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A selection of recent reports and cartoons from Sri Lankan newspapers, without comment, Readers are requested to form their own conclusions.

'Politics and Morality'

Dixit's speech in Colombo

Mr.J.N.Dixit, India's High Commissioner in Colombo, questioned on the morality of allowing terrorists to operate from India at a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Colombo said politics is not judged by morality. Apart from the unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Sri Lanka, which are non-negotiable and sacrosanct when it comes to solving the ethnic problem, the identity of every community is also non-negotiable. If Sri Lanka is to forge into a united nation these non-negotiable factors must be respected in the structure of the compromise needed for a solution, he said. Mr.Dixit addressed a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Colombo on "The current situation in Sri Lanka and its impact on Indo-Sri Lanka relations"

Questioned about the existence of terrorists camps in India, Mr.Dixit said that the facts were well known. Whether it was Sikh or Tamil terrorism, the origin of the problem should be understood. You must have the courage and honesty to think how Tamil terrorism originated, he said. We didn't invite refugees to India. If some of them chose to take arms, reasonable men should try to find out why this happened and find a political solution to the problem. To another question about the morality of allowing terrorists to operate from India, Mr.Dixit asked the questioner of the morality of the events of 1958, 1977 and 1983. Nobody can justify terrorism and violence against innocents, he said. But politics is not judged by morality.

Mr.Dixit earlier outlined the long history of friendship between India and Sri Lanka which dated from colonial times. Cultural links were older, he said. While Buddhism originated in India, the world is indebted to Sri Lanka for preserving and propagating the message of the Buddha. Anagarika Dharmapala established the Maha Bodhi Society of India, Indology, the study of Indian cultural practices, owes much to a Lankan called Ananda Coomaraswamy. He also outlined the co-operation in various fields that now go on between India and Sri Lanka. As far as political relations were concerned the only complication before July 1983 was the question of those of Indian descent, he said. Given the historical pattern of human settle

Transport decentralization

The state's monolithic Sri Lanka Central Transport Board will cease to function from August 1, paving the way for a greater private sector role in the but its hub, the central workshop at

ments almost all the people of Sri Lanka could be described as being of Indian descent. Regarding those of Indian origin brought to work in the plantations, they were legally. Constitutionally and morally the responsibility of the government of Sri Lanka, but as a gesture of goodwill India undertook to take in some as her citizens.

He said that Mr.Nehru was pressed to criticize Sri Lanka at that time, but refused saying that he was not prepared to use any strong language about Ceylon. Even though they said hard things about us we have refrained from saying anything in reply because I know very well that the people of Ceylon are friendly to the people of India, Mr.Nehru had said. Mr.Dixit said that quote was relevant today too. Mr.Nehru had also said that there was a completely unjustified fear in Ceylon that India would overwhelm and absorb it. But nobody in India thinks that way. We want an independent and a friendly Ceylon. In every sense Ceylon is nearer to us than any other country. We should deal with Ceylon in a friendly way. This is an unwritten directive governing India's Sri Lanka policy, said Mr.Dixit. Not only has India scrupulously refrained from interfering in Sri Lanka's internal affairs. But when requested help in meeting internal crises, India has always responded.

About the ethnic problem, Mr.Dixit said that India came into the picture only when 40,000 refugees entered India after the '83 disturbances. This had an impact on Indian public opinion. We provided them humanitarian assistance and only undertook to perform the good offices role at the Sri Lankan government's request. However, Mr.Rajiv Gandhi has put his full weight before a peaceful solution to the ethnic problem. He has said definitely that India is against a division or separation of Sri Lanka. By the same token, he believes that only a peacefully negotiated political solution could end the problem. Now, after much diplomacy the TULF will be here for talks with President Jayewardene on July 13 and 14.

Mr.Dixit said that the Sri Lankan people demanded peace. This was the time for reconciliation, healing wounds, generosity and compromise. Sri Lanka's future depends on it, he said. The opportunity must be grasped. India is fully behind Sri Lanka's quest for peace with justice for all. (The Island-11th July, 1986).

country's transport system Transport Minister M.H.Mohamed announced yesterday. Nine autonomous Regional Transport Boards will take over the entire state transport network. Weraherai to be handed over to the private sector. Both state run and private buses would be permitted to avail themselves of the workshop, Minister Mohamed said.

Announcing the move, the minister told a news conference that it was precipitated by continuous losses forced on the central board by terrorism in the north and the east. He said the SLCTB which lost Rs.350 million in the past two and a half years mainly due to the situation in the north and the east would be replaced by a coordinating committee of officials. This would affect some 3,900 workers in the SLCTB. They would be assigned to the RTBs, the Minister explained. The RTBs would function independently and handle all functions which were until now handled by the SLCTB. These include the import of buses and spare parts and payment of salaries....(SUN-1st July, 1986)

What Jaffna Bishop said

"The following is the speech made by Jaffna Bishop Rt.Rev.Dr.B.Deogupillai at the prize giving of St. Patricks College, Jaffna, held on June 18

"While it is necessary to consider ways of imparting a good education to our children even in the present difficult circumstances, it is more necessary for us today to consider ways and means of protecting the lives of our peaceful defenceless people.

Bomb-blasts, rocket-blasts, shell-blasts, machine-gun fire etc. having become everyday occurrences for us. We are being attacked from the land, from the sea and even from the air. Hundreds of peaceful, unarmed Tamil civilians have been killed or wounded during such attacks carried out during the past few months by the Government Forces in places like Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Valvettiturai, Jaffna, Kayts, Mandaitivu.

Many peaceful Tamil civilians have been brutally massacred by the Armed Forces in Murunkan, Cheddikulam, Iruthayapuram, Akkaraipattu, Kurikadduvan, Mandaitivu and other places. Thousands of peaceful Tamil civilians, who have been forced to flee from their traditional homes due to the activities of the Armed Forces, are not being properly cared for by the Government.

Fishing, the only livelihood of thousands of peaceful Tamil civilians, has been totally banned in the Northern and Eastern seas. All these clearly show that under the pretext of fighting the "Marxist Tamil terrorists" the Government is intent on the annihilation of the Tamils living in the Northern and Eastern Provinces.

The Citizens' Committees of the Northern and Eastern Provinces have appealed several

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MAY 26

In Pettah, Colombo, General Manager of a business establishment Ramachandran (60) and his assistant Dharmarajah (28) found murdered in their beds with knife injuries.

At Chooral, in Trincomalee, Nadarasakutty (24), Sivalingam Vikneswaran (24) and Mrs. Tharmalingam (47) mother of 9 children, shot dead by security forces. Three houses belonging to Tamils also burnt.

In Batticaloa, security forces on patrol, shoot and kill a youth who was coming along Chenkaladi boundary road. Two youth working in a carpentry shop were too arrested.

Deputy Jailor of Batticaloa Jail, from Punnalaikadduvan, Jaffna, arrested by security forces on nodding by masked man who was accompanying them.

Early morning, 200 males from 3 refugee camps in Trincomalee town are taken to army camp for questioning by security forces. All but 8 released in the evening.

Jaffna town comes back to normal after about 10 days of terror and persisting tension. Except for a couple of flights by helicopters, that too without strafing, there was calm, with no shelling, no gun fires, no commotion and no stampeding. People go about purchasing their requirements and patients crowding in the out patients Dept. of the Jaffna hospital.

Eelam Revolutionary Organisation (EROS) claims responsibility for the bomb blast that destroyed the Cement plant at Cod Bay, Trincomalee. It warns multinational companies to pull out of Sri Lanka or face attacks on their plants.

In palaly, residents who vacated Palaly north a few days back, because of mounting tension there, come back to their homes to pick up articles of value believing that normalcy has returned, scatter and run for their lives, when sentries from Palaly army camp open fire. No casualties.

Station Inspector, who ordered his men to proceed to Kalkudah railway station by motor vehicle, in violation of standing orders, is interdicted. The vehicle that carried the policemen went over a land mine and 11 policemen are injured.

MAY 27

In Mutur, unknown persons shoot and kill Home Guards Sarath and Jabar on the spot

and seriously injure Saleem who were playing cards in a house adjoining Mutur police station.

In Kalkudah, Special Task Force commandos of Santhiveli camp open fire by mistake at a car passing the camp and kill Muslim trader Ismail (45), Saleem (25) and car driver Banda (35) on the spot and seriously injure Ansar (26), Hussein (26) and Saleem (35) who are admitted to Batticaloa hospital. Car riddled badly with bullets detained in camp.

Unprecedented bomb explosions in Batticaloa town and surrounding villages to mark 31st day commemoration of the death of LTTE Area commander Lt. Col. Koneswaran (Aruna). LTTE posters saluting Aruna appear in several places. Bells peal from Hindu temples and churches in the morning. In response gun shots are fired from army camps and Municipal worker. Thambiappa (45) injured in the firing is admitted to hospital for treatment. Batticaloa town deserted with hardly any movement of people.

In Jaffna, militants fire at soldiers who attempt to come out of army camp and 3 soldiers are killed. Panic in the city.

Gun fire from inside Maha Vidyalayam camp, Vasavilan, kills S. Velan (55), who went looking for his missing goat in the rear area of the camp.

In Kilinochchi, security forces out on night patrolling arrest 4 persons viewing video film.

Militants thwart attempt by 30 soldiers from coming out of Pt. Pedro camp by throwing hand grenades and opening fire at them. One of the militants injured.

Colombo newspaper "Island" reports that 3 civilians were killed and three others injured at Sittandi, Batticaloa following a clash between "terrorists" and security forces. It adds that the clash began when "terrorists" shot at a passing security vehicle and the "terrorists" fled when the forces repulsed the attack.

MAY 28

Panic in Jaffna city again. Soldiers from Pannai police quarters camp attempt to move out into Pannai-Koddady area. Militants mount offensive. Soldiers return to police quarters camp and fire back. At about this time, shelling begins from inside Jaffna Fort army camp and continues for over 2 hours. Vannarponnai, Koddady, Main Street, Clock Tower junction, Chapel Street, C.S.K. junction are affected

areas. A couple Mr & Mrs. Somasuntharam of Vannarponnai, Subramaniam Sivapackiam (46), Subramaniam Vigneswari (20) both of Chapel street and 2 others from David Road are injured and admitted to Jaffna hospital. A shell falls into a compound of a church in 2nd cross street and buries itself without exploding.

At Palaly, a 16 foot wide road is opened between Palaly camp and Vasavilan camp for exclusive use by troops who are averse to using the Palaly-Jaffna main road. All palmyrah palms, shrubs and other vegetation that stood obstructing the construction are cut down, cleared metalled and levelled for undeterred movements of heavy military vehicles.

Tension in Vavuniya town last night following a heavy charge bomb explosion. Muslim restaurants, kept open for the convenience of those observing Ramadan Fast, are closed on the orders of security forces.

At noon, troops stationed at Palaly Teachers' Training College camp, come up to Vasavilan junction, via the main road, on foot and return to camp after a few moments. Air cover provided by a helicopter. Tension in Vasavilan.

In Batticaloa, occupants of a van going along Paduwankarai road, Kakkaddicholai, abandon vehicle and run into jungles for safety as a helicopter opens fire. It flies down to the van and drops a bomb destroying it completely.

In Trincomalee, yesterday evening, security forces arrested 3 foreign journalists, a B.B.C. reporter and 2 German reporters, brought down from Colombo by the Govt. to personally view the damages caused to Sinhalese settlements in the very recent past. They are released after 4 hours. They were arrested when they tried to meet Trincomalee Citizens' Committee and also photograph Tamil villages affected during 1985 disturbances.

Pop Star Desmond de Silva, taken into custody at katuwayake International Airport on his return from United States of America, detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

MAY 29

Shelling from inside Jaffna Fort army camp injuries P. Singan, P. Logeswarah, K. Kulasiri (20), R. Chandraraja (19), S. Rajan (19), N. Kulanthaivel (34), Ravichandran (18) and K.

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Ramkumar and P. Thanikachalam (students) at Kasturiar Road near Windsor Theatre. All admitted to Jaffna hospital. 7 of the injured employed in jewellery shops.

Sentry at Police Station Jaffna, opens fire at three youths who had gone to a tea shop at Beach Road - Second Cross Street junction and one of them S. Rajan (26) dies in Jaffna hospital.

In Vavuniya, at Puthukudiyiruppu-Poonthodda Road, a police jeep meets with an accident and 3 policemen including a Sub-Inspector are injured. S. Kanagasundaram (26) was killed when police opened fire following the accident.

In Colombo, a Tamil businessman from Nainativu relieved of Rs. 59,000 by a well dressed gang posing themselves as C.I.D. at 4th Cross Street, Pettah.

In Batticaloa, security forces arrest 3 youths in Batticaloa hospital. One of them attempts to escape from army vehicle but does not succeed.

Nagarathnam Logeswaran (21) dies of helicopter strafing at Araly jetty. Thuraisingam (44) involved in the same incident admitted to Jaffna hospital with serious injuries. It may be mentioned here that Logeswaran's father was killed by security forces at Pannai about a year back.

In Paddiruppu Division, Special Task Force commandos on patrol duty shoot and kill on the spot three persons travelling in a motor bicycle at Enuvil-Kaluwanchikudi Road. Motor bicycle set ablaze on the spot.

Hand grenades thrown at peoples' Bank, Trincomalee last night. Security forces fire on hearing explosions.

White skinned figures seen moving among troops at Valvettiturai and Thondamanaru army camps. It is suspected that these could be instructors from abroad.

Air Conditioner, fans, Rs. 5000/- cash, cheques, transmission equipment and other valuables, property of Global Communications, robbed by unknown persons. People are surprised that an establishment opposite Jaffna Fort army camp had been the target for such a daring robbery.

MAY 30

In Pachchanoor, Muthur, 20 soldiers travelling in a bus, part of a convoy carrying troops and supplies along Seruwila-Mutur road, die in a land mine explosion. 15 others injured flown to Colombo for treatment.

Bomb explosion in Colombo. A powerful bomb, concealed in a lorry that brought in

empty bottles, rips through section of Cold Stores, Ltd., (Elephant House) killing 9 persons and injuring more than 35 others. Lorry completely destroyed by explosion. 4 other lorries parked close by badly damaged.

Rasalingam (55), walking towards his house at Koddady shot at from Pannai police quarters army camp and admitted to Jaffna hospital.

In Batticaloa, armed unknown persons rob Rs. 900 from conductor of a state bus, at Periyakallaru.

In kilinochchi, a shell comes down on a house in Thirunagar and injures Jainalabdeen Abdeen (28), M. Rasathurai (40) and A. Marimuthu (50). Abdeen, a Sub-post master, treated at Kilinochchi hospital removed to Jaffna hospital later.

In Mutur, Nagalingam (41) of Sandoor, shot at by security forces and injured. Taken to Trincomalee hospital in the first instance and transferred to Anuradhapura hospital later.

In Valvettiturai, shelling from inside the camp completely destroys a house belonging to a retired post master. Minor damages to adjoining houses. A woman and 2 children who received injuries taken to Manthikai hospital for treatment.

Again at Valvettiturai, in the evening between 2 p.m.-6 p.m. 6 helicopters and a sea plane circle the area several times. At the same time a gunboat off the Valvettiturai coast was seen moving up and down.

MAY 31

In Thampalakamam, Trincomalee security forces in black uniform shoot and kill all the members of a family - husband, wife and 2 children listening to "Thamilosai" broadcast over B.B.C. last night. Another woman and a young girl of 13 who were there, injured and admitted to hospital.

Bomb explodes in train from Batticaloa to Colombo Fort, killing 12 passengers and injuring more than 50 others as it moves out of Veyangoda railway station, about 3.45 p.m. Two carriages completely damaged.

In Thampalakamam, Trincomalee Home Guards call out Tamil male residents in a locality, line them up and shoot them. Sountharajan, Thiakaratham die on the spot. Two are injured and 2 escape fleeing from the scene.

Security forces stationed at Pannai police quarters, Jaffna fire towards the town while a low flying helicopter circles above.

Hundreds of troops move towards Omanthai from Vavuniya on foot. Traffic

between Vavuniya-Jaffna held up for over 4 hours.

In Valvettiturai, last evening LTTE guerillas, watching movements of troops stationed at Valvettiturai army camp, see about 20 soldiers fishing on the Western side of the camp using "dynamite". They open fire and kill a soldier and injure several others. Following this, shells were fired in all directions from inside the army camp till 6 p.m. A house was damaged.

Vehicles from the north proceeding to Colombo are attacked between Vavuniya and Madawachchi.

In Pooneryn, occupants of a van going along Pooneryn-Mannar road, abandon it and run for safety as a helicopter circles over it and fires at it injuring few of them. Security forces visit the spot and remove the van to the army camp.

JUNE 1

In Jaffna, after a week's interval, clashes erupt between militants and the armed forces. An army truck, from Mandaitivu mini army camp, carrying over 10 soldiers and a few more following it on foot, on its way to Jaffna Fort camp, strikes a cylinder bomb, planted in a culvert on Pannai causeway, 200 yards away from the lifting bridge. Truck overturns into the lagoon injuring a number of soldiers. Following this, Jaffna town is shelled from inside Fort camp. 4 persons including 2 children playing football in playground near Gurunagar Community Centre are killed and more than 30 injured. Koddady, Navanturai, Gurunagar, Jaffna Bazaar, Beach road, K.K.S. road, Vaidiswara College, Saththiram junction come under attack in the 25 rounds of shelling in which 8 shops and 4 houses are damaged. Injured removed to hospitals and private nursing homes. At 4 p.m., a helicopter flying over Jaffna town strafes and people flee for safety. Militants open fire at helicopter and it disappears flying towards Palaly.

In Palaly, helicopter gun ship circles over Palaly and Vasavilan Maha vidyalayam army camps and strafes areas around these camps mercilessly from 11.30 a.m. till afternoon. Soldiers from Vasavilan Maha Vidyalayam army camp, firing heavily, attempt to move out towards Punnalaikadduvan from the main entrance and towards Kurumpacity from the rearside of the camp. This attempt was made no sooner armoured vehicles and trucks loaded with ammunition and other equipment moved into the Vasavilan camp from Palaly camp via the road recently opened by the army for exclusive use by them. At about this time, shots were being fired from helicopter that was flying unusually low. Low flying helicopter, on being fired at by militants goes

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up but continues firing. People of Vadamoelai, Kuttipulam, Thidatpulam, Kurumbacity, Punnalaikadduvan live in fear.

A number of columns of St. Peters' Church, Jaffna and parapet wall at entrance damaged in last night's shelling.

In a statement, Tamil Eelam Army (TEA) claims responsibility for placing the automatic land mine by their suicide squad along the Pannai causeway near the lifting bridge. The statement adds that 11 soldiers died and the armoured vehicle, that was carrying them and specially imported from South Korea, has been completely damaged.

JUNE 2

In Jaffna, hundreds of pensioners who assemble in Beach road to draw their pensions stampede and run for shelter as firing opens from Jaffna Fort. As firing continued, they return without collecting their pensions.

Security forces sentry opens fire at a van coming towards the Courts, Jaffna along Main Street. Occupants escape as the van turns away into another street. S. Ramalingam (55) father of 3 children and Puspenselvi (14) in the vicinity of the court houses injured in the firing.

S.V. Pararajasingam, Secretary, Vavuniya Citizens' Committee.

In Nuwara Eliya a helicopter seen flying fairly low over surrounding jungles and "Rupavahini" Sub station, lands in the race course after flying for over 2 hours from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. It is reported that army personnel came out of the helicopter as it landed.

In Colombo, a sudden fire at General Hospital Dental Institute kills an employee and injures several others. Patients at the Institute transferred to Kalubowila hospital, Colombo South.

In Omanthai, Thamboo Gnanasekaram (39), A. Vijayanandan (19), S. Kamalanathan (23), Rajendran (15), Udayakumar (23) arrested by security forces on 'search operation'.

In Thiriyai in Trincomalee district a new army camp is opened.

In Vavuniya, security forces arrest Ex-Chairman Vavuniya District Development Council M. Sittampalam about 3 p.m. He was later released at the initiative of Dr. S.V. Pararajasingam, Secretary, Vavuniya Citizens' Committee.

18 armoured vehicles and hundreds of soldiers on foot proceed towards Vavuniya from Mankulam. As this convoy was moving at snail's pace, traffic was obstructed for about 4 hours. Soldiers were firing as they were moving - for their security.

JUNE 3

In Batticaloa, security forces on 'search operation' cordon the village of Iruthayapuram from the early hours. In the process 3 Tamils are killed and 22 others arrested and taken to camp.

Sinhalese goondas enter Batticaloa-Colombo train at Gal Oya and Kekinawa stations and attack Tamil passengers killing 5 and injuring 5 others. Also rob their jewellery and other valuables.

Tension in Trincomalee following the discovery of 10 dead bodies of Tamils with gun shot injuries, including a young girl and 2 women, partly buried in lavatory pits in compounds around the army camp located at Chelvanayagapuram in Uppuveli. It is believed, that these persons who had assembled in connection with opening of an Ayurvedic Dispensary were mauled down by the security services. Of the dead, the following have been identified. Ayut. Dr. Thangakanapathy (50) and his wife, Mr & Mrs. Kanagaratnam and their daughter Salini (7), Siriskandarajah (32), Ariyanayagam (45). Four are reported to be employees attached to sub office of District Development Council, Trincomalee.

After a fairly long lapse, soldiers from Navatkuli army camp move towards Ariyalai along Kandy road and is understood to have recovered cylinder bombs. Militants mount offensive, army retreats to camp and begins shelling that causes injury to Joseph Rajan (25), who is admitted to Jaffna hospital. Roof sheets of a house at Ariyalai damaged in the shelling.

Govt. owned "Daily News" reports that the Marketing Dept. has stopped purchasing dried fish from the north for security reasons.

Nainativu Nagapooshani Amman festivities postponed indefinitely because of transport difficulties encountered by the thousands of devotees in and around the peninsula.

JUNE 4

In Kilinochchi, militants encircle Army and Police Joint camp and mount offensive pounding camp with rocket propelled grenades and mortars. Heavy fighting reported for over 4 1/2 hours. In the cross fire 6 civilians are killed. Army reinforcements from Elephant Pass camp held back as culverts and bridges en route had been blown up by the militants. Govt. imposes curfew in Kilinochchi.

Joint Army Operations in Colombo reports

attack by militants on Army and Police Joint camp, Kilinochchi and adds that the attack has been repulsed. Admits minor damage to the camp buildings and claims having killed 12 terrorists. No vehicular movements via Kilinochchi, GA and a few other officers from Jaffna Kachcheri on their way back from Colombo remain at Vavuniya along with hundreds of passengers bound to the north.

Last night at Rudra Mawatha in Colombo, goondas throw kerosene and set fire to a private passenger coach about to leave for Jaffna with passengers. Passengers alight and put out the fire.

Another 2 private passenger coaches bound for Jaffna from Colombo stoned between Peliyagoda-Wattala and window panes damaged.

In Palaly, 6 cylinder bombs, meant to trap soldiers, planted around Vasavilan Maha Vidyalam camp recovered by security forces. Bombs failed to explode as the connecting wire had already been disconnected by unknown persons. Between 8.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., areas around Palaly and Vasavilan subjected to occasional strafing by helicopter. Mrs. M. Atputharani (37) and her brother A. Yogarasa (20) seriously injured.

In Jaffna, Fort police arrest 2 youths who enter the Fort Bank of Ceylon buildings without permission.

In Mannar, naval personnel fire at a trawler, returning to coast after catch and injure 4 fishermen Sebastian, Muscringe, Xavier and Kumar. The entire catch of prawns, worth thousands of rupees, taken away by Navy men.

JUNE 5

In Kilinochchi, fighting between armed forces and militants continues for the second day. Soldiers attempting to emerge from camp forced to return. As the soldiers retreat, shelling from inside the camp begins. Heavy fighting breaks out around camp area. Militants intensify their attack and army is confined to the camp and remains isolated without reinforcements and supplies from outside. Even helicopters are prevented from landing within the camp. Towards the afternoon, militants confront a contingent from Elephant Pass camp at Karadipokku and force the soldiers to retreat. Bombs are dropped from air over Thiruvaiyaru, Uruthirapuram areas. More than 6 civilians including an infant of 2 years, a young boy of 12 and a Grama Sevaka officer are killed and over 30 are injured. A number of houses near Uruthirapuram Maha Vidyalayam are burnt, several boutiques and

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over 12 houses damaged in the shelling and air attacks.

In Paranthan, yesterday evening, near the Paddy Marketing Board, lorry bringing Food stamps, required for the Jaffna district, valued at several lakhs of rupees, is knocked out and completely destroyed by a shell from the Kilinochchi army camp. Driver Arulnathan (29) and S. Gauthamadasa (28) who were in the lorry at that time die on the spot. A few seconds before the direct hit, GA Jaffna and 3 of his colleagues jump off the lorry and take shelter.

In Batticaloa, armed forces patrolling along Chenkalady road, open fire and shoot Eliyathamby Gopalan (24) who, on seeing them, tried to run into Chenkalady Govt. hospital and he dies on the spot. Dr. C.K. Sivalingam, O.I.C. of the hospital, narrowly escapes death. Following this, the doctor was attacked by the soldiers. He was removed to Batticaloa hospital by ambulance. Thereafter, patients and staff vacate the hospital which now remains closed. The same batch of soldiers proceeding towards Vantharumoolai fire and kill Muthiah Thangarasa (23) at Vantharumoolai junction.

At Andankulam, Trincomalee district, goondas kill 12 Tamil passengers, who were travelling in a bus proceeding to Trincomalee from Vavuniya.

JUNE 6

In Kilinochchi, fighting continues for third day. Heavy shelling from inside the army camp in all directions. Planes drop bombs in areas around army camp, Thirunagar, Tharmapuram and Karadipokku. Militants intensify attack and a helicopter is forced to land after being hit by bullets. It is reported that 4 soldiers died in the fighting. Many families from Kilinochchi, Kanagapuram, Tharmapuram, Uruthirapuram evacuate their homes fearing continued blind shelling and aerial attacks by army on innocent civilians and their property. They are moving towards Mullaivivu, Pooneryn and Jaffna going through jungles carrying the injured with them—a pathetic sight. In the 72 hours of fighting more than 50 civilians including women and children are feared killed and several injured and rendered homeless. Nearly 30 to 50 houses and about 10 shops damaged.

Men and women of Valvettiturai area who were on their way back in 4 mini buses after redeeming their pawned jewellery at Palaly army camp strafed by helicopter at Atchuvelli that chased these vehicles from Oddakapulam. Subramaniam Sinnarasa (46) of Valvettiturai father of 3 children and Vallipuram

Ratnasingam (30) of Kambatmalai are killed and S.P. Rasathurai (39) from Valvettiturai and C. Anandavadivel (40) from Karanavai injured. Injured admitted to Jaffna hospital.

Militants open fire and prevent 2 helicopters manouvering to land inside Valvettiturai army camp. Helicopters move up and fire several rounds around the camp area. At about this time, naval boats shell from the sea. Taking cover, helicopters manage to land inside camp and then fly out. A number of roofs of houses damaged by shelling from naval boats.

In Trincomalee, 11 dead bodies of Tamils found in a bus and in a train, 2 in a bus coming to Trincomalee from Kinniya and 9 in a train at Gal Oya.

In Jaffna, militants mount offensive as soldiers attempt to come out of Jaffna Fort camp. Following this, shelling from inside Fort begins and goes on for a few hours.

In Colombo, a bomb explodes ripping a brake van of a train parked at Dematagoda railway yard injuring 2 workers.

In Colombo, in an operation that began after midnight on 4th and ending this morning, over 350 Tamils taken into custody by police. It is reported that these persons were unable to explain satisfactorily their presence in Colombo.

JUNE 7

In Kilinochchi, early morning, hundreds of soldiers come out of camp and proceed up to Kanagapuram Maha Vidyalayam. Militants, encountering them, mount offensive using modern weapons and force them back to camp. As they retreat into camp, Kanagapuram and Karadipokku areas are shelled from inside the camp. A young boy and 2 women are killed and 3 others injured at Karadipokku junction. Off and on a helicopter flies over Kilinochchi town firing sporadically. Whilst evacuation to other districts continues, a refugee camp is opened at Uruthirapuram Maha Vidyalayam with over 2000 persons who have left their homes in various parts of Kilinochchi.

In helicopter firing over Kolony, a locality south of Valvettiturai Murugiah temple, a girl of 16 dies on the spot with her brain bulging from her split skull. A few including Rasu Parameswary (32), a pregnant mother, sustain injuries and are taken to hospital. Number of houses damaged.

Tension in coastal areas along Mathagal, Kankesanthurai as launches in numbers are seen plying between naval boats, gun boats and gun ships anchored at Karainagar, Kankesanthurai and Pt. Pedro.

Past 9 last night, militants shell Jaffna Fort army camp. 2 soldiers reported killed and several others injured. Following this, shelling from inside the Fort Army camp begins. A house at Koddady is damaged and window panes of a house at 3rd Cross Street shattered. No casualties.

JUNE 8

More troops are brought into Jaffna Fort camp from Palaly. Helicopters drop them at Mandaitivu mini camp from where they move into Fort by foot.

Tension in Pt. Pedro town following shelling from a naval craft as well as from Army and Police Joint camp from 11.00 a.m. to 2.15 p.m. A house was damaged and a small child injured. It is believed that firing from the naval craft was a sequel to militants attempting to attack a boat bringing in food supplies to the armed forces.

In Kilinochchi district, planes bomb Murikandi, Tharmapuram, Murasumoodai, Uruthirapuram, Kanagapuram, Thirunagar villages from 7.30 a.m. Kandaswamy temple and Maha vidyalayam damaged. Helicopter strafes Murikandi area indiscriminately. Because of curfew, people are prevented from moving about freely and thus fall victims to the air raids. Those who escaped from the attacks report that houses and other buildings directly hit have been razed to the ground and inmates killed instantaneously with corpses buried in the debris.

In Valvettiturai and Pt. Pedro, confrontation between the militants and the armed forces from morning till evening in land, sea and air. Militants engage in preventing launches and plastic boats from bringing food supplies from other naval craft to camps. They successfully stall attempt to break through. In the heavy shelling from the sea, many houses are damaged.

In Colombo, 15 Tamils, on their outward journey to Singapore, arrested and taken for questioning at the Katunayake International Airport by officers of the Airport Intelligence as the passengers were awaiting customs clearance. Their passports have been confiscated.

In Palaly yesterday, militants attack soldiers who came up to Myliddy junction, on their way to Kankesanthurai, from Palaly camp and force them back to camp. In this confrontation, helicopters strafe the area and shells are fired from naval boats.

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times to the President of Sri Lanka against these inhuman measures taken against a peaceful, defenceless people but with no effect. Since the peaceful Tamil civilians of the Northern and Eastern Provinces have no effective means at their disposal to defend themselves against the unjust attack on their lives and properties, the time has come, I feel for us to raise our voice and make an appeal to the United Nations Organization to take effective step to halt the annihilation of the peaceful, defenceless Tamil civilians of the Northern and Eastern Provinces," he said. (The Island-3rd July, 1986)

Bishops' Conference says...

"The Catholic Bishops' Conference yesterday dissociating itself from the statement made by Jaffna Bishop Dr.B.Deogupillai, said that the statement made by the Bishop on appealing to the United Nations did not in anyway reflect the view of the Bishop Conference.....

Assistant Secretary General of the Catholic Bishops' Conference Rev.Fr.Neil Dias Karunaratne said:

"The Bishop of Jaffna's statement about appealing to the United Nations does not in anyway reflect the views of the Bishops' Conference.

"The statement however I feel, should be read as an expression of the sense of near despair of the people of the North and East at the continuing and increasing violence, both of the Security Forces and the internecinal killing by terrorist groups intent on destroying those who defer from them.

"We believe that the present peace proposals initiated by the President should be tried out, now that India too has expressed her satisfaction with them, there is no need to look elsewhere for help to solve our problems" (The Island-5th July, 1986)

C.W.C.Proposals

The Ceylon Workers Congress has recommended a scheme of demarcation and creation of an additional province without altering the boundaries of the present provinces, according to reports from India. Reports said that under this scheme in the Eastern Provinces, all Tamil areas could be brought together into a single additional province. According to the report in "The Hindu", the relevant elements of its comprehensive proposals submitted to the All Party Conference in 1986 should also be incorporated into the present negotiating process. Other proposals of the CWC are:

Constitutional provisions made for establishment of inter-provincial co-ordinating bodies. Executive Powers of Provincial Councils to be exercised by the Chief Minister chosen by the

Provincial Council. Tamil should be made an official language of the country besides English, education only up to the secondary level be devolved on the PCs, legislation providing for PCs spell out clearly the principles on which the allocation of funds will be made, the Financial Commission should have sufficient minority representation and a degree of autonomy and elections to Parliament, PCs, and Presidency be phased out.

A Special unit should be attached to each Ministry in the Central and Provincial Governments to look after Indian origin Tamils; there should be provision at the Centre for sharing of power by the different communities through schemes like having two vice-Presidents from two of the minority ethnic, communities, the setting up of a second chamber, land settlement, land use, and land development on a regional basis and recruitment to the armed forces on the basis of ethnic proportion.(The Island-9th July, 1986)

North to East by ship

Government has chartered a private ship to transport nearly 100 public servants from strife-torn Jaffna to Trincomalee due to their fear of travelling by road. All roads in the North and North East have been heavily mined by terrorists. In the last few weeks several civilians of all races, in addition to soldiers, have been killed in the area due to land-mine explosions. The public servants, numbering 98, had been in Jaffna for the past two months since coming on home-leave. They had refused to make the journey by road in view of the danger of landmines, Jaffna's government Agent M. Panchalingam told 'SUN'. Government has therefore chartered a private ship to transport the 98 public servants from the Port of Kankesanthurai near Jaffna to Trincomalee which is a 130 mile journey by sea.....(Sun-4th July, 1986)

30 stayed back

Even the private ship the government chartered could not induce some of the public servants to return to their posts in Trincomalee from Jaffna. Thirty of them stayed behind when the "Merces Mathurata" made the voyage on Thursday. As a result, only 68 public servants boarded the ship at Kankesanthurai when it set sail, officials said.... The Government Agent of Jaffna and Trincomalee have not yet decided what action should be taken with regard to the 30 public servants who have refused to take up their posts....(Sun-5th July, 1986)

S.L.export to Karachchi

One hundred and twenty Sri Lankan women stranded in Pakistan after they were duped by unscrupulous job agents are due in Colombo

today. The cost of bringing them back was borne by the Foreign Employment Bureau on the orders of Labour Minister P.C.Imbulana, Chairman of the Bureau, David Soysa said yesterday. Mr.Soyasa also said that a full scale investigation into the matter will be conducted after taking statements from the stranded women.

Sixteen of these women arrived in Colombo early this week after their relatives and the bogus job agent paid the air fare. Eight of these stranded women were brought to the notice of authorities when Pakistani police arrested 100 Sri Lankan girls in Karachchi for alleged prostitution.(Sun-5th July, 1986)

In Parliament

Anil Moonesinghe: (SLFP - Matugama): The country's defence has undergone a series of defeats and our negotiations today are from a position of defeat and pessimism. The Jaffna peninsula is dominated by separatists. The LTTE is on an offensive. The LTTE annihilated TELO; the Sri Lankan Army could not lift.

John Amaratunga: Do you want innocent Tamils killed?

Anil Moonesinghe: We are fighting a war. Is the TELO innocent?The Government must take the responsibility for the ineptness of the Army.The army must be overhauled and officers trained in local warfare must be put in charge and not Sandhurst trained men. Only by showing our strength can we bring the militants to the negotiating table. We are for a political solution.

Percy Samaraweera: You are not for anything!

Anil Moonesinghe: The member for Welimada cannot go to his own constituency.

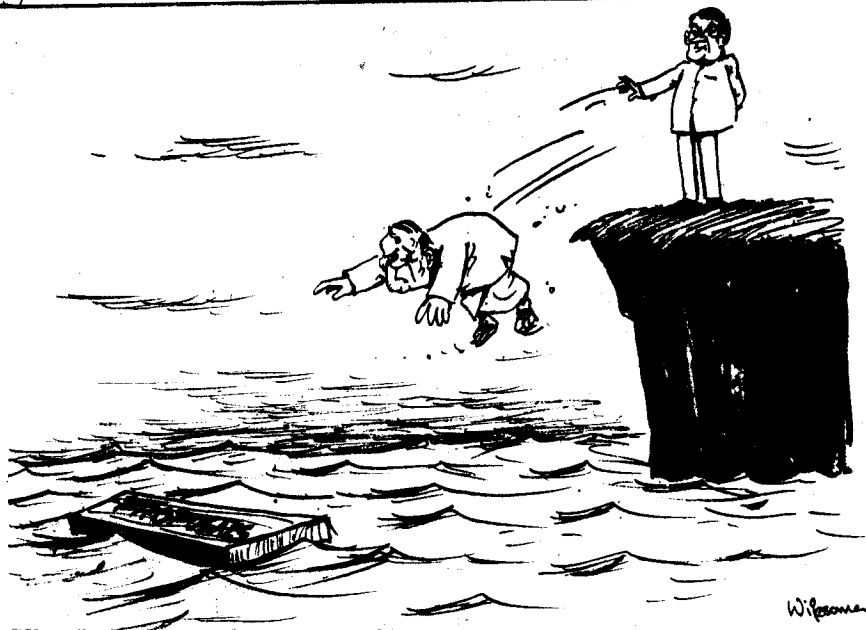
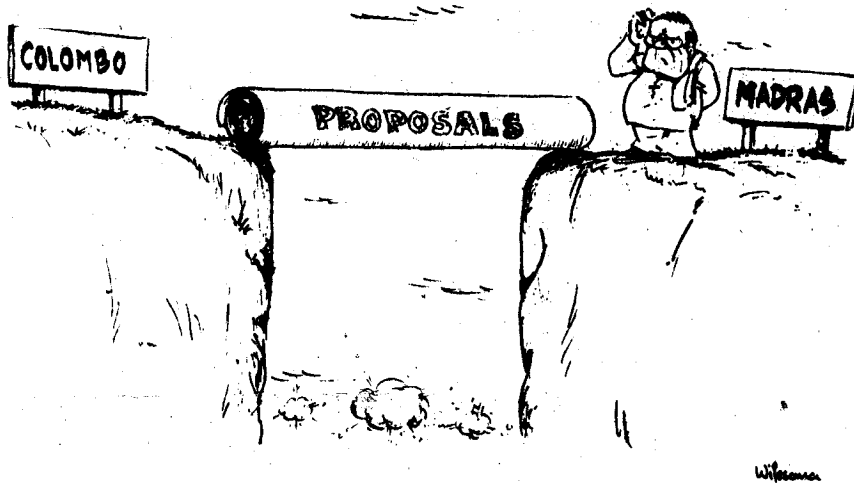
Percy Samaraweera: When did you last go to Jaffna?

Anil Moonesinghe: I cannot go without military protection. Do you want me to come back in a box, as your President once said. If the member for Welimada conducted this war, the position would have been worse. We must convince the Tigers that they cannot achieve Eelam.

Percy Samaraweera: You are discouraging the Armed forces and you have no right to do that.

Anil Moonesinghe: This crisis can be resolved more easily if the Minister of National Security is given more powers. We should deploy more troops in the strife torn areas if we are to succeed. Military strength is an essential pre-requisite to convince the separatists as the need for a political solution. Also, please delete the clauses which enable other countries to use our firing ranges. (Sun-9th July, 1986)

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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:-

WIJAYARATNAM - Sivapakiam widow of late S.K. Wijayaratham, Proctor S.C. & N.P. Negombo. Cremation at General Cemetery, Negombo. 133 Sea Street, Negombo.

TAMBIPELLAI D.B.R. husband of late Elsie Annammah Tambipillai (nee spencer) father of D.C. (formerly of Browns Group), Mrs. Leela Boulton (U.K.) S.G.K. (C.E.B., U.K.). Funeral 2nd July at General Cemetery, Kanatte

Colombo. 17, Maheswari Road, off Peterson Lane, Wellawatte.

RAJANAYAGAM - S.E.F. Retired chairman and Managing Director Raja & Peiris Ltd., husband of late Rosalind Rasathy, father of Consy, late Theresa, Basil (U.S.A.), Christie (U.K.) John (Canada) and Eric. Father-in-law of Stan Xavier, late Joseph St. George, Beryl, Margaret, Frances and Annette. Funeral 2nd July at Jawatte Cemetery, Colombo - 7.

VISWALINGAM, K - Retired Administrative Officer, Police Dept., Asst. Controller Dept. of Immigration & Emigration, President Tamil Refugees Rehabilitation Organization and prominent social worker. Husband of Mahaledchumi, father of Sivananthan (Engineer, Canada), Gnananandan (Final year medical student, Jaffna), father-in-law of Santhini (Canada). Cremation at Thavady Cemetery on 2nd June. Pillaiyarkovilady, Thavady.