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DISTRICT WATCH

Trincomalee District

Confrontation Occur when the Navy Intercept LTTE Boats

On 29.04.2006 night there has been a confrontation between the SL Navy and the LTTE in the north of Trincomalee in Kokkillai in the Mullathivu District when the Navy had intercepted a flotilla of LTTE boats 29.04.2006

Fast unto death protest Called off by the Buddhist Monk

The Fast unto death protest carried out by the Rev. Handungamuwe Nandarathana of Sri Wijayaraja Rajamaha Viharaya in Mahadivulwewa has called it off on 30.04.2006 as his demands have been met. 30.04.2006

Security Forces Conduct Awareness Meetings for Displaced People

Reportedly, SL security forces have held awareness meetings at the IDP camps in Trincomalee and have requested the people to go back to their villages and reside there as the Security Forces would provide the necessary protection for them. Several meetings had been held at the camps located in Neelapola, Kappalthurai, Wellamagal, Kinniya, Palaiyoothu, Kiliveddi, Menagamam, Dehiwatta, Thanganagar and Sangamam area during 30.04.2006 and 01.05.2006. 01.05.2006

Displaced People Request Protection and Humanitarian Assistance

During the awareness meetings held at IDP camps located in Kiliveddi, Menagamam, Dehiwatta and Thanganagar areas by the SL security forces, the displaced Tamil and Sinhalese people had requested compensation for damaged houses, and to reopen five schools that are by now closed, and to take steps to allow them to cultivate about 6000 acres of Paddy land in these areas. However, most of the people are reported to be in fear of going back to their villages in fear of a breaking out of war and due to the influence of some organizations. 01.05.2006

Claymore Mine Attack in Trincomalee Town

A claymore mine attack has taken place in the Trincomalee town around 9.30 a.m. on 01.05.2006. According to available reports five persons including a Navy person have been killed and five others including three Navy personnel have been injured. The civilians killed include three persons from the same family who had been in a three wheeler and the three-wheeler driver. The two civilians injured are reported to be receiving treatment in the Trincomalee General Hospital while the Navy personnel have been admitted to the Naval Hospital. 01.05.2006

Security Checking after the Claymore mine attack in the Town; A Few Arrested

Following the Claymore mine attack that had taken place in the town around 9.30 a.m. on 01.05.2006 the security personnel have conducted a cordon and search operation in the area and have arrested a few persons. However, all arrested had been released by evening. 01.05.2006

People in Kokkillai Seek Refugee in Pulmodai

It is understood that a large number of people living in the north of Trincomalee in Kokkillai in the Mullaitivu District, mainly Sinhalese have been displaced due to fear and have found refuge in Pulmodai after the attack on LTTE boats on 01.05.2006 evening. 01.05.2006

Additional Troops Deployed in Trincomalee Town

According to reports, an additional number of security personnel have been deployed in the Trincomalee town area following the escalation of attacks. 02.05.2006

Mobile phones Checked by the Security Forces

Mobile phones that are being used by the people in the residences in the Trincomalee town area have been checked by the Security Forces. It is believed that the Mobile Phones could be used as a remote control device to activate the claymore mine. 02.05.2006

Confrontation in Sampoor between the Navy and the LTTE

A confrontation has been reported in the Sampoor area between the Navy and the LTTE early morning on 02.05.2006. 02.05.2006

Tension in Muttur Town and Suburbs

Reportedly, tension prevails in the Muttur town and suburbs since a confrontation had been reported in the Sampoor area between the Navy and the LTTE early on 02.05.2006. It is learnt that schools and offices have been closed down after the news reached the town area. 02.05.2006

Farmers in Mahadivulwewa Issued with Arms and ammunitions

Farmers, mostly Sinhalese, in Mahadivulwewa have been issued with Arms and ammunitions and they have commenced work in the paddy fields which they had stopped after the killing of six persons in Kal-

lampattu in the Gomarankadawela area recently. 02.05.2006

Security Personnel Block People from Feeding Cattle

Reportedly, the security personnel deployed in Ralkuli, Kandankadu, Upparu and Kurangupachchan area are not permitting the cattle breeders from going to the fields to look after the cattle and market the milk. The people have also informed that in some places the milk too has been confiscated by the forces. The people of the area have requested the Field Coordinator and the Peace Committee members of the Foundation for Co Existence to find a solution to this problem as it is their livelihood. 02.05.2006

Tamil Families in Sakthypuram Displaced

210 persons from about 58 Tamil families have been displaced from Sakthypuram in the Mollipothana area through fear after the Navy had started checking the residences during the night. As reported earlier, one person had been shot allegedly by the security forces and seriously injured recently in this area. 02.05.2006

NE Governor Holds a Meeting with the representatives of NGOs

A meeting has been held in the office of the North East Governor in Trincomalee town at 11.00 a.m. on 02.05.2006 between the governor and the representatives of the NGOs working in the area. The Governor has requested the authorities to request the displaced people to go back to their homes and that money for dry rations for two weeks will be paid to them. Some of the NGOs present have informed that the situation is still not very conducive for people to return to their homes in vulnerable areas. 02.05.2006

Ampara District

Central Camp People Protest against the Killing of Home Guard

Reportedly, the People of central camp have held a protest against the killing of Kasthuriarachchi who had been working as a Home Guard at the Kalmunai Police after his funeral on 27.04.2006. The funeral had been held on 27.04.2006 at the 4th Colony. Protesters had set tires on fire along the roads blocking them. 27.04.2006

Farmer Shot and Injured in Bakkialla

A farmer has been shot and injured on 29.04.2006 around 8.30 am in Bakkialla while he had been working at a paddy field. 29.04.2006

Attack on STF Foot Patrol in Akkaraipattu

An Unknown party had fired at a STF foot patrol in Akkaraipattu on 30.04.2006 around 11.20 a.m. injuring two. 30.04.2006

A Person Arrested in Akkaraipattu at a search operation

At a search operation carried out by STF personnel on 30.04.2006 following the firing at a STF foot patrol in Akkaraipattu, a person, Navaretnam Anandan(40) of Vipulananda road, Akkaraipattu, a TNA member of the Alayadivembu PS had been arrested in the particular area while he had been traveling to Thirukkovil. The STF has recovered a claymore mine and some ammunition from his bag. The victim has been handed over to the Akkaraipattu Police. Police Investigations are reported to be underway. 30.04.2006

STF intensifies security in most parts of Ampara

The STF has tightened security in the Ampara district and STF personnel have been deployed on main roads. It is said that they conduct foot patrolling in the morning and evening. 02.05.2006

Threat of Dengue in the Areas of Ampara

A threat of Dengue could be seen among the villagers who are living in the coastal areas of Ampara such as Kalmunai, Maruthamunai, Akkaraipattu and Neelavanai. 02.05.2006

Awareness Programs on Dengue

Following the increased threat of Dengue in the Kalmunai, Maruthamunai, Akkaraipattu and Neelavanai areas, awareness programs had been organized by social representatives as well as some local NGOS to make people aware of Dengue. The public have been instructed to burn their domestic wastages and to remove containers that can detain waste water. 02.05.2006

Villagers Request More Security

Reportedly, the villagers living in some border villages such as Mahaoya, Iththamalpol, Bogamuyaye, Borepola, Tampitiya and Badirekka in the Ampara District are in fear of the abduction that had taken place in the area on 21.04.2006. The abducted person, Lalith Wijesiri (30) and two others had been in their field harvesting Cow Pea when a group of persons had come from the Thoppigala area and had abducted the three, but two of them had been able to escape. The villagers had asked the security personnel to tighten security in these villages. It is learnt that the farmers are also refraining from going to their field to harvest Cow Pea in fear of the abduction. 02.05.2006

South Eastern University Staff Protest over the Attack on the VC's Vehicle

A protest demonstration had been organized by the staff of the South Eastern University for four days starting from 02.05.2006 to protest over the firing at the vehicle of the Vice Chancellor, on 28.04.2006. They demand the government to take necessary action in relation to this. 02.05.2006

Parcel Bomb Recovered in Akkaraipattu Town

A parcel bomb has been found in the Azath Building in Akkaraipattu town at around 1.00 p.m. on 02.05.2006. The road in front of the building has been closed by security personnel and the people have not been allowed to enter until the bomb was diffused. 02.05.2006

Batticaloa District

Attack on Karuna camps in Welikanda

On 30.04.2006 a confrontation had occurred between the LTTE and the Karuna cadres at 1.30 a.m. at Vipulananda- Kasankulam, 7 km east from Welikanda. Allegedly 20 karuna cadres were suspected to be killed and 5 were injured. 30.04.2006

Three wheeler drivers at Kattankuddy celebrated the May Day

Three wheeler drivers of Kattankuddy have celebrated the May Day on 01.05.2006. They had carried out a parade starting from Telecom road junction. The event had been presided over by the Auto Union and more than 100 three wheeler drivers had participated. 01.05.2006

LTTE officers and Tamil people hold a day of moaning

On 01.05.2006 LTTE officers and Tamil people have held a day of moaning at Kandumai Maha Vidyalaya, Palugamam parallel to the May Day. 01.05.2006

Mannar District

Firing in Mullikulam scares away people

On 01st May 2006 around 01.00 a.m. in Mullikulam, Musalai D.S division in Mannar some unidentified gunmen who had entered the village had started firing in the air for about half an hour and left. As a result, villagers fear to live in the village and have requested the G.A to allow them resettle in Savariyapuram which is surrounded by other Tamil villages. Now they are reported to be occupying the Mullikulam church. 01.05.2006

People in Mullikulam request the G.A to resettle them in Savariyapuram

FCE staff have helped the people of Mullikulam in Mannar to prepare a letter to the G.A requesting him to resettle them in Savariyapuram which is a village surrounded by other Tamil villages. Reportedly, the villagers of Mullikulam are now living in the Mullikulam church as they are scared to live in their homes after they had observed some unidentified persons shooting in the air. 01.05.2006

Anuradhapura District

Two persons have been killed and three others injured in a shooting incident

It is reported that two persons have been killed and three others injured when unknown persons opened fire at them around 7.30 a.m. on the 1st of May 2006 in Kalgaswawe River in the Keppitigollawa area in the Anuradhapura district. The five of them have been in a tractor to collect sand from the said river in the area. It is learnt that the injured have been admitted to the Anuradhapura Hospital and the dead bodies handed over to the Keppitigollawa hospital. 01.05.2006

MEDIA TODAY

SL Army

LTTE Mount Artillery Attacks after the CFA Was Signed

LTTE terrorists for the first time after the Cease-Fire Agreement (CFA) was signed mounted fierce simultaneous Artillery and Mortar attacks towards the Forward Defense Line (FDL) Army Camps at Kokkuthuduvai and Kokilai areas in Welioya during late hours on Sunday (30) creating a sense of fear and panic among the civilians in those fishing hamlets. LTTE terrorists on boats with heavy guns have first carried out fire attacks from the coastal areas, bordering un-cleared areas towards the FDL in Kokilai camp in civil populated Kokilai fishing village while simultaneously directing artillery and mortar fire rounds at Kokkuthuduvai Army detachment, around the same time on Sunday (30). LTTE boats operating in the seas at the same time fired towards the camps forcing troops to engage the LTTE with the assistance of Navy troops operating in the area . LTTE artillery and mortar fire rounds continued until up to the wee hours on Monday (01) as LTTE Sea Tigers from their boats with heavy weapons provided support to the LTTE terrorists firing artillery and mortar from un-cleared border areas on the KokkuthuduwaI and Kokilai Army camps which are situated in close proximity to each other. One civilian died in the LTTE firing and three other civilians sustained injuries and were referred to the Pulmodai hospital. As fear-stricken villagers panicked, the troops had to provide security and temporary shelter initially to a few hundreds of civilians who flocked to the PULMODAI central college premises, the same late evening. The Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission was to be informed of this grave violation of the CFA.

Sand Collecting Civilians, LTTE's Latest Prey

Brutal & Barbaric LTTE (Tamil Tigers) Terrorist Attacks, now being directed both at unarmed Civilians and members of the Security Forces saw another spiral of destruction this morning (01st May 2006) near Thalgasweva, Bogas Junction area on Pulmodai road in Welioya, when LTTE armed men shot and killed two civilians and injured three others while they were going for sand collection work. Four civilians, engaged in sand collection labour work were proceeding in the area on their lorry when LTTE gunmen suddenly confronted the lorry and indiscriminately went on firing at them at about 8.30 a.m. killing one of them on the spot. Barely, seconds after the attack, terrorists gunned down another motorbike rider at the same place, as he, unaware of the circumstances that were unfolding at the premises, tried to ride past the location. Three labourers sustained injuries in the lorry attack were evacuated to hospi-

tal. Likewise, five fishermen in the lake from which the victims were to collect sand, have reportedly gone missing according to the latest reports. Whereabouts of those fishermen are yet to be traced and the Police do not rule out any possibility of LTTE abduction since the LTTE men had roamed in the areas. Preliminary information confirmed that an LTTE armed group had infiltrated the area previous night and carried out the attack in broad daylight in order to provoke ethnic clashes in cleared areas close to border villages in Welioya. Dead bodies of the civilian (tractor worker) and the passer-by (motorbike rider) are awaiting post-mortem and other investigations. The Police with the troops rushed to the scene and mounted a search in the area. The Welioya Police investigations are on.

Tamil Net

Two traders shot in Jaffna, one dead

Armed men riding in a motorbike entered a hairdressing saloon near Thirunelvely junction and shot a client, a trader from nearby public market seriously wounding the trader and saloon owner. The trader succumbed to his wounds at Jaffna hospital. Eyewitnesses at the site, a high security area manned by Sri Lanka Army soldiers 24 hours a day, alleged that the SLA had withdrawn its soldiers from the nearby posts, 10 minutes prior to the shooting incident, which took place 50 meters close to the junction, on Adiyapatham Road. Thirunelveli remains tense. Police did not arrive in time. Fellow traders at the site rushed to hospital with the wounded business owners, Vallipuram Suganthan, 34, the saloon owner and Arumugarajah Theyvendran, 54, the public market trader who later succumbed to his wounds. All shops remain closed in the vicinity. Adiyapatham Road links Thirunelveli Junction on Palaly Road with Kalviyankadu.

Allaipitti man shot by SLN dies without medical help

Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) soldiers in the Allaipitti area in Kayts within High Security Zone (HSZ) shot and killed a 74-year old civilian in his home at 8 p.m. Sunday, sources in Jaffna said. Rasamany Sangarapillai was with his wife when the SLN soldiers in civil clothes entered the house, asked him to lie face down. They then shot him at close range. His wife was also injured in the gun fire as she tried to prevent the soldiers from firing. The SLN manning the checkpoint in Allaipitti junction refused permission to the relatives of Rasamany to be taken to Jaffna Hospital. He passed away without any medical help Sunday night, relatives said.

Pesalai Tamil youths released

Mannar Additional Magistrate Mr.D.J.Pirapaharan Monday released three of eight Tamil civil-

ians on surety bail for Rs. 10,000 each and put off further inquiry for May 8. The Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) in a search operation conducted in the Pesalai refugee camp located along Talaimannar-Mannar road Sunday morning earlier had taken eight persons into custody, legal sources said. Of the eight, Talaimannar Police released five suspects after the inquiry. Meanwhile, Mannar Police on Monday released on police bail the three Tamil civilians who were arrested and handed over to them by the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) in a search operation conducted by them Sunday evening in Panankattikottu, a village in Mannar district, sources said.

Three SLA soldiers injured in Jaffna grenade attacks

Three incidents of hand grenade attacks on Sri Lanka Army (SLA) soldiers in Arasady junction, Iyanar Kovildady and A9 near Puttur junction marked the May day in Jaffna district Monday, sources in Jaffna said. No processions or meetings were held during the May day in Jaffna according to Jaffna residents. Unknown assailants hurled a hand grenade at the sentry located at the Arasady Junction along the Point Pedro Jaffna Road 12.15 p.m. Monday. Details of damages are not known. In another incident, three SLA soldiers were injured in a grenade attack at the SLA mini-camp located at the Kullapitti Junction, Iyanar Kovilady along KKS Road at 12.30 p.m. Monday. Unconfirmed reports said this incident may have been triggered off by mishandling of a grenade by the SLA soldiers.

Woman shot dead in Velanai

A 29-year old woman, shot and seriously injured by unknown gunmen near the old bus-stand in the Jaffna Islet of Velanai Sunday evening at 6 p.m., succumbed to her injuries at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital, sources in Jaffna said. Two gunmen riding in a motor-bike fired at Ms E Bothini at close range while she was walking along the main road, and escaped, sources said. Although arrangements were made to immediately transfer her to Jaffna Hospital, her transport was delayed at the Allaipitti junction where Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) soldiers in the aftermath of a claymore explosion held up passengers and vehicles for thorough security checks. Ms Bothini, died while she was being operated on at the hospital, medical sources said.

Colombo assails SLMM, accuses media bias in refugee figure dispute

While Sri Lanka's President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse drew attention to "propaganda war," Minister Keheliya Rambukwella told the state-run weekly Sunday Observer that the Sri Lanka Government "categorically denies" and dismisses as "outrageous," accusation by the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM) that security forces were involved in extra-judicial killings in the North-East. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam, Tamil National Alliance (TNA) parliamentarian, said State's attempt to accuse foreign media of bias is a precursor to enforcing self-censorship. The

State wants to deter foreign press from exposing military excesses of Sri Lanka armed forces, he added.

Air strikes violate the Ceasefire Agreement- SLMM

"The air strikes that were conducted by the Sri Lankan Government in Trincomalee district on Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) targets in Sampoor area on 25 and 26 April 2006 are a clear violation of the Ceasefire Agreement. Article 1.2 of the Ceasefire Agreement clearly states "Neither Party shall engage in any offensive military operation," said a press release issued by Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM) Saturday. The release also said that the SLMM fears "Government Security forces have, in the North and the East, been involved in extrajudicial killings of civilians."

Two SLN soldiers injured in Allaipitti claymore attack

Two Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) have been seriously injured in a claymore attack near the Allaipitti area in Kayts within SLN's High Security Zone (HSZ) at 6.40 p.m. Sunday, sources in Jaffna said. The injured soldiers were air-lifted to Palaly military hospital and later transferred to General Hospital, security sources said. The claymore explosion was targeted at SLN foot patrol and took place at the roadside close to Allaipitti junction which is under close observation by SLN soldiers. The area has no residential settlements and contains only shrub growth in lagoon dry beds. Allaipitti is located on the causeway from Jaffna towards islets of Velani and Kayts through Pannai bridge. After Mandaitivu, past the abandoned aluminum factory, lies the large Sri Lanka Navy garrison and SLN check point where all passengers to Jaffna islets to through comprehensive checks. The explosion in the heavily guarded area under SLN HSZ has shocked the SLN command, sources said.

SLN arrests seven youths from Pesalai refugee camp

Seven Tamil youths staying in Pesalai refugee camp located along Talaimannar and Mannar road were taken into custody by the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) Sunday morning in a cordon and search operation. After interrogation at the the Pesalai Police post, SLN soldiers handed over the youths to the Talaimannar Police for further inquiries, sources said. Pesalai refugee camp provides shelter to displaced villagers in 1990 violence from the districts of Mullaitivu and Killinochchi. Sri Lanka Government troops surrounded the refugee camp located in the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation building in Pesalai Sunday morning around 5 a.m. But troops entered the camp at about 8 a.m. and conducted search operation.

Bus conductor shot dead in Jaffna

A conductor of a private bus was shot dead at Power House road in Jaffna town, about 100 metres from Sri Lanka Army's 51-2 Brigade HQ, around 11.45 a.m., Sunday. The troops have cordoned off the area and are conducting a search, police sources in Jaffna said. The dead man was identified as M.Prakash, 25, of Columbuturai. Prakash's bus plied between Muhamalai and Jaffna town.

Tiger Commandos attack paramilitary camps, 18 killed – LTTE

18 paramilitary operatives of Karuna group were killed in an attack launched by an Elite Commando unit of the Liberation Tigers on three paramilitary camps in Sri Lanka Army (SLA) controlled Kasankulam close to Thibulana, located 7 km east of Welikande in Batticaloa - Polannaruwa border Sunday. Arms were seized and ammunitions at the paramilitary camps in Kasankulam were fully destroyed by the LTTE commandos in the surprise attack that was planned and supervised by Special Commander Col. Bhanu, an LTTE official from Kokkaddicholai in Batticaloa district told TamilNet. 10 paramilitary cadres sustained serious wounds, 5 were captured by the Tigers. An abducted Vavuniya trader was saved. The name of the Vavuniya trader was not available at the moment. LTTE commandos seized two PK LMGs, one RPG, one 81 mm mortar, six AK LMGs, 16 automatic rifles, 2 handguns and one communication equipment, LTTE officials said. One of the three camps was located near Kandakadu SLA camp and another near Kasankulam police station. The third one was located between the two other camps. The attack was launched around 12:30 a.m., Sunday, and went on for more than an hour, within the area surrounded by Sri Lanka Army (SLA) camps.

SLA resumes mortar attacks in Vavunathivu

Sri Lanka Army (SLA) started firing mortar shells towards Liberation Tigers controlled Vavunathivu area from 11.30 a.m. Saturday, Thayamohan, Head of Batticaloa district LTTE Political Wing said. Several homes of residents of Mankikattu, Navatkudi and Puliyadiakuda villages have been damaged but no one received any serious injuries, Thayamohan added. Attacks started when residents of the area who were displaced by last week's artillery attacks, were returning to their residences. The affected people have again sought refuge at the local schools, LTTE political head added.

Civilian injured in Madhu claymore attack dies

Mr.M. Jeevananthan, a 24-year civilian who was seriously injured in the claymore attack by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lanka Army (SLA) in Thetchanamadu area of Liberation Tigers controlled Madhu area, succumbed to his injuries Saturday afternoon, sources from

Jaffna said. Jeevanathan was taken to Kilinochchi Government Hospital after he was injured from the Thursday attack and was transferred to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital Saturday morning for urgent surgery to save his life. He died during the additional surgery at the Jaffna Hospital.

LTTE PS

In a similar manner 97 Tamil youths were arrested in Colombo on 27 April.

It is worth noting that the headless bodies of five people were found at five different locations in the Upcountry. It has been suggested that these bodies may be that of the Tamil youths arrested in Colombo by the SLA. The bodies were found in different locations in Avissavalai in the Upcountry region among the tea estates. Most of the Upcountry Tamils who work in the tea estates live here. Member of Parliament for the region accused SLA of throwing the bodies there to frighten these people.

Relief to the victims of GoSL aerial bombing blocked by SLA

SLA is blocking the unimpeded flow of relief to the victims of the bombing and shelling on 25, 26 April by the Sri Lankan armed forces. The relief to Muthur east must pass through the Kad-daiparichchan SLA checkpoint where it is being blocked.

Young man shot and killed in Urelu in Jaffna by SLA-Paramilitary

Mariafernando Suthaharan (24) of Urelu was shot and killed by SLA-paramilitary on 28 April night at 7.15 pm. Suthaharan was going on his motorbike when the two gunmen on another motorbike shot him and escaped.

SLA Claymore attack in Nedunkerni kills a member of the support force

A SLA placed claymore mine, inside the LTTE area of Nedunkerni in Vavuniya, killed a member of the support force, on 29 April morning. Ponnuthurai Mohanathas of 3rd Mile Post in Vada-kachchi is the person killed in the attack. Another civilian injured in another SLA claymore attack in LTTE area in Mannar, on 29 April, died later. His name is M Jeevanathan.

One man reported disappeared in Mannar

Visanthi Alosious (27), a farmer from Nanaddan in Mannar has been reported missing. SLA was conducting large scale search operations at that time of his disappearance. Visanthi went to the Nanaddan market to sell his vegetable produce and was returning home when he disappeared.

SLA continues to beats young men at Meesalai junction in Jaffna

Young men traveling in motorbikes are stopped and beaten at the Meesalai Junction in Jaffna by SLA. After the beating SLA refuses to hand the motorbikes back to the young men, insisting that they must bring their relatives before SLA will hand over the motorbike. Incident like this happened twice at this junction the last one being on 24 February.

Heavy checking by SLA in near tertiary institutions in Jaffna

SLA is conducting excessively harsh search operations in front of Jaffna University and the Jaffna Technical College. SLA is standing with their faces covered in black cloth and with their rifles pointed towards travelers. They take young men to by lanes where they are stripped naked and threatened.

SLA search increase in Jaffna

SLA cordon and search operations have increased in Jaffna in recent times. In particular it is very intensive in the Jaffna town areas. Shoppers and workers in the town are constantly subjected to heavy checking. On April 30, SLA arriving in large numbers in heavy vehicles conducted cordon and search in Inuvil, Karaikal and Nalamkaddai. Young men were subjected to threats during these operations.

SLA increases number of ill conceived road blocks

SLA has placed large number of road blocks along the roads in Jaffna. These road blocks placed at close intervals is causing inconvenience to the drivers and cyclists. Some of the road blocks are made of sand bunds that are too high. In Jaffna, many people earn a living by transporting heavy material on bicycles. These cyclists find it extremely difficult to manage these sand bunds across roads. Many of the road blocks are constructed after narrowing the roads with wooden material first. If drivers accidentally knock the wooden structures that narrow the roads, the SLA nearby is beating the drivers.

Jaffna residents ordered to remove fences

SLA is ordering residents in Ponnalai High Security Zone, Suruvil, Puyankoodal, Naranthanai, Karapon, and Kytes areas to remove the fences on the both sides of the road. In many places SLA is destroying the fence itself. These fences protect the plants that are cultivated and animals that are reared by the land owners. Without the fences stray animals pose a threat to the plants and animals that are reared in private lands.

The amnesia of the GoSL and "all political parties"

To what extent does the southern polity in the island of Ceylon understand the, political, human rights, and humanitarian conditions in the Northeast? This is a question worthy of study by everyone who wants to, support, report on, analyze, or understand the peace process in the island. For the last six months of the CFA, the popular Tamil dailies, and there are many of them, have filled their pages with death squad style assassinations in the Northeast. These dailies are not fabricating the stories on a daily basis for sensationalizing the news paper. Tamil people and only Tamil people know the full truth because they are living it.

EPDP Flash News

Negotiations on May 10th contemplated

Norway facilitators are having discussions with the government and the LTTE to hold the second round of Geneva talks on 10th of May. The government is ever ready to participate in the talks and will definitely send its representative to Geneva if the talks are held on the 10th, said the government spokesman on security arrangements and Minister Kehaliya Rambukwella. In the meantime, the government has made an alternative arrangement to transport the eastern LTTE cadres to Vanni. It could be recalled that the government offered air transport for these cadres prior to the Geneva talks, which was supposedly to be held last month. A positive response is expected from the LTTE within the next two days, sources said

LTTE brands the Tamil people as terrorists

No one can accept the attempt to brand the Tamil people as terrorists. Terrorist brand only fits the LTTE, remarked the Sri Lanka Peace secretariat. The LTTE rumour is that Tamil citizens are attacking the forces but it is a clear act of the LTTE to humiliate their own community. LTTE are using dangerous claymore bombs to attack the forces and use people as human shields. Only the LTTE have the training, experience, ability and the need to conscript children to their military and continue with abductions and political killings. Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and UNICEF have also confirmed it. The LTTE had massacred 115 persons including 42 civilians, 18 sailors, 31 soldiers, 3 airmen, 4 policemen and 7 home guards between April 24th and 27th, reports say.

Who is the officer?

Military police are investigating to capture the military officer who helped the pregnant LTTE suicide bomber to obtain medical assistance at the army hospital. The CID are probing closely to find the person who had exclusively helped this suicide bomber to visit the army hospital pretending to be going for medical assistance and this woman is said to have made several visits

before the attack, said a senior police officer.

Journey assured if attacks stopped and date assured

The government has sent a message to the LTTE through SLMM chief, Ulf Henricsson and Norway Ambassador, Hans Brattskar, to stop attacks on the security forces and announce the agreement and confirmation on the date for the next round of talks in Geneva, said Foreign Minister, Mangala Samaraweera. Minister Samaraweera also informed the truce monitors that the government has agreed to arrange a suitable aircraft from Sri Lankan Airways to provide transport for the LTTE eastern cadres to visit Vanni if the LTTE agrees for the above two important points. Though the message was sent through to the LTTE, they do not seem to be changing their attitude in stopping the attacks on the forces and civilians, sources said.

Government shows flexibility to achieve peace

It is good sign that the LTTE had agreed to participate in the Geneva talks on May 10th, said Minister Keheliya Rambukwela. Information has been received through Norway sources that the LTTE had agreed to attend Geneva talks. The government will be happy if the information is correct, as the government's attempt is to bring the LTTE to negotiating table. It is showing flexibility in many ways and confirms to the world that it is solely committed to peace. As Geneva talks are supposed to be held in Geneva on May 10th, Foreign Minister Mangala Samaraweera is scheduled to leave for India on the 8th to meet the Indian Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh and other Indian leaders on peace and other important matters, sources said.

LTTE attempts to murder the mother of a child

A housewife from Thiruwalluvar Road, 6th Division, Velanai was shot and injured by the LTTE around 6.00 p.m. last evening. This had occurred in the island area of the peninsula. The victim is identified as Ratnasingam Bothini (aged 29). LTTE cadres arrived on a motorcycle and opened fire on her while she was carrying cow dung home. She was rushed to Vangalavadi government hospital and transferred to THE Jaffna Teaching Hospital for further treatment. Kayts police are investigating the matter.

Head found in Vavuniya

Vavuniya police had found a head without the body at Vairapulyankulam, Vavuniya yesterday. The victim is identified as Lasser Dharmasegaram alias Dharsan (aged 24), a fruit vendor from Thonikkal. A complaint was made at the police earlier that the person was missing from last Friday (28.04.2006). Police was only able to find his body earlier.

Daily News

SLMM revises statement after Govt. objections

The Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission yesterday agreed to revise its original statement issued on Saturday after the Government expressed its displeasure over certain sections of the statement, Government Peace Secretariat Chief Dr. Palitha Kohona told the Daily News. Dr. Palitha Kohona met SLMM Chief Ulf Henricson yesterday at the Peace Secretariat to discuss the SLMM statement issued on Saturday ruling that the Government violated the CFA by launching air attacks on identified LTTE targets. According to Dr. Kohona the Government also expressed its displeasure at the way the language that the SLMM spokeswoman uses when giving comments.

The Island

LTTE promises mini Eelam in London

Many an eyebrow has been raised here by the rhetoric of some LTTE supporters in the local government election fray, who promise preferential treatment for the Tamil community, in a multi racial society that believes in social integration. The LTTE have put forward several candidates to contest for the position of local authority councilors on the 4th of May in key areas with large Tamil constituencies. While a large number of Tamils are participating in the elections, a close examination of some of the Tamil candidates indicate that they are either sympathisers or ardent supporters of the UK proscribed terrorist organization, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and have engaged in activities in support of the LTTE. The motive of the LTTE action is to attempt to influence the political thinking of the British government in favour of them and gain access to voter lists and target Tamil residents for extortion.

Navy destroys attacking Sea Tiger boat

A Sea Tiger boat was completely destroyed in a confrontation with a Navy craft yesterday (1). Four other Tiger boats on a mission to attack the Navy vessel had fled after the Navy counter attacked them, sources said. The Navy's Dvora craft sustained damages in the attack by the Sea Tigers and five sailors were injured. They were admitted to the Trincomalee Hospital, sources said.

Sniper gun detected

In a joint cordon and search operation conducted by the Army and the Mt Lavinia police, a sniper rifle with a telescopic mount was recovered from a flat which had been occupied by crack intelligence operative Inspector T. Jeyaratnam, now believed to be in LTTE custody. Though the flat

was locked from outside there was a frenzy of activity inside. IP Jeyaratnam went missing on 27 April last year after a friend, who had returned from overseas hosted his family to dinner at the Mt Lavinia Hotel. Later it was disclosed that the man who hosted the dinner was a key LTTE contact and he may have had a hand in the abduction later in the day.

Daily Mirror

LTTE likely to accept sea planes

Though violence continued in the North East, there were signs yesterday of a near breakthrough in the deadlocked peace process between the Government and the LTTE. The Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission informed the government that there were positive indications of the LTTE accepting the government's sea plane offer to transport its eastern leadership to the Wannu, but it said late last night talks might not resume soon. SLMM Head Ulf Henricsson and the Government Peace Secretariat Head Palitha Kohona yesterday met for a discussion where the SLMM told the government of the LTTE's current thinking on the sea plane offer, Investment Promotion Minister Rohitha Bogollagama said.

SLMM to rule LTTE sea movement as ceasefire violation

The Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission is likely to rule the sea movement conducted by the LTTE on Sunday night as a ceasefire violation as the Tigers do not have a right to the sea, the SLMM said yesterday. There was high drama in the Trincomalee seas early last morning hours after the LTTE attempted to transport some of its cadres by sea from the east to the Wannu aboard sea tiger vessels defying government objections resulting in the Navy opening fire on the Tiger vessels. Five LTTE sea tiger attack craft, which attempted to enter the Trincomalee harbor at around 5.54 last morning, came under Navy attack at Foul Point resulting in the destruction of one rebel boat and causing minor injuries to five sailors. "We attacked the five LTTE boats that attempted to infiltrate the Trinco harbour. One boat caught fire while the rest fled. One of our Dvora boats was hit by rebel gun fire. Five sailors received minor injuries," Navy spokesman Commander D.M.K. Dassanayake said.

Female with suspected LTTE links nabbed

A Tamil woman with suspected LTTE links was taken into custody by the Baduraliya Police while hiding in a house at Maragahadeniya in Baduraliya. She had in her possession five passports and had claimed to have come to the house on her cousin's request as the owners had gone abroad, police said. The suspect had identified herself as Ganendram Thamilvani. However, Mathugama ASP Priyalal Dasanayake said she did not possess an identity card or a passport of

her own. She claimed to have resided at Wattala before shifting to Baduraliya, he said.

Cycles banned in Trinco

The Trincomalee police have restricted the entry of all motorcycles and bicycles to the town from today citing security reasons. DIG Eastern Range Rohan Abeywardene ordered the police to enforce the ban since they were used in several Claymore mine explosions recently. The decision was taken after yesterday's explosion of another Claymore fixed to a bicycle in Trincomalee town where four civilians and a sailor were killed and eight others injured. Police have reserved special places outside the city for the parking of these bicycles and motorcycles.

Kokilai villagers flee in fear

Following Saturday's LTTE attack on the Kokilai Army Camp, families in the fishing village had fled to Pulmudai. OIC Pulmudai, Inspector Kelum Fernando said by about 7.00 p.m. on Saturday nearly two hundred families had come to Pulmudai by boats and the refugees were housed at the Muslim College in Pulmudai town. Armed LTTE cadres who had come in four boats from the direction of Mullativu had attacked the Army camp in the Kokilai Island and the army had retaliated. The fisher folk who were terrified had fled. Police said that one of the two injured during the fleeing succumbed to his injuries later in the night after being admitted to Pulmudai hospital.

Separate State in N-E not possible sans consent of India and international community: Tampoe

The Ceylon Mercantile Union (CMU) held their May Day rally at their headquarters yesterday, with the participation of their members from the industrial and commercial establishments. However, the CMU had to cancel their traditional May Day procession on police instructions, citing security concerns. Veteran trade unionist and CMU General Secretary Bala Tampoe scoffed at the Government's earlier decision to have May Day celebrations in Galle, on security grounds. He said that, if the Government feared a single, pregnant suicide bomber attacking the Army Commander, inside Army headquarters and fled to Galle, they would jump into the sea, if a group of LTTE cadres were to come to Colombo. Condemning the killing of members on both sides, Mr. Tampoe said that a separate State could not be formed in the North-East, without the consent of the international community, including India, even if the Tamil Tigers gained control of it, militarily.

The Sunday Leader

Minister contacts LTTE directly for talks

The government last week made direct contact with the LTTE and urged its return to the negotiating table with a promise to immediately halt the aerial bombardment in Trincomalee. The government's decision was communicated by Plan Implementation Minister and Defence Spokesman, Keheliya Rambukwella who contacted LTTE Media Spokesman, Daya Master and urged the LTTE's return to the negotiating table. The Minister who had said he was speaking with the President's authority had also indicated two sea planes were on stand-by to ferry the LTTE eastern commanders for a meeting of their central committee in the Wannu to pave the way for talks. LTTE sources confirmed the Minister's call to Daya Master. It is learnt the LTTE Media Spokesman had informed the Minister to convey any messages using the channel of the Norwegian facilitators. He had said the LTTE would in any event not consider any proposal until the aerial bombardment was stopped totally. The Minister had informed Daya Master the government would stop the aerial bombardment immediately and to communicate the government's proposal to Political Wing Leader S. P. Tamilselvan and revert. Minister Rambukwella confirmed to The Sunday Leader that he spoke with Daya Master on Wednesday. The government has also given assurance to the LTTE through Norway that as a goodwill gesture to pave the way for talks it will ensure there will be no attacks on LTTE cadres in government controlled areas for a period of one week.

Lanka Truth

Norwegians getting ready to go to Kilinochchi!

Norwegian representatives are getting ready to go to Kilinochchi with Government proposals on Geneva talks. Norwegians believe that tiger organization may not reject the proposals and would agree for talks in Geneva. Talking about the prevailing situation SLMM head Ulf Henriksen says there is a feeling that a sort of a war is being carried on. However none of the parties had declared that they were withdrawing from CFA and as such he and his team could continue to remain in the country as there were things that they could do.

Tigers attack civilians at Kabethigollawa

In an attack carried out by members of wannu tiger organization on a lorry loading sand at Mukunuoya at Thalagahawewa at Kabethigollawa the owner of the lorry and a fish monger riding a motorbike were killed. Three others who were in the lorry have been admitted to Anuradhapura hospital with serious injuries. The tigers who had been waiting hidden near the road had opened fire as the lorry had reached the place

they had been hiding. The fish monger had been riding his motorbike to go to Thalgahawewa to bring fish when he was gunned down by the tigers. Mr. Ananda Hettiarachchi, SP, Anuradhapura and a police team had gone to the scene of the incident immediately. A joint search operation by police and Army is being conducted to apprehend the tiger murderers.

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We will navigate in our own sea area

Col. Susai the special commander said that they will use the sea route for which they are entitled. He also said that on the 30th Apr 2006 a LTTE vessel which left Vanni to go to Trincomalee with their cadres by sea dropped them and brought another set of cadres by the East Vanni sea route. Therefore, he said that he will use the sea passage and if it is obstructed they will attack.

Sea trip is a violation of CFA- SLMM

SLMM says that the sea trip by the LTTE to and from Vanni to East is violation of the CFA.

No possibility of early talks

SLMM chief Mr Henricsson said that at the present juncture there is no scope for an early date for the peace talks. He met Dr. Palitha Kohona and had discussions including the statement of SLMM that the Army is killing people beyond justice. Minister Rohitha Bogollagama said that the LTTE's considering the offer to facilitate the movement of eastern commanders by a sea plane.

We cannot condone the Killings of our people

Lawrance, The LTTE North commander, at a seminar held at Elephant Pass said that the LTTE cannot just wait when their people are being killed. The LTTE is sacrificing their lives for the benefit of the Tamil people. Jaffna people suffer due to Army atrocities and if we rise up no force can stop us, he said.

Kayts Ellaran force admits killing of a girl- Bodhini

On the 20th Apr 2006 a young girl named Bodhini known as Sugee was shot and killed when returning from a Navy camp. The Elaran force has issued a statement that diseased was warned several times not to have connections with the Navy and be a traitor to the Tamil national force. But she continued to be friendly with the Navy. On the day of the killing she was returning from the Navy base. The Elaran force states that the ultimate punishment had been given to her and it was the punishment for traitors.

Dessertation of Army personnel

On the 29th Apr 2006 three Army personnel attached to the Vavuniya Omanthai army camp had deserted the service. In order to track them the traffic was stopped and extensive searches were conducted. From Vavuniya and Mannar army camps many have deserted. In Jaffna some of them wants to desert the Army but held back due to security reasons. It is revealed that about 50,000 personnel had so far deserted.

One LTTE cadre killed in Accidental fire

On the 29thm Apr 2006, in Mullative sea a LTTE cadre Kandasami Premanath known as Inbalan of first division, Nainativu died due to an accidental gunshot fire.

Police arrests Tamils from several areas

In Puttalam police conducted corden and search operation and arrested 83 Tamils from Arachchikaduwa, Chilaw, Marawila, Wennappuwa and Dankotuwa. The arrested are from Jaffna, Kalavanchikuddi, vavuniya and Killinochchi. At Badurueliya Gnanendran Thamilvani was arrested on suspicion as an LTTE acrdre.

Motor Cycles, Peddle cycles banned in Trincomalee

D.I.G East, Mr Rohan Abeywardana for security reasons had imposed a bann on motor Cycles, Peddle cycles entering jaffna town. Police have made alternative arrangements to park the two wheel vehicles outside the Trinco town.

A Tamil patient arrested in Gampola

A female Tamil patient, an inmate of the general hospital in Gampola was arrested a few minutes before Mr D.M Jayaratne and the Ambassador of Saudi Arbia was sheduled to attend a handing over function of medical items to the hospital. the police searched the hospital before the function and arrested and produced a patient in courts and remanded till 05th May 2006. The police claim that the behaviour of the accused was suspicious.

A 74 year old killed by SL Navy

On the 30th Apr 2006 at 08.00p.m when Ramasami Sangarapillai (74) and his wife were at their house at Allaipidgy in Kayts the Navy in civils entered their house and made the elderly person kneel down and shot dead. When the wife came for his rescue, she too was shot and injured. She was not allowed to be taken to the hospital be treated. This had been done in retaliation to the claymore bomb attack where two Navy personnel were injured.

Effigies burnt on the May Day

On the 01st May 2006 the LTTE conducted their May Day at Killinochchi public ground in which effigies of the president, Wimal Weerawamse were burnt by the people. May Day was observed as a mourning day in the LTTE controlled areas.

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