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Writers of History

SC Phoenix

We decide whether we make history or remain made by it. As writers of history, 02 SC Phoenix players share their experiences in a historic milestone in the trajectory of the Tamils' struggle.

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Common about Tamil: Workshop for Young People

Malathy Tamil Kalaikoodam Denmark

What is to emerge when new spaces assert the distinct nature of the Tamils' struggle in a historical examination of Tamils and Tamil resistance?

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“When I was deciding to fight, the thought of winning or losing did not bother me.”

National Leader of Tamil Eelam

Writers of History

SC Phoenix Women



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Members of Phoenix-the Next Generation's Sports Division, SC Phoenix Women, had participated in the Tamil Eelam Football Association's Women's Team trials in Switzerland between 22.10.2022-24.10.2022. These were the trials for Tamil Eelam's first national women's football team. SC Phoenix members were not only actively involved in the tryouts themselves as players, but also were involved in the administration of the trials as a part of the Tamil Eelam FA's Women's Trial Staff.



TEFA Women's Trial Staff

SC Phoenix

Technical Staff

V. Biranavan

G. Pravin

Medical support

Shruthiha

Transport

V. Champavan

Consequently, 02 of SC Phoenix's players, N. Arshiny (SC Phoenix Captain) and M. Lavanya have been selected to represent Tamil Eelam in the first women's national team. They share their thoughts and experiences as writers of history.

Arshiny

It was a very intensive learning weekend for me. The fact that I was in the starting 11 of the game and scored a goal made me feel very proud.

For me it was an honour to play with the best players from the other countries and for our coach who came all the way from Paris. I was able to benefit a lot and I was happy that I was promoted more. I am looking forward to the next season, when my new team and I travel around the world and will play for Tamil Eelam and of course represent SC Phoenix.

Lavanya

Just the thought of playing for the Tamil national team is incredible. Not only the training, but also the match was one of the best things that happened to me in my life. The experience I have gained during these days is huge. Although it was the first time we met as a team, the team spirit was powerful and unbelievable. I hope there will be more fantastic days like these in the future where I will play for this team with my teammates.

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International News

05.10.2022: **UNHRC** - Meenakshi Ganguly, the South Asia Coordinator of Human Rights Watch (HRW) had emphasised that India and other member states should vote in favour of the new motion submitted to the UNHRC regarding SL, reports Virakesari. On the other hand, the Jaffna University Students' Union released a statement rejecting the UNHRC resolution on SL.

05.10.2022: **UNHCR** - According to Economy Next, SL decided to stay at the last session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva and oppose a newer and tougher resolution. SL's Foreign Minister said that his government was particularly opposed to operative paragraph 8, which he said was in direct conflict with SL's constitution.

06.10.2022: **UNHRC** - The UNHRC has passed a new resolution on SL A/HRC/51/L.1/Rev.1 - Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in SL, with a majority of 13 votes. The EU has welcomed the resolution, reports Virakesari.

◆ Yes

- ◆ Argentina
- ◆ Armenia
- ◆ Czechia
- ◆ Finland
- ◆ France
- ◆ Germany
- ◆ Honduras
- ◆ Lithuania
- ◆ Luxembourg
- ◆ Malawi

- ◆ Marshall Islands
- ◆ Mexico
- ◆ Montenegro
- ◆ Netherlands
- ◆ Paraguay
- ◆ Poland
- ◆ Republic of Korea
- ◆ Ukraine
- ◆ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- ◆ US

◆ No

- ◆ Bolivia
- ◆ China
- ◆ Cuba
- ◆ Eritrea
- ◆ Pakistan
- ◆ Uzbekistan
- ◆ Venezuela

◆ Abstain

- ◆ Benin
- ◆ Brazil
- ◆ Cameroon
- ◆ Cote d'Ivoire
- ◆ Gabon
- ◆ Gambia
- ◆ India
- ◆ Indonesia
- ◆ Japan
- ◆ Kazakhstan
- ◆ Libya
- ◆ Malaysia
- ◆ Mauritania
- ◆ Namibia
- ◆ Nepal
- ◆ Qatar
- ◆ Senegal
- ◆ Somalia
- ◆ Sudan
- ◆ UAE

08.10.2022: **Indian Ocean** - According to Virakesari, the Operational Officer of the "Information Fusion Centre - Indian Ocean Region", Ashok Sharma mentioned that they were functioning as a monitoring centre to monitor activities which have increased threats in the region such as drug and arms trafficking. Further Sharma emphasised that they would be working closely with SL to ensure this was conducted efficiently.

12.10.2022: **Climate advisor** - According to Economy Next, Norwegian diplomat Erik Solheim has been appointed by R. Wickremesinghe as his international climate advisor.

14.10.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is working with other multilateral lenders such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the Asian Investment Bank on financing programs for SL. These programs would help close the financing gap and address longer-term growth issues.

Bilateral Discussions

02.10.2022: **Bangladesh** - According to Economy Next, electrical and electronics manufacturers from SL were matched with buyers and business partners in Bangladesh through a virtual event. Bangladesh is now on track to become a major international manufacturing hub for electronic and electrical products and systems.

15.10.2022: **LTTE** - Norway's former peace envoy to SL, Erik Solheim mentioned in an interview that it was incorrect to mention that he had destroyed the LTTE, reports Virakesari.

17.10.2022: **Tamil Nadu** - Tamil Nadu intelligence has warned that the Chinese Military is using sophisticated equipment to commence aquaculture, reports Virakesari. Tamil Nadu has further expressed concern over the increased presence of the Chinese Military in SL.

23.10.2022: **OHCHR** - According to Virakesari, a comprehensive report by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), progress being made in gathering evidence related to international crimes committed in SL was welcome.

30.10.2022: **EU** - According to Uthayan, "Friends of Sri Lanka" was relaunched at the SL Embassy for the European Union (EU) in Brussels. The intention is a cooperation between the European Parliament and the SL's parliament.

03.10.2022: **Ambassadors** - The French and Canadian Ambassadors to SL who were returning to their countries following the completion of their tenures met with R. Wickremesinghe at the SL President's Office, reports Virakesari.

03.10.2022: **GSP+** - According to Economy Next, the EU will assess SL's progress in meeting its obligations under

the USD 500 million GSP+ trade concession "very soon." In addition, the EU has also expressed its interest in working closely together to further strengthen relations and cooperation based on shared values and interests, it said.

05.10.2022: **New Zealand** - Jaffna's Mayor, V. Manivannan requested the Ambassador of New Zealand during a meeting to take action to retrieve necessary resources for the Tamil people through asserting international pressure on SL, reports Virakesari.

10.10.2022: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, SL and Japan have signed a memorandum of cooperation under the Japanese Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) for a low-carbon growth partnership. Japan is currently implementing projects under the JCM mechanism in 17 countries, including:

- ◆ Mongolia
- ◆ Bangladesh
- ◆ Ethiopia
- ◆ Kenya
- ◆ Maldives
- ◆ Vietnam
- ◆ Laos
- ◆ Indonesia
- ◆ Costa Rica
- ◆ Palau
- ◆ Cambodia
- ◆ Mexico
- ◆ Saudi Arabia
- ◆ Chile
- ◆ Myanmar
- ◆ Thailand
- ◆ Philippines

11.10.2022: **Ambassadors** - According to Virakesari, SL's Minister of Justice

Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa discussed with the High Commissioner of Indonesia and Ambassador of Switzerland regarding SL's economic crisis and the 22nd Amendment to SL's Constitution which had been submitted to SL's Parliament.

12.10.2022: **Norway** - Norway's former peace envoy, Erik Solheim met with M. A. Sumanthiran and Chanakyan during his visit to SL, reports Virakesari. It is notable that R. Wickremesinghe had appointed Erik Solheim as his international climate advisor. Further reports indicate that he had met with the following as well.

- ◆ M. Rajapaksa
- ◆ Habis Nasir Ahmed
- ◆ R. Wickremesinghe

13.10.2022: **Australia** - Tamil Progressive Alliance - Democratic People's Front Leader, Mano Ganesan met with the Australian Ambassador to SL and Maldives, Paul Stephen in Colombo, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that they had discussed his recent trip to Australia which had enlightened him regarding lessons SL could learn from Australia's approach to multiculturalism.

15.10.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, a discussion was held between the Chinese Ambassador to SL and SL's former Prime Minister M. Rajapaksa regarding the further strengthening of future bilateral relations between China and SL.

16.10.2022: **Energy** - According to Economy Next, SL's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Tharaka Balasuriya has invited Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan to enter the island's energy sector. Azerbaijan and SL will continue further

cooperation and establish a bilateral consultation mechanism to expand existing relations. Kazakhstan and SL will hold virtual bilateral consultations on economic, cultural and political relations.

17.10.2022: **Malaysia** - Malaysia's High Commissioner to SL, Dato Tan Young Thai has mentioned during a meeting with SL's Ambassador of the Training Centre, S. Sanduru Fernando that they are in discussion to prioritise educated young people in the Hill Country for employment opportunities in Malaysia, reports Virakesari.

19.10.2022: **India** - According to Virakesari, the Indian Deputy Consulate to Jaffna Rakesh Natraj visited Neduntivu on 18.10.2022.

- ◆ Discussion with divisional secretary, GoSL officials and civil society members
 - ◆ Education
 - ◆ Public infrastructure
 - ◆ Health
- ◆ Indian Proficiency Prize explanation and cash prizes for students at Neduntivu Maha Vidyaalayam

19.10.2022: **Germany** - According to Virakesari, TNP General Secretary and MP, S. Gajendran emphasised that, "only an international investigation could implement reparative justice for the genocide of Eelam Tamils" This was mentioned during a meeting with the Director for South Asia of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

19.10.2022: **US** - According to Virakesari, the US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Donald

Lu met various SL officials on 19.10.2022 during his 03-day official visit to SL.

- ◆ SL Defence Secretary - K. Gunaratne
- ◆ SL Minister of External Affairs - Ali Sabry
- ◆ Civil Society representatives
- ◆ R. Wickremesinghe

26.10.2022: **Netherlands** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved a proposal to sign a bilateral air services agreement with the Netherlands to launch direct flights to SL. The proposed agreement is expected to boost the country's tourism, education, trade, investment, agriculture and cultural sectors, it said.

27.10.2022: **US** - The US Treasury's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia, Robert Kaproth, who is on an official visit to SL, met R. Wickremesinghe, SL's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry and various members of SL's opposition parties to discuss various issues including SL's economic recovery and the implementation of necessary economic reforms, reports Virakesari.

27.10.2022: **US** - US Deputy Ambassador to SL Douglas Sonneck visited Jaffna on 26.10.2022 and later visited the North Myliddy Port, reports Virakesari. He is reported to have held discussions with the port authorities to inquire about the grievances faced by local fishermen. During his visit to Jaffna he had met with various Tamil politicians and representatives:

- ◆ Sivagnanam Sritharan
- ◆ Dharmalingam Siddharthan
- ◆ C.V.K. Sivagnanam
- ◆ Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam
- ◆ Selvarasa Gajendran

- ◆ Kanakarathnam Sukas
- ◆ Vasuki Sudhakar

28.10.2022: **Land** - According to Virakesari, Northern Province Governor Jeevan Thiagarajah and Japanese Ambassador to SL Hitoki Mizukoshi jointly organised a discussion in Colombo regarding the development projects and referendums to be carried out in the Northern Province of the Tamil homeland.

- ◆ Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka - Hideki Misukoshi
- ◆ Center for Alternative Policy (CPA) - Kalanidhi Bhakyaasothy Saravanamuthu
- ◆ Prime Minister's Secretary - Anura Dissanayake
- ◆ Sri Lankan Ambassador to India - Milinda Morakoda
- ◆ Special Secretary to the Northern Governor - Tanya Rathnaval
- ◆ Korean Ambassador - Sandush Jeong Woonjin
- ◆ Thailand Ambassador
- ◆ Vietnam Ambassador - Bhoj Harnbol
- ◆ Ambassador Malaysia - Ms. Ho Thitan Druk
- ◆ Indonesia Ambassador - H.E. Devi Gustina Topping
- ◆ Indian Ambassador to Jaffna - Rakesh Nataraj
- ◆ Turkish Ambassador to Sri Lanka - Bilal Saklam (Third Secretary)
- ◆ International Organizations WFP - Abdur Rahim Siddiqui (Country Director)
- ◆ UNDP - Mr. Robert Ainger
- ◆ Aruna Nanayakkara - Unit Head Portfolio Management
- ◆ WB - Asela Dissanayake (Senior Operations Officer)

- ◆ Husam Aputaka (Consultant)
- ◆ JICA - Tetsuya Yamada (Lead Representative)
- ◆ Takafumi Sakurasagada were present.

28.10.2022: **EU** - According to Virakesari, the Director of the Department of Asia and the Pacific of the European Union's External Affairs Service, Biola Pampaloni, who is visiting SL, met with R. Wickremesinghe. Reports indicate that we must discuss various issues including SL's current economic crisis, human rights situation and legal reforms.

30.10.2022: **Germany** - According to Economy Next. SL's smaller exporters of goods or services to Germany could end their relationships with German buyers and partners. This is because the regulatory burden of complying with the requirements of the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (SCDDA) will take effect in January 2023.

30.10.2022: **Australia** - A special meeting was held with the Australian Defence Delegation and SLAF Chief Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana, reports Virakesari. Further reports indicate that during this meeting, the delegation including the Commanding Officer of the Consensus Task Force for the 'Indo-Pacific Initiative 2022' had met Pathirana at the SLAF Headquarters and discussed several important issues.

30.10.2022: **US** - R. Wickremesinghe mentioned that steps are being taken to strengthen the 74-year-old relationship between the US and SL. According to Virakesari, he further mentioned that the support provided by the US to SL whenever the country faced a crisis

would never be forgotten. Further reports indicate that he had mentioned this during his attendance at the official inauguration of the new building of the US Embassy in Colombo on 28.10.2022.

30.10.2022: **US** - US Deputy Ambassador, Douglas Sonnek met the Valikaaman North resettlement team during his visit to Tamil Eelam and heard their grievances. According to Virakesari, he had assured that the land issue of the locals would be solved, and all means required to resettle them in their lands would be undertaken.

Military News

01.10.2022: **Rescue** - The SL Navy (SLN) has rescued 38 local tourists from a sinking trawler off the coast of Katpiti, reports Virakesari.

04.10.2022: **Bangladesh** - According to Army LK, a delegation of undergraduates studying at the Bangladesh Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) visited SL Army's HQ. This delegation is visiting SL on a six-day long familiarisation tour as part of their curriculum.

06.10.2022: **Appointment** - According to Virakesari, Brigadier Ravi Herath of SL's Signal Corps has been appointed as SL's new Army Media Officer and Speaker.

06.10.2022: **SLCG** - According to SL's MoD's website a delegation from Australian High commission visited the Rear HQ of SL's Coast Guard (SLCG). The subject of the visit was assistance to improve the infrastructure facilities at the Kirinda Advanced Training Centre and enhancing the capacity building of the SLCG.

11.10.2022: **Publications** - According to Army LK, SL's Army released a publication by the Directorate of Research Concept and Doctrine. The publication compiles the maiden copies of the Army Keystone Doctrines and twelve General Staff Publications.

11.10.2022: **UN medal** - According to Army LK, SL's UN troops stationed in South Sudan received medals from the UN.

16.10.2022: **Great Britain** - Colonel Paul Clayton MBE, the Defence Adviser of the British High Commission visited. Colonel Clayton received a briefing on the curriculum and the functions of the Army War College, specially related to training matters. He also discussed the possibility of providing training related assistance.

18.10.2022: **Appropriation Bill** - According to Economy Next, SL will submit an appropriation bill to parliament detailing allocations for ministries and departments.

- ◆ Defense Ministry - LKR 410 billion
- ◆ SL Army - LKR 209 billion
- ◆ SL Navy - LKR 75 billion

- ◆ SL Air Force - LKR 66 billion
- ◆ Multitasking force created by G. Rajapaksa - LKR 9.8 billion.

25.10.2022: **Australia** - According to SL's MoD's website 02 Australian vessels have arrived at the port of Colombo. Both vessels visited SL for the IPE (Indo Pacific Endeavor). IPE commenced in 2017. Its intention is to increase cooperation with other regional security forces. It is noteworthy that both forces will also train together in SL.

28.10.2022: **Amnesty** - According to SL's MoD's website, SL's MoD declared a general amnesty for absentees until the end of this year.

31.10.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, SL's Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Department has brought 07 individuals who had caught sea slugs in Jaffna's Mandaitivu region using trawl nets. The individuals were allegedly identified through a joint-operation conducted by SL's occupational Navy and their Fisheries Department

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04.10.2022: **Mannar** - According to Army LK, SL's genocidal forces have renovated the Ward 11 in the Mannar District hospital

06.10.2022: **House** - According to Army LK, SL's genocidal forces have built another house for a Tamil family in Sellipuram, Mullaitivu.

06.10.2022: **Blood donation** - According to Army LK, SL's genocidal forces have conducted a blood donation at Jaffna's Teaching hospital.

07.10.2022: **House** - According to Army LK, SL's genocidal forces have built a house for a Tamil family in Chankani, Jaffna.

11.10.2022: **Dry rations** - According to Army LK, SL's genocidal forces in the East of SL donated 250 dry ration packs to Tamil families. The affected people were from:

- ◆ Wadimunai
- ◆ Uththuchchinai
- ◆ Kallachchi

21.10.2022: **Scholarships** - According to Army LK, SL's genocidal forces handed out scholarships for 53 students in Kilinochchi. These students will be receiving LKR 2,000 Rupees for a year as an incentive.

27.10.2022: **Dry rations** - According to SL's MoD's Website, SL's genocidal forces have distributed dry rations and school material in Kilinochchi and in Mannar.



INTERNATIONAL



03.10.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, LKR 43 lakhs of financial assistance by the Chinese Embassy for Jaffna University students' welfare services.

07.10.2022: **World Bank** - The World Bank has warned that SL's economic situation is becoming worse, reports Virakesari.

09.10.2022: **Hunger Hotspots** - SL is among 48 countries globally designated by the World Food Program (WFP) as "Hunger Hotspots" between October 2022-January 2023, reports Virakesari.

11.10.2022: **UN** - According to Virakesari, the UN cited in their new report that SL and 53 countries of the world require immediate debt relief.

12.10.2022: **World Bank** - The World Bank's Chief Economist for South Asia, Hans Timmer mentioned that "in order to recover from the current crisis, the Sri Lankan government needs to improve its governance system and implement transformative reforms," reports Virakesari.

15.10.2022: **Red Cross** - According to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), 60% of the populace across certain districts had indicated that their personal security was not apt. Further 22% had indicated that they were affected due to a lack of personal security, reports Virakesari.

16.10.2022: **IMF** - According to Virakesari, an SL delegation including Shehan Semasinghe had met the Deputy Managing Director of the IMF, Kenji Okamura at the

annual conference of the IMF and World Bank in the US. Reports indicate that the next steps required to secure an IMF Executive Committee approval for the proposed Extended Fund Facility were discussed.

24.10.2022: **Cooking gas** - According to Economy Next, SL's state-owned Litro Gas has repaid part of the USD 70 million loaned by the World Bank to solve SL's cooking gas problem. The company also said it would lower gas prices in the first week of November,

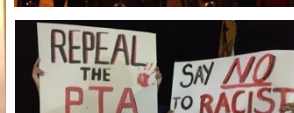
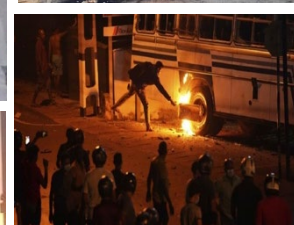
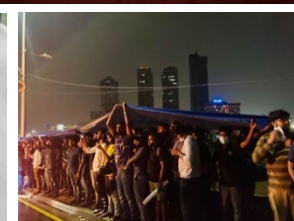
as world prices had fallen.

27.10.2022: **China** - According to Virakesari, essential medicines worth

LKR 1.8 billion donated by China arrived in 02 flights. Further, the Chinese Embassy in Colombo reported that China had

provided SL with essential medicines worth LKR 1.2 billion between June-September 2022 thus amounting to a total of LKR 3.0

billion in medical aid received from China within 05 months alone.



01.10.2022: **Participation** – According to Virakesari, Douglas Devananda has publicly called for the participation of the Tamil parties in SL's National Council which has been established under the leadership of D. Gunawardena. Reports indicate that he also mentioned that the Tamil parties who have been making negative comments without using the opportunities available since 1987 should not lose the opportunity they have received again.

06.10.2022: **Funds** – Chanakyan mentioned in SL Parliament that around thousands of individuals eligible for Samurdhi Funds across the Tamil homeland were yet

to receive such funds. According to Virakesari, Chanakyan had mentioned that in Batticaloa alone around 42,000 individuals were eligible for Samurdhi funds.

08.10.2022: **Petition** – SL's High Court announced that it would hear fundamental rights petitions filed against 29 individuals including the Rajapaksas demanding legal action against those responsible for SL's crisis, reports Virakesari.

31.10.2022: **SL Constitution** – According to Economy Next, SL's Speaker of Parliament has signed the 22nd Amendment to SL's Constitution to take effect from 31.10.2022.

22nd Amendment

Passed by 179 votes of
225 SL MPs
1 vote against



10.10.2022: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, Finance Minister Shehan Semasinghe has said that any ongoing reforms mandated by the IMF will not be reversed, as has been the case in the past. R. Wickremesinghe has implemented tax reforms to increase government revenues, reduce government spending, encourage private sector investment, and reduce losses of state-owned enterprises in order to bring SL out of an unprecedented economic crisis.

18.10.2022: **SL Cabinet** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers approved a proposal to appoint a Cabinet Sub-

Committee on Reconciliation chaired by SL's President. It was also to propose solutions to the population's problems of resettlement, land and missing persons following the war.

18.10.2022: **People's Councils** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved a proposal by President Ranil Wickremesinghe to introduce the People's Council system as a "basic" government policy and to establish a Secretariat for the National People's Council. The Secretariat will serve as an independent central institution at the national level for the implementation of the proposed system of People's

Councils (Jana Sabha) and strengthen participatory democracy in SL.

19.10.2022: **Rehabilitation Law** - According to Economy Next, SL's Supreme Court has controversial Rehabilitation Authority Law in its entirety is incompatible with Article 12 (1) of SL's Constitution and therefore can only be passed by a special majority. According to the Supreme Court's finding, the incompatibility with Article 12 (1) will be removed if all references to "former combatants," "violent extreme groups," and "any other group of persons" are deleted from the bill, and if the bill is limited to the rehabilitation of drug-addicted persons and other persons who may be designated by law.

25.10.2022: **Secrecy clause** - According to Economy Next, SL opposition MP Eran Wickremeratne has

introduced a private member's bill to remove the secrecy clause in the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Act to bring it in line with disclosure requirements under the Right to Information Act. This is to ensure that archaic secrecy provisions of the law are eliminated.

28.10.2022: **Appointment** - According to Virakesari, SL's Rear Admiral Pujitha Vidhana has been appointed as the 07th Director General of SL's Coast Guard.

30.10.2022: **Ports Authority** - According to Economy Next, Keith Bernard, who has held senior positions in private and public companies, has been appointed chairman of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. Bernard is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK) and the Chartered Global Management Accountants.

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UPRISING



04.10.2022: **Protest** -

A protest was staged before SL's Central Bank, reports Virakesari.

07.10.2022:

Language - Danuha Ranajanha has been protesting as an individual demanding that the logo of SL's Rupavahini Corporation should be in three languages again. As a result of his protest as well as internal and external pressures, the logo has been

updated, reports Virakesari.

07.10.2022: **Release**

- Hasan Jeevatha Gunathilake who was arrested and detained alongside Wasantha Mudalige et al was released on 07.10.2022 after being produced before SL's Thangalai Magistrate's Court, reports Virakesari.

09.10.2022: **Arrest** -

According to Virakesari, 02 additional suspects were arrested on

08.10.2022 in connection with the incidents of Black Monday by SL's Organised Crime Squad in Kandy and Alawwa.

10.10.2022: **Protest** -

According to Virakesari, a demonstration was conducted at Galle Face on the theme of "Do not lay hands on the people's rights" in opposition of SL Police brutality. Following the protest the streets of Colombo were closed. According to JDS Lanka, 06

protestors including a 15-year-old were arrested and detained at Colombo Fort Police Station. The Colombo Fort Magistrate refused to grant permission to ban the demonstration, reports Virakesari.

1. Uvindu Rajapaksha (5)
2. Jagath Kularatne
3. R.L. Wimalasiri
4. Deshan Nimrod
5. M.F.M. Fazly
6. Roshan Fernando

10.10.2022: **HRCSL** - The Human Rights

Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) has indicated that investigations would commence into the SL Police's dispersal of protestors at Galle Face on 09.10.2022, reports Virakesari.

11.10.2022: **Complaint** - Following the Fort Police's refusal to accept complaints filed against 02 senior SL Police officers for suppressing protests at Galle Face, the complaints were filed at SL's Police HQ, reports Virakesari.

12.10.2022: **Children** - R. Wickremesinghe

mentioned that the use of children as shields in demonstrations was an indication of a serious crime in SL. According to Virakesari, he had further directed SL Police to implement immediate action to prevent children from participating in demonstrations.

22.10.2022: **Black Monday** - 14 Chief Inspectors of SL Police who served as Police Officers have filed fundamental rights violation petitions in SL's High Court challenging their transfer. According to Virakesari, they had been

transferred due to their alleged failure to prevent the damage of SL politicians' houses during the Black Monday uprisings of 09.05.2022.



Caricature

40 YEARS BEFORE, THE FIRST
NAVEERAR DIED.



HOW FAR ARE WE IN ACHIEVING OUR GOAL
OF INDEPENDENCE?

A QUESTION THAT EVERYONE
SHOULD ASK THEMSELVES.

Domestic News

Tamil Eelam

01.10.2022: **Flight school** - According to Economy Next, SL's Ministry of Aviation has called on local and international interested parties to express their interest in establishing a flight school at Batticaloa's eastern airport. Of Batticaloa Airport's total area of 145.2 hectares, 05 hectares are to be leased for the establishment of a flight school.

03.10.2022: **Fishermen** - The Uppukulam Fishermen's Cooperative mentioned that Douglas Devananda's move to provide a portion of the Mannar Uppukulam Konthaipitti landing sector to the Plantation fishermen has caused concern in the Uppukulam fishing community, reports Virakesari.

04.10.2022: **Plantation** - According to Virakesari, SL Labour Congress' Vice President Bharat Arulsamy mentioned during a press conference in Kandy that the Employees' Federation had decided to provide employees with LKR 15,000 as a pre-Deepavali payment to plantation workers.

Human Remains

05.10.2022: **Dead Body** - According to Uthayan, a dead body was found in the sea of Thiruvadi Nilai, Vaddukoddai Jaffna. The body was caught in the net of the fishermen.

12.10.2022: **Remains** - According to Uthayan, the remains of a body

was found in Kilinochchi. The body was found in Ananthapuram near the Krishnar Koyil.

19.10.2022: **Remains** - According to Virakesari, forensic examinations of human remains found on private land in Anandapuram, Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu which were found on 11.10.2022 were conducted in accordance with the local court order.

28.10.2022: **Corpse** - The corpse of a deceased man was found floating in the waters of Sendankulam by local fishermen who notified Occupational Ilwala Police. The body remains unidentified with further investigations underway, reports Virakesari.

30.10.2022: **Body** - According to Virakesari, the corpse of a woman was recovered from Jaffna Central Bus Station and handed over to Jaffna Public Hospital. The hospital has requested the assistance of the public to identify the deceased woman.

06.10.2022: **TUFF** - The Tamil United Freedom Front (TUFF) formed an Amman Battalion as its Youth front to realign Tamil youth who were being misdirected causing deviations, reports Virakesari.

13.10.2022: **Fishermen** - Douglas Devananda travelled to the Mullaitivu district on 12.10.2022 and discussed with the officials of SL's Marine Industry and Hydrology, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that locals who supported the banned fishery practice of the use of shrink nets had also met with Devananda to advocate its use.

13.10.2022: **Apology** - Yogaraja Chandrakumar, the Deputy Secretary of the Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal (TMVP) Party, publicly apologised for allegedly violating R. Sampanthan's rights due to a defamatory Facebook post that he had made earlier. He mentioned this during a press conference held at the Eastern Media Forum in Batticaloa.

14.10.2022: **Complaint** - According to Virakesari, SL's Ministry of Health of the Northern Province had announced that an initial investigation team appointed in relation to the irregularities which were reported at the Office of the Director of Regional Health Services, Kilinochchi had announced its findings. Reports indicate that the team had found that the officials including the Director of Regional Health Services and 03 employees were guilty and a criminal report has been prepared against them. Further reports indicate that the criminal reports were sent to SL's relevant disciplinary authorities for further action.

15.10.2022: **India** - A sand sculpture was formed in memory of the 91st Birthday Memorial of India's APJ Abdul Kalam at Karanaigar's Casuarina Beach. According to Virakesari, the sculpture was created as a part of

commemorative events organised by the Indian Consulate in Jaffna.

17.10.2022: **Fishermen** - According to Virakesari, Northern Province fishermen have met and discussed with the Northern Governor Jeevan Thiagaraja through Zoom on 15.10.2022.

19.10.2022: **Release** - The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) thanked R. Wickremesinghe and SL Justice Minister, Wijedasa Rajapaksa for the release of 08 Tamil political prisoners who had been indefinitely detained under the PTA, reports Virakesari.

Drugs

07.10.2022: **Heroin** - According to Virakesari, a woman was arrested by Occupational SL Police from the Kokuvil area of Jaffna with the possession of 03 grams and 300 milligrams of Heroin on 07.10.2022. Further reports indicate that following a tip-off SL's Occupational Kalmunai Special Task Force arrested a 34-year-old at 02.30 local time on 07.10.2022 with the possession of 07 grams and 870 milligrams of Heroin. A mobile phone used by the individual was also seized by officials.

17.10.2022: **Drugs** - 02 suspects from Chunnakam South and Kopay South areas under the Occupational Kopay Police Division, Jaffna have been arrested with 100 drug pills, reports Virakesari.

21.10.2022: **Drugs** - A student, who attended school in Tellipalai with drugs, cut his hand with a blade and was admitted to the hospital, reports Virakesari.

23.10.2022: **Drugs** - According to SL's Military Intelligence Unit, over 60 kilograms of Kerala Cannabis has been seized in the Jaffna-Matakal area, reports Virakesari.

24.10.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, Occupational Savalkadai Police had arrested a suspected individual following a police search on 24.10.2022 for growing 53 Cannabis plants at a local residence.

24.10.2022: **Drugs** - Jaffna's Occupational Defence HQ mentioned that a special force unit had been informed and special investigative operations had been conducted to reduce increasing drug usage in the Jaffna district, reports Virakesari.

28.10.2022: **Drugs** - According to Virakesari, 03 students were arrested on 27.10.2022 in the possession of drugs including heroin and cannabis. Reports indicate that investigations had exposed various hot spots where drugs were sold in Jaffna.

- ◆ Kalatti Junction near Jaffna University
- ◆ Jaffna College of Technology
- ◆ Open University - Jaffna

- ◆ Jaffna University College

27.10.2022: **Explosives** - According to Virakesari, Occupational Jaradianar Police mentioned that Occupational SL soldiers had recovered a hand grenade and land mine which had been abandoned in the Eralakkulam Forest area of Batticaloa.

27.10.2022: **Resettlement** - According to Virakesari, SL's Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reform has announced that a mobile service is due to be launched to address the grievances of those who have returned from India. Reports indicate that 12,500 people belonging to over 7,000 refugee families who returned from India have settled in the Northern Province of the occupied Tamil homeland.

28.10.2022: **Arrest** - According to Virakesari, a District Police Magistrate Court has ordered that 07 Tamil Nadu fishermen who were arrested on charges of illegal fishing in Tamil Eelam's territorial waters near Neduntivu should be remanded until 09.10.2022. The fishermen were arrested by Occupational SL Navy officers on 26.10.2022.

29.10.2022: **English** - The Rosmasrace Organization For The People of Jaffna held a press conference at the Jaffna Press Club, reports Virakesari. The organisation's representatives mentioned that locals could achieve success through developing their English language skills which would enable them to enhance leadership and communication skills.

Sri Lanka

03.10.2022: **Housing construction** - According to Economy Next, SL plans to build 2,000 housing units for low-income families to mark the country's 75th Independence Day, which will be celebrated on 04.02.2023.

04.10.2022: **Cannabis** - According to Economy Next, SL has drafted a law for the cultivation of cannabis for medical purposes, which will soon be submitted to SL Cabinet for approval. Cannabis falls under the Ayurveda (indigenous medicine) law, and it cannot be allowed to be used for recreational purposes.

06.10.2022: **India** - According to Economy Next, Indian airline Spice Jet will begin flying to SL on 15.11.2022. These measures are expected to increase arrivals from India. In addition, Russian airline Aeroflot will also return from 09.10.2022.

11.10.2022: **Port activities** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has authorised the State Ports Authority to issue international tenders for the purchase of a tugboat. As port activities increase, there is a need for more equipment.

19.10.2022: **Oil** - According to Economy Next, SL owes foreign oil suppliers USD 751 million for purchases already made. Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) owes money to Vitol, PetroChina, Coral Energy, BB Energy, Swiss Singapore,

Litasco and OQ Trading based on letters of credit opened through the state-affiliated Bank of Ceylon and People's Bank.

19.10.2022: **Marriage** - According to Economy Next, a study by the SL Red Cross Society and the International Federation of the Red Cross found that due to the ongoing currency collapse, girls have increased risk of being pushed into early marriage.

21.10.2022: **SL Opposition** - According to Virakesari, 17 Opposition Parties represented and unrepresented in SL's Parliament signed a joint statement against GoSL's attempts to delay local council elections under the guise of electoral reform.

31.10.2022: **Environment** - According to Virakesari, the Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF) has commenced a program to increase forest density in SL. A seed bomb drive was conducted to improve SL's Sustainable Development Goals by increasing greenery from 27% -32% by 2030. A seed bombing was executed 20 times by a Bell-212 helicopter of SL's 04th Helicopter Squadron on 29.10.2022.

31.10.2022: **Vaccine** - According to SL's Ministry of Health, 07 million Pfizer doses are due to expire on 31.10.2022 whilst only 52% of SL's population had received their vaccinations, reports Virakesari.

Common about Tamil

Workshop for Young People



A workshop for youth was arranged by Malathy Tamil Kalaikoodam in Denmark. The event for young people with a focus on Tamil history and culture was held in Horsens on 29.10.2022. Both presentations and exhibition were held with great success, and great commitment from the almost 80 participating Tamil youth who were between the ages of 15-30 years.

The exhibition covered the time period from the Stone Age to the current situation of the Tamils and was supported by historical sources and documents in full form. In addition, the linguistic phenomenon of proverbs was performed and exemplified through small plays in Tamil. A presentation focusing on Tolkappiyam was also held; a work that can be dated back to over 3,000 years. All of the youth participated with great interest and curiosity. Many interesting questions were raised, and several young people mentioned that their interest had been piqued even more.

The exhibition which portrayed the Eelam Tamil historical timeline was referred to by several participants as a historical moment for the Eelam Tamils in Denmark, as this is the first time that an Eelam Tamil historical exhibition has been undertaken on this scale. The event ended with the chanting of the common mantra of the Tamils - "Thamilarin thaakam Tamil Eela thayakam."

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Economic News

Economic Profile – October 2022

Credit	in the 12 months to August	
Privat sector		↑ 12% to LKT 7,612 billion
State enterprise		↓ by LKR 54.2 billion
Government	August 2022	
Government Revenues		LKR 1,238 billion
Recurrent expenditure		LKR 1,952.1 billion
Current account deficit		LKR 714 billion
Total spending		LKR 3,539 billion
FOREX Reserves	September 2022	↑ by 3.6% to USD 1,717 million
	August 2022	about USD 1,657 million
Trade	August 2022	
Imports		about USD 1,486 million
Exports		about USD 1,224 million
Trade deficit		↓ from USD 586 million to USD 261 million
Inflation	September 2022	73.8%

02.10.2022: **Tax** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has ordered to remove all taxes on imported hygiene materials and finished products to reduce VAT to zero. A 15 % customs duty, a 10 % CESS and a 10 % port and airport tax on five key commodities will be lifted.

03.10.2022: **COPE** - According to Economy Next, Parliament Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena has announced nominations for the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) and the Committee on Audit (COPA). Charitha Herath is not on the list, calling COPE thieves, profiteers who are for a corrupt system.

04.10.2022: **BOI** - According to Economy Next, the SL Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee has denied approval for tax incentives for a foreign investment project. The reason is that no analysis of the benefits and impact on

the economy was submitted to the Board of Investment.

05.10.2022: **Tourism** - According to Economy Next, SL is planning an uninterrupted power supply for the tourism sector in hopes of increasing tourist arrivals. The SL government has blamed negative publicity for the decline in September, when arrivals were at their worst since October last year.

06.10.2022: **Revenue** - According to Economy Next, SL plans to increase the central bank's reserves by reducing state-owned enterprises. This is possibly an allusion to a privatisation campaign.

07.10.2022: **GDP** - According to Economy Next, the World Bank estimates that SL's GDP is expected to contract by 9.2% in 2022 and by another 4.2% in 2023. SL's rupee collapsed from USD 200 to USD 360 in 2022 after two years of printing money

to lower interest rates, resulting in a loss of foreign reserves and a sovereign default.

12.10.2022: **World Bank** - According to Economy Next, a senior World Bank official has said that SL needs to implement transformative reforms and improve governance to emerge from the current crisis. Sri Lanka's GDP is expected to shrink to 9.2 % in 2022, according to World Bank projections.

12.10.2022: **Welfare** - According to Economy Next, SL's welfare program "Leave No One Behind" for low-income families has received 2.3 million applications. 3.9 million low-income families are expected to benefit from this program.

18.10.2022: **Dialog Axiata** - According to Economy Next, Sharmini Coorey, a retired senior official of the International Monetary Fund, has been appointed non-executive director of SL's Dialog Axiata, a publicly traded telecommunications company. During her 35-year career at the IMF, she served in the Africa, Asia and Pacific, Europe and Western Hemisphere, and Strategy, Policy, and Review departments. She is currently a member of Presidential Advisory Group on Multilateral Engagement and Debt Sustainability, advising the SL' government on the currency crisis.

19.10.2022: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, about 50 % of Fitch-rated companies could come under pressure if economic conditions worsen in the next 12 -18 months. An extension of the import ban beyond the next six months, a further rise in interest rates, and

continued high inflation leading to difficulty in raising selling prices could hurt companies.

21.10.2022: **BOP**- According to Economy Next, SL has been gradually losing its ability to create balance of payments deficits after it runs out of reserves and counterparties and foreign central banks are no longer willing to lend foreign currency. Balance of payments deficits are a problem associated with central banks that have a soft exchange rate peg, printing money to spur lending and selling dollars to prevent the currency from falling when the peg comes under pressure from newly minted cash.

22.10.2022: **Import Ban** - According to Economy Next, SL plans to relax import controls on cosmetics and auto spare parts in the next two weeks. Sri Lanka had imposed import bans on 1,465 items in August 2022 after the central bank's money printing created a foreign exchange shortage.

27.10.2022: **SL Budget** - R. Wickremesinghe is due to present SL's budget speech for 2023 on 14.11.2022 as SL's Finance Minister, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that the second reading of the budget would be held in 07 days. A vote on SL's budget is due on 08.12.2022.

31.10.2022: **ADB** - According to Economy Next, SL will use an Asian Development Bank line of credit to provide up to LKR 10 million to small and micro enterprises in the agriculture, tourism and export sectors affected by economic crisis. The loans have a grace period of 6 months and a repayment period of 3 years.

News about Oppression & Resistance

01.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the SL Plantation Service Association protested for a 70% increase in their salaries.

01.10.2022: **Sexual Abuse** - The Buddhist monk who was arrested on suspicion of sexually abusing young monks was released on conditional bail. However, he was taken back to prison due to non-appearance of the sureties and the Kalmunai Magistrate's Court has ordered that the case be adjourned 04.11.2022, reports Virakesari.

01.10.2022: **Protest** - Relatives of missing persons held a protest opposite the Office of Missing Persons (OMP) in Kilinochchi from 10.00 local time, reports Virakesari.

03.10.2022: **PTA** - The final day of the protest to collect signatures for the removal of the PTA was held on 02.10.2022 at Tangalai, Hambantota, with mass support, reports Virakesari.

03.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a demonstration was held opposite the Colombo Fort Railway Station by the Hill Country Development Corporation demanding legal guarantees for the construction of 37,000 houses since 1987.

03.10.2022: **Sea cucumber** - According to Uthayan, a protest against a sea cucumber factory was staged at Ilavankuda, Poonakary Kilinochchi. The reason is that this factory is hindering

other traditional jobs depending on the sea of Ilavankuda, the protesters said.

04.10.2022: **Milk** - Chanakyan mentioned in SL Parliament that the Governor of the Eastern Province had ruined it, reports Virakesari. Chanakyan had cited that the activities of the Governor had completely affected milk production in the Eastern Province and thus requested SL's Minister of Agriculture to pay particular attention to the issue.

04.10.2022: **Fishermen** - The fishermen of Kranchi Sivapauram of Poonakeri had filed a complaint to the HRCSL Jaffna Regional Office after the fishing communities of Kilinochchi had been protesting for the past 04 days against illegal sea snail farms which were disrupting their regular business, reports Virakesari.

04.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the 65th day of a 100-day protest action conducted by the North East Coordination Committee across the Tamil homeland demanding a dignified political solution for the people of the North East was held in the Kunjukulam village of Mannar.

05.10.2022: **Protest** - Mullaitivu locals of the fishing community, were attacked with tear gas by Occupational SL police and STF personnel on 05.10.2022. The locals had engaged in their 03rd consecutive day of peaceful protest in the area demanding action against Occupational GoSL officers aiding illegal

fishing activities within the territorial waters of Tamil Eelam such as trawling & light-coarse fishing in the area, reports JDS Lanka.

06.10.2022: **Commemoration** - The 35th commemoration of Kumarappa, Pulendran and 12 other cadres was conducted in Valvettithurai, reports Virakesari.

07.10.2022: **Kurunthumalai** - TNPf MP G. Ponnambalam has mentioned in SL Parliament that the pledges given to the North MPs regarding the Kurunthumalai issue have been violated, reports Virakesari.

07.10.2022: **Hill Country** - According to Virakesari, a coalition of trade unions and civil organisations have asserted that, "Social justice for the Hill Country people is continuously violated. Even the most important rights such as education, land and economy are denied. This situation cannot be allowed to continue. The rights of the Hill Country people must be confirmed."

07.10.2022: **Resistance** - TNPf's Media Spokesperson and Lawyer Kanakarathnam Sukash mentioned that "We can only protect our motherland by showing our continued mobilisation and resistance, regardless of the form of aggression," reports Virakesari.

08.10.2022: **Censorship** - MP Sridharan mentioned that his personal Facebook account had been suspended for 90 days since 20.09.2022 after he had uploaded photographs and news regarding Lt. Col. Thileepan's commemoration, reports Virakesari.

09.10.2022: **PTA** - Chanakyan criticised a replacement legislation for the PTA at a rally held on 08.10.2022 demanding the release of Wasantha Mudalige and Dhaminda Thera who were arrested under the PTA, reports Virakesari. "The Rehabilitation Act is worse than the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Therefore, G. Rajapaksa who destroyed the future of the people in this country, M. Rajapaksa who completely destroyed the national economy, his brother - B. Rajapaksa who was SL's finance minister and Ajith Cabraal who destroyed the country's economy along with them should be rehabilitated", said Chanakyan.

11.10.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, the 35th commemoration of the first female martyr, 2nd Lt. Malathy was conducted in Kilinochchi and Kopay of the Tamil homeland.

11.10.2022: **Missing Persons** - SL's Cabinet Speaker Bandula Gunawardena announced that SL's Cabinet had approved the increase of funds allocated by SL's Compensation Office to LKR 2 lakhs for those who are deemed missing in SL. According to Virakesari, the relatives of those forcibly disappeared condemned GoSL's such stance. Further reports indicate that plans for GoSL representatives to meet with the relatives in Batticaloa on 21.10.2022 were another attempt to deceive the international community.

12.10.2022: **OMP** - Office of Missing Persons (OMP) officials conducted inquiries with the relatives of forcibly disappeared persons at the Kaluwanchikudi Divisional Secretariat in Batticaloa, reports Virakesari.

12.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the 73rd day of the 100-day action protest conducted by the North East Coordination Committee was held in Mannar to demand a dignified political solution for Tamils.

12.10.22: **Remembrance** - According to Uthayan, the Pirampadi Massacre was commemorated in the homeland. The IPKF killed over 50 Tamil civilians in Pirampidi, Kokuvil Jaffna in 1987 during Operation Pawan.

13.10.2022: **Missing Persons** - Udayachchandra, the President of the Association of Relatives of the Disappeared in the Mannar District mentioned in a press conference that "All the governments who have come to power did not act to save the victims and provide justice." According to Virakesari, she had mentioned that GoSL was providing protection to those who committed war crimes to protect their government, people and army.

13.10.2022: **Land** - According to Valikaamam North's Resettlement Committee Chairman, Arunachalam Gunapalasingham, 2,500 families from Valikaamam North wished to meet R. Wickremesinghe to demand the release of their traditional lands in Myliddy, Palali, reports Virakesari.

13.10.2022: **Kurunthormalai** - SL's Director of the Department of Archeology, Anura Manthanga, appeared before Mullaitivu Court in line with an earlier court order. The case has been further postponed to be heard on 27.10.2022, reports Virakesari.

13.10.2022: **Acquittal** - According to Virakesari, the Vavuniya Magistrate had acquitted the Administration of the Vedukkunari Adi Lingeswarar Temple and had ordered Occupational SL Police to produce the real culprits involved in the incident before the court swiftly.

13.10.2022: **ICC** - S. Gajendran mentioned that Finland's Foreign Affairs Minister should urge Finland to take necessary steps to refer SL to the ICC, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that he had mentioned this during a press conference at the Jaffna Press Club.

14.10.2022: **Militarisation** - "How is it fair to provide money to the relatives who had witnessed the surrender of their relatives to the SL Military without notifying them of the truth of what happened to them?" MP Sritharan raised this question and emphasised that there was no country such as SL which does not value human life at all, reports Virakesari.

14.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the 75th day of the 100-day action protest conducted by the North East Coordination Committee was held in Thambalakamam of Trincomalee to demand a dignified political solution for Tamils.

14.10.2022: **Trincomalee** - R. Wickremesinghe made an official visit to Trincomalee of the Tamil homeland to meet and hold discussions with media representatives of the Trincomalee district, reports Virakesari.

14.10.2022: **Land** - According to Virakesari, Nawalapitti's Plantation Tamil locals staged a protest condemning the

fact that hundred of acres of their land had been handed over.

15.10.2022: **Missing Persons** - Austin Fernando, former SL Defense Secretary, former SL Presidential Secretary and former High Commissioner of SL to India, appeared before SL's Presidential Commission led by Justice AHMD Nawaz to raise questions regarding accountability regarding enforced disappearances, reports Virakesari. Reports indicate that he had questioned as to whether any members of SL's triformes had been prosecuted thus far.

16.10.2022: **Missing persons** - According to Virakesari, Y. Kanakaranjani, the President of the Association of the Relatives of Missing Persons of the North and East mentioned during a press conference that they would not accept any of GoSL's internal mechanisms.

"13 years have passed since the end of the war, and no government in power has provided us a solution. Similarly, none of the commissions appointed in the past have approached the affected parties in a humane manner with a view to seek a solution."

16.10.2022: **Protest** - A protest was conducted in Hutton on 16.10.2022 condemning the plantation workers' deprivation of rights by any GoSL since they arrived in SL 200 years ago. According to Virakesari, they had cited that as a result they had lost their land, language and cultural rights.

17.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the relatives of forcibly disappeared persons from the Tamil

homeland conducted a mass protest in Colombo demanding justice and accountability.

17.10.2022: **Protest** - In Vavuniya, the Divisional Secretariat employees went on strike and protested against an attack on Samurdhi officials. The protest was held opposite the Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat gate from 11.30-12.30, reports Virakesari.

20.10.2022: **Bus strike** - According to Economy Next, private bus associations in SL have called a nationwide bus strike for 25.10.2022, to protest the seizure of 50 buses by leasing companies. They are calling on the government and leasing companies to grant them a moratorium until March 2023.

18.10.2022: **Commemoration** - According to the North East Students' Union, "we see politics in today's commemorations in the North East." According to Virakesari, the students' media spokesperson, Rasendran Darsan reiterate during a press conference that their students' union would oppose any pressures against the Tamil people and asserted that they would remain strong in this regard.

18.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was held in Kalmadunagar condemning the disturbance of a Samurdhi Official. The protest was staged opposite the Kilinochchi Kandavalai Divisional Secretary around 10.00 local time.

19.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was staged by the Vanni branch of the Social Democratic

Party of Tamil (SDPT), posing various demands.

- ◆ Assurance of plantation workers' salary, land and housing rights.
- ◆ Reduce prices of essential commodities.
- ◆ Authorise the power of provincial councils in a holistic manner.
- ◆ Hold provincial council elections immediately.
- ◆ Repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)

19.10.2022: **Protest** - The 80th Day of the 100-day protest action by the North East Coordination Committee was held at Mylampaaveli, Batticaloa demanding a dignified political solution for the Tamils of the Tamil homeland, reports Virakesari.

19.10.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, the 22nd memorial of assassinated Tamil journalist Mylvaganam Nimalarajan was held across the Tamil homeland.

- ◆ Mullaitivu Press Club
- ◆ Jaffna Press Club
- ◆ Association of the Relatives of Forcibly Disappeared Persons - North and East (Vavuniya)

19.10.2022: **Justice** - Tamil National People's Front (TNPf) MP Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam mentioned at SL Parliament that, "Justice should be provided to victims through international investigation. No such solution can be attained through an internal mechanism," reports Virakesari.

20.10.2022: **Rehabilitation** - According to Virakesari, SL Speaker, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardene announced to SL

Parliament that some of the contents of the newly-introduced *Rehabilitation Bureau Bill* are unconstitutional.

20.10.2022: **Racism** - According to Virakesari, MP Sritharan mentioned in SL Parliament that, "As long as racism and Buddhism exist, this country can never progress. How will the constitutional amendment benefit the plantation people and the people of the North and the East?"

21.10.2022: **Commemoration** - The 35th memorial of the Jaffna Hospital massacre by the IPKF was commemorated at Jaffna Hospital around 10.00 local time under the organisation of the hospital staff, reports Virakesari.

21.10.2022: **SL Constitution** - Sarath Weerasekera mentioned in SL Parliament that, "Other communities could only practise their religious beliefs and live freely if SL remained a Buddhist country. I will work with dedication to protect the unity of the country. The 13th Amendment, which reinforces segregation, should be completely repealed," reports Virakesari.

22.10.2022: **Protest** - The 83rd Day of the 100 day protest action by the North East Coordination Committee was held at Sri Narayanapuram Village in Muttur, Trincomalee demanding a dignified political solution for the Tamils of the Tamil homeland, reports Virakesari.

23.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the fishermen of Kakaidivu and Chavalkattu staged a protest

demanding an unhindered supply of kerosene.

24.10.2022: **Release** - According to Article 34 of SL's Constitution, SL's President granted amnesty to 08 Tamil political prisoners convicted by an SL Court, reports Virakesari.

24.10.2022: **Protest** - Relatives of forcibly disappeared persons mentioned that they do not have a Deepavali until they receive a solution for their children. According to Virakesari, the Association of the Relatives of Forcibly Disappeared Persons - North and East conducted a protest near Vavuniya's main post office demanding justice.

24.10.2022: **Attack** - A sword attack was conducted on a Velanai Pradesiya Sabha member who had spoken out against illegal liquor and drug use in Velanai, Jaffna, reports Virakesari. The wounded individual was admitted to Jaffna General Hospital for further treatment.

25.10.2022: **Protest** - The North East Coordination Committee conducted an awareness protest in Maanthai, Mannar to mark the 86th day of action as a part of their 100-day action demanding honourable political rights for Eelam Tamils, reports Virakesari.

26.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, an awareness rally was held in Tellipalai, Jaffna to emphasise various demands in light of National Reading Month. In particular, the students emphasised the need to abolish drug use which should be replaced by good reading habits.

26.10.2022: **OMP** - The head of the Office of Missing Persons (OMP), Mahesh Katulanda has rejected reports that Tamils were massacred at Mullivaikal, and stated that the SL Army had rescued 60,000 civilians during the final stages, reports Virakesari.

27.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a demonstration was held in Colombo demanding that the safety of Wasantha Mudalige and Siridamma Thera were maintained. The two are amongst many who were arrested and detained for engaging in anti-GoSL "Aragalaya" protests under SL's Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA).

28.10.2022: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, the 32nd commemoration of SL's National Day of Remembrance of the Disappeared was held on 27.10.2022 by the Enforced Disappearances' Family Union opposite the Office of Missing Persons (OMP) and the Office of Reparations in Colombo. Further reports indicate that later a commemoration event was also organised near a monument established in memory of missing persons in Situva, Ratolukama. The protests put forth the following demands:

- ◆ Reveal the truth
- ◆ Ensure justice
- ◆ Prevent recurrence of enforced disappearances

28.10.2022: **Genocide Denial** - MP Sivagnanam Sritharan mentioned that a statement by the head of the Office of Missing Persons (OMP), Mahesh Katulanda claiming that genocide did not occur at Mullivaikal and there were no missing persons or surrendered

individuals was ignorant, reports Virakesari.

28.10.2022: **Resolution** - A resolution condemning the encroachment of Thirukoneswaram was passed during a session of the Valikaamam West Pradesiya Sabha, reports Virakesari.

30.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, a protest was organised by the Association of the Relatives of Forcibly Disappeared Persons staged a protest opposite the Old Vavuniya Bus Stop on 30.10.2022. They raised questions such as “how will we gain justice in a country that is ruled by a murderer?” and demanded justice.

30.10.2022: **Self-determination** - According to Virakesari, R. Sampanthan mentioned that, “The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) is prepared to provide its complete support, if the government makes efforts to create a new constitution to ensure internal self-determination through sharing sovereignty with the people.”

30.10.2022: **Political Prisoners** - The National Organisation for the Release of Political Prisoners' Coordinator, Reverend M. Sakthivel mentioned that the process of information-gathering from ex-cadres would traumatise them in feeling as though they are in an open air prison, reports Virakesari.

30.10.2022: **Commemoration** - Clearance work has commenced at Mullaithivu's Visuvamadu Theravil Maaveerar Thuyilum Ilam in light of Maaveerar (Martyrs') month commemorations in November, reports Virakesari.

30.10.2022: **Headquarters** - Many Tamil politicians participated in the opening ceremony of the Tamil Progressive Alliance Headquarters, “Thaayakam” at Hutton, Dikoya, Enfield, Ottari, reports Virakesari.

- ◆ Jeevan Thondamann - SL Workers' Congress (SLWC) General Secretary
- ◆ Sakthivel - SLWC National Coordinator
- ◆ Barath Arulsamy - SLWC Vice President
- ◆ Sajith Premadasa
- ◆ India's Ambassador to SL
- ◆ Mano Ganesan

30.10.2022: **Protest** - The North East Coordination Committee conducted an awareness protest in Bharathipuram, Trincomalee to mark the 91st day of action as a part of their 100-day action demanding honourable political rights for Eelam Tamils, reports Virakesari.

31.10.2022: **Protest** - The North East Coordination Committee conducted an awareness protest in Kilinochchi as a part of their 100-day action demanding honourable political rights for Eelam Tamils, reports Virakesari.

31.10.2022: **Protest** - According to Virakesari, the Jaffna University Students' Union mentioned that they have organised a protest to condemn land acquisition in Valikaamam North. The protest is scheduled to occur on 02.11.2022 from 10.00 local time demanding the release of appropriated lands in the North.

31.10.2022: **Protest** - The relatives of forcibly disappeared persons who were protesting before the Jaffna District

Secretariat in the rain, entered the secretariat and continued their protest from within the premises. The protest demanded a solution for those who returned from India. Further reports indicate that it was also in condemnation of the visit of SL's Minister of Justice, Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa to Jaffna, reports Virakesari.

31.10.2022: **Political Prisoners** - According to SL Justice Minister, Wijeyadasa Rajapaksa, the efforts of C.V. Wigneswaran and Jeevan Thiagarajah were accelerating the release of detained Tamil political prisoners, reports Virakesari.

Signs of Structural Genocide

12.10.2022: **Solar plant** - According to Economy Next, Windforce Plc, a listed company from SL, announced that it has received a 33.33% stake in the Solar Universe plant in Vavunathivu. It consists of plots provided to local farmers who can take care of the crops they grow and then sell their harvest.

17.10.2022: **Land** - Kanagar village locals of Amparai district have settled in their native lands after about 32 years, reports Virakesari. The locals who were displaced in the 1990s and faced various obstacles to resettlement are now bravely volunteering to clear their lands themselves to reclaim their native lands. It is notable that this action has occurred on the occasion of International Food Day.

19.10.2022: **Military** - According to Charles Nirmalanathan, SL MP mentioned in SL Parliament that "The drug trade cannot occur without the support of SL's security forces," reports Virakesari.

21.10.2022: **Water** - According to Virakesari, Mahalingam Dayanandan, the Vice President of the Mantai East Region Council, mentioned that it is known that the funds allocated for the distribution of drinking water to Karumpullian in Mullaitivu had been diverted to the Southern region by SL's higher officials.

23.10.2022: **Militarisation** - A team led by the Director of the Mannar Socio-Economic Development Company, Jadson Bigrado met families who have been living in refugee camps such as Lawan, Balavi for over 30 years in the Polikandi on 22.10.2022 and discussed their grievances, reports Virakesari. It was noted that the locals had mentioned that most of their lands were now in possession of SL's military and thus they could not resettle.

27.10.2022: **Kurunthormalai** - The President of the Federation of Organisations for the Protection of National Heritage, Medagoda Abedissa Thera mentioned, "it is not acceptable to refer to Kurunthormalai as a Hindu

Temple. Everyone must agree that Kurunthumalai is a Buddhist Viharai." According to Virakesari, the Thero mentioned this during a press

conference where he reiterated that symbols of the Buddhist charter would never be permitted to be destroyed.

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