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#### MARCH 1

Sri Lanka govt. sends through her High Commissioner in New Delhi a strongly worded statement to India accusing the latter of "bias" and "pandering to parochial and partisan interests". "The Government has taken serious note", says the statement "of recent unfriendly Indian government statements on Sri Lanka".

Former army chief Lt. Gen. Tissa weeratunge is appointed High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in Canada.

A low-flying helicopter creates a scare in Thavady, Manipay areas. Elsewhere at Navatkuli, Ariyalai areas, residents report a noisy low-flying plane of a design that was not seen before. They say it is box-shaped towards the tail with helicopter-like rotors on top. Some say that it could be a sea plane.

Valaichchenai police station has been shifted to the Fisheries building also occupied by the Special Task Force.

5 Tamil fishermen in the Batticaloa lagoon found missing and two others grievously injured when govt. forces fire on them.

A helicopter flying low over Tellipallai, Kadduvan areas narrowly misses getting hit by militant fire and returns to Palaly camp immediately. Following this, there was heavy shelling for nearly 15 minutes from the Palaly army camp.

LTTE poster warns residents not to have any contacts with the Karainagar naval base. It says punishment will be meted out to any one who provides any kind of help to naval authorities.

A 40-year old woman, Balasubramaniam Indrawathy of Railway station road, Vavuniya, injured by a mysterious bomb burst within her house compound.

Late information received from Tiriya village north of Trincomalee that two planes and two helicopters had bombed the area on Feb. 27th. Following that over 150 soldiers had surrounded the village. Although no specific information is available it is feared that many residents in the area might have been killed.

Nearly 300 black-uniformed govt. forces are reported to have arrived by sea at Kankesanthurai and from there transported to Palaly army camp.

Crates of cool drinks in a lorry meant for the Dutch Fort army camp hijacked by unknown persons at Hospital Road.

4 Burmese who had been drifting in the sea for nearly 50 days eating raw fish and drinking sea water land at Thalaiyady coast in Point Pedro area in a dazed condition. Point Pedro Citizens' Committee President, Professor V.K. Ganeshalingham look after

them at his home and Dr. M.K. Muruganathan attends to their medical needs. They have now been handed over to Jaffna govt. agent who contacts Burmese embassy in Colombo.

#### MARCH 2

At least 5 soldiers killed in landmine explosion on the Mannar road at Vavuniya and at least 8 others grievously injured. Militant sources say 10-12 soldiers had died on the spot. Those injured were removed by helicopters to Anuradhapura hospital. Among those killed was a lieutenant whose first name has been given as Gamini.

The main road bridge connecting Kopay and Kaithady was blasted last night by a powerful bomb, which explosion was heard for 10 miles around. The road is now impassable for traffic except motor bikes and bicycles. This is the third time that this main road culvert has been attacked. Two members of the public were injured at the site of the culvert when helicopter shot at them.

Police guard kept near the bedside of three civilians injured by armed forces at Vavunathivu in Batticaloa was withdrawn when masked man who was brought to the hospital failed to nod his head in identification. Among those killed in the firing at Vavunathivu was a journalist, the correspondent for Virakesari, S.Ratnasingham (30).

Helicopter drops leaflets over Palaly and Sundarapuram areas calling upon residents not to give shelter, food or assistance to Tamil militants. Sundarapuram is a new settlement of those who had evacuated areas close to Palaly army camp.

It is estimated that nearly Rs.60 lakhs destruction has been caused by the second aerial attack at Thavady and Suthumalai.

Colombo newspaper "Sun" reports that govt. troops landed on the desolate island of Kachchathivu on March 1st, "after reports that a flotilla of terrorist boats were planning to cross the Palk Strait bringing in an arms cache from Tamil Nadu."

#### MARCH 3

11 Naval ratings and a Naval officer believed killed when a Sri Lankan naval boat hits a sea mine off Nainathivu island around 12.30 p.m. 17 sailors are believed to have been in the boat. This is the first incident of a sea mine explosion. While LTTE claiming responsibility for the sea mine gives a figure of those killed as 12-14, govt. spokesman in Colombo says only 2 naval personnel were killed and 3 others injured by a "surface mine". Since the naval patrol boat No. 118 was blown

up into fragments in the sea, independent sources in Colombo discount the possibility of a landmine being responsible for the explosion. Following this incident all traffic from the islands to the mainland ceases.

In the afternoon and throughout the night army and navy personnel engage in reprisal actions killing 4 persons, setting fire to the historic Nainathivu Hindu temples main doorway, 3 wooden chariots used in temple festivals adjoining houses and shops and fishermen's boats on the coast. Items of gold jewellery decorating the temple deity were found robbed the next day. Several residents of the area flee for safety.

Elsewhere in the Peninsula a low-flying helicopter drops bombs on several villages around the Palaly army camp. Affected areas were Varuthalaivilan, Tellipallai, Kadduvan and Vasavilan. While no loss of lives was reported, destruction was caused to houses, roads, telegraph wires and trees. Meanwhile army foot patrol that came from Palaly army camp was repulsed by Tamil militants.

Tamil militants and members of the public who were engaged in repairing the Kopay-Kaithady road bridge were fired upon by helicopter.

Fr. Aparanam Singarayer and Fr. Anton Sinnarasa are acquitted in the Colombo High Court by Judge H.W. Senanayake. These two Roman Catholic priests were charged under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, for allegedly concealing information on matters relating to the Neerveli bank robbery in 1981. Fr. Singarayer was in the dock for 180 days and Fr. Sinnarasa was tried in absentia. A packed courthouse that included a member of the US Embassy in Colombo listen to the trial judge who held that the prosecution had failed to prove the charges against the clergymen. Mr. Bala Tampoe, Mr. I.F. Xavier and Mr. K.S. Alagaraja defended. Fr. Singarayer however, was taken back to jail to face another trial in which he is charged.

Tension in Boganwantalawa in the plantations following the killing of a Tamil Kangany Krishnaraja (45).

40 Tamil youths detained at army camp in Trincomalee were sent to Boosa military camp in the south.

2 Muslim Tamil girls and two other Muslim women from Mannar admitted to Jaffna hospital with injuries sustained in Mannar by army firing.

#### MARCH 4

At Nainathivu, tension continues following yesterday's incidents. 3 of the 4 killed yesterday have been identified as - Sinnathamby Kanthasamy (60), cashier at

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Nagapooshany Hindu temple Narayanapillai Pushpakaran (28) and Veerakathy Sathasivam (35). About 1,500 seek refuge in two schools.

Eye witness, 42-year old Ilayathamby Rasammah, a mother of 7 children, who was shot at but escaped with injuries, and now admitted to Jaffna hospital, says how she and two of those killed, Pushpakaran and Sathasivam were coming from Analativu to Nainativu by sailing boat around 2.30 p.m., when blue-uniformed men opened fire on them. The two died instantly. She, along with a little boy who was in the boat, were taken to her house by four of the men. There was no one else in the house at that time. Having chased the little boy, they robbed her of her 51/2 gold sovereign worth "Thalikody", her 2 sovereigns-worth bangles and her earrings. Thereafter one of them aimed his gun at her, and despite her cry, shot at her and she fell. Her next-door neighbour Sinnathamby Kanthasamy came running, but was stopped and taken to his house. Later he learnt that jewellery and some cash was robbed from his house too, and he was shot dead at his house gate. In Colombo, Govt. claims the three were killed in a "cross-fire".

Another eye witness report says a bigger massacre of civilians was prevented by the timely intervention of the Buddhist monk in charge of the Nagadipa Vihare, Ven. Pramanavaththa Dhammakirithi Thera, who went in front of a large party of advancing soldiers, threw away his saffron robe and called upon the soldiers in Sinhala to kill him first before killing any innocent residents of the area. Dazed by this unexpected gesture, the soldiers had slunk away.

Kopay-Kaithadi road bridge bombed by Govt. forces on the 2nd, has now been repaired by militant youths who worked day and night, making it passable for traffic. Two youths, Thirugnanam (26) and David (19) among those engaged in the restoration, injured by helicopter strafing.

One of 5 helicopters giving aerial cover during a "search operation" at Pambaimadu village in Vavuniya South district hit and damaged by militant fire, but manages to land at Vavuniya air strip. One airman injured and airlifted to Anuradhapura hospital.

One plane and a helicopter bomb and strafe Parappukudanthan in Mannar district. The local school and a house completely destroyed.

In Colombo, at the M.Ps hostel "Sravasti", a Govt. M.P. fires at a hostel employee with his revolver, but misses him. An inquiry is on.

### MARCH 5

Over 120 "gramasevakas" (Govt. village headmen) who were on their way to the Dutch Fort military camp in response to summons issued by Brigadier H.F. Rupasinghe, were bundled into one govt. owned bus and 2 mini-buses and abducted to an unknown place by

TELO militants. The gramasevakas had come from various parts of the peninsula, got the necessary permits from the Jaffna G.A.'s office and were about to proceed to the conference when armed militants had arrived on the spot, introduced themselves, blindfolded the gramasevakas and dropped them several miles away several hours later, thereby preventing them from meeting the military authorities. The gramasevakas were released after a warning.

Hundreds of "black uniformed commandos" are reported to have been landed at Palaly airport and army camp early this morning.

In Batticaloa, several Tamils taken in for questioning on suspicion are being detained in ill-ventilated paddy storage dumps at **Santhively, for want of space in the Santhively Special Task Force camp.** The Batticaloa Citizens' Committee make a complaint to the military authorities.

Full particulars of 49 Tamils who were taken in for questioning in Batticaloa district by military authorities and found missing subsequently are submitted by Batticaloa Citizens' Committee to the military Co-ordinating officer.

Two more gun boats arrive at Karainagar naval base with a large number of naval personnel.

Violence reported in plantations areas again. Sinhala villagers reported to have been kidnapped by unknown persons and a few Sinhala owned shops set on fire.

A young soldier Snil Shantha (22) attached to Iraperiyakulam army camp commits suicide by shooting himself. At the inquest held by Inquirer into Sudden Deaths Mr. R.V. Vilvarajah, it was stated that the dead soldier suffered from mental depression.

At Ayithamalai in Batticaloa 3 youths on a motor bike shot dead on suspicion by police commandos.

Revolver and ammunition issued to Govt. MP for Tangalle Mr. Jinadasa Weerasinghe who was involved in the shooting incident at MPs hostel yesterday, confiscated.

Indian High Commission in Colombo denies Sri Lankan reports that an Indian naval craft L-17 was seen off Kachchathivu island.

### MARCH 6

6 members of two Tamil families from Chelvanayakapuram in Trincomalee district hacked to death when they went to collect firewood at Mangaiyootru. It is believed that "Home Guards" are responsible for the crime. The killed persons include 42-year old woman Murugaiah Thavamanidevi, her stepson Rasan (19) and a small child. Thavamanidevi's son Santhakumar (24) admitted to Trincomalee hospital with neck injuries.

A Tamil resident of Kannatty on the Vavuniya-Mannar road was shot dead, several others injured, 8 houses burnt and 200

families flee from their homes, following a "search operation" by armed forces in the area, yesterday.

A damaged helicopter was seen at Malayankaddu on Thunukkai road in Vavuniya district. It is believed that this was the helicopter damaged by LTTE militants at Pambaimadu on 4th. Spares for the helicopter reported to have been brought to Vavuniya army camp today.

Soldiers on foot patrol going from Vavuniya army camp towards Pambaimadu reported to have been hit by a landmine. No information available about casualties.

Black uniformed commandos have been seen doing guard duty at Navatkuli army camp.

In Jaffna, a party of armed youths walk into the Inland Revenue office ask the employees not to panic and walk away with files related to income tax payers.

At Nainativu, tension yet persists. The number of those killed in the incidents of March 3rd is now known to be 6. Regular poojas at the Nagapooshani temple suspended until special rights are performed to purify the temple after the sacrilege of the 3rd.

A 33-year old woman Markandu Kangadevy of Vaddakachchi and a employee of the Paranthan Chemical Corporation, Neethirajah Mohanadas (20) "executed" by Tamil militants and their bodies left on the 155th mile post on the Kandy road in Kilinochchi. The charges against them were that they were giving information to army authorities at Kilinochchi. Mohanadas was some months previously detained at the army camp and released, and so were two brothers of Kangadevy.

In Batticaloa, the govt. bus transport depot robbed of spares worth Rs. 3 lakhs by unknown armed youths.

At Kilinochchi, armed men believed to be govt. forces rob a resident, Gunaratnam, of cash and jewellery worth over Rs. 2 lakhs.

At Karampan in Kayts, Jaffna, a Tamil woman who had returned from Germany last May along with her German husband was kidnapped by Tamil militants. It is reported that a letter was delivered to her at her home signed by an officer at the Jaffna secretariat informing her that a high-ranking officer, mentioned by name, at the Palaly army camp would like to meet her there. Following this a building supervisor at the Jaffna Kachcheri Mr. E.K. Kumaraiah was also kidnapped. These incidents happened yesterday and Mr. Kumaraiah was released today.

### MARCH 7

It is now known that 4 people were killed at Kannatty in the course of the search operation by armed forces on March 5th. Those killed include a young bread seller. Over 18 Tamil families of recent Indian origin seek refuge at the Periyathambanai school. Several residents

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of the area reported missing.

Nainativu residents continue to live in tension. A Sri Lankan naval ship named "Weerasooriya" is now stationed in the sea close to Nainativu. Several gun boats are seen in the area, sometimes terrorising the residents with gun fire. Only 3 boats now engaged in bringing provisions to the people, and they are being checked constantly by naval boats.

Unoccupied house of the District Minister on the Vavuniya-Mannar road was broken into by unidentified persons. A portrait of President Jayawardene which was in the house was seen smashed up and hung on a lamp post outside.

20 teachers in govt. schools from Jaffna on their way to attend a conference called by the military co-ordinating officer, Col. D.L. Kobbekkaduva sent back to Jaffna by Tamil militants at Pallai.

The house of a retired doctor, Sivagnanasundaram, at Varuthalaivilan, Tellippalai, robbed by unknown persons, of jewellery and cash. Dr. Sivagnanasundaram himself is alleged to have been kidnapped.

A Tamil couple of Indian origin working at the Roche farm near Pambaimadu shot at by govt. forces. The wife died on the spot and the husband is in hospital in a critical condition.

Fishermen at Kaluwankerni village in Batticaloa assaulted by armed "Home Guards" and their nets and fishing implements destroyed.

At Point Pedro, the courts of law have yet to function. No cases have been taken up for over 2 weeks.

In Colombo, Lt. Gen. Tissa Indika Weeraratne is promoted to the rank of a full five-star general. Gen. Weeraratne is High Commissioner-designate to Canada.

### MARCH 8

4 to 5 soldiers believed killed in two separate incidents at Valvettiturai and Thondamanaru on the northern coast yesterday and today. Several other soldiers injured and some believed missing. In the first incident yesterday evening, LTTE guerrillas are reported to have attacked a plastic boat carrying soldiers from the Valvettiturai army camp to Point Pedro, killing at least 4, wounding others and sinking the boat. The guerrillas had later retreated under heavy shelling from the army camps. Naval forces were subsequently seen searching the coast, apparently for missing soldiers.

In the second incident today an army foot patrol crossing the Thondamanaru bridge was set upon by militants forcing them to withdraw, and at least two soldiers are believed injured.

A low-flying helicopter strafes Punnaikadduvan, Karanthan areas for about 15 minutes and shoots at a moving mini-van. Helicopters have also been firing at vehicles

using the Kopay-Kaithady culvert which had been repaired by militants after it was bombed.

Worshippers who went for the chariot festival at the Keerimalai Sivan temple experience a pleasant shock, when army men armed to the teeth suddenly arrive in armoured cars at the temple premises. Women and children getting ready to flee from the place were told by an army officer not to be frightened and to continue with their worship. "We have also come here for the same purpose as you", some soldiers are reported to have said. A high-ranking military officer was thereafter seen offering Pooja to the deity, and receiving the customary temple "Prasatham". It took a long time for the throng of pilgrims to get over their shock!

Over a 1000 women take out a nearly 10 mile long procession from Nallur Kanthaswamy temple to Inuvil Kanthaswamy temple to mark International Women's Day. The procession was headed by floats protesting against violations of Human Rights in Tamil areas.

Nearly 300 soldiers from the Palaly army camp who came in a convoy of vehicles through Valalai road in the direction of Thondamanaru return to Palaly camp, and near Palm Beach, fire into some houses injuring 2 women who were in their house compounds-Veeravagu Nallamah (52) and Ramanathan Kamala (30).

Some electricity board employees on their way to Thondamanaru army camp to attend to an electrical failure were stopped on the way and sent back by Tamil militants warning them not to answer any telephone summons from army camps.

One farmer youth was killed on the spot. Some houses and chillie plantations were also damaged.

Two 54-kilo bombs about 4 1/2 feet long and one foot wide which failed to explode after getting buried over 10 feet into the earth recovered by Tamil militants at Mulankavil.

Several Tamil refugees in refugee camps in Trincomalee and Neelaveli are fleeing to Jaffna for safety. Those who reached Jaffna, complain of constant army atrocities in the refugee camps.

### MARCH 9

Workshippers at the Sellasannathy Hindu temple who were keeping awake with prayers last night on the occasion of the holy night of Sivarathiri forced to flee from the temple premises following repeated shelling from the sea and gun fire from the nearby army camp.

A Chenkaladi resident, Kulasegaram, warded with brain fever at the Batticaloa hospital and removed by armed forces from there and flown to Colombo for unknown reasons on 14th February has still not been traced by his family members. Batticaloa Citizens' Committee takes up the matter with the local military authorities.

An engineer from Kalmunai Mr. Rajalingham and his brother-in-law Ravi missing since November last year and believed to have been kidnapped by Tamil militants have now been traced to the Boosa army detention camp.

In Mannar, govt. forces and Tamil militants exchange fire after some youths who were putting up wall posters were fired upon from Fort army camp.

In Mutur unknown persons are reported to have snatched a rifle and ammunition from a Muslim "Home Guard".

Army sets up a temporary camp at Parayanalankulam in the Mannar district to protect the helicopter which was shot down by LTTE militants recently.

Reports from Maskeliya and Hatton in the plantation area say that Tamil estate workers have been assaulted by army personnel on the roads.

Some fishermen from the Mullaly, Palaly areas who tried to engage in shallow water fishing near the coast despite the ban on fishing have been attacked by naval personnel and their boats burnt.

8 Tamil youths from Anbuvalipuram and Chelvanayakapuram in Trincomalee district taken away by armed forces on an identification made by a masked man.

Vavuniya G.A. complains to army authorities over the unprovoked overnight detention of three young Tamil women at the Parayanalankulam army camp.

### MARCH 10

Canadian High Commissioner M.D.M. Col-lacotte arrives in Jaffna on a 2-day visit to inaugurate the Fire services for Jaffna gifted by Canadian government. He meets members of the Jaffna Citizens' Committee and the Mothers' Front.

Colombo reports says that aerial bombing in Jaffna by planes and helicopters might be suspended from now on.

Govt. orders special relief to Tamil fishermen and their families who have lost their means of livelihood as a result of the ban on fishing. Apart from the issue of food stamps, Rs. 250 will be given to families with 5 members and over, and Rs. 200 to others.

8 govt. employees travelling in a jeep, 6 of them Sinhalese and two Tamils killed on the spot at Namalwatte in Pankulam in Trincomalee district, when unknown persons open fire on them. 3 others who were travelling in the same jeep admitted to Anuradhapura hospital with grievous injuries.

Damaged helicopter at Parayanalankulam remains unrepaired and army personnel guarding the copter engage in indiscriminate shooting. Residents in neighbouring areas flee into jungles and all traffic on Mannar-Vavuniya road comes to a stop.

# Diary of Events

## and Human Rights Violations & Ceasefire Violations

16 armoured vehicles, some of them believed to be equipped with instruments to detect landmines arrive in Anuradhapura from Colombo.

4 Tamils one of whom is believed to a militant killed in Batticaloa in three separate incidents. It began when some armed youths tried to kidnap a Sinhala building contractor along with his car. The youths are reported to have snatched a revolver which the motorist brandished, but the latter escaped. Half an hour later armed forces shoot down a youth and arrest 5 others. Govt. forces also damage a Hindu temple dedicated to Kannakai. Two others killed in a search operation at Nochchimunai and several youths arrested. In a third incident a farmer fell victim to army shooting at Unnichchai.

A group of about 25 black uniformed commandos reported to have emerged from the Jaffna Dutch Fort around 8 O'clock last night and returned to camp soon after.

Two fishermen from Myliddy M. Amarakavirasa (37) and his son aged (17) missing following naval fire on their boat near the coast.

74 out of 77 persons produced at the Nuwara Eliya courts in connection with the recent violence in the plantations released on bail. Among the three who were remanded is an Assistant Superintendent of an estate. 30 others remanded in connection with an affray in connection with a destruction of a Hindu temple at Nanu Oya.

Nearly 100 persons rounded up in the Kalladi area in Batticaloa and taken for questioning. Some of them are reported to be postal employees.

Thousands of acres of paddy at Kilinochchi are lying unharvested because farmers are afraid to go to paddy fields.

A light aircraft came down into a river in Moratuwa near Colombo due to engine failure. The aircraft used for pilot training was being navigated by a German pilot when it came down. The German pilot and a British national who were on a training mission escaped unhurt. (SUN)

### MARCH 11

An army jeep at Kantalai in Trincomalee district ambushed by LTTE militants. The army driver losing control of the vehicle, it crashes into a tree. Several soldiers believed killed or injured.

5 militant defectors from TELO including a military commander, Das, and the Primary Court Judge at Velanai Mr. S. Kirupakaran (54) were killed at Jaffna hospital premises by a group of TELO militants. Mr. Kirupakaran was being wheeled to the E.C.G. room when he was accidentally hit by a bullet. The TELO militants killed were Peter of Vathiry, Mohan of Mullaitivu, Kali of Point Pedro and Kissan of Trincomalee. The incident which occurred around 10 in the morning also resulted in injuries to a staff nurse (Selvarany Sundaralingham) and two other hospital employees. The hospital canteen where the incident

occurred was covered with pools of blood. Shocked by the incident hospital employees go on a lightning strike. But on the persuasion of the acting superintendent, Mr. V.S. Pathmanathan, some of them agree to attend on patients who require urgent medical attention. Hospital employees demand from the authorities that no one with guns should be allowed to enter the hospital.

In various areas in Vadamarachchi there was tension for several hours from the forenoon. Shops and schools close and private transport comes to a standstill.

Canadian High Commissioner Mr. Collacotte who met religious leaders at the Jaffna Kachcheri was urged to give relief through his govt. to Tamil refugees.

15 families west of Palaly airport complain to Jaffna G.A. that soldiers have threatened them and ordered them to vacate their houses within 2 days.

Cannon fire from the sea compels residents of Ponnalai to flee from the area. Several palmyrah trees destroyed.

3 surveyors and 15 workmen employed in surveying some lands near the Kadduvan-Vasavilan road are reported to have had a narrow escape when army men began shooting at them. The incident had happened yesterday. The soldiers had also taken away some factory employees and others who crossed their path near Vasavilan junction.

4 Sinhala fishermen who had returned to Kokillai and Nayarua are reported to have been kidnapped by unknown persons.

Canadian High Commissioner visit Jaffna hospital in the evening and learns about acute needs of the hospital.

Employees of Aluminium factory in Maviddapuram and local residents place road blocks preventing movements of vehicles in protest against a robbery in the factory by some armed youths yesterday.

5 army men are reported to have been drowned off Kaddaiparichchan coast in the East, when the boat in which they were travelling capsized yesterday. One body was recovered and search is in on for the other four.

In Mutur, night robbers who had entered a Muslim home were shot dead by "Home Guards". It was later realized that the two who were shot dead were themselves "Home Guards".

Govt. owned newspaper Daily News reports that 8 soldiers were injured following a landmine explosion at Kilinochchi, and that they have been flown to Colombo for treatment. The same paper reports that "terrorists prevented the Canadian High Commissioner from meeting the northern security forces commander Brigadier H. Rupasinghe."

### MARCH 12

In Jaffna, TELO factional clash claims 3 civilian lives. Those killed were school girl Vallipuram Thaneswary (15) from Karaveddy, another unidentified young woman, and

Suppiah Udayapatham (18) of Pathamini. They were members of a procession protesting against the killing of TELO defectors Das and others. 8 others including two women were injured and admitted to Jaffna hospital. The processionists numbering nearly 300 had come to Jaffna in two buses, two mini buses and a lorry and then proceeded to Muthirai-chanthai, in Nallur when it was alleged bombs were thrown and gun shots fired at them.

The TELO in a statement says that when some armed processionist fired at their comrades on sentry duty injuring comrade Rajan they merely acted in self-defence. Vadamarachchi area observes protest "hartal" following the shooting incident at Nallur.

Referring to the Nallur incident a spokesman for the Security Ministry in Colombo says "6 terrorists died in a shoot-out between rival factions of the TELO".

Jaffna hospital employees including doctors and nurses resolve at a meeting held that they would stop work if ever they find anyone entering the hospital premises with guns.

An elderly couple Mylvaganam Vallipuram (54) and Vallipuram Thangapillai (52) and a young boy Mahendran Vijendran were killed in their home in Valvetti near the northern coast when planes and helicopters bomb the area. 3 others, Kanthasamy Sellamuttu (60) Mahendran Balamani (35) and Mahendran Vinothini (15) were wounded.

Commandos surround the house of Gandhi Seva Sangam organizer in Batticaloa Kathir Parathithasan and finding him not there, take into custody 8 persons in neighbouring houses. The commando leader was reported to have had a sheaf of telegrams in his hands. Residents of the area tell the Batticaloa correspondent of a Jaffna newspaper that Mr. Parathithasan had been sending telegrams to President Jayawardene protesting against certain excesses in which army men and commandos were involved. Mr. Parathithasan has also appeared before the Cease Fire Monitoring committee when they visited Batticaloa.

In the Thunukai area in Kilinochchi district a helicopter carrying food and provisions to the army camp heavily damaged by Tamil militant fire. It was learnt that a small aircraft was used later to carry the food supplies. In earlier incidents 7 civilians were reported killed and a young woman who was gang-raped by armed commandos is reported to have committed suicide. Another young woman who had stood along side a well threatening to jump inside escaped unmolested.

Two youths killed and 15 taken into custody at Thurainilavannai in Batticaloa in the course of a 3 a.m. - 9 a.m. search operation by armed forces.

In Jaffna, High Commissioner of Canada Mr. Collacotte who inaugurated the Fire services says that the Canadian people have a high regard and concern for the people of Jaffna.

At Odduchuddan in Mullaitivu district a Sinhala resident, Sornabala, was robbed of his gun and shot dead.

At Thoppur-Alainagar in Trincomalee district two Muslim Tamils were found hacked to death and their bodies discovered in a paddy field.

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because its first officer (the co-pilot) did not turn up on time. The passengers were served refreshments on the ground during the three and a half hour wait for him. The national carrier held an inquiry into the delay airline officials said.

"The delayed plane was only one of two Jumbos the airline owns and was on a special maintenance flight to Singapore after which it was returning with passengers when the delay occurred." — (SUN — 5.4.86)

## Ex-M.P.'s brother jailed

"Colombo High Court Judge D.G.N. Weeraratne on Thursday sentenced a brother of Trincomalee ex-TULF MP R. Sampanthan to four weeks rigorous imprisonment, sentences to run concurrently when he pleaded guilty to two charges under the Prevention of Terrorism Act."

"The accused was Rajavodiam Mahendran of Trincomalee. He was charged with concealing information from the police knowing that four persons Thanigasalam, Puvi, Kannan and Sivakumar had collected guns and that Eelakanthan was preparing to cause the death of Police Inspector Nimal Fernando between June 1st and October 30th, 1985..." — (SUN — 5.4.86)

## Refugees pose a problem

"The problem of alleged counter-rehabilitation activities in the north and east by anti-govt. groups is to be discussed by Government Agents meeting in Colombo this week."

"According to senior Government officials, displaced people in the north and east are being dissuaded from accepting Govt. resettlement plans for them. They are being persuaded to travel to non-terrorist areas" and demand assistance from authorities there."

"This problem came to light after 100 refugees from Kantalai who were to be resettled in their homes in Neelapura in Seruwila, arrived in the Matara district demanding assistance, SUN learns."

"A group of 500 other displaced people are in a transit camp in Trincomalee before being escorted back to their homes in Neelapura. SUN learns police are investigating several allegations that some groups have instigated the refugees to travel to the south" — (SUN — 4.4.86)

## 'Bombs' and Pineapples!

"Two boxes discovered in the carpark of Colombo Airport, Katunayake yesterday, raised fears of bombs but turned out to be pineapples packed in straw. Airport authorities had called the Army bomb disposal unit in Colombo who rushed to the airport." — (SUN — 4.4.86)

## 'Clothes bomb' detonated

"The Army Bomb Disposal Unit last night detonated a parcel suspected to be a bomb at

a railway crossing at Wellampitiya. The parcel contained clothes, Police said." — (SUN — 5.4.86)

## Massive savings

### Withdrawals

"Depositors in a bid to beat the withholding tax, withdrew 22 million rupees in just 24 hours from the National Savings Bank, it was revealed yesterday."

NSB Chairman, A.O. Weerasinghe said more withdrawals could seriously affect the Bank resources of Rs. 13 billion and appealed to investors to reinvest their money. Mr. Weerasinghe told a news conference that hurried withdrawals amounted to about a week's savings and he believed it was caused by the public being misinformed on the withholding tax.

"The tax introduced last November by Finance Minister Ronnie de Mel, lays down that 20 per cent of the interests earned on deposits be remitted to the Department of Inland Revenue as a withholding levy. Since then it was amended to exempt postal savings of less than Rs. 10,000 and fixed deposits less than Rs. 20,000 from the tax.... Mr. Weerasinghe assured that the withholding tax was not an additional taxation although there was a misconception to that effect. It would affect only about 30,000 people of the bank's total 7.5 million deposit holders he explained...." — (SUN — 3.4.86)

## Boy (14) on P. T. A. charge

"A fourteen year-old young boy Sittambaram Pillai Selvachandran of Manikkavasagar Road, Trincomalee was yesterday charged before the Colombo High Court Judge K. Viknarajah under the Prevention of Terrorism Act."

"The charge according to the indictment served on him yesterday was that between January 1st and February 12th, 1985 at Trincomalee he pasted and distributed posters belonging to the Peoples Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, to rouse communal disharmony among different communities."

"The Judge put off the case for April 25th and directed that all witnesses be summoned to Court that day..." — (SUN — 3.4.86)

## Air Lanka to trim losses

"Air Lanka is examining lease offers for its two Boeing 747 Jumbo jets, in a bid to trim losses caused by reduced tourist arrivals. Chairman Rakkitha Wikramanayake told the 'Daily News' yesterday that continuing unsettled conditions were keeping down load factors in the airline's main income generating sector—Western Europe. A switch back to smaller aircraft was the most obvious course."

"The 747s purchased in the last two years are now being operated with a load factor of 64 per cent. This is a pronounced drop from the 72.4 per cent the airline enjoyed before the ethnic disturbances of 1983..." — (Daily News — 9.4.86)

## 'Clamp down' request to

### India

"Sri Lanka is to ask India to clamp down on Tamil terrorists and Tamil expatriates who are actively supporting the separatist terrorists, authoritative sources told 'The Island'."

"Sri Lanka's renewed appeal 'The Island' learns, follows India's example in asking the United Kingdom to clamp down on expatriate Sikh terrorists."

"Earlier, British Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe had made an offer to amend legislation on extradition after Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi complained about lenient treatment handed out to Sikh terrorists in the United Kingdom."

"Political observers say that this Lankan move would place India in a very delicate position, vis-a-vis Punjab separatists in the West."

"Earlier National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali was quoted by the BBC as stating that Sri Lanka had requested Britain to clamp down on Tamil separatists living in Britain as well as those aiding and abetting..." (The Island — 8.4.86)

## Savings pull-out: Govt.

### to act

"The Central Bank had called for details of all persons who had withdrawn over Rs. 20,000 from fixed and savings deposits before the withholding tax came into effect on April 1st, 1986."

"The Central Bank has in a circular to all commercial banks called for the full names, addresses and the identity card numbers of all customers who made such withdrawals. commercial banks have also been asked to inform the Central Bank whether these persons were income taxpayers. The Acting Governor of the Central Bank, Mr. D.L. Kannangara, when contacted, confirmed that the Central Bank has called for details of all such withdrawals with a view to taking action against customers who had withdrawn large sums."

"An estimated Rs. 100 million had been withdrawn after the announcement of the withholding tax. Rs. 20 million had been withdrawn from the National Savings Bank alone before the levy of tax came into effect. The amount withdrawn from private finance companies is still not known..." (The Island — 5.4.86)

## 'The Island' Editor resigns

"Mr. Vijitha Yapa, the first editor of 'The Island', 'The Island' (Sunday Edition), 'The Island' (International Edition) has resigned as editor with effect from today..." (The Island — 5.4.86)

Mr. Gamini Weerakoon has been appointed Editor of 'The Island' and the 'Sunday Island' with effect from today. Mr. Weerakoon joined the 'The Island' at its inception in 1981 and was News Editor and deputy Editor." (The Island — 8.4.86)



# SITUATION REPORT

## Militarization of the Young Mind



Page 1 photograph in the Govt.-owned DAILY NEWS of April 8, 1986. The caption reads: "All toggged up in military gear, four-year old Waruna Randeewa Malalasuriya obliges President Jayewardene with a demonstration of how to get the enemy. He won the first prize at a fancy dress competition organised by Ceylon Electricity Board employees at their Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations on Saturday. President Jayewardene was the chief guest."

## Obituaries

In a land where Death by Violence is a common occurrence and the names of the victims rarely get obituary notices, here are some "fortunate" few who passed away into the void, duly noticed by Sri Lankan newspapers:-

**DR. K. SIVAGNANARATNAM** — retired Superintendent, Health Services, father of Dr. Pathmini (Singapore) Dr. Nalayini (New Zealand), Krishnaratnam (U.K.), Muhunthini, Dr. Ramaratnam (USA), father-in-law of Dr. Casinathan (Singapore), Dr. Yoga Pasupathy (New Zealand), Geetha (UK), Dr. Sivapatham (M.O.H., Mannar) and Ranji (USA), brother of C.K. Kanthaswami (retired Principal, Kokuvil Hindu College) and Mrs. Sivanayagi Sivarajah, died in Singapore, 31st March. No. 75, Faber Green, Singapore 0512.

**KULA SABANATHAN — (79)**, formerly Editor and Chief Translator, Dept. of Education and Information, Govt. of Ceylon, died on 2nd April in Tamilnadu. 185, 22nd St. Gandhi Nagar, Thirunelvely, South India.

**SANMUGAM** — Sinnethamby (Sam), formerly of Walker Sons & Co. Ltd and official

Ceylon Turf Club, father of Annalakshmy Wignarajah (Guam) and Krishnakumari Thiruchittampalam (Canada), died in Canada 28th March. Funeral Canada 6th April. 4290, Blenheim St. Vancouver, British Columbia, V6L 2Z4, Canada.

**MANORANJITHAM** — wife of S. Sellathurai (Ashram-Jesus Calls), Leeli Vanam, Urumpirai, mother of Athisayam and Thabeethai (Canada), Anandan (Germany), mother-in-law of Hunt, Chandran (Canada), died in Canada 31st March. Funeral in Canada, 2nd April. 58, Trotts Square, Scarborough, Ontario M1B 1V8, Canada.

**SHERRARD** — Ponnamah Ruth, Tutorial Staff, St. Thomas Prep. School, Kollupitiya, wife of the late William Sherrard of the Govt. Printing Office, died at Johannesburg, South Africa. Ashes interred at Kanatte Cemetery, Colombo, 6th April.

**VISUVALINGAM — S.** (retired Education Adviser), husband of Pathmasini, father of Dr. Saratha (UK), Prabakaran (France), Paskaran (UK), Kirupaharan (Saudi), Subathra and Sujantha (France). Funeral 5th April, Jaffna. "Sarasthan", Suthumalai South, Manipay.

**THURAIRAJAH** — Robert John, retired Director of Physical Education, Jaffna College, and former Manager, Lankem (Cey.) Ltd., husband of Soundaramani, father of Rev. Rajkumar Thurairajah, Rajini, Ranjini, father-in-law of Kirupaimalar, Mahendran (New Zealand), Yogan Joseph (Saudi). Funeral service at 5, Dutch Road, Chavakachcheri, 7th April.

**PANDITHAMANI C. KANAPATHI-PILLAI — (87)** renowned Tamil scholar and an eminent man of letters died on 13th March at his Tinnevely residence in Jaffna. Cremation on the 14th.