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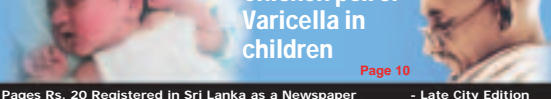
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Tails exposed

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband and French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, who have undertaken a diabolical mission to save, on a flimsy pretext, a bunch of separatist terrorists being pursued by the national military of a sovereign State, will find themselves in the exalted company of Hitler and Prabhakaran in the annals of world history.

Yesterday, they failed yet another time to make the Sri Lankan government end its war on terror. That Miliband and Kouchner, who are opposing Sri Lanka's war, are not driven by humanitarian concerns at all is clear in that they are not campaigning against the US-led war in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Iraq alone war has resulted in deaths of over half a million children. That is the human cost of getting rid of a single dictator and effecting a regime change. In 1996, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, as we pointed out the other day, had the temerity to say it was worth the price.

If the soft hearts of Miliband and Kouchner are really melting for humanity, they must rush where their services are needed most - Iraq and Afghanistan - together with their US counterpart Hillary Clinton.

War is hell. And we don't need any holy-tolly foreign do-gooder to tell us that. But, there are times when countries have to face it the way the civilised world did vis-a-vis Nazi terror. Hitler had to be halted in his tracks and the Allied Forces stood up to that maniacal killer, who had to commit suicide. Is there any difference between Hitler and Prabhakaran? The answer is an emphatic No. Monsters who, blinded by rage and hatred, disport themselves in wanton destruction of life are the biggest danger to mankind. As Miliband and Kouchner are well aware, the victorious Allied Forces did not stop at the outskirts of Berlin to negotiate a ceasefire with Hitler hiding in a bunker.

The UK and US have offered handsome bounties for the capture of bin Laden and his fellow criminals and are carrying out air strikes even on the Pakistani territory, regardless of civilian casualties. It was only recently that Hillary Clinton forced Pakistan to step up attacks on terrorists. Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who is making a frantic effort to stop Sri Lanka's counter terror offensive, wants the war against Al Qaeda and Taliban fought with might and main in Afghanistan so that London will be safe!

Sri Lanka has demonstrated that terrorism, however elusive it may be, is not invincible. A delay of just six months on the part of the government to wage this war would have enabled Prabhakaran to expand his terrorist rule beyond the North and the East, as evident from the huge armories captured by the advancing troops. Stockpiles of LTTE's weapons are also believed to be hidden in Tamil Nadu.

What Miliband and Kouchner need to be told is that no solution other than the partitioning of this country is possible with Prabhakaran, who has ordered his cadres to shoot him dead if he settles for anything less than Eelam. If Miliband and Kouchner are convinced otherwise, they ought to extract a pledge from Prabhakaran that he is willing to give up Eelam. The question is whether the visiting foreign ministers fond of Tigers want Prabhakaran to compromise his position and perish at the hands of his cadres.

Miliband and Kouchner may not push so hard for a ceasefire during their stay in Colombo and settle for the government's refusal to stop war, but make no mistake, they are all out to scuttle the war and save Prabhakaran and other criminals. They will resume their Save the Tigers campaign after leaving the country.

But, that will be too late. Prabhakaran will be really lucky if he could hold out until next Monday!

Miliband, Kouchner admit their mission a failure

The visiting Foreign Ministers of Britain and France David Miliband and Bernard Kouchner yesterday evening told the media at a hurriedly summoned press conference in Colombo that their efforts to make the Sri Lankan government to agree to a ceasefire had come a cropper.



Miliband



Kouchner

Calling upon the LTTE to release civilians it was holding forcibly in the no fire

zone, Miliband said, 'Sri Lanka's military advances have been spectacular but winning the peace is as vital as winning the war.' He said he wished to stress that the purpose of the EU's call for a ceasefire was to help only civilians and not the LTTE. Kouchner said, 'We tried very hard, we insisted and we insisted, but it is up to our friends to allow it or not.'

Navy thwarts Sea Tiger attack on advancing ground troops

Six Sea Tiger boats destroyed, 25 Sea Tigers killed

by Mike Andree

The Navy's elite Special Boat Squadron and Fast Attack Craft destroyed six Sea Tiger boats, killing 25 Sea Tigers, including three leaders, in the sea of Wellamulla off Mullaitivu early yesterday morning.

Navy sources said. Naval troops engaged a combined cluster of sea tiger suicide and attack craft in their berth in the 'No Fire' zone attempting to set off on a mission

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War won't stop until Prabhakaran is taken, dead or alive

Gota tells Miliband and Kouchner

Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa yesterday rejected visiting British Foreign Secretary David Miliband's call for a ceasefire and access for aid workers to the civilian zone, and told him that the government would not stop its war on terror until the LTTE was crushed and its leader Velupillai Prabhakaran captured, dead or alive.

"My problem is not what the LTTE will do to you," the Defence Secretary said laughing, "instead it is that should such a thing happen, we would not be able to take Prabhakaran as planned!" He said after thirty years, the time had come finally for Prabhakaran and other terrorist leaders to be captured dead or alive and the government would not stop until that end was achieved.



Gota

Hayes and two other diplomats, at the Foreign Ministry, yesterday morning the Defence Secretary did not mince his words, when he said it was Sri Lankan troops and civilians who had perished in the conflict and therefore the government was determined to finish off the LTTE. He said humanitarian concerns were only a ploy employed by some people to extricate Prabhakaran and his top leaders from the mess they

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Docs seek protection

by Lalith Chaminda and S. K. Kaluarachi, Galle Corrs.

Doctors of the Elpitiya Hospital have sought Police protection following an incident on Saturday where family members of a patient had threatened a doctor with death. The doctors told the Elpitiya Superintendent of Police that twice earlier too doctors had been sub-

ject to threats by relations of patients. Doctors have alleged that the officers manning the Elpitiya Police Post failed to carry out their duty and this too has contributed to this situation. The security service provided to the hospital had also been removed recently. Elpitiya Hospital Director Dr. Sumith Manantunga said action had already been taken to remedy the situation.

Daya Master reveals LTTE atrocities

by Keerthi Warnakulasuriya and Norman Palliwadana

Over 200 innocent civilians who attempted to escape the LTTE and move into government held areas were shot dead by the LTTE, former Tiger media spokesman Daya Master, told the Army intelligence.

told the international community that these civilian killings were committed by the Army.



Daya Master

Daya Master and George Master the former LTTE interpreter are now being held by the Army intelligence in Colombo and are being interrogated on LTTE activities in the no fire zone.

A large sum of money remitted by the Tamil Diaspora for the wellbeing of the Tamils in Vanni was utilized by the LTTE to purchase arms and ammunition and other war material, he told Army intelligence. "The Tamil Diaspora in Europe without knowing the ground realities in the Vanni are participating in protest campaigns on behalf of the LTTE and if they visit the Vanni they would then realize the plight of the Tamils there caused by Tiger atrocities," Daya Master has said.



Monks of the Jalnika Hela Urumaya yesterday launched a protest opposite the British High Commission against the UK's opposition to the elimination of terrorism in Sri Lanka. (Photo: Kamal Bogoda)

Commits suicide after killing his children

by Denagama Dhammika Ranaweera

A 44-year-old man committed suicide by hanging after killing his two children in the same manner, Weligama police said yesterday.

N. H. Indika of Henwala, Weligama had hanged his two children and

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