

ISLAND PARADISE HELL FOR TAMILS!



37 Tamil fishermen from the Mandavitheevu island in the Jaffna peninsula who were hacked to death on June 10 by black-shirted Sri Lankan commandos.

The partly burnt Kannaki Amman temple at Karaitivu, on the southern coast of the Eastern Province in Sri Lanka.

There are more miserable people, like the eight orphaned children of Nabisibayan.

1985

1983

The UNP Member of Parliament for Pottuvil, Ranganayaki Pathmanathan, at a refugee camp in Sri Lanka...tales of woe.

1986

Hitler Buried the Bodies; Buddhist Sinhalese Burn them!

What you see is Genocide committed by the Sinhala Security forces under the following Draconian Sri Lankan Laws:

1. PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT 1979
2. EMERGENCY REGULATION 15A
3. SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE SRI LANKAN CONSTITUTION.

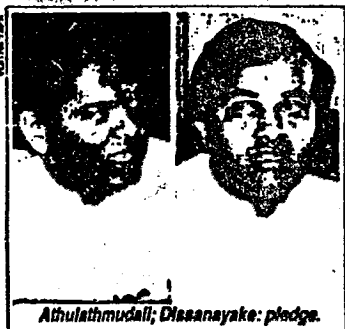
Under the cover of Negotiations Systematic Colonisation and settling of ex-convicted Sinhalese in Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullativu, Amparai & Trincomalee, is taking place rapidly.

Tamil Action Committee (UK) & Association Pour Les Tamouls De Sri Lanka (France).

"Since war begins in the minds of men, it is in the mind of man that the defence of peace must be constructed" - Archibald McLeish, UNESCO.

Gross Violations of Tamil Rights continue in Sri Lanka unabated.

SRI LANKA



Honouring a hero-king

The two powerful Sinhalese ministers placed garlands on the statue of the legendary king Dutugemunu, at the centre of the ancient Sinhalese capital of Anuradhapura, and swore a Buddhist oath pledging to save Sri Lanka and its people from terrorism. The event, on 13 January, was given only brief coverage in Colombo newspapers, but its symbolic significance was not lost on observers.

From the majority Sinhalese viewpoint, the ceremony conducted by the two ministers in many ways said it all. The two were National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali, and Gamini Dissanayake, minister of Lands and Land Development. Both are regarded as Sinhalese extremists in the cabinet.

Dutugemunu, the king whose statue they garlanded, was the Sinhalese leader who, according more to myth than history, valiantly led his forces north to Anuradhapura nearly 2,000 years ago and slew the Tamil king Elara to regain from the "invaders" the Sinhalese rightful homelands.

The Ven. Pallegama Gnanaratana, the senior Buddhist monk who presided over the ceremony in what the Sinhalese now widely regard as their northernmost bastion against the Tamil hordes, pointedly drew the analogy: he said Athulathmudali was born in the southern district of Ruhuna, where Dutugemunu was also born, and Dissanayake was from the central town of Kotmale, where the great king lived for some time — and it was the king who protected the (Sinhalese) country and its (Buddhist) religion.

Such emotions are constantly fed to a receptive Sinhalese community by politicians and the powerful Buddhist sangha (clergy) these days.

—RODNEY TAYLOR

What are we Fighting against?

1. The enforcement of a minority status on the Tamil speaking people of Sri Lanka through State terrorism -
 - Daily Killings, Rape, Murder, Looting and Arson under the Jeyawardene's corrupt regime:
 - Sinhala army of occupation in Tamil Homelands:-
 - More than 15,000 Tamils killed by Sinhalese security forces and home guards; 25,000 arrested by security forces and their whereabouts not known; 350,000 fled the country; more than 500,000 crossed the Sinhala borders to Tamil Homelands.
2. Sri Lanka's cover up of 272 cases of Tamil 'disappearances' referred to by Amnesty International report, August, 1986- "...The Sri Lankan Government has persistently ignored relatives' appeal to investigate 'disappearances'. The International community has expressed great concern. In 1985 the U.N. working group on disappearances asked the government to clarify 195 cases & it received responses on only nine.."
3. The ruthless suppression of Trade Union Rights of workers! The right to free speech is destroyed without trace!
4. The disenfranchisement of the one million tea plantation Tamils, who are the sole bread-winners of the country, but live in enslaved poverty and captivity in their "lines" and constant victims of racial attacks by Sinhala gangs! The citizenship rights promised by Jeyawardene is not yet honoured.
5. The systematic desecration, defiling and destruction of ancient and modern Tamil Religious, Cultural, Educational and Literary Institutions and the gradual usurpation of Holy Hindu City, Towns and Villages! Trincomalee, the ancient city is now under constant seige by Sinhala armed thugs in uniform.

What are We Fighting for?

1. The Right to live in peace with decency in our traditional Tamil Lands of North and East (Tamil Eelam), in Sri Lanka, and restore the traditional virtues of our Language, Religion, Education & Occupation - the fulfilment of our Rights for which the Tamil Youths are sacrificing their lives as was before foreign conquests!
2. The recognition of the right to 'Survival, self-determination and the usage and protection of the Tamil Homelands as a last resort to a lasting peaceful co-existence.
3. To link foreign aid to Human Rights as a deterrent to state-aided Sinhala colonisation of Tamil Homelands, e.g: Mahaveli projects and Trincomalee.
4. A Just and Fair society where individual freedom of thought and speech are fundamental.
5. To establish a righteous nation which will always uphold the stability of the Indian Ocean and defend the national integration and security of the Great Republic of India!

Please write today to:

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2. Foreign Secretary, King Charles Steet, Westminster, London SW1.
3. Secretary of State, Overseas Development, Stag Place, Victoria London SW1.
4. Prime Minister of India, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, New Delhi, India.

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