



தமிழீழ மக்கள் விடுதலைக் கழகம் PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ORGANIZATION OF TAMIL EELAM (PLOTE)

விடுதலை வீரர்கள் விடுதலை!

மட்டுநகர்ச் சிறைச்சாலையில் தமிழீழ மக்கள்
விடுதலைக் கழகத்தால் தகர்க்கப்பட்டது!

தமிழீழத்தில் மட்டுநகர்ச் சிறைச்சாலையில் கைதுசெய்து வைக்கப்பட்டிருந்த நாற்பது (40) தமிழீழ விடுதலை வீரர்கள் சிறைமீட்கப்பட்டனர்! உமாமகேஸ்வரனின் தலைமையில் இயங்கும், தமிழீழமக்கள் விடுதலைக் கழகத்தின் கிழக்குப் பிராந்திய இராணுவப் பிரிவினரால், செப்டம்பர் 23ந்தேதி வெள்ளிக் கிழமை இரவு 10 மணிக்கு இப்படையெடுப்பு நடபெற்றது! உயிர்ச்சேதம் எதுவுமின்றி நடத்தப் பட்ட இந்த ராணுவ நடவடிக்கையால், தமிழீழ விடுதலை வீரர்கள் சிறைமீட்கப்பட்டு, பாதுகாப் பாண இடங்களுக்கு எடுத்துச் செல்லப்பட்டனர்! இத்தாக்குதலின்போது ஏனைய சிறைக் கைதிகளும் தப்பிச்சென்றனர்!

அண்மையில் கொழும்பு, வெலிக்கடைச் சிறைச்சாலையில் கைதுசெய்து வைக்கப்பட்டிருந்த விடுதலை வீரர்களில், 53 வீரர்களை, சிங்கள முதலாளித்துவ இனவாத அரசின் அனுசரணையோடு படுகொலை செய்யப்பட்டதைத் தொடர்ந்து, தமிழீழ விடுதலை வீரர்கள் மட்டுநகர்ச் சிறைச்சாலைக்கு மாற்றப்பட்டது தெரிந்ததே! அனைத்துலக நாடுகளினதும், மனிதஉரிமைச்சபைகளினதும், பிரக்கினைகளைச் சமாளிக்கும் பொருட்டு, சிறீலங்கா இனவாத அரசு விடுதலை வீரர்களை மட்டுநகர்ச்சிறையில், பலத்த காவலுடன் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளனர் என ஊர்ஜிதம் செய்திருந்தது.

இனவாதிகள் எந்நிலையிலும், எந்நேரத்திலும் எமது வீரர்களின் கையாலாகாதநிலையில், அவர்களைக் கொலைசெய்து விடுவார்கள் என ஏக்கமும், தமிழீழ மக்கள் உணர்வுகளை மதித்து, திட்டமிடப்பட்ட, இத்துணிகரமான, வெற்றிகரமான இராணுவ நடவடிக்கையை "தமிழீழமக்கள் விடுதலைக் கழகம்" எடுத்து வெற்றிகண்டேள்ளது!

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Batticaloa jail break was organised by Umamaheswaran group, says Colombo

Prison guards were not harmed by uniformed intruders

Tiger strike details

NEWS TODAY 25/9/83

Colombo, Sept. 25:

The responsibility for the daring jail-break in Batticaloa Friday night was claimed by the Uma Maheswaran group of Eelam Tigers which wants to organise the people for a massive insurrection instead of indulging in individual acts of liquidation. The other extremist group which claimed responsibility for wiping out 13 army men in an ambush exactly two months earlier was not involved in this daring enterprise, according to well informed official sources. [The news about the escape of more than 200 prisoners was reported briefly in these columns Saturday evening].

It has been confirmed now that about 271 prisoners escaped under cover of darkness helped by Liberation Tigers who came in two lorries dressed in full battle-colour army uniforms. The whole exercise did not last more than 45 minutes.

They refuse to leave

Although the Liberation Tigers arranged the escape of all the *internees*, which included more than 60 Tamil political prisoners, then lodged in the Batticaloa jail, some political prisoners, on grounds of conscience, refused to

leave the prison under such circumstances.

According to informed sources those who refused to leave the jail with the help of the Tigers included Rev. Fr. Singarayer, Mrs. Nirmala Nithyananthan, a Professor of Jaffna Tamil University, Dr. S.A. Tharmalingam, leader of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Front (TELF) and Kovai Mahesan, editor of the now proscribed Tamil Weekly "Suthanthiran". Among those who left the jail with the help of the Tigers included Rev. Fr. Sinnarasa, Rev. San Jayakularajah and Nirmala's husband, Prof. Nithyananthan.

The political prisoners in this jail were transferred from Colombo's high security Welikada jail soon after the massacre in cold blood of 54 political prisoners lodged there.

Recently, the Colombo government proposed to re-transfer the political prisoners from Batticaloa to another jail in Colombo. A. Amirthalingam, leader of the Opposition in Lanka Parliament and TULF General Secretary, wrote a letter to President Jayewardene requesting him not to shift the political prisoners to Colombo in the immediate background of the massacre at Welikada.

Observers have noted that Batticaloa prison break-out had taken place exactly two months

after the fateful ambush of 13 Sinhalese soldiers in this area. This triggered off unprecedented ethnic violence in which more than 300 Tamils had perished. The entire Tamil property in the island running into several billions had been looted or destroyed in the one-sided Sinhalese violence which lasted in all its fury for a full fortnight.

No harm to guards

According to government sources, a group of unidentified men dressed in army uniforms managed to enter the Batticaloa maximum security jail after overpowering the guards. The guards were not at all harmed. They were found trussed up but no weapons had been used on any of them. It appeared that the guards offered little resistance in view of the surprise nature of the attack. Immediately the Sinhalese navy personnel started a manhunt for the escapees and Tigers that organised a house-to-house search. According to official sources, one person was shot dead when he resisted the army men from entering his house. This morning the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation said in its 6.30 news bulletin that 15 escapees had been captured while 10 more had voluntarily returned to the jail. It did not give further details.

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Guerillas enter Batticaloa jail, free 250 inmates

By K. SRIRAM

COLOMBO, Sept. 24.

In a daring jail-break in Sri Lanka's Tamil majority town of Batticaloa on the eastern coast, at least 250 prisoners, including 36 political prisoners, escaped last night.

According to reports reaching here, the jail-break was engineered by the People's Liberation Organisation. A notice signed on behalf of the organisation was said to have been found in a mechanised boat along with a machinegun later by the police.

Among the political prisoners who fled were several Tamils detained under Sri Lanka's Prevention of Terrorism Act. But at least 15 other political prisoners, including a Jaffna University professor and his lecturer-wife, a Christian priest, and a banned Tamil weekly's editor remained in

the jail despite having all the time to flee, sources said.

Earlier this month, the opposition Tamil United Liberation Front leader A. Amirthalingam had written a letter to President J. R. Jayewardene requesting that the political prisoners in Batticaloa prison be not shifted to Colombo, as was being planned then, in view of the two earlier jail massacres of Tamil prisoners there.

Observers note that the Batticaloa prison breakout occurred exactly two months after the fateful ambush of an army patrol in which 13 Sinhalese soldiers were killed and which triggered unprecedented violence against the Tamils in the southern parts of the island, in particular in and around Colombo.

However, whereas the July 23 attack was purportedly the handiwork of a rival gang — the Liberation Tigers of Prabhakaran group — the responsibility for the Batticaloa jailbreak is being claimed by the militant group of Uma

Maheswaran, who has openly been critical of the July 23 ambush.

It also comes in the wake of certain anti-State activity by a new group called the Tamil Eelam

Cobras, which had led to the tightening of security in the eastern parts of Sri Lanka in recent weeks.

Reliable sources said a group of unidentified men dressed in army uniforms had managed to enter the Batticaloa maximum security prison and freed the prisoners after overpowering the guards on duty. All the guards were later found trussed up but no weapons had apparently been used on them.

A curfew was clamped in the entire Batticaloa district shortly after the breakout was discovered, and a door-to-door search for the escaped prisoners was launched. Until this evening, only four of the 250 prisoners could be rounded up while four others surrendered to the authorities, it is learnt.

UNI adds:

According to reports reaching Colombo from Batticaloa among the political prisoners who had remained in the jail "of their own volition" include Rev. Fr. Singarayer, Mrs. Nirmala Nithyananthan, Dr. S. A. Tharmalingam, leader of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Front (TELF) and Mr. Kovai Mahesan editor of the banned Tamil regional weekly "Suthanthiran".

Among political prisoners who had escaped were Rev. Fr. Sinnarasa, Rev. Sam Jayatillekrajah, his brother Dr. Jayakularajah and university lecturer M. Nithyananthan who is the husband of Nirmala Nithyananthan.

Police said the guerillas had arrived in a lorry at about 9 p.m. between routine army patrols and had broken into the jail from the rear portion of the prison.

The political prisoners who were in the Batticaloa prison at the time of the jail-break had been transferred there from the Colombo Welikada prison in July last following the massacre of 52 Tamil prisoners at the height of the ethnic violence.

A civilian was shot dead during the door-to-door search in Batticaloa after the jail-break last night.

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