

## “THAILAND PEACE TALKS”

### *Demands of the Tamil Eelam people*

The permanent cease – fire, the Memorandum of Understanding the Thailand peace Talks between **Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) & SriLankan Government** which has come about on the premise that the Nationality problem of the Tamil Eelam people, and their demands can be resolved peacefully through talks must succeed. But will the Nationality demands of the Tamileelam people be resolved through talks? Can national liberation be achieved? Will cease-fire continue permanently? About these there is no guarantee. This is the situation Tamileelam people are in today. *“No attempt for peace is easy, to say it is not easy means to be more careful and vigilant”* is the message given to the Srilankan army by Ranil after signing the MOU. They are watchful, but we...

What sort of political demands is the LTTE, which is participating in the peace talks, going to put forward? To what extent is the SriLankan Government going to accept the LTTE demands? The time span of the cease-fire is going to be determined by the extent of pressure towards compromise exerted on both parties by International Institutions and Governments world over including Norwegian which have contacts with both parties concerned and the extent to which the LTTE leadership is ready to give up the demands and stoop down.

Those who have accepted the LTTE and only LTTE is the sole representative of the Tamileelam people, the only political – military force of the liberation struggle cannot do anything beyond the LTTE demands and decisions. But the liberation struggle of the Tamileelam people is fundamentally an anti-imperialist national liberation struggle, a liberation war. In this imperialist era, national liberation is an inalienable part of the long drawn out struggle for social emancipation and revolution. A national liberation without liberation from imperialist oppression is fraud and fake. A compromise with world imperialist social order will only be a compromise with the chauvinist government and ruling classes within the country.

The dreams and aspirations of the innumerable fighters who laid down their precious lives for the cause of a true national freedom in Tamileelam soil should not be betrayed.

For the cease-fire to continue, for the talks to succeed, for peace & tranquility to reestablish a Just political settlement is a must. The Tamileelam revolutionary democratic forces which aims at establishing a revolutionary national liberation politics, openly put forward the following 21 point Just demands before the fellow countrymen, peoples world over, the SriLankan Government and the LTTE.

1. When conducting peace talks in the presence of third party, international organization, the third party's role should be restricted to that of an observer. No third party's, international organizations (UN peacekeeping force) armed or unarmed observation forces should interfere within the country.

supporters of the struggle should be released immediately and all cases withdrawn. Action should be taken to get all Tamileelam political prisoners released who are in jail in other foreign countries like India.

9. In Tamileelam, civil administration and police should be totally under the control of the state govt. 50% reservation for women should be made compulsory in all political, administrative, judicial bodies of the Tamileelam state.
10. All SriLankan forces such as army, navy, airforce, police should quit Tamileelam. A Tamil division should be created in all the three forces of the union govt. The fighters belonging to all movements and the Tamil people (men and women) should be recruited into these forces. (Reverting to 1983 situation – reduction in government forces, reduction in camps, restricted within camps etc., are not acceptable).
11. Election commission, formation of state legislature, formation of legislative constituencies based on census, ministry formation, method of electing chief minister, state finance commission, state judiciary, state govt. service etc., should be fully under the control of state govt. The right of the people of the constituency to recall the representative elected by them at any time should be made a constitutional right. Proper forms and structures must be created for the same immediately.
12. Right over land within the boundaries of the state, land distribution, right over harbour and ports, control over oceanic frontiers, right to use sea wealth, education, higher education, right to formulate education policy, transportation, sanitation and service sector should all be under the control of state govt.
13. Mines and such other explosive devices buried in Tamileelam areas (both land & sea) by the SriLankan armed forces, pro government armed groups or LTTE should be removed forthwith in the presence of internal supervisory body. Only after this the refugees and displaced people should be allowed to return to their houses, start fishing, begin tilling of land or start any business.
14. Arrangement should be made to resettle all the Tamil, Muslim and upcountry Tamils displaced due to the war who are living as refugees in camps, transit camps and in houses of relatives in SriLanka and India in their own places by providing all basic facilities. Priority in relief support should be given to those without any foreign income.

religious organisations should be banned. Political parties and social service organisations in the name of religion and caste should be banned.

21. The arms of the Tamileelam militants should not be surrendered to the SriLankan govt. or to any third party international monitoring committee either directly or individually under any circumstance. Such transfer should take place only through direct recruitment into state and union forces.

For the resolution of nationality problem in Ceylon, for a political solution, we call upon all parties, fronts, movements, mass organizations of Ceylon (Tamileelam – & SriLanka), & world over which concur with the above demands to jointly widely propagate them & conduct joint struggle for the relation of the same.

In the Tamileelam national liberation struggle-war, the people, especially workers, peasants, fishermen, middle class people have made immense sacrifices. They have lined in a life or death situation in areas controlled by the government or the tigers, facing economic, medical blockade by the government, with agricultural production, business and education in crisis have not left the motherland, continue to exist and struggle. These people are directly and indirectly being the life and blood of the just Tamileelam struggle. Fearing death lacks of people have fled to other countries like India and living as refuges.

Cease – fire, talks and political solution should bring about a progress in the toiling masses of Tamileelam. Any solution, whether military or political which does not fulfill this fundamental this fundamental duty will only be a historical betrayal of the Tamil people.

Let us unite under these minimum basic demands, propagate them, organize the people and conduct joint struggles.

*With revolutionary greetings,*

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