

Economy in crisis!

JVP invites people for a new economic strategy!

The country has become a shipwreck in the face of the current economic crisis, and the present rulers do not have a plan to save the country from this danger. The JVP invites people to come forward to change the regime and take the country to a new economic strategy.

The Leader of the JVP, Comrade Anura Dissanayake, made this request at a press conference held at the head office of the JVP on the 1st of this month to explain the current

economic crisis in the country. Speaking further, Comrade Anura Dissanayake said, "The wrong economic policies that have been pursued for a long time have plunged the country

into a bottomless abyss. The result can be profound in the future. There is already a huge shortage of drugs in our country. There is a shortage of medicines for many diseases. Auto parts are in short supply. There is a huge shortage of essential commodities. If medicine cannot be imported, if essential food cannot be imported, what is the use of such a government to the people?
The people also have a

responsibility regarding this crisis. From 1994 onwards, the people did not consider economic issues when forming a government. But the primary role of the government is economic prosperity, creating opportunities for people to live a happy life; to develop the facilities and services of the people. But in previous elections, the people did not care about it. Nevertheless, the people's opposition and criticism of this

government are based on the economic crisis.
The country's people must come forward to achieve economic prosperity to live a more prosperous life. These rulers are not the ones who can solve the crisis. All they can do is intensify it. But they are not the ones suffering from this crisis or their relatives. Not even their children. Not even the infamous bureaucracy around them. Not even a handful



32nd November Heroes Commemoration

Dreams of November Heroes will surely come true when the people are victorious!

Comrade Tilvin Silva



After Marx's death, I am reminded of what Frederick Engels wrote in the preface to the Communist Manifesto. He wrote, "As I write these lines, the European and American proletariat is reviewing its fighting forces, mobilized for the first time, mobilized as one army, under one flag, for one immediate aim," and added, "If only Marx were still by my side to see this with his own eyes!" Now, when patriotic scholars, businessmen, artists and the general public are rallying around the JVP intending to change society, we too wish comrade Rohana Wijeweera had been with us. I wish our dear comrades, including Comrade Upatissa Gamanayake, who were abducted from us then, were among us.

The existing social system only gives people hunger, starvation, poverty, sickness and death; It cannot give life. There is no alternative but to create a just society to give people life. The November Heroes showed it to us by their own lives and it is our responsibility to dedicate ourselves to creating such a society. The November Heroes showed that there was nothing that communists, revolutionaries and leftists could not sacrifice for the liberation of humankind. They gave us examples of how words are being put into action. It has been proven that even if people are killed, their ideas cannot be killed. Those ideas are becoming a great social opinion. Although comrades including Comrade Rohana Wijeweera and Comrade Upatissa Gamanayake were killed, the people are rapidly embracing their views. That's a good sign. It is not easy to change the economic pattern, the

way people think, the wrong political culture. We need to transform politics from gluttonous politics to public service. For that, we need to build an extensive dialogue and a lot of human resources. People do not change just because we say good things. They are now learning from experiences and are changing. One lesson that Comrade Rohana Wijeweera taught us is to trust the people. People who did not listen to us before are listening to us today. Those who do not listen to us today will listen tomorrow. Therefore, we have faith in the people.

Some friends are sceptical because of some experience in history. If we do not trust the people, how can we achieve the victory that will change this country? Throughout history, oppressed people deceived and harassed by capitalist political parties have been learning by themselves through experience. Our leaders, including comrade Rohana Wijeweera taught us to love the people.

Casting aside personal interests, we engage in this politics because we love the people and the country. We engage in politics without expecting any gains despite the difficulties and vituperations of many because we love our country and the people. It was Comrade Rohana and others who taught us to love the motherland and the people unconditionally. People including scholars, intellectuals, artists, working people, students, women, religious leaders are having a dialogue with us and are rallying with us. There is a belief that the long struggle to create a better society and build a socialist society can be won. People are rallying for that. We need to create a massive people's movement, a force that would go to all those who live in deceit, oppression, grief and tears and explain things from their own experiences. The dream that was in the hearts of our comrades who gave their lives in November will come true one day when that force is created, and the people are made victorious. Comrade Rohana and others believed at their last moments that this struggle would be won even if they were not living. We have taken the red flag that was slipping from their hands. Today we have succeeded in handing it over to the general public. The time has come to be confident of victory in the near future.

The main programme of the 32nd November Heroes Commemoration organized by the JVP was held at the head office on November 13. It was broadcast simultaneously on the Internet at regional hero commemoration events held throughout the country. The main speeches were made by the Leader of the JVP Comrade Anura Dissanayake and the General Secretary Comrade Tilvin Silva.



We, then as well as today, have a struggle for the freedom of the motherland

Comrade Anura Dissanayake

The objectives of the struggle that arose during 1988-89 were the struggle for sovereignty and the freedom of the motherland. We will never give up this struggle until we liberate the people and the country from the capitalist grasp. We will also never give up the struggle for democracy and the economic rights of our people. We also understand that further armed activity is not a key tool in that struggle. We have a political struggle that goes hand in hand with the people. We need that struggle more today than ever before. The struggle for the freedom of our motherland is needed today more than in the 1980s. For, the world powers have made Sri Lanka a major hotbed of geopolitical conflicts.

We are not left with the right to make any decisions regarding our country. All the national heritages of the country have been made victims of the economic strategies of the powerful states. Economically, the crisis has

widened and deepened than in 1988-89. In 1988, the per capita debt was Rs. 49,000, and today it has exceeded Rs. 800,000.

Then the gap between imports and exports was \$ 700 million, but today it has exceeded \$ 8000 million. Our people have been dragged into the guillotine of poverty more than ever before. Production has been disrupted, and crime in society has increased more than ever before. It is why we need a struggle today for a new economic path. We also need a new struggle for democracy.

None of the thousands of heroes and heroines, including Comrade Rohana Wijeweera and Comrade Gamanayake, who were killed during the period 1988-89 were engaged in the struggle to get something for themselves personally. Everyone in this society, big or small, is driven to a race to win by oppressing others. In such a society, they launched a massive struggle for social welfare without seeking anything for themselves

personally. They attempted to find answers to the many grievances of the vast majority and for democracy in the country. This country can achieve great freedom, economic prosperity and democracy only with immaculate and highly organized people.

This is a country that can carry the flag of development and move forward rapidly. We must create a country where all communities can live in brotherhood based on their culture, religious beliefs and creeds. In this new politics, we must create the centre of politics that creates the future.

All comrades, including Comrade Rohana Wijeweera, who were assassinated then, hoped for a better country. We have to create that country. We need to absorb into our lives the determination of the comrades who sacrificed their lives for the country and the people. We wish all of us will have the courage to absorb that spirit and move on to the path of victory.

World history has taught us that the course of politics is not a straight line but occurs in leaps and bounds. It says that political change, which has been quantitative for a long time, is at one point takes a qualitative leap. Looking at Sri Lankan politics today, it is clear that Sri Lankan politics is on the verge of a leap.

The 73-year journey of Sri Lanka's backward bankrupt capitalist system, the 73 years of alternative ruling by the two capitalist political parties, and especially the predatory politics of the past 40 years, have shattered the confidence of the Sri Lankan electorate in Parliament and about politics.

This was further exacerbated by the anarchic behavior of the so-called 'good governance' government in 2015-2019, which led to the people saying no to all 225 in Parliament. Added to this was the social shock caused by the April 2018 Easter attacks, in which Gotabaya Rajapaksa was the last hope of the people. Gotabaya Rajapakse, a non-traditional politician, an army officer and former defense secretary, was a new hope to people who were fed up with political leaders.

On the one hand, racism was fed into the consciousness of the people that has been evolved in this manner and on the other a huge image of Gotabaya was created and socialized. Many slogans such as 'One country- one law', 'Gota is a strict disciplinarian', 'This is the last chance to build the country' were created for this.

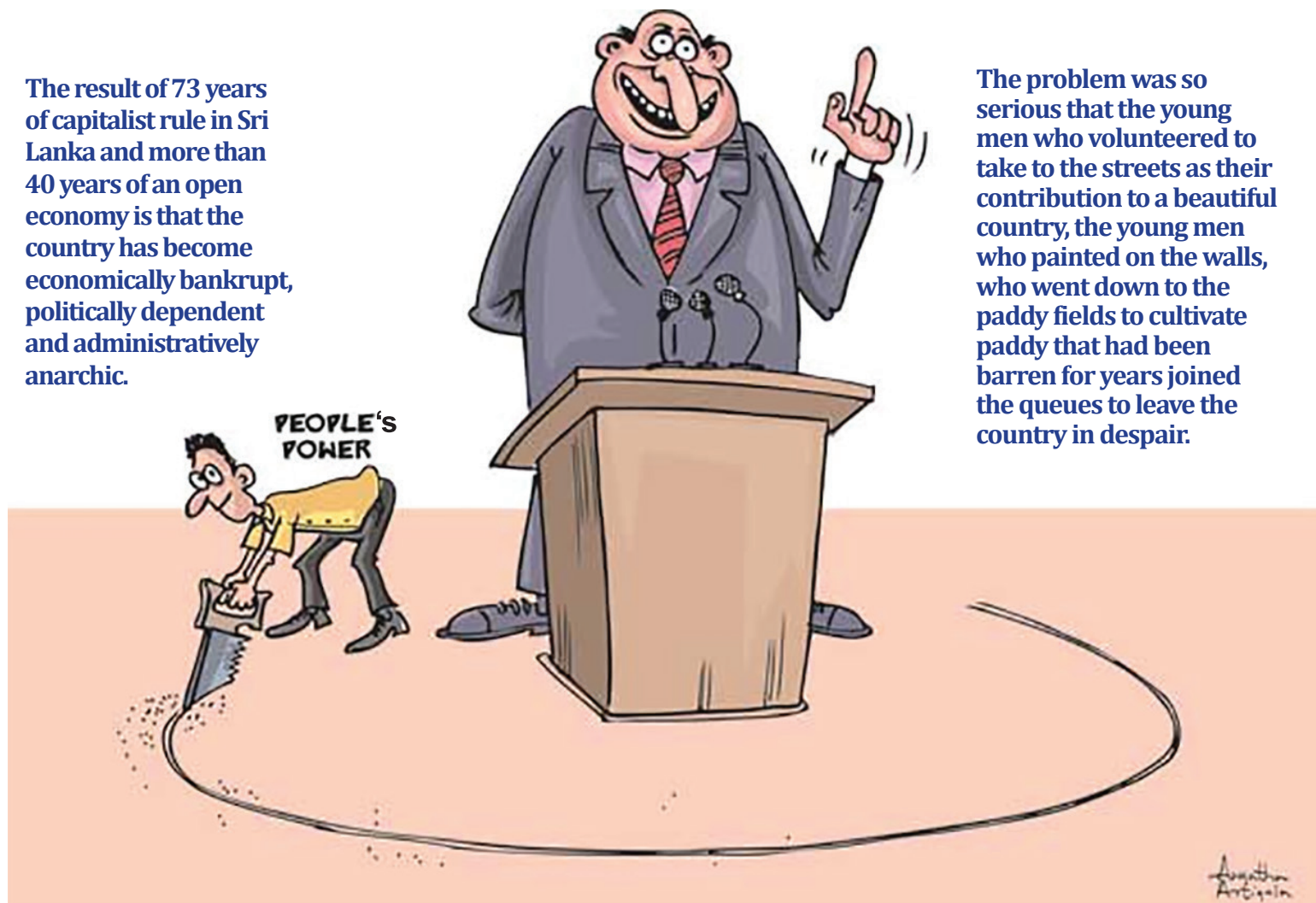
Accordingly, Gotabaya, who came to power in the 2019 Presidential Election, was the country's last hope. Nevertheless, as it should be, less than two years later, Gotabaya's rule was a failure. The country descended into anarchy and became economically bankrupt. People were made to suffer a lot. One country, one law became a joke.

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which existed throughout, went from a quantitative crisis to its qualitative stage, developing into a crisis in which the country did not have the dollars it needed, had to restrict imports, could not pay its debts and had to sell its resources. The situation has been exacerbated by rising commodity prices, giving up price controls, shortages and queues. In fact, what is happening is that the long-running crisis of Sri Lanka's capitalism has reached a new qualitative stage. This was exacerbated by the president's ignorance, arrogance and the lack of government consensus. When the adverse effects of fraud and corruption were added to this, the crisis in the country erupted. It is so big that even those who worked to

win Gotabhaya have not been able to bear it.

What has happened in this situation? The failure of the regime and the leader they finally believed in have shattered the last hope of the people. On the other hand, the people, who sincerely believed that Gotabaya would make a positive difference in the country, are frustrated, ashamed and angry because of that collapse. It has caused people to come to an opinion that rejects 73 years of rotation politics. The people have independently begun to line up for a new change, rejecting this system and all those in power. That is what we are seeing now. Marxist politics states that people learn lessons and experiences in a few weeks in times of crisis that they did not

learn in 100 years in ordinary times when politics is slow. It is only natural that people who have lost the last hope of the existing system should line up for change, and this is what is happening. Accordingly, people representing different social strata, social classes, and professions are now joining the JVP or are attracted to the National People's Power (NPP).

The result of 73 years of capitalist rule in Sri Lanka and more than 40 years of an open economy is that the country has become economically bankrupt, politically dependent and administratively anarchic. It has degenerated culturally. Now it has become unbearable for society and the people. What is happening now is the reaction of the people against it. Therefore, there are

no other solutions or hopes in capitalism to the current crisis. The solution lies in a new social transformation. People are fed up with these regimes. So, they would move towards a new path as a last resort. It is the responsibility of the left and progressive forces to bring those people into a political movement, a people's movement that can build a government with new solutions or build a people's movement with them. The political and social environment is now conducive for the people who have left the traditional and capitalist parties to come forward and join a political movement for social transformation, to lead and build a political force that includes them. All that needs to be done is to use it correctly.

Country can move forward only through non-corrupt politics

Comrade Anura Dissanayake

[Speech made participating in the budget debate on 28.11.2021]



Our country is facing a colossal dollar deficiency. We are facing the economic consequences that we have followed for an extended period of time. The worst foreign reserves collapse in history has happened recently. By October 31st of 2021, foreign reserves shrank to US\$ 2.2 billion. At the same time, as a country, we must pay a loan instalment of at least US\$ 7 billion for the loans we have taken annually. We need another US\$ 8 billion to import goods. That means, just for these two purposes, we need to earn US\$ 15 billion. However, our finance minister mentioned that he expects a US\$ 11.9 billion export income. Yes, we might be able to reach that target; but the cost of our imports growth by nearly US\$ 20 billion cannot be prevented.

Therefore, the growth of the cost of our imports is relatively higher compared to the growth of our export earnings. It is in a very unfavourable condition. Furthermore, one of our main sources of income was foreign workers earnings, but those earnings are collapsing on a large scale this year. If we compare only 2021 July-August

two months, the earnings have drastically declined by US\$ 467 million compared to the 2020 year.

We know that a US\$ 500 million international sovereign bond will be completed by January 27th. Many economists state it could put us in a very precarious position. By July next year, we will have to pay US\$ 1 billion in international sovereign bonds. On average, we must pay about US\$ 300 million a month in instalments. Today, we have an economy that has dried up and sunken, especially in dollars. At the same time, our production is declining rapidly. I think the biggest crisis could happen to the Agricultural industry. Therefore, in comparison to the massive economic collapse that has taken place in this country as well as the massive collapse that has taken place in the lives of the people, we have to say that this budget is a hollow and empty vision with nothing to do with economy or people.

Unsuccessful predictions

Next, the Minister of Finance has stated that no Expenditure Head will be presented to

Parliament as a supplementary estimate in addition to the Expenditure Heads that have already been submitted. You expect an income of Rs. 222,000 million, can this Parliament be assured that that revenue will be received? I assure you that the proposal to increase the credit limit will be made, even though no supplementary estimates have been submitted. Revenue of Rs. 1,919 billion was expected for 2021. However, the budget states that the revenue will be only Rs. 1,561 billion. In that case, the income is less than 80 per cent. A 20 to 25 per cent change indicates that the data are completely inaccurate and that predictions are completely unsuccessful. To a certain extent, a budget should be a fair and realistic reflection of our economy and predictions of our country. However, I believe, absolutely there is no fair and realistic reflection in the data in this budget. In addition, the document I read states that 19 billion export earnings will be expected in next year (2022), and this year it is 11.9 billion. The idea of increasing export earnings to 19 billion rupees is a completely unrealistic forecast.

There are three crises in this budget. Firstly, there are no solutions to short-term problems. Secondly, there is no vision or plan to overcome the long-term economic crisis. Thirdly, the statistics and predictions in this budget have become completely unrealistic, unsuccessful and inaccurate. That is the reality of this Parliament today. All the predictions and analyzes made with the data in the budget documents have become unsuccessful.

However, people in this country should learn a lesson from this budget. The political, socio-economic policies that have been followed for a long time have plunged our country into a very disastrous fall. That is the truth. This is a very beautiful country. Our country has a spirituality that can culminate a great unity among the people. A very fortunate country. It has 65,610 square kilometres, with a variety of climatic zones, a massively wide range of resources, an ocean eight times as large as the country, nurtured by Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, and Islam. It is also a state rich in undiscovered resources. Our motherland has been transformed into a destitute motherland.

Corrupt politics

Our motherland has been collectively polluted from time to time for decades. The consequences of that corruption have been pinned on the people living in remote villages. This is the reality. Shouldn't this motherland be rebuilt? Our country must be transformed into a new path. It cannot be done by a mere budget, statistics, parliamentary brains or a two-thirds of majority. Our country needs a decisive political transformation. Our country needs an honest

political background to replace the corrupt politics that has immersed our country. This corrupt politics has played a major role in plunging this country into such a plight.

This country has become very poor, and people are wondering on a daily basis how to find food. There is a lot of moaning about how to get a packet of milk for the child, how to bring a gas cylinder home, how to get some fertilizer to grow their own paddy field, how to feed their children with three meals a day. There are poor people, but there are politicians who have become richer. The country and the people are poor, but the rulers are rich. If our country is thinking of a future development path, this corrupt politics must be defeated.

The corona epidemic is a tedious problem faced by the common people of our country. Everyone is terrified of their lives. Even at the time of a social catastrophe, some rulers bring fraud into it. Weren't their frauds in the purchase of antigen kits and hotel quarantine? The ruling party MPs said in this Parliament. Put aside what we say.

At a time when there is such a social catastrophe and the people are in undue fear of their own lives, will this country be built by people who have the mentality to steal and corrupt? This country cannot move forward without making corrupt politics number one on the agenda of our country. The first is that our country needs corrupt politics instead of corrupt politics.

The second point is this. The path taken by this country is not simple. Everyone must make a collective effort to build this country.

Building this

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India: The peasant struggle has been won

The year-long Indian peasant struggle ended in victory. The Supreme Court had suspended the implementation of the three controversial Agrarian Acts passed by the Narendra Modi government about a year ago. On November 19, the Indian government decided to withdraw them.

Meanwhile, the peasantry, which celebrated the first anniversary of the historic peasant struggle on November 26, commemorated the 700 peasants who died during the struggle. The farmers said that this was only a partial victory and would continue their struggle to resolve their long-standing unresolved issues.



Greece: Take to the streets against privatization

On November 13, employees of the state-owned Minerals and Metals Public Company, a Greek state-owned company, went on a one-day strike against the government's attempt to privatize the company. They also organized a national protest rally in Athens on the same day. Representatives of the All Workers' Front (PWF) and the Greek Communist Party (NCP) addressed the rally.

Cuba: Conspiracy attempt fails

The 'People's March for Change' protest, which the US had conspired to hold in Cuba, failed. It was scheduled to take place in Cuba on the 15th. But protests in Cuba and more than 80 cities around the world held against it and in support of the socialist revolution in Cuba made the US imperialists withdraw their sordid move.



United States: John Deere workers win

The United States labour movement won its biggest victory in years when the strike, which began on October 14 at John Deere's 14 factories in five US states, ended on November 18 with a victory. It was the largest strike in the private sector in recent US history.

About 10,000 employees of John Deere were involved in the strike action. Despite the company's record profits in the past, its workers had to work six days a week, 12 hours a day, on lower wages and lower facilities.

Latin America: breaking loose of the yoke of imperialism



Sandinista National Liberation Front candidate Daniel Ortega won the November 7 presidential election in Nicaragua amid obstacles, including false media propaganda and sanctions by the United States, the European Union, and Canada. The election was held to elect a president for the period 2022-2027, 92 members for the Nicaraguan parliament and 20 members for the Central American parliament. 4.4 million voters were eligible to vote, out of which 65.34% or 2,921,430 cast their ballots. The Sandinista National Liberation Front won 75.87% of the vote.

The Legislative Liberal Party, Nicaragua's second-largest party, came in second with only 14.4% of the vote. The neo-liberal economic policy implemented in Nicaragua after Chamaro's victory in 1990 was implemented under this

party leadership for 17 years until the Sandinistas' victory in 2007. In the previous election in 2016, the Legislative Liberal Party was able to get only 15.03% of the votes.

In a statement issued on November 7, the day the elections were held, US President Joe Biden said the election result was "a sham" and sought to justify sanctions and other moves taken against Nicaragua and to save space for future action.

During the 14-year rule of the Sandinista National Liberation Front, Nicaragua has achieved many social achievements. During this period, poverty in Nicaragua fell from 48% to 24% and extreme poverty from 17% to 7%. Education in Nicaragua is entirely free, and its food security is 92%. Nicaragua ranks fifth in the world in terms of gender equality. 99% of the people in the country have access to electricity, and they get 70% of their energy needs from renewable energy sources.

The return of the Sandinista National Liberation Front to power in the Nicaraguan elections will further weaken the influence of US imperialism in Central and Latin America. Following the election victory, Nicaragua decided to withdraw from the Organization of American States, which acts as a cat's paw for US imperialism. In the past, several anti-imperialist, progressive regimes have come to power in the region, weakening the influence of US imperialism. The newest addition is Honduras.

According to the number of votes counted so far, Honduras' left-wing candidate Xiomara Castro Zelaya has won the November 27 election. Castro Zelaya has polled 53.61% of the total vote out of the 51.32% votes cast so far. The current ruling National Party candidate, Nasri Asfura, has received only 33.87% of the vote. This election saw a historic turnout of

62%. With this victory, Xiomara Castro Zelaya became the first woman to be elected President of Central America. Her husband's anti-imperialist, progressive government was overthrown in 2009 by a US-led military coup.

The previous election in Honduras was held in 2017. It was rife with electoral fraud and irregularities. Mass protests erupted, but the then-president was able to regain power after a crackdown that killed about two dozen protesters. Honduras is a country plagued by poverty, extreme unemployment, violence, fraud and corruption. However, these developments, which are turning the Central and Latin American region towards anti-imperialism, will undoubtedly brighten the hopes of the progressive people of the world and be a signal for the people to turn towards establishing anti-imperialist and progressive regimes.

Reminiscences of the journey that began in the village

The JVP's new political programme 'Let's start from the village' launched on November 1, is being successfully carried out. The people had a lot to talk about with the leaders of the JVP who carried the message that they must unite around a common force that would create a new economic and political journey for the country. There were many instances when the ideas and experiences they had kept locked up in their minds for decades began to flow. These pictures and dialogues are for that memory.

Galle



"It is very difficult to live. No fertilizer. Goods are too expensive. We thought they were good. Voting for both parties did not bring any results. The only solution now is the JVP. That's why we should work with them. Today's prices are not there tomorrow's. A kilos of onions is Rs. 200. A coconut is Rs.100. It is very difficult for people to live. Theft and fraud are rampant in the country."

Galle



"We voted and elected one from the United States. Now, we have no way to live. We do the three-wheeler job. Can't find money even of a daily wage worker. Commodities are getting more and more expensive. Today the price of dhal has increased. Sugar prices will go up tomorrow. Oil prices are rising. Can't even go down to a paddy field. There is no fertilizer. There is no way to leaves in our tea plot. This is not going to work. This needs to change. Both these parties are useless. They live in luxury. They would flee to America. Finally, there is no fertilizer for the bud to bloom."

Badulla:



"We lived a beautiful life. Our businesses collapsed. We had four or five shops. Today there is only one. Business fell apart. No customers. There are three floors of goods. Billions worth of goods are being stored. No one to buy. People don't have food. People are suffering terribly. Recently, there was the Tamil New Year. People are in a state of unspeakable sadness. People spoke here in pain. Good worth Rs. 100 they ask for fifty rupees. Fifty-one for twenty-five. Five hundred is asked for one hundred and fifty. It is justifiable. That means no one can enjoy this new year."

Let's give the country to these people too. It is useless to give only that side and this side every day. People also get deceived. As soon as a harangue is let loose they get caught. Last time 'Saharan' issue was put forward and out people took it to their heads. This worked for them. The village man does not know that, and then they get involved in many issues. We also voted for them. But it did not work. We also thought there was a good brain contesting. We talk openly. We are not talking about politics."

Maharagama:



"I am from Godigamuwa. It was good to have this kind of conversation with the top leadership. I'm someone who has earned through my efforts. I worked abroad and live in Sri Lanka doing business. I do not want this country to be destroyed. A country should be left for future generations. They call me a JVPer when I severely attack the pohottu party. Or they call me an elephant, but I'm not. I have no party. I am neutral. It would be nice if another party came to power without these two major parties. The two main parties are like the octopus all over this country. It would be good if your party comes to power. I believe that if you can educate the people and your members add at least five members each, you can make a big difference in this country."

Galle



"Every election was rigged
Power greedy thugs are well versed
Those who came from Medamulana are real thieves
Day stars from Sri Lanka should they be shown!"

Akuressa



There is no way for a man to live in this country. Fodd is very expensive. It is wrong to increase the prices of goods on the pretext of corona disease in the country. The whole world has this disease. What is not expensive today? A kilo of rice costs 200 rupees. So how can one say it is good? You have to lick, not eat. During the presidential election I heard the opposition saying that Americans would gobble the country and go back to America and asked the people not to vote for them. It has now come to reality. How helpless are the farmers? Today we are sorry.

Weligama



We have been voting for Gotabhaya and Mahinda Rajapaksa for so long. We will not vote for them hereafter. People suffer a lot by voting for them. I do a shop. People come to buy goods. I know hos people suffer to buy a little bit of things. I cannot even say the price of the goods. There are many drug addicts in our village. They are sometimes arrested with the drug. I don't know what happens to the drug. The President should come and see the suffering of the people.

I have never voted for the JVP. This time I will vote for the JVP. They should also be given a chance. There are thieves on other two parties. You can't go to a store and buy something. The price is high. There is no way to go to the market and buy goods. I bought a small coconut. It was one hundred rupees. There are people who can't buy that either. There are a lot of people who sell their labour for a living in our village. Also there are people who make a living by selling some incense sticks. Those people have no way to eat even one meal a day. However, those with teh government are stealing billions.

Akuressa



We have nothing to eat or drink today. Gas prices went up. Sugar prices went up. No sugar. Of course I tell the truth. mean. I went to the store to buy sugar. The elderly were told there was no sugar. Sugar is given only to shopkeepers. So we came like bulls. We voted thinking it would be better for us. We like to vote for the correct party. We need to change. Hereafter I would vote for the JVP. I asked for the pamphlet to read it and understand.

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of rogue dealers. It is the ordinary people who have been affected by this crisis. A young man looking for a job; the peasantry engaged in farming; a fisherman in the fishing industry; people who do a small job and earn a meagre amount per month. They are the victims of this crisis.

Therefore, the citizens of this country have a responsibility to transform this country into a scientific, new economic strategy that can build this country. We have a short-term and a long-term plan to rid the country of its problems. Two factors must be met or completed in order for

any economic programme to be implemented. The first is to shift this country from corrupt politics to incorrupt politics. The second is to make a collective intervention to build this country. An individual cannot do this. It requires the collective intervention of the government, the private entrepreneur, the farming community, working people, migrant workers and expatriate Sri Lankans. In addition, politics should be made a public service. Politicians must work shoulder to shoulder with ordinary people to build the country.

These two points are

inevitable. Our policy statements detail the economic programme. We are confident that this country can be transformed in a new direction and that a better economy and a better life can be given to the people. We as a people should strive to learn from experience. If we fail to learn from experience they become mere events; they will be overshadowed by the sands of time. We urge the people to understand the most profound economic crisis facing this country today. Come forward to transform this country."

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country is not a miracle of individuals. Building this country is a collective effort. The Cabinet must work collectively, the government collectively, politics collectively, public servants collectively, the private sector collectively, the youth of the country collectively, the farmer, the fisherman, the working people collectively. This country could not be built without the collective struggle of all these people. What needs to be done to deploy a collective effort? First, politics must be brought down from a privileged position. Politics should be made an exercise in dealing with equal citizens, sharing the joys and sorrows of equal citizens and building the country.

Location and resources

Any country chooses its economic strategy according to its location, its resources, its human resources, its world politics, its civilization. How was the civilization of our country built? That's important. Therefore, if our country is to be built, the location of our country is extremely important. Our country is located in a very important place

in the seas where 30% of the world's trade is in freight. With this location, a path of development, a path of development with the natural resources of our country and a path of development with the human resources of our country should be created. We have human resources that we can develop. We have a community of people with a wealth of knowledge. The greatest resource we have is human resources. Therefore, the bulk of our economy should be spent on developing these human resources.

Next, world politics. There is a power struggle in the world today. There is a big economic conflict. There is a market conflict. There is a conflict over market sharing. The world's great powers have entered into such conflicts. Because of our wrong foreign policy, our wrong economic policy rather than our foreign policy, our companies were bought by Chinese companies and our country's economy and our country's politics were systematically brought under Chinese control. Today we are experiencing the consequences. Therefore, we need to develop an economic strategy that takes into account world

politics.

The factor of civilization

Next, look at the civilization of our country. We build our civilization based on agriculture. That is why our forefathers built 32,000 tanks. Also, remember, when those 32,000 tanks were built, none of our ancestors built them in the central highlands. Defended the central highlands. It protected the forest. The central highlands were protected and the rivers overflowing were blocked. The children of the ancient kings defended our central hills like a heart. The children of the present king destroyed the central hills. We destroyed our small and medium scale tank system. A country with 32,000 lakes. Today only 14,000 tanks remain. As a result, 12,000 tanks are dying. When the world finds the steam engine we find Biso Fort. When the world discovers electricity we find the mud sluice. When the world is making industrial products, we are creating a giant canal with a slope of 28 inches from Kalawewa to Tissawewa. That is our civilization. Therefore, a part of our civilization should represent our

economy. That civilization is inevitably based on our rural agriculture.

Therefore, if we want to uplift the lives of the rural people, we must develop their core economic source, agriculture. Paddy production, vegetable production, small tea garden, small cinnamon garden, pepper garden, cardamom garden cannot improve their standard of living without making profits. Therefore, if we are based on our civilization, agriculture is a big part of our economy. But you must remember that it is a very important part. You have created a dent in this agriculture today. Which farmer in our country and when came out to the streets to ask to provide the facilities he needs to cultivate? Today the farmers are asking nothing, but that they are ready to cultivate this land. Ready to supply rice to the country. They ask you to please give us the facilities we need. What is the effect of a budget that does not even focus on that?

This budget shows us that the path our country has taken so far is a path of failure. I stop by declaring that it is a budget that is forcing the citizens of this country to change this path.



JVP Congratulates Comrade Gabriel Boric

"The social processes can be arrested by neither crime nor force. History is ours, and people make History!"

Salvador Allende

Dear president elect of Chile and the progressive people,

With much joy and revolutionary feeling, we learn about the election of Comrade Gabriel Boric's election as the President of Chile. We congratulate the people of the land of beloved Salvador Allende and Victor Jara for their victory.

In the current situation, where capitalism is confronted with its worst economic, financial, political, social, spiritual and moral crisis but does its utmost to sabotage the forward march of the progressive people, especially the progressive movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America, the victory achieved by the Chilean people, lead by the communists, progressive organizations, working masses and youth and students, is a good harbinger for the exploited masses in these countries.

As Peoples Liberation Front –JVP Sri Lanka Marxist Leninist party, we are greatly motivated and inspired by the victory of Comrade Gabriel Boric and the progressive people in Chile. We believe the movement of victories achieved by the people in many countries in Latin America will blow throughout the world, stimulating the downtrodden people everywhere.

We believe that Comrade Gabriel Boric and new people's representatives will guide the people in Chile and develop this victory to the struggle to uproot the capitalism and imperialism.

All Power to the People!

Long Live solidarity among People of Chile & Sri Lanka!

Faternally,

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An imbecilic solution to the fertilizer issue

Despite the President and Ministers' vowing that the decision to stop chemical fertilizers and agrochemicals would not be changed under any circumstances, the government has now bowed down to allow the import of chemical fertilizers and agrochemicals.

The President had said that he would not change his policy of 'organic-sizing' the country but would allow the private sector to do so if farmers ask for chemical fertilizers. First of all, it should be said that farmers ask for fertilizer, not for fun but for cultivation. On the other hand, farmers have been taking to the streets demanding 'suitable fertilizer' and not 'chemical fertilizer'. It is not fair for the government, which has failed to provide adequate fertilizer for cultivation, to impose the crisis of its inability on the farming community.

The government's decision was a 'solution' of the kind given by 'Mahadanamuththa'. It is as ridiculous as breaking the wall of the house, cutting off the goat's neck and then breaking the pot. The government destroyed agriculture, put farmers in trouble, created a shortage of rice and vegetables in the country, wasted the country's money on harmful organic fertilizers and eventually decided to import chemical fertilizers. What the President has done in the end by implementing unknown things as military decisions is to allow the destruction of crops and deprive the opportunity to systematically and scientifically expand organic inputs instead of ever applying chemical fertilizers. That is to make farmers reject organic fertilizers.

What has finally happened here? It is a waste of public money for ministers and racketeers to trade in the name of 'organic' while the farmer falls from the pan to the hearth. There was a scam from the sale of soil dug up in tanks and labelled as organic fertilizer to the importation of fertilizer from China and India. A racket.

The Chinese company has to be paid compensation even though the fertilizer has not landed in Sri Lanka. It is due to the ordering of organic fertilizer and opening LCs without testing the samples, and the tests indicated they contained harmful microorganisms. The compensation has to be paid with public money. Can it be said that there was no fraud?

Minister Mahindananda had also stated that there was an irregularity in the importation of nano urea liquid fertilizer from India. He had said that he did not order the fertilizer. One can imagine the fraud that took place in importing this liquid fertilizer to Sri Lanka at a price of around \$ 12 a bottle, which sells for around \$ 3. in the Indian market.

It will continue to be the case as long as capitalist governments' political culture turns every disaster into a means of earning money and commissions exists. However, the President and the ministers, who have done so much damage to the country, the people, and agriculture, are still bragging about their achievements while a few lackeys continue to reiterate them.

In the end, however, the government resorted to another ploy. It is to get rid of the responsibility of giving fertilizer subsidies to the farmers. Due to the recent farmers' protests, governments have had to provide fertilizer at a subsidized price to farmers. Gotabaya Rajapaksa promised before the presidential election that fertilizer would be provided free of charge. Nevertheless, now the government is relieved of its responsibility to supply fertilizer.

Now the importation of fertilizer has been handed over to private companies. If farmers want fertilizer, they have to buy fertilizer from those companies at the price they say. Then the price of fertilizer will skyrocket. It is not easy for farmers to buy fertilizers at high prices or cultivate at such a high cost.

On the other hand, the prices of agricultural products will skyrocket, and then agriculture will go into the abyss naturally. In this situation, the famine and the unbearable rise in rice and vegetable prices will not stop.

Now all people have the same solution. It is to change the existing failed governments and the system and line up for a government that has real solutions to the people's problems.

November Horeos' Commemorations held throughout the World



Florence in Italy



Milano in Italy



In Oman



In South Korea



In the UK