

In solidarity with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and the heroic Tamil masses

We commemorate the martyrdom of the fifty-three Tamil Eelam Patriots in the infamous Welikade prison massacres in July '83 and the innocent Tamils murdered in the successive racial pogroms. Recurring eruptions of racial pogroms are interwoven in the fabric of the political history of the Tamil Nation.

The attempted genocide of July '83, unprecedented in its destructive horror, resulted in hundreds of lives lost and thousands made refugees. This not only signified a nation in agony but more emphatically gave birth to a new resoluteness to the struggle for self-determination.

The heroic sacrifice of our people has given vitality and momentum and has advanced the Tamil Eelam freedom struggle to its highest form.

Our people are our fortress

The Tamil people have exhausted all modes of peaceful democratic agitations, resorted to revolutionary resistance to defend themselves against a genocidal oppression. The Tamil national resistance gave birth to a revolutionary liberation movement, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

The Tigers, sons and daughters of the oppressed and powerless masses of Tamil Eelam, were totally dedicated to project the profound aspirations of the people. Their politico-military organisation became the revolutionary alternative to the corrupt bourgeois leadership.

This leadership earned the distrust and anger of the people by their electoral games and political barter with the enemy. Today they stand fully exposed, discredited and demoralised in contrast to the committed leadership of the Tigers.

The agonies of our people, their tears and blood will be the arms against the government, and intensify the struggle, harden the resolve of the Tigers.

The Tigers, rooted and protected by the fortress of the people, have successfully waged for ten years a protracted guerrilla warfare, shattering the invincibility of the enemy. Moreover, it is the **militant expression of the collective will of the people that has proved to be the greatest challenge to the Sinhala state.**

The fascist Sinhala state and its shaky mercenary army, cornered and challenged, unleash a reign of terror in our homeland, killing viciously and wan-

tonly. The motive of this terror is to subjugate the will of the people to fight for their dignity and freedom, and alienate the guerrillas from their base — the masses. But these violent and terroristic manifestations of the state have only helped to polarise the heterogeneous masses of the oppressed Tamil nation towards a determined revolutionary struggle for political independence.

Tearing the mask off the enemy

Historical events have exposed that the Sinhala chauvinist state had always conceived a military solution as the only option to the Tamil national question. Thus, in the name of eradicating terrorism, the genocidal war declared on the innocents by the Sinhala state has unmasked the ugly face of state terrorism.

The present Sinhala regime and its mercenary military unable to contend with determination of struggling Tamil masses and their armed vanguard LTTE, shed the political facade of non-alignment and invite, into the shores of Sri Lanka their natural allies, US and British imperialists and their agents Zionist Israel.

Not only the hated Mossad and 'ex'-SAS mercenaries impart their 'skills' to their local counterparts, but also, the British government is giving aid of £5.5 million to expand the Colombo airport to 'cater to new needs'. This so-called 'Paradise' island, is not only stained with the blood of our people but is fast becoming the playground for the military manoeuvres of western imperialists.

Small steps — big strides

After careful and cautious appraisal of the specific conditions of the national situation, the Tigers evolved an urban guerrilla warfare as the effective mode of armed struggle.

The armed actions of the Tiger political militants not only raised the national consciousness of the Tamil people, but also intensified the contradictions within the Sinhala nation.

The deepening economic crisis brought about by a dependent neo-colonial economy, and the open invitation to US imperialism and their agents Zionist Israel show that the chauvinist, oppressive state structure is demoralised and weakening.

Looking ahead: Tasks of the Tamil diaspora

As the Tamil national liberation struggle continues and extends from a protracted guerrilla warfare to a people's war of national liberation, the Tamil diaspora needs to decide its role in the struggle.

We call upon all patriotic Tamils outside Tamil Eelam to commit, with complete awareness of the historic reality, their moral and material support to the heroic struggle of the Tamil people and their vanguard movement LTTE.

Call to the progressives of the oppressor nation

We call upon the progressives and revolutionaries of the Sinhala nation who uphold the proletarian praxis of Marxism and Leninism: they should follow the strategy advanced by the great revolutionary teachers and give unconditional and unrelenting support to the freedom struggle of the oppressed Tamil nation.

Such a political strategy can only serve the interests of the class struggle of both the oppressed

and oppressor nation, since the ruling Sinhala bourgeoisie has been reinforcing a chauvinistic ideological hegemony and has been practising a vicious and brutal form of national oppression against the Tamil nation.

To break the ideological hegemony, the revolutionary Marxists in the south should advance the ideological battle **supporting most resolutely the right of the oppressed Tamil nation to secession, i.e. the right to establish an independent socialist Tamil Eelam.**

Links of solidarity

Our liberation struggle as an oppressed nation is an integral part of the international war, a war of revolutionaries against the reactionary forces of oppression, the forces of imperialism, neo-colonialism, Zionism and racism.

We appeal to all progressive forces and revolutionary movements of the world to recognise our people's right to self-determination and give unrelenting support and solidarity to the armed revolutionary struggle of the LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM.

'We have the courage, confidence and determination to fight and win our freedom'

V. Prabakaran, Leader LTTE



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