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TIGERS WIPE OUT ARMY CONVOY

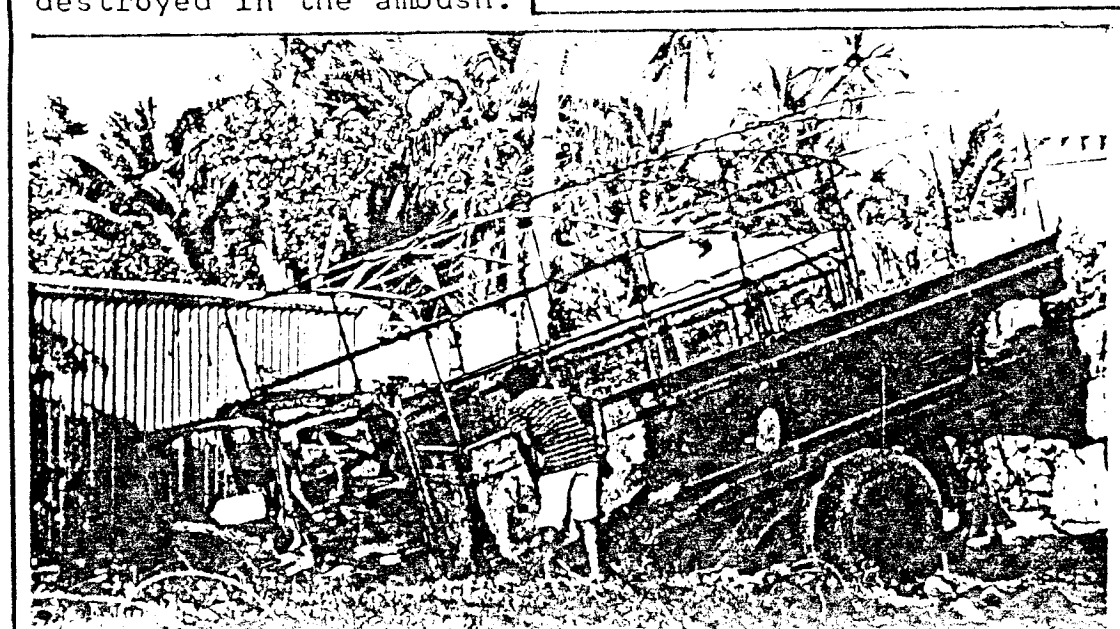
15 SOLDIERS KILLED 20 INJURED

MILITARY RAMPAGE IN JAFFNA CITY

IN RETALIATION TO THE BARBAROUS MASSACRE OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AT CHUNNAKAM AND TELLIPALAI BY AIR FORCE TROOPERS, GUERRILLA FIGHTERS OF OUR LIBERATION MOVEMENT LAUNCHED AN AMBUSH OF AN ARMY CONVOY INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY. FIFTEEN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED INSTANTANEOUSLY AND TWENTY WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

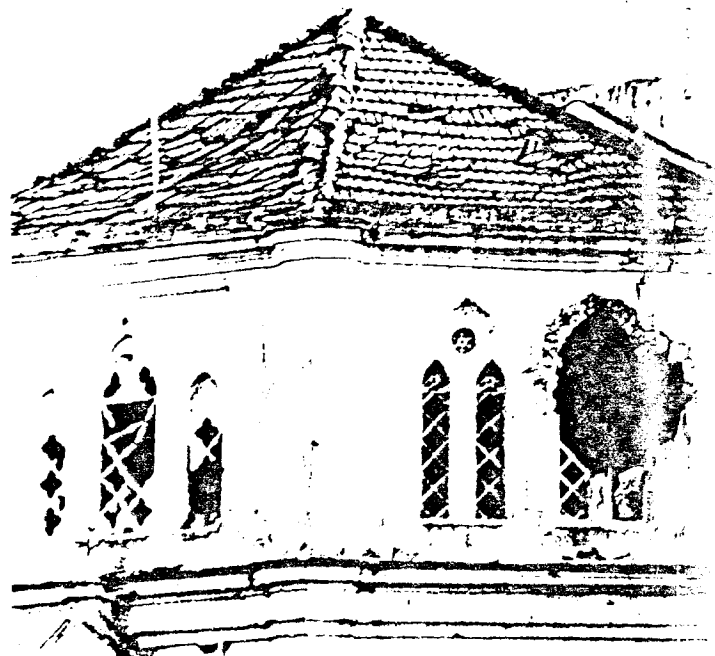
On the 9th April at about 2p.m one of our guerrilla assault units laid an ambush on an army convoy at Hospital Rd., Jaffna. Our fighters parked a van loaded with high explosives near the roadside and set off the explosives as the army vehicles arrived at the spot. The massive explosion completely destroyed one military truck and damaged other vehicles. Loaded with soldiers, the military vehicles were also carrying ammunition

The military truck destroyed in the ambush.



(mortar shells, grenades etc.) which also exploded. The casualty rate was heavy. Our estimate is over fifteen soldiers killed and about twenty seriously injured.

Following the ambush, the Sinhala soldiers in the rear vehicles ran amok in panic, shooting at random killing and wounding innocent bystanders. Some of the 'gallant soldiers' ran as far as the Jaffna railway station and took positions inside the toilets.



Vandalised Catholic Church

Within minutes, military re-inforcements rushed to the scene with gunship helicopters and armoured cars. The army took extreme care to remove the dead and the wounded without anyone approaching the ambush area. Once the casualties were removed from the spot, the military went on a wild rampage. The first victim was the historical Catholic Church (Our Lady of Refuge) which was damaged by rocket launchers. Many of the shops, cars and houses along the Hospital Road were set on fire. In the meantime, army convoys moved along the main roads of the city and began shooting at random. Intense firing went on continuously for nearly two hours. Many innocent people were killed and several wounded. The army continued its unbridled violence as the dusk fell. Several cars were crushed by armoured cars and trucks. Jaffna Co-op stores were set on fire.

JAFFNA PUBLIC RISE AGAINST THE ARMY.

The significant development in the situation in Jaffna is the wider participation of the Tamil population in fighting back the military attacks along with the Tiger guerrilla fighters. People erected road blocks in several areas of the city and threw hand bombs when the military approached them. In several cases the military withdrew. It is our freedom fighters who supplied hand grenades to the public and directed the attacks.

On the 10th morning, the Catholic population in the city infuriated by the attack on the Church, rose in thousands against the Sinhala military. The Sinhala Buddhist temple (Sri Naga Vihara) at Stanley Rd., and Sinhala Mahavidyalaya at Hospital Rd., were attacked and were set on fire. The riotous scene depicted growing

mass resentment against the ruthless military rule that has no value for human life. Several Government buildings came under attack and some of them destroyed by fire.

As the people took vengeance on Sinhala institutions military contingents in large numbers rushed to the scene and opened fire indiscriminately at the angry crowds. There were several deaths and a large numbers of people injured. About 10 dead bodies were collected near the roadside adjacent to Naga Vihara and were set on fire by the army.

TIGERS DESTROY PT PEDRO POLICE STATION

On the evening of the 10th breaking the curfew that was imposed at noon on that day our guerrilla fighters launched a sudden attack on the Point Pedro Police station. The Tigers let the Tamil police officers flee and set the building on fire. The people of that area gathered in large numbers and helped the guerrillas in the destruction of the police station. The Point Pedro police station earned its notoriety for camping Sinhala Police commandos who constantly harrassed the general public in that area.



TIGERS BLAST GURUNAGAR ARMY CAMP

We, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, claim responsibility for blasting the Gurunagar Army Camp. The entire structure collapsed to pieces by the shock of the high explosives, leaving no trace of the military building except for heaps of stones.

The Gurunagar Army Camp was the former regional administrative quarters of the Sinhala occupational army. The camp was also used as a centre for interrogation and torture. Hundreds of innocent Tamil youths were subjected to extreme forms of inhuman torture in this notorious camp. Following the Tiger ambush of an army convoy at Tinnevely and the

OUR MILITARY OPERATIONS DURING MARCH '84

*Two Sri Lankan Air Force officials in civilian dress were shot dead while travelling by bus at Kondavil, three miles from Jaffna city on the 20th March 1984. Liberation Tigers claim responsibility for these executions. These officers have been spying on the activities of the Tigers.

*On the 25th March 1984 our guerrilla fighters launched an ambush on a party of Sinhala police commandos at Point Pedro. One sergeant and two police constables were killed. The ambush took place within half-an-hour of Althulathamuthali's landing in Jaffna to preside over a top level security conference. Following the ambush all Sinhala police personnel stationed at various police stations in the North have been withdrawn to the well guarded stations in Jaffna, K.K.S and V.V.T whereas the Tamil police personnel were left at their respective posts with out-dated shotguns.

killing of thirteen soldiers in July last year, the military personnel at the Gurunagar army camp evacuated. Recently we learned that the Army had plans to expand the camp and to re-occupy the building. By blasting the entire building our liberation movement has foiled the plans of the Sinhala military to strengthen its occupation in the heart of the Jaffna city.

The destruction of the military building by the Tigers has caused panic and anxiety in the Government circles. This bold military operation of our guerrilla assault units in the city centre amidst tight military surveillance has surprised and shocked the state system. This operation was carried out on

March 21, 1984.

Sinhala army cannot crush the will and determination of the Tigers. We have a great moral power, a supreme sense of sacrifice and a noble cause.

—V.Prabakaran, Leader LTTE

GUERRILLA CAMPS: TIGERS DENIAL

The political committee of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam has recently issued a statement to the press denying the Sri Lankan charge that the Tiger Movement operates guerrilla camps in South India. The statement says:

"The Government of Sri Lanka has advanced an allegation that our liberation movement, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, operate guerrilla training bases in Tamil Nadu. Basing its authenticity on the sensationalist ramblings of an article appearing in 'India Today' magazine of 31st March 1984, the Sri Lankan leaders have unleashed a campaign of vilification against India and intensified military terror in Tamil areas.

We wish to state categorically that the Sri Lankan accusation is totally false, baseless, and malicious, calculated to undermine India's genuine concern to seek a lasting solution to the ethnic conflict in the island. The Tiger movement does not operate any guerrilla bases in Tamil Nadu or in any part of India. Our training infra-structure as well as our guerrilla activities are based in our homeland. This fact was explicitly conveyed to 'India Today' correspondent during the course of an interview with him.

5 What is obviously present in Tamil Nadu are refugee camps of repatriates, of displaced students, of dismembered families, of wanted youths. It is the savage repression embarked against our people by the Sri Lankan Government that has led to this mass exodus of hunted innocent youths who find sanctuary in Tamil Nadu to escape wanton killing.

In our view, the India Today's story of guerrilla camps and armies of invasion are vicious creations of an imaginative journalist who has provided no concrete evidence to substantiate his 'investigation' but only out dated photographs some of which appeared in our theoretical journals long ago. These photographs widely published in various international journals depicts our guerrilla training in the jungles of Tamil Eelam, and are in possession of Sri Lankan intelligence.

Therefore we strongly suspect that Sri Lankan over-reaction to a baseless news report is a calculated act to confuse the Sinhala masses and to seek justification for the breakdown of the round table conference. We also suspect that the forces of destabilisation are behind this whole episode to entice Sri Lanka into their diabolical design to extend its sphere of dominance in the Indian ocean region.