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**Note to Readers :**

This issue of Situation Report was printed late. Although it is dated January 15th, we have availed of the delay by incorporating more recent news reports.

**He had Israeli and U. S. Passports**

A foreigner by the name of Goldfarb Eric Ralph spent a night at the Lizzie Villa Guest House, Ella recently. He had left the following morning having settled his dues.

Mr. M. D. Rodrigo, the owner of the Guest House, when tidying up the room occupied by the foreigner, found a wallet under the pillow on the bed used by the foreigner.

Mr. Rodrigo promptly took the wallet to the Ella Police Station where in his presence the contents of the wallet were listed by the OIC, Ella Police, Mr. Jenaratne.

It contained the following items: (1) Israeli Passport No. 2891958, (2) Passport No. 5846579, (3) One ticket, (4) One MAS air ticket, (5) Lanka Rs. 2, 200, (6) US dollar of value in rupees 36, 300, (7) Sapphire valued at Rs. 1, 00, 000.

Not long after the return of Mr. Rodrigo to the guest house, the foreigner had come back and inquired about the wallet he had left in the bed room. Mr. Rodrigo took him to the Police Station where he listed items handed over to the officer who was extremely grateful. He thanks Mr. Rodrigo and the OIC Ella Police.

(The Island - 27th Feb 1987)

**Customs officers carry guns**

Customs officers will be required to carry weapons to defend themselves. Principal Collector H. B. Dissanayake told 'SUN' yesterday.

This comes in aftermath of the assassination of Customs Intelligence Chief W. D. Amarapala on Friday morning by killers suspected to be in a smuggling 'Mafia' in Sri Lanka.

March, 1987)

**Male prostitution in Sri Lanka**

The Tourist Board wants new laws introduced soon to ban Sri Lankans either sex under 16 years from being allowed into tourist abodes.

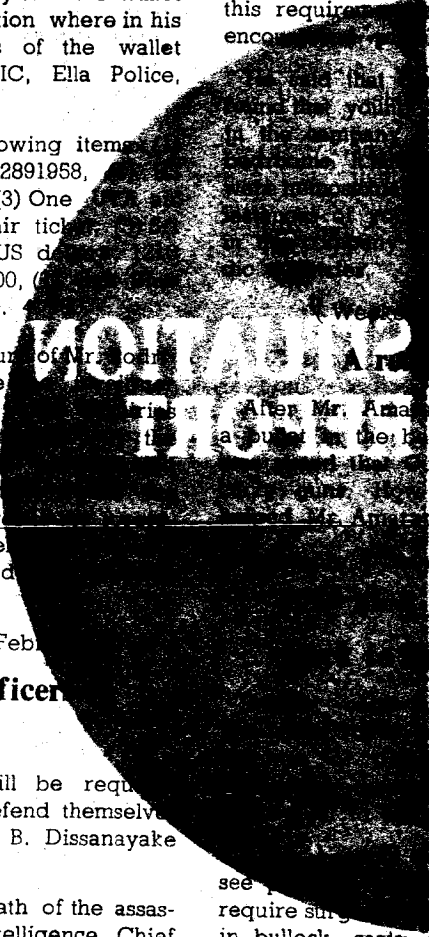
Increasing incidents of homosexuality and prostitution involving young persons has necessitated this urgently, its Chairman, H. Siriwardena told 'Weekend' yesterday. He said he was now in consultation with the Ministry of State and soon the Attorney General will be asked to prepare legislation.

He said the Tourist Board wants the new law to be applied to all concerns that provide food and accommodation to tourists. Those under 16 years will then be allowed only if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Board has tried to enforce this requirement administratively but encountered problems.

The Tourist Board had found that young Sri Lankans had been employed by Europeans in their hotels. It turned out that they were boys being found women from northern

(Weekend - 1st March, 1987)

**Who asks?**



After Mr. Amarapala was killed by a bullet in the back of his head, it was found that customs officers would have a gun. Who would a gun have been for? Amarapala?

Colombo - 7.

(The Island - 5th March, 1987)

**Bullock carts !**

at held sway over sandy lanes at century, are back pension of the sup-North.

common sight to see in urgent cases that require surgical operations, being taken in bullock-carts.

Recently a wedding procession wended its way through the streets of a village, headed by a well-decorated bullock-cart in which the newly wed

couple was travelling.

(The Island - 6th March, 1987)

**Lalith upset by "Asia-week" photo.**

Minister of National Security, Lalith Athulathmudali has told 'Asiaweek' Magazine that a photograph it had published in a recent issue of the minister being helped out of a helicopter by a foreigner was not taken in Jaffna as alleged, but in Nuwara Eliya.

The photo was reproduced in the front page of the Hindu on Saturday which alleged that the foreigner was a British mercenary, Mr. Athulathmudali has denied this saying the photograph was taken on December 27, 1986 when he was on a private visit to Nuwara Eliya.

In a cable to 'Asiaweek' Mr. Athulathmudali has requested a correction on this report.

Meanwhile, the Madras based Hindu quoting the London Daily News said that British mercenaries in Sri Lanka have walked out of their jobs complaining of troop atrocities against the Tamil population.

The mercenaries have said that the Special Task Force which they set up in 1984 was running out of control and indiscriminately killing Tamil civilians, the report said.

In London, the British Home office has denied that their Government approved the hiring of mercenaries by Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan High Commissioner, Chandra Monarawala said that the men were hired from KMS Limited, Security Company in London but denied the atrocity story the report added.

Colombo had originally asked for an SAS unit from Britain but the British Government sent a squad of 12 KMS mercenaries including an ex-SAS Colonel and ex-SAS adjutant.

Last week ex-SAS Major David Walker, head of KMS flew to Sri Lanka as sixty of their men have either walked out on their £20, 000 a year contract, or been sacked, the paper said.....

(Sun - March 9, 1987)

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# DIARY OF EVENTS and

## Human Rights Violations & Ceasefire Violations

Events from November 27 - January 6 were carried in Issue No. 26 of the Situation Report

### JANUARY 7

Jaffna town shelled continuously for about 3 hours from inside Jaffna Fort. Most shelling directed towards Koddady. Intensity in the shelling reflected in clouds of smoke over Koddady. People alarmed and run for shelter. Trade establishments are closed. Transport vehicles move away. Town deserted in a matter of minutes. Whilst shelling is on, 2 bomber planes and 2 helicopters fly over Jaffna town off and on. Seven people injured in the shelling admitted to Jaffna hospital. It is reported that shelling commenced soon after militant sentry detonated an explosive device signalling emergence of troops from the Fort garrison. Militants too fire shells into the Fort camp in retaliation.

Dead bodies of 3 estate workers killed in the Police firing at Talawakelle handed over to relations for cremation.

Govt. buildings belonging to Irrigation Dept. at Kilinochchi also taken over by army for purpose of expansion. This is said to be the third stage as several Govt. buildings lying around army camp have already been taken over.

### JANUARY 8

Soldiers camping at the Kankasanturai Cement Factory come up to Sudalai Vairavarkovil in Keerimalai Veethi. LTTE guerrillas mount offensive and force them to retreat. High tension in Maviddapuram. A sea plane circles over areas. Shops and schools are closed. "Tiger" militants armed with modern weapons seen on the roads.

Jaffna town shelled for the second day, from inside Fort. In the morning, shells are fired towards the bus stand. No casualties but number of shops are damaged. Banks and shops close. Transport vehicles move out to Ariyakulam and Windsor junctions. Town deserted. In the evening, Koddady is shelled. A shell alighting in

Seenivasagam Road kills Bawa Mohideen (18) of Osmania Veethi and Sinnapodi Sinnerasa (80). Leyden factory and a few houses around too are hit by shells and damaged. More than ten persons (including 4 women) injured and admitted to Jaffna hospital. When the shelling is on, a sea plane and a bomber plane seen circling over town. 5-year old V. Raj Kumar of Pirappankulam (beyond, the 1000 metre range), hit by bullet is killed.

LTTE militants "cannon charge" soldiers who come up to 2nd Cross St. via the eastern wing of the army camp. Soldiers too open fire. R. Balakrishnan, Valvetty, and Vincent Vaikunthavasan, militants both, are killed in the cross fire. Several soldiers are believed killed as retreating soldiers were seen carrying some of their colleagues. Once inside camp, army opens firing at sentries. As shelling continue, people move out to safer spots.

### JANUARY 9

In the East, STF commandos on "search operations" in Pandirappu and Thalankudah arrest more than 60 persons and take them to camp. In the firing before the arrest, 2 Muslim Tamils are killed.

In Vavuniya, farmers keeping watch over their paddy fields in Pampaimadhu and Salampaikulam villages, holding torches to scare the wild animals away, strafed from helicopter coming from Mannar direction. Complaint made to Citizens' Committee. Co-ordinating Officer contacted by Citizens' Committee, assures that there will be no repetition.

An attempt by soldiers from Palaly army camp, to come towards Kadduwan, foiled by LTTE guerrillas. Several attempts during the past few days by the armed forces stalled by the vigilance exercised by LTTE sentries.

A young man, suspected as an army informant shot dead in Oorani, Batticaloa and tied to a lamp post at Oorani junction.

LTTE guerrillas open fire at a contingent of soldiers from Elephant Pass army camp coming towards Kurinjativu (having covered 300 yards from camp) and force them back to camp. Once inside, shells are fired towards militant camps. Militants retaliate. Transport along Kandy Road beyond Iyakkachchi is suspended for over 3 hours. Private coaches with passengers to Colombo return to Jaffna.

### JANUARY 10

Following demonstration by Tamil Estate Workers and the Police firing on them, troops are massed into Talawakelle and Hatton where large concentration of estate labourers live. Sinhalese civilians living among them are being provided with guns and explosives for their security.

In Colombo, Sapugaskanda Police on a tip-off intercept a passenger bus within their division and after a search find 5 kgs. of explosives in a parcel. Driver taken into custody for investigations.

An army truck from Mamadu to Eeraperiyakulam collides with an army jeep on its way to Vavuniya from Anuradhapura at Navakaduwa bridge in Vavuniya. 4 soldiers are injured. Flown to Anuradhapura hospital for treatment by helicopter. Vehicles to Colombo held up for over an hour.

Intensified helicopter reconnaissance over Mandaitivu, Palaitivu and Pungudutivu islands. In certain areas helicopters flew fairly low and people became panicky and ran for shelter. Movements of gunboats around these islands have also increased.

### JANUARY 11

In Batticaloa, STF commandos go into the village of Oorani under guise of "search operations" and molest 10 women. Three commit suicide, two in serious condition.

Five "Troop Carrier" planes imported from China fly into Joint Operations

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camp at Anuradhapura. It is learnt that these planes could carry 40 persons at a time and are fitted with modern weapons.

A team of distinguished persons resident in Jaffna proceeds to Colombo and visits certain foreign embassies and High Commissions. The foreign missions are apprised of the latest developments in Jaffna in detail. The team pleads for immediate intervention by foreign countries pointing out that the entire population of Jaffna are now hostages and facing compulsory conversion as permanent refugees.

Soldiers from Pt. Pedro, Thondamanaru and Navatkuli camps attempt to move out into residential areas. At all three points, LTTE guerrillas confront them and force them back to camps after prolonged gun battles. Shells are fired into civilian areas from each of these camps. In Pt. Pedro, Thambacitty Amman Kovil is damaged. Helicopters strafing provide air cover to Navatkuli soldiers but flies away when 6" mortars are fired by militants.

#### JANUARY 12

Over 20 soldiers from Oddusuddan army camp cover nearly 600 yards on foot and go into Sinnethamby Vidyalayam situated in the vicinity of Thanthony Easwarer Kovil. When they were about to return, LTTE guerrillas confront them and engage in gun battle. Soldiers receive injuries. At this moment, an armoured car approaches the site to give support. Guerrillas open fire at vehicle and force it back to camp. After further gun battle soldiers retreat to camp, carrying their injured colleagues.

Five bulldozers arrive at Kankesanturai army camp by sea. Whilst being unloaded one slip into the sea and army men are clearing it. It is understood that these have been brought to demolish buildings, barricades and clear path for land forces when advancing after offensive.

Tamil detainees in Welikade jail go on a fast demanding lifting of ban on fuel supply to the peninsula. A senior jail officer who persuades them to give up the fast is asked for regional papers that provide correct information about happenings in Jaffna.

Children's orphanage, Community Centre, and Chest Institute at Pannai strengthened with heavy sand bag bunkers. Soldiers in black uniform occupying these buildings go about Jaffna-Pannai Road, Beach Road and Koddady areas at nights setting ablaze houses with cadjan roofs.

#### JANUARY 13

According to a statistical schedule released by the Co-ordinating Committee of Citizens' Committees, 14,705 Tamils have been killed in the 6-year period between January 1981 and December 1986. It is pointed out in the schedule that more than 10,000 of those killed were married people. 2805 were killed in 1986 alone.

STF commandos in a lightning check on public transport vehicles in Batticalo-Kalmunai Road near Onthachchiamadam arrest 16 passengers and take them to Kaluwanchchikudi camp. A masked individual, before whom they are lined up, identifies three of them as militants.

A Defence Ministry official says that there will be no patrolling, search operations or other exercises by the armed forces on Pongal Day.

#### JANUARY 14

In Mannar, South African built "Buffel" blasted by a sophisticated landmine laid by LTTE guerrillas at 10th mile post. All 5 occupants killed. This vehicle is part of convoy moving out from Thallady camp for a major offensive against militants. As the armoured vehicle is blasted, soldiers and vehicles moving ahead of it hurriedly proceed to Murunkan camp whilst those behind it retreat to Thallady camp.

More than 50,000 residents in islets off Jaffna, badly hit by non-availability of fuel, facing severe hardships, especially in respect of farming. Transport services grind to a halt with only a boat service plying between the islands and peninsula via Araly.

A boat with three Sinhalese fishermen drift from Trincomalee to the northern seas because of bad weather and are saved by militants who provide medicine and food. It is understood that

they are to be handed over to G.A., Jaffna.

STF commandos swoop with air cover by helicopter on Alampalla village in Karainagar, Pottuvil, whilst Pongal celebrations are on. Shots are fired and women, girls, and children scream and run for shelter leaving Pongal pots and pans behind. Number of males assaulted and taken to camp for investigations. TULF leader from Amparai Mr. Velmurugu telegraphs President and Minister of National Security complaining of the flagrant violation of the Defence Ministry under taking.

#### JANUARY 15

In Wellawatte, in Colombo, Police on patrol apprehend two youths walking along railway track in the early hours with a parcel. They refuse to hand over parcel when demanded and attempt to run away. In the ensuing melee, parcel is dropped and one of them Saverimuttu Shayanathan (24) of Lake Road, Batticaloa is arrested, whilst the other Henry from Chunnakam escapes. According to Police, their plan was to plant a bomb in a private petrol bowser at Ramakrishna Road junction and to time an explosion at Kalonnawa Oil installation premises. House to house search is on in Colombo for Henry.

Security forces open fire on cyclists near Central Clinic, Hospital Road, Koddady. Sena Farith Mohamed Shah (22), Sonaha Veethi who is on his way to Central Clinic with another in a push bicycle is injured. Admitted to Jaffna hospital.

Large number of gas cylinders arrive at Kankesanturai army camp in a big naval vessel for use in army camps in lieu of firewood. Immediately on unloading these are taken to Palaly camp in 9 lorries with maximum security.

Residents and traders in Pt. Pedro take out a mass procession condemning the Govt. ban on fuel supply to the peninsula as most inhuman. Traders, farmers, fishermen, school children, workers and others participate in the procession that starts from Sivan Kovil, go through Pt. Pedro Rural Court Road, Puloly Road and assemble opposite the office of Asst.

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Govt. Agent, Vadamarachchi. A memorandum is handed over for transmission to President.

### JANUARY 16

Govt. pensioners who had not been paid their pensions for the past 2 months stage a peaceful demonstration at the main entrance to the Jaffna Secretariat and block the staff and the Govt. Agent from entering, forming a human fence. Persuasion by Govt. Agent that their problem will be looked into fails and the staff and the Govt. Agent turn back home.

STF commandos cordon off Kirankulam, Kurukkalmadam and conduct house to house search. Several civilians attempt to run away in boats. Helicopters strafe boats and two are killed on the spot. Many are injured.

In connection with the attempt to plant bomb in a private petrol bowser in Wellawatte, two persons are arrested in Batticaloa, Rangasamy and Gunaratnam of Appa tailors.

### JANUARY 17

Residence of District Minister, Vavuniya located on Vavuniya - Mannar Road converted into a camp for STF commandos. Occupied by 60 odd commandos and a trained dog for detection work. This building, opposite Gamini Vidyalayam, was minutely inspected before occupation.

In Valaichchenai, STF commandos on the way to market (in a jeep and on foot) from Police Station attacked by LTTE guerrillas. Two commandos killed. In retaliatory action, commandos kill two civilians including a woman in the market area.

Nearly 75 soldiers from Elephant Pass camp fly into Kurinjativu in helicopters. Alight and move towards Iyakkachchi on foot to attack militant sentry post. LTTE guerrillas mount heavy offensive and a gun battle ensues. Goes on for over 5 hours. Eight soldiers and six militants are killed. Despite air cover to the armed forces, militants force them to retreat to camp. Traffic completely stalled. Helicopters return to camp carrying the dead.

Training of over 100 Home Guards

in full swing in training camp located in land opposite Peththavihara on Vavuniya - Kandy Road. It is to be mentioned here that this developed agricultural land was acquired by Govt. from a private party for purposes of expansion of Vavuniya Air base in Thatchchankulam area.

In Jaffna, demonstration by students of Kokuvil Technical College against ban on supply of fuel to the peninsula.

### JANUARY 18

In Badulla, 7 passengers are killed and fifty-two injured in a bomb explosion in a C. T. B. bus at Nelungama on its way to Kuttigala.

Soldiers at the Elephant Pass check post assault drivers and conductors of C. T. B. vehicles as they enter the barrier zone and alight for purposes of being checked. Seeing this, drivers of vehicles lined up in the rear start their engines and run on reverse for nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile and turn round to Jaffna. Shells are fired from inside camp towards the returning vehicles.

US Aid Organisation involved in Meduru Oya Development project requests the Minister of State to remove army camp in Meduru Oya complaining of indiscriminate killing of wild animals in the area by soldiers in the camp.

In Colombo, Police arrest 4 Tamils employed in a Telex Organisation, in connection with the attempt to cause explosion at the Kolonnawa Oil installations. The telex organisation is owned by a Jaffna businessman.

In Batticaloa, STF commandos from Oorani cordon off Mandur, Iruthayapuram and Oorani villages and arrest 85 persons and take them to camp. Coastal area shelled from Kallady camp right through the day.

Last night after 9.30. p.m. 2 helicopters from Palaly Air base flew over Kadduwan and suddenly started firing indiscriminately. High tension in the village. Militant sentries stationed elsewhere were rushed into Kadduwan. Details of casualties not known.

### JANUARY 19

In 'search operations' for the second

day by STF commandos. 12 innocent civilians are killed and 40 are arrested in Mandur and taken to camp. Corpses on the road.

A lorry load of Rs. 50,000 worth of medicines from Colombo to Jaffna confiscated at Elephant Pass barrier by armed forces. Citizens' Committee, Vavuniya pleads with the Elephant Pass police for the release.

Village of Akkaraipattu raided by STF commandos and 25 persons arrested and lined up before a masked individual. 5 detained on nodding by the masked individual and the rest released.

Stiff opposition to proposals to affiliate Kalmunai Education office with that of Amparai Education office. Petitions forwarded to President, Premier and Minister of Education.

Bus services grind to a halt in Jaffna. Private mini bus / van owners demonstrate against fuel ban. Whilst the procession was proceeding along Kankesanururai Road, a helicopter circles over the procession a number of times before it flew away.

### JANUARY 20

Because of minute checking at the Elephant Pass army check-post not more than 5 or 6 lorries gain entry into the peninsula per day. Lorry owners much grieved as eggs, seed potatoes and other perishables are sure to suffer damage. More than 250 lorries held up at both ends of the barrier.

Suspecting armed forces to move into Veerasingam Hall and Main Post office in their attempt to capture Jaffna town, LTTE guerrillas set fire to these buildings after clearing all items of articles lying within.

Naval power boat hits sea mine, 200 yards off the Kays coast, laid by LTTE sea commandos. Boat smashed and occupants killed. Helicopter circles over site looking for survivors.

All telephone links between Jaffna and Colombo disconnected. Only telephones within Jaffna municipal limits functioning.

In Pankulam, in Trincomalee district last Saturday, six farmers whilst wor-

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king in their fields (with permission from army authorities to do farming) shot dead by armed forces. Four of them identified so far. K. Tharmalingam (47) father of 3; K. Selvarajan (55) father of 6, A. Sivasambo (49) father of 4 and V. Suntheram (45) father of 4. Four injured.

In Mullaitivu yesterday night, opposite hospital, army sentry and militant sentry exchange fire. A soldier is killed and another injured.

Shell aimed at LTTE bunker east of the Valvettiturai army camp alights on a house close to the bunker and explodes. No casualties as occupants have already evacuated. However, 2 youths and 3 children in adjoining area injured and taken to hospital.

#### JANUARY 21

Shells are fired from inside Jaffna Fort towards the bazaar and adjacent areas. Meera Nachchiar (65) mother of 5 children, Takira Yaseen (45) one of Nachchiar's daughter and mother of 6 children of Abubucker lane in Muslim sector, Ratnasabapathy (65) and S. Kandiah (35) vegetable vendors in market and Perinpanathan (33) of Jaffna co-operative stores are killed. 22 others, 7 of whom are children, injured and admitted to hospital and nursing homes. High tension and town deserted.

A silent procession of Jaffna municipal employees taken along Stanley Road, Pt. Pedro Road, Hospital Road, Manipay Road, Abubucker Road, College Street, Jinnah Road, Navalur Road, Palaly Road, from municipal office in Sirampadi. Placards tell residents of suspension of garbage collection because of fuel ban and urge them to burn the collecting garbage to keep the city clean and to prevent outbreak of infectious diseases.

Soldiers from Kilinochchi army camp go up to Paranthan and Karadipokku and shell those areas. They also arrest 15 persons from these places and take them to camp.

Over 100 lorries detained at Elephant Pass barrier for 8 days are released after representatives of Lorry Owners' Association meet army officials.

Secret Police in civils arrest sol-

dier at Elephant Pass barrier whilst accepting Rs. 400/- as a bribe from a driver for passing his lorry without being checked.

Hartal in Batticaloa condemning fuel ban imposed on Jaffna peninsula.

#### JANUARY 22

Hartal observed for the second day in Batticaloa against fuel ban on Jaffna peninsula. Bomb explosions heard in town. Trade establishments, schools and other institutions remain closed. C.T.B. service and private mini bus service not operating. People remain indoors. No train service to Colombo. Train from Colombo terminates at Polonnaruwa.

Army unit from Pt. Pedro camp attempts to come out via V. M. Veethi, About 50 yards from the camp, they are trapped in a land mine blast laid by LTTE militants. Sgt. Sarath and private Harichandra are killed on the spot and several others injured. The dead and the injured are carried to camp by the rest of the soldiers.

Shells are fired from inside Jaffna Fort for the second successive day. 11 persons injured and admitted to hospital. Militants retaliate firing mortars into the Fort garrison. Second Lt. T.R.W. Dahanayake is killed and 2 soldiers are injured.

In Mannar, LTTE guerrillas confront army in two incidents. In the ensuing cross-fire at both points, army units retreat to camp with losses. Whilst retreating to camp 3 houses are set on fire by the forces at Neelasenai.

Security forces take 30 Tamil civilians into custody at Iruthayapuram.

In a landmine blast at Uyilankulam in Mannar, K. K. Premadasa of the army is killed instantly.

#### JANUARY 23

Students and teacher of Koddady Maha Vidyalayam shift to Navanturai Roman Catholic Vidyalayam because of constant shelling of Koddady from inside Jaffna-Fort.

Following the 2-day successful hartal in Batticaloa, STF commandos come out into town behave atrociously, fir-

ing indiscriminately in bus stand, market and bazaar areas. 3 Tamil civilians are killed.

In retaliation to the landmine blast at Uyilankulam, where a soldier was killed armed forces shoot and kill 3 Tamil civilians and also arrest a few others.

LTTE militants attack an army unit of over 30 soldiers, out on "search and destroy" operations, in Dehiwatte, Mutur. 4 soldiers are killed on the spot. Army unit in disarray retreats carrying the dead and the injured and leaving behind number of guns. Capt. Nesan (Jayachandiran, Chelvanayagapuram) is also killed and LTTE salutes its brave fighter.

In Pt. Pedro, 2 bomber planes and a helicopter, flying low and using 40 mm guns strafe LTTE sentry post in Viyaparimoolai, close to the army camp, whilst a sea-plane circle above. Militants fire at strafing helicopter and bomber planes with 30 calibre guns and chase them away. Bomber planes return after a lapse of 2 hours and strafe the area. Residents move out looking for shelter.

Lance Corporal Nimal Gamini and Private Dahanayake killed in encounter with LTTE guerrillas in Kilivetti.

#### JANUARY 24

In the morning, two fishing boats off the Pt. Pedro coast fired at from Pt. Pedro camp return ashore damaged. Following this, fishermen refrain from going out to sea fishing.

Last night, army unit from Mullaitivu army camp on its way to Mulliya walai attacked by LTTE guerrillas and forced to retreat. It is believed that a number of soldiers were killed in this incident.

LTTE guerrillas mount offensive on soldiers attempting to come out of Kilinochchi army camp and force them into camp. Once inside, shells are fired from inside camp that alight around Agricultural Farm. Details of damages not known.

In Vavuniya, a parcel bomb lying about 100 yards from the hospital, where an armed forces unit is staying, is detected by soldiers and detonated.

*(Continued from Page 2)***Tamil Ex-bank official killed**

Police have begun an investigation on the death of a retired Deputy Controller of the Central Bank whose body was found stuck on rocks at the Kollupitiya beach 24 hours after he was reported to have mysteriously disappeared from his Colombo residence.

The dead official has been identified as T. Satchithanathan from Ramakrishna Road in Colombo 6.

The dead bank official, who was also a consultant to the World Bank disappeared from his home last month after informing his wife that he had an appointment with a lawyer with whom certain legalities of a real estate transaction were to be discussed.

When the official failed to return home that day after the meeting with the lawyer, his wife had informed the Wellawatte Police, who in turn informed her to make a further search and return to the station if there were no signs of her missing husband.

The following day the police received notice that a dead body believed to be that

of her husband was found on the beach near Carlwill Place in Kollupitiya minus his trousers and a valuable diamond ring, he is said to have worn on his finger.

The Coroner Edward Ahangame who reported a verdict of death due to drowning, however, declared an open verdict due to injuries sustained on the neck by the deceased and ordered the Police to make further investigations.

The bank official had returned to the country only in 1984, after a brief stay in Somalia, where he had taken up temporary residence following the July 83, disturbances.

*(Sun - March 13, 1987)***Tamil Welfare & Human Rights Committee - U. S. A.**

Honorable Rajiv Gandhi  
The Prime minister of India  
1, Safdurjang Road  
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India.

Dear Honorable Prime Minister,

**Tamil Plight and Economic Blockade in Sri Lanka**

In desperation, we plead with you to act decisively and promptly to save the Tamils in Sri Lanka from the current economic blockade by the government. We are disturbed by the reports that the people in Jaffna have been totally deprived of fuel and even medicines, oxygen and other essential hospital supplies. Fuel shortage has seriously affected the movements of ambulances, thus depriving the facilities to deal with emergency medical treatment.

These moves by Sri Lankan government do not come as a surprise to us because we find that the J. R. Jayewardene government is only carrying out its designs to what it has not made a secret as is evidenced from the following public utterances:

(1) During Interview with Mr. Ian Ward of Daily Telegraph, July 11, 1983

"I am not worried about the opinion of the Tamil people... now, we cannot think of them, not about their lives or their opinion... the more you put pressure in the North (Tamil territories) the happier Sinhala people will be here... really, if I starve the Tamils out the Sinhala people will be happy..."

(2) During BBC Interview on October

25, 1985

"I am not fully prepared to tackle Jaffna, I want to finish first with the other provinces. It is not difficult to handle Jaffna. We can cut off food supplies to the peninsula and flush out the Terrorists (Tamils) in a months time."

These helpless and persecuted Tamils yet living in the northern and eastern Sri Lanka continue to rely totally on you and India for their survival and safety. We feel that India has an obligation to save the Tamils and also to provide their essential supplies. Also we feel that India has the responsibility to raise the issue at international forums without further delay, and to ensure justice and safety of Tamils. We submit that the national leaders in India should be concerned about the worsening situation in Sri Lanka and join forces with you in protecting the Tamils who share common culture, language and religion with fellow Indians. We are not certain whether the representatives from the Tamil Nadu government have appraised you of the seriousness of the situation in the midst of their own problems.

J. R. Jayewardene talks about negotiated settlement, which has always been a facade designed merely to placate India, to deceive international community while he continued to systematically eliminate the Tamils taking them off-guard with his long-time determination to annihilate them and to erase them from the face of Sri Lanka. If it is really so, it will haunt India in the future and we will be silent victims. How else could we perceive the mass killings, rapes, plunder arson

destruction of private property and infrastructure over a period of almost ten years. In July 1983 about 4000 Tamils were killed. In 1985, the year that was hailed as the year of peace process in which India was actively drawn into the conflict, 2215 Tamils were killed. More than 1000 Tamils were killed, in 1986 and many more taken into custody and disappeared. This was an year in which not a single day passed without talks about negotiated settlement with active Indian participation. The year 1987 has started with the economic blockade of the northern province and continues with further elimination of Tamils in the eastern province. The government has intensified its military violence against Tamils and hundreds of Tamils have already been killed in the eastern province. We do not have to expound the chaos and calamity wrought by such heinous crimes. It is no secret that Sri Lankan government feared India for decades till 1981. Now, it is perhaps the perception of Jayewardene and his advisors that India has been vacillating and lacking of political perception since 1981 that is encouraging the Sri Lanka government to execute the type of crimes that were never done by the majority against a powerless minority in any country in human history.

We appeal to you "PLEASE ACT NOW AND IN EVERY EFFECTIVE MANNER TO SAVE THE HELPLESS TAMILS." Let it not pass that the patriots of India ignored the sentiments of Tamils in Sri Lanka. Let them all give you moral support. With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Benjamin J. Raj**

## Anti - India cartoon in Sri Lanka Press



"THE ISLAND" 25th February, 1987.



"THE ISLAND" 21st February, 1987

**Obituaries**

*In a land where Death by violence is a common occurrence and the names of the victims rarely get obituary notices, here are some "fortunate" few who passed away into the void, duly noticed by Sri Lankan newspapers :-*

**VIJAYARAJAH** - M. C., husband of Rajeswary, father of Saiyathan, and Cremation at Kanatte on 18th February 1987. 20, Janaki Lane, Bambalapitiya.

**RAJAKARIER** - Constance, wife of Raji (The Guest House), mother of Shamala, Pr-emi, Subo and Puni, Burial at Jawatte on 19th February, 1987. 20/2, Shrubbery Gardens, Bambalapitiya.

**SINNATHAMBY** - Vethavallithayar. Relict of late Vannithamby Sinnathamby (Retired Shroff, Vavuniya Kachcheri) Cremation at Wattagama Crematorium on 19th February 1987. "Sree Rangam" 57, Victoria Road, Jaffna.

**THAMILMARAN** - Malararasi, wife of V. T. Thamilmaran, mother of Mathuri, Cremation at Kanatte on 23rd February, 1987. (Corfege leaving A. F. Raymonds Funeral Parlour)

**PARARAJASINGHAM. K** - husband of late Meenadchipillai, father of Ragunathan, late Pushpavanathan, Thanapackiawathy and Gunapackiawathy. Funeral on 24th February, 1987. "Lukshmi Vasa", Karanavai North, Karaveddy.

**CHELLIAH** - John Kanagaratnam, father of Ranjith, Sheela, Babara, Kanthi and Berty. Burial at Madampitiya cemetery on 26th February, 1987. B. 4/ F. 14, Flats, Bloemendhal Road, Kotahena.

**JOSEPH** - Agnes sophia, wife of late Z. Joseph, mother of Christabel, Angela, Anne, Edward, Rita and Clifford. Burial at Alayadicholai R. C. burial grounds on 26th February, 1987. 11, Upstair Road, Batticaloa.