

Sacrificing country's resources continues East Container Terminal sold

The government signed an agreement on 28th May to hand over to India and Japan the East Container Terminal belonging to Sri Lanka Ports Authority which is also the most important section of Colombo Harbour that was modernized under an expansion project recently to allow large ships to be anchored.

This jetty was modernized by Sri Lanka Ports Authority in 2015 with a loan of US\$ 80 million from Bank of Ceylon and trade unions in the Port had presented

proposals to complete the work of the terminal. However, the government casting away these proposals handed over the management of the terminal

after signing an MoU between Indian High Commissioner, Japan's Ambassador and the Minister of Ports. Currently, the South Asia

Gateway container terminal of Colombo Harbour is managed by John Keels and Colombo International container terminal is managed by China Merchant Holdings.

Interestingly, this sudden decision of the government was taken on pressure from India when it was established, according to the results of the Indian election that Modi was

coming back to power. What Maithri – Ranil government that has no other alternative other than carrying on with the neoliberal economic system is doing, whatever terminology they use, is selling national resources and state assets. Handing over the East Container Terminal which could have maintained as a state asset and earned a

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JVP releases a special set of proposals

A special set of proposals by the JVP to defeat lunatic religious extremism and communalism, to affirm National and Public Security was released to the public at the Foundation Institute in Colombo on 4th of June.

The set of proposals includes proposals to strengthen National and public security in the country that have been put in jeopardy with the Islamist extremist lunatic terrorist attack carried out on Easter Sunday and to take measures to build National Unity.

The set of proposals has been presented under several themes including general reforms, public security, legal reforms, religious institutions reforms and administration, education, the Sri Lankan identity, mass media and task of religious dignitaries.

The gathering was headed by the Leader of the JVP Comrade Anura Dissanayaka. Members of the Political Bureau Comrade Vijitha Herath, Comrade Lal Kantha, former Additional Director of Central Bank Attorney at Law Nirmala Siriwardene, the Head of Christian Studies at University of Kelaniya Vijith Rohana Fernando, Chairman of Ramya Lanka S.M.S. Fariz Sally and representatives of various organizations attached to the JVP participated.

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Media in Sri Lanka - precarious..! Handle with care!

There has been criticism regarding the conduct of the mainstream media in the country since ages. The mediation certain media in the country has carried out and is carrying out to rouse a wave of communal violence after the suicide bomb attacks on 21st April is very serious and dangerous.

There are two types of media in Sri Lanka. One is the state media belonging to the government and the other is the private media. From the times known, the state media is manipulated according to the wishes of the government. As such, the nature of the state media has been to defend the existing government, fabricate and publish news advantageous to the government. Whatever government exists in the country the state media functions as its 'master's voice'.

As a result, the state media lost its credibility and the masses were attracted towards privately owned media. Now, several private print and electronic media have exceeded the state media in publishing slanders, fabrications, canards that mislead the public to serve their political mentors.

What is the result of this? The first is that the people have lost the right to know the correct information. The second is people's heads are filled with untruths and fictitious information and analyses. The third is the media extorts the manipulation of people's vision and uses it for their political goals.

At the moment the main and powerful owners of mass media institutions in Sri Lanka have clearly become manipulators of the viewpoint of the society on behalf of the politics of Mahinda Rajapaksa clique. They are no longer 'independent' mass media. As such, they go beyond state media in defaming social values. Their only aim is to search for or fabricate 'news' advantageous for their political camp and publish them. This is clearly an issue linked with the vision of the masses. What they are doing is to derogate the thinking power of the people, allow them to become an illogical lot and enter 'readymade' news in bulk in to their heads.

On the other hand, most of these media institutions are maintained with black money or money that has not been earned justly. They need an administration that allows them to make black money and support them to amass unscrupulous and outrageously earned assets. This is why they disrobe themselves in public without any regard for media ethics.

This is not a simple issue. What they are doing is benumbing the vision of the masses. As Fidel once said, the most serious crime the media commits is not lying but creating an erroneous transformation within the people. The falsehood makes a negative impact on the knowledge of the people. This is a harmful impact of the erroneous transformation on the vision of the masses. In other words, instead of a nation that thinks clearly and correctly a nation with an irrational vision is created that gobbles down lock stock and barrel any canard fabricated by the media.

This behaviour of the mass media is very offensive. They use the frequencies belonging to the people to create a set of mental slaves, leading the society astray and flagrantly abusing social values. This is why mass media should be handled carefully.

As a result of the anarchism of capitalism, the backwardness of the society and the advancement of technology the modern mass media has completely grasped the vision of the human being and has taken over the right of manipulating it. These mighty media institutions have become the mediator between the society, nature and the human being. They are the ones who produce pleasure, the recreation and create stars. They also control the viewpoint of the society and manipulate it. It is they who pump fabrications, falsehoods and superstition to the people. They also decide what society eats, drinks, wears and don't wear as well as how they think. This is why the issue is serious.

The impact of the mass media at present is unprecedentedly powerful. However, it is also unscrupulous. As such, the time has come to liberate the vision of the people in our society from the impact of unethical and detested mass media networks. As such, scholars, intellectuals, artists and good journalists should take the lead in doing so. The alternative media should come to the fore. Liberating the masses and the mass media from the slavery of media monopoly should not be delayed anymore. The masses should ally with mass media. However, it should be done cautiously. For, such attachments could be precarious!

Threesome that meets at Temple Trees sold 'East terminal'



The government should reveal to the people details regarding the reason for reaching an agreement with an Indian company to hand over the East terminal of Colombo Harbour says the Leader of the JVP Comrade Anura Dissanayaka MP in Parliament on 4th of June.

When a chaotic situation has surfaced in the country the government, in a very conspiratorial and planned move has signed an agreement on the 28th of May and has handed over the East terminal of Colombo Harbour to India and Japan said Comrade Anura Dissanayaka.

"The previous Mahinda Rajapaksa regime handed over the most important Southern Port Development project to a Chinese company. As a result, there was continuous pressure from India to get the East terminal to India. The agreement signed by the government could be identified as a ransom given in lieu of its earlier action of giving in to Chinese company," said Comrade Dissanayaka.

The Leader of the House Lakshman Kiriella responding said, "We have no capital to develop these institutions. As such we have to get down capital. Last year's income is not sufficient to pay loan instalments and interest. It is with 'SriLankan' as well. It could be run with a profit but we don't have the capital to develop it."

The JVP Leader said, "It is true that the Treasury spends a large amount of money annually to maintain 'SriLankan'. However, the Ports Authority gives the Treasury a large amount of money it earns. The East terminal had been already developed. There was only a need to buy the necessary cranes and machinery. Only Rs.800 million was needed. How much money was spent to import vehicles? You spent more than Rs. 22 million monthly to maintain the building for the Ministry of Agriculture. As such, there was no issue about finances here.

The Ports Authority was a profit earning institution. It was possible to complete the work of the terminal with money from the Ports Authority. Despite this possibility, you have taken measures to hand over administration and shares to the Indian government and the Japanese government.

You are not the owners of this country. You have no right to sell the assets and resources that belong to this country and the people. You are only the caretakers. This agreement was not presented to the Parliament at least. A threesome that gathers at the Temple Trees got together to sign the agreement to sell the country."

Of political parasites, minions and lackeys...



Sri Lanka is confronted with a very sharp political crisis. According to Marxist teaching, the crisis in capitalism begins with the economic crisis. This economic crisis develops into a social crisis and finally turns into a political crisis. If this crisis remains for a long time without a solution it means capitalism in Sri Lanka is approaching its end as a social system. This is why, at present, we see crises in political parties, their failures and the attempt by political minions to come on stage to fill the gap.

There have been political crises in Sri Lanka from time to time. However, the current political crisis is different from all of them as it would exist over a period. The root of this crisis is the systematic rejection of the two capitalist political parties that have ruled this country for the last 71 years. This is why none of the political parties received a majority at the last general election to form their own government. The result was the existence of a weak government. As it is

a minority government and also the President who is the leader of the SLFP having a contradiction with the Prime Minister who is the leader of the UNP the government lacks governing power. When the opposition attempted to topple the government the operator of the conspiracy was the President. Despite the conspiracy was defeated the function of the government became weaker after the conspiracy.

The suicide bomb attack on Easter Sunday that could have been avoided but the terrorists were able to carry out as the government did not act as a government. Even now the government doesn't rule the country. As a result, everybody has become commentators. They carry out their duties as well as duties that are not theirs. When the President expresses one viewpoint the Prime Minister comes out with a different one. The ministers come out with whatever they want to say in public. No one talks about the standpoint of the government. The Commander of the Army

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too makes statements to the media.

In the meantime, the media owners who manipulate their media for their own interests create 'news' and make their own analyses to suit their agendas. They engage in disinformation campaigns. There is no government to correct them or provide

correct information. Everybody does whatever without any limits. The government does everything other than governing. This has been made an anarchist country. There are instances where religious leaders do better than the government. This is how the crisis in the government is exposed.

Meanwhile, political parties too are in crisis. The UNP is getting deteriorated under Ranil's leadership. However, they do not have any other leader with charisma who could make an impact in politics. This is why they have to be contented with Sajith. It has been reported that a few stalwarts of the party had taken a decision to request Ranil to step down from the leadership of the party. The issue of presidential candidate too would come up if the presidential election is held. Ranil was able to avoid the presidential elections in 2010 and 2015 thanks to the common candidate. However, such a move would not be possible this time. The UNP is inactive at the grassroots level as well. As such the UNP, the oldest political party in Sri Lanka is getting weaker day by day.

On the other hand, the SLFP is divided. Despite the portion is small, Mr Maithripala Sirisena hangs on the leadership. His future political path is unclear. There is no possibility or an opportunity for him to come back to power. There are complications within the Mahinda faction as well.

On one hand, all the moves carried out by Mahinda faction (protest walks, rallies, encircling Colombo etc) ended without

any result. Mahinda's October conspiracy failed to bring him humiliation. Mahinda cannot contest the forthcoming presidential election. Also, there is none that Mahinda favours to be nominated. Namal is still underage. Despite a group attempted to bring in Gotabhaya, Mahinda has not accepted it officially. They, who expect to come to power, being unable to name a candidate in spite of only four months remains for the presidential election, indicates the depth of the crisis they are confronted with.

Due to all these factors as well as the failure of the governments that have been formed alternatively during the past 71 years and the point of view that has been created in the society a state has surfaced where old political parties are gradually getting degenerated. As a result, a tendency has surfaced in the society for individuals to come to the fore and to have trust in individuals. Also, a tendency of alternative characters surfacing outside the two main political parties has come up as an extension of this. This also means the traditional politics in Sri Lanka is coming to an end.

As the capitalist system and capitalist political parties in Sri Lanka are in crisis and the impact of these parties on the society has faded, an opportunity is opening in the society for a left-wing alternative force. However, the capitalist system, capitalist forces and the capitalist illusion that exists in the society reject this. As such, when

Wanted an alternative political movement that could overcome challenges



Comrade Anura Dissanayaka Leader of the JVP

Red Power: After the attacks on Easter Sunday the topic of the political dialogue has changed. Could it be a critical juncture for politics in the country?

Comrade Anura Dissanayaka:

The political dialogue in the country was directed towards a very effective direction until Easter Sunday attacks were carried out. Especially, the destructive neo-liberal economic policies the two main political parties followed in the country were clearly being exposed to the masses. It was established in the society that their politics was an awfully primitive movement. Also, a dialogue about democracy, good governance and a strong foreign policy etc

was developing in the country. A constructive political dialogue that could take the country and the people forward existed in the country. We, as the JVP, actively contributed to this dialogue. We were engaged in this dialogue with society with a vision and a programme that could transform society.

However, the political arena has changed after 21st April. The topic of public security has come to the fore. We see this as another extension of the crisis that exists in this socio-economic system. We believe that just as these ruling cliques have failed economically, they would also fail in providing public security. These are impotent rulers who couldn't maintain

at least a 10 year period of peace after the end of a 30-year war. As such, we believe that these rulers have failed in providing public security and it is evident that the economic crisis that exists in the country at present would be severe as a result of the Easter Sunday attacks.

In such a scenario, it is further affirmed that a movement with an alternative political vision, that could solve issues tormenting masses and that could overcome all challenges is the need at present.

Red Power: The JVP handed over a no-confidence motion against the government to the Speaker. When this motion was handed over certain sections of the opposition were agitated more than the government. Why was that?

Comrade Anura Dissanayaka:

We presented the no-confidence motion against the government after considering many facts. With the 21st April attacks, many lives, as well as a large number of assets, were lost. Also, general social insecurity, as well as an unfavourable situation for many businesses, exists at present. A situation where suspicion, distrust, hatred has grown between Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim masses have been created. This is a type of contradiction that wouldn't allow our country to move forward.

This contradictory state is not the result of the Islamist extremist lunatic terrorist group only. Of course, they engaged in the act but it was the rulers who created the environment that allowed them to engage in such a barbaric act. Especially, neglecting information from foreign intelligence services and complaints from the public, not carrying forward investigations in connection with certain incidents,

relinquishing accountability regarding public security were facts that allowed the terrorists to carry out their vicious programme. This attack could have been avoided. As such, we know that the assailants and their supporters, as well as the government that allowed such a massacre to be carried out, are the criminals who are responsible for the death of several hundred innocent people and the destruction of assets worth millions.

Also, rulers were unable to restrain the insecure situation that surfaced in society after the attacks on the 21st. The government failed to give an assurance to the people that it was a reliable protector. As a result of the customary political infighting between the President and the Prime Minister, the immature and sometimes hilarious conduct of the ministers intensified the state of insecurity in the country. The situation deteriorated to the level of attacking and destroying properties of Muslim masses after 21 days of the Easter Sunday attack. What all these indicate is the incapability of the government. We considered all these when we presented the no-confidence motion against the government. Interestingly, Rajapaksa clique has been stirred up due to this move. They are engaged in an idiotic, communal politics. They are not willing to make the government responsible for the crime. For, the President is on their side. The President is the Minister of Defense. Many in the opposition have avoided legal action being taken against them through the President. It was through the President that some in the opposition have avoided being arrested. In a no-confidence motion against the government, the President would be severely criticized. This is why the JVP has been attacked – to save the President from severe but due

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India: back to Modi



Bharatiya Janatha Party (BJP) with its alliance National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won the general parliamentary election in India. Despite the Indian society suffers from very serious issues such as unemployment, the rising cost of living, caste system, escalating religious and communal clashes, Hindu fundamentalism, rural poverty, the Hindu nationalist BJP has won the election surpassing previous election victory.

In the Lok Sabha (the House of the People, the lower house of India's bicameral Parliament), which consists of 543 members BJP was able to win 303 seats. (Only 272 seats are necessary to ensure a majority in Lok Sabha.) The NDA led by the BJP has won 353 (45%) seats. Interestingly, 224 seats won by BJP received over 50% majority. It had won only 282 seats in 2014. The opposition Indian National Congress (INC) won 52 seats. In 2014, the Congress was reduced to 44 - its worst performance ever. About 67% of more than 900 million eligible voters cast their ballots in the staggered elections that the ruling party fought on issues of national security and a hard-line Hindu agenda.

According to election analyses BJP has been able to get about 8% of the 15% Muslim votes, a large number of farmers' votes and a majority vote of those who cast their votes for the first time. The rural voter base of the BJP has risen to 6.6% while semi-rural voter base

increased by 3.5% and the urban base increased by 2.2%.

The main opponent of BJP and NDA Raul Gandhi's Indian National Congress (INC) could win only 52 seats (19.54%). In 2014 it received only 44 seats. The United Progressive Alliance (UPA) led by INC won 91 seats. In 2014 they won only 60 seats. According to election law in India, a party must get a minimum of 10% of seats to be considered the official opposition in Parliament. As INC has received only 52 seats it cannot function as the official opposition in India's Parliament.

At the election, all other parties together won 98 seats. The Communist Party of India (CPI) won 2 seats and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) or (CPM) won 3 seats.

During the past five years of its rule, the BJP and the NDA led by the BJP failed to solve the people's issues that surfaced in the country but elected them to power with a bigger majority.

The election result in India indicates a crisis in the capitalist system and the inability of capitalist political parties to provide some sort of relief to the people on one hand and on the other the inability of left parties to become an alternative to the despite capitalism is in crisis. The result is extreme communal, religious and fascist types of groups have been allowed to oppress the masses continuously.

Venezuela: opposition's conspiracy stillborn

Another conspiracy hatched by the USA and Venezuela's opposition against Nicolas Maduro's administration has been defeated. This conspiracy commenced early morning on 30th April. The opposition leader Juan Guaido, the self-proclaimed interim president of Venezuela, with several Army deserters released the chief Leopoldo López, who was on house arrest and asked in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela for Venezuelans join his opposition to topple Maduro's government. He also appealed to Venezuela's Army to revolt against the government.

Many of his followers, responding to Guaido's call, marched towards President's palace. On the way, they were confronted by Civil defenders with a tear gas attack. The President's palace was guarded by Chavez loyalists and Guido's goons had to fall back.

Concurrent to this situation US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo insisted that President Donald Trump has the power to order an invasion of Venezuela without US congressional authorization. Pompeo's threats were after Admiral Craig Faller, the chief of the US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), which directs US military operations in Latin America and the Caribbean briefed top administration officials, including Pompeo and national security adviser John Bolton. They were the two architects of the Venezuelan regime change operation. However, Guaido's goons who had taken to the streets in several areas were chased away by the security forces.

The heads of Venezuela's security forces have expressed their allegiance to President Maduro and are providing security to all important places. Meanwhile, Leopoldo López, who was under house arrest and was forcibly released by Guaido's goons attempted to get protection from the Chilean Embassy but was denied. Later, Spain came forward to give him refuge. Venezuela's Minister of Defense Vladimir Padrino announced

immediately that the conspiracy attempt was totally defeated and security forces remained loyal to the constitution and President Maduro.

1. The defeat of another conspiracy against Maduro administration carried out with the sanction and direction of the US is a severe defeat for the US as well as Venezuela's opposition. The US responded to this defeat by increasing sanctions against Cuba. On 30th April, the day of the conspiracy, Donald Trump in a Twitter message states "a full and complete embargo, together with highest-level sanctions, will be placed on the island of Cuba..." if Cuba continues to support Venezuela.

Responding immediately to Trump's message Cuba's Minister of Foreign Affairs rejecting Trump's



complaint said Cuba doesn't have any troops in Venezuela and vehemently condemned Trump's threat about sanctions. Currently, there are about 201,000 Cubans engaged in humanitarian activities in Venezuela and among them are doctors, health personnel and this exercise has been going on since the year 2000 under an MoU signed by the two countries.

As had been announced sanctions were imposed on Cuba. However, the European Union announced they would not agree with such sanctions and they would interfere if the US carries out any moves against the businesses in the EU. Meanwhile, China and Russia opposed the US move.

This indicates that the US will not find it easy to act against Venezuela and Cuba. It shows that US influence in the world has weakened and this is caused by the development of China and Russia as world powers.

NCM against PM, Defense Minister & govt. handed over to Speaker



The ^{no-confidence} **motion that** consists of 6 points against the government has been handed over to the Speaker by the JVP in Parliament on 21st of May.

The no-confidence motion was handed over to the Speaker by the group of JVP Parliamentarians including the Leader Comrade Anura Dissanayaka at the Speaker's Office.

The no-confidence motion has been based on 6 facts including the failure of the Prime Minister, the cabinet and the government to take measures to prevent the Easter Sunday attack despite information regarding the attack had been made available to the government.

The no-confidence motion filed against the Prime Minister and the cabinet

1. As 250 people including Sri Lankan citizens were killed, more than 500 others were injured and caused destruction to assets that belonged to the people as a result of the suicide bomb attacks carried out on 21st April 2019 in areas in Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa due to unjust negligence to carry out or failure to carry out the following moves despite the Prime

Minister and the cabinet receiving due information officially regarding the attack,

a) As the Prime Minister stated in Parliament on 08.05.2019 it was known that groups in Sri Lanka had maintained relations with the ISIS international Islamist organization since 2014 and they had engaged in various activities but no action had been taken,

b) As the government had failed to take action despite the Muslim community making the government and responsible institutions aware in various ways that various Islamic extremist organizations were active within the Muslim society,

c) As the government had failed to arrest or take proper legal action against Zaharan Hasheem who committed suicide by exploding a bomb on 21st April 2019 and A.L.M. Niyaz who committed suicide by exploding a bomb at Saindamarundu on 26th April 2019 who had been reported by the people living in Kanthakudy area regarding threats and attacks the duo had made and had been warranted but not taken into custody despite they were publicly engaged in various activities in Kanthakudy area,

d) As there were interferences

despite several had been arrested, to prevent investigations being continued regarding vandalizing Buddha statues at Mawanella on 24th December 2018 by a group led by Zaharan Hashim as had been reported to the National Intelligence Bureau by Sri Lanka Muslim Council on 28th December 2018 and also a minister of the government himself had stated,

e) As the government had failed to take legal and security measures regarding a considerable number of Sri Lankans joining the ISIS and carrying out various activities of Islamist extremist organization within Sri Lanka long before the attacks on Easter Sunday,

f) As the Prime Minister, who is a member of the Security Council, had failed to fulfill his obligation by not attending its sessions,

g) As taking action despite foreign intelligence agencies informing that a suicide bomb attack would be carried out targeting Catholic Churches and hotels in Sri Lanka and information had been given about the attackers, their phone numbers and identity card numbers had been neglected

Furthermore, neglecting to take action despite the relevant intelligence services had warned about the definite attacks

immediately before such attacks on 21.04.2019,

h) As action was not taken despite the Deputy Inspector General of Police Priyalal Dissanayake sending a letter DIG/SPR/126/ 4.19 under the heading 'Information of an alleged plan attack' that a suicidal attack would be carried out on 21st April 2019 targeting precise places drawing special attention to the statement of the State Intelligence service stating that 'information has been received regarding an alleged plan of suicidal attack by the leader of ' Nations Thawahid Jaman ' Mohomad Saharan' to the following:

- Director/ Ministerial Security Division
- Director/ Judicial Security Division
- Director/ Retired President's Division
- Acting Director/ Diplomatic Security Division
- Acting Director/ Retired Presidential Division

So that the terrorist attack targeting civilians on 21.04.2019 could have been definitely avoided or its impact could have been minimized,

2. As the Prime Minister and the ministers without accepting

the responsibility but attempting to shove the responsibility to other parties and the ministers of the government coming out with contradictory and erroneous statements creating chaotic and insecurity regarding public security and people's lives after the series of attacks on 21.04.2019,

3. As certain ministers of the government have obstructed the investigation process regarding suspects arrested in connection with the Easter Sunday attack on 21.04.2019 and preventing such investigations,

4. As the government failed and didn't pay due attention nor did it act in a responsible manner regardless of existing in the country a tense situation among various communities after the attacks on 21.04.2019 to prevent extremist violent acts including murder, arson and clashes among people that broke out in Gampaha area and North – Western Province on 13.05.2019 despite it possessing laws and regulations to prevent and subdue any other attacks that would occur after the terrorist attacks that were carried out on 21.04.2019 or any other violent move,

5. As the government has failed to salvage the economic process in the country or has failed to restore the school and university academic process in the country, failed to bring back to normalcy the performance of the state and the private sector and neglected the responsibility and accountability it should fulfill for the people despite a month has gone by since the attacks on Easter Sunday,

6. As it failed to prevent the attacks on 21.04.2019 and the anarchic situation that exists in the country due to not bringing to normalcy the security situation in the country and the lives of the people that has allowed foreign countries to intervene in the internal affairs of the country, this Parliament proposes that it has no confidence in the government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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criticism and also as a part of his political project. Also, they were enraged that the undemocratic conspiracy launched by their camp in October last year to gain power was defeated due to the intervention of the JVP. They also know that we are a hindrance to their projects to grab power. All these have made them furious with the JVP.

Red Power: If the Supreme Court doesn't give a different judgment a presidential election will be held this year. What is the preparation of the JVP towards this?

Comrade Anura Dissanayaka: A presidential election is due this year. Throughout the past, people in this country elected various presidents in order to change administrations. However, throughout history what has been witnessed is the contradiction between the expectation the masses had when electing the ruler and how he/she acted once elected. Hence, our country needs a new political system. Our expectation is to turn this presidential election one where expectations of the people and that of the rulers complement each other. We are preparing to contest the presidential election through a broad force that rallies with the JVP. For, the political camps that alternatively ruled our country have taken the country to the bottom of unsuccessfulness. As such, they can never take our country forward. Hence, we are getting ready to contest the presidential election.

Red Power: The politics in Sri Lanka is concentrated around two capitalist camps. Despite this setting, the JVP is

taking steps to build a broad, alternative centre with its leadership and with the partnership of left and progressive forces. What progress have you made in this endeavour?

Comrade Anura Dissanayaka: We know that most of the people in our country are polarized around the two traditional political camps. We have failed to create a third camp that could win the trust of the people, that could get power and manage it. A large section of people has gathered around these two camps as a result of this failure of ours. However, gradually the masses are distancing themselves from these camps. As such, what we need to do is to build trust and credibility that we are capable of coming to power, maintaining it and how it could be maintained. If we could this we would be able to create an opportunity to build a third force within the political vacuum that has surfaced in the country. We have already taken the initial steps for this. We are having extensive discussions with mass organizations, left political movements, progressive movements, alternative political movements in our country. We also are having broad discussions with movements of working masses including trade union movements and farmers' associations. We hope to build a broad people's front incorporating all these movements and organizations. At the forthcoming elections, the JVP will contest through such a broad people's front. It would be operative expecting to acquire political power in this country. We believe this could be taken forward to achieve victory

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large amount of foreign exchange for the country is but an extension of this sinister policy.

Speaking to 'Red Power' the Member of the Political Bureau of the JVP Comrade Bimal Ratnayaka said as China got refuge with it receiving a section of Colombo Harbour, India too had a strong interest to have a stronghold and the government has fulfilled this interest.

Comrade Bimal Ratnayaka pointed out that

the government secretly and suddenly signed the agreement while the attention of the people had been drawn elsewhere and said people who genuinely love the country should come forward to defeat these agreements that hand over country's resources to foreigners so that the people in the country become the real owners of such assets.

Of political parasites

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capitalist political parties get rejected some try to bring forth various characters. These characters too attempt to promote themselves. This is what could be learnt from various characters that attempt to perform on the political arena in the recent past. It is interesting to see Champika Ranawaka too trying to be one of the stakeholders.

Individual characters cannot solve complex social crises. It could be done only in the cinema. It wouldn't happen in the real world. The Sri Lankan society that is in crisis craves for a progressive change; a change towards Socialism. Delaying this would allow the people's pressure to erupt as communal or religious extremist savagery. Communalism and extremism instantly serve capitalist political parties. This is why they arouse communalism. However, they are not solutions for the sharp crises that lie deep in the society. They intensify the crises. As such, the opening in the politics in Sri Lanka is for a progressive and democratic people's left movement. Until it is built various types of parasites, minions and lackeys would loiter around the political arena. Their pseudo acts could be terminated only by building a very powerful people's movement. The responsibility of all left, progressive, democratic, humanitarian and all those who oppose communalism would be to come forward immediately to build this broad people's movement and to contribute to it.

When there is no national unity there is no public security

When there is no national unity there cannot be public security says the Leader of the JVP Comrade Anura Dissanayaka.

He said this at a seminar organized by the JVP on 'Our mission to defeat extremism, build national unity and affirm public security' held at Hatton – Dickoya town Hall on 15th of May.

Speaking further Comrade Anura Dissanayaka said the three services and the police alone cannot establish national unity in the country.

National unity could be established only by the political authority said the JVP Leader and emphasized that the security of the general public could be assured only if politicians cast away petty opportunistic moves of getting the advantage of the crisis but find solutions for the present conflict situation in the country.

He said extremist politicians are behind the clashes that have surfaced in several areas in the country after the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks and added that certain groups are attempting to make the conflict situation in the country an advantage for their political agendas.

Comrade Anura Dissanayaka said prior to the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks there were several important dialogues in the country but after the attacks, those important dialogues have been submerged and communalism has been dragged to the surface which has made public security an issue.

The series of seminars organized by the JVP on the theme 'Our mission to defeat extremism, build national unity and affirm public security' commenced on the 10th and are addressed by several comrades including the Leader Comrade Anura Dissanayaka and the General Secretary Comrade Tilvin Silva. Already, seminars have been held at Matara, Kalutara, Hambantota, Colombo, Kegalle, Kurunegala, Hatton, Ratnapura, Anuradhapura, Gampaha, Kandy, Badulla, Puttalam, Galle, Monaragala and Ampara.





Ranil's claim that existing laws not adequate to defeat terrorism is a canard



A special set of proposals by the JVP to defeat lunatic religious extremism and communalism, to affirm National and Public Security was

released to the public at the Foundation Institute in Colombo on the 4th of June.

The set of proposals includes proposals to strengthen National and public security in the country that have been put in jeopardy with the Islamist extremist lunatic terrorist attack carried out on Easter Sunday and to take measures to build National Unity.

The set of proposals has been presented under several themes including general reforms, public security, legal reforms, religious institutions reforms and administration, education, the Sri Lankan identity, mass media and task of religious dignitaries.

The gathering was headed by the Leader of the JVP Comrade Anura Dissanayaka. Members of the Political Bureau Comrade Vijitha Herath, Comrade Lal Kantha, former Additional Director of Central Bank Attorney at Law Nirmala Siriwardene, the Head of Christian Studies at University of Kelaniya Vijith Rohana Fernando, Chairman of Ramya Lanka S.M.S. Fariz Sally and representatives of various organizations attached to the JVP participated.

Seminars to develop National Unity - The seminar held at Colombo Public Library

Mr Jayatilleke de Silva's library donated to JVP

The private library of late Mr Jayatilleke de Silva, a left activist, writer, translator who translated Karl Marx's 'Das Capital' into Sinhalese has been donated by his wife Ms Sunila Nandani and the family to the JVP to be used in its libraries.

Mr Jayatilleke de Silva's library was handed

over to the General Secretary of the JVP Comrade Tilvin Silva today by Ms Sunila Nandani.

Mr Jayatilleke de Silva, a veteran journalist and former Chief Editor of Daily News and Sunday Observer wrote political columns to both English and Sinhalese newspapers.

