taken up arms to fight the common enemy or rather the enemy had started murdering each other forsaking and forgetting the aim and objective of their getting armed.

In between these incidents of fraternal foul-play leading to fratricidal ferocity, quite a good number of traitors who were betraying the tamil people in their struggle for survival as a separate and distinct nation were handed over death penalties.

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Pulendran – the unsuccessful U.N.P. candidate for Vavuniya Electorate in the General Elections of 1977 who continued to be its belligerent organiser till his last.

Rajasooriar – the mayoral candidate for Jaffna on behalf of U.N.P. and a long time local politician with the dubious distinction of conspiracy and connivance in the Commission of Rape and Murder of an unmarried and unrelenting young post-mistress.

Gnanachandran – a former Magistrate notorious for his non-judicial verdicts based on partiality and an incumbent Government agent who colluded and conspired with the Sinhala racists for his own sake of position, power and promotion.

And their alike, more than three dozen in number were given their passports to the 'other' World and promptly packed off.

Not a whimper of protest was heard from the civilised and sensitive tamil people, for treachery had no place in their midst.

Then came 1985 September.

Two former M.Ps. of the Tamil United Liberation Front – T.U.L.F. – Messrs. Alalasantharam and Dharmalingam were shot dead.

The Tamil people with one voice condemned this senseless violence in no uncertain terms. Their realisation earlier in regard to the killings of young tamil patriots was concretised into a conviction this time, with these cold-blooded double murders and fervent hopes were raised that this incident would serve as an eye-opener for all tamil militants.

But alas ! the tragedy struck again.

This time it was not a case of just one or two, but the mass murder of more than one hundred and thirty tamil patriots – all in the flower of their youth – along with a few politically conscious civilians followed by the assassination of their leader Sri Sabarathinam.

The tamil conscience awakened and alert did not fail to register its unqualified protest in unambiguous terms to this most unfortunate and unprecedented holocaust in the political history of tamils in the island of Srilanka.

The Eelam Tamils were in no mood to lend their ears to the conflicting and confusing theoretical justifications dished out in the form of doctoral declarations in defence of these despicable acts and ensconced in excessively exuberant verbosity exposing streaks of intellectual insanity.

If we, Eelam Tamil Militants are prepared to do a thorough soul-searching at this juncture, the sole and solid answer that would surface as the sordid cause in each one of all these cases of cold-blooded murder is shockingly identical – politics of a dangerous kind – **assasination politics**.

We are neither Cowards not hypocrats to mince words in this regard.

We would like to look at the problem directly and squarely.

We, the young tamil militants of Eelam, had not only been killing traitors, but also our compatriots in the name of patriotism.

In other words all those unfortunate patriots who fell victims in fratricidal conflicts and confrontations had been assassinated for patriotism, by patriotism and unabashedly, out of patriotism.

Let us be clear on one basic fact.

**Patriotism is nobody's monopoly.**

Let there be, no mistake about it.

In as much as one Eelam patriot can love his fatherland, another too can – no less, no more.

Our dead compatriots consigned to the consuming flames of fratricidal fire are no more with us. But their ideal is – yet to be achieved.

For the fulfilment of their and our lofty ideal, let us forget the past and jointly and unitedly look forward to a new future.

To begin with, let us sincerely, solemnly and truly declare:

**ADIEU ! ASSASINATION POLITICS !**

## KARAINAGAR CREATES HISTORY

The murderous mission of L.T.T.E. against TELO was foiled by the Tamil public at Karainagar, an islet 15 Kilometres from Jaffna town and connected with the main land by a cause-way, 2 1/2 Kilometres in length.

The educated and enlightened public of Karainagar (Population 30,000) practically barricaded the cause-way in their thousands and blocked the passage of L.T.T.E. 'Boys' from proceeding further in pursuance of their murderous mission.

As a result, not a single TELO fighter was touched at Karainagar.

**BRAVO ! THE PEOPLE OF KARAINAGAR !!**

**INDIA SHOULD NOT BE LULLED INTO THE BELIEF .....**

"Hegemony of sub-super power" – The chosen phrase of the Chinese President, coined in the comfort of Colombo's hospitality has more to it than its ordinary meaning. Certainly the Chinese comrade, could not have minced his words.

A part of Indian territory is still under China's occupation. China has not vacated the territory occupied by it through subtle and systematic military manoeuvres, prior to the outbreak of the 1962 War. **India should not be lulled into the belief that the blatant belligerence of Mao's days are over. With, Chairman, Mao it was a clear case of naked aggression.** But Chairman Deng, Sober and sophisticated, believes in subtle diplomacy and shrewd state craft, while projecting a beaming image of faked friendliness.'

The foregoing is a portion of the front paged article under the title **Conspiratorial Conglomeration to Corner India?** and appearing in the April issue of TELO TIMES.

The subsequent events have proved TELO TIMES right !

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gam has been the target of adverse and angry comments about his abrasive and arrogant attitude towards the militants, unmistakably manifested in his undiplomatic explanation of lack of time to talk to the militants. Also he has been made to understand the emotional involvement of most of his colleagues with the question of Tamil Homeland.

Mr. Amirthalingam knows that he cannot afford any internal revolt within the politbureau at this critical juncture when he is very hopeful of clicking an agreement with Jayawardene.

It is against this background that the T.U.L.F. chief declared quite eloquently and emphatically in Madras recently at the National convention on Srilanka organised by the Akila Bharathiya Vidyarthi Parishad that there shall be no compromise on the question of tamil homeland, comprising of both northern and eastern provinces.

It was a safe and shrewd move on the part of Mr. Amirthalingam viewed in the context of the retaliatory blow he received from the Eelam National Liberation Front when it politely but firmly declined the offer of the TULF politbureau inviting the former for a 'meeting'. The psychological reaction on the part of the E.N.L.F. was, in fact, appreciated by some former MPs who are in the delegation to Colombo and who are unrelenting on the question of Tamil Homeland.

At the same time, Srilankan President Jayawardene has been blowing hot and cold, in his typical style over the prospects of a negotiated political solution with his sinister and shrewd stand quite clear on the question of Tamil Homeland.

With the less or no religious and more political monks from the monasteries getting mobilised for marches and marches against the proposals of provincial autonomy and with the wily and cunning widow Srimavo, the leader of S.L.F.P. assisted by her playboy - bachelor son Anura all out to exploit the present situation to pay back Jayawardene with the same coin, and with the appearance of 'bombs' at the residences of trotskyite L.S.S.P. leader Colvin R de Silva and

S.L.M.P. leader and Srimavo's son-in-law, actor-cum-Politician Vijayakumaranatunga, co-operating with the Government to buy peace for the Sinhala race, the patriarch of Sinhala-Buddhist Chauvinism is going to find his task to convince the Sinhala masses susceptible to the slightest communal provocation, very very difficult.

The Role of the proscribed Janata Vimukti Peramuna, the architect of the abortive insurgency of 1971, in these circumstances is not yet clear, though it's unseen hand is strongly suspected in the latest developments, especially the planting of bombs.

There is another force, namely Ranasinghe Premadasa, the Prime Minister well known for his notorious anti-Indian rhetoric some time past, noticeably silent now. Premadasa, at 62, with his chances of succeeding Jayawardene who will turn 80 next month, becoming slimmer and slender with the sudden and subtle entry of the oldman's only son Captain Ravi Jayawardene, suspected to be propelled and promoted by the father, into the race for succession along with powerful and very ambitious ministers Lalith Athulath Mudali and Gamini Disanayake already in the field, is faced with the most crucial decision in his political career.

The Commoner turned Capitalist Premadasa may do another C.P. de Silva, if he finds the mounting opposition to the proposed provincial autonomy plan gathering enough momentum provided he is also convinced that there is no chance of his achieving the crowning of his career by remaining with the Government.

If he does it, the impact of such a step would be immense and enough to torpedo the talks and its outcome. But it should not be forgotten that Premadasa always measures his steps.

Already a front has been launched comprising of S.L.F.P., M.E.P., and other pan-Sinhala organisations and the monks. In the event of Premadasa and his private army joining this unholy alliance, which would naturally be aided and abetted by the Marxist J.V.P., it could lead to an explosive situation that would plunge the island paradise into a blood bath.

**SELVAM SUCCEEDS  
OUR 'SRI ANNA'**

Selvam (24) has been entrusted with the unenviable task of leading the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation after the assassination of its leader Sri. Sabarathinam.

Handpicked by 'Sri' to be his trusted lieutenant almost two years ago, Selvam has the rare distinction of having joined the organisation while in his teens as far back as 1977, and trained by the Martyr Kuttimany who was butchered to death along with leader Thangathurai and other Tamil political prisoners in the Wellikade prison massacre of July 1983.

Hailing from Mannar, Selvam is the youngest of the Tamil militant leaders today.

**MANDELA, the mountain  
of militancy**

NELSON MANDELA, the national hero of the brave, black people of South Africa fighting for the freedom of their fatherland, turned 68 on the 18th day of July.

Languishing behind the bars of the barbaric Botha regime, this is Mandela's 22nd birthday as a jail bird.

With 'the will of iron and nerves of steel', the lawyer turned liberation leader had consistently refused to bargain for his release with a promise to renounce violence as a method of political struggle.

Aging, but energetic and enthusiastic, Mandela is anxiously awaiting the day when the upsurge of his people will ultimately shake his prison walls until they fall.