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**Note to Readers:**

This issue of Situation Report was printed late. Although it is dated January 1st, we have availed of the delay by incorporating more recent news reports.

**Massacre of Tamils at Prawn Farm**

( "Sun" of February 2, 1987 carried the following as the Page 1 lead news item )

As Government officials yesterday moved to provide dry rations to nearly 4,000 families affected by last week's encounter between Special Task Force commandos and Tiger terrorists, a controversy broke out over the fate of a multi-million dollar prawn culture project.

The government run media centre said on Saturday the "sea food" factory had been closed by "terrorist, action" and that Newton, "second in command of LTTE in Batticaloa" was occupying it forcibly.

But a former high ranking Government officer who now heads the shrimp culture project strongly denied the charge and said he would raise the issue with President J. R. Jayewardene.

Victor Santiapillai, Chief Executive, of Serendib Seafood, (Exports) Ltd., a project with American, British and West German collaboration was in active business till 22 employees were killed. He said another employee was missing.

The dead had included the manager of the project who had been extensively trained in shrimp culture and for whom there had been several job offers both local and foreign he said.

"The Media Centre is indulging in flights of fancy. I am not an LTTE, propagandist. My commitment has always been to promote investment", Mr. Santiapillai said.

Mr. Santiapillai was the first Chairman of the Export Development Board and is now the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Business Development Centre (SLBDC) - an organisation which is dedicated to promoting business and foreign investment.

He said that it was in January that the complex had two shrimp harvests worth

3.2. million US dollars.

A delegation of -foreign investors involved in the project will arrive in Colombo later next week for talks with the Government. Mr. Santiapillai said he would appeal to President Jayewardene for compensation.

Joe de Livera, a Colombo business entrepreneur who is also associated with the prawn culture project told SUN large stock of prawns, each worth Rs. 50 were going for fifty cents after the incidents. He said a consignment of prawns, worth Rs. 15 million was exported last Monday.

In Singapore, a former Chairman and current, Director of the farm, David Milton, told Reuters it was not true the farm, had shut down. The farm's American Manager visited Singapore two weeks ago and reported record production late month.

"I am very concerned about the employees. We have dedicated people and we have been working together for several years now. They are not political people and at this point I don't know who has been killed", he said.

"It was abundantly clear we were running a farm operation and our employment were innocent technicians and casual labour", said Milton.

"There was no cause or justification to come in and massacre these people. I'm absolutely convinced of that I can emphatically deny political groups were running the farm".

The incidents at the prawn culture project at Manmunai near Batticaloa had taken place after Police Special Task Force commandos launched a massive offensive last Wednesday to capture LTTE's eastern headquarters at Kokkadichcholai.

Sam Thambimuttu, Secretary of the Batticaloa, Citizens' Committee said yesterday that they would appeal to the Government to set up a civilian commission of inquiry, to probe last week's incidents.....

**Midnight round up in Colombo : 62 held**

City Police have rounded up 62 persons during a mid- night operation.

Among them were 36 Tamil youth from the North and East. Many of them had told Police they came into

the city to obtain passports but had no national identity cards or other documents to substantiate their claims.

The midnight operation came in the wake of reports that terrorist groups were plotting to trigger off incidents

Two other youth were found to be in possession of two unlicensed revolvers. Police were yesterday checking the background of all the youth to ascertain whether their claims were correct.

A Police Headquarters spokesman said public should not provide shelter to unknown persons, particularly those coming from operational areas. He said the movement of any suspicious persons should be brought to the notice of the nearest police station.

(Sun - 31st January, 1987)

**Son's bomb 'Sovenir' kills ex - Army father**

Sun of February 10, reports :-

A retired Army Officer died at his Kandy residence yesterday, while examining a bomb his son had brought home from Vavuniya.

The officers's son an Advanced Level student had found the bomb during a visit to a refugee camp in Vavuniya, where he had gone with a group involved in refugee relief work

At the inquest held later, the son, Dhammika Wijesuriya (19) said he had been riding in a jeep driven by an army lieutenant when they had spotted a green coloured grenade on the road. The lieutenant had fired five rounds at it, but it had not exploded. He had then opened it and emptied some gun powder out, of it.

The lieutenant had thrown the grenade away, but the boy had recovered it and taken it home. He showed it to his mother and took it to his room. The next morning his father had gone into the room and there was a loud explosion, the son told Kandy City Coroner A M O R Fernando.

The Coroner returned an open verdict and orderd police to investigate further.

The boy's father, S. Wijesuriya, a retired army captain, was examining the bomb when it exploded, police said.

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Events from November 5 - November 26 were carried in Issue No. 25 of the Situation Report

#### NOVEMBER 27

Selvarasa Sukanthi (17), a student, shot at by sentry at Pt. Pedro army camp. She was returning to her home at Vinayagamudaliyar veethi after tuition. The bullet, said to be from a 50 'calibre' gun, pierces through her abdomen and comes out from the back. Admitted to Jaffna hospital.

Village of Kaluvankerny in Valaichchenai cordoned off by security forces and in a house-to-house "search operation". 65 youths are arrested and taken to Valaichchenai camp. After interrogation there, 51 are released whilst 14 are detained.

Office of the Asst. Govt. Agent, Sinhalese Division, Vavuniya (situated close to the Vavuniya Kachcheri barrier manned by armed personnel) set ablaze by unknown persons. Part of the buildings fully burnt.

An armoured vehicle trapped in a land mine blasted at Omanthai. Two soldiers are killed and several others injured according to official sources in Colombo. But reports from Vavuniya put the death toll at 12 soldiers. Traffic along Jaffna - Kandy Road disrupted.

A pregnant woman and a number of others arrested by the navy on the seas off the coast of Delft released from Palaly army camp.

A sea plane and a helicopter, flying fairly low, circle over Jaffna town extending up to the secretariat for about 15 minutes.

Muneeswaram Veethi and other roads around Jaffna Fort barricaded by the LTTE with old automobiles scrap and Junk, closing the openings for firing from Jaffna Fort.

#### NOVEMBER 28

Soldiers housed in the Pannai Police Married Officers' Quarters open fire towards Jaffna Telecommunication Dept. during working hours. Three members of the staff and two civilians are injured in the firing. At this sudden eruption

of firing, the staff fall flat and save themselves from being hit further. Considerable damage has been caused to windows, furniture and office equipment.

In Koddadi, helicopter opens fire at an employee who has climbed a telephone post to effect repairs. None hurt and all the employees abandon the site.

In two incidents in Sunkankerny and Kattaiparichchan villages in Muttur, 8 Tamil innocent villagers (including 2 young boys catching prawns in a riverlet) are killed by armed forces who come into these villages on "search operations".

Large number of Tamil families living around Muttur - Thopur junction area evacuate their homes on account of harassment and fear of further oppression by the armed forces who have moved into the newly opened army camp there.

Tamil families living around Sammanturai Police Station (attacked by militants last week) are being shifted to other areas (without their belongings) by the police. Batticaloa Citizens' Committee taking up their case with higher authorities.

#### NOVEMBER 29

Eight houses in Vavunar Walawu area in Kurumbacitty bomb-blasted by armed forces. Residents had evacuated these houses and moved interior months ago fearing shelling from Palaly army camp. It is reported that army took this action to counter occupation of these houses by militants and offensive action by them against the army.

Shelling from inside Jaffna Fort now shifts to Koddady over again. A 7-year old hit by shrapnel admitted to hospital with his bowels bulging. A few houses are damaged.

STF commandos on foot trapped in land mine blast in Thirukovil, Amparai. Two commandos killed on the spot. Retaliatory firing by STF commandos

on civilians in the area reported to the Batticaloa Citizens' Committee. Details of casualties not known.

An army contingent from the Thondamanaru camp coming up to Udupiddi junction attacked by LTTE militants. Gun battle goes on for nearly 2 hours and finally army retreats with number of them injured.

#### NOVEMBER 30

Armed forces out on "search operations" in Batticaloa-Kallady area arrest 50 persons including government servants and take them to Kallady camp for interrogation. Search operations are carried out in Pandiruppu and Sammanturai as well. Those arrested in these places are taken to Kaluwanchikudy camp. It is reported that among the arrested were 11 Muslim Tamil youths from the Sammanturai Technical School.

Coconut, plantain and other trees around the Omanthai army camp and along the trunk road opposite the camp cut down by army men. Services of civilians in detention in camp also utilised for cutting down, clearing and transporting work.

Soldiers in ambush in Karaitivu, Batticaloa shoot and kill a youth who takes to his heels on his mother asking him to run away, as armed forces advance towards their home in search operations.

LTTE in a statement says, that in a land mine blast in a Sinhalese colonisation settlement between Dehiwatte and Alioluwa army camps in Muttur, a jeep was destroyed and 4 soldiers were killed. Also that the remaining soldiers retreated in the gun battle that followed.

#### DECEMBER 1

A delegation from Batticaloa Trade Union Federation met the Army Coordinating Officer, Batticaloa on 29th Nov. and discussed several matters pertaining to oppressive steps taken by armed forces when dealing with

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citizens. Furnishing details in writing, the delegation informed the Co-ordinating Officer that of the Corporation employees arrested by security personnel in Batticaloa, 10 have been shot dead, 8 have disappeared and only 20 are physically in detention. The Co-ordinating Officer was also told that those arrested are put to unbearable suffering due to barbaric methods of torturing. He promised to look into the complaints and also take action to see that torturing in camps is stopped.

60 Sinhalese (including members of Human Rights Organisations and academicians) taken into custody under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. It is understood that they have been arrested on suspicion of links with northern militants.

Complaints made to President Jayawardene through Minister S. Thondaman that employment opportunities arising in estates in Maskeliya and Nuwara Eliya electorates are being denied to Tamil youths (born and bred in those estates) whilst offering such to Sinhalese. In certain estates Sinhalese are settled permanently ejecting Tamil workers.

Army convoy from Thallady camp to Murunkan camp trapped in a landmine blast at Uyilankulam. 4 soldiers are killed and 6 injured. Following this, 2 helicopters and a bomber plane circle over the site and strafe the area causing heavy damages to houses. 2 shops are ablaze.

#### DECEMBER 2

LTTE in a statement says that an Israeli speedboat was blasted to pieces by a sea mine set off by its sea commandos at Karainagar Naval Base around 12 noon yesterday. All naval personnel in the boat are reported killed.

STF commandos on their way to Eravur from Kurumbumunai army camp trapped in a landmine blast at Kiran on the Batticaloa-Valaichchenai road. Commando Mohamed Sultan Nayeem killed on the spot and 3 others injured.

According to Jaffna Traders' Association, damages in the recent shelling from inside Jaffna Fort on 25 business establishments are estimated at Rs.25 lakhs.

More than 400 STF commandos (including senior officers) arrive at Karainagar Naval base camp in 2 foreign cargo boats which had come to Colombo with goods. Gunboats provide security to these cargo boats. Immediately on arrival the commandos are flown to Palaly in helicopters.

#### DECEMBER 3

K.S. Croos of Mannar, indicted under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for failing to notify police that his brother Christie was collecting funds for liberation movements sentenced to a months rigorous imprisonment by Colombo High Court Judge H.W. Senanayake.

In Batticaloa, STF commandos engaged in search operations in Paalameenmadhu forcibly drag K. Thiagarasa (23), V. Richard (18), K. Jeyam (20) and R. Selva (19) out of their house and shoot and kill them. A house in the area is also badly damaged. Body of an unidentified youth with gun shot injuries also found lying along the coast. Over 200 people arrested and paraded to the camp for interrogation.

Lined up helicopters and bombers noticeable in the runway at the Palaly Air base as if in readiness for a war. In the course of past few days Kaduwan, Kurumbacitty and Myliddy areas had been strafed and shelled from helicopters and residents believe that those exercises are trials for a major offensive. Old people yet remaining in these villages are moving interior. There is also hive of activity at the Air base with arrivals of new aircraft and return of old ones to south.

#### DECEMBER 4

Three volunteers of Mr. Ariyaratne's Sarvodaya Movement seriously injured in a shoot-out by armed forces in Kommaturai, Batticaloa. This happened when 50 volunteers of Sarvodaya Movement were engaged in clearing work for the establishment of a Sarvodaya school. Injured admitted to hospital.

An army column from Harbour View Hotel, Kankasanturai meets soldiers from Palaly army camp at Valalai and jointly proceed to Thondamanaru camp on foot. Air cover provided by a helicopter. No untoward incidents en route. It is reported that Thondamanaru camp is being strengthened as the troops stayed put at Thondamanaru.

G.C.E. (O/L) question papers initially flown to Nainativu by helicopter taken to other examination centres in the other Islands in boats hoisting white flags, from Nainativu army camp.

Employees at Lanka Cements Ltd., faint as two bombs guided from Harbour View Hotel explode within the premises of the former. It is reported that these may be tear gas bombs.

Employees of Police office within Jaffna Fort (specially women employees) protest against checking by armed forces and keep away in the afternoon informing Police higher ups.

Andythevan (40) who returns to his house at Thondamanaru (which he evacuated with his family when the army came out of the camp few days back) is arrested by soldiers who wait in ambush. The soldiers were in ambush in the manioc plantation where he had gone to uproot manioc plants.

#### DECEMBER 5

A cargo boat arrives in Colombo harbour with three containers full of arms. It is understood that the arms were transferred on to another vessel that left for the north immediately. Arms are also being sent to north and east by helicopters and planes.

A delegation of Buddhist monks led by SLMP Secretary Vijaya Kumaranarunga arrives in Jaffna for discussions with LTTE regarding release of soldiers captured in the Adampan clash. 12 relatives of the soldiers also come with the delegation.

Senior army officials who have had direct talks with LTTE transferred out of Jaffna Fort by the Government.

Colombo daily 'The Island' reports that security forces on Thursday seized a large haul of ammunition while being ferried across the Palk Strait in a high powered boat.

#### DECEMBER 6

LTTE rejects appeals by Buddhist monks, SLMP leader and relatives for the unilateral release of the soldiers captured by them in the Adampan clash.

Vijaya Kumaranarunga and his group

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are taken round Jaffna town in 3 vehicles. LTTE guerrillas escort them. The group visits Durgai Amman Temple, Tellippalai and the Cathedral, Jaffna and offer prayers.

Three violent incidents in Batticaloa:-

(1) Bus from Jaffna on its way to Kalmunai, after dropping passengers at Batticaloa, shot at opposite Kaluwanchikudi STF camp last night. Conductor Ratnasingam (23), Mahendran (23) and 2 more unidentified victims killed on the spot. Driver Rajadurai (47), Diwakar (19), Maheswary (40), her daughter Leela (17) and Jegatheeswaran (24) injured and admitted to hospital.

(2) At about 2.45 a.m. an armed gang opens fire at the office of the Home Guards at Kattankudi and kill 8 Home Guards, the wife and daughter of an officer in the Home Guards service. House of 2nd M.P for Batticaloa lying next to the office of the Home Guards also attacked.

(3) At 4.45 a.m. a C.T.B. bus on its way from Batticaloa to Kalmunai shot at and set on fire. Wijeratnam (Driver), Gopalakrishnan (Conductor), Suntheralingam (Conductor) and mechanics Sinnathurai, Rajagopal, Rajendran, Krishnamoorthy, Joseph, Yogarajah Yoganthan, Suntheralingam and Meganathan (all C.T.B. employees) killed.

Curfew imposed in Batticaloa from 3 p.m. to 6 a.m. tomorrow.

#### DECEMBER 7

Security forces out on search operations in Sambaltivu and Kuchchaveli shoot and kill a retired Grama Sevaka Officer, a young woman and her husband. Five fishermen who go out to sea in a fishing boat shot at and killed by armed forces. Their boat and nets burnt.

Vijay Kumaranatunga and his group leave north on their return to Colombo escorted by LTTE guerrillas up to Elephant Pass.

Twenty three Tamil youths in areas in Chekku street, Chetty street and Kathiresan Veethi in Colombo arrested in a dawn swoop by the police. Taken to Fort police for interrogation. It is understood that these youths have come to Colombo to obtain Passports and go abroad.

In Batticaloa, G.A., takes all steps to

de-escalate tension co-ordinating transport for G.C.E. (O/L) examination to be conducted tomorrow. He has asked the Army Co-ordinating Officer to provide security to personnel taking examination papers to centres and conducting examinations.

#### DECEMBER 8

No public transport along Batticaloa-Kalmunai road for the third day. One or two private vehicles seen proceeding towards Kalmunai in the evening.

C.T.B. employees in Batticaloa district stage a token strike condemning and protesting against the killings of their colleagues attached to Kattankudi Depot and also mourning their death.

Co-ordinating Officer Brigadier Kobekaduwa summons officer-in-charge of Omanthai army camp and 2 of his men for full scale inquiries into a complaint that a young woman was molested by them when they went out on "search operations". At the inquiry, the Brigadier is informed that army men on search operations, are inquiring for young women as they enter houses for search.

A boat engaged in regular surveillance between Karainagar naval base and Ooroondy coast hit by a sea mine laid by Tamil Eelam Army and is destroyed. Four army men perish with the boat.

#### DECEMBER 9

Eastern Region Transport Board, Batticaloa decides payment of (i) full salary to next of kin of permanent employees till age of 55, and (ii) reasonable compensation to next of kin of temporary employees of the Kattankudi Depot gunned down on the 6th by Home Guards.

In Valvettiturai, M. Ratnakumar (25) seriously injured when sentries at Valvettiturai camp open fire at his fishing boat that drifts close to camp because of heavy seas. His two companions successfully steer the boat and bring him ashore. Admitted to hospital for surgical treatment.

In Thirukovil, Amparai District, mother Rosammah (40) and son Pathmanathan (20) tied to lamp post and shot dead by militants for alleged anti social activities.

G.C.E. (O/L) examination not held in Kattankudi, Paddirippu, Puthukudiyiruppu, Kirankulam areas because of continuing tension following violent incidents on 6th in Kattankudi. Public transport at a standstill as C.T.B. employees are yet to return to work.

#### DECEMBER 10

At a Peace Conference held at Town Hall, Batticaloa. Sam Thambimuttu, Secretary of Batticaloa Citizen's Committee demands a judicial inquiry into the killings on the 6th of Kattankudi Depot C.T.B. employees and institute legal action against those involved. Also to withdraw fire-arms supplied to the Home Guards.

Stones flung at a private coach coming from Colombo (on its way to Jaffna) at Marawila last night. Driver and another injured. The 42 passengers in the coach alight and continue the journey in another coach that arrives Jaffna late in the day. The damaged coach belongs to a private organisation in Jaffna.

Soldiers from Mullaitivu camp who go on foot cordon off Kumarapuram, Mamoolai and arrest more than 150. It is reported that young and families women were molested by the army men under guise of searching of houses. Those arrested taken to camp for interrogation.

Armed forces surround Thambuluwila and arrest more than 300 persons including G.C.E. (O/L) candidates, in vigilators and Govt. officers. Despite their explanations, army refused to release them.

Another 400 persons including 40 G.C.E. (O/L) candidates arrested in Kalmunai by armed forces.

#### DECEMBER 11

95 Tamils - children, youths, women and men - on their way to India in "vallams" arrested by navy are detained at Zahira College Hostel, Puttalam. They are under the care of G. A. Puttalam and provided security by the police.

LTTE guerrillas "cannon charge" army men out on inspection in Vahaveri, on foot, in Batticaloa. Two die on the spot and 4 injured. The rest returning to camp with casualties shell civilian areas.

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Train carrying commandos to Batticaloa fired at by Tamil militants between Eravur and Valaichchenai. Three commandos are killed and 2 injured. The commandos return fire but train proceeded without stopping.

LTTE guerrillas "cannon charge" STF commandos who were on their inspection rounds at 5th mile post, Kalmunai Veethi, Batticaloa. Two commandos are killed and 2 are injured. Following this incident, STF commandos go on a rampage and shoot and kill and take into custody over 50 persons including the correspondent of a Colombo newspaper.

#### DECEMBER 12

Armed forces arrest E. Santhakumar of 2nd Division, Kalmunai just 2 hours before his marriage. Despite his relatives pleading and showing the bridal arrangements already made army took the bridegroom away to camp.

Sri Lankan navy men are airlifted to Israel for training in "Frogmen exercises".

Fr. Aparanam Singarayer arrived at Palaly Air base in an Air Force plane yesterday and met his mother. He was with her for 2 hours.

Surveillance by naval speed boats covering the northern coast between Karainagar and Nagarkovil intensified.

Shell aimed at a LTTE bunker from Valvettiturai army camp lands in an adjoining compound and explodes injuring 3 labourers working there. All 3 admitted to hospital.

Anti-Prabhakaran leaflets dropped from helicopter in Jaffna town.

#### DECEMBER 13

Militants open fire at Police truck on patrol near Karavai Pillayar temple in Kalmunai boundary. One Sub Inspector and 2 constables are killed on the spot.

Police commandos who arrive at the site of incident enter the temple, set it on fire and go in a rampage into the Kalmunai town killing 4 persons, burning 15 shops, houses, cars and 3 mills. Three of those killed are Muslim Tamils. Unofficial curfew clamped from 11 a.m.

Following above incidents, A.R. Mansoor, M.P. for Kalmunai flies into Batticaloa from Colombo. Batticaloa Citizens' Committee in a telegram to the President requests public inquiry into the killings of civilians and destruction of property by the STF commandos. More than 600 Tamil families flee town and seek shelter in Kalmunai Wesley College.

More than 1500 Tamil estate workers from Galgor estate Dickoya stage a strike, without Trade Union affiliations, protesting vehemently against settling Sinhalese from outside and appointing them as Kanganies (Supervisors) notwithstanding the fact that suitable persons were available among them for such posts.

#### DECEMBER 14

STF commandos arrest more than 200 persons in search operations in Mattikali, Amirthakali areas in Mukathuwaram in Batticaloa and take them to camp. Thambirasa (55) fishing in the Batticaloa lagoon shot dead, Four more missing. It is feared that they might have drowned.

Losses arising out of the violent incidents and arson at Kalmunai yesterday are estimated in the region of 40 lakhs, Mr. Mansoor personally calls on those affected and console them promising to take action to obtain compensation from Govt, to them. He inspects the sites destroyed.

N. Prem (17) injured in shell attack from inside Palaly army camp yesterday evening admitted to Jaffna hospital. A temple in this area too damaged in the shelling.

Members of National Christian Movement from the South who arrive in Jaffna visit Jaffna hospital and see for themselves damages to the buildings caused by shelling from inside Jaffna Fort.

#### DECEMBER 15

STF commandos on patrol shoot and kill three Tamils returning home carrying grass bundles they had cut along the river bank in Thambiluvila.

Thousands of troops from Anuradhapura and Vavuniya army camps moving towards the north. As they arrive

at Omanthai, private coaches from Colombo coming behind them are stopped. While a few soldiers mix with passengers in coaches, most passengers are asked to alight from their coaches and join the troops in the long march thus utilising them as human shields. More than 50 armoured cars loaded with barbed wire, tarpaulin for camping and other accessories accompany the troops. Helicopters and sea planes provide air cover, Troops open fire at certain points, It is reported a few civilians received injuries in the firing and cattle killed. Last reports indicate that the troops are now past Puliyankulam and approaching Kilinochchi.

Because of troop movements between Vavuniya and Mankulam, connecting buses from Jaffna to callaladevi at Vavuniya are delayed. Army Co-ordinating Officer, Vavuniya on being contacted and told, arranges for departure of Yaldevi only after arrival of the buses in Vavuniya.

#### DECEMBER 16

Muslims in the Amparai District (including Kalmunai) observe hartal condemning the brutalities of the Police commandos 10 days ago in Kalmunai. Town of Kalmunai totally deserted. Minister of Transport M.H. Mohamed who flies into Kalmunai, in the company of A.R. Mansoor, M.P. for Kalmunai, to meet those who were affected and see for himself the damages caused returns to Colombo without meeting any civilians because of the hartal.

In a cricket match at Nagasenai, 5 miles from Talawakelle, (in which Sinhalese and Tamils participate) stones are thrown at Tamils by Sinhalese supporters as the Tamils are about to win the game. A clash ensues and 25 persons are injured. Buses and other vehicles are stoned. Transport between Talawakelle and Nuwara Eliya is suspended. Unofficial curfew is imposed in the Police area.

Police commandos on search operations shoot and kill Chandiran (24) Subramaniam Kumar (19), Velu Mari-muttu (34) and Karuppiyah Palaniyandy (29) (the latter two of Indian origin) at Pillaiyaradi, Polonnaruwa District. Five more Tamils are injured and admitted to Polonnaruwa hospital. Two houses

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belonging to Tamils of Indian origin set ablaze

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In Jaffna, soldiers from Fort garrison come towards Gurunagar along Beach Road, on foot. As they approach warehouses, militants mount offensive and a gun battle ensues. After a while, soldiers retreat into camp. Residents of Beach Road and customs area evacuate their homes and take shelter in church. In bazaar, shops put up shutters, people rush into hospital for safety and transport vehicles disappear. At about this time, a plastic boat with soldiers appears in the lagoon raising tension. Militants take positions to defend.

Militants "cannon charge" an armoured convoy with soldiers following on foot at Kilavankulam, Kokkavil. Eight soldiers killed and many more injured.

Armed forces on foot patrolling duty in Batticaloa shoot and kill M. Ratnam (20) of Navalkerni. In search operations in Kaluwanchikudi more than 100 persons are arrested.

Appathurai (67), seriously injured in the shelling from inside Valvettiturai army camp on Oorikadu. Admitted to hospital.

#### DECEMBER 18

STF commandos from the Kaluwanchikudi camp detect and detonate a buried landmine at Karainagar junction after a search extending over 1 hour. Because of search operations vehicular traffic along Karainagar - Sammanturai road is held up with transport to Kalmunai, Amparai and Akkaraipattu at a standstill.

Over 150 soldiers from Elephant Pass camp attempt to walk into the peninsula via the heavy grown bushes of Kurinjativu. LTTE guerrillas mount offensive and gun battle ensues. A soldier is killed and several injured. Army men retreat into camp carrying the casualties. Once inside the camp, mortar shells are fired. Guerrillas retaliate. A helicopter circles over the site of confrontation several times.

Transport beyond Iyakkachchi and vehicles coming into the peninsula

from Paranthan end held up because of the gun battle at Kurinjativu.

Soldiers from Jaffna Fort fire at S. Gnanasubramaniam (30) of Kokuvil and Mr. Jambuthesan (30) who cross Main Street. Both seriously injured and admitted to Jaffna hospital.

A helicopter gunship opens fire at militants travelling in a vehicle in the jungles of Poovarasankulam. Militants retaliate. Helicopter hit and damaged. Pilot and his mate are injured. Helicopter hurriedly returns to base at Vavuniya. Injured taken to Colombo in another helicopter for treatment.

Shell fired from Karainagar Naval camp alights on Dr. A. Thiagarajah Mahavidyalayam and causes damages to upstairs. Students sitting G.C.E. (O/L) examination in the ground floor room escape from this hit

#### DECEMBER 19

Swapping of the two soldiers captured by LTTE in the Adampan clash for two Tiger fighters takes place in Jaffna amidst public jubilation. Lalith Athulathmudali, Minister of National Security, General Cyril Ranatunge, C.W.C. of armed forces, former army commander Sepala Attygalle are present at the army camp on the occasion of the handing over of Tiger fighters to Jaffna commander Krishnakumar (kittu) in front of Palaly army camp. Captured soldiers are handed over to military at Jaffna Fort garrison in front of Jaffna Fort. Mr. Vincent Perera, M.P. for Yatiyantota, Capt. Kotelawala of the Fort garrison and Colombo based journalists are present. A short ceasefire covering the swapping episode observed by both sides.

LTTE guerrillas in ambush launch attack on patrol party at a point 200 yards from Pankulam army camp. 3 air force men, 1 reserve police officer and 3 Sinhalese Home Guards are killed. 2 policemen are seriously injured. 3 AK 47 rifles, 1 SLR rifle and several shot guns are captured.

#### DECEMBER 20

Sellathurai Chinthamany (80), who accidentally goes close to the Valvettiturai army camp is shot dead by soldiers within the camp. LTTE guerrillas recover body late in the evening in the midst of imminent danger and hand

it over to relatives.

Reinforcements arrive at Pankulam army camp following the killings of personnel by LTTE guerrillas yesterday.

The 95 persons, on their way to India as refugees, arrested off the Mannar seas on Dec 11th and accommodated in Zahira College, Puttalam released after investigations. Brought to Eerapperiyakulam under heavy security and handed over to a Govt. official from Vavuniya Kachcheri who is making arrangements to send them to their respective destinations in Mannar and Jaffna.

#### DECEMBER 21

Over 200 soldiers of the "Eagle" regiment arrive in the North for the first time in a ship at Kankasanturai. Immediately on arrival, they are marched out and they proceed to Palaly on foot escorted by soldiers of the regular army at Kankasanturai.

In Urummalai, Talaimannar, militants attack armed forces on patrolling duty. Forces return fire. No casualties.

Parts of helicopter hit and damaged on 18th exhibited for public view in Poovarasankulam - Residents who evacuated following the incident return to their homes. Damaged helicopter is under repairs at Vavuniya Air base.

People of Vadamarachchi monitor a 'mysterious' telecast in their T.V. sets. When latest Tamil films are on the small screen Sinhalese dialogues at intervals are also heard. Listeners are wondering whether the telecasts are from an army camp.

Railway track at Thandikulam bomb blasted to prevent train services being extended to Kilinochchi. Extensive damage to track with 20 sleepers blown off. This strident explosion heard over several miles causing tension in Vavuniya.

#### DECEMBER 22

In Palaly, LTTE guerrillas "cannon charge" a contingent of over 100 soldiers marching along Beach Road from Palaly army camp to Thondamanaru army camp. Immediately following this "cannon charge" both sides engage in cross fire. Finally, army retreats unable to withstand militant fire power.

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Helicopter arrives and circles over site and strafes the militant front. Militants open fire at helicopter that flies away. Strawn helmets seen at site of "cannon charge" makes one to believe that either some soldiers had been killed or at least injured in the attack.

Soldiers from Fort garrison come out on foot along the Telecommunications Dept. and attempt to open fire on LTTE sentry. Militants retaliate, with continuous "cannon charge" till they retreat into the Fort. Meantime helicopter comes out and strafes the area but hurriedly flies back on militants firing at it.

Direct confrontation between militants and armed forces at Kommathurai on Batticaloa - Valaichchenai road. Because of this, vehicles from Batticaloa to Valaichchenai terminate at Chenkalladi and vehicles from Valaichchenai to Batticaloa terminate at Vantharumoolai.

Shell fired from inside Jaffna Fort explodes within Pannai hospital. Several sections of the hospital heavily damaged.

#### DECEMBER 23

Tamil Eelam Army in a statement says that a boat carrying 6 navymen from Karainagar Naval base moving along Kayts coast on patrol hits a sea-mine laid by them. Boat blasted and all 6 navymen killed.

In Vavuniya, unknown persons armed with modern weapons and in army uniform enter houses of Gnanapiragasam, Mylvaganam and Sithamparapillai in Vavuniya. Mannar road last night and rob cash jewels and other valuable items.

Armed forces on foot from Palaly army camp on their way to Kankesanturai army camp dismantle cadjan fences and walk through house compounds boisterously plucking and munching away fruits that meet their eyes. Residents alarmed as soldiers in their routine turn round between these camps never trespass in to compounds. Tension in Myliddy, Oorani and Kankesanturai areas.

#### DECEMBER 24

Minister for National Security declares ceasefire for Christmas calling upon militants to respond. Jaffna LTTE Regional Commander Kittu on being

questioned on this told an International News Agency: "why only for Christmas! Ceasefire could be observed daily if S.L. forces remain inside their camps and stop attacks on our people" Meantime, LTTE announces a day's ceasefire for Christmas provided army is confined to barracks.

Church leaders in North and East welcome the ceasefire. Hundreds of people flood into Jaffna town to purchase clothes, fancy articles, sweets and other food items for celebrating of Christmas, free from fear of shelling from inside Fort garrison and strafing from helicopter gunships.

Army attends to repairs to railway track blasted by unknown persons at Thandykulam. They reach site of damage walking along railway track.

Over 50 soldiers occupying Peoples' Bank in Mannar, disguised as Civilians, attempt to come out crawling from behind bushes. Retreat on being detected and attacked by grenade by militant sentry.

#### DECEMBER 25

Colombo High Court Judge K.Vikarajah sentences Seguwan Paramanathan of Lerudsdale Estate, Ragalla to 9 months rigorous imprisonment. He has been indicted under the Prevention of Terrorism Act of having failed to inform Police that Moorthy of Pussellawa was engaged in terrorist activities.

In Oddusuddan, cows grazing in lands around army camp are shot and carried away to camp almost daily. Meat distributed to other camps from Oddusuddan camp in helicopters. Because of drought and failure of agricultural produce, people are looking to milk production for their livelihood. As such they are much grieved at these atrocious acts.

Soldiers from Valvettiturai army camp crawling behind garden crops attempt to come out to raise a sand bag bunker in the southern end. LTTE sentry warns them over a loudspeaker reminding them of the ceasefire and firing 3 shots in the air. Soldiers retreat into camp and start shelling and firing from within. LTTE refrains from firing because of the ceasefire.

#### DECEMBER 26

LTTE guerrillas mount offensive on a convoy of over 100 soldiers from Mullaitivu camp who come up to 3rd mile post, Mulliyawalai in 5 trucks. Gun-battle ensues and goes on for nearly 20 minutes. Unable to withstand the firing from the militants, convoy firing indiscriminately on both sides reverses and returns to camp.

A lorry with 45 barrels of diesel oil on its way to Jaffna from Vavuniya is shelled from a camp close to Mulliyawalai and is ablaze. Driver and cleaner escape and run into jungles.

A checkpoint opened opposite Omanthai army camp. Passengers to Colombo subjected to severe check and thus miss train at Vavuniya. This has become a routine matter and invariably passengers spend 24 hours more at Vavuniya to catch train to Colombo.

#### DECEMBER 27

A good-will mission from Colombo led by Govt. M.P. Mr Vincent Perera meets LTTE Regional Commander Kittu and others at the Development Council, Kankesanturai and holds discussions for nearly 2 hours. At a Press Conference after the discussions Kittu rules out possibilities of talks with the Govt. when more than 3000 innocent Tamils are behind bars. He however added that goodwill missions would be always welcome.

Disturbing the peace that prevailed from the morning, a helicopter strafes Kadduwan, Kurumbacitty areas to provide security to 2 bomber planes and a sea plane that land in Palaly Air base yesterday evening. In the strafing Mrs. Ratnawathy (31), is hit and admitted to Tellippali hospital.

Colombo newspaper "Island" reports of an exodus of Indian Tamils from mid-country plantation areas, where they are outnumbered by an increasingly volatile Sinhalese peasantry, towards Nuwara Eliya the only hill country district where Tamils are predominant. This has been noted by a recent study by the Peradeniya University Sociology Dept. on the emerging patterns of ethnic segregation in the plantation areas.



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LTTE guerrillas foil attempt by about 50 soldiers attempting to come out from Valvettiturai army camp (in the very early hours of the day) via the eastern wing, coastal fortification into Aaladi Veethi mounting offensive at both points. Unable to withstand, soldiers retreat into camp and fire shells into civilian areas. Residents disturbed in their slumber, run helter-skelter looking for shelter. Militants, retaliate firing 6" mortars into camp. Casualties within camp not known. One of the shells fired from camp hits house belonging to Valvai Sivan Temple Trustee. Another alights near the well of one Inthiran and damages water pump and accessories. This cross shelling goes on for nearly forty-five minutes.

Athi Koneswar Temple in Tambalakamam stands desecrated since occupation by armed forces in Sept 86. Devotees shun the temple and offer no poojas.

Army arrests Miss. Rajakala Mahadevan an alleged EPRLF activist at Kaluwanchchikudi.

In two shooting incidents in Batticaloa, armed forces kill an unidentified Tamil youth at Kurumanveli and a villager in Eravur. In the Eravur incident, it is reported that a grenade was flung at soldiers walking along the railway track at Thevapuram.

Ceasefire extended by another 24 hours

A lorry, load of provisions meant for Periyakulam army camp in Mannar waylaid and robbed in Anuradhapura. A soldier and 5 youths arrested.

#### DECEMBER 29

In Kilinochchi, over 300 soldiers on foot accompanied by nearly 20 vehicles (including armoured cars) from Kilinochchi army camp come upto Paranthan Farm in an attempt to establish effective control in the area. LTTE guerrillas mount offensive and engage in gunbattle for nearly 7 hours and force the contingent to retreat. 5 soldiers are killed. Retreating soldiers fire indiscriminately and kill 6 innocent civilians. LTTE salutes its fighters Lt. Christie (Petchchimuttu-Jaffna) and Jackson (Jayachandiran-Vathuri) who too are killed in this confrontation.

Buses and coaches from Jaffna carrying passengers to Vavuniya and Colombo respectively, return without proceeding beyond Kurunjavivu because of army-LTTE confrontation near Paranthan Farm.

Refugees returning from South India in 3 boats arrested by navy men. Women and children handed over to G. A. Mannar after interrogation. Men taken to army camps for further investigations.

#### DECEMBER 30

In Uyilankulam a contingent of soldiers accompanied by armoured vehicles from Murunkan camp trapped in a landmine blast. 5 soldiers are killed and an armoured vehicle destroyed. Many are injured, 6 civilians are also killed in the army firing immediately after the blast. A few minutes later, whilst a helicopter circles over the site of the blast, another helicopter lands at site, picks up the dead and injured and flies away.

Over 50 soldiers from Valvettiturai army camp accompanied by armoured vehicles (for security) come towards Mailyadanai on foot firing mortar shells. LTTE guerrillas "cannon charge" in return. The exchange goes on for over an hour and the soldiers retreat into camp carrying away casualties. According to LTTE sources 3 fighters sustain minor injuries.

Police arrest 4 militants (including a woman) in an estate line-room in Madulsima, Badulla. Said to be members of EPRLF and coming from Thirukovil in the Eastern Province. One of them, Nallathamby, commits suicide taking cyanide on arrest. The others are Arulanantham, Sivalingam and Miss. Punyamoorthi. Two estate labourers who accommodated them are also taken into custody.

#### DECEMBER 31

Helicopter gunship strafes Tellippalai, Kurumbacitty and Kadduwan areas the whole day. 13 year old Yamuna Arasakesary hit in the strafing dies with her brain smashed. 11 year old E. Krishnkumar, who has gone for treatment at Tellippalai hospital, seeing Yamuna's smashed brain dies of shock. In the strafing several persons are injured and admitted to hospital. Num-

ber of houses are also damaged. Area surrounding Tellippalai hospital also strafed around 8 p.m. according to reports received late.

Over 200 soldiers from Thallady army camp cordon off Mannar town and take into custody more than 500 persons, irrespective of age, and march them over to Mannar Fort for interrogation.

Over a hundred women observe Satyagraha' opposite Asst Govt. Agents office, Akkarai pattu protesting over the harassment by STF commandos who come into Kalladi and Oorani villages on "search operations" A complaint in this respect also made to Chairman, Citizens' committee, Batticaloa, Mr. Sam Thambi-muttu.

#### JANUARY 1

A helicopter gunship circles repeatedly over junctions in Jaffna town round about 12 noon. This is followed by a sea plane and a bomber, circling over Jaffna town. These crafts that circled for over 15 minutes fly away towards Palaly. Tension prevails in town.

Villages around Palaly Air base strafed from helicopter gunship today as well. It is reported that to-days' strafing is to provide security to new air craft arriving at Palaly Air Base for combat. Shells are also fired from Palaly and Vasavilan camps towards civilian areas. One person injured and admitted to hospital.

Armed forces out on "search operations" in Kumburupitty, Nilaveli, Kinniya, Sambaltivu villages demolish and set ablaze houses deserted by Tamils owing to ethnic disturbances. Also arrest nearly 200 persons (including those in refugee camp) and take them to army camp.

Lorries and bowsers, carrying fuel to the North held up at Anuradhapura and Madawachchiya. - G.A. Jaffna to whom representations are made contacts Brigadier Wanasinghe who promises to look into the matter.

#### JANUARY 2

Soldiers from Jaffna Fort and Mandaitivu camps wait in ambush in Allai-pitti to attack fishermen, fishing in the lagoon, and grab their catch. Guerrillas

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on local information scare them away opening fire at them.

In Mathagal, helicopters strafe, a motor launch coming towards the coast, for nearly 2 hours. Residents within firing range flee in fear. Militants hearing of this arrive at site and fire at helicopters chasing them away.

Minister of National Security visits camps at Elephant Pass and Kilinochchi. He speaks to bus passengers and drivers of lorries at Elephant Pass barrier. At about this time, troops from Oddusuddan camp accompanied by 15 army vehicles, move on foot, towards Vavuniya. Because of this troop movement, nearly 750 passengers from Jaffna, fail to reach Vavuniya in time to catch Yal Devi to Colombo. They are accommodated at Suddanantha Hindu Youth centre at Vavuniya for the night.

Government suspends fuel supplies beyond Elephant Pass.

Residents of Iruthayapuram, Mukathuwaram and Kallady villages evacuate to other areas following the opening of army camp at Oorani, Batticaloa. Complaints have already been made with Citizens' Committee, Batticaloa, that soldiers from this camp harass the people under guise of search, arrest males and take them to camp and also attempt to molest women when males are not at home.

53 youths arrested in village settlements lying close to the railway station, Batticaloa and taken to army camp at Oorani.

#### JANUARY 3

On LTTE guerrillas mounting offensive on a contingent of over 75 soldiers from Kilinochchi army camp at Karadipokku junction the contingent retreats to camp. Following this incident, helicopter gunship strafes the area around Karadipokku junction

Three more STF camps are opened in Eastern Province at a cost of 40 lakhs. These are in addition to the now existing STF camps at Kaluwanchikudi, Thirukovil, Akkaraipattu, Kallady, Kiran, Morakkottancheni, Karadiyanaru, Oorani and Vavunativu. It is believed that there are more than 1500 commandos in these camps.

More intensive checks on passengers at Elephant Pass barrier since the last two days. Bus services to distant places are unduly delayed causing much strain and anxiety to travellers.

Minister of National Security visits Elephant Pass camp for the second time and personally sees for himself the working of the economic blockade on the peninsula. 22 lorries carrying firewood denied entry into the peninsula and lined up in the saltern premises.

#### JANUARY 4

Mossad instructors at Diyatalawa Training camp seriously injured when imparting training. Taken to army hospital in Colombo by helicopter.

Three shells fired from inside Jaffna Fort between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. alight in bazaar area and explode. Fortunately no casualties.

Shelling from Navatkuli resumes after a long lapse. Kaithady is the prime target and shelling goes on for 45 minutes.

12 lorries bringing diesel oil in barrels to the North from Colombo without permit detained at the Vavuniya army camp.

More than 1500 bullet proof chest coats flown into Jaffna on orders of Joint Operations Commander Cyril Ranatunge. Observers believe that this is a sign for a major offensive in the North by the armed forces.

#### JANUARY 5

Because of the fuel ban, bus services run by Northern Region Transport Board grinds to a halt in the Peninsula. Very few private coaches seen on the roads. Agriculture, fishing and health services are likely to be very badly hit.

In Manchathoduwai, Batticaloa, P. Komahan (20), K. Manoharan (24), father of a child, P. Rasenthiran (24) married just 6 months, T. Ravichandran (24) father of a 7 month old child and V. Coristopher (24) whose wife is expecting are gunned down by STF commandos. All five of them are tappers from Navakuda who took to their heels along with other members of the public when militants flung hand grenade on a patrolling

party of STF commandos.

LTTE guerrillas engage in gunbattle with about 50 soldiers who had come upto Kattuwan junction from Palaly camp. Armed forces retreat to camp after 4 hours of cross firing. Whilst the fight was on, helicopters arrive at site and open fire. Raji (Krishnakumar) from the LTTE is killed.

An urgent appeal has been made by the the Co-ordinating Committee of Citizens' Committees in the Jaffna district to the International Red Cross to intercede and persuade Sri Lanka Government to lift the economic blockade on humanitarian grounds. It pointed out that the Government's action of banning movement of petrol, diesel, kerosene and firewood into the peninsula is a prelude to bring in a state of famine and misery to the people. It pleaded that such action has grievously hit transport, school services, homes for the aged, Deaf and Blind voluntary social organisations, refugees camps in the peninsula.

Armed forces on 'search operations' in Oorani, Batticaloa torture 56 year old Kanagamma, mother of 2 sons. She is held into a well upside down by her legs for more than ten minutes and later taken out and tied to a tree. Neighbours untie her and put her at ease once the soldiers leave. Her crime is that she told the armed forces that she doesn't know where her sons are when enquired.

#### JANUARY 6

In Talawakelle yesterday Police open fire at Tamil estate workers who demonstrate in connection with the disappearance of Trade Union leader Shehaiya. Three are killed and 18 injured. 3 seriously injured transferred to Nuwara Eliya hospital. Demonstrating mob sets fire to Tea Research Institute. 3 houses and 3 shops belonging to Sinhalese also set ablaze. Security in Talawakalle intensified.

Petroleum Corporation arranging for regaining possession of the 12 lorry loads of diesel oil (in barrel) that was on its way to the North and held up at Vavuniya army camp because of the Government ban.

*TIRU received the following communication from New York*

## **THE CHARTER FOR AFLOTE**

### **Activists For the Liberation Of Tamil Eelam**

The Genocidal war against the Tamils of Sri Lanka by the Sinhala Government has necessitated the consolidation of the expatriate Tamils of Sri Lanka to free their homeland from the oppressors and to live with dignity, justice, and peace. To achieve this end, the 'AFLOTE' was inaugurated in New York on January 31st 1987, and those assembled fully endorsed the following tenets.

1) We pledge to carry the Torch of Freedom passed on to the new generation of Tamils by the resolution unanimously passed by the Tamils at Vaddukodai, Jaffna in, 1976.

2) we pledge to adhere firmly to the inviolate political mandate given to

the Tamil leadership at the general elections of 1977 based on the Vaddukodai Resolution to restore the legitimate rights of the Tamils of Tamil Eelam.

3) Cognizant of the fact that the Parliamentary process of the Tamils has since collapsed due to the repressive policies of the Sri Lankan Government resulting in a leadership vacuum, and in view of the fact that the Sri Lankan Government is embarked on military oppression of the Tamils, depriving them of the basic Human Rights and democratic process of protest, we pledge wholeheartedly to support the patriotic forces that have become operative and been legitimized by various Governments including that of Sri Lanka at Thimpu in July 1985, and thereafter

4) Of these patriotic forces, at present we recognize the dynamic leadership of Mr. Velupillai Prabhakaran and endorse him as a National Leader to lead the National struggle for Tamil Eelam.

5) On the birth of the new nation state of Tamil Eelam, we truthfully respect the 'will of the people' to frame their own Constitution and Government and fully support the Government of Tamil Eelam in the task of nation building. This we solemnly undertake without any vested interest whatsoever.

6) We fully subscribe to the following nonnegotiable four cardinal principles enunciated at Thimpu on the 13th of July 1985.

1. Recognition of the Tamils of Sri Lanka as a Nation.

2). Recognition of the existence of an identified homeland for the Tamils in Sri Lanka.

3. Recognition of the right to self determination of the Tamil Nation

4. Recognition of the right to citizenship and the fundamental rights of all Tamils who look upon the Island as their country.

7) We will work towards a Sovereign Secular Nation of Tamil Eelam, which shall secure to all its citizens social, economic and political justice, and equality of status and opportunity.

8) while upholding the above tenets, we will oppose any alternative to Tamil Eelam.

9) We pledge our wholehearted support to assist in every respect any leadership that will restore the numerical strength of the Tamils depleted by the armed forces, retrieve every square inch of the traditional homelands of the Tamils and restore the rights of the Plantation Tamils. We also pledge to prepare our future generations to continue the struggle until the goal of Tamil Eelam is achieved.

10) In the event of another holocaust as members of the Tamil community of the world, we warn the Sinhala racist regime that we would retaliate appropriately to meet this challenge.

**LONG LIVE THAMIL  
EELAM**

### **Abductions of Eelam Tamils in Tamil Nadu**

A recent spate of abductions of Ceylon Tamils for ransom in Tamil Nadu has been condemned by the Organisation for the Protection of the Tamils of Eelam from Genocide and other violations of Human Rights (ProTEG). The Co-ordinator for India - ProTEG, Mr.S.C. Chandrasaran, in a Press statement issued on 10th February 1987, says:-

"We are deeply disturbed by the recent spate of abductions of Ceylon Tamils for ransom both in Tamil Nadu and in the Tamil Homeland in Ceylon. In Tamil Nadu these acts are said to be indulged in by Ceylon Tamil youths travelling in cars and armed with modern automatic weapons. They barge into the house of the selected victim rob the valuables in the house and even severely assault the protesting wife or children or other relatives of the victim before taking him away by force. The inhuman and barbarous demand for ransom of very large sums of money is then made over the phone or by letter coupled with the threat of murder of the victim if the police are informed.

"We vehemently condemn these acts of pure terrorism which are totally alien to the rich and noble tradition and culture of the Tamil People. Those who are fighting a heroic and relentless battle for liberation of a People to safeguard them from genocide and other gross violations of human rights, cannot themselves be perpetrators of violations of the fundamental human rights, particularly the right to life, property and free movement of the individual, whether in Ceylon or elsewhere. If they do, they cannot be termed freedom fighters. These barbaric and soul-searing acts would enrage the presently sympathetic and supportive People of Tamil Nadu and the world over and turn them overtly against not only the liberation struggle but also the suffering Eelam Tamils. ....

"Meanwhile, we appeal to Governments of India and Tamil Nadu to take strong and urgent steps to apprehend the offenders and bring them to book. Stern action against them, far from being misconstrued, will be welcomed and viewed as disciplining the lawless and assisting the process of true liberation struggle.....

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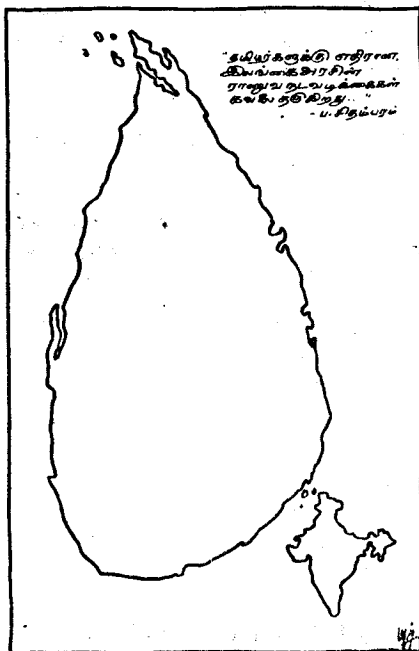
Another Anti - India Cartoon in Sri Lankan Media



(Island - 12th 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 :-



Cartoon in Tamil Nadu weekly- ANANDA VIKATAN 8 - 2 - 87

**SIVAKAMASOUNDARI AMMA** - wife of late Dr. P. Selvanayagam (Mullaitivu), mother of Sahadevan, Kadachary and late Siriharan. Cremation at Geneaal cemetery, Kanatte on 11th February 1987. 22, Alexandra Road, Wellawatte, Colombo - 6.

**ARUMAINAYAGAM** - Daisy Selvaranee, wife of late Arumainayagam of Teliippalai, mother of Jebanayagam, Nancy, Kirupakaran, Karuna, Aruljothy and Arulrajan. Cremation at General cemetery, Kanatte on 15th February 1987. 19, Railway Housing Estate, Deme-togoda, Colombo - 10.

**THIAGARAJAH** - Paramanathan, Warrant Officer. Funeral at General cemetery, Homagama on 5th February 1987 (Cortege leaving Jayaratna's Funeral Parlour)

**MANIKKAM** Rajendra, husband of Rajayogamalar, son of late Manikkam, former Senator. Cremation in London on 31st January, 1987. 99, Hampton Road, Forest Gate, London E 7.

**MOHANDAS. P** - husband of Chandrakumari, father of Nirraajana. Narmada and Nishandhan. Cremation at Kaludawela Hindu Cemetery on 31st January, 1987. 700, Mandandawela, Matale.

**SAMUEL** - Innocent, husband of Kalyani, father of Felix, Passed away in Madras on 14th January 1987. Funeral at Kilpauk cemetery, Madras. Memorial service at St. Michael's church Kollupitiya on 7th February 1987. 785, Street 29, HBC, Korattur, Madras - 80.

**PILLAI.S.T.** - husband of Nageswarie father of Nirmalamoorthy, Krihnamoorthy (Riyadh), Sunderamoorthy and Vinayagamoorthy. Cremation at General cemetery, Hunupitiya on 9th February, 1987. 1117, Delupitiya Road, Hunupitiya, Wattala.