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LIBERATION TIGERS OF THAMIL EALAM

TIGER CAMPAIGN SUCCEEDS

TAMILS REJECT T.U.L.F

RESPONDING TO A MASS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY OUR MOVEMENT, THE LIBERATION TIGERS, THE MAJORITY OF THE TAMIL PEOPLE LIVING PREDOMINATELY IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE STAGED A MASS BOYCOTT OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS ON THE 18TH MAY. SUCH A MASS BOYCOTT OF ELECTIONS, UNPRECEDENTED IN THE POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE TAMILS, CONSTITUTES A GREAT POLITICAL AND PROPAGANDA VICTORY FOR THE TIGER MOVEMENT. THE T.U.L.F, WHICH DEFIED THE TIGERS' APPEAL, SUFFERED AN INSULTING HUMILIATION AND IRREPARABLY DAMAGED ITS POLITICAL IMAGE, WHEN 90% OF THE VOTERS IN THE NORTH REJECTED THE PARTY'S APPEAL TO VOTE. THE BOYCOTT WAS CALLED BY THE TIGERS, WHO, FOR THE FIRST TIME, LAUNCHED AN EFFECTIVE POPULAR CAMPAIGN APPEALING TO THE PEOPLE TO SHUN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AS A MARK OF DISAPPROVAL AND REJECTION OF THE RACIST STATE SYSTEM THAT HAS IMPOSED A REIGN OF TERROR AND REPRESSION AGAINST THE TAMILS. THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS DOCUMENT THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO AND THE OUTCOME OF THE CAMPAIGN.

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LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM

North rejects TULF call to vote : August the decisive month?

It was a near-total poll boycott in the North on Wednesday (18 May). An event unprecedented in the political life of Sri Lanka. Responding to militant youths' call to keep away from the local bodies' polls, 99 per cent of the registered voters in Pt. Pedro, 98 per cent in Valvettiturai, 86 per cent in Jaffna and 85 per cent in Chavakachcheri did not vote on Wednesday.

Overall, only about 8 per cent of the voters in the North cast their votes. This contrasts sharply with the over 80 per cent voter turnout in the North at the 1981 DDC elections—a figure higher than the national average—and the 75 per cent turnout at the 1979 local elections.

The militants' boycott victory has triggered off speculation about the political future of the TAMIL UNITED LIBERATION FRONT which staked its entire political prestige on this election.

Instead of side-stepping the militants' boycott challenge, the TULF—particularly the high command—chose to meet it head-on. Appeals to the voters to "use their votes wisely" and return the TULF to power were laced with sneering references to four guns trying to dictate to the people.

The Northern voter's considered verdict has not only badly dented the TULF's political image. A big question mark now hangs over its future. What will the TULF MPs do in August 1983, when their present parliamentary term expires? Will the TULF high command call for fresh parliamentary elections or will it opt for the safer path of re-nomination to fill the vacancies created by its MPs' resignations?

Either way, the TULF is likely to run into trouble. Fresh elections would mean,

say political observers, an even more intensive boycott campaign. The success of the militants' trial run on Wednesday also seems to rule out the tactics of re-nomination. According to political observers, militant youths are now likely to press the TULF to abandon its parliamentary road altogether if it is really serious about Tamil Eelam.

The Tamil United Liberation Front as expected has retained its hold over the local bodies in the North and East.

Here's the break-down of Wednesday's voting: Pt. Pedro UC: Registered voters—10,928; votes polled—115 (TULF 82, UNP 27, Independents 5, NSSP 1). Valvettiturai UC: Registered voters—8,972, votes polled—184 (TULF 173, TC 7, UNP 4). Chavakachcheri UC: Registered voters 12,059; votes polled—1,861

(TULF 1718, TC 105, UNP 38). Jaffna MC: Registered voters—66,291; votes polled—9,696 (TULF 8,595, UNP 830, TC 272). Vavuniya UC: Registered voters—9,265; votes polled—7,079 (TULF 5,454, UNI 1,625). Trincomalee UC: Registered voters—24,795; votes polled—15,723 (TULF 10,940, UNP 2,542, SLFI 2,135, TC 106). Batticaloa MC: Registered voters—22,894; votes polled—17,520 (TULF 10,993, UNP 6,229, Ind. 298).

Tamil militant youths and the T. U. L. F. on a collision course

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Wednesday's local polls in the North (18 May) seem to be in the balance, following the boycott campaign by the LIBERATION TIGERS OF THAMIL EELAM. The dramatic withdrawal of key members in the TULF list including Mayor-Designate S. Nagarajah and Dr. A. L. Abraham, the Tamil Congress' *en masse* withdrawal from the polls in the North and East and its backing up of the Tigers' boycott call, have led to speculation whether the elections will go through at all.

Political observers predict a very low poll even if the elections are held on schedule; most voters will steer clear of the polling booths, they feel.

The Tigers' open intervention in the polls has sent several people scurrying for cover and has qualitatively changed the political situation.

The TULF Mayor-Designate S. Nagarajah has once again sent in a letter withdrawing from the polls so, unofficially, the TULF list is 'headless'. Dr. A. L.

Abraham, the ex-Tamil Congressite who was to succeed Nagarajah as Mayor, has withdrawn from the fray too. At the time of going to press, altogether five TULFers have announced their withdrawal from Wednesday's polls. More TULFers are expected to announce their withdrawal within the next few days.

The Tamil Congress has announced its withdrawal from the local polls in the North and East, in deference to the wishes of the liberation fighters. The TC has also called upon the Tamil speaking people to boycott the polls.

More UNPers too have announced they have quit the party. Announcing his resignation, the UNP's Kilinochchi organiser paid a tribute to the heroism and spirit of self-sacrifice of the liberation fighters. The party's No. 1 Jaffna candidate, S. Manoharan, and two others have withdrawn from the elections, while a person from Pt. Pedro inserted a page 1 advertisement in the EELANADU disclaiming any con-

nection whatsoever with the UNP!

Despite the defection of key members in its list, the TULF high command has decided the Front will not withdraw from the polls. The main argument it has put forward in defence of its decision is that withdrawal and boycott will be tantamount to selling the pass and handing over the Eastern Province to the UNP on a platter.

The T.U.L.F. leadership is however known to be upset by the recent open activities of the Liberation Tigers, who reinforced their call for a polls boycott with a dramatic entry last Sunday (8 May) at the TULF election meeting at 'Five Junctions'. Four youths suddenly appeared on the scene; one of them fired a few rounds from his machine gun in the air. "What have you done for the last 30 years? We've been wandering about for 10 years now" they demanded.

The crowd began to move to safety while the speakers seated on the platform—except the TULF Secretary

General and Opposition Leader Mr. A. Amirthalingam—ran helter-skelter for cover.

The youths then hijacked Mr. Amirthalingam's official car and drove away at high speed. It was later found abandoned opposite the Kombayanmanal Crematorium: the windscreen was smashed and the tyres deflated. The TULF meeting continued on a low key.

3 Govt. party men in the North shot dead the same afternoon

Three supporters of the ruling United National Party—two of them heading the party's list of candidates for next month's local polls, the other a bodyguard of the UNP's Jaffna Organiser—were shot dead on Friday (29th April) at Pt. Pedro, Valvettiturai and Chavakachcheri. This brings the tally of UNP supporters in the North shot dead within the last five months up to five.

K. V. Ratnasingham—the UNP's No. 1 candidate at Pt. Pedro—was shot dead at noon on Friday almost opposite the Magistrate's Bungalow at Beach

Road, Pt. Pedro while he was cycling home. A card bearing the insignia of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Tigers was found beside his body. One side of the card bore this inscription: "This is the death sentence for being the mercenary of a State that has unleashed terrorism." It was signed by the Central Committee of the Liberation Tigers.

Ratnasingham (43) was the Chief Clerk of the Pt.

Pedro MPCPS, the branch President of the UNP's trade union organisation, Jatika Sevaka Sangamaya, and its Northern Organiser. Murugesu Pararajasingham (31) who was injured during the shooting was admitted to the General Hospital, Jaffna, where an emergency operation was performed on him.

S. S. Rajaratnam, a long time UNP supporter and bodyguard of the UNP's Jaffna Organiser K. Ganeshalingam, was shot dead at Valvettiturai on Friday afternoon. The van in which he was travelling was stopped by unidentified youths on cycles; they pulled him out of the van and shot him dead on the spot.

At Chavakachcheri, the UNP's leading candidate Samuel Seevaratnam Mutiah (65) was shot dead round about 4.45 p.m. on Friday. He had dropped in for a chat at his next-door neighbour's house, a pastor, when 3 youths cycled up, pulled out revolvers and pumped a few bullets into him. They left behind a letter before cycling away.

These three deaths bring up to five the number of UNP supporters shot dead since November 1982. Last year V. Thambapillai of Punnalakadduvan was shot dead in his house on 20 November. This year K. T. Pulendran, the UNP's Vavuniya Organiser, was shot dead on 19 January while he was watching a TV movie at home.

A. Thiagarajah, ex-MP for Vaddukoddai and the UNP's No. 1 Jaffna DDC candidate, was shot dead after an election meeting in May 1981.

May 7, 1983

The LIBERATION TIGERS OF THAMIL EELAM (Prabhakaran Group) issued leaflets on Wednesday (4 May) calling upon the people to totally reject the forthcoming local elections and claiming responsibility for the killing of the 3 UNPers. In a veiled reference, the Tamil United Liberation Front is branded an evil force which "is Eelamist only at election time and on election platforms!"

The Liberation Tigers boycott call came just a few days after a bit of political knockabout involving the TULF's Mayo Designate S. Nagarajah. He announced his withdrawal from the Jaffna Municipal Elections, then did an about-turn and withdrew his letter of withdrawal! A threatening letter is reported to have prompted him to send in his letter of withdrawal and pressure from the TULF leadership prodded him to recall it.

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தமிழ் மக்களிடையே பெரும் பீதி!

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சுதந்திரன்
15.5.1983

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