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Revolutionary Icon**

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What becomes apparent when a new chapter
is written from a mound of ashes 35 years on?

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A Tamil scouting opportunity creates a new
adventure for both members and scouts alike.

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Lt. Col. Thileepan – an International
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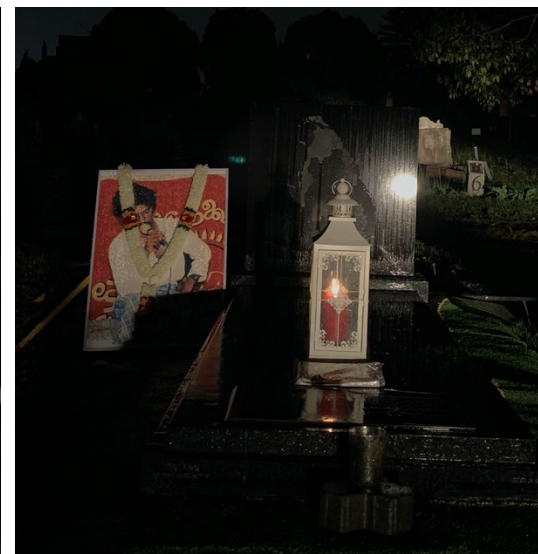
Phoenix the Next Generation's annual campaign, Hunger strike for Thileepan (HFT) was conducted between 15.09.2022-26.09.2022 across various countries. This year the focus of the campaign was placed upon international solidarity where various subjugated communities including the Kurds and Armenians came together through the platform of HFT for international solidarity.

The campaign itself was centred around a 30-hour symbolic hunger strike through which demands of Lt. Col. Thileepan as well as demands pertaining to the Tamils' grievances in the Tamil homeland and diaspora were posed to the international community and host countries. Notably, the demands of various subjugated communities and their struggles were also included in this year's campaign through which a total of 35 demands were put forth and sent to relevant bodies and institutions. Thus, the 35th commemoration of Lt. Col. Thileepan conducted by Phoenix-the Next Generation was not just focussed on Lt. Col. Thileepan's legacy but the internationalisation of the struggles of all subjugated communities, behind the icon of Lt. Col. Thileepan.

Commemorative events were also conducted across 03 continents and 04 countries as vigils, open stage events, demonstrations and Vanakka Nihalvu.

15.09.2022 - INTERNAL VIGIL

An internal vigil was held by Phoenix team members at Tamil monuments in Yverdon, Switzerland and Sydney, Australia to mark the commencement of HFT events.



Open Stage

Open Stage events featuring an art exhibition in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan and performances by various artists were conducted in Bern, Switzerland and Melbourne, Australia on 17.09.2022. In total, 15 artists and 15 performers' pieces were featured across both events.



Demonstration

18.09.2022 – CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

A demonstration vigil was staged in Canberra, Australia before the Indian High Commission. A rally was conducted through Canberra city. Along the route to the Indian High Commission, the demonstration stopped at the British High Commission, Chinese Embassy and American Embassies in a sign of resisting all international parties involved in the orchestration of the peak of Tamil genocide in 2009 at Mullivaikkal.

26.09.2022 – SWITZERLAND

A demonstration was also staged at Europaplatz Bern with participation from Tamils, Kurds and the revolutionary organisation Lotta. Speeches were made by representatives from all communities. The demonstration commenced at 14.30 local time with participation from a Kurdish organisation as well as Swiss Leftists and Phoenix-the Next Generation who conducted the ceremony and demonstration together.



Memorial Prayers

23.09.2022

Memorial prayers in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan were held at Bern Sivan Koyil and Sydney Durgai Amman Temple. This was a platform to engage with the wider Tamil community.



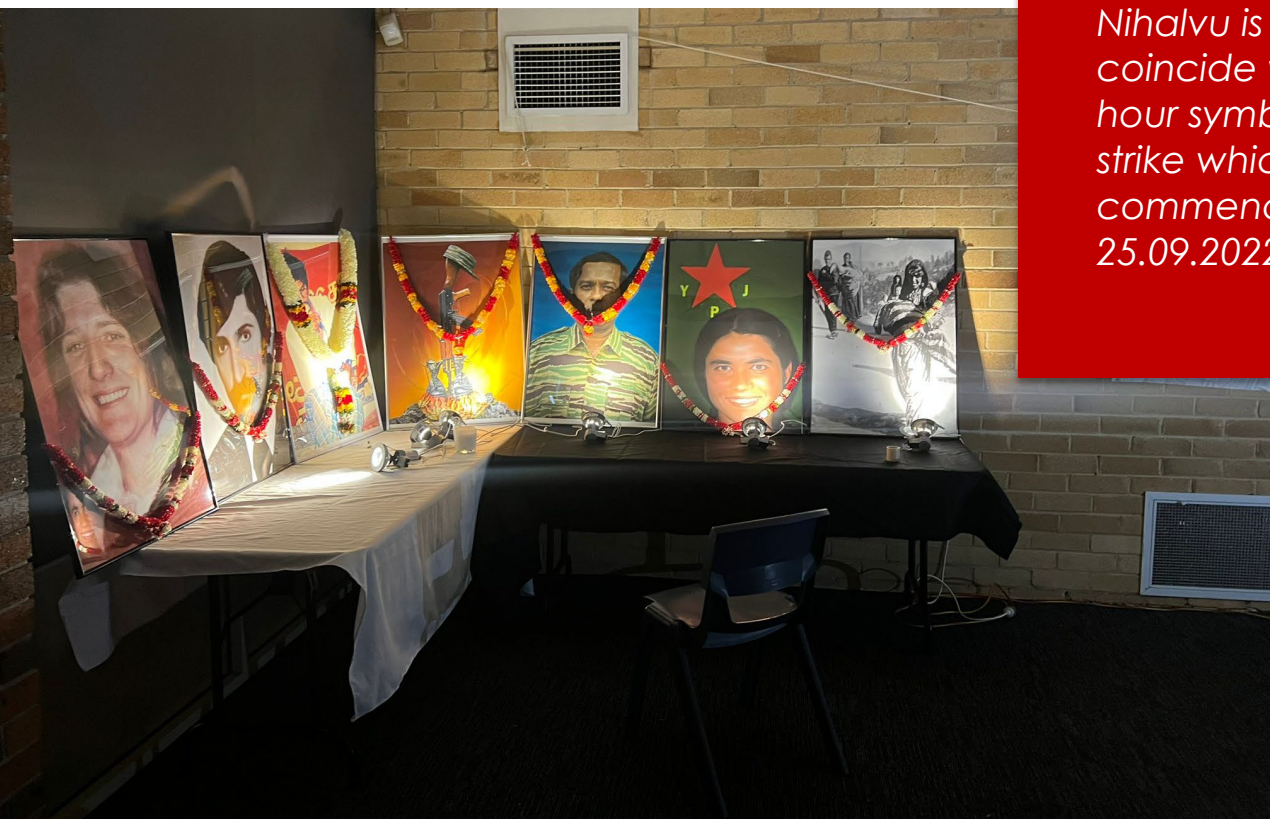
Vanakka Nihalvu



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The HFT Vanakka Nihalvu is held to coincide with the 30-hour symbolic hunger strike which commenced on 25.09.2022.

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25.09.2022 - CANADA

A Vanakka Nihalvu event was held in Scarborough, Canada where a monument was erected for the second time and respects were made despite heavy rain.

26.09.2022 - LONDON

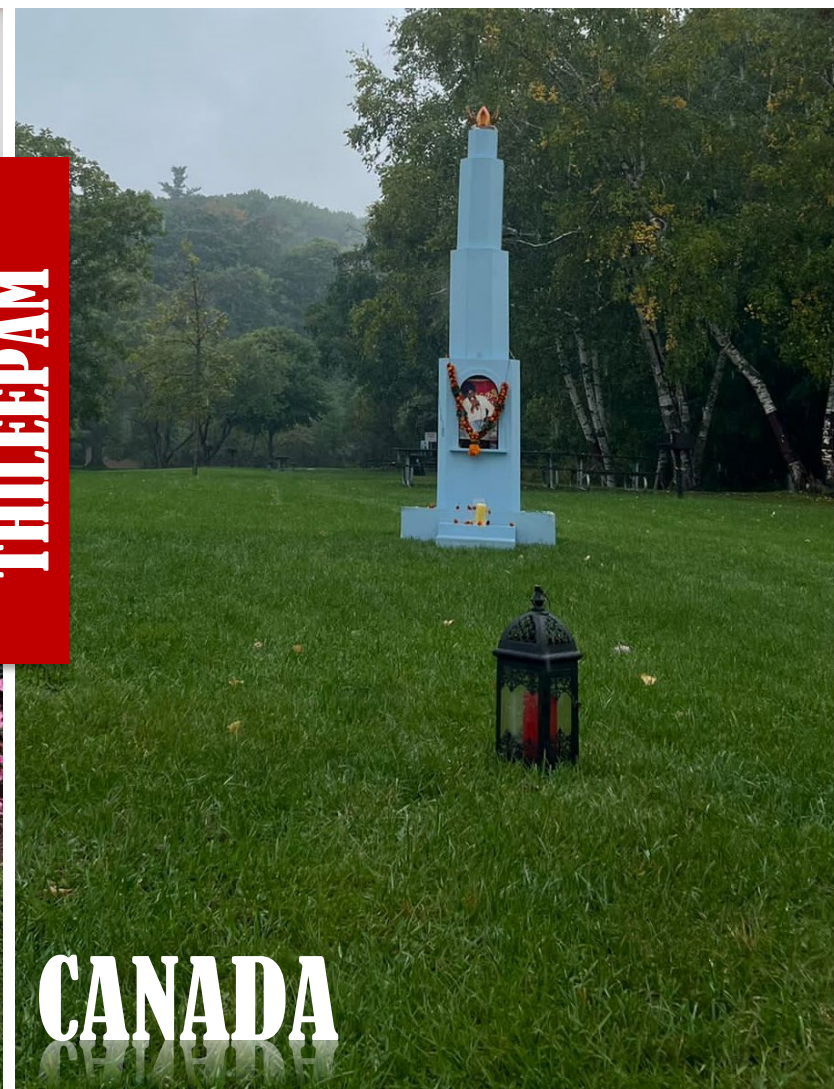
A small vigil was held by Phoenix UK members at East Ham London to mark HFT2022 and the team members broke their hunger strike together at the completion.

26.09.2022 - SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

A Vanakka Nihalvu event was held in Sydney, Australia where a memorial monument was erected and inaugurally. Photos of fallen martyrs from the Armenian, Irish and Kurdish martyrs were also present and paid respect to as a sign of international solidarity. Speeches were made by representatives of the Kurdish community, and Phoenix-the Next Generation. The Phoenix flag was also raised at this event. Following the ceremonial aspects of the event, a discussion was fostered between the public and Phoenix members.



THILEEPAM



26.09.2022 - SWITZERLAND

Following the demonstration, which was held earlier in the day, a Vanakka Nihalvu event was held at Bern Tamilskalaray where the Phoenix flag was raised. Photos of fallen martyrs from the Armenian, Irish and Kurdish struggles were also present and paid respect to as a sign of international solidarity. Speeches were made by representatives from all communities before a discussion was fostered for the public. Phoenix members then broke their 30-hour symbolic hunger strike together at 22.00 CH time.



International News

02.09.2022: **EU** - 06 Tamil diaspora organisations penned a letter to the European Union's (EU) 51st session emphasising the reference of Sri Lanka (SL) to the International Criminal Court (ICC), reports Virakesari.

08.09.2022: **UNICEF** - SL's Health Ministry rejected United Nations Children's Fund's (UNICEF) recent report on child malnutrition in SL. According to Tamil Guardian, SL's Health Ministry Secretary Janaka Sri Chandragupta negated the report which ranked SL as 6th for underweight children below the age of 05. The rejection was made during a media briefing on 07.09.2022.

11.09.2022: **Wildlife** - SL's Southern coast has an unusually high density of blue whales, which are listed as endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. In addition, SL's South coast is one of the busiest international shipping routes in the world. Geneva-based Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), one of the world's largest container shipping companies, announced on 08.09.2022 that it had voluntarily adjusted its routes around SL by this distance to reduce the risk of accidents involving whales, dolphins and porpoises, Economy Next reports.

17.09.2022: **Refugees** - The Azerbaijani border forces detained 04 SL nationals in the Beylagan district of Azerbaijan while attempting to cross into Iran, reports Colombo Page. The 04 individuals are under investigation at present to identify the route of travel.

18.09.2022: **UNGA** - SL's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry aims to deliver a statement at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 24.09.2022, reports Colombo Page. The segment will be held between 20.09.2022-26.09.2022.

19.09.2022: **UNHRC** - According to Tamil Guardian, the Families of the Disappeared spoke to the Tamil Guardian at the 51st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and reiterated their lack of trust in the Office of Missing Persons (OMP). Earlier reports indicate that SL while rejecting Resolution 46/1 and any follow up actions, reiterated its commitment to the advancement of human rights and expressed the replacement of the PTA with a comprehensive national security resolution, reports Colombo Page. Further reports indicate that the UNHRC had urged SL to draft a new security measure and to replace the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) promptly citing its draconian counter terrorism underpinnings, reports Colombo Page. According to Economy Next, SL is requesting the UNHRC for "genuine support and understanding" to address the island nation's past human rights problems. Meanwhile, calls to address economic crimes against SL's former first family have grown louder.

26.09.2022: **Aeroflot** - According to Virakesari, Russia's Aeroflot Airlines decided to resume its services to SL from 09.10.2022 based on the diplomatic friendship between Russia and SL.

28.09.2022: **Transparency** - Transparency International SL (TISL) is celebrating its 20th year in SL and marking the International Right to Know Day, reports Virakesari.

29.09.2022: **War Crimes** - According to Virakesari, members of the US Congress have urged US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken to support efforts to prosecute and hold accountable G.

Rajapaksa and his family for war crimes committed during the war.

30.09.2022: **UN** - SL's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) Mohan Pieris has been appointed as the Chair of the UN's First Committee that deals with disarmament and international security on 29.09.2022, reports Colombo Page.

Bilateral Discussions

02.09.2022: **London** - TELO's Media Spokesperson, Surendran met with Britain's Prime Ministerial Candidate, Liz Truss in an online meeting organised by British Tamil Conservatives, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that Britain's stance in supporting the Tamils' position at the UN was questioned during the meeting.

06.09.2022: **Egypt** - Maged Mosleh, Egypt's Ambassador to SL met with Naseer Ahamed, SL's Minister of Environment on 05.09.2022 to discuss the 27th UN Conference on Climate Change that is scheduled to be held between 06.11.2022-18.11.2022 in Egypt. The Colombo Page reported Egypt's representative invited SL's Minister to attend the conference and expressed desire to invite R. Wickremesinghe to attend as well.

07.09.2022: **Pakistan** - The Government of SL (GoSL) donated a consignment of Ceylon Tea to flood victims of Pakistan with the consignment handed over on

05.09.2022 by Ali Sabry to Pakistan's High Commissioner, Umar Farooq at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to aid in flood relief efforts.

10.09.2022: **Russia** - Yury Materiy, Outgoing Russian Ambassador pledged to strengthen bilateral relations with SL to develop the tourism industry between the two countries, reports Colombo Page.

11.09.2022: **Vietnam** - According to Economy Next, SL and Vietnam have the potential for closer cooperation, Ambassador Ho Thi Thanh Truc said. It has been growing steadily in the areas of bilateral trade, investment, high-level visits, multilateral forums and expansion of people-to-people contacts.

11.09.2022: **USAID** - According to Economy Next, SL's farmers are receiving financial assistance from USAID through the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. USAID Administrator, Samantha Powell announced during an

official visit that farmers will receive USD 40 million to purchase fertiliser and other agricultural inputs ahead of the Maha growing season.

12.09.2022: **Korea** - SL's Business Council promoted opportunities and knowledge sharing during the 'Business Opportunity and Experience Sharing' interactive session to mark the 45-year relationship between the two countries. The Colombo Page reported the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce which initiated the meeting encouraged those interested to connect directly with them to determine potential bilateral growth.

12.09.2022: **Hambantota** - The Hambantota International Port Group (HIPG) visited Japan in the final week of August 2022 to increase awareness and market opportunities for the port. The Colombo Page reported meetings were undertaken with SL's Automobile Association in Japan and Japan Used Motor Vehicle Exporters Association to explore HIP as a transshipment hub.

12.09.2022: **Turkey** - SL's Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena met with the Ambassador of Turkey Rakibe Demet at the SL Prime Minister's Office to discuss obtaining long-term residential visas for businessmen, reports Colombo Page. Further, potential tourism promotion through Turkish Airlines' Ankara-Colombo-Male flights were explored.

18.09.2022: **Mekong** - According to Economy Next, SL is seeking more ties with the Mekong region, with bilateral trade already on a growth path. Greater Mekong Chambers trade with East Asian countries.

18.09.2022: **Britain** - According to Virakesari, R. Wickremesinghe met with Charles III at Buckingham Palace on 18.09.2022 during his visit to Britain for Elizabeth II's funeral.

19.09.2022: **Malaysia** - According to Economy Next, SL's Dialog Axiata Plc, a unit of Malaysia's Axiata will invest USD 152.4 million to expand its mobile and fibre networks. The group had signed an agreement with the SL's Board of Investment (BOI) under which Dialog Axiata will invest USD 112.8 million and its subsidiary Dialog Broadband Networks (Pvt) Ltd will invest another USD 39.6 million.

20.09.2022: **Russia** - According to the Tamil Guardian, SL's Foreign Ministry responded to the news of 07 Eelam Tamils being captured and tortured by Russian forces by saying that the illegal migrants who refuse to return to SL. A senior Foreign Ministry official stated: **"They have gone through a human smuggling agent in January without knowing where their destination is going to be. They have come to Ukraine; they don't know at which airport they landed."**

21.09.2022: **Commonwealth** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe held discussions with the Commonwealth Secretary General on SL engagement. Since Wickremesinghe took office, SL has sought to improve relations with the West.

23.09.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, Indian High Commissioner to SL Gopal Baglay and SL Prime Minister

Dinesh Gunawardena met for discussions at the Temple Trees. Reports indicate that particular attention was drawn to a joint program to promote bilateral economic relations and cooperations.

23.09.2022: **India** - SL's High Commissioner to India, Milinda Moragoda met with India's National Security Advisor, Ajith Doval to review bilateral security relations between India and SL. According to Virakesari, the meeting occurred at India's National Security Office.

23.09.2022: **UN** - According to Virakesari, SL's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry has met with various top-level representatives during his visit to New York, USA for the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

- ◆ US President - Joe Biden
- ◆ Deputy Director of US Assistance Program for International Development - Isabel Coleman
- ◆ Executive Director of IMF - Kristalina Georgieva
- ◆ Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives - Abdullah Shaheed
- ◆ Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia - Faisal bin Farhan
- ◆ Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan - Vladimir Norov
- ◆ Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia - Arar Mirzoyan

26.09.2022: **US** - Ambassador Cindy McCain, the Permanent Representative of the US to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome met with R. Wickremesinghe in the presence of Julie Chung on 25.09.2022 to discuss issues such as SL's economic crisis, reports Virakesari.

26.09.2022: **UNICEF** - According to Virakesari, representatives of UNICEF assured SL's Justice Minister Vijayadasa Rajapaksa that they would provide full cooperation to GoSL's efforts at child welfare.

- ◆ Vijayadasa Rajapaksa
- ◆ UNICEF Representative for SL - Christian Skoog
- ◆ UNICEF Child Protection Officer - Miranda Armstrong

26.09.2022: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has appointed 05 acting SL Ministers to oversee the work of SL Ministries held by R. Wickremesinghe during his absence as he travelled to Japan and the Philippines on an official visit. According to the statement, Wickremesinghe will then travel to the Philippines to chair a meeting of Asian Development Bank (ADB) governors.

27.09.2022: **Singapore** - According to Virakesari, R. Wickremesinghe mentioned during a meeting with the Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Hsien Loong in Tokyo, R. Wickremesinghe mentioned that the implementation of the FTA with Singapore will be prioritised.

27.09.2022: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, SL intends to resume Japan-funded projects that were cancelled by the previous GoSL. In addition, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi has indicated that he will take a leading role in SL's negotiations with its creditors and has expressed interest in exploring renewable energy investment opportunities. During a meeting in Tokyo when they had

arrived for the funeral of Japan's former Prime Minister, Modi and R. Wickremesinghe discussed the restructuring of SL's debt, reports Virakesari.

28.09.2022: **Japan** - According to Virakesari, a bilateral meeting was held between R. Wickremesinghe and Japanese Prime Minister Bumio Kishida in Tokyo.

29.09.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, BJP's Senior Politician Subramanian Swamy has met G. Rajapaksa at his residence on 28.09.2022.

29.09.2022: **Reconciliation** - The Dutch Ambassador to SL, Boni Obark mentioned that GoSL has a responsibility to lead the reconciliation process in SL which would be challenging, reports Virakesari.

29.09.2022: **Philippines** - R. Wickremesinghe has mentioned that the

long-standing friendship between SL and Philippines could be further strengthened through promoting Asian regional cooperation, reports Virakesari. This was cited during R. Wickremesinghe's official visit to Philippines following a meeting with the Filipino President Ferdinand R. Marcos.

30.09.2022: **Japan** - Japanese Finance Minister Tsuniichi Tsukiki has requested China and India to involve themselves in SL's debt issue and had reaffirmed their own commitment to fulfil their obligations in solving the issue. According to Virakesari, these requests and confirmations were made following R. Wickremesinghe's meeting with Tsukiki.

30.09.2022: **Iran** - The government of Iran has expressed its interest to supply fertiliser to SL, reports Athavan News. Reports indicate that the enthusiasm was expressed following a recent meeting between the Iranian Ambassador and SL's Ministry of Agriculture.

Caricature



Military News

06.09.2022: **Cannabis** - Sri Lanka's Navy (SLN) seized 37 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis from Kilali Lagoon and detained 02 suspects on 05.09.2022 following foot patrol operations by Occupying Vettalakeni Detachment, reports Colombo Page. The suspects have been handed to Occupational Palay Police.

11.09.2022: **Migration** - The SLN detained 85 individuals who attempted to flee the country by a fishing trawler in the Occupied Waters of Tamil Eelam, reports Colombo Page. Those detained from various areas of Tamil Eelam were handed over to Occupational Trincomalee Police.

- ◆ Batticaloa
- ◆ Trincomalee
- ◆ Muthur
- ◆ Kilinochchi
- ◆ Jaffna
- ◆ Madhu

20.09.2022: **Fishing** - SLN arrested 08 Tamil Nadu fishermen and seized their trawler following an alleged breach into the International Maritime Boundary Line and fishing in SL Occupied Tamil Eelam waters on 19.09.2022, reports Colombo Page.

21.09.2022: **UN Medal** - According to SL's MoD website, SL's genocidal forces stationed as UN-troops in Central Africa were awarded UN medals.

22.09.2022: **Military** - According to Economy Next, SL's military strength of

247,000 is too expensive to maintain and thus reserve forces should be considered.

22.09.2022: **Norway** - According to SL's MoD, the Norwegian ambassador for SL, H.E. Trine Jøranli Eskedal, participated at the closing ceremony of Fishing Vessel Boarding Operation (FVBO) training course. This course is supported by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Norwegian Embassy coordinates the funding. In this course some of SL's Navy personnel and coast guards were trained to tackle a wide range of crimes occurring via sea routes. Some Maldivian officials were trained too.

23.09.2022: **Mali** - According to SL's MoD's website SL's genocidal troops stationed in Mali were praised and one of their Majors was awarded a service medal by the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission (MINUSMA).

27.09.2022: **SLA** - According to Virakesari, special prayers were held at the Mayurapati Sri Pathirakaliamman Temple in Colombo on 26.09.2022 in light of the 73rd Anniversary celebrations of the SL Army (SLA) as Army Day on 10.10.2022. Earlier reports indicate that a special Islamic religious service was held at Kollupitiya Jumma Masjid on 26.09.2022.

29.09.2022: **Defence** - According to Virakesari, separate meetings between various SL Defence officials had occurred at SL's Ministry of Defence's

Disaster Management Station Complex in Colombo on 28.09.2022.

- ◆ Commander of SLN Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne
- ◆ Commander of the SLAF Air Marshal Sudrashana Pathirana
- ◆ Director General of the SL Coast Guard Rear Admiral Anura Ekanayake

- ◆ Acting SL Minister of Defence Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon

30.09.2022: **Refugees** - The SLN prevented the plight of 07 refugees who attempted to escape SL via Talaimannar on 28.09.2022 during special operation in Tamil Eelam's Occupied waters, reports Colombo Page. Detained were 02 women and 05 children who were all residents of Kilinochchi.

WHAM

12.09.2022: **Playground** - According to SL's MoD, SL's genocidal soldiers were involved in the construction of the playground at the Man West Pawatkodichchenai Vinayagar College in Batticaloa.

12.09.2022: **House** - SL's genocidal soldiers have commenced the construction of another house for a family in Muhavil, Jaffna, reports Defence LK.

13.09.2022: **Football** - According to SL's MoD, SL's genocidal soldiers organised a football tournament in Kaddaikaadu, Jaffna with the intention of strengthening the goodwill and understanding between the SL Army and the Northern civil sports through encouraging civil-military cooperation.

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A Tamil Scout Camp

HR Phoenix TNG

In July 2022 Phoenix TNG organised their first Tamil scout camp. This camp took place in Bern, Switzerland. 07 scouts and other Phoenix members took part in the camp.

The scout camp was between 15.07.2022-17.07.2022. For 03 days several activities such as a badminton tournament, hiking, water fight, movie night was organised. On the last day the scouts received their scout-names.

This camp was organised by the HR-Division of Phoenix TNG. Their coordinator told AP: "Our interest is to give the scouts an opportunity to be part of an adventure. We want to give them also an alternative than sitting at home and watching television. "



Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

22.09.2022: **Agriculture** - A discussion was held between agricultural organisations in Batticaloa and Chanakyan to discuss the community's grievances, reports Virakesari.

Substance Abuse

18.09.2022: **Heroin** - According to Uthayan, Heroin is creating havoc in Jaffna. The news reports that at least 20 villages in Jaffna are affected by the drug. At least 320 people are under arrest in connection with heroin consumption. The heroin is brought to Jaffna from Colombo, the news further reports. It is noteworthy that the Jaffna Teaching Hospital had opened an Heroin Treatment Centre 02 months ago. At least 134 Heroin addicts have been admitted there.

23.09.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, Occupational Kopay Police have taken steps to arrest a young man who had attempted to misbehave with his sister-in-law under the influence of drugs.

25.09.2022: **Substance** - According to Virakesari, Jaffna's Occupational Senior Superintendent of Police has issued a stern warning to 04 school students who were arrested with alcohol and drugs in the city and transferred them to their parents.

25.09.2022: **Drugs** - A 29-year-old youth was declared dead due to the overdose of Heroin in Jaffna from Bandattharippu, reports Virakesari.

25.09.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, Occupational Jaffna Police have expressed shock that children and students of Jaffna are being used to sell heroin. Reports indicate that the issue was discussed regarding a child protection discussion at the Jaffna District Secretariat.

29.09.2022: **Protest** - A drug awareness protest was held in Jaffna by the Federation of Jaffna Teaching Hospital Unions from 12.00 local time. According to Virakesari, the rally commenced at Jaffna Teaching Hospital and arrived at the Occupational Jaffna Police Station via the Jaffna Clock Tower.

23.09.2022: **Sexual harassment** - According to Uthayan, uptown 10 men had sexually harassed a Spanish tourist at the Casuarina beach. They were arrested later by Occupational SL police.

23.09.2022: **Funds** - SL's NPP executive committee member, Namal Karunaratne raised concerns regarding the whereabouts of ships, funds and gold which were under the control of KP after

the destruction of the LTTE, reports Virakesari.

25.09.2022: **Smuggling** - Occupational Chavakachcheri Police had seized logs buried in stones based on information received claiming that logs were being smuggled illegally in a tipper vehicle which the Occupational Police intercepted, reports Virakesari.

27.09.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, 02 individuals were arrested with 60 litres of Kasippu liquor by the Occupational Nellyati Police. Reports indicate that the Occupational Police received information that there was a production of ginseng in the Vadamaratchchi Mulli Forest Area which they surrounded and searched.

Sri Lanka

01.09.2022: **Signature** - According to Virakesari, Sumanthiran mentioned that R.Wickremesinghe who used to sign official documents in English was now signing in Sinhala to gain the support of the Sinhalese demographic. He also mentioned that rather than preventing the use of firearms, GoSL was increasing military deployment to contain protestors.

01.09.2022: **Conspiracy** - The Leader of SL's Left Democratic Front strongly accused Julie Chung of engaging in a US conspiracy to assert dominance in the occupied Tamil homeland through making it into a separate kingdom. According to Virakesari, he had mentioned this during an SL

30.09.2022: **Protest** - According to Athavan News, locals of Kilinochchi protested against the approval of a new liquor outlet in the Karadi Tokku Junction.

30.09.2022: **Gandhi** - The Indian Consulate in Jaffna organised a bicycle rally in Jaffna in memory of the birthday celebrations of Gandhi, reports Virakesari.

30.09.2022: **Students** - According to the Tamil Guardian, students in Vavuniya staged a protest after local buses refused to stop and pick them up to and from school this week. The protest was carried out in the Kollar Puliankulam area at 07.00 local time, with relatives of school students speaking of how children were forced to leave home at 06.00 local time to make the journey by foot.

Parliamentary session on 01.09.2022 where he emphasised that he would strongly condemn the US Ambassador to SL.

07.09.2022: **Petition** - SL's Attorney General informed SL's Court of Appeal that they will not represent the Mahaweli Authority of SL following a writ petition filed by Adivasi leader Uruwarige Wanniyalaaththo and others, reported Colombo Page. The petition comes following their lands in Rambakan Oya, Polla Badda are seeing potential transfer to private companies and poses the risk to them losing their traditional homelands.

23.09.2022: **Order** - SL's High Court ordered SL's Inspector General of Police G. D. Wickramaratne to appear before court on 16.11.2022 for further hearing into his accounts of contempt of court, reports Virakesari.

23.09.2022: **Elizabeth** - According to Virakesari, the deceased Elizabeth II was honoured by R. Wickremesinghe during a condolence motion held in SL Parliament. Wickremesinghe mentioned that despite being a Christian in faith, Elizabeth II was dedicated to protecting SL's Buddhist nature and thus had been very close to SL.

24.09.2022: **Court** - According to Economy Next, IGP C.D. Wickramaratne, Sabaragamuwa Senior DIG Mahinda Gunarathna, Rathnapura DIG J.S. Wirasekara, SSP Embilipitiya M.N.S. Mendis and ASP, Embilipitiya D K.A.

Sanath Kumara have been ordered to appear in person in court on 16.11.2022. They have failed to comply with an order to pay the salary of a commended official who was sent on compulsory unpaid leave.

26.09.2022: **Low-cost airline** - According to Economy Next, SL's first private low cost airline Fits Air will take off on 05.10.2022. It will fly to Dubai, Male and Trichy with 03 leased Airbus A320-200s. Fits Aviations (Pvt) Ltd. is part of SL's privately held Aberdeen Holdings and was formerly Expo Air, which operated domestic and international cargo flights.

30.09.2022: **Easter Sunday** - Maithripala Sirisena has filed a petition at SL's Court of Appeal seeking the cancellation of summons issued to him by Colombo's Fort Magistrate naming him as a suspect in the 2019 bombings, reports Virakesari.





INTERNATIONAL



02.09.2022: **Japan** - According to Virakesari, the Japanese Finance Minister had appealed to all creditor countries including China and India to engage in discussions regarding the restructuring of SL's debt.

02.09.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, China had mentioned that they would provide SL complete support

to seek a solution for SL's debt crisis.

02.09.2022: **WFP** - According to Economy Next, a situation report from the World Food Programme (WFP) shows that 6.3 million people in SL are facing food shortages.

04.09.2022: **Paris Club** - Members of the Paris Club, a group mainly consisting of Western creditors, have agreed to commence talks for

a debt restructuring after SL and the IMF have reached staff level agreement, Economy Next reports.

"Very pleased that IMF staff and Sri Lankan government officials have reached a staff-level agreement to support the country's economic policies with a 48-month Extended Fund Facility of about USD 2.9 billion."

- Kristalina Georgieva,

Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund

07.09.2022: **US** - According to Economy Next, the US Treasury Secretary quoted that the US will support SL in restructuring its debt, an extension of financing assurances and engagement with multilaterals.

14.09.2022: **Food shortages** - According to Economy Next, the United Nations (UN)

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the UN World Food Program (WFP) SL are warning of acute food shortages due to poor harvests. They are calling for immediate food assistance and livelihood programs.

14.09.2022: **Food security** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe called for a national food security and nutrition plan in SL. FAO and WFP estimate that 6.3 million people in SL are affected by moderate to severe acute food insecurity.

21.09.2022: **Oil** - According to Economy Next, oil prices have skyrocketed after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a partial mobilisation to hold occupied territories in Ukraine. This may lead to the further disruption of energy supplies.

21.09.2022: **Malaysia** - According to Virakesari,

Malaysia's Human Resources Minister M. Saravanan has mentioned that Malaysia's Cabinet had granted permission to employ 10,000 SL workers to assist in SL's economic crisis recovery.

22.09.2022: **US** - According to Economy Next, Americares, a non-profit organisation based in the United States, has received a donation of medicine and medical supplies worth USD 773,000 (about LKR 279 million). Americares and the SL Ministry of Health have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate similar donations in the future.

22.09.2022: **FTA** - According to Economy Next, SL will resume talks with China on a free trade agreement (FTA) along with India's comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA). SL is in a geopolitical cold war between China and India, backed

by the United States.

23.09.2022: **UN** - The Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome is scheduled to visit SL between 25.09.2022-28.09.2022, reports Virakesari.

24.09.2022: **Health** - According to Economy Next, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, and SL conglomerate Hemas Holdings have partnered to provide affordable and quality healthcare through digital technology with support from local consultancy L.E.K Consulting. They will provide affordable and quality healthcare through digital technology with support from local consultancy L.E.K Consulting.

25.09.2022: **Arrest** - Amnesty International has condemned the arrest of 84 individuals who

were engaged in a peaceful protest on 24.09.2022 in a Twitter post, reports Virakesari.

27.09.2022: **Amnesty** - According to Virakesari, Amnesty International had drawn attention that SL's oppressive measures prevent the enforcement of Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

29.09.2022: **Geopolitics** - R. Wickremesinghe has emphasised that the consequences of the global economic instability caused by COVID-19 and the Russo-Ukraine War have increased the prices of food, fuel and fertiliser thus becoming a significant burden for many, reports Virakesari.

29.09.2022: **HRW** - According to Virakesari, Human Rights Watch (HRW) has urged GoSL to immediately withdraw new guidelines which it had issued restricting demonstrations in most areas of Colombo through

the demarcation of HSZs.

30.09.2022: **HSZs** - According to Virakesari, the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly, Clement Woolley mentioned in a Tweet that, "I

am deeply concerned about the announcement of high security zones."

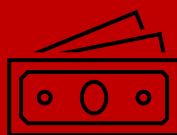
30.09.2022: **Swiss delegation** - According to SL's MoD website, a Swiss delegation

visited SL's genocidal forces HQ in Jaffna. The delegation consisted of:

- ♦ Mr Raoul Imbach - Deputy Head of the Mission/Head of Chancery

- ♦ Mr Gaudenz Rust - Regional Security Advisor
- ♦ Ms Sushanthi Gobalakrishnan - Senior National Programme Officer at the Embassy of Switzerland

DONATIONS/ LOANS



PROVIDER

MEANS

AMOUNT

IMF	Emergency loan	USD 2.9 billion
Myanmar	Rice	1,000 metric tonnes
ADB	Assistance loan (food)	USD 200 million
JFPR		USD 03 million
Pakistan's CCL	Medicines (diabetes)	100 lakhs
Australia	Rice	600 tonnes
China	Rabies Vaccine	LKR 650 million
China	Mobile Diagnostic bus	08 – LKR 600 million
Britain	Food & agricultural aid	GBP 03 million
Japan	Essential food items	USD 02 million
European Union	Assistance grant	EUR 1.5 million

02.09.2022: **Congress** - 13 SL MPs including G.L. Peiris who had become independent SL MPs formed the "Freedom People's Congress", reports Virakesari.

13.09.2022: **Cabinet** - According to Economy Next, there are plans to expand the SL Cabinet. SL's Opposition criticised this move, which, given the collapse of the currency and steep inflation, will be accompanied by tax increases for the population.

17.09.2022: **BOI** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has transferred key agencies to SL's Ministry of

Investment Promotion ahead of an SL Cabinet expansion. The transfer has occurred to include institutions which are under the portfolio of SL's Finance, Economic Stabilisation and National Policy.

- ◆ Sri Lanka Export Development Board
- ◆ Board of Investment of Sri Lanka
- ◆ Colombo Port City Economic Commission

17.09.2022: **System failure** - According to Economy Next, several regional offices of the Consular Section of the SL Ministry of Foreign Affairs have

been closed until further notice due to a computer glitch. Operations have been suspended until further notice.

- ◆ Main office - Colombo 01
- ◆ Regional offices
 - ◆ Jaffna
 - ◆ Trincomalee
 - ◆ Matara
 - ◆ Kandy
 - ◆ Kurunegala

23.09.2022: **Broadcasting Authority** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved a proposal to establish a Broadcasting Authority to promote a better and more sophisticated media culture. SL's former Human Rights

Commissioner, Ambika Sathkunanathan mentioned that it may be a response to GoSL's inability to control reporting.

30.09.2022: **Appointment** - According to Athavan News, SL's Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister, Nimal Siripala de Silva had issued an extraordinary gazette transferring affairs and activities under his ministry to Premal Jayasekara. Reports indicate that the transfer puts the Palaly, Batticaloa and Ratmalana Airports to his authority.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

SL Parliament passes resolution to establish council that will:

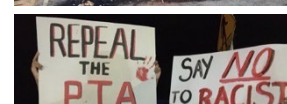
- ◆ Establish general priorities of SL Parliament to guide formulation of national policies
- ◆ Agree on common programs for economic stabilization
- ◆ Organise meetings between various stakeholders
 - ◆ SL Cabinet ministers
 - ◆ National Council
 - ◆ Special Committee Chairmen



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Weerasinghe and she was 36 years old. Later, the Kegalle Organiser for the SJB, Lakshman Dissanayake was arrested.

02.09.2022: **Budget** – According to Economy Next, the SL Parliament has passed the new interim budget for 2022.

06.09.2022: **CB Governor** – According to Economy Next, SL's Central Bank (CB) Governor mentioned that it is not common practice to reveal IMF programs and tax changes to SL's Parliament. It is

01.09.2022: **UNP** – According to Uthayan, a female worker of the Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) Party Office in Kegalle has been found dead. Her body was found with gunshot wounds in a bed within the office. An investigation is underway to determine if it was murder or suicide. The deceased's name is Sakunthala

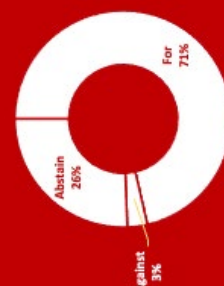
noteworthy that SL's MP Harsha de Silva had demanded earlier, that the IMF deal should be tabled at SL's Parliament.

12.09.2022: **Swearing-in** – According to Economy Next, Premlal Jayasekara has been sworn in as SL's Minister of State for Ports and Aviation. He was acquitted of a murder conviction and released from a death sentence in March 2022.

12.09.2022: **USAID** – According to Economy Next, the head of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Samantha Power, misses former SL Foreign Affairs and Finance Minister, Mangala Samaraweera's wisdom and pragmatic idealism. Mangala, she said was a "conviction politician" full of brilliance, creativity and wit who always put his country first.

26.09.2022: **Black Monday** – According to Virakesari, SL's Acting Defence Minister, Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon mentioned that the report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the incidents of 05.09.2022 will be submitted to SL's Parliament.

29.09.2022: **SL Constitution** – SL's Parliamentary Secretary Dhammika Dissanayake has mentioned that it had been decided by the Committee on SL's Parliamentary Proceedings to hold a debate on the 22nd Amendment Bill to SL's Constitution on 06.10.2022 and 07.10.2022, reports Virakesari.



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AGITATION SITE

UPRISING

SL HSZS

- ◆ SL Parliament & adjoining areas
- ◆ SL High Court & adjoining areas
- ◆ SL Presidential Secretariat
- ◆ SL Presidential Palace
- ◆ SL Naval HQ
- ◆ SL Police HQ
- ◆ SL Ministry of Defence
- ◆ SL Army HQ
- ◆ SL Prime Minister's Office
- ◆ Temple Trees & adjoining areas
- ◆ SL Defence Secretary
- ◆ Official residences of SL Tri-Army Commanders



06.09.2022: **Arrest** - Freelance writers Dulani Priyadarshani and Sakuna Lakshan involved in GotaGoGama (GGG) protests were summoned to appear before SL's CID for investigations. According to JDS Lanka, Lakshan was arrested on appearance at the CID but was granted

bail after being produced before Colombo's Fort Magistrate.

07.09.2022: **Summons** - According to JDS Lanka, Oshantha Prasad Dabare who was assaulted by pro-GoSL supporters during GGG protests on 09.05.2022 was summoned to appear before SL's

CID to present a statement.

07.09.2022: **PTA** - Sahaja Madushanka, a youth involved in the GGG protests who was arrested by SL's CID on 20.08.2022 was produced before Colombo's Fort Magistrate and has the next hearing scheduled for

21.09.2022, reports JDS Lanka.

08.09.2022: **PTA** - According to JDS Lanka, SL Actress Damiltha Abeyratna who was arrested on 07.09.2022 for entering SL's presidential Secretariat on 09.07.2022 had been ordered to be remanded until 14.09.2022. Reports

indicate she was presented before the Colombo Magistrate on 08.09.2022.

16.09.2022: **Shortage**

- According to Economy Next, SL's State Health sector had temporarily halted routine operations and prioritised urgent and critical surgeries due to shortages of drugs and medical equipment. Reports indicate that this situation is not new, and it has been ongoing for several months. Earlier reports from Uthayan indicate that 120 medicines are short in SL. However, the news reports further that a shortage of 14 lifesaving medicines had been resolved.

23.09.2022: **HSZs** -

Several parts of the Colombo District had been gazetted by R. Wickremesinghe as High Security Zones (HSZs), reports Virakesari. According to Economy Next, the move came amid fears that some groups might begin protests against GoSL amid deteriorating economic conditions.

24.09.2022: **HSZ** -

According to Economy Next, the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) is concerned about the declaration of High Security Zones (HSZs). Reports indicate that it has also threatened that legal action will be taken if the fundamental rights of the public are violated.

24.09.2022: **Arrest** -

According to Economy Next, SL's Police arrested 84 individuals, including 03 monks and 04 women, for protesting "illegally" and "without any permit" a day after R. Wickremesinghe had declared several HSZs in Colombo. The protest was organised by Socialist Youth Union - a youth movement of the Marxist Janatha Vimukthi Peremuna (JVP).

25.09.2022: **Protest** -

Local parents protested in Kilinochchi demanding the provision of nutritious food (Poshaku Food) for their children, reports Virakesari.

26.09.2022:

Investigation - SL's Court demanded prevalent Aragalaya

protestor, Dhaniz Ali to submit his mobile phone and computer to SL's Terror Prevention and Investigation Unit, CTID, reports Virakesari.

26.09.2022: **Legal**

Action - According to K. Gunaratne, there are provisions in the SL Constitution which allow the implementation of action against unlawful demonstrations and thus SL's Police and Army were acting accordingly, reports Virakesari.

26.09.2022:

Permission - According to Economy Next, SL Police permission must be obtained 06 hours before protest marches and demonstrations to defend the controversial return of wartime HSZs in Colombo. SL Defense Minister Premitha Bandara Tennakoon also mentioned that security agencies would take legal action to stop or prevent illegal demonstrations that burden and hinder daily life and create a sense of chaos in SL.

28.09.2022: **Arrests** -

According to

Virakesari, 03 individuals from SL's Upper Province were arrested by SL's CID for the alleged trespass of SL's Presidential Palace and causing damage to property.

29.09.2022:

Investigation - According to Virakesari, SL Police had launched investigations into some SL Politicians who encouraged protestors to overthrow GoSL and occupy SL's Parliament.

29.09.2022: **Power**

cut - According to the Tamil Guardian, an SL Minister has mentioned that he will take legal action after a senior official told the BBC that extended blackouts were caused by a power plant being forced to shut down after the wrong type of crude oil was imported and used.

30.09.2022: **Petition** -

A special petition was filed by lawyer Amila Suyama Ekodamahawatta against the supposed submission of a "Rehabilitation Bureau" by GoSL in SL Parliament with the aim of persecuting those who protest against

GoSL, reports Virakesari.

30.09.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, an individual was

arrested on 29.09.2022 in connection with allegedly trespassing into the private residence of R. Wickremesinghe and

damaging his property in Karuvathottam by Marudanai SL Police.

30.09.2022: **Salaries** - According to Uthayan, the salaries of SL's State Employees will be cut in half from October 2022.

Economic News

Economic Profile – September 2022		
Credit	July 2022	
Privat credit		↓ LKR 40.8 billion to 3,263.9 billion
State enterprises		↑ LKR 24.9 billion
Government		↑ LKR 149.1 billion
Commercial		↓ to 3,562 billion from LKR3,602.8 billion
Annual growth rate	July 2022	15.2%
Tax revenues	up to June 2022	↑ by 25% to LKR 798.5 billion
Nominal GDP	First half of 2022 Year 2021	↑ to LKR 10.7 trillion LKR 8.6 trillion
Budget deficit	First half of 2022 Year 2021	↑ 16% to LKR 902.2 billion LKR 780 billion
Inflation	12 months to June 2022 August 2022 September 2022	54.6% ↑ to 70.2% ↑ to 69.8%
Trade	August 2022	
Exports		↑ 12.04 to USD 8.8 billion

04.09.2022: **Tourism** - According to Uthayan, the inflow of interest has dropped in August 2022. While in July 47,293 tourists visited SL, in August it was 37,760. As of August 2022 496,420, tourists had visited SL thus far. In 5 months another 500,000 tourists need to visit SL for them to reach the goal of 1 million in 2022.

05.09.2022: **Wages** - According to Economy Next the wages of SL's informal sector cannot keep up with the racing prices.

10.09.2022: **CEB** - According to Economy Next, Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) is making daily operating profits of LKR 270 million to LKR 300 million per day as more electricity is generated from hydropower. On 08.09.2022, about 75% of the daily 39.98 GW hours of energy was generated from renewable sources.

11.09.2022: **Remittances** - Manusha Nanayakkara, SL's Foreign Minister reported the remittances from migrant workers increased by 16.4% to USD 325 million by August 2022, reports Colombo

Page. Accordingly, SL planned to send 300,000 foreign workers; however, this amount increased to 330,000 workers.

13.09.2022: **Reallocation** - According to Economy Next, SL will reallocate USD 100 million from other projects to buy medicines. A USD 70 million loan from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for urban development and another USD 30 million loan for landslide protection will be reallocated.

14.09.2022: **Import controls** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has lifted import controls on more than 150 items that were banned in August 2022. Permits can be imported with licences or special permits.

16.09.2022: **Galle Face** - According to Economy Next, SL Port Authority (SLPA) has to pay for the damages caused by the mass protests in SL on the green

beachfront of Galle Face. According to the authority, the cost is LKR 6.5 million.

16.09.2022: **Lotus Tower** - According to Economy Next, SL's Lotus Tower's revenue was LKR 1.6 million on its first day of operation. The company had set a total revenue target of LKR 1.1 billion by 2024.

20.09.2022: **Cambodia** - Buddhist monks from Cambodia offered a donation to SL through its Sanharaha Thera fund which was granted to the country by Sangharaja of Cambodia, Venerable Tep Vong Mahathera, Prime Minister's Office. The LKR 24 million was received by D. Gunawardena.

22.09.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, SL is holding an "Ambassadors' Forum" on SL's debt restructuring and the IMF program. The IMF has agreed in principle to lend USD 2.9 billion with a 48-month term, provided SL's creditor agrees to the debt restructuring.

News about Oppression & Resistance

01.09.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the North East Coordinating Committee staged a protest in Vavuniya as a part of its 100-day protest action across the Tamil homeland demanding an honourable solution for the Tamils' grievances.

01.09.2022: **Protest** - Locals in Vaharai, Batticaloa, protested on 31.08.2022 to oppose the opening of a prawn farm. Local activists mentioned that the area would be depleted of its natural

resources if the project went ahead, reports Tamil Guardian.

02.09.2022: **Kurunthormalai** - Buddhist monks in Kurunthormalai had filed a complaint to the Occupational Mullaitivu Chief Police Station that Tamils were obstructing their efforts to conduct Buddhist worship at Kurunthormalai. According to this complaint, the Occupational Police had contacted the Tamils who were cited in the complaint to summon them to appear to present

testimonies at the Occupational Police station on 02.09.2022, reports Virakesari.

- ◆ Selvarasa Gajendran
- ◆ Vino Nogarathalingam
- ◆ Durairasa Ravikaran
- ◆ Kanthiya Sivanesan

07.09.2022: **Chemmani** - The Chemmani Mass grave was commemorated in the homeland. This was organised by the "Tamil National Party", Uthayan further reports.

09.09.2022: **TID** - Batticaloa Activist, Laxmanarajani Jeyapragash was summoned to appear before SL's Counter Terrorism and Investigation Division HQ in Colombo on 13.09.2022 for undisclosed investigations, reports JDS Lanka.

08.09.2022: **Political prisoners** - According to JDS Lanka, 13 Tamil Political prisoners arrested under the PTA between 2019-202 had commenced a hunger strike from Colombo Magazine Prison on 06.09.2022 demanding their immediate release. According to Uthayan, relatives of the Tamil Political Prisoners were harassed by SL's forces while visiting their relatives. Women were separated and strip searched by female officers. When some protested the officers replied that this is a Sinhalese country, and they act as such. These searches have not been common in their other visits, a relative of a political prisoners told Uthayan.

1. S. Uthayasivam
2. U. Umasuthan
3. M. Partheepan
4. L. Imbaraj
5. Y. Robinson
6. R. Sayanthan

7. P. Naguleswaran
8. S. Sudaharan
9. U. Satheeskumar
- 10.S. Sasithan
- 11.R. vivekananthan
- 12.Y. Dudley
- 13.L. Ajanthan

07.09.2022: **TID** - According to JDS Lanka, Tamil media rights campaigner and the president of the Batticaloa District Tamil Journalists' Association has been summoned to SL's TID HQ in Colombo for investigations on 14.09.2022.

07.09.2022: **PTA** - According to Lanka Files, TNA MP Selvam Adaikalanathan had commented on GoSL Cabinet members' approval of a proposal to implement a new National Security Act in SL.

"If Sri Lanka's proposed National Security Act to replace the draconian PTA is based on the same principles, no changes can be expected in the new law as well."

07.09.2022: **Summons** - TNA Member Kanthaiya Kalaivani from Batticaloa has been summoned by SL's TId to appear before SL's TID HQ in Colombo for undisclosed inquiries. According to JDS Lanka, she has been summoned for the third time.

07.09.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Tamil Guardian, relatives of the disappeared commemorated the 32nd memorial of the Vantharumoolai Campus Massacre and Enforced Disappearance in Batticaloa.

19.09.2022: **UNHRC** - According to the Tamil Guardian, Tamils protested outside

the UNHRC Session, demonstrating and commemorating the 35th Memorial of Lt. Col. Thileepan's hunger strike to death.

19.09.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the 50th day of the North East Coordination Committee's 100-day action for an honourable political solution for Tamils was held at Keeri Beach in Mannar. An awareness campaign was also conducted in Ariyalai through flying rainbow kites.

- ◆ Trincomalee Coast
- ◆ Batticaloa Kalladi Coast

19.09.2022: **Commemoration** - The 05th consecutive day of commemorations in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan were conducted at Jaffna University Campus, reports Virakesari.

19.09.2022: **Protest** - A call was made by Tannimurippu locals for a mass protest to be staged on 21.09.2022 against the expropriation of almost 632 acres of land at Kurunthormalai. According to Virakesari, the call was made during a press conference at the Jaffna Press Club on 19.09.2022.

19.09.2022: **Commemoration** - The commemorative convoy travelling through the Tamil homeland in memory of Lt. Col. Thileepan arrived at Mullaitivu and tributes were made at Mullivaikkal, reports Virakesari.

20.09.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, Velan had mentioned during a press conference at the Nallur Adeenam that this year commemorations of Lt. Col. Thileepan would be a people's uprising.

20.09.2022: **Kurunthormalai** - According to Virakesari, the associated SL Minister met with Vidura Wickramanayake at SL Parliament premises to request immediate action to be taken to cease the unlawful construction attempts at the site. Reports indicate that Wickramanayake had contacted the Director of SL's Department of Archaeology via a telephone call immediately to draw attention to the matter and emphasise immediate cessation.

21.09.2022: **Rally** - A peace rally was organised in Jaffna in light of World Peace Day, reports Virakesari.

21.09.2022: **Mannar Burials** - The Mannar Mass Grave and Thiruketheeswara Human Burial Ground was heard at the Mannar Magistrate's Court, reports Virakesari.

21.09.2022: **Protest** - A protest was staged opposite the Maskeliya Plantation Company demanding the immediate payment of their sanctioned daily salary of LKR 1,000, reports Virakesari.

23.09.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, locals affected by land grabs protested demanding the release of almost 3,000 acres of land which had not been released over the past 30 years. The demands were made during an awareness protest which was staged as a part of the 100-day action of the North East Coordination Committee.

23.09.2022: **Plantation** - The Maskelia Plantation Company has agreed to a 16-condition agreement proposed by the SL Labour Congress in a letter to Senthil and Jeevan Thondamann, reports Virakesari.

23.09.2022: **Commemoration** - The 27th commemoration of the Nagerkoyil massacre was conducted by locals, reports Virakesari.

23.09.2022: **Commemoration** - A meeting was held between the public and representatives of political parties to encourage the commemoration of Lt. Col. Thileepan through tributes and fasts, reports Virakesari.

PTA - The Nationwide Mobile Signature Campaign demanding the removal of the PTA was conducted across various locations, reports Virakesari and Uthayan.

10.09.2022: Campaign launch by ITAK across 25 provinces of SL.

19.09.2022: Anuradhapura

21.09.2022: Kegalle

24.09.2022: Galle

25.09.2022: Rathinapuri

27.09.2022: Dambulla, Matale

27.09.2022: Polonnaruwa

29.09.2022: Opposite Batticaloa, Eravur Clock Tower

29.09.2022: Batticaloa, Ariyampathi

26.09.2022: **PTA** - According to Virakesari, Batticaloa High Court Judge, N.M. Abdullah released 04 individuals on 26.09.2022 who were arrested under the PTA based on suspicions of connections to the shooting and killing of 02 Occupational Policemen in Vavunitivu, Batticaloa and the 2019 Easter Sunday Attacks. They have been released on paid conditional bail which includes the submission of their passports to the Batticaloa Court.

26.09.2022: **Kurunthormalai** - SL's Former Civil Defence Minister Admiral Sarath

Weerasekara mentioned to the press that all Tamils should be ashamed of the ban on Buddhist worship at Kurunthormalai, reports Virakesari.

Commemoration - The 35th memorial of Lt. Col. Thileepan was upheld across the Tamil homeland, reports Virakesari.

25.09.2022: A three-wheeler convoy departed from Jaffna University. A symbolic hunger strike was also conducted from 08.00-17.00 in Nallur, Jaffna.

26.09.2022: Lt. Col. Thileepan was commemorated in a lavish manner across various areas of the Tamil homeland through hartals, vigils and symbolic hunger strikes.

- ◆ A peaceful vigil was held at the Community Religious Centre at Colombo Hospital.
- ◆ Jaffna University's Thileepan Memorial Statue
- ◆ Mannar
- ◆ Gandhi Park, Batticaloa
- ◆ Vavuniya's relatives of forcibly disappeared persons, Vavuniya
- ◆ Puthukudiyiruppu Nagar
- ◆ 08.30 - Puthukudiyiruppu Nagar businesses closed, and vigils held
- ◆ 09.00 - Puthukudiyiruppu, Udaiyar Kattu
- ◆ 10.00 - Mullaitivu, General Market Junction
- ◆ Scuffle - the TNPf caused disturbances to former cadres and families of the disappeared at commemorations in Nallur whilst G. Ponnambalam watched complacently from the sidelines. As a result of the tensions an individual was wounded and admitted to hospital

for treatment. Reports indicate that the All SL Tamil Congress had set up a pavilion covering the Nallur memorial on the night of 14.09.2022 causing a scuffle.

29.09.2022: Aingaranesan of the Tamil Green Movement mentioned in a media release statement that the disruptions in Lt. Col. Thileepan's Commemorations should not have occurred. They mentioned that the depoliticisation of

the commemoration of martyrs undermined their struggle.

29.09.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, a case filed against Valikaamam East Pradesiya Sabha's Vice President, Thiagarajah Nirosh in connection with Maaveerar Naal commemorations has been closed and Nirosh has been acquitted of all charges following a hearing of the case at Mallakam Court on 28.09.2022.

Signs of Structural Genocide

14.09.2022: **Mannar** - According to Economy Next, SL Minister Gamage mentioned that they are developing Mannar Island into a tourist hotspot with entertainment facilities, using dollars as currency like Macau. "Why do we keep Mannar for dry fish production when we can earn dollars?" Gamage said.

15.09.2022: **Casuarina beach** - According to Uthayan, SL's genocidal forces have agreed to remove their position at the Casuarina beach in Jaffna. LKR 1.32 million was paid to the military for the compensation of the permanent structure on the position. SL's genocidal forces are getting another plot of land outside of the Casuarina beach. It is noteworthy that this beach is popular amongst tourists and the military position is inconvenient for tourism.

16.09.2022: **Eravur** - According to Economy Next, Jay Jay Mills Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, a unit of Jay Jay Mills India, will set up its first factory in a dedicated textile

production zone in Eravur, Batticaloa. Jay Jay Mills has committed USD 35 million to the project, which will be completed in 03 phases over 05 years, the BOI said. It will employ 460 workers.

21.09.2022: **Mining** - According to Virakesari, a private Australian company has been granted permission to excavate Ilmenite in Mannar. SL Centre for Environmental Justice and Mannar People First Committee have jointly-stated that if soil excavation for houses is executed, the end of the livelihood of Mannar locals would be nigh.

22.09.2022: **Land** - Disruptions to worship at the Nedunkerni Adilingeswarar temple due to the presence of SL's Archaeological department in declaring the site as an archaeological site and recent construction attempts in the area were heard during a trial of the case at Vavuniya Court, reports Virakesari.

22.09.2022: **Kurunthormalai** - According to Virakesari, a demonstration was staged on 22.09.2022 by the students of Jaffna University demanding the release of those arrested for demonstrating against Buddhicisation at Kurunthormalai. Former NPC Member Ravikaran and Protest Committee Head, Rathinarasa Mayuran were arrested on 21.09.2022 based on a complaint filed by SL's Archaeological Department.

Consequently, the Mullaitivu Magistrate's Court released them on bail on 22.09.2022. It is notable that Ravikaran and Mayuran had filed a complaint to Occupational SL Police against the violation of court orders in Kurunthormalai for Buddhist constructions. Journalists who went to the site to cover the news were also threatened by Occupational SL Army and various other GoSL officials.



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