

# Government and the LTTE

Any moderate peace-loving citizen of this country, I'm sure, will endorse the views expressed by your correspondent Mr. Mohamed Hanifa of Katugastota, (June 9).

As he correctly says the LTTE is a terrorist organization dedicated to the task of destroying both the Sinhala and the Muslim communities of Sri Lanka. I feel that if the LTTE has got any recognition among the people of Jaffna, it is not because of their popularity but out of fear that has been installed in the citizens of Jaffna.

As Mr. Hanifa says, the LTTE is a beggars' wound to every Sri Lankan. The government doesn't want to destroy it, but have it as a side support. As the correspondent says, when the Sinhalese youth took up arms against the injustice caused by the ruling power everyone of them including even school-going young boys of 15-18 age group, were mercilessly destroyed, in their hundreds and thousands. How these immature innocent Sinhalese youths were killed during the past few years is internationally known.

The massacre of those innocent school children from Embilipitiya is still reverberating in our minds.

We fully agree with the correspondent when he says that the Sinhalese

youth have been destroyed to such an extent that the Sinhala girls cannot find Sinhala boys for marriage in some villages in Kandy. Not even one boy for every four girls. In some families in these areas not to exclude the down south all the boys have been destroyed to such an extent that there are no breadwinners for these families.

But when it comes to LTTE, the Tamil politicians are against even their arrest but wants them protected to reorganize and come up again. Most of the Tamil MPs are against even searching them. Large numbers of Tamils live peacefully and safely all over the island. They have bought property, built up houses and are engaged in all sorts of business, etc. not to speak of service both government and private sector. There is hardly any place which is not accessible to them in Sri Lanka but can you say the same thing with regard to Sinhalese and Muslims who have been living here from times immemorial — much earlier than to Tamils.

In Colombo our metropolis alone, the Tamil population out numbers both Sinhalese and Muslims.

We cannot buy an inch of land in Jaffna and the Sinhalese and the Muslims were massacred or driven away from these provinces' making one third of Sri Lanka, a Tamil

dominion.

Before 1977 Sinhalese people lived in large numbers in the Northern and Eastern Provinces. In Jaffna town alone there were large numbers of Sinhalese people doing business and also engaged in govt. service. There was the Sinhala Maha Vidyalaya exclusively run for the benefit of Sinhala children, living there and several hotels oilment stores, etc. These places have been destroyed and people including infants, children, men and women killed mer-

cilessly. Those few who were fortunate enough to run away from these brutal murderers still live in refugee camps under precarious conditions. Will these remaining sons and daughters of Sri Lanka be able to go and kettl» down theje on«e agyin? o. Nuver.L As Jr.

Hanifa says LTTE is a terrorists organization and even the Tamils who are opposed to them are destroyed. Hence it is very unfair and improper for the government to protect these brutes. We

know that even there rationally thinking Tamils will agree that the LTTE should be wiped out.

Only a part of the Western Province and Southern Province and Ratnapura district are left for the Sinhalese and Muslims.

Hence is the need to destroy this terrorists menace which retards national prosperity and progress of our motherland.

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