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Akkinip Paravaikal

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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

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02.04.2023: **IndoJapan** - According to Newswire LK, India and Japan have jointly agreed to cooperate with SL to boost regional connectivity in the strategic Indo-Pacific. In a media report released on 31.03.2023, the cooperation is in response to China's military manoeuvres in the resource-rich region.

03.04.2023: **AI** - According to Economy Next, Deprose Muchena, senior director for regional human rights impact at Amnesty International, has mentioned that many actors, including some in the international community, have chosen to turn a blind eye to the pressing human rights issues in SL. They also maintain their demand that all anti-terror provisions must be compatible with international human rights law.

03.04.2023: **EU** - According to Economy Next, the European Union (EU) has expressed concerns about SL's new anti-terrorism draft due to the evidence of some difficulties regarding the definition of terrorism or the power of detention to declare

some organisations as terrorists.

08.04.2023: **China** - China plans to set up an internal radar base in SL, led by the Aerospace Information Research Institute, which is likely to threaten India's strategic assets, in order to monitor Indian military operations.

11.04.2023: **Anti-Terror Law** - According to Economy Next, the ruling SL Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), R. Wickremesinghe has asked to appoint an expert committee to review SL's proposed Anti-Terror Law. If the law allows any act to be interpreted as an act of terrorism, it would not be suitable for a democratic society.

12.04.2023: **Hamilton Reserve Bank** - According to Economy Next, a US court will hear a lawsuit on 20.04.2023 filed by a holdout investor, Hamilton Reserve Bank, seeking payment for SL's defaulted bonds. The plaintiff, Hamilton Reserve Bank, had filed the suit on 21.02.2022, initially seeking damages for alleged non-payment of bonds and injunctive relief for alleged violation of a *pari passu* clause in the

relevant bond indenture.

14.04.2023: **Restructuring** - According to Economy Next, SL has begun negotiations to restructure its debt after reaching an agreement with creditors to discuss restructuring. Japan and France, both Paris Club countries, and India, a non-Paris Club country, have been working closely on a coordinated debt restructuring for SL, according to the IMF.

26.04.2023: **Singapore** - According to the Tamil Guardian, Singapore hanged Tanagaraju Suppiah over drug smuggling charges despite global pleas for clemency. The 46-year-old was convicted and sentenced to death in October 2018 for abetting by conspiracy to traffic Cannabis from Malaysia to Singapore.

26.04.2023: **China** - According to the Tamil Guardian, SL's President has announced that GoSL will hold separate discussions with China and the Paris Club, including India, as part of an agreement with the IMF to manage the country's debts.

30.04.2023: **US** - According to Sunday LK, the US has blacklisted SL's ex-Navy Commander and Admiral of Fleet

Wasantha Kumara Jayadeva Karannagoda, reports Lanka Files. SL's Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejected the designation.

Bilateral

08.04.2023: **USA** - According to Economy Next, US-based PROS Incorporated has been awarded a contract to supply yield optimisation software for SL's national airline. SL's Cabinet of Ministers had approved the contract award after requesting international tenders.

09.04.2023: **China** - According to Economy Next, SL has signed an agreement with the China International Development Cooperation Agency to obtain a data forensics laboratory as part of its foreign aid. In addition, the Chinese government's proposals for assisting SL in capacity building, supporting fishermen, upgrading railroads, etc were put forward by the SL side and received positively by the CIDCA delegation.

10.04.2023: **Canada** - According to Newswire LK, a meeting was held between the new Canadian High Commissioner to SL and the Maldives, Mr Eric Walsh, and SL's National People's Power leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake at the JVP head office to discuss SL's economic crisis.

13.04.2023: **Container Terminals** - According to Economy Next, U.S. Department of Transportation officials met with Sri Lanka Ports Authority Chairman Keith Bernard to discuss the expansion of the Port of Colombo with

two new container terminals. Bernard discussed the development of logistics facilities at the Port of Colombo and the need for more training for SLPA staff in this area.

17.04.2023: **UK** - According to Economy Next, Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry Secretary Aruni Wijewardane will meet with British officials on 04/18/2023 for a strategic dialogue with the United Kingdom. The meeting aims to provide a platform for the two countries to discuss various issues related to their bilateral relations.

18.04.2023: **Maldives** - According to Virakesari, SL's Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a Maldivian Cultural Centre in SL.

20.04.2023: **UNICEF** - According to Economy Next, SL's Ministry of Women's and Children's Affairs is seeking new sponsors for its midday meal program in schools as UNICEF funding is set to expire in May 2023. An estimated 6.3 million people in Sri Lanka are facing moderate to severe acute food insecurity and their situation is expected to worsen if adequate life-saving assistance and livelihood support is not provided.

20.04.2023: **China** - According to Economy Next, 15 young members of

SL's ruling coalition of invitation of the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP) left for a fact-finding trip to China. India and the U.S. have expressed concern about China's growing influence in SL and raised questions about Beijing's possible intention to establish a military base in the island nation, where Beijing owns a port in the deep south district of Hambantota and a port city in a reclaimed area adjacent to the main port in Colombo.

22.04.2023: **China** - According to Economy Next, China Merchants Port Holdings said it is teaming up with SL company Access Engineering and the Port of Colombo to build a USD 392 million logistics centre as a build-operate-transfer project. The project will run for 50 years, with CM Port holding 70 % and Access Engineering and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) each holding 15 %.

24.04.2023: **US** - According to US Ambassador Julie Cheung, she is on a visit to the North Central Province to allegedly explore SL's ancient history and to oversee how US assistance has benefitted the region.

24.04.2023: **China** - According to Economy Next, China - one of SL's biggest bilateral lenders has sought to demonstrate its close cooperation with the island nation after its state-owned China Merchants Group (CMG) signed the first major investment deal since the Indian Ocean country went bankrupt. The Hong Kong-listed company on 23.04.2023 signed a USD 392 million agreement with the state-run SL Ports Authority for the joint construction of the South Asia Commercial and Logistics Hub.

25.04.2023: **World Bank**- According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet has

approved borrowing USD 150 million from the World Bank to strengthen the financial sector and boost a deposit insurance fund. The World Bank is supporting a number of reforms under an IMF plan to stabilise SL, including the financial sector.

25.04.2023: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, Japan has granted SL USD 3.8 million through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support smallholder families in the drylands of the crisis-hit SL. The program aims to diversify livelihoods and introduce entrepreneurship programs targeting women-led MSMEs, and strengthen energy and food security through rural agribusiness by providing access to innovative markets and improving the value and supply chain through the adoption of modern green agricultural technologies.

26.04.2023: **China** - According to Economy Next, SL will sign fuel retail contracts with China's state-owned oil company Sinopec in mid-May, to take effect 45 days later. Sinopec is one of several foreign companies to which SL plans to lease 150 of its fuel stations.

26.04.2023: **Sudan** - According to Economy Next, SL has evacuated 13 nationals from Sudan with the help of Saudi Arabia. 12 other SL are in Port Sudan awaiting evacuation.

27.04.2023: **USA** - According to Economy Next, the US Ambassador to SL, Julie Chung, is disappointed with a SL MP's book because it is about an alleged US-backed regime change conspiracy. After all, for 75 years, the US and SL have worked together for democracy, sovereignty, and prosperity- a partnership and a future they continue to build together.

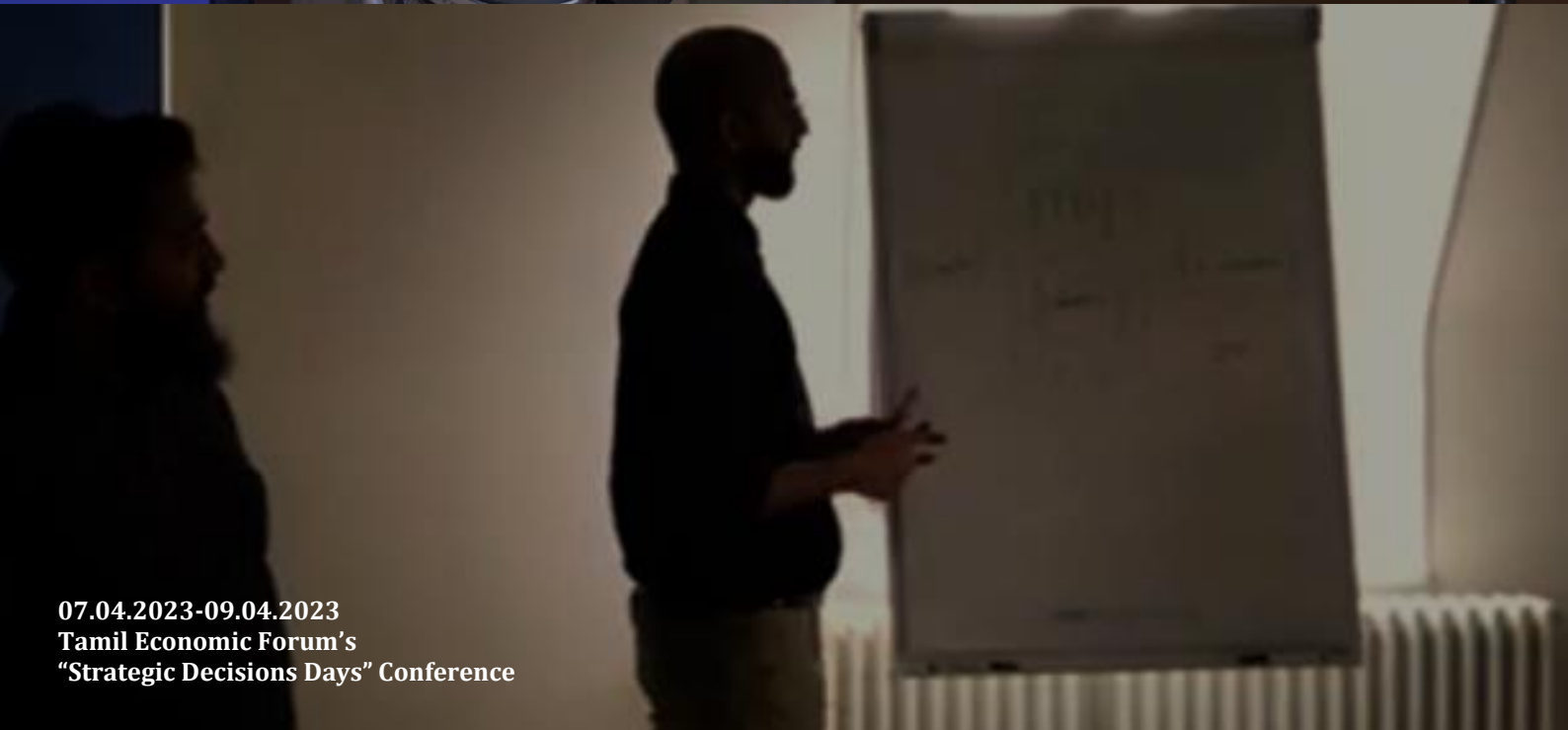


05.04.2023
Filming of internal schooling, CH



PHOENIX snapshot

07.04.2023
AMAF Good Friday Radiothon – Sydney, AU



07.04.2023-09.04.2023
Tamil Economic Forum's
"Strategic Decisions Days" Conference

Military News

10.04.2023: **SLINEX-23**

- According to SL's MoD's website, the SL-Indian Naval Exercise (SLINEX) has successfully concluded. This exercise was conducted between 03.04.2023-08.04.2023. This exercise features exercises like Gunnery exercises such as:

- ◆ Search and Rescue Exercises

- ◆ screen exercises
- ◆ replenishment exercises
- ◆ fueling approaches
- ◆ other exercises.

12.04.2023: **KKS** -

According to SL's MoD's website SL's navy is participating in the expansion of the KKS harbour for the Ferry service between KKS and Pondicherry.

Currently 60 personnel of SL's Navy are expanding a passenger terminal.

18.04.2023: **US** -

According to the US Embassy in Colombo, the US Armed Forces completed the SLAF Jungle Survival Course in Ampara with 02 SL Female Aviators.

Tamil Eelam

Domestic

09.04.2023: **Sand theft** -

Illegal sand mining and theft continues in the Vadamarachchi area. Sand has been stolen due to their mineral properties which can be processed and utilised however illegal theft of such theft leads to adverse effects on the land including severe erosion and even affect the quality of drinking water.

07.04.2023: **Fishing** -

Fishermen in Kilinochi are having difficulty running their business due to lack of landing stages in the area leading to damage of their boats. This has led

to more than 50 people leaving their jobs.

07.04.2023: **Narcotics** -

As drug usage continues to run rampant in the Tamils, 03 Indian nationals have been arrested in Talaimannar, trying to smuggle in 92kg of 'hasish'

11.04.2023: **EPDP** -

According to Kalaikathir EPDP has opened up an office in Batticaloa.

11.04.2023:

Trincomalee - According to Eelanadu India is going to set up pipelines connecting the Trincomalee oil tanks with the harbour.

23.04.2023: **North Port**

- According to Economy Next, SL's expansion of Colombo's North Port will be driven primarily by demand from India, but also from Pakistan and Iran as these countries become stable growth areas. SL is also discussing with India the development of the Trincomalee port, he said.

24.04.2023:

Trincomalee -

According to Economy Next, the port of Trincomalee has started night operations with equipment provided by the Japanese government.

as part of a project that was completed on 17.04.2023.

24.04.2023: **Eid** – According to the Tamil Guardian, Muslims in Vavuniya and Mannar celebrated Eid al-Fitr with several mosques holding special services.

25.04.2023: **Hartal** - According to the Tamil Guardian, a joint statement by British Tamil Conservatives, Tamil Friends of Liberal Democrats and Tamils for Labour expressed solidarity with the Tamil Homeland as it carried out a hartal to protest

the Anti-Terrorism Act and Sinhalicisation of the Tamil homeland.

25.04.2023: **Hartal** - According to Eelanadu, across the Tamil homeland hartal was conducted against the new Anti-Terror Law in SL.



Caricature

Meeting with LOTTA - CH
19.04.2023



PHOENIX snapshot

23.04.2023
HFT Kick off Meeting, INT



26.04.2023
Western Sydney Armenian Genocide
Commemoration, AU



Armenian Holy Trinity Church
The construction of this Church took place in 2013
by the generous donations of the Church benefactors
St. John Badalyan

Sri Lanka

01.04.2023: **Water supply** - According to Economy Next, SL's state-owned water utility National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) has cut water supply to 87,000 consumers who failed to pay their monthly bills following a tariff increase in 2022. The NWSDB made a loss of LKR 3.1 billion in 2021, and losses continued in 2022 due to lower revenues and higher wages for employees.

01.04.2023: **JAAF** - According to Economy Next, SL's Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF) has condemned the attack by a group on a foreign manager of a factory and called for swift action. A security guard and the Omani national were injured, he said.

02.04.2023: **ATA** - The SL government plans to discuss a new Anti Terrorism Bill in April, 2023 within SL Parliament. This however is being criticised for its draconian rules which will perpetuate further violations compared to the existing PTA. The international

commission of jurists have expressed their deep concern for the number of human rights violations this would break.

04.04.2023: **Energy** - According to Economy Next, the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) Chairman Janaka Ratnayake has promised to withdraw a complaint against the recent tariff hike if the state-run Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) grants immediate tariff relief that passes on the benefits of LKR appreciation and fuel price reduction to the public. The CEB should withdraw 50 % of the 65 % tariff increase implemented in mid-February this year.

06.04.2023: **Anti-Corruption Law** - According to Economy Next, SL has passed a new anti-corruption law after the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a USD 2.9 billion loan. Some of the objectives of the proposed text are:

- ◆ to prevent and eradicate bribery and corruption
- ◆ to meet the just requirements of the

general welfare of a democratic society

- ◆ improve transparency in governance
- ◆ strengthen integrity of governance and increase accountability
- ◆ improve public confidence in government
- ◆ strengthen public participation to eradicate corruption

11.04.2023: **Local Elections** - According to Economy Next, local elections in SL, which were scheduled to take place on 25.04.2023, have been postponed again. A new date will be set depending on a pending court ruling or availability of funds.

18.04.2023: **Trincomalee harbour** - A tar like substance has washed up on the coasts of Trincomalee likely from tankers anchored by the harbour. However, the chief officer of environmental research, states that investigations are still ongoing regarding the source

18.04.2023: **Anti-Terrorism Law** - According to Economy

Next, SL's proposed anti-terrorism law has changed little from the draft law presented in 2018 under the previous government after lengthy discussions with international organisations and partners. Both local and international critics and rights activists have said the latest law is vague and could be used against government opponents, media and dissenters.

19.04.2023: **CEB** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved a roadmap and timetable for the restructuring of the CEB. The final draft of the new Electricity Law will be submitted to SL Parliament for approval by the end of May 2023.

19.04.2023: **Muslims** - According to Economy Next, Muslims in SL's central city of Akurana started checking worshippers coming to mosques after senior police officials informed them to increase security. Because there was unconfirmed information about a possible attack on Islamic religious sites during prayers in the holy month of Ramzan.

20.04.2023: **Ship disaster** - According to Economy Next, SL authorities are considering filing a compensation lawsuit over the X-Press Pearl ship disaster in a Singapore court. The MV X-Press Pearl, operated by Singapore-based X-Press Feeders, caught fire and sank with a cargo of chemicals off Colombo in May 2021.

20.04.2023: **CGTN** - According to Eelanadu, the Chinese TV channel CGTN has commenced its broadcasting service in SL. It is noteworthy that it is free of charge.

21.04.2023: **Ferry service** - According to Economy Next, SL expects to expand tourism and trade ties by starting a ferry service between the 02 countries from 29.04.2023. It is cheaper than air travel and offers a higher baggage allowance.

21.04.2023: **LBGTQ** - According to Economy Next, SL's plans to decriminalise LBGTQ should not weaken child abuse laws. Section 365 states that "anyone who voluntarily has sexual intercourse with a man, woman or child against the natural order" is guilty of an offence.

21.04.2023: **Easter Attacks** - 04 years after the Easter Sunday bombings respects are paid towards the victims. Protests were held in Colombo demanding answers for these attacks and those responsible to be held accountable.

23.04.2023: **GGG** - According to Lanka Files, SL's Attorney General has directed SL's IGP to name SDIG Deshabandhu Tennakoon, Johnston Fernando MP, Sanath Nishantha MP and 28 others as suspects and produce them in court over the 09.05.2022 attack on protesters at the Galle Face Green.

23.04.2023: **Development plan** - At the '30 Year Development Plan of the Colombo - Northern Port' launch ceremony, R. Wickremesinghe talks about his intention to make SL the best aviation and maritime hub of the Indian ocean region.

24.04.2023: **Veddah** - According to Economy Next, SL's Veddah community, an indigenous minority that has never enjoyed political representation, has spoken out on the ongoing standoff

between the government and labour unions over an International Monetary Fund (IMF)-backed tax hike. The indigenous leader was referring to an ongoing strike campaign by the Federation of University Teachers' Associations (FUTA), which is boycotting the evaluation of last year's GCE Advanced Level candidates as part of a union drive against a drastic progressive tax increase backed by the IMF.

26.04.2023: **ITN** - According to Economy Next, the chairman of SL's state-run Independent Television Network (ITN) will seek advice from the attorney general and the director of the SL Law College on sexual harassment allegations. Ishara Dewendra, a senior ITN news anchor, had resigned last week after allegedly being sexually harassed at work.

26.04.2023: **Law** - According to Economy Next, SL will enact a Public Finance Act and a Revenue Authority Act, as well as other new

laws, to implement aspects of SL's agreement with the IMF. Among other things, Section 157 dealing with international treaties and agreements could be enacted.

28.04.2023: **Human Rights** - According to Economy Next, SL has rejected the US decision to sanction the island nation's former naval chief, Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda. Russia has also commented on the controversy, denouncing alleged Western hypocrisy.

28.04.2023: **India** - According to Economy Next, Standard Chartered Bank in SL has announced that it has made its first remittance in Indian Rupees on behalf of the company to Mumbai after the currency was approved for official transactions. The transaction was executed through the SWIFT mechanism involving the correspondent bank account in Mumbai, with the proceeds posted to the beneficiary's account at a third-party

bank in India within 24 hours.



ECONOMIC PROFILE – April 2023

Economic growth estimate
by ADB

Year 2023	about 3%
Year 2024	about 1.4%

FOREX Reserves

Year 2023	net loss of LKR 374 billion
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Gross official reserves

March 2023	↑ by USD 472 million to USD 2691 million
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GDP budget deficit

Year 2023	about 10.2%
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Credit

Private Credit
Credit to state enterprises

February 2023	↓ by LKR 57.6 billion
	↓ by LKR 35.4 billion

Inflation

From April 2022 to April 2023	↓ to 35.3% from 50.3%
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Trade

Exports
Imports

March 2023	↑ to USD 1,605 million
	↑ to USD 1,405 million

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AP Economic Analyst
& Coordinator

02.04.2023: **SME** - According to Economy Next, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are facing more problems because of 07 % loans taken out at a time when the authorities kept interest rates low than because of recent tax hikes. Now they can't manage the debt they have.

03.04.2023: **GDP** - According to Economy Next, SL expects discussions on GDP-linked bonds and the possibility that future economic growth will be higher than projected in the IMF's debt sustainability analysis. As part of the negotiations, it said it will discuss "what happens if the country performs better than expected."

05.04.2023: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, SL's budget support loan from the IMF can be used either for debt repayment or LKR spending. This time the borrower is GoSL. However, it must be serviced by SL's Central Bank.

06.04.2023: **Airport** - According to Economy Next, SL has awarded a franchise to Flemingo Duty Free (Pvt) Ltd to

operate a restaurant and branded apparel and accessories stall at Bandaranaike International Airport in Katunayake. SL's Cabinet of Ministers had approved the award for 03 years at a cost of USD 2,502,624.

09.04.2023: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, the IMF has put SL's USD 03 billion loan agreement on YouTube to explain the goals of the program. The video used images and narratives from SL to remind people of the grim situation facing SL, including power outages, food and medicine shortages, and long queues for fuel.

17.04.2023: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has presented the IMF/EFF program to SL's Parliament. This will be debated during the week beginning on 25.04.2023, when all political parties must decide whether to support SL.

21.04.2023: **COPE** - According to Economy Next, Sri Lankan Airlines, SL's Land Reforms Commission and the Higher Education Admissions Commission have been

summoned to appear before the Committee on Public Affairs (COP) in the next week of SL's Parliament to review progress in implementing the Committee's recommendations. SL's Land Reform Commission has also been summoned to appear before the COP Committee on 26.04.2023, where it will review progress in implementing recommendations from the committee's 21.10.2022 meeting.

24.04.2023: **Fitch** - According to Economy Next, Fitch Ratings has downgraded the Co-operative Insurance Company Plc to BB (lka) from BBB (lka) and placed the company on Rating Watch Negative following recent regulatory actions. The several-notch downgrade reflects CICPLC's corporate governance rating as "least favourable" following recent restrictions imposed by the regulator on the insurer's operations.

25.04.2023: **ADB** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has authorised the Minister of Finance to negotiate a USD 350 million loan from the

Asian Development Bank. The ADB loan is linked to a USD 3.0 billion IMF program. According to the IMF program, ADB is expected to provide at least USD 650 million in budget support in 2023.

26.04.2023: **Standard and Poor's** - According to Economy Next, rating agency Standard and Poor's has affirmed the selective default (SD) rating on foreign currency debt and stated that the outlook for CCC- rated LKR debt will remain negative. The negative outlook on

the long-term local currency rating reflects a high risk to commercial debt repayment over the next 06 months amid economic, external and fiscal pressures in SL.

27.04.2023: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, SL ran a primary fiscal surplus (deficit before interest payments) in the first quarter of 2023. SL's IMF program projected an indicative primary deficit (IT) of LKR 56 billion for March 2023. However, SL's Finance Ministry had achieved a

surplus of LKR 48 billion, exceeding the indicative target.

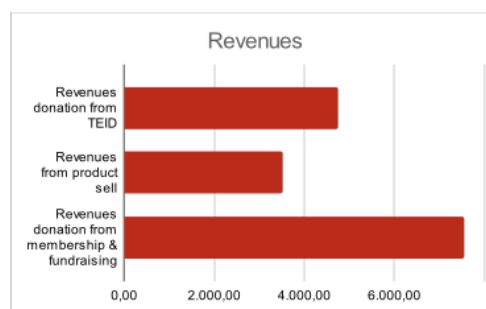
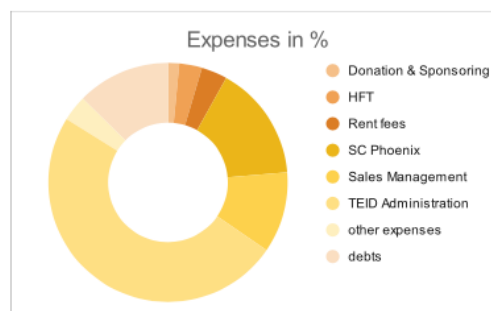
28.04.2023: **Growth** - According to Economy Next, SL's Central Bank forecasts higher economic growth over the next 05 years with output recovering to 5.0 % by 2027, compared with 3.1 % by IMF. SL's growth slowed mainly after the end of the 30-year war due to aggressive monetary policy and the collapse of the currency under the "flexible inflation target and output gap target."

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

		31.12.2022
Assets	Cash	697,30
	Bank	-745,77
	Investments	2395,69
	Creditcard	-663,85
	TEID Budget	283,00
		1.966,37
Liabilities and Equity	Capital	1.987,21
	Annual profit	-20,84
		1.966,37

Income Statement for the Period 1 Januaryv to 31 December 2021

		2022
Expenses	Donation & Sponsoring	240,00
	HFT	487,67
	Rent fees	555,00
	SC Phoenix	2.464,00
	Sales Management	1.732,61
	TEID Administration	7.808,25
	other expenses	554,04
	debts	2.000,00
		15.841,57
Revenue	Revenues donation from TEID	4.741,00
	Revenues from product sell	3.519,73
	Revenues donation from membership & fundraising	7.560,00
		15.820,73
Profit		-20,84



III

Tamils Arrested

03 Tamils have been arrested by occupational Nedunkerni Police based on the allegations of destructing archaeological ruins at Vedukkunaarimalai, reports Kumanan. Further reports from Lanka Files, indicate that the 03 individuals had prepared the site to re-install the vandalised Sivalingam there on 02.04.2023.

- I Pusparasa Yuvaraj (24)
- II Yogeswaran Viswaruban (17)
- III Sivalingam Mathialakan (46)

01.04.2023: **Complaint** - Tamil journalist, P. Sasikaran who had been threatened by Pillaiyaan (Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan) during a Batticaloa District Coordinating Committee Meeting on 30.03.2023, filed a complaint regarding the incident with occupational Batticaloa Police, reports JDS Lanka.

06.04.2023: **Clash** - According to Tamil journalist Kumanan, a clash ensued when tensions arose between Sinhalese and Tamil fishers in the Thirukadaloor area of Trincomalee. Later reports indicate that occupational STF, Navy and Police were deployed to the site.

07.04.2023: **Protest** - Many Christian fathers staged a protest demanding the recognition of the Upcountry or Malayagam Tamils as a distinct nation who have been working for over 200 years, reports Lanka Files.

07.04.2023: **PTA** - According to Lanka Files, Ambika Satkunanathan mentioned during a

media conference that, “the [SL] government’s new Anti Terrorism Bill has been developed in contradiction to the UN’s human rights legislations and without consultation with neither civil society representatives nor the general public.”

08.04.2023: **LTTE** - According to Ceylon LK, SL Police fear the disclosure of information regarding LTTE cadres who had died nearly 15 years ago as it could lead to a militant resurgence in SL, reports Lanka Files.

10.04.2023: **Protest** - According to Lanka Files, protestors staged a protest at Fort Railway Station to mark a year from the Galle Face Aragalaya Protest. They demanded the abolition of the Anti Terrorism Bill and the end of the oppression of workers’ union.

11.04.2023: **Accident** - A load bearer on the A9 main road in Chavakachcheri at Block 190 in Nuna, marked and maintained as a heritage monument by SL’s Department of Archaeology has been destroyed when a fuel

bowser collided with it, reports Lanka Files.

12.04.2023: **Commemoration** - According to JDS Lanka, former BBC Tamil and Virakesari journalist Ponniah Manikavasagam was declared deceased and commemorated by journalists and Vavuniya locals, reports Lanka Files.

13.04.2023: **Commemoration** - According to Eelanadu students from Jaffna university have commemorated the 35th memorial of Annai Poopathi.

16.04.2023: **Commemoration** - Father of forcibly disappeared Thiruva, Ganapathipillai Kandiah passed away after protesting for the past 14 years demanding the whereabouts of his daughter. Mullaitivu locals commemorated him, reports Lanka Files.

17.04.2023: **Protest** - A symbolic hunger strike protest was commenced in Nallur by Catholic and Saiva priests urging GoSL to end intestine state activities threatening the livelihood of Tamils in

the occupied Tamil homeland. They had put forth 5 demands including against Sinhalicisation and Buddhicisation, reports Lanka Files.

17.04.2023: **Commemoration** - A commemorative parade in memory of Annai Poopathi launched from Lt. Col. Thileepan's monument in Jaffna reached Mallavi, reports Lanka Files.

18.04.2023: **Protest** - Fishermen protest before Vadduvakal Naval Base in condemnation of illegal fishing and calling for an end to it, reports Lanka Files.

19.04.2023: **Hunger strike** - According to Eelanadu, a symbolic hunger strike was conducted in Kilinochchi to mark the anniversary of Annai Poopathi. The hunger strikers demanded a stop of the structural genocide. It is noteworthy that other protests were marked across the Tamil homeland.

19.04.2023: **Commemoration** - According to Virakesari, Annai Poopathi's 35th Commemoration was conducted by the relatives of those who

disappeared in Vavuniya.

20.04.2023: **Protest** - A mass protest was held in Amparai in condemnation of the new ATA with the participation of over 300 women who bore banners with slogans in all 03 languages, reports Virakesari. Protests were also held in Mannar.

20.04.2023: **Teachers** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has issued a 01-week ultimatum to teachers protesting the GoSL's tax hike and delay in correcting high school graduation exams. A total of 331,709 candidates took the university matriculation exams between 23.01.2023-17.02.2023, but correction of the exam sheets has not yet begun because of protests by the Federation of University Teachers' Associations (FUTA) and some teachers' unions.

21.04.2023: **Catholics** - According to Economy Next, thousands of SL Catholics have formed human chains on the streets in the capital Colombo and neighboring districts. Suicide attacks by

Islamic militants on 03 key churches across SL and 03 upscale tourist hotels shocked SL, which experienced such attacks for the first time in more than a 10 after the end of a 26-year war in 2009.

22.04.2023: **Protest** - 07 Tamil parties jointly called for a general shutdown on 25.04.2023 across the Tamil homeland in condemnation of the Sinhala Buddhicisation and Militarisation of the Tamil homeland through the ATA, reports Virakesari.

24.04.2023: **Petition** - According to Lanka Files, Tamils added their signatures to a petition launched by the Tamil National Youth Council in Kilinochchi to call upon SL's parliamentarians to oppose SL's new draft of their Anti Terrorism Act (ATA).

24.04.2023: **Protest** - Neduntivu locals staged a rally in condemnation of the killing of 05 elderly individuals. According to Lanka Files, they protested against the lack of protection for the general public in SL despite a heavy occupational naval presence.

25.04.2023: **Hartal** - Mullaitivu district locals and businesses joined a hartal across the Tamil homeland against SL's Anti Terror Bill and against ongoing Sinhalicisation across the occupied Tamil homeland, reports Kumanan.

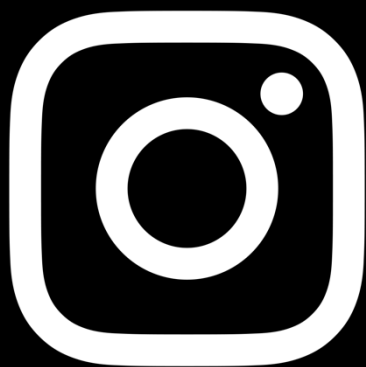
29.04.2023: **Protest** - The Kilinochchi Press Club organised a protest participated by journalist and civil society activists before the Kilinochchi Central Bus Stand against SL's proposed Anti Terror Bill, reports Kumanan.

30.04.2023: **Commemoration** - The 18th Commemoration of assassinated Tamil journalist Taraki D. Sivaram was conducted in Batticaloa, reports JDS Lanka. Further reports from Lanka Files indicate that a commemoration was also held by the Vavuniya Media Association and the Mullaitivu Press Club.

30.04.2023: **Protest** - According to JDS Lanka, Tamil relatives of the forcibly disappeared in the Mullaitivu district who have been engaged

in an ongoing protest from 08.03.2017 had staged a protest before the Mullaitivu district secretariat. The put forth demands such as "No to OMP, compensation, and Anti Terror Law."

01.05.2023: **Protest** - TNPf organised a Tamil National Labour Day rally in Mallavi, Mullaitivu, reports Tamil journalist Kumanan.



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NEW ACCOUNT

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SIGNS OF STRUCTURAL GENOCIDE

Any occurrence which reflects the implementation of Tamil genocidal ideology in a structural manner.

02.04.2023: **Threat** - According to video footage from Jera Thampi, Sinhala Buddhist monks attempting to forcibly construct a Buddhist statue in the locality, threatened local protestors in Pulmoaddai at gunpoint to, reports JDS Lanka. Further reports indicate that the link is a bodyguard of extremist monk and leader Panamure Thilakawanse Thero. It is notable that the locals had protested land grab attempts and Buddhicisation of Ponmailakuda with the assistance of the occupational SL military.

02.04.2023: **Buddhicisation** - Reports from Kumanan indicate that over 30 individuals had arrived at Vedukkunaarimalai to place the Buddha statue at the site. 15 SL army, CSD, Police Archaeological Department officers and Buddhist monks had arrived at the s

04.04.2023: **Sinhalese settlements** - According to Kalaikathir, allegations have been made that a Sinhalese settlement is going to be built in Karnaddukerni, Mullaitivu.

06.04.2023: **Land grab** - According to Eelanadu, people have protested an attempted land grab in Kowthaarimunai, Kilinochchi. SL's Survey department tried to seize 98 acres for a private company that intended to construct a prawn farm.

11.04.2023: **Buddha statue** - According to Eelanadu, occupational SL Police declared that a mentally unwell man was responsible for the placement of a Buddhist statue in Chettikulam, Vavuniya.

18.04.2023: **Cultural Genocide** - A case submitted to the Jaffna Magistrate's Court by occupational SL Police seeking approval for the removal of a Nagapoosani Amman statue placed in the Jaffna Farm area has been scheduled to be heard on 04.05.2023 with writ submissions due for that date, reports Virakesari.

23.04.2023: **Ramayana** - According to Economy Next, in a ceremony attended by Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardene and the Indian High Commissioner in Colombo, SL issued a commemorative stamp marking a site of the Ramayana epic in SL's central highlands. The stamp commemorates the Sita Amman Temple, said to be located at the site known in the Ramayana as Ashok Vatika, where Sita was held captive by King Ravana.

25.04.2023: **Vedukkunaari** - According to Kalaikathir, the Court of Vavuniya ruled that none can block the rituals at the Vedukkunaari temple.

25.04.2023: **Landgrab** - According to Kalaikathir SL's soldiers tried to grab land in Kilinochchi. The local protestors resisted land measurement actions at

the Santhiran park at the Pippo juncture.

27.04.2023: **Kurunthoormalai** - According to S. Thavaseelan, SL's Department of Archaeology denies that a Buddhist construction has erected a construction in defiance of court order. The case has been scheduled to be reheard on 04.07.2023 to reassess the situation.

28.04.2023: **Vedukkunaari** - According to Kumanan, traditional statues which had been destroyed at the Vedukkunaari Aathilingeswarar temple have been reinstated in line with a court order. According to Lanka Files, locals ascended the hill to replace their idols.





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Screening

Melbourne	Sydney	Sydney
Catalyst Centre 144-146 Sydney Road Coburg, Melbourne	Sydney Tamil Resource Centre Mays Hill, NSW	Democratic Kurdish Community Centre of NSW 02 Romford Road Kings Park
Time 06:00-08:00 pm	Time 06:00-08:00 pm	Time 06:00-08:00 pm
13.05.2023	14.05.2023	28.05.2023

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Meet & Discuss

Zentweg 27
3008 Bern

Screening
16:00-18:00

Meet & Discuss
18:00-20:00

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