

PUBLIC MEETING

**Chandrika's Government in crisis:
Two Years of the Peoples Alliance
in Sri Lanka**

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**STOP THE WAR AGAINST THE TAMIL PEOPLE!
NO TO PRIVATIZATION AND IMF/WORLD BANK DIKTATS!**

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Chandrika Kumaratunga's government is in crisis barely two years into office. She was swept into power with the overwhelming support of the working class and poor in the south and with the hopes of the war weary Tamil people of the North-East. Yet the war rages on fiercer than before consuming the lives of all in its wake and with no end in sight.

Following Operations Riviresa and Sath Java hundreds of thousands have been forcibly chased out of their homes and into the jungles and unprotected open as the Muslims were in 1990. They are on the brink of starvation and death.

Boat-loads of Tamils flee once more to South India braving the seas and naval attack. Jaffna town is under occupation and its people live fearing retribution from the military. Meanwhile no Tamil anywhere on the island is safe from suspicion and harassment. None are safe from the fear of arbitrary arrest and detention without trial.

The devolution proposals are still-born. The opposition UNP hasn't broken from its communalism of the past and has declared its opposition along with that of Sinhala chauvinism to the legal draft. That document is a watered down version of the original proposals. In its present form it falls far short of the minimum expectations of the Tamils to a just peace.

Acts of individual terrorism against the innocent of all communities like the Central Bank bombing and the Dehiwela train bombs as well as massacres of villagers do not advance the liberation struggle.

Tamil freedom fighters have to find new allies and supporters among the Sinhala working class and oppressed. These are the true friends of the Tamil people. Sixty-three per cent of the Sinhala people voted for peace in the 1994 elections and against the anti-poor economic and social policies of the UNP. They too yearn for freedom from exploitation and suffering and for democracy and liberation.

Chandrika broke her promise to them too. They clamoured for an end to the occupation of the south by foreign capital and their impoverishment by the policies of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. It is their support and that of foreign governments which allows the Sri Lankan state to finance its war against the Tamil people.

While intensifying its war against the Tamils, the PA also intensifies its class war in the south by aggressively pursuing the privatisation diktats of the IMF/WB with no gain for the poor and weak in society.

What have some leftists and the Tamil parties achieved through their participation in the PA? They should break from the PA now and along with the NSSP and others construct the popular and democratic alternative to both racist parties.

The Nava Sama Samaja Party (NSSP) campaigns among the Sinhala people to join their struggle to that of the Tamil nation. The Nava Sama Samaja Party demands an immediate and unconditional halt to the war, for food and medicine to be freely available to the displaced, for the withdrawal of Sri Lankan troops from the North-East and supports the right of the Tamil nation to self-determination.