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EELAVAR SPEAK THEIR MIND

DEAR FRIEND, YOU'RE FAR YET NOT TOO FAR!

A MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENT J. R.

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EROS IS THE ETHOS OF EELAVAR

LEARN TO STRUGGLE AND STRUGGLE TO LEARN

தமிற்கு தேசிய ஆவண்ச் சுவண்



Today the struggle between the oppressed and the oppressors has become quite common, yet the massacre of human lives, burning and looting of house and property and the gross violation of human rights-cannot be regarded as an ordinary event. The Imperialist, Zionist and their frendly countries who are well known for their cunning and brutal tactics occupy the forefront in the list of such oppressors.

Eelamists have risen to fight with the aim of liberating their own land and their people from slavery similar to the Palastenians, Namebians and the Irish. The decision to struggle for a separate State of Eelam was made after years long campaigns were carried out to find solutions to our problems in a peaceful manner. The struggle for Eelam was born after agreements between the Govt. and Eelavar were born apart and repeated requests for the restorations of our rights were rejected.

Our struggle has taken shape in such a manner that we do not bear upon us the responsibility to justify our liberation struggle since it has taken

the form of the voice of an uprising people the world over. Our aims are well defined and our victory is imminent.

The recent demonstrations and processions prove to us that our people do not place any confidence on the Sri Lankan government's continuous effort to negotiate a peaceful settlement.

We are not communalists, neither are we trained to kill. But it is left to the readers to decide whether we can stomach patiently when our people are murdered, looted, when our mothers and sisters are raped, our fathers and brothers are slavishly treated in our own soil and our friends are killed in prisons by the thugs and savages in our presence.

Hence we request you to understand correctly that our struggle is against the Sri Lankan government's atrocities and against the strategies and schemes of the Mossad and C. I. A. and render your fullest support towards our struggles.

REFUGEE REPORT

Homeless . . .

Hopeless ...

Helpless

The government of Sri Lanka through its security forces and hired thugs has been escalating its efforts in destroying the life and property of the Tamil speaking people-Ealavar, in order to succeed in its strategy of "demographic manipulation" which deprives us of our traditional homeland. During the last few months the Eelam districts of Mannar, Mullaithevu, Trincomalee and Batticaloa which boarder the Eelam territory have been worst hit by state terrorism.

We give you below the sad incidents that have occured in two A.G.A. divisions in the district of Trincomalie.

- 27-5-1985: Seven Tamil speaking youth were killed by a few Sinhalese in the village of Thehiwatha.
- 28-5: A civilian bus that was travelling through Mahiwatha from Verughal was stopped by some armed Sinhalese home guards and seven Tamil speaking people were shot and burnt with the bus
 - 29-5: The village of Eachalampathai was set on fire by Sinhalese mobs and more than 30 Tamil speaking people were stabbed to death. The Eachalampathai hospital was destroyed by armed Sinhalese homeguards. The victims fled to the jungles in fear of their lives.
 - 30-5: Two Tamil speaking people were shot dead by the state security forces. Almost all the houses in the 6th colony and some houses in the village of Menkamam were burnt by Sinhalese homeguards and the state security forces. More than 500 residents were made homeless.

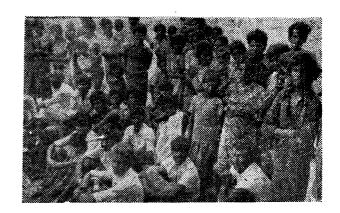
31-5: All houses and shops belonging to Tamil speaking people located between the village of Eruthayapuram and the 59th mile post were burnt by the Army. A Tamil speaking girl was shot

dead. The rest of the houses in the village of Menkamam were also reduced to ashes. At around 7.30 P.M. a group of 35, consisting of boys and girls were arrested by the army, taken to a nearby bridge and were subsequently shot and thrown into the river. A group of Sinhalese homeguards along with the state security forces completely burnt down almost all the houses in the village of Thanganagar. Some houses in LB. 3 were also reduced to ashes by Sinhalese homeguards.

- O1-6: A few houses in the village of Thanganagar that escaped the flames on the previous day were reduced to ashes by Sinhalese homeguards. A large number of dwellings in the village of Kilivetti, Kanguveli, and Manetsenai were also looted and destroyed by the Sinhalese mobs and homeguards.
- 02-6: In L.B.3 an undisclosed number of houses were burnt by Sinhalese home-guards.
- 03-6: Sinhalese homeguards who were provided with Police jeeps came with their protection and burnt up houses in the village of Mulliavalai and Parathipuram. More than 5000 Eelavar had to flee to the jungles in Koonithivu and Pallikudiyiruppu.
 - 04-6: While more than 50 Tamil speaking people were being taken hostage by Sinhalese homeguards a few militants belonging to the EROS (Eelem Revolutionary Organisers), PLOT (Peoples Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam) and LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelem) intersepted and freed them.

Beginning on the 5th of June, schools, cinema theatres and the like were converted into refugee camps and those who had hitherto sought pro-





tection in the jungles started to gradually move in with armed protection provided by militants of the EROS, LTTE and PLOT groups.

Details regarding refugee camps are given below:

Kuchaveli A.G.A. division:

Refugee Camp No. o

No. of Refugees

Thiriyai.......2557

Nelaveli R.M.Mission Rice Mill Methodist Church

.....3500

Muttur A.G.A. division:

Koonithivu

Refugee	Camp	No.	of	Refugee

Muttur High Schoo	1 (H.S.) 892
Thoppur H.S. Thoppur G.T.M.S.	397
Sampoor H. S.	2205
Shenaiyoor Kataiparichan Elakanthai	6245
(e) Ralkuli	185
Allainagar	367
Nallur	162
Alangkerni	390
Eechaithivu	, , , ,

The refugee situation in the other districts would be delt in our following issues. We shall to place on record that the Sri Lankan government, even after its announcement to bring about a "ceasation of hostile activities", has not removed the restrictions imposed on the movement. We wish to record our appreciation to our comrades for carrying out, to the best of their ability and in the midst of tremendous risk and hardship, the preliminary steps in rehabilitating the affected victims.

We wish to request individuals and organisations in the international scene for financial contributions to facilitate the refugee rehabiliation projects of the GUYS.

Kindly remitt your finances to GUYS, P. O. Box 2356, Madras-600024, INDIA.

THE TRAGEDY THAT STRUCK A FERRY

[Below we give you the text of an affidavit of a person who miraculously escaped the rabid frenzy act of the Sri Lankan navy. For security reasons we have not published his name and address?

I,..... aged 36 years of ward, West, being a Hindu do hereby solemnly sincerely, and truly declare and affirm as follows:—

- 1. I am the affirmant above-named.
- 2. I am a casual labourer temporarily residing at lane, Jaffna and earn about Rs. 50/-. per day.
- 3. On the morning of 15.5.85 my son lateyears) and I were on board, the motor launch "Kumudini" at Delft with several others including men, women and children. My son and I were on our way to Jaffna. The launch left at 7.40 a.m. on its normal trip to Kurikadduvan Jetty with about 70 to 80 people.
- 4. The launch would have proceeded for about 30 minutes and we were on the way to Nainativu for the normal navy checking.
- 5. I observed a plastic motor boat painted in white approaching us at high speed.
- 6. There were eight persons in the boat and they were clad in shorts and T/Shirts armed with rifles, machine guns, battle axes and poles.
- 7. As the boat approached our launch we were drdered to stop. The motor was put off and the launch stopped.
- 8. The plastic boat was secured to the rear of the launch. When securing the boat, they talked among themselves in Sinhala and to us in broken Tamil. Six men came to the launch.
- 9. The launch is provided with three sections for passengers to travel in. The upper deck, lower front portion and lower rear portion.
- 10. The motor room is in the centre of the launch and access to the front and rear lower sections is by way of a short passage on either side of the motor room.
- 11. Happenings in one section cannot be seen by those in the other sections.
- 12. All passengers were ordered into the front section including the crew.

- 13. They questioned whether there was any one who knew Sinhala.
- 14. Mr. Jesudasan, Price Control Inspector went forward and he was ordered to proceed to the rear section.
- 15. As he went to the rear, all of us were ordered to go on shouting our names at high tone and this was repeated when others were called
- 16. I was called next to late Mr. Jesudesan and ordered to proceed to the rear portion of "Kumudini".
- 17. As I proceed I received a blow on my head with a pole and then followed by cuts.
- 18. I received 7 cuts, 5 on my head, one on my eye brow and one on my mouth and a stab injury in my right thigh.
- 19. I fell along with late Mr. Jesudasan and was bleeding profusely. More bodies came and fell on me I was able to see many more being treated in the same manner and I then lost consciousness.
- I gained consiousness only at the Jaffna General Hospital at about 12.00 noon on 16.5.85 at the ward 25.
- 21. I came to know only on the 16.5.85 that my son was killed in "Kumudini".
- 22. Dead body of my son was cremated in Jaffna on 17 5.85 after inquest and postmortem by my relations.
- 23. My wife and other 3 children too could not attend the funeral of my son as there was no proper transport.
- 24. I can identify two of the armed attackers. These two are Navy personnal whom I have seen earlier at the Nainativu Naval Jetty checking the boat passengers.

The contents of the foregoing affidavit having been duly read over and explained by me to the affirmant above named who appeared to understand the same and correctness thereof set his signature hereto at Jaffna on 17th.......... day of June 1985.

Names of those killed aboard the Motor Launch 'Kumudini' on 15-5-85

No.	Name & Age		Sex	Civil State	us Occupation	Address	Dependen	ts Remarks	Aff
1.	T. Sasikala	(3)	F	Single		17/1, Muslim Road Jaffna		Uncles R. Kumaran (13) R. Chandran (10) Injured Grandmother Kanagammah-Killed	•
2.	lyan Sinniah	(23)) M	l Married	Casual Labourer	72/30, Rajasingam Jaffna.	St., 3	Relation Mathan Muttar	า 528
3.	P. Nirmala	(15)) F	Single	_	Annaveethy Palaly Vasavilan		Brother and Sister Aunt Mariammah also Killed.	556
4.	P. Yogarajah	(14)	M	Single		Annaveethy Palaly Vasavilan		Brother and Sister Aunt Mariammah also Killed.	556
5.	P. Mariammah	(49)	F	Married	+	Annaveethy Palaly Vasavilan		Daughter Premala Injured	5 57
6.	Raman Murugan	(84)	М	Married	Pensioner	Delft			559
7.	Sinnavan Antony	(67)	M	Married	·	Deift	3	Wife Parvathy Injured	565
8.	V. Sathasivam	(34)	M	Married	Launch Crew	* 1.	7	e.,	566
9.	A. Theivanai- pillai	(27)	F	Married			1 1:		577
10.	S. Thillai- nathan	(36)	М	Married	Launch Crew	Paruthiaddaippu, Kayts	6		578
11.	K. Kanaga- lingam	(37)	M	Married		Paruthiaddaippu, Kayts	5		579
12.	P. Ņirmaladevi	(19)	F	Single	Student	Delft	_		583
13.	P. Sornammah	(60)	F	Married		Delft		*	586
14.	A. Anusiya	(21)	F	Single		Vadaliaddaippu Pandaterruppu		Two sisters Husband K. Santhalingan Injured.	606 n
15.	S. Kusala- kumari	(24)	F	Married		Vadaliaddaippu Pandaterruppu	••	Two sisters Husband K. Santhalingan Injured.	606 n
16.	K. Vinayaga- moorthy	(28)	М	Single		Delft	1		663
17.	G. Devasaya- gampillai	(45)	М	Married	Coxswain	Delft	6		735
18.	S. Christi- neamma	(56)	F		School Teacher	Delft	4 :		734

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Names of those killed aboard the Motor Launch 'Kumudini' on 15.5.85.

No.	Name & A	vg e	Sex	Civil S	tatus Occupati	on	Address	Depend	ents Remarks	Aff
19.	Elisamma Gregory	(55)	F	Married		Delft				
20.	Anthires Antonypilla	_i (51)	М	Married	Coxswain	Delft		4		
21.	Thomman Nagendran	(23)	M	Married	Casual Labourer Hospital	Delft		4		721
22.	G. Maria- manickam	(45)	F	Married		Ward 1	10, Pungud	lutivu		:
23.	K. Sathasivan	n (60)	M	Married	Retd. Teacher	Delft		6	Eldest daughter mentaly retarded	703
24.	K. Karthigesu	(42)	M	Married	Employee MPCS	Delft		3	Body found at El	uva jej ru 677
25.	S.R. Chandra- kumar	⁻ (19)	М	Single	Student	Delft			Has four unmarr sisters	ied 701
26.	S. Jesuthasan	(52)	M	Married	Price Contro Inspector	l 69, Dav	∕id Road,	6	Travelling on Du	ıty 674
27.	V. Kandiah	(47)	M	Married	Casual Labourer	Delft		4		704
28.	V. Subasini (7 moi	nths)	F		· ·	Delft			V. Annaledchumy Aunt V. Pathmara	
29.	N. Kandiah	(44)	M	Married	C.T.B. Driver	Delft		5		707
30.	S. Govindan	(45)	M	Married	C.T.B. Conductor	Delft	·	9		708
31.	T. Amirtha- lingam	(17)	М	Single	Student	Delft				718
32.	V. Pushparane	e(61)	F	Married	Retd. Teacher	Delft		4	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	700
3 3 .	T. Rajeswaran (Balu)	(12)	М	Single	Student	Delft			Father-Injured	722
34.	R. Kanakamma	a(49)	F	Married		Delft			2 sons-Injured	719
35.	M. Jesu- nayagam	(25)	M	Married		Myliddy	,	1	Wife Expecting	713
36.	M. Mani- vannan	(13)	M	Married		Gurunag	ar, Jaffna	1	Muttan father-Injur	ed. 531

Aff Nos. 531, 122, 718, 556, 583, 606, 701 (7)

EROS IS THE ETHOS OF EELAVAR

SAYS SATURDAY REVIEW (01-06-85 SRI LANKA)

- It is a veritable fact that the EROS is A Formidable organisation among the militants who are striving and struggling to achieve the Liberation of the Tamil-Speaking Peeple-EELAVAR.
- This organisation has been mobilising the entire Tamil-Speaking masses against the aggressive Sri Lankan Government around one motive, "WE ARE EELAVAR; OUR LANGUAGE IS TAMIL; OUR NATION IS EELAM."
- The EROS considers that the Eelam revolution is part and parcel of the International working class struggle and it will never hesitate to identity itself with the progressive forces of the world and oppressed people fighting for liberation.

The ideals, the historical background and the operational methods of the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation which is commonly known as the EROS, can be reviewed here.

It is a veritable fact that the EROS is a formidable organisation among the militants who are striving and struggling to achieve the liberation of the Tamil-speaking people of Eelam. On November 23rd 1975 the Eelam Research Organisation declared, after analysing in a scientific way the problems of the Sri Lankan Tamil-speaking masses and the problems they would encounter in the future, that the only solution was to establish a separate state, Eelam, which is the aspiration of the Tamil-speaking masses.

This declaration further stated that the proposed seperate state should extend from Point Pedro to Badulla and Mannar to Batticaloa, including Pottuvil. All the people living in this region, irrespective of their social, religious and regional differences will be categorised as Eelavar.

This Organisation has been mobilising the entire Tamil speaking masses against the aggressive Sri Lankan Government around one motive, "We are Eelavar; our language is Tamil; our nation is Eelam".

The determined policy of the EROS is to create Eelam where the interest of the working classes will be cared for and quality and social justice will be guaranteed to each and everyone.

The Tamil-speaking masses living in the hill country are undergoing severe reprisals because they speak Tamil, and encountering drastic economic

hardships and are being alienated in their own land for which they have toiled and moiled for centuries. Hence the EROS is determined to incorporate a part of the hill country in Eelam.

The EROS considers that the Eelam revolution is part and parcel of the international working class struggle and it will never hesitate to identify itself with the progressive forces of the world and oppressed people fighting for liberation.

The liberation struggle of Eelam is a dynamic challenge to imperialist America and its henchmen who are trying to establish themselves in the region of the Indian Ocean. The EROS believes that the restoration of international peace is only possible through the victory of the international working class.

The Eelam Revolutionary Organisation was born in London on 23rd November, 1975 to implement these ideals. The EROS was able to solicit the constructive support of international liberation organisations at the very outset because of the enormous support for its ideals.

Comrades who received military training abroad believed that they could implement their ideals through socio-economic plans.

Co-operative model farms were set up with the help of Tamil Refugees Rehabilitation Organisation to rehabilitate the people who were driven from the hill country to the Northern and Eastern Provinces during communal riots that broke out in 1977 August. Special mention can be made about Kenneddy Farm which was one of the farms set up during that time. Unlike daily wages paid on

other farms, this model farm operated on the basis of united efforts. In order to help the farm workers, a co-operative shop and children's creche were set up.

A small sum of money was paid as incentive. A co-operative farm was experimented here. Inspite of the fact that the farm was attacked by the Army in 1978 and 1979, a conducive atmosphere was created to allow the people to continue their normal living.

Likewise when the Eastern Province was devastated by a cyclone in 1978, the service of the volunteer force was used to assist the victims.

It has been the ideal of the EROS to politicise the masses through the volunteers and pioneers who are engaged in this sort of socioeconomic projects.

The front-liners of the EROS, who had been operating in this manner, had a bitter experience in 1980. Rivalry in the leadership, operational crisis and the differences in opinion about policies are contributory factors that created dissension among the front-liners.

The General Union of Eelam Students (GUES); the student body EROS, rejected the leadership of the EROS and established a separate leadership for it, known as the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF).

Though the dissension was a set back to the operational functions of the EROS, it has never been an impediment in the progressive activities of the organisation.

The EROS consists of various functional organisations, such as the Eelam Research Organisation, the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation, the Eelam Repatriate Organisation and Economic Rehabilitation Organisation.

The Eelam Research Organisation consists of academicians who are engaged in political research and political publications. "Lanka Rani" "Neo Colonialism in the 20th century" "Redemption of Eelavar" "A case against Jayawardene Government" were published.

A series of seminars are also being conducted through this organisation. "EROS" a periodical, is being published in English by this group in London to propagate the Eelam cause internationally. The Eelam Revolutionary Organisation pays its attention to politicise the people and to prepare them for an armed struggle. To politicise the Masses for an armed struggle, the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation has been publishing a Tamil periodical "Tharkeekam" (Dialectic) from 1980.

At the same time "Pothumai" (General Views), a Tamil publication is being published from 1982.

"Eelam", a monthly Tamil magazine is being published to disseminate knowledge of the Tamil Here (Eelam) and abroad.

The Eelam Revolutionary Organisation is implementing certain strategies and tactics to militarise comrades who have been politicised. The Eelam Revolutionary Organisation believes that by careful planning and attacking economic targets that are bound to crumble the oppressive chauvinist state, it can make the mercenary soldiers to withdraw. According to this plan, the military operation waged so far have been done in such a way as to create; immense economic ruin immediately and in the long run.

The other attacks have been done with the following motives; to spread to other parts of Sri Lanka the Army that has been concentrated in the territory of Eelam, to demoralise the forces by this activity, to temporarily end the continuous harassment of the Tamil-speaking people, to make the Sinhalese people understand our armed struggle and distract the government.

While continuously implementing such military tactics it is also involved in preparing the Tamil-speaking people for a mass struggle. The Eelam Revolutionary Organisation is in the above manner, preparing itself for a mass uprising.

The General Union of Youths and Students (GUYS), the student body of the EROS, is involved in propagating knowledge among the students of Eelam. GUYS publishes two periodicals "Nankal" (WE) in Tamil and GUYS' in English which publish mainly the contributions of students.

GUYS is a student organisation that has accepted on the level of awareness the policies and theory of the EROS and functions under its leadership and its programme ranges from mobilising a revolutionary student body making them cadres of the Organisation.

GUYS is leading internationally in the operation of spreading its organisation and mobilising all students' organisations. GUYS is creating among the students and youth an awareness of the practical problems involved in the struggle. At the same time it is paying special attention in creating students who will reflect a complete awareness of matters relating to Eelam in whichever part of Eelam they may live. It is involved in the task of making comrades of the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation.

The Eelam Repatriate Organisation is concerned about the problems confronting the people who are being expatriated compulsorily through the Sirima, Shastri pact. Meanwhile it is engaged in setting up socio-economic projects.

The EROS is the amalgamation of all these organisations and it flourishes as the supreme force of these organisations.

Dear friend, your far yet not too far!

I doubt whether you will be interested to know about the situation in our native land. Though we both were born in this same land we have been separated by not only distance but thought too. So I thought it would be more appropriate to discuss the situation in which we are. I hope you will not turn a blind eye to what's happening here. So I write this letter hoping that your thoughts will turn here.

In the year 72'-73' your brother was refused admission to the university because of schemes of ethnic suppression through standardization had been implemented. As he could not gain admission he went abroad to England to continue his education there. At that time we could not understand why he had gone abroad. We were happy at the prospect that he will bring lots of imported goods home.

But the country to which not only your brother but yourself had gone to continue your refused education is now giving military and moral support to the Sri Lankan government to crush our justified struggle.

Our classmates who studied with ds. Dharman, Samson, Victor, Balachandran, Somes and Paripoornan are not alive with us now. Similar to this many of our friends are behind the bars of this chauvnistic government. I doubt whether you know that your aunt's daughter fell victim to the savage bloodthirsty army. She was six months pregnant when she was raped. Your mother is sure to have withheld this news from you. She would have thought that you would be very badly shocked to hear this.

Many a youth like you are wandering with the hope of getting 'Political asylum' in foreign countries. Last week the Australian embassy informed that they were issuing visas. Hoards of people camped themselves in the queues there. Agencies are making a profit by selling application forms at a black market price of Rs. 200.

Yet in the midst of all this there still remain many sensible youth who feel that we must have a land of our own. Time has proved to us that our people, who on the one hand have been fooled by the government at negotiating tables and on the other hand are being massacred by the state security forces, can never be free again unless we succeed in our armed revoluontiary struggle.

Yes, I know that many of you'll have formed various organisations and hunt for fund to support the militant movements here. We thank you for your generous contributions. But unfortunately there are still many who fail to realise that if at least a month's salary had been contributed the militants would have had sufficient arms to destroy the enemy.

I would like to turn my attention to those of you who smuggle drugs and contraband for their living in countries like Italy. When arrested you blurt that you are funding the Eelam struggle. I don't understand why these youths earn a bad name to our justified liberation struggle in which many have lost their lives for the sake of the liberation of our people. An expatriate Tamil who lives in your country and has close links with one of the militant movements, has written to his cousin asking her to get ready to me to England, and that she could take part in the struggle from there. What do you think of this?

Day by day the situation is getting from bad to worse. Planned Sinhalese settlements, planned riots (latest in Batticalo), training homegaurds consisting of thugs and arming them have become a normal event in our day to day life here. What horrifies me is that at a time when your own people are experiencing extreme hardships you still ignorantly continue with your studies which in the end would only help you bargain for a job in the international market.

For whom are you striving for? Why did you tend to forget the thousands of toiling people of your motherland when you selected your course of study? The tiny kattumaran (fishing boat) and the mammoty will continue to symbolise us. In the years to come, some day you would read the life story of the Tamil speaking people of Sri Lanka. It may be too late......where is our traditional home land.....where are our people........Only graves and burnt out buildings would be there to greet you. In a village far away, a hut......with the mammoty in hand, he continues to toil in the field.......

Think now, dear friend, act swiftly and be wise. Time is running out. We need you here.

Your Friend

EELAVAR SPEAK THEIR MIND......

As a first step towards reflecting the general views of Eelavar to the international community we have, in this issue, chosen a group of individuals from high schools.

3 questions were asked and the outcomes were quiet encouraging, however this has made us to realise the importance of carrying out an accelerated campaign towards conscientising the masses.

Question No. 1

1) How do you reflect on the present liberation struggle?

In view of the planned colonisation schemes, the planned racial riots (1958, 1977, 1981, 1983), the continuing genocide of the Tamil speaking people and the various other schemes that have been carried out by the Govt. in order to erase the identity of Eelavar we have inevitably been led to this liberation struggle. We have experienced unprecedented oppression. We have to carry out this resolution ourselves and not the next generation.

Grade 11

2) I believe that the liberation we are talking about should not only be in "words" we should show that in our actions also. It is not always necessary that all should carry arms in a liberation struggle but at the same time, in the present situation the use of arms in a liberation struggle becomes inevitable. I feel that first of all every one should be united. In addition one should be fully convinced of his role and consequences before carrying arms. I am a young girl and I feel that it is not sufficient if only boys take part in the liberation struggle although I don't subscribe to the thought that it is vital that all young girls should join the arms struggle.

Grade 11

3) Given the present situation in which Eelavar are placed I am convinced that a liberation struggle is of vital necessity. To continue our struggle in non-violent methods is never going to make us suceed. To postpone this liberation struggle due to the present negotiations with the Govt for a political solution will be foolish because time has proved to us that the Singalese govt's that have ruled us over the past few decades have never proved themselves to be really interested in giving back the basic rights to the Tamils.

Grade 10

Question No 2
Why do we need a seperate state of Eelam?

1) Starting at a very early stage in the form of depriving the Tamil speaking people of their language rights, the Tamil speaking students of their University education, and the Tamil speaking youths of their employment, the discriminating policies of the chauvinistic government have now developed into planned racial riots, the exploitation of the proletariat and varrious other repressive actions. We need to be free from this yoke of oppression and we will be free in the near future-this thinking should develop in our minds, the oppression of the proletariat, the caste and class structures that exist in our society and the sense of individualism the have developed in our minds have all got to be completly eradicated from our midst.

We ourselves started expressing our oppositions in the form of hunger strikes, hartals and other non-violent actions; but these are all means that are used by the middle classes, we should give these up before its too late and join hands with the vanguard of our liberation struggle-the oppressed people and participate together in overthrowing our common enemy. Our past experience has proved to us that we can't be free again until we form a separate state of our own.

2) There are many reasons for our cry for a separate state but I feel the basic factor that has influenced us most is the economic problems that we have faced over the past several years. Apart from these economic problems our people have also experienced discrimination in the fields of education, employment and land distribution. A socialist state of Eelam is of vital necessity to overcome all these problems.

Question No. 3

Will the political negotiations give a solution to our problem?

Negotiations will never give us a lasting solution. Earlier negotiations and agreements between the government and us, such as the Banda-Chelva pact, Dudley-Chelva pact, the many negotiation that were held during the 1970-1977 period with the main Tamil opposition party, and the recent round table conference (1984) never proved to be fruitful.

In this context, we are infact, forced to come to the conclusion that the negotiation will not result in a lasting solution.

Peaceful negotiations sound good to the ear but in the day to day of the tamil.....

2) We can't depend on these negotiations. Our past experiences forces us to think that the government would never offer any acceptable proposals to the Tamils.

Who knows-this time also that the government might fool us. Our freedom can only be obtained through continuing our arms struggle.

We have given the news below about the 'GUYS' published in some news papers including the Saturday Review the only wholly Government censored news paper in Sri Lanka.

NO PLACE FOR DESERTERS

The present - day Tamil - speaking student has to live with his life at stake. The gun firing that he faces on his way to college, the arrests that take place while attending lectures or during examinations and the torture that follows, the hardships and frustrations that he encounters by the loss of his brothers, sisters, parents or belongings, the abrupt interruption that he experiences in his education by his family's flight to India for security, the sight of colleges, being converted into army torture camps and refugee camps, the undeveloped state of the colleges, the lack of teachers, the situation where free books have not reached many schools and the reduction of a certain amount from the salaries of teachers for the National Defence Fund without their consent not only warns us of the present but also poses a serious question as to what the future holds for the Tamil - speaking students. There are many students who are leaving us today and going in search of greener pastures to continue their studies. It should be borne in mind that their education should be directed towards making a contribution to the freedom of their community and not for selfish motives.

At the same time some others are fleeing from this country with the idea of returning after living there comfortably for some time. What we would like to make clear to such deserters is that in the same way they are not needed in the struggle for liberation, they are not needed in the liberated country.

The greatest question which lies before us is how to face this challenge.

We students must render our fullest co-operation to wipe out the chains of oppression from our midst and be the architects of our future society. For this, it is of vital necessity that we clearly identify the true and dedicated revolutionary forces and not only join hands with them but also direct our activities towards building up solidarity with similar organisations in the international scene, to publicise our cause not merely to make international publicity and thereby condemnation against the Fascist regime but to formulate ways in which a constructive and effective solution could be found to the present crisis.

From GUYS (General Union of Youths and students) published from P. O. Box 2356 Madras 600 024.

Saturday Review, 18th May 1985

LETS JOINTLY STRUGGLE

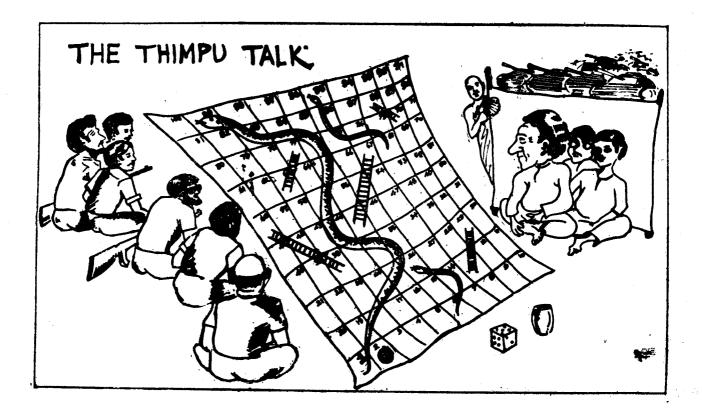
In a pamphlet issued by the GUYS and which appeared in the "Pothumai" paper it was stated that the present negotiations that are being held in Bhutan would only help in upgrading the states of the liberation movements from an extremists armed group, as it was known earlier, to a widely accepted movement with considerable political recognition. These were also held many protest actions by the public to reiterate the fact that they vehemently oppose the ceasefire that has been proposed by the Sri Lankan government in order to cripple the uprising of the Eelam masses. The pamphlet goes on to say that they themselves would be the architects of their future and would not permit outside forces to determine it.

- POTHHUMAI 15-07-85

WHAT IS THE ACTUAL FEET OF CEASEFIRE?

Pamphlet says :-

What is the real background of the talks about the ceasefire spread all over the country for some days? We should not be careless



although we know why the forces of the government stretch their friendly hands?

This was mentioned in the pamphlet distributed by the General Union of Youth and Students (GUYS)

The pamphlet ending with the words "A ceasefire is not an end of war" says more.

How can it be intended that it is a ceasefire when we notice the urgent visit of the security minister and the army Adviser to South Korea, the importation of warships from Britain and the death of Air Force soldier who was training to suppress the extremists in the east.

During the past, all agreements were broken as the government was unable to face opposition that rose from Bhikkus and other parties of opposition when it tried to solve our problems through negotiations.

The above stated facts are the historical truths that will testify the government tricks. And finally it quotes the significiant speech of Anura Bandaranayaka "We shall oppose any decision by a general Election".

EELANADU 25/06/1985

GUYS says :-

"CEASEFIRE CUNNINGNESS - PEOPLE MUST REALIZE IT"

Every citizen of Eelam should neglect all entertainment parties and functions, realize the actual fact of the government ceasefire and prepare themselves for the firm and final phase of the Eelam struggle.

The GUYS appealed to the people through a pamphlet issued yesterday. It bore the head lines. Is it a ceasefire or preparation for war?

Further more it states:-

We take pity for the people if they think that the cunning ceasefire of J.R's government is the symptom of the restoration of deprived rights.

If the people think that it is a real ceasefire what does the death of an Air Force soldier who fell off from an aeroplane while under going training to suppress the extremists in the East; what do the news of war rehearsal and the warships which are to be imported from Britain and the promot visit of the security minister to Korea indicate to us

EELAMURASU - 25/06/1985

In the Name of Allah;
The Most Compassionate and Merciful!

PRESS RELEASE

Sri Lankan Minister M. H. Mohamed — A Proven Traitor To World Muslims!

Mr. M.H. Mohamed, Minister of Transport of Sri Lanka, who is currently on a European Tour is attempting to seek International Islamic Support for the MOSSAD's (Israeli's Secret Service Dirty Work in Sri Lanka)

We, the Islamic Revolutionary Movement of U.K. hereby bring to light some facts about the Mossad's Role in the now troubled Sri Lanka and the treacherous role played by Mr. M. H. Mohamed!

FACT 1

Mr. M. H. Mohamed had been seen on several occasions to have visited the Special Interests Section Office of the U. S. Embassy in Kollupitiya, Colombol The Special Interests Section Office in the U. S. Embassy is where the Israeli Secret Service Station H. Q. of Sri Lanka is situated!

FACT 2

We have concrete evidence of a "Two Hour Secret Talks" held between Minister M. H. Mohamed and Mr. Avraham Yoffe, a top MOSSAD Special Agent, on Monday 21st January 1985, between 21. 15hrs and 23.32hrs at the Hotel Lanka Oberoi, Colombo!

FACT 3

The Tamil Speaking People of Sri Lanka comprising the Muslim, Christian and Hindu faiths had always been a secular and progressive society living a very peaceful life. Whereas, the Sri Lankan Governments have had on several occasions desecrated our Mosques and killed hundreds of innocent Muslims from time to time, and had set up the Sinhalese Mobs on defenceless Muslims! The Sri Lankan Government had been usurping lands belonging to Muslim peasants and settling Sinhalese people and building Buddhist Temples! Now this reactionary regime had fallen straight into the arms of the "MOSSAD" by setting up the Tamil Muslims against the rest of the Tamils!

FACT 4

the Islamic People" strategy wherever they could be reached! The Sri Lankan Muslims are now their target!

It should be reiterated that the Islamic people of Sri Lanka have been a very prosperous, happy and peace-loving community in Sri Lanka. With the arrival of the MOSSAD and the use of their dirty strategies, the Muslims there have become a pawn in the current Sri Lankan crisis! Irreparable damage would be done to the Sri Lankan Muslims unless Traitors like M. H. Mohamed forthwith stop doing the dirty work for the Israeli MOSSAD!

Released to coincide with the Press Conference given by Mr. M. H. Mohamed dated 30th April 1985 at 11.00am, at the ROYAL LANCASTER HOTEL, Lancaster Terrace, London W2.

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— A Movement for Islamic Unity and Resurgence.

From The Notes of a Tourist

Sri Lanka
A land of paradise,
With a rich cultural heritage
These encouraging words
Used by yours agents here
And a loving invitation
From a lad in your north
Made me visit
Your land paradise

In the capital
Huge sky scrappers
People so rich
Benz cars, parties and
Night clubs go hand in hand
Yes, some of these did attract me
But on the other hand
Men in uniform
At every nook and corner
And the news that I heard
Over the SLBC........
"Terrorist plan attack on capital"
Did make me, a tourist,
Feel uneasy.

So I went to the hills
The vast tea estates
Countless flower gardens
And the beautiful waterfalls
Were, indeed so nice
But in the midst of the tea estates
Hear and there?
No, almost everywhere
Cattle sheds
Or almost similar ones
But when I went near
I realised.......
Even in my wildest dreams
Did I ever see people live
In such sub-human conditions

I've heard people talk
Of the special taste and colour
Of the Sri Lankan tea.
I wonder when they would know
Qf the sweat and blood
Of the minority that was sucked
Just to get this special flavuor
Shame
Human life in exchange for money

Then I turned to the north I hurried But men in camouflage Stopped me I was warned of my life Still, I disguised my self And managed to pass through People were not happy Their faces Had a message for me Had all of them Been condemned to die? Burnt out homes And the sight of refugee camps Were most common Hear and there Disfigured human bodies Some split by the bayonet. Human bones were Not scarce

In the capital
It was the government
But in the north and east
The armed security (?) forces
The blood and bones
Of the minority
Is used to satisfy
The hunger of the racist

As a child
I was told
Canibals had lived and gone
No, in this island
In the north and east
They still exist
Living on the flesh and blood
Of the minority.

From the midst
Of a haulling cry
The agents
Of a shameful government
Continue to say
Sri Lanka
Is a land of paradise.



International Youth Year 1985

28th May 1985

MR. JULIUS RICHARD JAYAWARDENE President of Sri Lanka Office of the president Public Square, Colombo 1 Sri Lanka

Dear Mr. Jayawardene,

It is with horror and shock that we hear of the continued massacre of the Tamil poeple in Sri Lanka. The abhorrence of this genocide strikes within many people throughout the world. Of serious concern to us, members of the Asian Students Association (ASA) delegation to the just concluded "Friendly Gathering of Youth in the Asia-Pacific Region" in Beijing, China is the wave of atrocities commited by your security forces and group of thugs against men, women and even children in Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka.

We register our protest against the claim of the Sri Lankan representatives that the intense fighting in Eelam is being initiated by a "group of misguided youth." That false statement unfolds the distortions being disseminated by Sri Lankan authorities to cover up and justify harsh military offensives on the Tamil people. From eye-witness accounts, documented fact sheets and reports, we have learned that the political violence in your country is not a mere racial issue, but a well-planned and calculated scheme to silence the self-determination struggle of the Tamil people.

We view with outright condemnation US patronage of your government. In particular, we oppose the US \$ 71 million economic and military aid agreement signed by your government with the United States in 1983. Such deal has only reinforced US involvement in Sri Lankan afairs with the aim of protecting the natural harbour of Trincomalee on the Eastern coast and enhancing US military presence in the Indian Ocean. While safeguarding US interests, this agreement provides you with

weapons and ammunitions against the Tamil militants who are waging a life-and-death struggle to have an independent nation where democracy prevails.

We also condemn the participation of MOSSAD the Israeli secret service, in your government assaults against the Tamils. Aware of the complicity of Israel in US military strategy in Asia and in the other parts of the world, we call on your government to cease from seeking both Israeli and American support. Israeli military experts must stop from interfering in local affairs, and end participation in your campaign against the Tamil people, which we vehemently oppose.

We the undersigned joint worldwide outrage against human rights violations in Sri Lanka. We demand the immediate pull-out of local and foreign military forces in Eelam and call on your government to stop any military operation against the Tamil people. We demand respect for human dignity and the genuine realization of civil liberties in Sri Lanka.

We recognize and support the struggle of the Tamil people to build an independent nation where human rights are enjoyed, sovereignty is acknowledged and the country's wealth is shared by the people.

We uphold the self-determination struggle of the Tamil people.

This Memorandum was sent to President of Sri Lanka by the Secretary-General of the ASA on 28th May 1985.

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