

PM urged to remove Mossad

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Madras, June 29: The Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, can help the cause of the Tamils by urging the Sri Lanka President, Mr J. R. Jayewardene, to withdraw the Israelis from the Island. Mr Uma Maheswaran, leader of the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (Plot) told The Telegraph here today.

Sri Lanka has inducted a group of commandos from Mossad, the Israeli intelligence unit, to familiarise the Sinhalese armed forces with counter-insurgency operations.

Mr Maheshwaran said the removal of the Israelis would considerably ease the tension felt by the Lanka Tamils and also contain the Muslim agitation spreading across the Island. He felt that it would also help if India were to register its protest against Sri Lanka's hiring British mercenaries from the SAS.

According to Mr Maheshwaran, Mrs Gandhi could also convey to the President the anxiety felt by the Tamils regarding the random arrest and torture of Tamil youth in the northern and eastern provinces. She could also urge the President to withdraw the armed forces from Jaffna to induce normalcy in the region.

Elaborating on the threat posed to the Tamils by the presence of the Israelis in Sri Lanka, Mr Maheshwaran said he feared that Jaffna would soon be reduced to another Beirut. He pointed out that Eelam organisations the world over, particularly in London, France and Ger-

many, have been organising demonstrations against the presence of Israelis in Sri Lanka.

Violent events even the past few weeks in Sri Lanka have led to various confrontations.

The Americans, Israelis, the government and Buddhist clergy are ranged against the Tamils, Muslims, Sinhalese students and Leftist parties like the JVP and the Nava Sama Samaja Party.

What is worrying the authorities is that apart from the Muslims who have joined hands with the Tamils to oppose the government over the Israeli issue, the leaders of the Left parties, like Vasudeva Nanekara, general secretary of the NSSP, have been exhorting the students and other Left sympathisers to join hands with the Tamils to "overthrow" the Jayewardene Administration.

Apart from all these political upheavals there is dissension within the ruling UNP with Mr Jayewardene and Mr Lalith Athulathmudali pitted against the Prime Minister, Mr R. Premadasa, Mr Cyril Mathew and the former finance minister, Mr Ronnie de Mel—all of whom are well known to be Tamil baiters and virulently anti-India in their stance.

The fight between Mr Athulathmudali and Mr Premadasa is essentially a battle for the Presidency. Both are using the anti-Tamil plank to emerge as a hero to the Sinhala electorate. According to informed sources, Mr Premadasa's inflammatory outbursts against India at frequent intervals is a calculated move to undermine the efforts of Mr Jayewardene.

PLOT assails N.Y Tamil convention

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By Our Staff Reporter

Madras, July 7: People's Liberation Organisation of Thamil-eelam (PLOT) has condemned the recently held New York Convention and has described it as "an attempt by some individuals to divert attention from the real nature of Tamils' struggle".

"The New York Convention was organised by bourgeois elements out to discredit the objective of Tamil Eelam, namely the socialist transformation of the society", the PLOT said.

In a press statement here the PLOT said that the convenors of the convention had used huge amounts of money to organise it in the "most

imperialist country which is always opposed to national liberation".

PLOT appealed to Tamil people not to support such Conventions which would only take unrealistic decisions and "are being organised by individuals who are not in the battlefield and who are basically against the Tamil masses of Eelam".

Ridiculous show

The press statement said it was ridiculous for some individuals to organise the so-called Convention in New York in the name of the Tamils. The first Convention was described as Tamil Eelam Convention. The second Convention did not carry 'Eelam' in its title. It is a show that the Convention had been organised by 'shady elements' opposed to Tamil nationalism.

PLOT said that the individuals behind the diluted second Convention were only "playing the game of the CIA which is determined to crush Tamil resistance through devious methods and through its planted agents".

The so-called Tamil International said to have been formed is pledged to securing the physical well-being of Sri Lankan Tamils. "The reality is, this task cannot be achieved except in a socialist Tamil Eelam", the PLOT statement said.

PLOT said that the unauthorised attempts of individuals like Satchi Pomambalam in drafting the so-called constitution of Eelam People's Liberation "is motivated by a design to mislead the Tamils and create lethargy among liberation fighters". "This will not succeed", PLOT statement warned.

According to PLOT, the so-called New York Convention made some noise but otherwise failed miserably. This was because it was held as a showpiece at the behest of an imperialist power backing Sri Lanka government in its attacks on Tamils.

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