

Before High Court Judge Tudor de Alwis Esquire:

Recorded by : M. Emil de Silva.

Case No.844/80

13.8.1982

Allocatus of the 1st Accused.

I am not guilty of any offence. . I am an innocent person. I was taken into custody by the police and army and was compelled under torture to sign statements which were produced in this case as evidence in which I am convicted. With regard to the Order made by this Court I have to state certain basic ideas of mine. The verdict of this Court given in this case today will provide a new impetus, fertile manure and an encouragement and compelling reasons for the establishment of TAMIL EELAM. This is not be the only case. There will be other Tamil youths who will be brought before this Court, on false charges. When this is continued the punishment imposed will give an encouragement to the Liberation of the Tamils.

I request that I should be hanged in Tamil EELAM. I request that my vital organs be given to those in need of them. I request that my eyes to be donated to some blind person, so that Kuttimani will be able to see through those eyes the reality of the Tamil EELAM. I request that my body be given to the Medical Faculty of the University of Jaffna.

Kuttimani will be sentenced to death today, but tomorrow there will appear thousands of Kuttimannies. They will not be innocent like me, but they will be more vigorous. I have only one sorrow that I have only one life to give to my people. May Tamil EELAM blossom. Long live TAMIL EELAM.

High Court Judge (3)

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I am innocent. The Army and the CID Police tortured me and obtained my signatures on some documents and produced the documents in this Court falsely as my statement. I have been convicted on this false evidence. I can be hanged. But no one can prevent the blossoming of Tamil Eelam. Freedom is my birth right. This right has been denied to me. Although I have not obtained this right, I am sure that the Tamil youths to follow shall have the right to freedom. I'm not asking any mercy from any one. This has been imposed on me without any reason or justice. I request that I should be hanged in Tamil Eelam and my body be given to the Medical Faculty and the University of Jaffna. My eyes should be donated to some blind person. May Tamil EELAM blossom. Long live Tamil EELAM.

High Court Judge (2)  
13.3.1982.



PRESS RELEASE

The Tamil youths Kuttimany and Jegan who were tried under the Prevention of Terrorism (Special Provisions) Act, have been sentenced to death. The MIRJE is opposed to the imposition of the death sentence as a means of punishment, as being cruel and barbaric.

It ill becomes a Government which claims to be Dharmishta and a champion of Buddhism to seek to take the lives of these youths. It is a bitter irony that the United National Party, which, when in opposition, was so critical of special legislation and laws with retrospective effect, should, when in Office, enact similar legislation. The so called Prevention of Terrorism Act incorporates all the most inequitable aspects of the infamous Criminal Justice Commission Law, which the UNP so justly denounced.

~~The Prevention of Terrorism Act is in effect throughout the~~ Island. Under its provisions, any Trade Unionist, Student Activist, Opposition politician, progressive Academic, socially active Monk, critical Journalist or dissident Poet can be taken into custody, kept for eighteen months without being produced in Court, tortured and brought to trial on charges which are supported by confessions inadmissible under the normal law. As the Judge who passed the sentence on Kuttimany and Jegan stated, this piece of legislation itself provided him with no other choice. It is significant that he expressed regret at having to impose the death penalty.

Kuttimany and Jegan are the first to be sentenced under this deady legislation. The struggle against this draconian law is the struggle for safeguarding the democratic rights of all the people of this Island.

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