

# **LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS MADNESS**

The Sri-Lankan government is now intensifying its preparations for the final solution of the Tamils. It is creating the military, political, economic and ideological conditions at home and the diplomatic conditions internationally in order to assist it in this task. Assisted by international terrorists such as Mossad, SAS and also the mercenary forces from Pakistan, Sri Lanka is exerting every ounce of strength and every rupee available in order to prepare the ground, according to a definite plan for the subjugation of the Tamils. We are now approaching the critical moment of decision between survival and extinction and must rush preparations for resistance in order to save the Tamils.

Political, military, economic and educational preparations for our defence are all necessary for armed resistance to save the Tamil people from impending peril, and none of them should be delayed for a moment. But the key that will ensure victory for our armed resistance is the winning of political democracy and freedom. Armed resistance requires the maintenance of domestic peace and unity, but the relative peace of recent times achieved by pushing the army behind the barracks cannot be consolidated and internal unity strengthened without democracy and freedom. Armed resistance requires the mobilisation of the people, but you will not mobilise them without democracy and freedom. *Unless peace and unity are consolidated, unless people are mobilised, our armed resistance will meet the same fate as those who have been forgotten by history.*

To achieve our historic task we must immediately throw out subjectivism which is causing great harm to the analysis of the political situation and which incapacitates us in responding to the imminent threat that confront us. The subjective analysis of the political situation and subjective guidance of work inevitably results in opportunism or in conspiracies. This combined with individualism is a cancer the growth of which will surely suppress us.

*Comrades, retaliation of any kind arise from purely personal considerations, to the neglect of the concepts of a liberator and resulting in the abandonment of the people. Its target is not the enemy but our own heroic fighters from whichever group they come from. It is a corrosive which saps the will of the people, weakens their strength and ultimately their fighting capacity.*

Some comrades who consider only the interest of their group and ignore the general interest of the people develop the mentality of the "small group". Even on the surface it does not appear as pursuit of personal or group interest it exemplifies the narrowest individualism and has a strong corrosive and centrifugal effect. *Comrades we cannot afford the luxury of the "small group" mentality at such a dangerous time as this, for by its very nature it cannot even hope to mobilise the people to their historic task.*

Any individual who is a member of a group should understand that he is an instrument initially for carrying out the tasks of the resistance and ultimately to throw out the

illegitimate Sri-Lankan State. Some do not seem to think that they are the makers of a new dawn and a new era for the ordinary Tamil man and woman, but instead think that their responsibility is merely to their own individual superiors or their group and not to the heroic task that confronts them. This passive mentality of an "employee" is a sad manifestation of individualism and explains the rivalry between groups. Their attitudes stuck publicly and given effect to inaction will help only the masses and drive them away from participating in the struggle. This attitude also explains why there are not very many activists who work unconditionally for the liberation. Unless this attitude is eliminated, the number of activists will not show and the heavy burden of the liberation will remain on the shoulders of a small number of people, much to the detriment of the people.

*Comrades, this liberation struggle belongs to the people and is not the private property of any individual or group. Let us not convert it to a trial of strength between the groups based on the bankrupt ideology of roving rebel bands. Comrades, let us dedicate ourselves to the glorious task of freeing our people from their bondage and burying their "contest of attrition" among us, which deflects us from the struggle and destroys our objective. Let us help to unite the strength and will of all our people to achieve the historic tasks in front of us.*

The recent tragic incidents in Ealam where over 300 freedom fighters of our organisation and 26 of another, rank among the darkest hours in our recent history. The spectacle of our own sons battling with each other in a struggle for power bleeds the heart of the ordinary Tamil people and strengthens the hopes of our enemy to crush us. *These actions betray our liberation. It must be stopped otherwise we will all perish.*

To prevent a recurrence of events of this nature requires steadfast commitment to principles and values. Let us keep sight of our objectives. Let us learn from this tragedy which is paid for by the blood of the best of our youth. For if we do not we will destroy the momentum we have built up in this movement and in the end will only fritter away the enormous victories we have achieved for the people. Let us all unite our forces in the noble task of restoring the democratic rights of the Tamil speaking people rather than fight among ourselves and earn contempt of our people and the rest of mankind.

It is in this spirit, and on behalf of the Tamil speaking people, that we appeal to all those gallant fighters in all the separate groups and to all patriots who support the liberation movements, let us act together to erase this hour of shame from our memory. There is a glorious future awaiting us, not very distant in time, but we have to march together with determination to reach it. Let us make sure the blood sacrifice of the best of our youth was not in vain. Let us all come together and guide this heroic struggle by bringing peace and unity among our people so that together we can march to the promised land.

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