

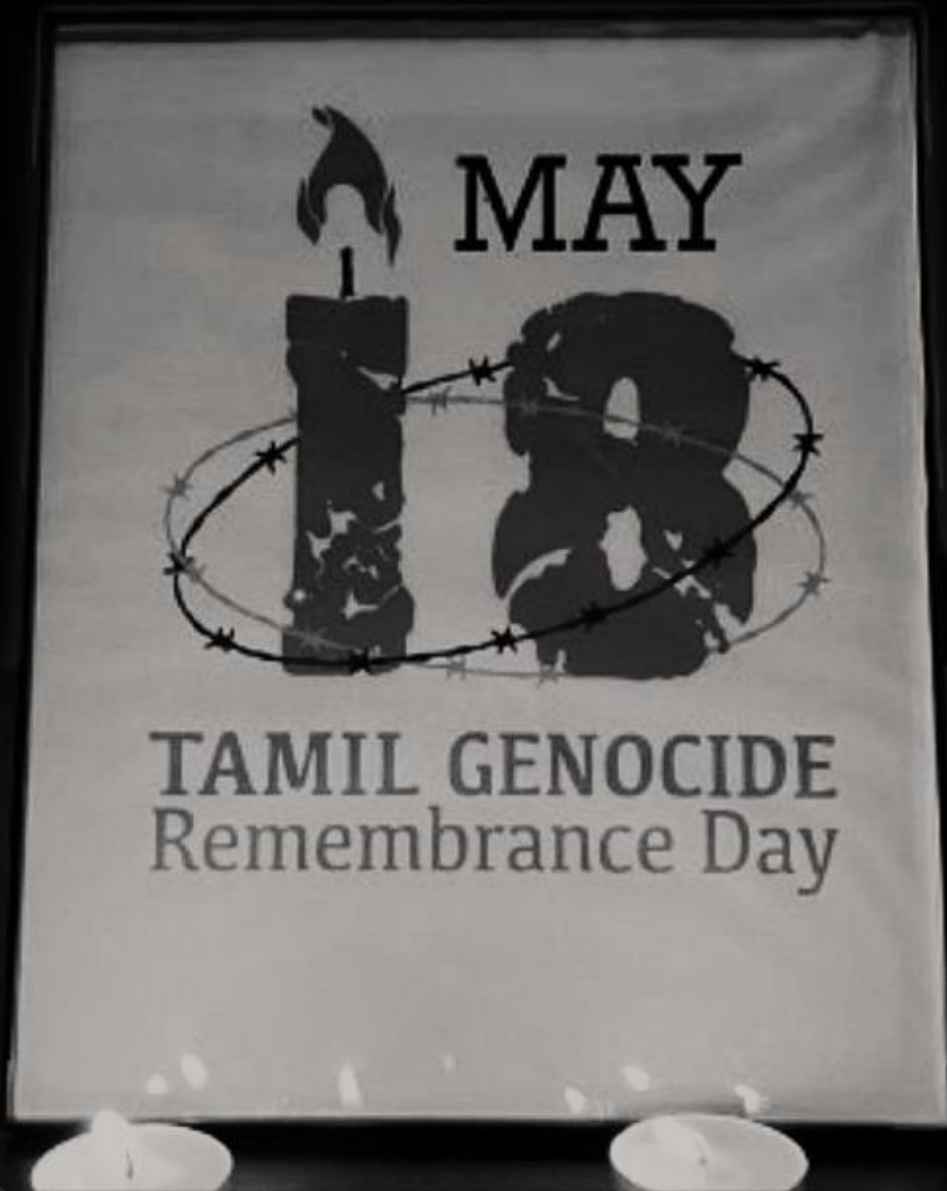
# PHOENIX

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“  
*For a life worth living and a death  
 worth chasing – Tamil Eelam.*  
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Phoenix TNG

## For Our People

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**Amuthan**

Young Phoenix Coordinator

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This year was the 14th commemoration of the peak of Tamil genocide. On this occasion, we conducted the #FOP campaign. FOP stands for "For Our People". The 18th of May 2009 is a historically significant day in the history of the Tamils - not only because thousands of people lost their lives, but also because from that day onwards, the Tamil resistance struggle entered its next phase. Namely, Eelam War V and the responsibility for the struggle had transferred to the next generation.

We as Phoenix TNG do not view 18 May 2009 as the end of the freedom struggle, as many others perceive it, but rather as a new beginning. A new beginning of a new generation. A generation that partly did not grow up with the liberation war as they were still too young, yet still wants to stand up for a free Tamil Eelam and its sovereignty. Moreover, as the 2nd generation of the Tamil Diaspora, we have many new opportunities and resources which we did not possess before. With these resources, new avenues are opening to us which were closed to us before. Many Tamils associate the 18th of May 2009 with a lot of sadness and suffering, but we associate this day with courage and determination to achieve something no matter what. Although various global superpowers and the GoSL amassed together against the LTTE in the final phase, Tamils fought to the end and did not give up - it is this determination that

we intend to build on. We want to take the basic principles and their way of thinking and combine them with new opportunities and resources to create the sovereign state of Tamil Eelam.

With the #FOP campaign, we primarily aimed to educate the next generation to involve them in our struggle for freedom. Secondly, we wished to set a symbolic example. To this end, we carried out various activities in many countries. In Switzerland, Germany, and Australia we organised a blood donation campaign to commemorate the blood which has been shed by our people and maaveerar. We requested people to send us a picture of their blood donation and we made a collage out of it. We also screened the documentary "No Fire Zone: SL's Killing Fields" in Switzerland, Germany, Australia, and America. Many Tamil youth participated in these events. It is notable that some of them were only 03 years old when the Mullivaikal massacre occurred. With such actions we aim to sensitise the next generation.

Additionally, a photo exhibition was held in Germany, a Meet & Discuss session in Switzerland and commemorative vigils were held in combination to the screenings in America and various states in Australia. In Switzerland, we invited the former cadre Manimozhi for the Meet & Discuss. She was in Tamil Eelam herself until 18 May 2009 and thus, we were able to receive very personal and



instructive impressions from her based on her experiences. It is notable that with our events in Switzerland and Australia we had engaged members of various subjugated communities. For example, our comrades from the leftist organisation Lotta attended and engaged with our Meet and Discuss in Switzerland. Further, in Australia we co-organised our screenings and vigils with the Kurdish Community in Sydney and grassroots community organisational spaces in Melbourne such as the Catalyst Centre.

Our aim is to educate the Tamil youth as well as other communities and thus interconnect us internationally through global resistance networks.



05.05.2023  
University of Texas Dallas, USA



13.05.2023  
Catalyst Centre Melbourne, AU



13.05.2023  
Aachen, DE



18.05.2023  
Phoenix Office, CH



28.05.2023  
Sydney Kurdish Community Centre, AU

# International News

04.05.2023: **FED** - According to Economy Next, the Federal Reserve raised federal funds rate by 25 % to 5.25 %. The Fed will continue to drain USD 95 billion per month of excess liquidity from the banking system by selling USD 60 billion in SL Treasury bonds and US 35 billion in mortgage securities.

08.05.2023: **USAID** - According to Economy Next, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) has provided its technical assistance in restructuring SL's power sector and developing a roadmap for reforming the state-owned Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB). SL's proposed power sector reforms, have been politically sensitive, with various groups, including parts of the opposition, accusing the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) of selling "national assets."

09.05.2023: **Pakistan** - Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan has been arrested during a court appearance in Islamabad by Pakistan's anti-corruption National Accountability Bureau, reports Lanka Files.

Khan had lost a vote of no-confidence in Pakistan's Parliament in early 2022.

10.05.2023: **Restructuring** - According to Economy Next, SL officials have agreed to coordinate on loan restructuring, with China participating as an observer. Officials from 26 countries and 19 creditors would have participated in a virtual meeting co-chaired by Japan, France and India.

20.05.2023: **Tamil Genocide** - According to Economy Next, SL's Foreign Ministry has sharply responded to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau over his remarks on the 14th memorial of Tamil Genocide. Trudeau mentioned that tens of thousands of Tamils lost their lives, including in the Mullivaikkal Massacre, and that many more were missing, injured or displaced. Further reports indicate that Sabry summoned a Canadian envoy to his ministry on 19.05.2023. Trudeau explained his reasons for the Canadian Parliament's motion to declare May 18 "Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day."

20.05.2023: **China** - According to Economy Next, China has acknowledged the Indian Navy's humanitarian assistance in rescuing fishermen from a Chinese fishing vessel that sank near Southern India. The Indian Navy said 17.05.2023 that it "deployed its air MR assets in a swift humanitarian operation" in the Southern Indian Ocean region, about 900 nautical miles from India.

20.05.2023: **G7** - According to Economy Next, leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) welcomed the start of the creditor meeting for SL under the 03 co-chairs of France, India and Japan. The group looks forward to a model that could serve as a template for solving the debt problems of middle-income countries (MICs).

23.05.2023: **Fuel stations** - According to Virakesari, SL and Sinopec have signed an agreement establishing that Sinopec is set to open up 150 fuel stations in SL within the next 20 years.

23.05.2023: **Protest** - According to Virakesari,

some Sinhalese have staged a protest opposite the Canadian embassy in SL. They condemned a statement made by the Canadian PM, Justin Trudeau, who used the word genocide to describe Tamil

genocide and Mullivaikkal.

24.05.2023 **Pakistan** - According to Lanka Files, Pakistani refugees staged a protest opposite the Refugees' Office in Colombo

demanding stable residency in any country with their basic needs such as work, housing and education addressed.

## Bilateral

02.05.2023: **India** - According to Economy Next, SL's leading mobile phone company Dialog Axiata has merged with India's Bharti Airtel Limited. Under the proposed transaction, Airtel would receive a stake in Dialog equal to the market value of Airtel Lanka. Airtel would accordingly receive new shares in Dialog upon completion of the transaction.

03.05.2023: **MoU** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Australia to simplify customs clearance. The MoU will be signed between Customs and the Australian Border Police.

05.05.2023: **ADB** - According to Economy Next, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has asked to reclassify SL so that it can receive cheaper funding. SL is a middle-income country that received only small amounts of the cheapest Asian Development Fund (ADF) funds and mainly received loans from ordinary capital resources (OCR) until its sovereign default in 2022 after severe monetary instability.

05.05.2023: **Russia** - According to SL's MoD's website, the Russian Victory Day

ceremony was held at the Cenotaph War memorial in Colombo. The Russian Ambassador to SL and SL's Defence Secretary K. Gunaratne was present at the ceremony. A special flame, commemorating the 'Unknown Soldier' of the Great War was carried to SL as well. It is noteworthy that this flame was carried to 11 friendly nations to Russia.

07.05.2023: **London** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe attended a Commonwealth meeting in London with King Charles II. Charles was crowned in London when some protesters called for "not my king" to "privatise" the monarchy.

09.05.2023: **Aircraft** - According to Economy Next, SL's cabinet has approved the award of a contract for the repair of engines of Srilankan Airlines' aircraft to Germany's Lufthansa Technik AG. 03 CFM Leap-1A engines will be repaired under the contract.

15.05.2023: **France** - According to Economy Next, SL's military is considering reclaiming, in accordance with a signed guarantee, the costs of 07 military personnel who did not return to the island after the World Military Triathlon Championships in France



ended last week. SL had sent a contingent of 13 tri-troop athletes to Brive-la-Gaillarde in SouthWestern France during the first week of May.

15.05.2023: **Western Province** -

According to Economy Next, a cabinet sub-committee is to be appointed and a new agency established to implement a Singapore-drafted development plan for SL's Western Province. The idea to establish a new state agency comes as GoSL seeks to close existing agencies and reduce the burden of the government on the people.

15.05.2023: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, the IMF is in constant dialogue with SL on domestic debt restructuring plans. The IMF sets a macroeconomic framework, caps on gross financing needs (annual volume of debt issued and reissued), external debt service, and debt holdings on a timeline so that a country in default can make its debt "sustainable."

16.05.2023: **USAID** - According to Economy Next, the USAID mentioned it has partnered with Ceylon Biscuits of SL to share knowledge with 12,000 farmers. This agreement with Ceylon Biscuits Limited will improve farmers' access to information that will help them adapt to the impacts of climate change and inspire like-minded businesses to advance climate-smart agriculture.

16.05.2023: **China** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved the signing of a memorandum to strengthen economic and cultural ties with China's Yunnan Province. The agreement will enhance cooperation in tourism, economy, market, trade, agriculture, community

development, health and cultural exchanges.

17.05.2023: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, Japan has agreed to provide USD 4.6 million to boost rice production in SL's dry and intermediate zones. Farmers who own up to one hectare of land will each receive 50 kilos of urea fertiliser free of charge for the coming cropping season in Yala, the statement said.

23.05.2023: **Sinopec** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe is visiting Singapore and Japan. He will be in Japan from 24.05.2023-27.05.2023 and will hold talks with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on "strengthening bilateral relations and addressing regional and international issues." Wickremesinghe is also scheduled to meet Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, Finance Minister Shun'ichi Suzuki and Digital Transformation Minister Taro Kono.

26.05.2023: **South Korea** - According to Economy Next, South Korea agreed to host a group of workers from SL who were unable to reach South Korea on time due to a flight delay. The 48 workers from SL will leave for the country again on 04.06.2023.

26.05.2023: **Korea** - According to Economy Next, a Korean national from SL who allegedly took money to send people to Korean workplaces without a valid license was arrested by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) Investigation Department. SLBFE had received three complaints from people who were cheated by this Korean who took LKR 500,000 from these people.

30.05.2023: **Japan** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has



agreed to resume a project funded by Japan. Genocidaire G. Rajapaksa had unilaterally cancelled the USD1.5 billion LRT and East Container Terminal (ECT) projects in 2021. Japan had agreed to fund the LRT project while it was 01 of the 03 members of the ECT project along with India and SL.

30.05.2023: **India** - According to Economy Next, India has extended a USD 01 billion credit facility for SL for another year. The facility was used for urgent procurement of fuel, medicines, food and industrial raw materials in line with SL's requirements and priorities.

31.05.2023: **China** - According to Economy Next, China's Deputy Foreign Minister Sun Weidong has met R. Wickremesinghe and pledged his

"unwavering support" to SL. Vice Minister Sun Weidong announced that China is keen to explore ways to strengthen bilateral relations between the 02 countries.

31.05.2023: **Korea** - According to Economy Next, SL has signed an agreement with the Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT) to build 02 floating solar power plants with a capacity of 01 megawatt. The Korean Institute of Technology will provide USD 5.2 million to the SL Sustainable Energy Authority for the 02 plants. 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.

## TAMIL GENOCIDE

18.MAY.22



Abirshana Thayalakuru  
Switzerland

1st May Rally, CH  
01.05.2023



Coordinators' Workshop  
19.05.2023



# PHOENIX snapshot



NAKBA Protest, Zürich  
19.05.2023

# Military News

03.05.2023: **AN-32** - According to SL's MoD's website SL and India have signed official documents over the handover over 02 AN32 propellers to SL's Air Force. The aim is to sustain SL air forces serviceability of the AN-32 aircraft fleet for operational requirements of transportation of passengers, cargo, air maintenance, scheduled services, and overseas operations.

14.05.2023: **Australia** - According to Economy Next, Australia is set to gift SL a Beech 350 King Air patrol aircraft to strengthen maritime surveillance. Australia

encourages SL to combat drug smuggling and strengthen border management through intelligence sharing and the deterrence, disruption, interception and repatriation of people smugglers by sea under Operation Sovereign Borders. According to SL's MoD website Australia will also provide sustainment support for a period of a year.

16.05.2023: **India** - According to SL's MoD's website an Indian naval ship visited the Trincomalee harbour. During the stay the ship and its crew engaged in joint training with SL's Navy.

18.05.2023: **Social Intelligence Unit** - According to SL's MoD's website, SL's State Minister of Defence Premitha Bandara Tennakoon mentioned during his visit to SL's Police Cadet Division, that a Social Intelligence Unit will be established with the support of all-SL schools. He further mentioned in his speech, that the National Cadet Corps (NCC) needs to expand its activities to the Tamil homeland.

19.05.2023: **Promotion** - According Eelanadu, 3,750 SL soldiers were promoted in light of SL's National War Heroes' Day.

## Tamil Eelam

09.05.2023: **USAID** - According to Economy Next, SL's Tamil National Alliance (TNA) plans to hold talks with SL's President R. Wickremesinghe to resolve the Tamil's national issue within a specified time. The TNA will discuss only on the basis that the North and East is the "historic homeland of the Tamil-speaking people," which Sumanthiran said is

recognised locally and internationally.

16.05.2023: **Governors** - According to Virakesari, 03 governors were dismissed on the order of SL's President R. Wickremesinghe. The governors were from the Northern, Eastern and North Central provinces.

25.05.2023: **History** - The "Dr. K. Indrabala Archaeological Museum"

founded by the first Professor of the History Faculty of Jaffna University was established and inaugurated with funding from the US Embassy in SL and SL's Central Cultural fund, reports Lanka Files. Further reports indicate that the Vice Chancellor of the University, S. Sri. Satkunarajah had declared the opening of this museum.



# MULLIVAIKKAL



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03.05.2023: **CEB** - According to Economy Next, SL's Ceylon Electricity Board plans to split into 14 separate companies, and the current independent regulator is to be abolished. SL's power sector faces corruption charges because the single power buyer model has led to lobbyists paying artificially high tariffs without competitive bidding through standardised power purchase agreements and take-or-pay arrangements for LPG.

04.05.2023: **Law** - According to Economy Next, the SL Cabinet has approved the draft Banking (Special Provisions) Bill. The law aims to expand the central bank's crisis management powers and was expected to be passed by SL's Parliament in April.

04.05.2023: **Bill** - According to Economy Next, SL's Parliament will debate a bill for a new central bank law on 11.05.2023 and a bill for social benefits on 12.05.2023. The controversial new central bank is expected to legalise "output gap targeting" (printing money for growth) as a partial goal.

06.05.2023: **Talks** - According to Kalaikathir, R. Wickremesinghe is set to hold talks with Tamil MP's between 11.05.2023-13.05.2023. Before that a meeting will be held with ITAK MP's. These talks will be about development projects in the north and about power sharing.

13.05.2023: **Protest** - HRCSL released a 57-page report with guidelines on protests deeming all protests as inherently peaceful, reports Lanka Files.

"The State should prohibit the deployment of the military armed forces for the policing of civilian protests, except as strictly allowed by the Constitution and other domestic legislation"

11.05.2023: **Laws** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has instructed officials to amend colonial-era land legislation and draft new regulations to reflect modern development needs and also ensure that future land purchases for GoSL projects are made at market value. The meeting focused on amending the provisions of the land

administration institutions' ordinances and introducing new regulations.

14.05.2023: **Security Alert** - According to Economy Next, thousands of heavily armed troops and elite commandos were deployed in Colombo after a false alarm was raised due to an unusually large lunch order at Colombo University. Panicked Western Province police chiefs mobilised a special task force commandos, riot squads and contingents of female police officers to deal with what they believed was another student-led riot.

15.05.2023: **SLRF** - According to Economy Next, SL Opposition MP Patali Champika Ranawaka will launch the Sri Lanka Republican Front (SLRF) on 22.05.2023 as SL marks the 51st anniversary of the founding of its republic. Ranawaka leads the Jathika Hela Urumaya - a party with nationalist roots.

22.05.2023: **Sinopec** - According to Economy Next, SL has signed a long-term contract with China's Sinopec Group

to take over the distribution of crude oil on SL. Sinopec is expected to start operations within 45 days after the license is granted, the statement said.

24.05.2023: **X-Press Pearl** - According to Economy Next, India has not requested SL for any money to cover the costs of assistance with the MT New Diamond or X-Press Pearl shipping disaster. It had only submitted the costs requested by insurers based on international practice.

25.05.2023: **Geopolitics** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe in his speech at the "Nikkei Forum: Future of Asia" mentioned that it is

important that Asian countries have a say in shaping the region's role amidst the evolving geopolitics on the world stage. SL as a country in Asia does not want to make a choice between the US and Asia, and the choice of Asia has already been made, he said. Future of Asia is an international gathering where political, business and academic leaders from the Asia-Pacific region speak openly and freely about regional issues and Asia's role in the world.

27.05.2023: **Asset Declaration** - According to Economy Next, Eran Wickramaratne, MP for Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), has submitted a private bill in SL's Parliament to amend their Asset Declaration

Law. As the law stands now, SL's President is not required to declare his assets, and if the bill is passed and enacted into law, their President will have to join members of SL's Parliament and other high-ranking judicial and public sector officials to declare their assets and liabilities annually.

R. Wickremesinghe  
Nikkei Forum Address "Future of Asia"







NAKBA Event Basel, CH  
21.05.2023



NAKBA Event Zürich, CH  
23.05.2023



Solidarity Graffiti Basel, CH

**ECONOMIC PROFILE – May 2023**

<b>FOREX Reserves</b>	April 2023	↑ by 2.2% to USD 2,755 million
<b>Net foreign assets</b>	March 2023	about LKR 494.4 billion
<b>Credit</b>		
Private Credit	March 2023	↓ by LKR 107 billion to LKR 7,152 billion
Credit to domestic banking		↓ to LKR 6,601.8 billion from LKR 6,643.4 billion
Credit to state enterprises		↓ to LKR 1,593 billion from LKR 1,711 billion
Credit to the government		↑ by LKR 97.2 billion
Credit to CB		↑ by LKR 54.2 billion
<b>Official spot dollar rate</b>	March 2023	Appreciated to LKR 327.2
<b>Inflation</b>	From April 2023 to May 2023	↓ to 25.2% from 35.3%
<b>Exports</b>		
- services exports		↓ to USD 1,037.5 million
- merchandise exports		↑ by 5.8 % to 543 million
		↑ by 1.96% to USD 1.03 billion

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09.05.2023: **GSP+** - According to Economy Next, SL and the European Union (EU) will discuss GSP+ trade benefits during a meeting of the EU-Sri Lanka Joint Commission from 09.05.2023. The Joint Commission will discuss a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest and discuss areas for future cooperation.

09.05.2023: **World Bank** - According to Economy Next, SL's Cabinet of Ministers has approved talks with the World Bank on a USD 200 million loan for social services. A social safety net is a priority initiative under a program supported by the IMF.

10.05.2023: **IMF** - According to Economy Next, a team from the IMF will visit SL from 11.05.2023-23.05.2023. The visit is "part of regular consultations ahead of the first review mission later in 2023.

10.05.2023: **FTA** - According to Economy Next, SL hopes to conclude a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Thailand by the first quarter of 2024. The FTA is expected to increase exports to SL.

18.05.2023: **FUTA** - According to Economy Next, university lecturers in SL who are in turmoil over an IMF-backed tax hike have been invited to meet with R. Wickremesinghe to discuss their grievances. FUTA and other unions, as well as professional associations from various sectors, have participated in union actions since the tax hike was introduced, including strikes at various times.

22.05.2023: **Net Foreign Assets** - Measured in LKR, the combined foreign assets of the domestic and offshore banking units of SL commercial banks grew by LKR 61.5 billion (about USD 170 million) in February 2023, up from negative LKR 33.1 billion in January 2023. By March 2023, the banking system's net foreign assets increased to LKR 80.3 billion (about USD 245 million). By March 2023, net foreign assets were positive at LKR 494.4 billion, indicating that banks' dollar deposits were net invested abroad.

24.05.2023: **CEB** - According to Economy Next, SL's Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB)

has proposed a 23 % reduction in tariffs for the lowest residential customers, including fixed costs, and a 09 % reduction for the next block. The CEB has requested to reduce the tariff between 0-30 kilowatt hours (units) from LKR 30- 25 and to halve a fixed charge from LKR 400-200.

25.05.2023: **Import Controls** - According to Economy Next, SL plans to lift import controls on 100 items which were banned during the foreign exchange shortage in the past 02 years. SL had controlled the import of 3,000 of the total 8,000 items designated with HS codes over the past 02 years. The controls were then reduced to 1,000 as they impacted small and medium industries which rely on inputs.

30.05.2023: **Exports** - According to Economy Next, the recent appreciation of the LKR is increasing pressure on apparel exporters. This is due to their domestic costs, including wages and energy, have increased in recent months when the LKR fell sharply.

# III

## Demands

**I** TNA is ready to constructively engage in talks with the government to settle the Tamil National Question within a specified time limit.

**II** North and East are the areas of historic habitation of the Tamil speaking people, which basis is acknowledged locally and internationally and in the Indo-Lanka Accord and was made one unit on that basis. We are not prepared to hold any discussions that goes in contrary to that basis.

**III** We will meet the President R. Wickremesinghe on the above basis on 09.05.2023.

TNA released a statement expressing willingness to engage in talks with R. Wickremesinghe regarding the Tamil national question, reports Lanka Files.

02.05.2023: **Protest** - TNPf staged an International Workers' Day rally in Mallavi, Mullaitivu and rejected a solution to the Tamil national question within the unitary state of SL. According to Lanka Files, R. Wickremesinghe had encouraged Tamil parties to collaborate within SL's system to "Address the issues faced by the Tamil community." ITAK had also marked International Workers Day at Green Park, Kilinochchi with 06 demands including the autonomy of the unified Tamil homeland.

02.03.2023: **Protest** - According to Eelanadu, relatives of the forcibly disappeared have conducted a protest in Kilinochchi. This protest has been ongoing for 2,261 days.

04.05.2023: **Protest** - According to Lanka Files, Tamil journalists of the Jaffna Press Club marked World Press Freedom Day with a protest against SL's ATA.

04.05.2023: **ITAK** - According to Lanka Files, ITAK's M. A. Sumanthiran responded to R. Wickremesinghe's

invitation to join GoSL to solve the Tamil national problem. "We will decide on what kind of participation we will have with the central government once the Tamil national question is resolved," he mentioned during a press conference.

05.05.2023: **Courts** - Courts and the Human Rights Council SL (HRCSL) intervene and remove a blockade of essentials including water to Tamils who had been involved in a 03-day protest against the erection of a Buddhist Stupa on private lands in the North of occupied Tamil Eelam by military under the instructions of Jaffna's occupational Commander Major General Swarna Bothota, reports Lanka Files.

06.05.2023: **Vesak** - According to Eelanadu, despite the ongoing protest in Thaiyiddi, the Vesak festival was held in Thaiyiddi. It is noteworthy that some protesters were threatened by SL's intelligence officer.

07.05.2023: **Summons** - According to Lanka Files, the Mullaitivu Court had summoned an

intelligence official from the SL Navy for threatening and obstructing Tamil Journalist Shanmugam Thavaseelan from covering an event. The event he was covering was organised by the relatives of forcibly disappeared.

09.05.2023: **Militarisation** - Dayalini from Batticaloa joins two other parents of maaveerar to launching a fast unto death demanding the release of Alampil Maaveerar Thuyilum Ilam which had been occupied by the occupational Mullaitivu SL Army, reports Lanka Files.

09.05.2023: **Commemoration** - According to Lanka Files, University of Jaffna students distributed Mullivaikkal Kanji in light of Tamil Genocide commemoration week.

10.05.2023: **Talks** - According to Lanka Files, M.A.Sumanthiran mentioned that R. Wickremesinghe is scheduled to speak with ITAK MPs from the occupied Tamil homeland between 11.05.2023-12.05.2023.

- ◆ 11.05.2023: Reconciliation, enforced disappearances, PTA and land issues
- ◆ 12.05.2023: Devolution of power

13.05.2023:

**Commemoration** - The commence of Tamil Genocide week was marked on Jaffna University campus mark the at the Mullivaikkal memorial in the Campus, reports Lanka Files.

15.05.2023:

**Commemoration** - According to Lanka Files, a blood donation camp was conducted before the remains of Lt. Col. Thileepan's monument in Nallur in light of Tamil Genocide commemoration week. Further reports indicate that a commemorative vigil was also held at Navali St. Peter's Church.

13.05.2023: **Mullivaikal Vehicle** - According to Kalaikathir, the Mullivaikal Vehicle has commenced its journey from Mullaitivu. It went towards Vavuniya and from there it will continue its journey towards Mannar.

16.05.2023:

**Commemoration** - According to Lanka

Files, a memorial was held in Neduntivu to commemorate the 38th commemoration of the Kumuthini Boat massacre where 36 Tamils were killed by occupational SL Navy.

17.05.2023: **Talks** - M.A. Sumanthiran made comments regarding the outcome of talks held with R. Wickremesinghe regarding the Tamil national question to Lanka Files.

"President R. Wickremesinghe has not given a favourable response to our demands regarding the drafting of a new constitution and the immediate holding of provincial council elections." - M.A. Sumanthiran

17.05.2023: **PTA** - According to Lanka Files, Tamil writer Sivalingam Arooran who was arrested under the PTA based on allegations of an assassination attempt on G. Rajapaksa in 2008 has been acquitted of his charges by the Colombo High Court on 16.05.2023.

18.05.2023: **Genocide** - According to Lanka Files, the Co-chair of the Mullivaikkal Memorial Committee Father Leo mentioned, "the

genocide was committed with the active support of several countries. The perpetrators should be punished." Further reports indicate that Father Sakthivel mentioned, "our people were killed by the military."

18.05.2023: **West** - According to Economy Next, R. Wickremesinghe has declared electricity, petroleum distribution and health as essential services. A similar announcement was issued in 17.04.2023 which includes postal services.

21.05.2023:

**Appointment** - According to Lanka Files, Madhushan Chandrajith from the University of Peradeniya has been elected as the successor of Wasantha Mudalige as the Convenor of the Inter University Students' Federation (IUSFSL) as of 20.05.2023 following the completion of Mudalige's term on 18.05.2023.

22.05.2023: **Protest** - A protest is scheduled to occur on 24.05.2023 opposite the Colombo Court Complex, reports Lanka Files. The protest is in condemnation of



the death of 41-year-old domestic worker R. Rajakumari in custody following her arrest by Welikada Police as a result of theft allegations by an SL businesswoman.

23.05.2023: **Protest** - According to Lanka Files, SL's Christian Solidarity Movement in Negombo staged a protest in commemoration of Tamil Genocide. Reports indicated that they condemned the UN and global powers' denial of justice for Tamils.

23.05.2023: **Buddhisation** - According to Lanka Files, locals condemned the Buddhisation of the Tamil homeland especially through the establishment of a Buddhist viharai in Thaiyitti, Kankesanthurai Jaffna by occupational SL military. Locals protested the move.

23.05.2023: **Monument** - According to Lanka Files, GoSL had released a statement declaring that a monument would be erected in Colombo to commemorate "civilians, members of the armed forces, & police and every person including former militants who died as a result of armed conflicts, political upheavals or civil unrest," as a means to symbolise SL's "peace and reconciliation" initiatives.

26.05.2023: **Protest** - According to Lanka Files, HRCSL Staff staged an unprecedented protest demanding the removal of 03 individuals unaware of human rights who had been appointed by genocidaire G. Rajapaksa as commissioners.

- ◆ Buddhist monk Kalupahana Piyarathana
- ◆ Dr. Nimal Karunasiri
- ◆ Vijitha Nanayakkara

26.05.2023: **Pause** - According to Lanka Files, SL has temporarily halted the construction of Buddhist Viharais at Kurunthoormalai and Vedukkunaarimalai. The reports were made following talks held between Tamil MPs and SL MP Vidura Wickramanayaka.

29.05.2023: **Commemoration** - The 200th commemoration of the transfer of Upcountry Tamils to Eelam as labourers for plantation work was conducted by the Rural Workers' Association, Jaffna at Veerasingam Hall, reports Lanka Files.

29.05.2023: **Commemoration**- According to Lanka Files, the 45th day commemoration of Tamil journalist Ponniah Manickavasagam was held at the Vavuniya Municipal Council Hall under the organisation of Vavuniya's Media Association.



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# SIGNS OF STRUCTURAL GENOCIDE

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

03.05.2023: **Protest** - According to Tamil journalist Uthaya Shalin, a protest was staged in Thaiyiddy, Jaffna demanding the removal of a Buddhist viharai illegally constructed on private land. According to Tamil journalist Kumanan, occupational SL military and police have erected barbed wire on the ploughing machines in the roads surrounding the occupational Thaiyiddi Viharai and have created roadblocks. The protest was organised by the TNPf. Further reports indicate that media persons and public present at the protest were forcibly evacuated by occupational SL Police. It is notable that S. Kajendran and Tamil lawyer Kandeepan continue protesting despite occupational police's attempts to arrest them.

04.05.2023: **Buddhist Vihara** - According to Kalaikathir, a protest was conducted against the erection of a buddhist Vikara in Thaiyiddi, Jaffna. This statue was erected on private tamil land grabbed by SL's military. The situation became tense as SL's security forces wanted to clear the protesters but amongst them were Tamil MPs from TNPf.

10.05.2023: **Militarisation** - According to Lanka Files, SL's occupational military's 64th Division is engaged in attempts to legally acquire 25 acres of SL's Irrigation Department land in Oddusuddan forcibly occupied since

2009. SL Irrigation Department officials mentioned that the property is essential for research work and would function as a service access point for local Mullaitivu farmers.

11.05.2023: **Arrest** - According to Tamil journalist Kumanan, the priest and a member of the temple administration of the Vedukunarimalai Adilingeswarar temple have been summoned by the occupational Nedunkerni Police for questioning in relation with the issue of the reinstatement of the temple the idol. According to Jera Tampi they were later released after being produced before the Vavuniya Court.

13.05.2023: **Uruthirapuram** - According to Kalaikathir SL's Archaeological Department has identified the Sivan temple in Uruthirapuram, Kilinochchi as a archaeological site.

It's noteworthy that this temple was built during the Chola time.

20.05.2023: Chinese factory - According to Kalaikathir 500 acres in Nainamadu, Nedunkerny, are going to be used for establishing a Chinese sugar factory.

23.05.2023: **Uyilankulam** - According to Kalaikathir, SL's occupational military is constructing a Buddhist viharai in Uyilankulam, Mannar. The article quoted SL MP Charles. He further mentioned that there are already 05 viharas in Mannar. Madu, Murunkan,

Thirukeetheswaram, Southbar and Thalaimannar.

27.05.2023: **Land Release** - According to Eelanadu, SL's Forestry department and SL's Department of Wildlife Conservation have agreed to release lands in Kilinochchi, when it can be proved that lands under their control were used as fields or villages before 1985.



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