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LTTE tyranny against Tamils

Some of the criminal offences of the LTTE in its day to day activities by which it keeps the common public in the North as its slaves, are given below.

The Tamils in the north have lost all the freedom that they enjoyed under the Central Govt. The LTTE and some of its supporters say, they are fighting for the people, and the people are with them.

Thousands of houses and the entire belongings are forcibly taken over by the LTTE after chasing the occupants - owners and/or tenants.

All coconut estates are forcibly taken over and the owners are warned, not to step into their lands. So the LTTE has become the sole distributors of coconuts in the Jaffna Peninsula and the price of a nut now is Rs. 25 to Rs. 30. It was sold for Rs. 40 some-time back.

The rents of the houses of those, who are away from the Jaffna Peninsula, are collected by the LTTE, from the tenants.

The paddy cultivators are forced to sell their produce to the LTTE and not to other private traders. So the so-called freedom fighters have become the sole distributors of rice in the Peninsula

and the price of a kilo of rice is Rs. 29.50

The Pass system introduced by the LTTE to those who want to leave the peninsula for Vavuniya and down south, itself indicates as to how the people are kept as slaves. The application form costs Rs. 100 and a person will have to pay Rs. 200 extra plus a person to stand bail, to obtain a pass. Parents are not allowed to take their children with them out of the North if they are below 23 years of age. If it is for some educational purpose, a fee of Rs. 500 should be paid. Also, a person with two children below 23 years, should stand bail for them.

Those who sell their houses and properties should pay 25 per cent of the selling price to the LTTE. Before selling the land, the owner should inform the LTTE to come and fix the price.

More than ten thousand vehicles - lorries, vans, tractors, buses and motor cycles of the common people are taken over and used by the LTTE.

Only the supporters of these terrorists will say that people have willingly handed over their vehicles to them.

The people are prohibited from

seeing Indian Tamil films, and listening to Tamil songs from Indian films.

A person has no freedom to cut a tree in his own land. He should pay money and obtain a permit from the LTTE, to cut a tree in his own land. But LTTE terrorists can enter any private land and cut trees as they want.

Thousands of law abiding persons are arrested and kept as captives by the LTTE. Hundreds of them are killed and their deaths are reported as killed due to shell attacks by the Security Forces. If they kill a husband, the LTTE gets the form meant for claiming compensation for the wife from the Govt.

Here the LTTE achieves two objectives. One is, that it gets out of the murder and the other is it makes the Govt. to pay compensation for the murders committed by it. The Grama Sevakas are ordered to issue cards for obtaining free food items, supplied by the Govt., to the refugees, in favour of hundreds and hundreds of fictitious names.

The quota of food items and the kerosene received for the fictitious persons goes to the LTTE, and the quota of the common man is thereby reduced.

The food items sent by the Govt., for issue on students' stamps are taken by the LTTE and the students are issued with local kurakkan flour.

Vehicle owners are asked to pay hundreds of rupees and obtain new number plates for their vehicles. They are warned not to use the Govt's number plates.

Those parents who want to give a dowry of land or house to their daughters, should pay in thousands, to the LTTE and obtain a letter. The lawyer will write the deed only if the letter or receipt from the LTTE is produced. It is the LTTE that fixes the value for the land. If the value exceeds Rs. 500,000 the owner should pay Rs. 15,000 to LTTE to get the letter.

These offences are more than enough to show that the LTTE is not fighting for the people but fighting to legalize their criminal actions, so as to keep the people as their slaves, for ever. The Tamils in the North, where 90 per cent of them are fully against the LTTE, are no fools to say that these criminals are fighting for the people. The Northern Tamils are suffering in silence, with nobody to safeguard them,

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