

## In Parliament on Wednesday

## 'LTTE should give up violence - Mervin Silva

by Wijitha Nakkawita and Lakshmi de Silva

Moving an Adjournment Motion in Parliament Wednesday TNA's Jaffna District member Mavai Senthirajah asked the Government to declare a ceasefire ending the present armed conflict in the North and East so that conditions for peace talks with the LTTE could be created.

He was speaking about the state of the civilians in the North and East and said the attacks by the Armed Forces had created a 'grave humanitarian crisis in the past two to three weeks.'

Joining the debate Deputy Labour Minister Mervin Silva said President Mahinda Rajapakse was prepared to start peace talks with the LTTE from the very day he was elected President in November last year but the LTTE had not reciprocated but kept on attacking the armed forces and civilians.

However the Rajapakse family which had given one of its sons to the Army, another to the police knew how to fight a war if the necessity arose. It was up to the LTTE to change its policy and seek a political solution by holding talks with the government which was always ready to hold talks.

Minister for Media Anura Priyadarshana Yapa said the government at no stage said it did not accept the ceasefire agreement but only said it needed amendments as there were some weak areas in it. The Government started peace talks but it was the LTTE kept out of the arranged peace talks table. But now the LTTE has pushed the government into the position of making limited counter attacks to

prevent the provocative attacks of the LTTE.

Sivanathan Kishor (TNA) said it was because the LTTE prevented the Tamil people of the North to vote during the last Presidential Election that Mahinda Rajapakse was able to win the election and become President.

In the attacks by the Sri Lanka Air Force 60 children were killed and over hundred injured. The road to Jaffna was closed and other roads in the north were also closed though there was no fighting in those areas.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Mangala Samaraweera said the members of Parliament for the North and East in the House worshipped the Sun God of the Kilinochchi Junges but now the LTTEs real image is before the people when it has attempted to assassinate the Ambassador for Pakistan who represents a country that has helped Sri Lanka as a friend.

It was very surprising that member Mavai Senthirajah who spoke about the displacement of Tamil civilians in the North failed to say even one word about more than 10,000 Muslims who were displaced when the LTTE attacked the Muslim town Mutur, he said.

Samaraweera said the LTTE agents in USA has been arrested for trying to bribe an official with million dollars. The LTTE had millions of dollars to spend on bribes and procure arms in the West while the poor Tamil civilians in the North and East were suffering under their yoke paying unjust taxes to the LTTE.

Minister of Social Services

Douglas Devananda said any victory in war was only an illusion. Taking up arms could be justified for a proper cause but the LTTE is only creating misery for the Tamil people and was not prepared to come to the peace talks even when the Government was prepared for it. LTTE is an organization thriving on dead bodies of the Tamil people. It is abducting children and forcing them to become child soldiers.

When the Government was supplying electricity to the North and East and building roads or sending medicines for the hospitals in these areas, the LTTE says it is only soap as it does not want the Tamil people to benefit. Some members in the House are looking at everything through the eyes of the Tiger but the EPDP is trying to help the people to live, Devananda said.

Pathmini Sithamparanathan (TNA) said there is state terrorism in the North and East and aerial bombings. The Government should start negotiations with the LTTE without resorting to attacks.

Deputy Minister Hussain Bahila said Senthirajah's motion did not contain a word about the killing of 100 Muslim youth who were dragged away from their families, lined up and shot dead by the LTTE while they were fleeing in fear of LTTE attacks.

President Mahinda Rajapakse resorted to counter attacks only after continued attacks by the LTTE in violation of the ceasefire agreement. But he was committed to peace and was willing to settle the problem finding a political solution.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapakse in conversation with some of the students after opening the two-storey school building, constructed at a cost of Rs. 30 million by the Sri Lanka Planning Institute, at Nilwala Ananda Vidyalaya at Hathagala, Hunugama. Manager of the school, Ven. Pallegama Jinarathana Thero and principal S. P. Anusha are also present. (Pic by Lalith Welivitigoda)

## Suvasetha, a new lottery launched

By Brian Tissera

The National Lotteries Board launched its newest lottery, Suvasetha, on Tuesday. Chairman NLB, Upali Liyanage said that the lottery was being launched on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Nutrition.

The primary objective of Suvasetha is to invest more funds in the health sector. The investment on health by the state was over Rs. 29,000 million in 2005. This increased to over Rs. 36,000 million in 2006.

The inaugural sale of Suvasetha was launched on Tuesday. It carries a first prize of rupees one million, if all five numbers tally with a second prize of Rs. 10,000 a third prize of Rs. 500 while two numbers and a fourth prize of

Rs. 20. Suvasetha provides two opportunities for winning of prizes since there are two lines of numbers instead of one. The NLB hopes to collect Rs. 10 million in revenue from the very first draw, due to held on September 9, 2006.

NLB already conducts a number of lottery draws one on each day of the week, which Chairman, NLB, Liyanage said

would not be affected by the new lottery. The lotteries conducted at present are Govisetha (Monday), Mahajana Sampatha (Tuesday/Friday), Jayaviru (Wednesday), Vasana Sampatha (Thursday), Supiri Vasana Sampatha (Saturday), Shrama Vasana (Sunday) Sevana Lottery (Instant), Samurdhi (Instant) and Airport Super draw (After every 6000 tickets are sold).

## 'Ceasefire cannot be abrogated'

The SLFP has informed the JVP in a note on Tuesday that the ceasefire agreement cannot be abrogated in response to the JVP's conditions to join the government. The SLFP has further stated that it accepts in principle the CFA is unconstitutional but total abrogation of it could complicate matters.

The letter was handed over to the JVP when both parties met on Wednesday at

the Temple Trees. On the JVP demand that Norway should be ousted from the peace initiatives, too, was not acceptable to the SLFP it was noted. On the demand that the present Cabinet should be reduced to 30 ministers, the SLFP said that it would consult President Mahinda Rajapakse on this issue.

The JVP's response would be conveyed to the SLFP next week.

## Fourth CSI Bishop consecrated

Rt. Rev. Dr. Daniel Thiagarajah was consecrated on Monday as the fourth CSI Bishop of Jaffna by the

Church hierarchy in Madras. He succeeds Bishop Jabanesan.

## Power pirates fined

Mahiyangana Magistrate D. A. Ruwanpathirana fined Rs 200,000 on 21 people from Medagama, and Siripura in the Amapara Electrical Engineer's division for tap-

ping electricity illegally. Dehiattakandiya Police and Electrical engineer's staff conducted the raid and nabbed the culprits.

**SALE OF UNREDEEMED JEWELLERY**

The jewellery which were pawned with Mr. M. Thangavelupillai of Sri Mallika Stores, No. 419, Main Street, Matale from 01/03/2005 to 31/08/2005 will be sold by Public Auction on 24/09/2006 at 9.30 a.m. by me in the premises

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## The National Peace Council calls for immediate halt to war

## Reverse the growing humanitarian tragedy through new ceasefire

The widespread and heavy fighting between government forces and the LTTE over the past several weeks has created a major humanitarian crisis. According to humanitarian workers, the situation is as bad as it has ever been in the 20 years of war, or even worse. Over 160,000 people have become refugees since April this year, and the numbers are increasing rapidly day by day. The National Peace Council demands that those who have been displaced and otherwise affected as a result of the fighting should be protected according to international humanitarian norms.

**What is most tragic about this phase of war is that it is undeclared, although it is raging in full force in parts of the north east. Due to the uncertain status of the Ceasefire Agreement, there is a climate of impunity and lack of adherence to international norms of humanitarian conduct. Humanitarian organizations have been complaining that they cannot take relief supplies to where they are most needed.**

The National Peace Council condemns the uprooting of tens of thousands of people, most of them Muslims, due to the attack on the town of Muttur, the targeted killings, and the displacement of similar numbers of Tamil people into Vakarai where there has been severe air force bombing. We condemn the air force bombing of an educational and training facility in Mullaitivu in which over a hundred teenage girls are reported to have been either killed or injured. We also condemn the execution style killing of 16 Tamil and one Muslim aid workers in Muttur in contravention of the

Geneva Conventions and international humanitarian law to which Sri Lanka is a signatory.

We also condemn the assassination of the deputy head of the government's peace secretariat, Kethesh Loganathan in his home in a Colombo suburb and the claymore mine attack on the Pakistan High Commissioner in Colombo that killed seven security forces personnel and civilians. The discovery of large numbers of claymore mines in vehicles apprehended by the security forces indicates more such attacks to come.

The National Peace Council calls for an immediate halt to the war and to the killings and for the government and LTTE to re-engage in negotiations. There is a terrible sense of fear amongst the people, and the early closure of schools is indicative of the sense of crisis. If there is no political solution that comes through negotiation, what is guaranteed is a festering conflict that will be full scale war at worst or a life sapping guerrilla war at best. Whatever the temporary vicissitudes of the military battlefield, one factor remains uppermost, and that is, that ethnic conflicts do not end through war.

**We call on the government and LTTE to immediately cease all hostilities and negotiate a new Ceasefire Agreement; in the meantime we demand that international humanitarian law and norms in respect of war-affected populations should be strictly adhered to.**

**National Peace Council**

RUHUNA DEVELOPMENT BANK  
WEERAKETIYA BRANCH

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Ruhuna Development Bank under Section 04 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 04 of 1990.

It is hereby notified that the following Resolution was specially and unanimously passed by the Board of Directors of the Ruhuna Development Bank incorporated under Regional Development Bank Act No. 06 of 1997 and the Gazette notification dated 24.04.1998 of the Monetary Board of the Central Bank, at the meeting held on 14.09.2004.

Whereas Vidanagamage Piyadasa of "Priyantha", Thenagama, Vitarandeniya has made default in payment due on Mortgage Bond No. 2852 dated 24.05.2001 attested by Mr. S. E. Munasinghe Notary Public in favour of the Ruhuna Development Bank, and there is now due and owing to the Ruhuna Development Bank a sum of Rupees One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred (Rs. 115,600/-) together with interest from 19.12.2001 to the date of sale on a sum of Rupees One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred (Rs. 115,600/-) being the outstanding balance of the loan at the rate of 27% per annum.

The Board of Directors of Ruhuna Development Bank do hereby resolve that the property described below mortgaged to the said Bank by the said Mortgage Bond No. 2852 be sold by Public Auction by Mr. G. P. Ananda Licensed Auctioneer of Walgama, Matara for the recovery of the said sum or any portion thereof remaining unpaid at the time of sale together with cost of sale less payment (if any) since received.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY MORTGAGED

All that divided and separated Lot No. 02 of the land called Boogahawatta situated at Thenagama in South Giruwapattu, Hambantota District Southern Province and which said Lot No. 02 is bounded on the North by Lot No. 01 of this land, East by Devata, South by Ketakalagahawatta and on the West by Galpottewela, Labema, and containing in extent Two Acres, Three Roods and Twenty Seven Perches (A2-R3-P27) depicted in Plan No. 1013A dated 01.10.1984 together with soil plantation and everything else standing thereon and Registered at F/90/267 dated 31.05.2001 at Tangalle Land Registry.

By Order of the Board of Directors

General Manager,  
(T. G. Wimalaratne)

Ruhuna Development Bank  
Head Office  
Matara

## SAMPATH BANK LIMITED

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Sampath Bank Limited under Section 04 of the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 04 of 1990.

**M. M. D. P. MALALSEKERA — A/C NO. 0018 5000 6462**

At a meeting held on 27 October 2005 by the Board of Directors of Sampath Bank Limited it was resolved specially and unanimously:

Whereas Malalage Mali Dinesh Peiris Malalsekera of No. 14/1, Bellanthara Road, Nadimala, Dehiwala in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as the Obligor has made default in payment due on the Mortgage Bond No. 1153 dated 10 July 2000 attested by K. S. P. W. Jayaweera of Colombo Notary Public in favour of Sampath Bank Limited and there is now due and owing to Sampath Bank Limited as at 17 August 2005 a sum of Rupees Eight Hundred and Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Seven and Cents Fifty Five Only (Rs. 842,867/55) of lawful money of Sri Lanka being the total amount outstanding on the said Bonds and the Board of Directors of Sampath Bank Limited under the powers vested by the Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) Act No. 04 of 1990 do hereby resolve that the property and premises morefully described in the Schedule hereto mortgaged to Sampath Bank Limited by the said Bond bearing No. 1153 to be sold in public auction by I. W. Jayasuriya Licensed Auctioneer of Kandy for the recovery of the said sum of Rupees Eight Hundred and Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Seven and Cents Fifty Five Only (Rs. 842,867/55) together with further interest on a sum of Rupees Five Hundred and Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Two and Cents Thirty Two Only (Rs. 531,642/32) at the rate of Twenty per centum (20%) per annum, from 18 August 2005 to date of Sale together with costs of advertising and other charges incurred less payments (if any) since received.

## THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that divided and defined allotment of land called Polkandawela Kattiya alias Pabiyageewite Kattiya together with trees, plantations, building and everything else standing thereon situated at Talpitiya North within the Pradeshiya Sabha area of Panadura in Panadura Talpiti Debadba of Panadura Totamune in the District of Kalutara Western Province and bounded on the North by Polkandawela (property previously claimed by Siyadoris Silva and Talpitiya Ela), on the East by Talpitiya Ela, on the South by Road (property previously claimed by Andiris Perera and others) and on the West by Lots 1A and 1D in Plan No. 250 made by M. M. D. Cooray Licensed Surveyor property previously claimed by Juwanis Silva and containing in extent Twenty One Decimal Five Perches (A0-R0-P21.5) or 0.05438 Hec as per Plan No. 1041 dated 15 July 1998 (but registered as 15 February 1998) made by S. D. Ediriwickrema Licensed Surveyor and registered under Title F384/76 at the Land Registry Panadura together with the right to use the road reservation marked Lot 1D in Plan No. 250 made by M. M. D. Cooray Licensed Surveyor.

By Order of the Board  
Company Secretary