

NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT
OF
THAMIL EELAM

POLITICAL PROGRAMME

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We have evolved this political programme on the basis of our objects and political line and it has been processed through the discussions conducted in all the levels of the organisation. The programme is directed towards the goal of achieving the liberation of Thamil Eelam on correct path. We are submitting this to you, to enrich this with all its depthness and so as to practice it to the concrete conditions.

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1. HISTORY

- 1:1 The Island of Ceylon is a country comprising of many nationalities such as Sinhalese, Tamil of ancient origin and the national minorities such as Muslims, Up country people (Hill Country), which also includes with a small number of Burghers and Malays.
- 1:2 From the time known to history the Sinhalese and the ancient Tamils are living in the island while the Muslims are also there for several centuries.
- 1:3 Due to the formation of Plantation Estates during the 19th century by the British, people from Tamil Nadu (South India) were brought to Ceylon to work as labourers, who are known as 'People of up country'.
- 1:4 When the Portugese stepped in, there were two kingdoms where the sinhalese inhabited, a kingdom of Tamils at the North and several other small kingdoms at the other parts of the island of Ceylon. (The kingdom at North had its own particularities).
- 1:5 In 1815 the British brought the whole of the Island of Ceylon under their rule. To continue their economic exploitation successfully, they adopted the preplanned policy of inducing enmity between the Tamils and Sinhalese. While, on the one hand they had unified and ruled the island and on the other hand for their own interest the British adopted a devide and rule policy.
- 1:6 At present, excepting the North and East Sinhalese inhabited in all the other areas while the Tamils inhabited

In North and East and the up Country People inhabited in mountainous region at the central. The Muslims inhabited largely at the East while they are scattered in other areas.

2 THE PROBLEM ON TODAY

2:1 The National uprising of Sinhalese has been diverted by the Sinhalese big capitalists as Sinhalese chauvanism so as to safeguard their interest suitable to their political and economical domination.

2:2 The governments that came to power after the independence tightened their grip based on institutionalised buddhist Sinhalese chauvanism. (By this, the capitalists in their competition stablized their hegemony as a motive force) Because of this they had increased their oppression on Tamil people.

2:3 THE FORMS OF OPPRESSION ON TAMIL PEOPLE.

2:3:1 By aggressing the traditional areas of Tamil people Sinhalese colonized the same and there by ruined the individuality of Tamil people.

2:3:2 By not giving due status to Tamil language they imposed Sinhalese language at all levels.

2:3:3 The Tamil people are deprived from the opportunities for higher education, employment and promotions.

2:3:4 By rejecting the rights of citizenship and the right of francise, the up country people are allanated from the social life. (even today there are differences such as citizen by registration and citizen by decent)

2:3:5 They have explored all the national resources, including the fishing resources by immigrating the Sinhalese fisherman in the Tamil coastal areas.

2:3:6 By ignoring the economic development of Tamil people they have become a stumbling-block on the industrial development as well as the Tamil capitalist development.

2:3:7 Preplanned genocides and barbarian attacks were let loosed continuously against Tamils.

2:3:8 By refusing the democratic rights and with the acts like 'Anti terrorist Acts', the brutality and cold-blooded killings and tortures of the Army are Justified and thereby the very existence of the Tamils are gravely threatened.

2:4 The present Society of Sri Lanka is centered around the plantation economy and the remnants of the feudalism and thereby the nature of Srilanka has been converted into a Neo-colony. Due to the absence of industrial development the mercantile capital alone is in the dominant position.

2:5 Due to the open door policy of the present Ceylon comprodore bourgeious state the country has become the market for various imperialists. According to its neo-colonial exploitation the nature has reached the stage of fascism. By fanning chauvinism it is implementing fascism sucessfully.

2:6 The contradiction between the state and Tamils getting more sharper than the contradiction between the comprodore bourgeious state and the nation as a whole. Due to the uneven development of contradictions this has become the primary contradiction.

3 SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS

3:1 The Tamils living in their traditional territories of North Eastern provinces has become a historically stabilized society with a common language, common territory, psychological make up based on common culture and common economic life, which are prerequisites of a

nation. The Tamil people are having the right to fight for their self determination.

- 3 : 2 As the singalese working class and the other broad masses of Singalese are in the midst of chauvinism, Tamil people cannot live with them amicably with all their rights. Hence at the present juncture they have to fight for the right of national self determination and for the right of creating their own state.
- 3 : 3 The Up Country people are having their own right of deciding their own fate, and in order to ensure their security and life they have to start armed struggles in the places where they are living,
- 3 : 4 The Muslim people should be mobilised and unified with struggles of the Tamil people, allowing them to keep their individuality.

4. THE PATH OF OUR STRUGGLE

- 4 : 1 The contradiction between the state and the Tamil people is an antagonistic contradiction, can be resolved only through an armed struggle.
- 4 : 2 Our struggle is a struggle of liberating the Tamil Territories from the Singalese state and accordingly it is a struggle of our people. Only by organizing the people and through an armed struggle we can wage the peoples war which is our strategy.
- 4 : 3 There is uneven development among the Tamils in the political economical spheres, because of this, the development of the fighting forces also uneven. By firmly mingling with the people forces, and by mobilizing them we will build the entire fighting forces step by step for the struggle, which will lead to peoples war. While the present stage is defensive one, it will develop through the stage of offensive and finally it will be a nation wide civil war aimed at the final victory. The

Up country people will be organized and mobilized for an armed struggle for their rights and defence. We will take forward these struggles to assist mutually.

- 4 : 4 The chauvanistic Sinhalese government and its armed forces are our direct enemies. We can create our state and establish sovereignty only by driving out these enemies from the soil of our land. There by we also help the oppressed Sinhalese people to fight for their democratic rights as a revolutionary force. In accordance to the progress of the struggles, of the international revolutionary force and helping mutually we will take forward our struggles.
- 4 : 5 The compradore Tamil capitalists who are serving the chauvanistic Sinhalese state are our secondary enemies.
- 4 : 6 In this national liberation struggles all the classes such as proletariat, peasantry, intellectuals including the national bourgeois are revolutionary forces. A front which includes all these broad democratic forces lead by the working class and peasantry is the front line army in our struggle.
- 4 : 7 The broad nation wide mass organization are the peoples relations organizations to prepare them for their struggles.

5. MOVEMENT

- 5 : 1 The liberation movement aimed for the national liberation of Tamil people.
- 5 : 2 This organization is named national liberation front of Thamillelam.
- 5 : 3 The persons accepting our political programme and constitution with the aim of liberating Thamillelam can become a member.

5 : 4 The front consists military organs, mass organizations, and guide them as a mass movement.

5 : 5 The leadership of the movement shall be elected on the basis of democratic centralism. This leadership shall guide the armed forces also.

6. OUR AIMS AND POLITICAL OBJECTIVES

6 : 1 Establishing a Thamil Eelam Peoples Republic based on the people democratic social set up, possessing with independence and sovereignty.

6 : 2 After liquidating the present administrative set up, which is basis for all oppression and corruption, an administrative set up of peoples national assembly will be setting into force by giving equal representations to all national sections of Tamils.

6 : 3 By having the fundamental right of electing the patriotic antifascist representatives of national sections and the right of recalling them, the National Assembly will be the Peoples Assembly.

6 : 4 The election system will be reoriented by giving representation to all the social strata, the political powers will be practised on the basis of the principle of democratic centralism.

6 : 5 The right to safeguard the individuality shall be given to all national sections of people while, the right of secularism, right to follow any religion, and the right to criticism shall be extended to all of them equally.

6 : 6 Without any domination and imposition, the democratic rights and the equality of Muslims shall be guaranteed. According to their desire by providing the opportunities of maintaining their individuality, separate administrative set up will be formed as power organs in the Kalmunai

areas where they are living concentrately. The struggles of Muslims for democratic rights shall be supported in all the other areas

6 : 7 While supporting the just struggles of the up country people the support and encouragement will also be extended to obtain autonomy.

6 : 8 While destroying all the social evils such as untouchability and eradication of caste, efforts will be taken for a cultural renaissance.

6 : 9 The slavery of women shall be destroyed and they will be provided with equal rights in all spheres of life, in all their activities.

6 : 10 Implementation of Tamil as official language in all levels.

6 : 11 Denying the rights to anti-social, anti-national and anti-democratic elements to represent in administrative set up oppressive acts shall also be implemented against them.

6 : 12 Democratic system will be introduced among the armed forces of the national state. Proper representation will be given to them in the national assembly also. The army will be utilized not only for defensive purpose but also for national productive activity. Good relationship will be maintained between them and the people.

6 : 13 Preventing the Bureaucratic tendencies among the government employees and the armed forces.

6 : 14 Establishing the courts consisting of elected Judges by the people. These courts will function within the frame work of enacted laws safeguarding the national interest. Establishing people courts in the villages.

6 : 15 Trial shall be conducted against the anti people forces and the enemies of the liberation struggle by the people courts.

- 6 : 16 All the democratic institutions, political parties shall be allowed to function and the right of participation in such organizations shall be ensured to all. (Right of expression and right of assembling).
- 6 : 17 All the people shall be allowed to take up arms in defence of their national security and the families of the persons laid down their life and physically invalid shall be protected by the state.
- 6 : 18 The prisons shall be maintained without dejection of humanism.

7. *ECONOMIC POLICY*

- 7 : 1 Our economic policies and programme shall be evolved in accordance with the aim of building a people democratic social set up. Complete liberation shall be achieved from the clutches of neo-colonialism and the remnant of feudalism.
- 7 : 2 The banks, transport services, heavy industries and all other services shall be brought under the control of the state.
- 7 : 3 All the banks and the industries of Sri Lankan Government in our territory shall be brought under the state control without any compensation.
- 7 : 4 The land problems of the peasants shall be solved through the introduction of land ceiling legislations and by redistributing the surplus land among the peasantry. The principle of land to the tiller, and to the landless shall be followed up.
- 7 : 5 In order to strengthening the national economy private small scale production shall be protected and due encouragement shall be given for further development.
- 7 : 6 The small scale production mainly agriculture and fishing shall be developed through modernisation.

- 7 : 7 Production shall be increased by utilising the native resources with the investment.
- 7 : 8 The Tamils owning industries in Sinhalese territory shall be given protection and encouragement to start production in the areas of Tamil Eelam.
- 7 : 9 The Sri Lanka Tamils in abroad shall be given protection and encouragement for to invest their capital voluntarily without any fear.
- 7 : 10 The private investments shall be permitted only on the condition that the welfare and the living standards of the workers be guaranteed. With this aim, the state will decide the wages and the other allowances of the workers in the private establishments.
- 7 : 11 The promotion in the standard of life of handicraftsman in villages and other handicraftsman shall be guaranteed.
- 7 : 12 The Up country people living in the scattered areas, desires of settling down in Tamil Eelam will be provided with facilities and amenities to live with full rights.
- 7 : 13 The taxes shall be reduced and assessed on the just basis.
- 7 : 14 The traditional territories will be liberated by driving out the Sinhalese from their planned settlements. The Sinhalese living in the areas of Tamil Eelam shall be allowed to live with democratic rights and protection.

8. *THE POLICIES IN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SPHERES*

- 8 : 1 Scientific education shall be given.
- 8 : 2 The reactionary educational system shall be abolished and an educational system useful to the people and nation shall be created.

8 : 3 The educational system shall be changed in order to help the production.

8 : 4 The peoples democratic educational systems shall be evolved. The mother tongue will be used in the educational spheres.

8 : 5 English will be continued in the fields of science and higher technical education, providing facilities for learning subjects through mother tongue.

8 : 6 The free and compulsory primary education shall be provided to all.

8 : 7 The feudalistic reactionary slavish culture defending the old order shall be abolished and the progressive people democratic culture which will provide freedom and rights to all the people shall be evolved.

8 : 8 To eradicate the enslavement of women from all the forms such as dowry etc.

8 : 9 At the national level Art, Literature and culture shall be promoted with due encouragement.

8 : 10 Research centres for promoting science and technology shall be established.

8 : 11 Public institution will be established for the growth of Art Literature and culture.

8 : 12 The Art, literature, cinema, journals which are destroying the thinking power of the people, the alien culture and the institutions encouraging them shall be banned.

9. HEALTH POLICIES

9 : 1 Free medical facilities shall be provided to all.

9 : 2 The health organisations will be regularized in the manner to reach the masses and serve their interest.

9 : 3 Proper attention will be given in the matters of peoples nutrition.

9 : 4 There will be proper care in the matter of childrens, food and health.

9 : 5 Government shall extend its aid for proper facilities such as clothing, shelter for the people.

10. FOREIGN POLICY

10 : 1 The political intervention and the economic domination of any imperialist power will not be permitted and will be destroyed. No other country will be allowed to interfere in our internal affairs.

10 : 2 All the struggles against the super powers shall be supported with active participation.

10 : 3 On the basis of the following condition we shall have relationship with other third world and developed countries.

- (i) Integrity and the sovereignty of a country shall be respected.
- (ii) Opposing the aggressions.
- (iii) Not interfering in the internal affairs.
- (iv) On the basis of equality mutual interest will be established.
- (v) Peacefull co-existence will be followed up.

10 : 4 Ours will be a friendly nation to the world people who are fighting for national liberation and against oppression.

10 : 5 Support will be extened to the third world countries who are fighting in all levels for sovereignty.

- 10 : 6 Support will be extended to all the struggles of the Sinhalese masses.
- 10 : 7 We will develop mutual cooperation by helping each other with the Sinhalese revolutionary forces and our nation shall be a base area for the fighting progressive Sinhalese forces.
- 10 : 8 Our country shall be a base for all the fighting progressive forces of the world and the support and help shall be extended.
- 10 : 9 The narrow Tamil nationalism will be curbed and it shall be assured that there will not be any aggressive activities.

Of course, our path of liberation is full of thorns and obstacles. Yet, our goals are great. We will be little the adversaries, break the obstacle and take in our own hands the struggle for the liberation of our life.

Let them trumpet

The empty slogans

Let the warriors of empty hands

Chant philosophy

To induce the power of us and

To regain our stature

Let us build

The ocean of humanity!

We will reject the individual whims!

Uphold the organised tasks!

March towards self protection!

Uphold the Liberation of Tamil Eelam!

We will win over the people's Republic of

Tamil Eelam!