

MAJOR GENERAL (RET.) K. JAGATH ALWIS

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K. JAGATH ALWIS



Career

12 Nov. 1961 Date of Birth¹.
School Ananda College.
Special Apprentice at Colombo Dockyard².
16 Oct. 1981 Joined Army as cadet officer, intake 16³.
2nd Lieutenant Rajarata Rifles⁴ until disbanded for alleged involvement in anti-Tamil riots.
1983 Posted to Gajaba Regiment.
1987 3rd Battalion Gajaba regiment (3GR). [12.01.1987 Adjutant 3GR Irattaperiyakulam With Kamal Gunaratne (Photo)⁵].
1990 Pioneer member of Military Intelligence Corps established under General Lionel Balagalla.
1995 In Operation Riviresa.
1995-7 4GR.
1995 Pioneer member of Air Mobile Brigade under Col.Hiran Halangoda. Other members included 1 GR Col. Sumedha Perera, 4 Gemunu Watch Col. Sarath Fernando⁶.

¹ His sister, Nandani Weerasuriya, is Director of Anods Cocoa, a company with a global presence including in the UK.

<http://anodscocoa.com/the-director-board.html>

² Chagi Gallage: "Then,..Maj Gen (rtd) Jagath Alwis (Who inspired me to join the Army when he was gallivanting after schooling and just recruited to Marines; not in USA; but at CBO Dockyards to scrap rusted metal as a special apprentice)".

http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=191410

³ <https://divaina.com/sunday/index.php/visheshanga1/12584-500-18>

<https://alt.army.lk/gajabaregiment/content/retiring-major-general-k-j-alwis-rwp-rsp-usp-ndu-psc-accorded-military-salute>

Intake 16 like Udaya Perera, according to <http://www.lankaenews.com/news/158/en>

⁴ <https://divaina.com/sunday/index.php/visheshanga1/12584-500-18>

<https://alt.army.lk/gajabaregiment/content/retiring-major-general-k-j-alwis-rwp-rsp-usp-ndu-psc-accorded-military-salute>

⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/gajabaveteransassociation/photos/a.781932298533028/815849115141346/?type=3&theater>

(Shown below)

⁶ http://www.lankadeepa.lk/diyatha_news/%E0%B6%9A%E0%B7%9C%E0%B6%A7%E0%B7%92%E0%B6%B1%E0%B7%8A%E0%B6%A7-%E0%B6%91%E0%B6%BB%E0%B7%99%E0%B7%84%E0%B7%92%E0%B7%80-%E0%B6%B1%E0%B7%80-%E0%B6%B6%E0%B7%85-%E0%B6%87%E0%B6%AB%E0%B7%92%E0%B6%BA%E0%B6%9A%E0%B7%8A/48-542058

1997-1999 In Jayasikuru operation. Injured in the leg in Vishwamadu.
 4 Jan.99-12 Jan 2000 Centre Commandant Gajaba Regiment⁷.
 Dec 2000 Air Mobile Brigade - commander at Mirusuvil when the
 massacre occurred⁸.
 03 Jan. 2004 Confirmation in the rank of Colonel⁹.
 2004-5 Defence Service Command and Staff College, DSCSC.
 2005 Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's security chief¹⁰.
 1 May 2006 Appointed to rank of Brigadier¹¹.
 1 May 2006 Appointed Security Coordinator, President Security Unit¹².
 Military Security Coordinator to President.¹³
 Mahinda Rajapaksa's security chief exercising control over
 Colombo military intelligence operations in newly
 established President's Guard¹⁴.
 2008 Commander in Chief, Presidential Security Force (formed
 2008, dissolved 30 Apr. 2015).
 23 Aug.2011 17 Dec.12 Director General General Staff (DGGS)¹⁵.
 2012-14 Deputy Ambassador to Israel¹⁶.
 28 Nov 2014-20 Feb.15¹⁷ Commander Jaffna SFHQ¹⁸.
 10 Dec. 2014 Also Colonel Commandant of the Military Intelligence
 Corps¹⁹.
 1 Feb.-4 Nov.2016 Commander, Army Training Command²⁰.

⁷ <https://alt.army.lk/gajabaregiment/fomer-centre-cmmandants>

⁸ Sunil Ratnayake convicted of the Mirusuvil Massacre in December 2000 was in 6GR under Shantha Dissanayake, who was under the Air Mobile Brigade commanded by Jagath Alwis.

Colonel Jagath Alwis (Currently Major General) commanded that (Air Mobile) Brigade. Sunil was attached to sixth Gajaba regiment commanded by Shantha Dissanayake (Currently Brigadier) under that brigade.

(Reproduction of article by defence columnist Tissa Ravindra Perera in Rivira 6 July 2015)

<https://lrrp.wordpress.com/2015/07/18/%e0%b6%af%e0%b6%92-%e0%b6%9c%e0%b7%99%e0%b6%a9%e0%b7%92%e0%b6%ba%e0%b6%a7-%e0%b6%9c%e0%b7%99%e0%b6%b1%e0%b7%92%e0%b6%ba%e0%b6%b1-%e0%b7%80%e0%b7%92%e0%b7%81%e0%b7%9a%e0%b7%82-%e0%b6%b6%e0%b7%85/>

⁹ <http://220.247.247.85:8081/bitstream/handle/123456789/21908/2016-10-28%28I-I%29E.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>

¹⁰ <https://divaina.com/sunday/index.php/visheshanga1/12584-500-18>

¹¹ <http://220.247.247.85:8081/bitstream/handle/123456789/21908/2016-10-28%28I-I%29E.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>

¹² <http://220.247.247.85:8081/bitstream/handle/123456789/21908/2016-10-28%28I-I%29E.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>

¹³ https://wikileaks.org/plusd/cables/07COLOMBO1273_a.html

¹⁴ https://web.archive.org/web/20081106105522/http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=20081101_04

¹⁵ <https://www.parliament.lk/uploads/documents/paperspresented/performance-report-srilanka-army-2011.pdf>

<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/alleged-war-criminals-appointed-again-militarisation-of-diplomatic-service-continues/>

<https://www.parliament.lk/uploads/documents/paperspresented/performance-report-srilanka-army-2012.pdf>

<https://www.army.lk/news/friendship-japan-sri-lanka-friendship-assn-army-renewed-once-again>

¹⁶ <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/alleged-war-criminals-appointed-again-militarisation-of-diplomatic-service-continues/>

And 2014 <http://www.srilankaembassyil.com/media-centre/embassy-news/a-great-pinkama-held-at-israeli-buddhist-centre.html>

2013:
https://www.google.com/search?safe=off&client=safari&rls=en&ei=ZkKkXuPWG7Gn1fAP1siVgAI&q=jagath+alwis+israel+lanka&soq=jagath+alwis+israel+lanka&gs_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWIQAzoECAAAQR1DXSFjKZWDyaGgAcAJ4AIAB7QGIaEoGkgEFOS4wLjGYAQCgAQQgAQdnd3Mtd216&sclient=psy-ab&ved=0ahUKEwjjob-x3oPpAhWxUIHRZkBSAQ4dUDCAs&uact=5

¹⁷ <http://www.cimicjaffna.lk/profile-of-sfhq-j>

¹⁸ <http://www.dailymirror.lk/57575/maj-gen-jagath-alwis-new-jaffna-commander>

One media report says "Jaffna Defense Brigade Commander Major General Jagath Alwis too is accused for many disciplinary breach and alleged for deploying his position and soldiers for election activities."

<https://sites.google.com/site/ceylon2nations/hot-news-1/headline2/home/corruptarmyofficersstill-serving-free-of-charge>

<http://www.omlanka.net/news/196-maj-gen-alwis-assumes-duties.html>

¹⁹ <http://asiantribune.com/node/85956>

²⁰ <https://parliament.lk/uploads/documents/paperspresented/performance-report-srilanka-army-2016.pdf>

<https://alt.army.lk/slma/special-visitors>

12 Nov 2016	Retired as DG Training ²¹ .
3 Nov 2016	Ending role as Commandant MIC. Transferred to Army HQ ²² .
Dec 2019	Appointed Chief of National Intelligence ²³ which reportedly gives him command over the State Intelligence Service (SIS) ²⁴ . He reports to Kamal Gunaratne ²⁵ .
23 Feb. 2020	Appointed as head of six member Task Force (TF) to monitor the progress and speed up the on-going investigation by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) into last year's Easter Sunday serial bombings ²⁶ . It has to submit weekly reports to Kamal Guneratne ²⁷ .

Jagath Alwis has been a longtime ally of Gotabaya Rajapaksa and is extremely close to his Gajaba regimental colleagues, Sumedha Perera and Kamal Gunaratne, having fought in the South against the JVP and the North-East against the LTTE. In 2000 he was in charge of the Air Mobile Brigade when soldiers from a brigade (6th Gajaba Regiment) in his unit under his command murdered 8 Tamil civilians including a 5 year old child. Staff Sergeant Sunil Ratnayake of the 6th Gajaba battalion was eventually convicted of the killings but in 2020, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa controversially pardoned him fueling outrage and anger at military impunity.

Alwis has also been a close ally of Gotabaya Rajapaksa's brother, the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa -in his position as his powerful military security chief for many years - during which time it is widely believed Alwis was allegedly involved in the abduction of opponents.

In 2012, Alwis's name also came up as being present at the Welikada Jail incident in which 27 inmates were killed (see below).

Alwis is currently in charge of reviewing the police (CID) investigation into the Easter Sunday bombings in 2019 but ironically he himself, was in charge of Military Intelligence (serving as its first executive chief - see below) at a time when it is alleged to have had direct contact with some of the bombers and paid them as informers. This represents a distinct conflict of interest.

²¹ <https://alt.army.lk/gajabaregiment/content/retiring-major-general-k-j-alwis-rwp-rsp-usp-ndu-psc-accorded-military-salute>

²² <https://www.pressreader.com/sri-lanka/daily-mirror-sri-lanka/20161103/282441348647347>

²³ <https://ceylontoday.lk/news-more/968> n9

²⁴ "Brigadier Salley, still a serving Army officer, will function under retired Major General Jagath de Alwis, the Chief of National Intelligence (CNI). The latter was an officer in the Gajaba Regiment, President Rajapaksa's regiment whilst in the Army."

<https://srilankabrief.org/2019/12/sri-lanka-brigadier-suresh-salley-appointed-as-the-director-of-state-intelligence-service-sis>

²⁵ "In late February, criminal investigations into terrorist activities, currently conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the police, now come under a special task force headed by Army Intelligence Service director, Major General Jagath Alwis, who will report directly to Gunaratne. This arrangement interferes with existing legal procedures in which the police are supposed to conduct all criminal investigations in Sri Lanka."

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2020/03/13/milt-m13.html>

²⁶ http://www.defence.lk/Article/view_article/887

²⁷ <https://srilankabrief.org/2020/02/task-force-headed-by-maj-gen-jagath-alwis-has-been-set-up-to-expedite-cid-probe-into-easter-sunday-terrorist-attacks/>

In addition while Alwis was Commandant of the Military Intelligence regiment from 2014-16, CID police officers failed to secure the cooperation of the Military Intelligence Corps into the still ongoing investigation into the kidnapping of the cartoonist Prageeth Eknaligoda in 2010. Indeed, media reports suggested that the reason that Prageeth was kidnapped, was because his cartoons angered the Rajapaksa brothers, to whom Alwis is seen as being very close.

Relationship with the President

Jagath Alwis and Gotabaya Rajapaksa go back to the JVP era as the photograph below shows and they are both Gajaba Regiment veterans²⁸.

Sunday, 30 June 2013

Ayoma wins the day

*War on terror revisited : Part 151

June 30, 2013, 9:22 pm



Lt. Col. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa taking over the First battalion of the Gajaba Regiment (I GR) from Gamini Angammana at Saliyapura, Anuradhapura, immediately after returning from Fort Benning, Georgia in 1989. From (L-R) Fazly Laphir (killed during an abortive rescue mission in July 1996 south of Mullaitivu), little Manoj (Lt. Col. Rajapaksa's

son), Ayoma, Jagath Alwis, Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, Gamini Angammana, Sumedha Perera and Lawrence Fernando waiting for the arrival of Brigadier Wijaya Wimalaratne, who raised the I GR during eelam war I (July 1983-June 1987).

by Shamindra Ferdinando

²⁸ In a speech at the Regimental HQ, Gotabaya Rajapaksa said "I being Col of the Regiment stand here today as one of the remaining pioneer members along with Maj Gen Jagath Dias, Maj Gen Sumedha Perera, Maj Gen Kamal Gunarathne, Maj Gen Udaya Perera and Maj Gen Jagath Alwis of the Gajaba Regiment, who joined initially as Second Lieutenants to the Gajaba Family can be proud of the hard won achievements, today."



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January 1987 Officers Mess 3 GR Iratperiyakulam
(L to R) Lt Upali Fernando, Maj Tissa Jayawardena,
Lt Fasley Laphir, Lt Jagath Alwis



Welikada Prison Incident, 2012:

In November 2012, 27 inmates at the Welikada Prison, in Colombo were allegedly killed by the Army and the Special Task Force (STF) following what was reported as a search operation that led to a riot. Media reports indicate that a 'Jagath Alwis' was the officer called to the prison²⁹. His name shows up on the phone records requested to be handed over and Major General Shantha Dissanayake (Now appointed Chair of the Consumer Affairs Authority) was also present at the prison (the commander in Mirusuvil – see above)³⁰.

²⁹ "CHARGE GOTA!" Says Nambuwasam CoI On Welikada Massacre, 19 Apr. 2018, Colombo Telegraph, <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/charge-gota-says-nambuwasam-coi-on-welikada-massacre/>

³⁰ 20.06.2018 – Dinamina.lk "Colombo addl. Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage yesterday (19) directed managers of telephone companies to hand over phone records of 12 army, police and prison officials allegedly involved in the murder of 27 inmates of the Welikada prison".

“White Van” Nickname

Allegations have long been levelled in Sri Lanka that Jagath Alwis played a leading role in the “white van” abductions that proliferated at the end of the war and after the war³¹.

“It is learnt that the regime chief had entrusted this novel White Van criminal operations to Major General Jagath Alwis, the Director General of the Army Chief of Staff division. The Army intelligence unit, as well as five main divisions including training comes under him. This Major General reports directly to the regime chief on the White Van operations and its criminal progress. This Major General was originally in the security contingent of the regime chief. After obtaining training in China, when he returned to Sri Lanka he had been saddled with this post. Until then this post was held vacant. The police protection to this White Van revolutionized operation is provided by DIG Anura Senanayake. The Major General is a very good friend of DIG’s late younger brother too.. The close association among them had provided the right climate and groundwork for the White Van criminal operations³²”.

In 2012, a town council chairman, Ravindra Udayashanta, was abducted in a white van and reported that the abductors were military men³³. Journalists say Deputy Inspector General of police, Anura Senanayake, procured the release of the abductors³⁴ amidst intense speculation at the time, that they operated under Jagath Alwis, leading to the press coining the name ‘father of white vans’ for Alwis.³⁵. ‘White Van abductions’, ‘unlawful detentions’ and ‘torture’ have allegedly been perpetrated by forces under the command of Major General Alwis going back to 2012 and amount to serious international crimes for which Major General Alwis incurs criminal responsibility for his actions and the actions of the subordinates under his command.

“CID had requested court to order the handing over of 12 people including former DIG Anura Senanayake, DIG Nimal Wakishta, Military Legal Director General Jagath Alwis, major General Shantha Dissanayake, Major Genetal Ruwaan Kulatunga, Major General Sunil Manawadu, former prisons commissioner P.W Kodippili, Police Inspector of Narcotics Bureau suspect Rangajeewa, former ptisons commissioner suspect Emil Ranjan Lamahewa and third suspect Indika Sampath.”

<https://srilankatwo.wordpress.com/2018/06/20/welikada-prison-incident-cid-to-check-phone-records-of-12-persons/>

³¹ <https://srilankamirror.com/news/697-revelation-on-military-s-politics-during-2015-presidential-polls>

³² <https://www.facebook.com/lankaenews/posts/operators-of-the-white-van-new-criminal-culture-and-dimension-exposed-lanka-e-ne/266231460108693/>

<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/alleged-war-criminals-appointed-again-militarisation-of-diplomatic-service-continues/>

“These criminal white Van operations are carried out under Army chief of staff division, Director General , Major Gen. Jagath Alwis following directives from President Rajapakse and defense Secretary Gotabaya”.

³³ <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.foxnews.com/world/2-survive-to-tell-of-abduction-squads-in-sri-lanka.amp>

³⁴ <http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2012/03/criminal-white-van-record-of-rajapakeses.html>

³⁵ “The Army intelligence unit and four divisions of the Army training divisions are under the purview of Jagath Alwis. By the way, the Police DIG (Colombo) or President’s DOG Anura Senanayake who got the four criminals released from Wellampitiya police custody and took them away with him, and Jagath Alwis are bosom pals.”

<https://srilankabrief.blogspot.com/2012/03/believe-it-or-not-wellampitiya-white.html>

Prageeth's Case

The abducted cartoonist, Prageeth Eknaligoda, disappeared on 24 January 2010 after his cartoons upset the President, Mahinda Rajapaksa, and his brother, the then secretary of defence, Gotabaya Rajapaksa³⁶. Prageeth is believed to have been abducted and unlawfully detained in Giritale Army Camp by officers of the 3rd Military Intelligence Corps (3MIC) and murdered days later in the East of Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan media³⁷ reported in August 2019 that witnesses testified that there was an alleged link to Gotabaya Rajapaksa, whom the reports suggested ordered the abduction:

“The Sunday Observer also learns that at least two witnesses provided confessions to the Magistrate under Section 127 of the Code of Criminal Procedure claiming that 3MIC got orders from former Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa to abduct Eknaligoda. Despite this and other crucial evidence in the custody of investigators yet to be considered, the Attorney General left the former defence secretary out of the case, while the other indictments have been expedited. Presenting facts of the case to the Chief Justice, the Attorney General’s Department last week noted that CID investigations revealed that the 3 MIC unit had been used to gather information on the Presidential election campaigns at the time. During the process, the 3 MIC unit had discovered information which supported the premise that Eknaligoda was an opponent of the Rajapaksa Government which led to his abduction two days prior to the election on January 24, 2010.”³⁸

The following extract from an article by Tissa Ravindra Perera in Rivira³⁹ on 5 Nov 2016, *“Why should the intelligence services that protect the national security be safeguarded”*, suggests that Jagath Alwis was connected to the Giritale Military Intelligence team but doesn't elaborate on the link although Alwis had just been in charge of the MIC regiment for two years:

“Major General Jagath Alwis who is a Gajaba officer has been assigned to the Army HQ as he will be 55 on 12 November. A military court of inquiry against officers in the MIC decided that commanding officers, second commanding officers and commandants who served in the Giritale 3rd MIC should be held responsible for not maintaining files in a systematic manner. After the CoI submitted a general opinion to the legal directorate, the Army

³⁶ “On January 25, 2010, once Prageeth Eknaligoda had arrived at the Giritale Army camp, Sgt Ranbanda was given orders from his commanding officer Col. Kumararatne, conveyed through a Corporal Rupasena, to interrogate Eknaligoda about several obscene cartoons he had drawn of the then President Mahinda Rajapaksa and his brother, the Defence Secretary.”

PRAGEETH: “A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIME” – DHARISHA BASTIANS & AANYA VIPULASENA, 20 Jan 2019, <https://srilankabrief.org/2019/01/prageeth-a-politically-motivated-crime-dharisha-bastians-aanya-vipulasena/>

³⁷ Also <https://srilankabrief.org/2019/01/prageeth-a-politically-motivated-crime-dharisha-bastians-aanya-vipulasena/> “In a confession under oath before the Homagama Magistrate, Sureshkumar said Col. Kumararatne had told Sureshkumar that on the orders of Secretary of Defence Gotabaya Rajapaksa, they were to facilitate the abduction of Prageeth Eknaligoda by tricking the journalist into a meeting with an undercover military intelligence operative, Corporal Priyanthakumara Rajapakse Nadan.”

³⁸ <http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2019/08/11/news/giritale-mi-commander-be-indicted-over-eknaligoda-abduction>

³⁹ <http://eethalayanews.com/NewsMain.php?san=1023>

Commander has been provided with a detailed list of officers who served in the Giritale camp from the very beginning.”

The Military Intelligence officers identified as suspects in the case were investigated by the police (CID, in charge of the gang robbery investigation unit, Nishanta de Silva⁴⁰) which found the army failed to cooperate with the investigation⁴¹. The CID requested access to the files from the Giritale Camp, which were never forthcoming. The files were believed to be relevant to the abduction of Prageeth Ekneligoda whom CID investigators confirmed was taken to the 3 MIC army camp in Giritale. These documents have never been produced in court.

A military Court of Inquiry was established in 2016 by the Army to establish who was responsible for the missing files⁴². According to Magistrate court's documents⁴³, the Director of Intelligence, Tuan Suresh Salley⁴⁴, told police that Major General D.D.U.K Hettiarachchi⁴⁵ was the chairman of this military Court of Inquiry. Incidentally, Hettiarachchi is another retired military officer from the same school as the President and appointed by him as the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation (a role he served in previously which involved presiding over arbitrary detention and torture) as well as Head of the Office of National Action Plan for Countering and Preventing Radicalization, Violent Extremism, and Terrorism which is placed under the Defence Ministry⁴⁶.

Major General Alwis was Commandant MIC from 10 December 2014 to 3 November 2016. He would have known about the missing documents, the magistrate's court order and the Court of Inquiry established in June 2016 to provide the relevant documents.

⁴⁰ See Gotabaya Rajapaksa court documents, amended complaint where a plaintiff accuses Silva of torture.
<https://itjpsl.com/assets/press/Rajapaksa-First-Amended-Complaint-Docket-No-35-6.26.19.pdf>

⁴¹ “In Prageeth's case, the military is not cooperating with the CID investigation, refusing to disclose crucial information on grounds of “national security”. The CID reportedly traced Prageeth's last known whereabouts to an army camp in Giritale, and yet, nine years after his disappearance, no indictments have materialised”. Amnesty, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/01/where-is-the-political-will-for-justice/> 28 January 2019,

⁴² <https://srilankabrief.org/2016/06/sl-army-concedes-that-documents-wanted-for-lasantha-and-prageeth-investigations-are-missing/>

“However, at this stage, by virtue of the powers vested in the Commander of the Army under the Army Discipline Regulations, the Commander of the Army appointed a Court of Inquiry (COI), to ascertain the whereabouts of the missing documents, and if they are indeed missing, the period they had gone missing and the persons responsible.

In the same vein, the Commander of the Army appointed another separate Court of Inquiry to trace the missing documents, related to Prageeth Ekneligoda case. The findings of the Courts of Inquiry will be intimated to the honorable Courts and the CID at the conclusions of the said inquires.”

20th June 2016 (Media Communiqué by Sri Lanka Army)

⁴³ Extract from the 01/11/2016 B report of the Prageeth Ekneligoda case:

“Director Intelligence T.S Salley had informed court that an initial court of inquiry was appointed on 16.06.2016 with the senior army officer named Major General D.D.U.K Hettiarachchi RSP USP ndu psc as its chairman to find out who is responsible for the files relevant to this investigation that was requested as ordered by the court and SDIG of the CID. In order to carry on with the investigations with regard to this investigation, I respectfully appeal to order under the powers vested upon you by the paragraph 124 of the criminal procedure of 1979 no 15 to provide the officer in charge of the gang robbery investigation unit with the (...) report of the initial court of inquiry, a certified copy of the complete report and the original copies of statements obtained by the CoI. Signed by Nishantha Silva OIC gang robbery investigation unit, CID”

⁴⁴ Ref. Confidential ITJP Dossier.

⁴⁵ <https://www.army.lk/news/major-general-dharshana-hettiarachchi-assumes-office-commander-security-forces-east> .
<https://www.tamilguardian.com/content/former-army-chief-who-spearheaded-arbitrary-detentions-appointed-sri-lankas-rehabilitation>
Also See ITJP Dossier, https://itjpsl.com/assets/press/2019_may_the_men_now_patrolling_sri_lanka_itjp_jds.pdf

⁴⁶ Retirement from “ He succeeds Major General Darshana Hettiarachchi who retires from the Army to take up a new appointment in the Ministry of Defence shortly, the release further read” <http://www.adaderana.lk/news/56448/new-jaffna-commander-assumes-duties>. And “He retired on July 22, 2019 and was recalled for service to take up an assignment under the Defence Ministry”. Rehabilitation at <http://www.dailynews.lk/2020/02/15/local/211542/maj-genhettiarachchi-appointed-rehabilitation-commissioner-general>

As Commandant of Military Intelligence he should have ordered his regiment to cooperate with the police investigation. His failure to cooperate with the investigation renders him complicit in the crime of obstructing justice and the crime of aiding and abetting.

Additional Documentation:

Translation of excerpt from Sinhala of 26 April 2020 Divaina article⁴⁷ by Manoj Abeydheera, "Who is this new head of Intelligence services? The real story behind the change of guard in the Intelligence services?"

"Who Is Jagath Alwis...?"

"Jagath Alwis who joined the SLA on 16 October 1981 to the 16th intake was recruited to Rajarata Rifles as a second lieutenant. When Rajarata Rifles were turned into an invaluable production named Gajaba Regiment by Major General Wijaya Wimalaratne, Jagath Alwis too joined the Gajaba forces.

Launching his military career, Jagath Alwis was involved in operations against LTTE terrorists in the Nedunkerny area with contemporary comrades in arms like Roshan Silva and Prasanna Wickremesuriya. During an operation in Visuwamadu, Jagath Alwis's foot was incurably injured by terrorist firing. Later, Alwis who was serving in 3^d Gajaba in Irattaperiyakulam followed the first course for the training for his present position in intelligence. After completing that training conducted by the British MI5, Jagath Alwis served for seven years in the military intelligence corps.

When Colonel Lionel Balagalla established the Intelligence Corps as a separate unit for the military, Jagath Alwis was its first executive chief. Later he was involved in battles like Mahaoya, joined the air mobile brigade and was in charge of one of its units. He launched operations in the east, shoulder to shoulder with officers like Sumedha Perera and Sarath Perera. Jagath Alwis was involved as a leader in Operation Thunder 5 to extend the military presence in the Jaffna Peninsular and later to liberate areas like Arali. In Operation 'Riviresa' it was Jagath Alwis who contributed heavily to move forward by smashing the boundaries constructed by Tiger terrorists in Nallur. Furthermore, it was the team, including Jagath Alwis, that first entered the Jaffna Fort in that operation. Alwis who fought in the Riviresa Operation upto Kilinochchi was later appointed to the Army HQ.

Jagath Alwis who later served in the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) in Batalanda, became the commandant of the Gajaba Regiment. The Gajaba Super Cross was launched during this period.

To Jaffna from America...

⁴⁷ <https://divaina.com/sunday/index.php/visheshanga1/12584-500-18>

Jagath Alwis who followed an infantry course in Fort Benning, America, re-enters the battle field a couple of days after he completes his course at a time when military power is failing in Mankulam and Elephant Pass. Jagath Alwis who entered the Jaffna peninsular under Sarath Fonseka is entrusted with providing security to places heavily threatened by terrorists. When providing security to key areas like Nagarkovil and Sarasalai, Major General Anton Wijendra tasked Jagath Alwis with capturing Chavakachcheri within six days. Jagath Alwis reached the area within one hour and ten minutes with heroic military characters like Ralph Nugera and **Shantha Dissanayake**⁴⁸. That victory achieved with officers like Sumedha Perera and Prasanna Wickremasuriya boosted the depressed morale of the military.

When LTTE terrorists attempted to breach the Nagarkovil FDL (forward defence line) and attack the military, Jagath Alwis took the lead in successfully launching a counter attack and smashing the LTTE's power.

Takes charge of Mahinda's security

Jagath Alwis who later served in Maduru Oya and Batalanda Army training was appointed in charge of Premier Mahinda Rajapaksa's security in 2005. As the person in charge of Mr Mahinda from his time as prime minister throughout his time as president, Jagath Alwis while protecting the President, who was the target of many enemy forces led by LTTE terrorists, launched the intelligence and military security power through the battle field of the capital."

⁴⁸ Also Gajaba Regiment, <https://www.army.lk/news/major-general-shantha-dissanayake-honoured-farewell-salute>

And Commander Air Mobile Brigade as referenced above regarding Mirusivil. Now appointed Chairman of the Consumer Affairs Authority.