



Thamil Eelam Liberation Organization

TELO

ALIVE AND KICKING

We the TELO, have the responsibility to give an explanation to the tragic events of the past few days. The fact is, 1. over 300 TELO freedom fighters had been masacred by the LTTE and burnt in piles - Sri Lankan style, 2. more than 250 had been kidnapped by the same murderous gang in the same period.

Now there have been lot said in the media as the causes of these consequences, all fed in by timely press releases by the LTTE in Jaffna and Madras and further supplemented by their own news bulletins. However, they all have been contradictory and in any case irrelevant considering the scale of the carnage and the real inner motives of the LTTE. Further, whatever the reasons may be the river of blood spilt by our comrades is unjustifiable within any moral cord of conducts.

The first LTTE bulletin claimed the cause was the kidnapping of 2 of their members by TELO. Later another contradicting the first said it was the killing of one of their local leader. But, another said it was a squabble between TELO and some market traders in view of a 'hartal' organised by TELO, where LTTE had to intervene. Still yet another claimed the whole thing started when TELO interfered preventing LTTE's poster campaign.

All these corpalating contradictions would be a pointer to any intelligent being of the sinister motives which were to be the eventualities. Infact, the sickening plans for the saddistic acts had been hatched, when all the regional commanders of the LTTE met in Madras two months ago. This has been now brought into light by a press statement (Daily Telegraph 01 May, 1986) by the LTTE which claims that this has been the first move to liquidate all other Liberation Organisations.

We would like to remind all good thinking people,
" WORST CRIME IS NOT COMMITTED BY THE EVIL DOERS BUT, BY THOSE WHO WATCH ON
AND LET IT HAPPEN. "

Further, any infantile brain which entertain the idea that one Organisation can effectively wage the struggle hence condone such murderous acts would be held responsible by all the patriotic forces and people for the destruction of peace, unity and political freedom.

When there is a genuine will to unite - at least in action, developing among the rank and file of the Liberation Organisations, this process has been given a heavy blow by the recent actions of the LTTE. (29 April-02 May, 1986.)

Eelam National Liberation Front (ENLF) is a result of great endeavour and resolve in view of the objectives, by the EROS, TELO and EPRLF. There have been several occasions when this unity of understanding had been put to test, but, comrades together have overcome such situations within, with the help of the internal mechanism developed through the passage of time. Member Organisations always felt that other Organisations will come into this unity and work effectively to create a front worthy of its name.

LTTE, during the period of negotiations at Thimbu decided to come into this fold, having realised the political vacuum within their inward looking, narrow-minded goon squad. Further, the slogan ' Tamil Eelam or nothing- Victory or heroic death ' which characterised their outfit was exposed bare by the stark realities, thus felt the need to hide somewhere became an urgent reality. Therefore, it is no surprise that these opportunists used ENLF as a perfect shield to prevent a coup de grace. All those concerned should take notice, it was after LTTE came into the ENLF and that originally bankrupt but, crookedly notorious theoretician with an occasional outburst of Marxist rhetoric, started to issue statements on behalf of the ENLF, the frequency of discussions between member Organisations faltered. Therefore, those who criticise the ENLF should realise the difficulties it faces amid differing ideologies, strategies and goon squads such as the LTTE - which never showed its good will towards unity or the care for the common objective, for not evolving as a portent force to counter Sinhala chauvinism.

Now coming to the present crisis, as TELO we declare to all our friends and foes " We are well alive and kicking " and will work even harder to strengthen the ENLF and unity, to counter with more resolve the Sri Lankan state terrorism and 'individualism ' which is the plague of the Eelam Liberation Movement, without vindictiveness or apathy. The damage done to the TELO by supposedly fraternal Organisation is a new chapter in our history of suffering, preceded by the horrendous slaughter of our leaders Kuttimani and Thangathurai in the Wellikada prison.

FINAL VICTORY IS OURS

- FATHER OF THE NATION, THAMIL EELAM , THANGATHURAI
