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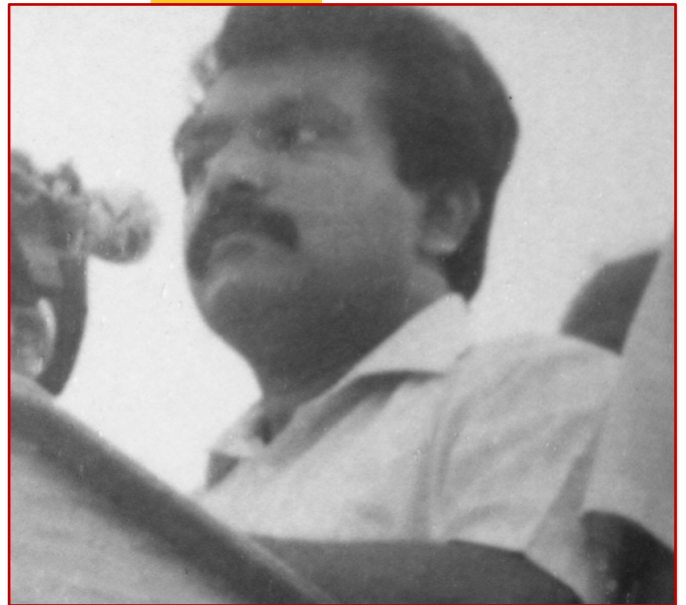


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The doctrine of Thileepam illuminates the capabilities of each individual to manifest into the foundations for our liberation.

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“There is no one without capability, but to establish that capacity we must dive into effort. This is the undeniable truth.”

Lt. Col. Thileepan

HUNGER STRIKE FOR THILEEPAN 2022

35 Years of Thileepam



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Join us as we unite behind Lt. Col. Thileepan and his legacy to propel not only the Tamils' but the liberation of all subjugated communities.

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Lt. Col. Thileepan commenced his hunger strike unto death at the age of 23 - an age which most of our members are near. Frustrated by the state of the Eelam Tamils, he abandoned his education and sacrificed his youth to join the armed struggle. With the arrival of the IPKF, he commenced a hunger strike unto death by putting forth 05 demands. Throughout his life, Lt. Col. Thileepan was a young revolutionary leader who fostered women's empowerment through social change and was highly knowledgeable on history and politics.

We, as Phoenix-the Next Generation have been upholding his legacy through a symbolic 30-hour hunger strike that we have been conducting annually since 2017 - the 30th year commemoration of Lt. Col. Thileepan's martyrdom - as Hunger strike For Thileepan (HFT). Through controlling our hunger and thirst in putting forth our own contextual demands as well as 02 of Lt. Col. Thileepan's demands we aim to connect with the courage, loyalty and commitment that he embodied.

This year marks the 35th memorial of Lt. Col. Thileepan and our 06th HFT. The HFT2022 campaign is divided into 03 components and is conducted across the Tamil diaspora.

On behalf of our organisation and the Eelam Tamils, we would like to invite you to join us as we unite behind Lt. Col. Thileepan and his legacy to propel not only the Tamils' but the liberation of all subjugated communities.



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International News

06.08.2022: **Australia** - Australia's Border Force deported 46 individuals from Sri Lanka (SL) and administered their arrival to the Port of Colombo on 05.08.2022 reports, Colombo Page. Those returned arrived on the ABF "Ocean Shield" and were given to SL's officials.

09.08.2022: **Pakistan** - Pakistan's Warship "Taimur" had requested approval to enter Colombo's Port, reports Virakesari.

14.08.2022: **Blacklist** - SL's Ministry of Defence lifted a ban that it had imposed on 06 diaspora Tamil organisations and 316 individuals, reports Virakesari. Previously, SL had blacklisted 577 individuals and 18 organisations. It is notable that 55 individuals and 03 organisations had also been newly added to SL's blacklist.

- ◆ Australian Tamil Congress (ATC)
- ◆ Global Tamil Forum (GTF)
- ◆ World Tamil Coordinating Committee (WTCC)
- ◆ Tamil Eelam People's Alliance (TEPA)
- ◆ Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC)
- ◆ British Tamil Forum (BTF)

14.08.2022: **UNHRC** - According to Athavan News, 05 Tamil Parties had jointly-submitted a report to the UNRC calling for a referendum with international monitoring mechanisms and a permanent political solution.

- ◆ Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization (TELO) - Selvam Adaikalanathan
- ◆ Tamil People's National Alliance - C.V. Wigneswaran

- ◆ People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE) - Dharmalingam Siddharthan
- ◆ Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) - Suresh Premachandran
- ◆ Tamil National Party - N. Srikantha

17.08.2022: **USAID** - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between USAID's SL Energy Program and the David Pieris Motor Company (DPMC) to develop the electrification of three-wheelers. According to Virakesari, the MoU was signed during an event attended by Kanchana Wijesekara and Julie Chung on 16.08.2022.

17.08.2022: **Adani** - SL's Power and Energy Minister, Kanchana Wijesekara mentioned in a Tweet that the Indian company Adani Green Energy had been granted provisional approval for 02 wind power projects worth over USD 500 million in the Tamil homeland, reports Athavan News.

- ◆ Mannar - 286 MW
- ◆ Poonakeri - 234 MW

20.08.2022: **UN** - A top-level UN team visited Jaffna during its trip to SL. Following a meeting with R. Wickremesinghe to discuss emergency assistance and support for SL, the team proceeded to visit the Tamil homeland. According to Lanka Files, the team is led by Hanaa Singer-Hamdy and D. McLachlan. Further reports from Lanka Files indicate that they had also examined Tamil lands occupied by SL's

Army (SLA) in Valikaamam North. According to Singer-Hamdy, the following meetings were held:

- ◆ 19.08.2022 - Jaffna's Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) Agent
- ◆ 19.08.2022 - Jaffna-based Civil Society groups
- ◆ 19.08.2022 - UN SL's Jaffna Field Colleagues
- ◆ 19.08.2022 - Families of Disappeared in Tamil Homeland
- ◆ 20.08.2022 - Jaffna Mayor, Manivannan

20.08.2022: **UN** - According to Economy Next, SL will sign the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023-2027. This cooperation framework is anchored in a human rights-based approach and is based on the principle of leaving no one behind as the country makes progress in all three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental.

Chinese Ship

01.08.2022: **India** - The Indian Navy mentioned that the Indian Navy is monitoring the Chinese research vessel which is due to arrive at the Hambantota Port on 11.08.2022, reports Athavan News.

03.08.2022: **China** - Tamil Nadu Police had decided to increase security along significant points along the coast after they had received a warning regarding the impending arrival of a Chinese research vessel into SL, reports Athavan News.

07.08.2022: **Chinese Ship** - According to Athavan News, the SL Government has requested China to postpone the visit of its research surveillance ship, Yuan Wang 5.

12.08.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, China's Yuan 05 ship was awaiting 600 nautical miles from Hambantota port for approval to enter into it.

16.08.2022: **China** - China's Yuan 05 arrived at the Hambantota Port for 07 days, reports Athavan News.

22.08.2022: **China** - The controversial Chinese satellite vessel, Yuan 05 had left SL around 16.00 local time on 22.08.2022, reports Virakesari.

28.08.2022: **China-India** - The Indian High Commission tweeted that SL requires support and there is no need for undue pressure or controversy to serve another country's agenda, reports Virakesari.

21.08.2022: **Kachaitivu** - India's Union Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muralitharan mentioned that legal steps were being undertaken to retrieve Kachaitivu. According to Virakesari, he had notified reporters of this at Trichy airport on the morning of 20.08.2022.

21.08.2022: **ICC** - According to Virakesari, the Association of Disappeared Persons in the Tamil homeland mentioned that they would submit a petition to the UNHRC in Geneva to demand that G.

Rajapaksa and those in GoSL involved in Tamil genocide should be arrested and punished at the ICC.

22.08.2022: **Diaspora** - According to Virakesari, a Diaspora Office which was to be established according to an announcement made by R. Wickremesinghe would be inclusive to all diaspora communities to facilitate tourism and investment into SL - not just the Tamil diaspora.

25.08.2022: **Scotland** - According to Athavan News, a team of the Scotland Yard Police were scheduled to visit SL to investigate the Easter Sunday Bomb Attacks of 2019.

25.08.2022: **Germany** - A new human rights law introduced by Germany regarding SL's trade sets a precedent across Europe and Western powers. Under the new human rights law, SL's exporters who provide services to German companies would need to fulfil human rights rules under a supply chain law or face penalties. According to Economy Next, the SL companies must comply with human rights, labour and environmental laws of due diligence or the partner German companies would be forced to drop deals with such companies. Further reports indicate that a similar law is being drafted to be implemented across the EU. The German law is to be enforced from January 2023. SL industries affected by this law include:

- ◆ Hotels
- ◆ Software firms

◆ Food industry

26.08.2022: **Commonwealth** - During the 65th Session of the Commonwealth Nations, Chanakyan mentioned that he had held talks with representatives of many international countries regarding a multitude of issues including Tamils' grievances, reports Virakesari.

28.08.2022: **Diaspora** - SL's Justice Minister Vijayadasa Rajapaksa had appointed a three-member committee headed by former SL Chief Justice Ashok de Silva to find a solution to the concerns raised by Tamil diaspora representatives. According to Virakesari, the committee was formed following a teleconference with diaspora Tamil organisations.

28.08.2022: **Europe** - M.A. Sumanthiran, mentioned that a positive signal had been made to Tamil people in the talks held with important representatives of various European countries, reports Virakesari.

- ◆ Germany
- ◆ Norway
- ◆ Denmark
- ◆ Sweden
- ◆ Finland

30.08.2022: **Amnesty** - Amnesty International released a statement on the International Day of Enforced Disappearances calling for the rights of the families of forcibly disappeared persons to be respected, reports Virakesari.

Bilateral Discussions

04.08.2022: **China** - According to Athavan News, a meeting between R. Wickremesinghe and the Chinese Ambassador to SL, Qi Zhenhong was held at the SL President's Office. R. Wickremesinghe reiterated SL's adherence to the "One China Policy" and commitment to the UN Charter principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity.

06.08.2022: **India** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe intends to avoid any trade integration with India or other South Asian nations. He also wants other countries, including nations in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) or the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), to be included, as well as the West and Africa.

09.08.2022: **Thailand** - According to Navy LK, the Ambassador of the Royal Thai Embassy in Colombo met with the Commander of SLN at the SLN-HQ to discuss issues of bilateral importance.

16.08.2022: **Nepal** - According to Economy Next, the Cabinet of Ministers approved to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Nepal to support the development of science, technology and innovation sectors in both countries. This has been postponed since June 2021, but the proposal has not been implemented.

21.08.2022: **Fisheries** - According to Economy Next, Korea has agreed to

provide 1,047 jobs for SLs in the Korean fishing industry in 2022. Earlier, SL Minister of Labor and Foreign Employment Manusha Nanayakara met Korean officials at the newly opened facility of the Korean Human Resource Development Department.

23.08.2022: **Armenia** - The President of Armenia reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation between Armenia and SL in a congratulatory message to R. Wickremesinghe, reports Virakesari.

24.08.2022: **Japan** - A meeting was held between R. Wickremesinghe and Japan's Ambassador to SL, Mizukoshi Hideaki at SL's Presidential Office on 24.08.2022 where issues of bilateral significance were discussed, reports Virakesari.

25.08.2022: **South Africa** - According to Economy Next, South African President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa has mentioned that he intends to expand and strengthen long-standing relations with SL. He also congratulated R. Wickremesinghe on his recent appointment.

29.08.2022: **Saudi** - R. Wickremesinghe received a written message from the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on 28.08.2022 regarding the formalisation of bilateral relations between the 02 countries for the future, reports Colombo Page.

Military News

01.08.2022: **Rescue** - Occupational SLN rescued 06 Indian fishermen who had entered Talaimannar's occupied territorial waters with a defunct trawler, reports Defence LK. Reports indicate that the rescued fishermen were provided assistance and handed over to another Indian trawler at the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).

03.08.2022: **Cannabis** - According to Navy LK, Occupational SLN recovered 49.38 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis during a special search operation. Reports indicate that the drugs had been buried by smugglers near Mannar Sand banks.

03.08.2022: **Rescue** - Occupational SLN rescued 03 fishermen from a small fishing boat which capsized near the outer Trincomalee Harbour area whilst fishing on 02.08.2022 and returned them back ashore, reports Navy LK.

03.08.2022: **Cannabis** - In a special search operation conducted by occupational SLN at Mannar Sand Banks on the evening of 02.08.2022, 47.24 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis was seized by Occupational SL, reports Navy LK.

03.08.2022: **Conference** - According to Army LK, the Forward Maintenance Area-North (FMA-North) conducted its administrative conference at the occupational FMA-North Office on 25.07.2022. Reports indicate that discussions regarding significant administrative issues were discussed, and

solutions were sought for such issues during the conference.

- ◆ Compost fertiliser production
- ◆ Green agricultural concept progress

04.08.2022: **Cannabis** - SL's Navy seized 83 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis during 02 separate operations carried out in Tamil Eelam's Occupied Northern waters, reports Colombo Page. The substance worth LKR 14 Million has been seized with no suspects arrested for trafficking.

04.08.2022: **Cannabis** - Occupational SLN recovered around 34.038 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis floating in the occupied territorial waters of Kayts and Pungudutivu during a patrol operation conducted on 04.08.2022, reports Navy LK.

04.08.2022: **NAHTTF** - SL's National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (NAHTTF) meeting was overseen by K. Gunaratne at SL's Ministry of Defence on 03.08.2022, reports Defence LK. Reports indicate that the meeting sought to commit towards upgrading SL's status which had placed SL at Tier 2 on the US's Trafficking In Persons (TIP) Report 2022 Watch List.

04.08.2022: **Emergency** - According to Virakesari, the Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF) was preparing for an emergency situation in SL to engage in flood relief operations.

05.08.2022: **Repatriation** - According to Defence LK, 46 asylum seekers repatriated from Australia were returned

to SL aboard Australian Border Force (ABF) vessel, "Ocean Shield" at Colombo Port on 05.08.2022. According to ABF Regional Director for South Asia, Commander Chris Waters, 183 individuals had been returned to SL since May 2022.

07.08.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Army LK, the SLA commemorated the 30th Memorial of SL Lt. General Denzil Kobekaduwa and other SL soldiers' death at Jaffna, Araly was commemorated. Reports indicate that this attack significantly depreciated the military morale of SL's military at the time.

09.08.2022: **Militarisation** - SL MP Sritharan mentioned in SL's Parliament that the increasing presence and intimidation of SL military across the Tamil homeland was infuriating, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Navy LK, Occupational SLN had seized a poaching trawler near Mullaitivu's territorial waters with 09 fishermen from India. Reports indicate that a Fast Attack Craft of SL's 04th Fast Attack Flotilla (FAF) had been deployed to chase the trawler away.

13.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to Uthayan News, 701 individuals who had attempted to leave SL by boat to seek asylum in Australia had been arrested thus far in 2022.

13.08.2022: **Rescue** - 02 youth from Anuradhapuram who were swept away by waves whilst swimming at the Nilaveli Beach were rescued by SL's Police Lifeguard Unit and the Occupational Coast Guard of the SLN on 12.08.2022,

reports Uthayan News. It is notable that the Southern Family had visited the beach on a family vacation.

15.08.2022: **India** - During the official handover ceremony of the aircraft, R. Wickremesinghe mentioned that "India and SL are two sides of the same coin." He further emphasised that the issues which had been identified in not only Indo-Lankan relations but also the region, were being swiftly addressed, reports Virakesari. According to Athavan News, a Dornier-228 surveillance naval aircraft belonging to India's Navy which was to be donated to the SLN arrived at SL's Katunayake Airport in light of India's Independence Day. The aircraft was welcomed by airport officials with jets of water. The attendees include:

- ◆ R. Wickremesinghe
- ◆ G. Baglay

17.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to Occupational SLN personnel, 10 individuals had been arrested on 16.08.2022 near Tamil Eelam's territorial waters off Talaimannar for illegally attempting to leave SL, reports Virakesari.

17.08.2022: **Security** - According to K. Gunaratne, special attention was due to be placed upon SL's national security, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that he had mentioned this during the National Defence College of SL's "Research Seminar-2022".

19.08.2022: **SL's Media** - SL's Defence secretary K. Gunaratne spoke at SL's Government Information Department's Auditorium. There he mentioned the trust of the media towards its security forces is

vital for SL's image. He used Eelam War IV as an example, where the role of SL's mass media had created the war-winning impression among the masses whilst attracting the youth to join SL's military.

“No doubt, it is the mass media that formed the war-winning momentum within the Sri Lankans, he added. He is confident that the military persons coordinating media in various capacities will learn lessons from the past in the trust-building process with mass media.”
Kamal Gunaratne

21.08.2022: **Smuggling** - According to Economy Next, the Occupational Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) in Jaffna has seized Kerala Cannabis with a total value of LKR 65 million within 20 days. Over 93 kilograms of it was found on Saukkadi beach, Madagal in Jaffna, in 40 packages stored in a crab weir. Other seizures:

- ◆ 02.08.2022 - 47.24 kilograms, Mannar sandbanks
- ◆ 03.08.2022 - 49.38 kilograms, Mannar sandbanks
- ◆ 04.08.2022 - 34.038 kilograms, seas between Kayts and Pungudutivu islands

22.08.2022: **Navy** - According to Economy Next, Australia is cooperating with India to provide fuel to the SLN and SLAF to assist the continuation of long-standing cooperation in combating transnational crime.

22.08.2022: **Smuggling** - According to Economy Next, the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) has seized 2,030 litres of petrol worth 900,000 rupees in a raid in Kalpitiya, Puttalam. The arrested suspects were identified as residents of Kalpitiya, Wariyapola and Rathnapura and are between 28 and 48 years old.

26.08.2022: **Technology** - Whilst addressing SL Military graduates, R. Wickremesinghe mentioned that “Future wars would be different from what we have seen. Not the earlier wars in Sri Lanka. The world is changing. We are acquiring new technology, new knowledge. The war is not limited to the land, air and sea. Space and cyber technology is here,” reports Lanka Files.

28.08.2022: **Arrests** - According to the media department of the SL Navy, 06 Indian fishermen who had encroached in the Tamils' territorial waters in Talaimannar on the night of 27.08.2022 were arrested and a trawler was seized by occupational SL Navy, reports Virakesari.

29.08.2022: **SLN** - The Occupational SLN arrested 44 individuals following search operations in Trincomalee and Batticaloa on 28.08.2022, reports Colombo Page. The operation executed by the Occupational Eastern Naval Command through deployment of the Fast Attack Craft P 465 and P 4443 were utilised to detain and arrest these individuals who attempted to flee SL.

WHAM

01.08.2022: **House** - According to Army LK, the Occupational 2 (V) Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment (VIR) troops of SL's 211st Brigade constructed a house within a few weeks with donations worth LKR 1.5 million for a local widow with 02 children in Wannu. Reports indicate that the house was handed over to the family by SL troops on 27.07.2022.

01.08.2022: **Pilgrims** - According to Defence LK, occupational SLA and SL Navy (SLN) had engaged in a Social Responsibility programme to assist the foot pilgrimage from Jaffna to Katirkaamam. Reports indicate that the initiative was conducted under the guidance of SLN Commander, Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne and SL Commander South-eastern Naval Area, Rear Admiral Prasad Kariyapperuma. Medical and lifesaving services were provided by Occupational SLN sailors. Moreover, SL's Occupational 122nd Brigade and 23rd Gajaba Regiment of the 12th Division under SL's Security Force HQ-Central provided the following:

- ◆ Temporary shelters
- ◆ Cooked food
- ◆ Drinking water
- ◆ Medical care

03.08.2022: **Pilgrims** - According to Army LK, almost 1,500 devotees from the Tamil homeland travelling towards Katirkaamam for the festival were provided meals by occupational SL troops of the 242nd Brigade and 23 SL Sinha Regiment of SL's Occupational

Security Force HQ-East between 25.06.2022-27.06.2022.03.08.2022: **Rations** - Dry Food Rations were provided to locals by the SL Air Force (SLAF) in light of the 11th Anniversary celebrations of the occupational Killinochchi Air Force. According to Athavan News, the rationing was conducted with the financial donations made by retired SLAF officer, D.M.R. Dasanaka for distribution to over 200 families in the Ramanathapuram region.

07.08.2022: **Clearance** - According to Army LK, Occupational 23 Vijayabahu Regiment Troops under the command of SL's 642 Brigade of the Occupational Security Forces HQ - Mullaitivu had engaged in cleaning the surroundings of a temple premises in light of the temple's upcoming festival at the Verty Vinayagar Kovil in Samalan Kulam on 30.07.2022.

26.08.2022: **Theme Park** - According to Virakesari, the Occupational SL Army inaugurated a "Harmony Theme Park" in Jaffna near the Palaly Junction. The Park was inaugurated by SL Commander Vikum Liyanage in an attempt to further harmonious relations amidst future generations with participation from the SL Military.

28.08.2022: **House** - According to Defence LK, a house for former cadres was built by Occupational SLA officers in Puloli, Jaffna. In addition, 03 students had received money from occupational SLA officers.



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INTERNATIONAL



02.08.2022: **India** - Narendra Modi mentioned that India will continue to support the people of SL as a reliable friend, reports Athavan News.

02.08.2022: **Singapore** - According to Athavan News, Singapore's Foreign Minister, Balakrishnan mentioned that no concessions or diplomatic favours had been

provided to G. Rajapaksa.

04.08.2022: **Norway** - According to News Wire LK, the Norwegian Government is to provide NOK 13 million to the WFP, UNICEF and the UNPFA in SL to provide SL with food assistance.

04.08.2022: **ASEAN** - US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken engaged in talks with India's Foreign Affairs Minister Jaisankar

regarding SL's crisis on the sidelines of the ASEAN conference in Cambodia, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that Blinken had expressed that the US and India were strong supporters of Asia's central role in the Indo Pacific region.

05.08.2022: **Advocata** - According to Economy Next, a forum organised by the Advocata Institute in

Colombo is set to address reforms to bring together policymakers, international experts and the business communities on 05.08.2022.

- ◆ Taxation
- ◆ State-owned enterprises
- ◆ Social safety nets
- ◆ Trade policy
- ◆ Land policy

07.08.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged in America condemning the oppression of

protestors in SL, reports Virakesari.

08.08.2022: **China** - China's leading petroleum company, Sinopec has expressed interest in investing fuel into SL, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Debt** - Bangladesh had cited SL's crisis to warn third world countries to refrain from obtaining loans from China as a part of their Silk Road initiative, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Thailand** - According to Virakesari, Thailand's President had cited that G. Rajapaksa had been permitted to enter Thailand on humanitarian grounds. Further reports from Economy Next indicate that, G. Rajapaksa had arrived in Thailand from Singapore on 11.08.2022. The Thai side had received a request from the current GoSL for SL's former President to enter Thailand. According to

Virakesari, international media such as Reuters had captured photographs of G. Rajapaksa and his wife's arrival.

11.08.2022: **EU** - A significant meeting occurred between EU delegates and R. Wickremesinghe on 10.08.2022. According to Virakesari, the EU had requested SL

call was made in light of the 2,000th day of ongoing protests conducted by the relatives of forcibly disappeared persons.

14.08.2022: **UN** - According to Virakesari, UNHRC Special Rapporteur Tomoya Obokata mentioned that oppression was continuing in SL in modern forms.

14.08.2022: **UNDP** - According to Economy Next, SL's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry met with the Director of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and discussed the possibility of strengthening cooperation between UNDP and GoSL. This should support social protection measures for vulnerable populations and ensure a sustainable recovery from its current challenges.

15.08.2022: **India** - According to Athavan News, an additional 21,000

CONGRATULATIONS

Many countries congratulated Ranil for assuming the role of SL's President and expressed confidence in his ability to solve SL's crisis and conclude talks with the IMF successfully.

- ◆ Pakistan
- ◆ Japan
- ◆ Egypt

10.08.2022: **ICJ** - The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) had called for the removal of the 22nd Amendment to SL's Constitution and had instead requested for the implementation of provisions that would remove the excessive powers endowed upon SL's President, reports Virakesari.

to pay attention to 03 key issues:

- ◆ GSP+
- ◆ IMF
- ◆ UNHRC

11.08.2022: **Amnesty** - According to Virakesari, Amnesty International had reiterated a need for GoSL to come forth to implement truth, justice and compensation. The

metric tonnes of Urea Fertiliser arrived in SL in line with India's credit line scheme.

16.08.2022:

Scotland -

According to Virakesari, Kayleigh Frazer's application to Colombo's Court of Appeal to revoke the Scottish national's expulsion from SL which was ordered by SL's Immigration and Emigration department, was denied by the Court. Earlier reports from 11.08.2022 indicate that Frazer who had participated in the GGG protests had her visa terminated and was instructed to leave SL by 15.08.2022, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that as of 17.08.2022 Frazer has been deemed missing by SL's Immigration and Emigration department, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that investigations are underway to locate her whereabouts.

16.08.2022: **Coal -** According to Economy Next, SL is on track to receive sufficient coal by April 2023. SL's current coal supply only lasts until the end of October 2022. In a bidding process, they found a good coal supplier for the period from October-April 2022.

17.08.2022:

Australia -

Australia's High Commissioner to SL and Nepal's Ambassador to SL presented their credentials to R. Wickremesinghe at SL's Presidential Secretariat, reports Virakesari.

17.08.2022: **Korea -** According to Virakesari, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Santhush Woonjin Jeong mentioned in a meeting with D. Gunawardena that newly introduced relaxed visa regulations by SL would attract more Korean investors to SL. Reports from Economy Next indicate that

Korean investors could benefit from the India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement, which gives them access to India's vast markets.

17.08.2022:

Thailand -

According to Economy Next, explosions and fires affected at least 17 locations in Southern Thailand. Reports indicate that these appear to be coordinated attacks that injured 07 individuals. So far, no one has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

18.08.2022: **US -**

According to the Daily Mirror, G. Rajapaksa was awaiting his Green Card to permanently move back to the US, reports Virakesari.

18.08.2022: **Japan -**

According to Economy Next, Japan is to grant SL medical equipment worth JPY 500 million. The funds will be used to purchase:

- ◆ Angio-CT machine
- ◆ Other radiology equipment
- ◆ Ophthalmology instruments
- ◆ Surgical instrument sets (made of stainless steel with a satin finish)
- ◆ 15 dental units with accessories
- ◆ Liver transplant instrument sets
- ◆ Cardiac catheterisation laboratory

19.08.2022:

Australia -

According to Economy Next, Australia is to provide SL with USD 25 million for urgent food and medical supplies. As of June 2022, Australia had provided USD 50 million for food and medicine.

19.08.2022: **India -**

According to Economy Next, India had assisted SL to the best of its ability and will assist it in its negotiations with the IMF. Moreover, Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar

mentioned that there are many reasons other than SL for India and China to come together.

22.08.2022: World Bank - SL was ranked the 5th country hit hardest by nominal food inflation, reports World Bank.

25.08.2022: US - According to Julie Chung, the US Ambassador had met with representatives of SL media associations to discuss media freedom in SL.

25.08.2022: IMF - According to Lanka Files, an IMF Team led by Peter Breuer and Mashiro Nozaki met with R. Wickremesinghe during a 07-day visit to SL. Reports indicate that the talks would discuss the restructure of debts of around USD 29 billion.

25.08.2022: WHO - According to Virakesari, the World Health Organisation (WHO) had assured R.

Wickremesinghe that they would provide SL USD 4 million worth of essential medicines.

25.08.2022: India - According to GotaGoGama Digital, the Krantikari Yuva Sangathan (KYS) - a Revolutionary Youth Association from India had staged a protest expressing "International Solidarity with the People's Movement in SL."

26.08.2022: Travel Advisory - According to Virakesari, the following countries relaxed their travel advisory restricting travel to SL:

- ◆ France
- ◆ Switzerland
- ◆ Norway
- ◆ UK

26.08.2022: Conference - Japan has engaged in attempts to organise a conference for countries who provide SL debt relief as SL's Creditors, reports Virakesari.

27.08.2022: UN - South Asian Regional Director of UNICEF, George Laryea-Adjei mentioned that the education of almost 4.8 million students in SL had been affected due to disturbances to SL's education system over 02 years. According to Virakesari, Laryea-Adjei mentioned that this was a warning sign for other countries within the region.

31.08.2022: ADB - According to Virakesari, the ADB had decided to provide SL an emergency assistance loan of USD 200 Million. According to Economy Next, the amount was provided through repurposing existing loans. Through this

credit the farming sector and vulnerable individuals are expected to be supported.

31.08.2022: IMF - According to IMF Mission Chief, Peter Breuer, the IMF mission in SL had been extended by 01 additional day, reports Colombo Page. According to Economy Next, GoSL is attempting to reach an agreement with the IMF to negotiate with their creditors.

PTA

Many international observers condemned SL's crackdown on protestors through arrests under the PTA.

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02.08.2022:
Swearing In -
According to
Athavan News,
Nimal Siripala de
Silva had been
sworn in as SL's
Minister of Ports,
Shipping and
Aviation before R.
Wickremesinghe.

02.08.2022:
Workers -
According to
Economy Next, SL's
Cabinet of
Ministers had
approved a
proposal to
provide migrant
workers with
additional duty
concessions and
import permits for
electric vehicles
based on the
amount they remit
into SL through
official channels.

Manusha
Nanayakkara, SL's
Minister of Labour
and Foreign
Employment,
mentioned that
this would apply to
anyone travelling
abroad - not
remittance
senders.

02.08.2022:
Appointment -
According to
Economy Next, SL
trade union leader
Saman
Rathnapriya, who
belongs to SL's
United National
Party (UNP), had
been appointed
as SL's Director
General of Trade
Unions by R.
Wickremesinghe.
Rathnapriya, who
once represented
the UNP in SL
Parliament, was

President of the
Government
Nurses Officers
Association.

08.08.2022: **Fuel
Quotas** -
According to
Economy Next,
SL's Ministry of
Power and Energy
plans to provide
additional quotas
for the state-run Sri
Lanka Transport
Board (SLTB) and
private buses, as
well as cabs. It was
decided that the
National Transport
Commission (NTC),
with the assistance
of provincial
councils, will
identify the
requirements for
each category
and recommend
fuel requirements
to SL's Ministry of
Power and Energy.

10.08.2022:
Alliance -
According to
Virakesari, SL
Parties which work
independently
from GoSL in SL's
Parliament had
formed an alliance
and would
announce the
name of the
alliance on
11.08.2022.

11.08.2022:
Committee -
According to
Economy Next, the
Speaker of the
Parliament of SL,
Mahinda Yapa
Abeywardana,
had announced
the names of the
members
nominated by the
Selection
Committee for SL's
Parliamentary
Affairs Committee.

14.08.2022:
Committee -
Reports indicate
that negotiations
were underway to
appoint a new
executive
committee for the
SLPP at the
political party's
conference which
is scheduled to
occur in
November 2022,
reports Athavan
News.

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15.08.2022:
Appointment - The appointments of secretaries to many of SL's ministries had been approved by SL's Committee on High Posts, reports Virakesari. In addition, Jayanath Colombage had been appointed as SL's Ambassador to Indonesia.

- ◆ Agriculture - M.P.R. Pushpakumara
- ◆ Wildlife & Wildlife Conservation - R.M.C.M. Herath
- ◆ Finance, Economic Stability & National Policy - M. Siriwardena
- ◆ Health - S.J.S. Chandragupta
- ◆ Labour & Foreign Employment -

R.B.A.
Wimalaweera

15.08.2022: **All-Party** - According to Economy Next, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) is prepared to support an All-party Government through SL Parliamentary committees. However, no decisions had been made on assuming SL Cabinet positions.

16.08.2022:
Journalists - According to Economy Next, SL intends to establish a Chartered Institute of Professional Journalists. On 05.10.2021, the then SL Cabinet of Ministers approved a proposal and a committee which was appointed under the

supervision of SL's Secretary of the Ministry of Media.

the Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) will not assume SL Cabinet positions

COMMITTEE

11.08.2022: **Committee** – According to Economy Next, SL Parliament has appointed members to its Public Accounts Committee.

- 1 Bandula Gunawardana
- 2 Vidura Wickramanayaka
- 3 Nalin Fernando
- 4 Anura Priyadharshana Yapa
- 5 Vijitha Herath
- 6 Duminda Dissanayake
- 7 Shehan Semasinghe
- 8 Premitha Bandara Tennakoon
- 9 Harsha de Silva

17.08.2022: **Task Force** - According to Virakesari, GoSL had decided not to implement the findings ascertained in the "One Country One Law" Presidential Task Force led by Bodu Bala Sena's (BBS) Gnanasara Thero.

17.08.2022: **All-Party** - According to Economy Next,

in a proposed All-party Government as this is not in line with the intended "system change."

23.08.2022:
National Security - According to Economy Next, SL plans to replace the controversial Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) by introducing a new "national security law" with



"more relaxed" provisions. SL Justice Minister Wijeyadasa Rajapaksha had announced a decision to draft the proposed new law.

23.08.2022: **Cybersecurity** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers had approved a proposal by R. Wickremesinghe to implement an information and

cybersecurity policy in all GoSL institutions which are a part of public agencies. Due to outdated technology and a lack of qualified personnel to monitor systems, there is a threat to information and data security.

23.08.2022: **Levy** - According to Economy Next, the Public Accounts Committee of the Sri Lankan Parliament has

approved the cascading sales tax proposed by SL's previous government, ignoring the recommendation to levy it as part of the VAT. This is to make SL a competitive economy.

24.08.2022: **Passport** - According to Economy Next, SL's Immigration and Emigration Department, in cooperation with

its Office of Foreign Employment, is to open a separate counter in its Immigration Department for the issuance of urgent passports for job seekers abroad. A growing number of SL's are seeking employment opportunities abroad due to SL's economic collapse.

SL OPPOSITION

31.08.2022: **Walkover** – According to Virakesari, almost 12 SLPP MPs lead by G.L. Peiris crossed over in SL Parliament to SL's Opposition benches – declaring themselves as independent members.

- 1 G.L. Peiris
- 2 Dullas Alahapperuma
- 3 Sanna Jeyasumana
- 4 Saritha Herath
- 5 Nalakka Koteheva
- 6 Gunapala Ratne Sekara
- 7 Upul Galappathi
- 8 Thilak Rajapakse
- 9 Dilan Perera
- 10 Udhayana Kirindhikota
- 11 Wasantha Yapa Bandara
- 12 Kumara Sri
- 13 Lalith Ellavala

Caricature



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01.08.2022: **Travel ban** - According to Athavan News, the travel bans for Mahinda and Basil Rajapaksa had been extended until 04.08.2022.

01.08.2022: **SL Constitution** - According to Athavan News, SL's Cabinet had approved the proposed Amendment to the 22nd Amendment of SL's Constitution.

02.08.2022: **TNA** - According to Athavan News, TNA Leader R. Sampanthan had made a positive response to a letter sent by R. Wickremesinghe for the formation of an All-Party GoSL.

03.08.2022: **Mannar** - According to Lanka Files, former SL Finance Minister, Ravi Karunanayake

had flown to Mannar and was driven away in a vehicle owned by a top-fisheries export company, TSF.

03.08.2022: **Tactics** - According to Lanka Files, Attorney at Law, Ranitha Gnanarajah mentioned in a press conference that "SL's Executive Presidency government is now using the same oppressive tactics in the South what it did to the people who spoke for the rights of the Tamils in the North & East during war."

03.08.2022: **Gazette** - According to Athavan News, the draft of the 22nd Amendment to SL's Constitution had been Gazetted.

03.08.2022: **Trial** - SL's CID announced that an investigation against SL's Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police, Deshabandhu Tennakoon had been completed. According to Athavan News, the Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court had also ordered SL's CID to submit a report regarding the riots of 09.05.2022.

03.08.2022: **TNA** - According to Athavan News, an important meeting had occurred between TNA MPs and R. Wickremesinghe at SL's Presidential Secretariat. Reports indicate that the Tamils' grievances were discussed during the meeting. Demands put forth by the TNA

during this meeting include:

- ◆ Initial release of a group of long-term imprisoned Tamil political prisoners within 03 months.
- ◆ Upgrade of Amparai District, Kalmunai North Sub-Divisional Secretariat to Divisional Secretariat as per gazette notification issued in 1991 along with the appointment of an Accountant.
- ◆ Immediately stop the surveying work carried out by SL's Land Surveying Department in order to permanently provide occupational SL Troops who are camping in the private lands of the Tamil people in the Tamil

homeland and in GoSL lands for public use.

- ◆ Stop the encroachment of Tamil lands by SL's Department of Archaeology, Mahaweli Development Authority, Forestry Department, Wildlife Department, Mineral Resources Department.
- ◆ Immediate repeal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) and initial goodwill signals to help implement resolutions passed by the United Nations Human Rights Secretariat.
- ◆ Immediate action to establish justice for the disappeared and find out the truth.
- ◆ Evacuate Occupational SL soldiers

from the private lands in the Tamil homeland and make it possible for our people who are still refugees in their own country to settle in their native lands.

- ◆ The political settlement of the rights of the Tamils who have been fleeing in the country for more than 80 years, to start immediate negotiations without delay.

04.08.2022:
Gazette - According to Athavan News, an Extraordinary Gazette Notification had been issued by R. Wickremesinghe regarding essential services.

07.08.2022:
Ministerial Positions - According to Virakesari, the

following politicians are expected to receive recommendations for ministerial positions on SL's All-Party Government.

- ◆ Johnston Fernando
- ◆ N. Rajapaksa
- ◆ Pavithra
- ◆ Chandresena
- ◆ Rohiththa
- ◆ Lanza
- ◆ S. P. Dissanayake
- ◆ Adawulla
- ◆ Pillaiyaan
- ◆ C. V. Wigneswaran

07.08.2022:
Douglas - According to Virakesari, SL's Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda had indicated that he would work at the forefront to implement the people's reasonable demands.

07.08.2022: **TNA** - According to C. V. K. Sivagnanam, R. Wickremesinghe had "broken the

first coconut required to break the TNA," reports Virakesari.

07.08.2022: **Fuel** - The Akkaraipattu Council had mentioned that if fuel was sold above the allocated price levels within the boundaries of Akkaraipattu, people should call the emergency hotline to complain, reports Virakesari.

08.08.2022: **Scam** - SL's CID had been instructed to investigate and submit a report regarding China's tax scam which attempted to prevent the income of LKR 1,600 crores in state tax revenue, reports Virakesari.

08.08.2022: **TNPF** - According to the Tamil Guardian, the TNPF has pledged to not take part in GoSL until

arrested protestors are released. They had refused to engage in talks with R. Wickremesinghe until SL released all protestors from the South who have been recently detained.

09.08.2022: **SL Army HQ** - R. Wickremesinghe made an official visit to the SL Army HQ as SL's President, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Lessons** - Hafeez Nazeer mentioned that Muslim Parties should learn from the TNA's political moves and calculations. According to Virakesari, Nazeer had indicated that Muslim Parties should refrain from meeting R. Wickremesinghe in a clandestine manner to request ministerial

positions and rather focus on the collective rights of Muslims.

10.08.2022: **Expenditure** - According to Virakesari, R. Wickremesinghe had spent LKR 272,000 from his personal funds on a tea party held for SL's Parliamentary members to mark the ceremonial opening of the recent session. Reports indicate that the payment was made on behalf of R. Wickremesinghe by his Secretary.

10.08.2022: **UN** - A special discussion regarding the preparation of the report SL was to submit to the next UN Session was conducted under the supervision of SL's Finance Minister, reports Virakesari.

11.08.2022: **All-Party** - According to Economy

Next, Harsha de Silva will only support a true all-party government. He said he has no intention of joining a cabinet made up mostly of the same faces.

11.08.2022: **Public Grievance** - The All Ceylon People's Congress had requested R. Wickremesinghe to ensure the implementation of the "One Country, One Law" Task Force's Report to ensure that public grievances were effectively addressed, reports Virakesari.

14.08.2022: **Foreign Policy** - According to Sarath Weerasekara, SL's foreign policy could not be changed to meet the needs of India and the US, reports Athavan News.

Further, Ali Sabry mentioned that cancelling permission for the entry of the Yuan 05 would tarnish SL's foreign policy in the international community. Sabry further mentioned that whilst India and the US were pressuring SL regarding the Chinese research vessel, China had never objected to the visit of US and Indian warships to SL.

15.08.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, Vasudeva Nanayakkara, independent MP and leader of SL's Democratic Left Front, said that he does not support R. Wickremesinghe, who works under the IMF, and therefore Wickremesinghe cannot help the country. Nanayakkara stated that the new alliance will

form the opposition in parliament once their group reaches an agreement with the independent faction of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) led by Dullas Alahapperuma.

16.08.2022: **China** - Wickremesinghe mentioned in an interview that SL would not permit China to use the Hambantota Port for military purposes, reports Virakesari.

16.08.2022: **Anthem** - According to Douglas Devananda, GoSL's activities should reflect SL's pluralism, reports Athavan News. Subsequently, he had emphasised during an SL Cabinet meeting on 15.08.2022 that the Tamil version of SL's national anthem had been sung during SL's Independence

Day events as a sign of goodwill and should be upheld in the future as well. Reports indicate that this request by Devananda was unanimously accepted by SL's Cabinet.

16.08.2022: **Contribution** - According to SL's former Parliamentary Speaker, Karu Jayasuriya, the contribution of Workers' Union leaders was essential to rebuild SL, reports Virakesari.

17.08.2022: **Expenses** - GoSL released a statement claiming that G. Rajapaksa's foreign expenses were covered through his personal finances and not through SL state funds, reports Virakesari.

17.08.2022: **Ban** - According to SL Cabinet Speaker, Bandula

Gunawardena, the lift of the ban against diaspora Tamil organisations was not done with investments in mind. Reports from Virakesari indicate that Gunawardena cited the Ministry of Defence of SL's meticulous surveillance as the sole cause of such a revocation.

17.08.2022: **State of Emergency** - During the "Conference of Professional Associations-2022" which occurred at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel in Colombo on 16.08.2022, R. Wickremesinghe mentioned that it was possible to lift SL's State of Emergency by the end of the week ending on 21.08.2022 as SL was currently in a stable condition, reports Virakesari.

17.08.2022: **Jets** - According to Athavan News, SL's former Ambassador to Russia, Udayanga Weeratunga had been summoned to appear before SL's CID to make a statement regarding the purchase of MiG-27 fighter jets for the SLAF.

17.08.2022: **Governors** - Members of the SLPP urged R. Wickremesinghe to prioritise the SLPP in the appointment of a new governor, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that SL's governors had not yet resigned or been removed from office after G. Rajapaksa's resignation. Further, the UNP has also prepared a list of names as nominations for the position.

24.08.2022: **HRCSL** - According to

Virakesari, the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) had recommended R. Wickremesinghe to take necessary steps to facilitate the safe return of G. Rajapaksa to SL.

24.08.2022: **Security** - Reports indicate that a significant number of SL soldiers had been deployed to G. Rajapaksa's Mirihana residence to strengthen security further, reports Athavan News.

26.08.2022: **Release** - Former SL MP Ranjan Ramanayake had left Welikada Prison in Colombo and had already been offered a position as SL's Goodwill Ambassador for Migrant Workers. A large crowd had gathered

outside the Welikada prison complex to welcome the popular actor-turned-politician, who was jailed for contempt of court.

26.08.2022: **SLPP** - According to Virakesari, there was no opposition from the SLPP for G. Rajapaksa to become SL's Prime Minister.



01.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to JDS Lanka, Pallegedara Ruwan Prasanga, a key GGG protestor was arrested by SL Police in a late-night raid conducted on 30.07.2022 along with 04 other youth from Bonasta Estate, Kalukele and Nuwara Eliya. The 05 arrested individuals are to be remanded until 04.08.2022.

01.08.2022: **Protest** - Students of Kelaniya University staged a protest on the streets after a 04th Year student had been abducted by unidentified men and released 03 hours later. According to JDS Lanka, the student had been interrogated regarding the location of IUFSL Convenor



Wasantha Mudalige and other student activists who had been involved in anti-GoSL protests.

found at the beach of Galle Face. It is noteworthy that several days ago, the corpse of a youth was also found.

01.08.2022: **Body** - According to Athavan News, a dead body was

02.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to JDS Lanka, Rathindu Suramya Senaratne or "Ratta" who was involved in anti-GoSL protests was arrested by SL Police after he had appeared before SL's CID to make a statement. According to Vraie Cally Balthazaar, Dilan, another protestor, had also been arrested

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alongside Ratta at the CID.

02.08.2022: **Surround** - According to Vraie Cally Balthazaar, the residence of the National organiser of the SYU, Eranga Gunasekara had been surrounded by a large number of SL Police on the evening of 02.08.2022 to supposedly collect a statement from him. According to JDS Lanka, his residence had been raided. However, the SL Police had left as he had not been at home.

02.08.2022: **Petition** - According to Athavan News, Jeevananta Peiris had filed a Fundamental Rights Violation Petition in SL's High Court to prevent his arrest for involvement

in anti-GoSL protests.

02.08.2022: **Arrest** - The main suspect allegedly involved in the arson of R. Wickremesinghe's residence had been arrested, reports Athavan News. Reports indicate that 03 individuals had been arrested thus far in connection with the incident.

02.08.2022: **Arrest** - A 38-year-old resident of Pannipitiya who was identified as the first to trespass into SL's Presidential Palace on 09.07.2022 had been arrested by the Colombo North Criminal Investigations Department Unit, reports News Wire LK.

02.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to News Wire LK, SL Police had arrested a 28-year-old for

entering the SL President's residence, sitting in his chair and taking photographs in it.

04.08.2022: **Arrest** - Koswatte Mahanama Thero, the Media Secretary of SL's National Bhikku Front was arrested by SL Police in mufti after he was returning from a meeting organised by SL's National Trade Union Centre at Colombo's Public Library, reports JDS Lanka.

04.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Prasad Welikumbura, GGG protestors had staged a silent protest against the arrest of protestors.

04.08.2022: **Arrest** - Palitha Etampawala and Dananjaya Siriwardena who are Bank of Ceylon (BOC)

employees and active members of its Employees' Union was arrested by SL Police and detained at the Slave Island Police Station, reports JDS Lanka. According to Lanka Files, they were arrested based on allegations of trespassing into SL's Presidential Palace.

04.08.2022: **Arrest** - Joseph Stalin is to be presented at the Fort Magistrate's Court, reports Athavan News.

04.08.2022: **Petitions** - According to Athavan News, 04 Fundamental Rights petitions had been filed against the SL Police's directive to protest groups to leave the Galle Face Green protest site.

04.08.2022: **Bail** - According to News Wire LK, social media activist Pathum Kerner who had surrendered to the Colombo Crimes Division on 28.07.2022 for participation in protests at Polduwa Junction in Battaramulla and was subsequently arrested, was released on bail by the Colombo Magistrate's Court.

04.08.2022: **Remand** - The remand of Dhaniz Ali who is currently in SL detention has been extended an additional 14 days for the alleged use of a mobile phone within prison, reports Athavan News.

04.08.2022: **Protest** - Principals and teachers protested before schools in Jaffna and Vavuniya to

condemn the arrest of Joseph Stalin, reports Athavan News. It is notable that Sajith Premadasa had visited the Colombo Fort Police station to visit Stalin.

05.08.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged by the TNPF at Jaffna's Central Bus Stand against the arrest of Joseph Stalin. According to Athavan News, the protestors demanded the release of all activists arrested

by GoSL in a fascist manner.

05.08.2022: **GGG** - SL's Attorney General mentioned that supposedly illegal tents set up at the GotaGoGama (GGG) protest site would not be removed until 10.08.2022, reports Athavan News.

05.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Economy Next, protesters in SL had vowed not to leave the square near SL's

Presidential Secretariat, although a number of demonstrators had been arrested. They have filed 03 written petitions with the Court of Appeals requesting the issuance of an injunction to prevent the implementation of the decision taken by the police to evacuate the people and GGG.

05.08.2022: **Posters** - Posters calling the arrest of Genocidaire G. Rajapaksa were spotted across Jaffna, reports Virakesari. The posters were put up by the National Forum of Tamil Culture.

06.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to Economy Next, protesters in SL demanded the lifting of SL's State of

“Oppression is continuing in Sri Lanka in modern forms.”

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Emergency. In addition, they demand to find the reasons for the public protests instead of arresting key activists.

07.08.2022:
Discussion - R. Wickremesinghe had spoken with detained and arrested Joseph Stalin, to discuss the legal issues present in his case, reports Virakesari.

08.08.2022:
Release - According to Economy Next, Joseph Stalin, had been released on bail. Upon release, he was reported to have mentioned that the Aragalaya (struggle) protests led by SL's youth against what he called the oppressive measures of R. Wickremesinghe's government would continue.

08.08.2022:
Protest - According to Athavan News, a protest was held by the workers of the Northern Province Divisional Secretariat of Puthukkudiyiruppu, Vavuniya and Jaffna. This protest was held in solidarity with workers of the Pradesiya Sabha's orders of Puthukkudiyiruppu, where SL soldiers took away fuel that was reserved for the Northern Province Divisional Secretariat's work.

08.08.2022:
Disappearance - According to Economy Next, SL's Sports Ministry is investigating the circumstances behind the apparent disappearance of nine athletes and one official from the Commonwealth

Games in Birmingham, UK. They left the Games village without notice.

08.08.2022: **Arrest** - SL Police had requested the assistance of the SL Public to assist them to arrest individuals who had sat in the chair of SL's President, reports Virakesari.

08.08.2022:
Protest - Colombo's Magistrate rejected the SL Police's request to prevent anti-GoSL protests scheduled to occur on 09.08.2022 from occurring, reports Virakesari.

09.08.2022:
Complaint - According to Virakesari, a complaint had been filed against 03 including Johnston Fernando at Colombo's Supreme Court.

09.08.2022: **Death** - An underground leader suspected of committing murder had been found dead at the pits of a stone quarry in Colombo. According to Virakesari, the individual has been arrested last week in relation to the shooting of an SLPP member.

09.08.2022: **Bail** - Bail had been granted to 08 protestors including the following who had engaged in protests near the Colombo Fort Magistrate's premises, reports Virakesari.

- ◆ Dammitha Aberatne
- ◆ Ratta
- ◆ Joseph Stalin

09.08.2022:
Protest - A protest was staged at Viharamakadevi Park demanding the cessation of oppression conducted by the "Ranil-

ARRESTS

19.08.2022: **Arrests** - According to JDS Lanka, 21 protestors were arrested by SL Police on 18.08.2022 in Colombo.

- 1 Wasantha Mudalige
- 2 Gallawé Siridamma Thero
- 3 Chintaka Rajapakse
- 4 Pokunuwite Piyasoma Thero
- 5 Thalagolle Dammaratana Thero
- 6 Hashan Jeewantha
- 7 Nuwan Darshana
- 8 M. Rifah
- 9 Nuwan Lahiru
- 10 M. Kamaldeen
- 11 M.K.M. Dilshan

Rajapaksa” GoSL, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Demands** - Protestors who had cleared the Galle Face protest site had reaffirmed that the protest movement would be strengthened in an inclusive manner through

the proposal of various demands, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Petitions** - 04 Petitions filed regarding the unlawful nature of demanding the clearance of the GGG protest site had been withdrawn, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was staged in Hutton against the oppression of the “Ranil-Rajapaksa” GoSL.

17.08.2022: **SL CID** - SL's CID has commenced investigations into the inflow of LKR 5 million into the bank account of Ratta, reports Virakesari.

18.08.2022: **Protest** - SL's All Students' Union mentioned that a mass protest would be staged in Colombo in opposition with SL's current government, reports Uthayan News.

18.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to Economy Next, SL's Criminal Investigation Department has arrested former minister Mervyn

Silva for storming the headquarters of the state-owned Rupavahini Corporation television station in 2007. The incident occurred during the first term of M. Rajapaksa.

19.08.2022: **Demonstration** - According to Economy Next, the damage caused by the anti-government protests on the Galle Face Green in SL must be borne financially by the demonstrators. This is public property and SL's Urban Development Authority (UDA) had invested a lot of money in developing the area.

20.08.2022: **Protesters** - According to Economy Next, SL police have asked the public to help identify 34 protesters. It

published pictures of the suspects and is requesting information about their whereabouts.

21.08.2022:

Protest -

According to Lanka Files, a protest was staged against the use of terror laws and prolonged detention of activists such as Wasantha Mudalige.

Reports indicate that the protest was staged opposite the Colombo Fort Station.

21.08.2022:

Intimidation - SL Police obstructed SL Journalist, Udawaragedara who attempted to cover an SL Police attack on Inter University Students' Federation of SL activists near Borella, reports Prasad Welikumbura.



21.08.2022: **Arrest**

According to JDS Lanka, Arjuna Amadoru of France who was involved in organising protests in solidarity with the GGG movement in France was arrested by Nittambuwa Police on 20.08.2022 during a visit to SL by Amadoru.

21.08.2022: **PTA -**

TNA's Media Spokesperson, M.A. Sumanthiran

mentioned that GoSL must respond to international scrutiny regarding the arrest of university students under the PTA and steps should be taken to immediately release them, reports Virakesari.

22.08.2022: **PTA -**

According to Virakesari, Rishad Bathiudeen had strongly condemned the

arrest and detention of members of the All-University Students' Union including Wasantha Mudalige under the PTA in a statement which he released.

22.08.2022:

Compensation - According to SL's Ministry of Urban Development and Housing an estimated damage of LKR 4.9 million to Galle Face would be

obtained from protestors involved in the GotaGoGama (GGG) protests, reports Virakesari.

22.08.2022: **Surrender** - According to Virakesari, a second individual, Saminda Kelumpiriya Amarsinghe who had entered SL's Rupavahini with Dhaniz Ali, had surrendered at Karuwathota Police Station for entering the media corporation on 13.07.2022.

22.08.2022: **Arrest** - Piyath Nikeskala and Nuwan Neelamuni were summoned to SL's CID HQ and Slave Island Police Station. According to JDS Lanka, Neelamuni was arrested at Slave Island Police Station once he arrived.

22.08.2022: **Summons** - According to JDS Lanka, Shakthi Makawita, a youth activist involved in the GGG movement was summoned to the Dematagoda Police Station.

22.08.2022: **Transfer** - After being arrested by Slave Island Police, SL's National Organiser of the Socialist Students' Union, Rangana Lakmal Dewapriya was transferred to Colombo Fort Police Station, reports JDS Lanka.

22.08.2022: **Bail** - According to Lanka Files, Jehan Appuhami who was accused of entering G. Rajapaksa's residence was released on 02 sureties worth LKR 500,000 by the Colombo Magistrate.

23.08.2022: **Arrests** - According to Lanka Files, SL Police had arrested 31 individuals on 21.08.2022 regarding alleged links to the 09.05.2022 protests.

23.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to JDS Lanka, a performance artist involved in recent protests, Shalika Rukshan Senadeera was arrested by SL Police on 23.08.2022. Reports indicate that he was arrested for his participation in a protest opposite SL's Police HQ.

23.08.2022: **Search** - SL Police had entered the Centre for Society and Religion Maradana (CSR) to search for SL's National Organiser of the Socialist Youth Union (SYU), Eranga

Gunasekara, reports Lanka Files.

23.08.2022: **Transfer** - According to SL's Police Spokesperson, 03 individuals who were arrested and held under the PTA for 90 days for involvement in anti-GoSL protests were transferred to Tangalle Central Detention Centre for further investigations by SL's CID and TID, reports Lanka Files.

- ◆ Wasantha Mudalige
- ◆ Galwela Siridhamma Thero
- ◆ Hashan Jeewantha

23.08.2022: **Inquiry** - According to JDS Lanka, youth activist Nalin Gunawardena who had stormed SLL's Presidential Secretariat amongst SL's masses on

09.07.2022, was questioned in an inquiry held at Colombo's Crime Division.

24.08.2022: **PTA** - According to Economy Next, Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) MP Eran Wickramaratne said SL's controversial Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) must not be used against protesters. Instead, normal laws should apply to all lawbreakers associated with the protests.

24.08.2022: **Travel ban** - According to JDS Lanka, the Colombo Fort Magistrate imposed an international travel ban against trade unionists and activists who were granted bail after being produced before courts for involvement at the rally held opposite SL's Presidential Secretariat on 13.07.2022.

24.08.2022: **Protest** - A one-minute awareness protest was staged in Jaffna by the SL

hotlines to seek the support of SL's public to assist in the arrest of 24 individuals

Organisations (ATUMO) in Colombo to resist SL's crackdown on protestors. According to Lanka Files, international observers and diplomats had also joined the conference.

25.08.2022: **Summons** - According to JDS Lanka, SL's Police and CID had issued summons to many individuals recently involved in protests to appear before SL's CID.

- ◆ Shyamalee Liyanage - 24.08.2022
- ◆ Neelanuwan Munasinghe - 26.08.2022
- ◆ Prabath Sandaruwan - 31.08.2022
- ◆ Asanka Abeyratne - 31.08.2022

Bank Employees' Union opposite the local bank branch at 13.20 local time, reports Virakesari.

24.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to Athavan News, SL Police had announced 02

suspected of trespassing into the Temple Trees.

25.08.2022: **Conference** - A People's Conference was convened by the Alliance of Trade Unions & Mass

25.08.2022: **PTA** - According to Lanka Files, a mass petition campaign calling the repeal of the PTA which was launched by the ITAK Youth Wing in February 2022, received



- 12** Pasindu Rangana
- 13** Lakshitha Sanjeewa
- 14** Thilina Maduranga
- 15** Puliyankulame Sunliagnana Thero
- 16** Suriyawewa Sugathadasa Thero
- 17** Tharindu Dilshan
- 18** Prasanna Sanjeewa
- 19** Kavinda Deshan
- 20** Tharindu Milan
- 21** Asanka Isuru

signatures in Colombo.

26.08.2022: **PTA** - A mass signature campaign organised by the Trade Union Coordination Committee (TUCC) was launched opposite Colombo's main railway station calling for the repeal of the PTA, reports Lanka Files. Reports indicate that the goal of the campaign was to repeal the PTA which was being used to arrest Aragalaya protestors.

26.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to JDS Lanka, 07 individuals who had entered the Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court to watch their fellow activist Dhaniz Ali's court proceedings were arrested opposite the court.

26.08.2022: **Summons** - According to JDS Lanka, SL Police from the Thebuwana Police Station visited the residence of the Convenor of the Inter Higher National Diploma Students' Federation in Warakagoda. Reports indicate that they had summoned him to report to the Thebuwana Police Station to record a statement.

26.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Lanka Files, the Ceylon Bank Employees' Union of SL's National Savings Bank staged a protest in Colombo. Reports indicate that they demand the termination of the Bank's Chairman due to his alleged appropriation of public funds in liaison with SL politicians.

26.08.2022: **Arrests** - According to SL journalist Tharindu Jayawardena, almost 4,000 individuals had been arrested since 31.03.2022, reports Lanka Files.

26.08.2022: **Bail** - Following the arrest of social activist and moderator of the Movement for National Land & Agricultural Reform, Chintaka Rajapaksa on 18.08.2022, he was released on bail following a remote hearing which was held at the Colombo Fort Magistrate on 26.08.2022, reports JDS Lanka.

26.08.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged by SL activists condemning summons sent to Asanka Abeyratne to SL's CID. According to Lanka Files, Abeyratne had

been involved in campaigns for the justice of Families of the Disappeared (FoD) since the late 1980s.

29.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the Aragalaya Citizens' Organisation had requested the UN to monitor the way the PTA is being used in SL. Reports indicate that the following was mentioned when they submitted 02 letters to the UN Office in Colombo regarding the issues during a peaceful protest that they had staged opposite it in condemnation of arrests of protestors under the PTA.

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

01.08.2022: **Sridharan** - According to Athavan News SL's MP Sridharan mentioned at Jaffna Hindu College that the arrest of youth from the GGG movement is unacceptable. However, he was also noted to have mentioned that the Tamils should not participate in the protest. He also mentioned that if an All-party Government is established, that should be the starting point for the solution of the Tamils.

02.08.2022: **Liquor** - 02 suspects were arrested in the Ramanathapuram and Pudukkadu areas for engaging in the illegal production of liquor. According to Athavan News, 62 bottles of liquor had been seized by occupational STF authorities.

03.08.2022: **Development** - According to Athavan News, R. Wickremesinghe had mentioned that developmental activities would be implemented across the Tamil homeland whilst he made an address to deliver his policy speech in the 03rd session of SL's 09th Parliament.

- ◆ Work with support of youth.
- ◆ Political solution for Tamils' grievances
- ◆ Violence against women should be eradicated
- ◆ Bribery should be eradicated

03.08.2022: **Palaly Airport** - According to Northern Province Governor Jeevan Thiyagarajah, attempts to clear and enhance the environment of the Palaly's

Jaffna Airport had commenced, reports Virakesari.

09.08.2022: **Councils** - Bandula Gunawardena had indicated that approval had been provided to convert Provincial Councils to Municipal Councils and City Councils to Municipal Councils, reports Virakesari.

- ◆ City to Municipal
 - ◆ Kaluththurai
 - ◆ Vavuniya
 - ◆ Puttalam
 - ◆ Trincomalee
 - ◆ Mannar
 - ◆ Amparai
- ◆ Provincial to Municipal
 - ◆ Kilinochchi
 - ◆ Mullaitivu
 - ◆ Moneragala

13.08.2022: **Arrest** - According to Athavan News, 06 individuals from Karainagar and Allaipitiya were arrested by Occupational SLN officers for smuggling palm trees without permission and were taken to SL's Occupational Vaddukoddai Police Station. Reports indicate that the suspects are to be produced before the Mallakam Court for further investigations.

13.08.2022: **Stadium** - Jaffna's Mayor, V. Manivannan mentioned during the Jaffna Municipal Council's monthly meeting that an international cricket stadium could be constructed on 11 acres of land in Kondavil, Jaffna where

Jaffna's water usage well is located, reports Athavan News. V. Manivannan further announced this decision during a press conference with the Jaffna Press Club, reports Uthayan News.

15.08.2022: **Education** - A meeting was held between SL's Minister of Education Susil Premajayantha and members of the Upcountry Teachers' Front to discuss educational opportunities in the Upcountry, reports Virakesari.

Areas of discussion

- ◆ Inclusion of local history in the curriculum
- ◆ Make colleges of education a university
- ◆ Introduce other courses relevant to Upcountry students
- ◆ Full integration of national schools
- ◆ Expansion of the program to confirm the certification of those appointed as teachers
- ◆ Increase efficiency of the Horticultural division
- ◆ Implementation of a nutrition program for students

16.08.2022: **Cyber** - The Occupational Kopay Police Station received a complaint that a mysterious individual had called Jaffna University students and engaged in obscene conversations, reports Uthayan News. Reports indicate that such calls had psychologically affected the students. Whilst the students had complained of such incidents to the Jaffna University administration, appropriate action had not been taken and thus they had complained to SL Police.

16.08.2022: **Abuse** - The Jaffna District Child Protection Authority conducted investigations into the alleged physical abuse of a 14-year-old student by the principal of a school near Nallur, reports Virakesari. Preliminary investigations indicate that the principal had beaten the child when the student did not complete an allocated task. Consequently, the student had sustained injuries to his forehead as well as emotional trauma.

23.08.2022: **Solar farm** - According to Economy Next, the state-owned Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) had awarded the contract to build a solar farm in Trincomalee to 3W Power Management Ltd. Seven companies had participated in a tender to build the solar farm on the site of a shortwave transmitter in Kuchahaveli.

24.08.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Douglas Devananda, a meeting between fishermen and R. Wickremesinghe would be arranged soon to provide the fishermen relief and fuel, reports Virakesari.

28.08.2022: **Pardon** - Douglas Devananda was reported to have mentioned in the presence of SL's Presidential Commission that a general amnesty should not only be applicable to the LTTE but also SL's Army, reports Virakesari. Further he was reported to have mentioned that Tamils do not have any current ethnic issues, but if they do an appropriate solution should be provided to them if they had any legitimate issues. It is notable that he had also proposed that the implementation of the 13th Amendment

to SL's Constitution was the most appropriate solution.

31.08.2022: **Plantation Wage** - According to Virakesari, SL Opposition Member V. Radhakrishnan had mentioned in SL's Parliament that plantation workers should be provided a salary of LKR 2,000

Sri Lanka

02.08.2022: **Marriage Act** - According to Economy Next, SL intends to repeal Section II of the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act, which requires parental consent for the marriage of minors. Reports indicate that SL's Minister of Justice, Correctional Services and Constitutional Reforms, Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, would publish a gazette and then introduce the bill in SL Parliament.

04.08.2022: **MV Express Pearl** - SL's Attorney General informed the Colombo High Court on 03.08.2022 that further investigations were being conducted into the fire which erupted on the MX Express Pearl. According to Athavan News, the case is to be heard again on 21.09.2022. According to Virakesari, SL's Ministry of Maritime Affairs had announced that an additional LKR 9,110 lakhs had been received from the MV X-Press Pearl's insurance company as compensation for the SL fishermen affected by the fire accident aboard the ship. Reports indicate that previously 02 instalments of LKR 3,480 lakhs and LKR 3,350 lakhs had been made to SL by the ship's insurance company.

to align with rising essential goods' prices.

31.08.2022: **Escape** - 02 suspects arrested on charges of drug possession fled from Chavakachcheri Magistrate's Court, Jaffna after they had been ordered to be remanded for 14 days. According to Virakesari, 01 had been re-arrested.

22.08.2022: **Hizbullah** - SL Attorney General's ongoing case against Hejaaz Hizbullah and Principal of Puttalam Al-Zuhairya Arab College Shakeel Khan for teaching fundamentalism was not heard in an Open Court on 22.08.2022. According to Virakesari, the case was not heard as the lawyers who were to appear on behalf of the SL state were indisposed and thus the case would be heard by Puttalam Court on 23.08.2022.

24.08.2022: **LGBTQI** - According to Economy Next, a private member's bill to amend SL's Penal Code with the aim of protecting the country's LGBTQI community has been tabled in SL Parliament. At times, LGBTQ+ community have even had their basic democratic rights violated.

25.08.2022: **Explosives** - According to Virakesari, a total of 05 kilograms of explosives had been used during the Easter Sunday bombings of 2019. According to the Chief of SL's CID, through the seizure of 1,200 kilograms of explosives from Vanaththuvillu-Laktovatta as a result of CID investigations, mass destruction was prevented.

30.08.2022: **Gender** - Sri Lanka's Aya Surakina AIA Insurance completed the first stage of its Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) led by the International Finance Corporation under its Women in Work program, reports Colombo Page.

31.08.2022: **SL Budget** - According to Virakesari, R. Wickremesinghe had presented an Interim budget for the next 04 months with an additional LKR 773 billion than approved in SL's 20222 Amended Appropriation Act.

Economic News

Economic Profile – August 2022

All Share Price Index		↑ 1.79% to 7,907.52 pts
Key interest rate		15.50%
Inflation	July 2022	60.8%
	August 2022	64.3%
		↑ 3.5%
Standard & Poor's Rating	Sovereign Rating	↓ to Selective Default (SD)
	Government Bonds	↓ to D
GDP		
Budget deficit Aims	2022-2023	↓ from 9.9%-6.8% of GDP

05.08.2022: **Port City** - According to Economy Next, SL's Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance had approved 04 licences for the establishment of offshore banks in China-backed Colombo Port City. The Colombo Port City Investment Account will facilitate the inflow of funds.

09.08.2022: **Industrial Zones** - According to Economy Next, SL is allocating land

from 13 industrial zones for 25 investors from the SME sector. The land will be allocated under a "Regional Industrial Zones Development Program".

13.08.2022: **Prices** - According to Economy Next, chicken egg prices are increasing in SL due to excess demand in the market. Further price increases are

expected due to a shortage of animal feed.

14.08.2022: **Imports** - The Central Bank of SL (CBSL) had announced that import restrictions should be implemented immediately to prevent the worsening of SL's foreign exchange, reports Uthayan News.

14.08.2022: **Airlines** - According to Economy Next, a shortage of jet fuel in the country due to a lack of foreign currency is costing state-owned SriLankan Airlines an additional USD 7 million per month. SriLankan Airlines made stopovers in third countries such as India to refuel fuel for long-haul destinations.

15.08.2022: **Nestlé** - Nestlé Lanka ranked as the most respectable food and beverage entity for the year 2022, reports Colombo Page.

18.08.2022: **Key interest rate** - According to Economy Next, SL's central bank has said it will keep its key interest rate at 15.50 percent. However, data indicates that market interest rates are almost double that and private credit and imports are falling as a result.

19.08.2022: **Israel** - SL's Export Development Board organised a webinar on "Opportunities in the Israeli Market in collaboration with its Embassy in Israel to discuss trade opportunities, reports Colombo Page. The webinar

occurred on 03.08.2022 and was attended by 125 participants.

19.08.2022: **Exchange Rate** - According to Economy Next, pressure on the exchange rate is easing as interest rates rise, lending slows, and curb premiums also decline. As for remittances from abroad, the severe foreign exchange shortage has calmed to some extent.

23.08.2022: **GDP** - According to Economy Next, SL plans to reduce the budget deficit from an expected 9.9 percent in 2022 to 6.8 percent of GDP in 2023. It plans to achieve this by means of tax increases and spending cuts.

25.08.2022: **Tax** - According to Economy Next, protectionist taxes that create monopolies have been kept artificially high, and prices for steel, tiles and installation costs have skyrocketed following the rupee's collapse. Housing associations are being squeezed so hard by suppliers of building materials, fixtures, furnishings and even services that the continued existence of this important sector of the economy is in serious jeopardy.

27.08.2022: **Remittance App** - According to Economy Next, SL has launched a Remittance App to encourage expatriate workers to use SL official channels to send money. Through cutting cross border transaction costs, SL is aiming to make their channels more competitive towards the Undiyal system.

News about Oppression & Resistance

Protests

01.08.2022: **Rally** - According to Athavan News, an awareness rally "On the Path of Health" organised by the Arogya Nagar Project commenced at 07.00 local time from the Jaffna University Medical Faculty and went around Jaffna to the entrance of the Jaffna University Main Campus.

01.08.2022: **Protest** - The 01st day of a 100-day campaign for a political solution for the dignified rights of the Tamils of the occupied Tamil homeland was staged in Mannar, reports Lanka Files. 100 days of action would be conducted across the districts of Tamil Eelam under the coordination of the North East Coordination Committee.

02.08.2022: **Protest** - The 02nd day of a 100-day campaign for a political solution for the dignified rights of the Tamils of the occupied Tamil homeland was staged opposite the Uttira Vairavar Temple in Kilinochchi, reports Athavan News.

05.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was staged in Batticaloa demanding a political solution for the people of the Tamil homeland on the 05th day of a 100-day campaign conducted across the occupied Tamil homeland.

05.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, the 05th day of a 100-

day campaign for a political solution for the dignified rights of the Tamils of the occupied Tamil homeland was staged at the Gandhi Park complex in Batticaloa.

06.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the National Forum of Tamil Culture commenced a signature campaign protest opposite the remains of Lt. Col. Thileepan's monument in Nallur, demanding the arrest of G. Rajapaksa.

07.08.2022: **Protest** - Relatives of forcibly disappeared persons mentioned that the 100-day protest action conducted across the Tamil homeland was upsetting as it was not practical. According to Virakesari, they had also commented that the organising committee had mentioned that they were demanding to operate within the constitution of SL and not as a separate state - which upset the relatives of the disappeared. During a press conference the relatives further mentioned that the use of the name "Unity of the North and East" was fake.

08.08.2022: **Protest** - The Northern Provincial branch of SL'S Administrative Services Association staged a protest opposite the Mullaitivu District Secretariat condemning the Occupational Puthukkudiyiruppu Police's actions which inconvenienced the Puthukkudiyiruppu District Secretary, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Protest** - The 10th day of the 100-day protest action demanding the rights of the people of the Tamil Homeland was held in Kilinochchi, reports Virakesari.

10.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, a protest was held in Kilinochchi for a political solution for the Tamils. This was the 10th day of a planned 100 days of action.

13.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the 13th day of the 100-day protest action across the Tamil homeland was held as a protest in Batticaloa near the Pullumalai Church Junction.

15.08.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged by locals on 14.08.2022 demanding the reconstruction of the main bridge leading to the Woodleg Estate in Akkarapattanai, reports Virakesari.

16.08.2022: **Protest** - Fishermen put forth multiple demands and staged a protest in Mullaitivu, reports Virakesari.

- ◆ Kerosene should be supplied without restriction
- ◆ Kerosene should be provided at a subsidised price
- ◆ The arrival of Indian trawlers should be banned
- ◆ Compensation for 03 months should be provided
- ◆ All illegal fishing activities should be banned
- ◆ Price of oil should be reduced

16.08.2022: **Protest** - Puttalam's Katpiti fishermen staged a protest at the Katpiti-Palkuda Junction demanding fuel, reports Virakesari.

16.08.2022: **Protest** - A protest as a part of the 100-day protest action across the Tamil homeland was held in Settikulam, reports Virakesari.

17.08.2022: **Protest** - The President of the Amparai Districts' Association of Missing Persons, Thampirasa Selvarani mentioned during a special press conference held in Kalmunai that the TNA is being encouraged to suppress and misdirect the protests and struggle of the relatives of disappeared persons for their own benefit, reports Uthayan News.

17.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the 17th day of the 100-day awareness action occurred around 10.00 local time in the Iluppakadavai area of Mannar.

21.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, many local civil society organisations including the Defenders of North East Human Rights staged a protest near Trincomalee's 03rd Block Junction demanding the release of all student activists arrested under the PTA.

21.08.2022: **Protest** - A symbolic protest was staged at 10.30 local time on 21.08.2022 in Mannar Bazaar by the Mannar Socio-Economic Development Organisation and North East Coordination Committee demanding the immediate repeal of the PTA and release of arrested protestors, reports Virakesari.

22.08.2022: **Protest** - During a protest staged in Mannar, the North East Coordinating Committee condemned the arrest of activists in the South under the PTA. According to Lanka Files, they

had launched a petition campaign demanding the repeal of the PTA and the release of all protestors.

22.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Lanka Files, Jaffna locals had staged a protest calling for GoSL to implement action against narcotics. Reports indicate that the protest was staged following at least 08 drug-related deaths reported in Jaffna.

22.08.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged by Kilinochchi farmers at 10.00 local time demanding fuel for harvest. According to Athavan News, they had also met with the Kilinochchi District Government and submitted a majjar.

24.08.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a demonstration was staged opposite the Nedunkerni Kandaswamy Temple by the North East Coordinating Committee as a part of their 100-day action for the honourable rights of Tamils in the occupied Tamil homeland.

25.08.2022: **PTA** - According to Lanka Files, a campaign was launched in the Tamil homeland demanding the release of Tamil political prisoners and Sinhala activists arrested under the PTA and calling for the repeal of the PTA. According to MP Selvam Adaikalanathan, "any support to an All-Party government [would be provided] only if the president shows that goodwill."

26.08.2022: **Degradation** - According to Lanka Files, Pesalai locals staged a mass protest on 24.08.2022 in Mannar condemning large-scale sand mining of mineral Ilmenite sands. The protest further resisted the construction of a wind

turbine power project in Mannar which has adverse environmental effects on local marine resources including fish. According to Virakesari, Mannar's Fisheries' Societies had also expressed support for these protests.

26.08.2022: **Language** - After the first of Hindi language courses were inaugurated at Jaffna Hindu College by the Consulate General of India in Jaffna on 17.08.2022, the Old Boys' Association of Jaffna Hindu College had organised a mass protest to be held on 26.08.2022 in opposition to the imposition of Hindi into the Tamil homeland. Reports indicate that the protest was staged opposite the school's grounds from 13.00 local time.

29.08.2022: **Protest** - A mass demonstration was staged by the Mannar District Citizens' Committee against sand mining conducted for the construction of high-power wind power towers in the Mannar area opposite the Mannar District Secretariat from 08.00-12.00 local time on 29.08.2022, reports Virakesari.

30.08.2022: **Protests** - Mass protests were staged across the Tamil homeland and SL in light of the International Day of Enforced Disappearances, reports Virakesari. The protests demanded justice to be served to them through an investigation at the ICC.

Tamil Homeland

- ◆ Mullaitivu - Puthukudiyiruppu
- ◆ Kilinochchi - Opposite Kandaswamy Kovil
- ◆ Jaffna - Opposite the UN Office
- ◆ Mannar
- ◆ Vavuniya - Kudiyiruppu Pillaiyaar Kovil

- ◆ Batticaloa - Rally from Gandhi Park and an awareness demonstration by North East Coordinating Committee
- ◆ Trincomalee - Opposite the District Secretariat
- ◆ Amparai

SL

- ◆ Kollupitiya - Opposite the OMP
- ◆ Colombo - Opposite the UN Office & EU branch in SL

03.08.2022: **Commemoration** - The 15th commemoration of Tamil Journalist Nilakshan who was shot and killed was commemorated in Jaffna, reports Lanka Files.

03.08.2022: **Semmalai** - According to Lanka Files, the Semmalai Neeraviyadi Pillaiyar Temple held its annual Pongal festival at the temple premises after years of Buddhicisation which prevented them from doing so.

03.08.2022: **OMP** - The name of Madhav Jayawardena and Sampath Perera had been recommended by SL's Parliamentary Committee for the position of Commissioners of the Office of Missing Persons (OMP), reports Virakesari. Subsequently, appointment letters had been issued by SL's Presidential Secretariat.

03.08.2022: **Political Prisoners** - According to Virakesari, the "Voice for the Voiceless" organisation called on all MPs of SL Parliament to unite regardless of political differences to demand the release of Tamil political prisoners.

04.08.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Lanka Files, the 33rd Memorial of the Valvai (Valvettithurai) Massacre where 63 individuals were massacred by occupying IPKF officers in Oorikattu and Polikandi was held. Reports indicate that

an original memorial monument which had been erected in memory of the massacre had been desecrated by occupational SL Army officials.

05.08.2022: **Political Prisoners** - According to Lanka Files, Tamil mother, Aellaiah Pawalawalli appealed in Sinhalese at a press conference held at the Kilinochchi News Club to demand the release of Tamil political prisoners, she mentioned that "We vouch these children will not be a problem once released. Give them an amnesty. The Sinhalese now understand that our children are in jail not because they were drug dealers."

25.08.2022: **PTA** - Sumanthiran mentioned that "he who promised not to use the PTA is now violating that promise," reports Virakesari.

26.08.2022: **Release** - Father Sakthivel mentioned that the names of the political prisoners who are to be released should be made public before they are released, reports Virakesari.

05.08.2022: **Arrest Gota** - According to Athavan News, posters were put up in Jaffna with the slogan, "Arrest the genocidaire Gota."

05.08.2022: **Disappearances** - During a press conference at the Jaffna Press Club, the media spokesperson of the

Relatives of those forcibly disappeared, Tamilini Malavan mentioned that the TNA's discussions with GoSL were in support of GoSL's hypocritical purposes, reports Athavan News.

08.08.2022: **Enforced Disappearances** - The relatives of forcibly disappeared persons from the Tamil homeland questioned whether the bodies which were coming ashore in Colombo were the bodies of their relatives, reports Virakesari.

11.08.2022: **Enforced Disappearances** - According to Virakesari, 121 relatives who had protested demanding the whereabouts of their forcibly disappeared relatives had perished since the commence of protests 2,000 days ago.

13.08.2022: **Struggle** - The Tamil National Council of Culture's coordination, Suveekaran Nishanthan mentioned during a press conference that regardless of which country G. Rajapaksa went, the Tamils' struggle would continue, reports Virakesari.

13.08.2022: **Release** - C. V. Wigneswaran mentioned that steps had been taken for the release of 46 Tamil political prisoners who were detained for minor crimes, reports Virakesari.

14.08.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, the 16th memorial commemoration of the Senchola massacre was held at the site of the Senchola campus in Mullaitivu. Reports indicate that the event was organised by the TNPF.

16.08.2022: **Federalism** - According to Lanka Files, S. Kajendran had mentioned during a press conference that until a constitution with a federal foundation had been adopted by SL, the Tamil diaspora should not invest in SL. Reports indicate that he had made this statement in relation to the revocation of the ban on Tamil organisations as an attempt to encourage Tamil investments into SL.

17.08.2022: **Senchola** - The TNPF quoted their members' call for international accountability for Tamil genocide during a commemorative event in memory of the Senchola Massacre. In a tweet, they quoted S. Kajendran to have said, "Only an international criminal accountability mechanism will ensure accountability for Tamil genocide and ensure non-recurrence of crimes committed by SL."

18.08.2022: **Nationalism** - According to S. Tharumalingam, the Kalaikkathir had quoted TNPF's G. Ponnambalam to have mentioned that SL could only revive itself through a resolution which recognised the Tamil nation.

23.08.2022: **Unit** - Jaffna Mayor, V. Manivannan mentioned that a special unit of the Jaffna Municipal Council is set to monitor the roads during the Nallur temple festival. According to Virakesari, this unit was back in force after V. Manivannan was arrested by occupational SL Police under the PTA for allegations of restarting the Tamil Eelam Police as the uniforms of the unit allegedly matched the force.

23.08.2022: **PTA** - According to Virakesari, the Upcountry Civil Society

Organisations' Alliance emphasised the misuse of the PTA. During the press conference the following was mentioned, "Using the PTA against the protesters, who fought in a democratic way, is a grave matter. Therefore, the university students arrested under the PTA should also be released."

24.08.2022: **Lands** - A press conference held by the Mannar Social and Economic Development Organisation (MSEDO) at a private guest house in Mannar on 23.08.2022 from 10.30-17.00 local time. According to Virakesari, the topic of discussion was "Voice of the people whose lands were confiscated in Northern Province." There, it was mentioned that GoSL had not taken any steps to return acquired private lands to the people.

24.08.2022: **Land Destruction** - According to Virakesari, a consultation meeting was held on the morning of 23.08.2022 at the Mannar Citizens' Committee Office regarding the preservation of Mannar. Led by Arutpani A. Gnanaprakasam, the group had appealed to the masses to save Mannar from the danger of sinking into the sea within a short time frame due to the construction of wind turbines and sand mining in the area.

25.08.2022: **Evidence** - S. Sridharan mentioned during a Photographers' Day event in Kilinochchi on 24.08.2022 that photos of naked cadres which had been leaked were an evidence of Tamil genocide and thus an example of the power of photography, reports Athavan News. Further reports indicate that the Photographers' Day event was

organised by the Kilinochchi District Photographers' Cooperative Society.

26.08.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Lanka Files, the 219th remembrance of Pandara Vanniyan - the last king of the Vanni Kingdom was held near his statue in Katsilaimadu, Mullaitivu. His flag was raised, and school students sang a song in praise of his rule and flag. Further, his statue was decorated with garlands.

26.08.2022: **Mass Grave** - According to Lawyer V.S. Niranjan, Mannar's magistrate is expected to direct carbon dating analysis on skeletal remains found in a Thiruketheeswaram mass grave, hence renewing court investigations into the mass grave.

26.08.2022: **Vigil** - According to Lanka Files, the Convenor of Mullaitivu's ARED, Mariyasuresh Easwari invited the masses to join them in a demonstration which is scheduled to occur on 30.08.2022. Reports indicate that the protest is to occur opposite Puthukkudiyiruppu Hospital in light of the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances. The invitation was made during a press conference at the Mullaitivu Press Club.

27.08.2022: **PTA** - According to Virakesari, the Puttalam High Court had announced on 26.08.2022 that the pre-trial conference for the case of the Muslim poet, Ahnaf Jazeem who was arrested under the PTA to be scheduled for 10.10.2022.

27.08.2022: **Archaeology** - According to Virakesari, Dr. Aru Thirumurugan - the head of Tellipalai Durgai Amman Temple

- the Director of SL's Department of Archaeology, Professor. Manavithana, had assured him that he would immediately take appropriate action regarding the ban on the construction of Thirukoneswarar temple. The assurance was made during a special meeting on 27.08.2022 at Nallur. During the said meeting, Thirumurugan mentioned that various issues were discussed - especially regarding the fact that 03 temples in the high security zone near Kirimalai have not performed religious services for a long time and thus immediate action to reinstate practices were conducted.

Attendees:

- ◆ SL Department of Archaeology - Professor Manavithana
- ◆ Nallur Atinam Director
- ◆ Tellipalai Durgai Amman Temple - Dr. Aru Thirumurugan

28.08.2022: **Women** - During a discussion held at the Vavuniya Writers' Association

Hall on 28.08.2022, the representatives of the People's Project Union mentioned that they would raise awareness regarding the grievances faced by women-headed families in society following the war to a national level, reports Virakesari.

31.08.2022: **Fishermen** - According to the Coordinator of the National Fishermen's Cooperation Movement, Jesudasan, action should be taken to solve the problems of fishermen from the North of the Tamil homeland. Virakesari reports that he had mentioned this during a press conference held in Jaffna on 30.08.2022.

31.08.2022: **Statement** - The University Students' Union of the University of Jaffna released a statement condemning views of the Chinese Ambassador supporting SL at the UNHRC session, reports Virakesari.



Signs of Structural Genocide

02.08.2022: **Militarisation** - A completely renovated holiday bungalow of SL's Occupational 682nd Brigade, "Bimwadiya" in the Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu region was opened by SL Major General Sanjaya Wanasinghe - the Commander of Occupational Security Forces in Mullaitivu, reports Army LK.

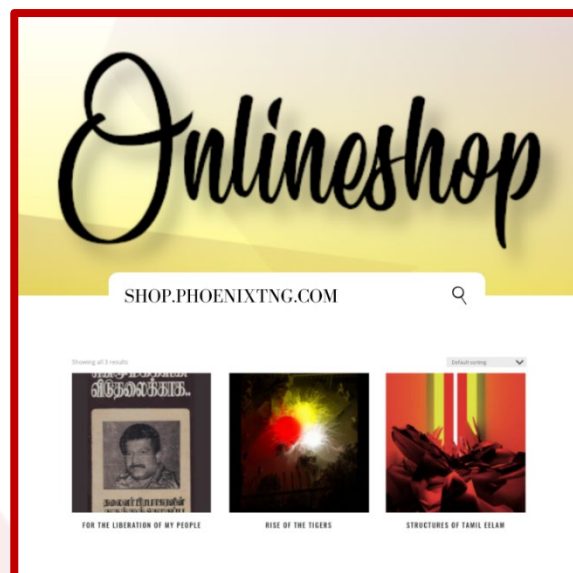
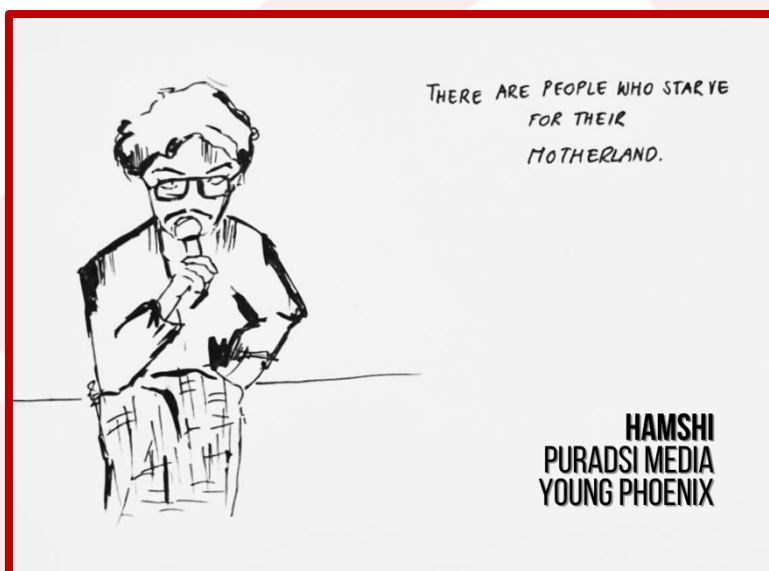
17.08.2022: **Land grab** - According to S. Tharumalingam, the TNPf and Senkalady locals had staged a protest in opposition of land appropriation by Sinhalese settlers in Mayilaththamadu, Batticaloa. Reports indicate that the locals had encouraged various international entities to refrain from funding SL's initiatives to curb the Tamils' livelihood.

- ◆ UN
- ◆ IMF
- ◆ ADB
- ◆ EU

23.08.2022: **Land grab** - Local Tamils and politicians gathered in Mullaitivu against a renewed attempt by SL's Survey Department officials to acquire 250 hectares of Tamils' privately-owned land. The land is to be used to expand the occupational 'Gotabaya Naval Base' in Vattuvakal. The surveying is currently being undertaken in the area, reports JDS Lanka. According to Tamil journalist Kumanan, a 79-year-old mother, Maheshwari was also engaged in the protests to claim her lands. In video footage she is seen to mention that, "My eldest daughter was born on this land. This land is our own land. The Navy has to leave the territory of our land. We were

born and raised on this land. We'll not give it up." Further reports indicate that the locals successfully prevented the occupational SL officials from appropriating the land despite heavy SL Police presence.





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