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We'll build a country friendly with all Nations

Various people in the country have expressed different opinions about the visit to India undertaken by a delegation of the NPP led by its leader Anura Dissanayake and consisting of Comrade Vijitha Herath, Member of the National Executive Committee of the NPP, Dr Nihal Abeyasinghe, General Secretary of NPP, Prof. Anil Jayantha, National Executive Member and Member of the Economic Committee of the NPP.

Speaking at a press conference, Comrade Vijitha Herath said, "Anyone has the right to comment on our journey as they see it. But, we emphasize that as a political movement we understand world geopolitics. As such, the

stories told by those who think they are our opponents need not be considered. We used the Indian visit to serve the people responsibly.

After the collapse of the Soviet socialist bloc in the late eighties, the world political

situation changed. Before that, the American-led and Soviet-led political camps' bi-political power collapsed and remained in a unipolar state for some time. In a very short period of time, that situation changed, and today, a multi-polar camp is being created having different ways, like the USA, China, the European Union, the Latin American region, etc., as a multi-polar world political situation.

In the eighties, Sri Lanka had direct interventions from India. We all know the history that even Indian forces were allowed to invade Sri Lanka. We are aware of the impact

of the Indo-Lanka Treaty on Sri Lanka. At such a moment, our comrades even sacrificed their lives to protect this country and its sovereignty. The circumstance that led to that political situation have completely changed today. China, America, and India are engaged in the world political power struggle, and we, as an economically bankrupt country, have to act to build the country.

We should do politics by preserving the sovereignty of our country and protecting the territorial integrity. Without being a victim of world power politics, we will move forward to win victories for the

country. We do not hesitate to do economic and political business with any country. We will maintain diplomatic and political relations with the Western countries led by America, Russia, China and other countries, as well as India, Japan and other countries in Europe, Australia, and Canada. Under our rule, we will openly conduct our relations with governments of every country in the world. We do all that for the country's and people's betterment and economic development. Never in history have we taken a decision that would harm territorial integrity in any way. We will never make

such a decision. We give that assurance to the people of this country.

We will maintain economic and political relations with every country from a non-partisan and non-aligned position. No one should be afraid of the policy followed regarding India; No need to create demons. Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna will maintain clear and friendly relations with China, especially with the Chinese Communist Party. We are not a political movement that is limited to one camp. Our programmes will be based on the assurance of economy and national security.

Women en mass for women's summit 'We women altogether for NPP' held at Kurunegala



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'Freedom' – From a false concept to an actual reality

This February 4th marked the 76th anniversary of Sri Lanka's so-called independence. As in the past 75 years, on this fourth of February, the leaders of the state held a free show and recited some cock and bull stories. It will give rise to hopeful but funny hopes about how Sri Lanka will develop in the future.

But what is the reality now? After 76 years of independence, Sri Lanka is a state that has officially declared itself economically bankrupt. It is a country that is unable to repay the loans taken from abroad and is caught in a debt trap. It is a country where people sigh without eating. It is a country where every possible citizen is trying to leave this country and escape to a foreign country. Such is the balance sheet of 76 years of ruling by the capitalist aristocratic gangs in this country.

This country that has been razed to the ground by 76 years of bankruptcy and misguided socioeconomic policies was a debt-free country that did not owe even five cents to the world when it gained the so-called independence from the British in 1948. At that time, Sri Lanka had the second-strongest economy in Asia. We were second only to Japan. Even in 1950, when Japan's per capita income was 90 dollars, Sri Lanka's per capita income was 89 dollars. Sri Lanka was the 'Granary of the East' at that time. It was the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean'. Such a country has now been made bankrupt, dependent and humiliated.

Although cannons were fired into the sea to celebrate the so-called independence, the rulers stood guard watching military salutes, and even though shows were held, Sri Lanka has now become socio-economically dependent. What kind of independence is there for a country that is indebted to the world? How degrading has our Motherland been subjected to?

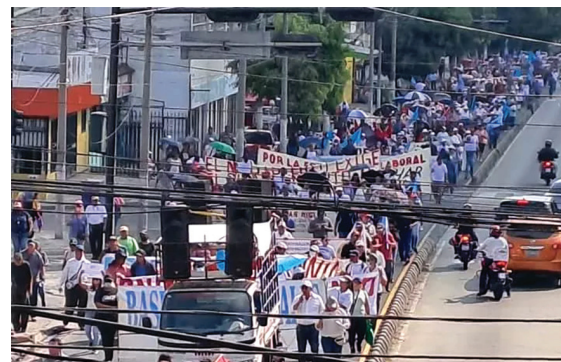
It is not only the economy that has been destroyed by the ruling gangs that ruled the country. The country's natural and economic resources have been sold or leased and lost to the country. Political culture is corrupt, and the country has become culturally degraded and dependent. Even though 76 years have passed, they have failed to create a national unity to build the Sri Lankan nation. They propagated racism and religious extremism. Meanwhile, even after 76 years of independence, Sri Lanka is still a backward, dependent and poor state that has not achieved true independence.

What is the challenge before us? Instead of the bankrupt economy, a strong production economy should be built and economic stability, economic strength and economic independence should be achieved. Instead of a country that falls on its knees, begging before the world, a country with a dignified life that could stand on its feet should be built.

In summary, we must win economic development and true national freedom through a national revival with national integration. It can be done not by the pompous rhetoric of bankrupt rulers but by a massive effort made by the whole country, the whole nation together through a national awakening. A new people's rule should be created to defeat the old one.

We should all resolve to make 2024 the year of national independence, the year that true independence will be won in Sri Lanka. Then, all people will be able to celebrate freedom truly.

El Salvador teachers on the streets



Hundreds of teachers from various cities in El Salvador marched to San Salvador, the capital city of that country and rallied at the Education Ministry, demanding the payment of wage increases that were due a year ago.

According to Salvadorian law, educators' wages

are to be adjusted upwards every three years. According to teachers, more than four years have gone by without any wage increase, and the Education Ministry has ignored repeated demands for a wage increase. The teachers say they are tired of waiting.

Salvadorian teachers have been demanding wage increases since October 2022. At the time, the ministry responded that there was no money for raises.

The representatives of the organizations involved in the peaceful demonstration reiterated that their demands during the activity were carried out due to the fact that a salary increase for the sector should have been budgeted in 2022 and made effective in 2023; however, to date, this has not yet been complied with.

Nurses to the Ministry of Health



The nurses belonging to the All Ceylon Nurses Association have decided to come in front of the Ministry of Health in Colombo on the 14th and engage in a massive agitation to protest

against the non-solution of the nursing allowances and other issues.

Its convenor SP Madiwatta says that a large number of nurses belonging to their association will be involved in the protest movement in front of the Ministry of Health.

All Ceylon Nurses Union General Secretary Nursing Officer S.P

Madiwatta added that this protest is being held against the non-solution of the unsolved problems of the nursing service.

Teachers and students protest across Greece against private universities



Thousands of teachers and students took to the streets in Greece to oppose government plans to permit private universities.

Article 16 of the Greek Constitution begins: "Art and science, research and teaching shall be free and their development and promotion shall be an obligation of the State," and includes the clause, "The establishment of university level institutions by private persons is prohibited."

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis called this an "unbearable insanity" which "outrages the whole of society" and intends to change Article 16, according to Kathimerini. The bill will be voted on by the end of February.

Large rallies took place on January 18 and again this week against the plans. Student protesters also occupied more than half of university faculties and departments. The Federation of Secondary School Staff called three-hour work stoppages so schoolteachers could join the protests, and the Unified Association of Teaching and Research Staff at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece's largest university, called a 48-hour strike.

Domestic acceptance of NPP – an international certificate

A person who studies the politics of Sri Lanka very well and deeply can observe a tremendous qualitative change compared to the past. Due to the worst economic crisis that has developed in Sri Lanka and the fact that production lines are no longer effective and the majority of the people are affected by it, they are fed up with the corrupt and greedy political culture that has been maintained for a long time; a trend has emerged to mobilize the people for a broad change in the society.

People who chose various political parties for simple promises in the past are now choosing their political stream for broader changes in the political and economic sphere. That is why all the old dividing lines in politics are being turned upside down. For the first time in Sri Lankan history, the ordinary people are rallying around the left-wing, progressive, patriotic movement of the National People's Power for a social transformation.

It is not only a domestic confirmation but has become an internationally accepted trend. The official invitation given by the Indian government to a delegation of the National People's Power, including Comrade Anura Kumara Dissanayake, its leader, for a five-day visit can be considered a revolutionary development in Sri Lankan politics. It is the first diplomatic approach to NPP from neighbouring India. Political commentators point out that India has guaranteed the popularity of the National People's Power in the country and the highest possibility of establishing power in the upcoming elections.

Commentators also say that senior statemen such as Indian Foreign Minister Dr S. Jayashankar, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, and Foreign

Secretary Vinay Mohan coming forward to negotiate with the leader of the National People's Power during this visit is an indication of India's confidence in the National People's Power. This move has not only strengthened bilateral relations. Still, it has also emphasized the growing international influence and strategic vision of the NPP, especially in maintaining ties between the two economic powerhouses of the region, China and India.

While strengthening relations with powerful neighbours such as China and India, NPP appears as a political party with a practical and dynamic foreign policy, protecting the interests of Sri Lanka on the global stage. This new situation has changed the political dividing lines in Sri Lankan politics. The political gamble carried out by traditional political parties and groups in Sri Lanka in the past has been made invalid now.

The political tradition of the past was that the pro-imperial elite capitalist political family groups in Sri Lanka got themselves into two main parties and took turns taking power. When the two main elite parties took turns being in power, minor political factions, cliques, and groups formed alliances under different names with the main

party that could come to power at that moment.

In those partnerships and organizations built in the past aiming at elections, the sole purpose of the organizations was to gain power for one main party, and small groups joined it to get positions and privileges from the government. That is why when an election was near, it was common to see parties and individuals jump here and there. Regardless of the government, there are still several people in the country who have been involved in it and held ministerial posts in every government. However, the new political situation that has emerged has completely changed the old political situation in that country. Currently, the political dividing line of the country has changed, and instead of the dividing line between parties of the same class, a new dividing line has been created where all the parties and gangs that ruled the country are on one side, and the NPP with a strong mass movement is on the other side. It is the situation now.

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The opinion that the main parties that ruled the country belonged to the same class was given a big boost when the Mahinda Rajapaksa government elected Ranil Wickramasinghe to the presidency.

Wickramasinghe to the presidency. Now the people understand that the representatives of traditional parties, including Ranil, Rajapaksas and Sajith, are all in the same group with the same policy. That is why people are leaving all those parties fast, making those parties bankrupt. Also, the opportunistic gangs and small parties that hung on to the main party and won positions and privileges in the past have become displaced in politics.

At present, the National People's Power has gained the trust of the general public to develop into a powerful mass movement. It is capable of winning any election held in the country. It has changed the political dividing line in our country's politics and the political culture. They have achieved it by organizing the social forces capable and ready to make a profound change in society instead of gathering all the opportunistic gangs and groups that are temporarily set up to deceive the people and take power when an election has been called. The NPP is working towards building a stable government with people's power. As Comrade Anura Dissanayake, the party leader, says, it is not just an organization for a change of government but a movement for building a

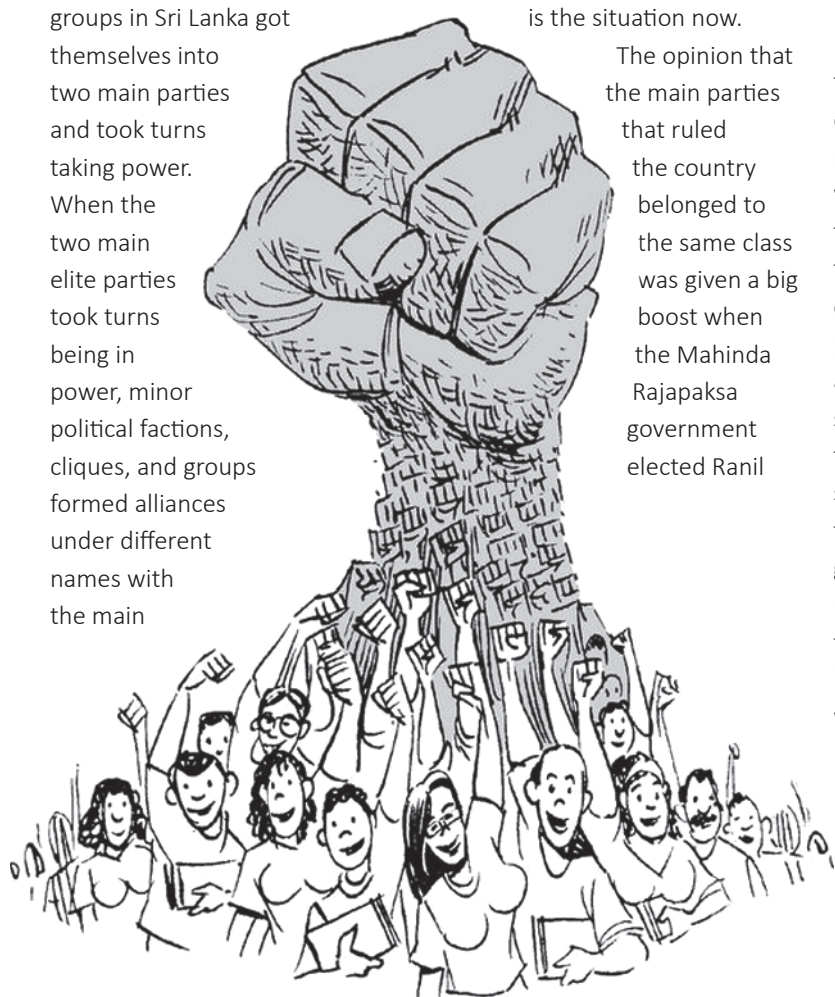
new national renaissance in the country. Such a collective national effort is needed to raise an officially bankrupt country.

As such, the National People's Power has become the largest camp of the left, progressive, democratic and patriotic forces formed against the aristocratic political camp in Sri Lanka. It is strengthening its political camp not by gathering opportunistic gangs but by rallying forces that have the commitment and ability to build the country, create a national revival, win true national independence, and build the Sri Lankan nation with national unity.

The National People's Power has been able to rally all working masses, farmers, fishermen, various professionals, local industrialists, patriotic businessmen, planters, as well as women, youth, students, Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim, Burghers, Malays, etc. comprehensively for a common purpose.

Also, in that massive mass movement, instead of personal narrow goals, instead of selfishness, instead of working for the privileges of positions, they are able to confirm the new political culture of committing to a common goal with a common, collective, selfless feeling.

Even if all the displaced political groups and selfish individuals currently orphaned in Sri Lankan



NPP visits India

Extending an official invitation to a NPP delegation led by Comrade Anura Dissanayake by the Indian government is a groundbreaking development for Sri Lanka's political landscape. This move has alarmed not only the government but also those in the so-called opposition as their mutterings indicate. The unprecedented move not only gives an advantage to the election campaign of the NPP and also indicates international recognition of NPP's position in Sri Lanka's political arena.

Answering a question put forward by a journalist, Comrade Anura Dissanayake said, "Why does India give us this tour? I think India is a country that studies the close political activities of our country. You know that some information is communicated to India before Sri Lanka. Also, India has expectations and aspirations about the future politics of our country. Therefore, they must have considered which political movement Sri Lanka will move forward with in the future as an essential factor. I think the invitation to a political movement like ours has that implication.

He said the main issue they raised during our visit was the question of using the territory of Sri Lanka in a way that affects India's national security.

The Indian government wouldn't have considered the traditional power that exists in our country. I think they extended this invitation to us because of the power that is being built realistically in our country. They constantly expect that the territory of Sri Lanka will not be used for the needs of a power base against them when they become a geopolitical competitor. That is a reasonable expectation. I think that's where we felt the crux of this trip was."

A delegation led by NPP/JVP Leader Comrade Anura

Dissanayake and consisting of Comrade Vijitha Herath, Member of the National Executive Committee of the NPP, Dr Nihal Abeysinghe, General Secretary of NPP, Prof. Anil Jayantha, National Executive Member and Member of the Economic Committee of the NPP, visited India on an invitation from the Indian Government. On the morning of the 5th, Comrade Anura Dissanayake discussed with the Indian Foreign Minister, Dr Subramaniam Jayashankar, at the Indian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

They had a lengthy discussion on the economic and political situation in Sri Lanka and the political future. They also focused on strengthening the cooperation between the two sides.

On the second day of their visit (6), they met the Observer Research Foundation, a collection of independent global intellectuals in New Delhi. It is an organization that provides advisory services to politicians and the business community in India in policy formulation and decision-making of the government.

Next, they visited the Unique Identification Authority of India, affiliated with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India and had a friendly discussion with its leaders.

On the third day (7th), the NPP delegation met with the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendrabhai Patel, at Vidana Sabha (State Legislative Assembly) in Gandhinagar. They discussed development strategies for poverty alleviation in the state and the state administration process.

Afterwards, a special meeting was held with the Industry Minister of that state, and a presentation was also made on the 'Gujarat Model', which is used as a development model by the Indian government. Energy reforms, agriculture and water,

infrastructure improvement, industry and investment, healthcare, and women's empowerment are key areas of this Gujarat development model.

An observation tour of agricultural areas and agro-industries was also held in Ahmedabad.

Anura Dissanayake, leader of the NPP, and the other representatives engaged in a field trip covering the production process of the Amul Dairy Company located in Anand, Gujarat. The management, including the chief executive officer, the chairman of the National Dairy Development Board and a group of experts in the dairy sector, exchanged views on the new milk production conditions.

The ownership and management of the company operate under a cooperative structure. Matters such as increasing milk production, reducing the price of milk products, increasing production efficiency, and optimal use of technology were discussed at length.

Also, the leaders of the National People's Power have inquired the management about the investment they were going to make in Sri Lanka, the problems that have arisen at present in Sri Lanka and the various problematic situations that may occur in the future.

Meanwhile, Mamta Verma, Principal Secretary of the Department of Energy and Minerals, Government of Gujarat; Additional Principal Secretary of the Industries and Mining Department, S.J. Haider; Vikas Sood, General Manager of the Leela Hotel in Gandhi Town and others participated in the discussions. The topics discussed were infrastructure, ease of doing business, energy sector, foreign trade and information technology.

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[Comrade Samanmali Gunasinghe is a Member of the Central Committee of the JVP, A National Executive Member of the NPP]

Women in Sri Lanka have started to change now. It is further witnessed by the massive participation of women in the activities of Jathika Jana Balavegaya - NPP.

In Sri Lanka, 53% of the voters comprise of women, and therefore, the rulers who have governed the country so far have given numerous fake pledges and promises targeting women. However, in the current context, those rulers have proven that they are unable to realize the expectations of the people in our country. People have rejected these vile moves and have aligned with the NPP to overthrow the rulers who live in comfort while making the people of the country suffer.

The majority of the burden of the collapsed economy has been felt and borne by women who are mothers and housewives. They are the ones who have to take the pressure of managing household expenses and take care

Women battered by the collapsed economy now see a new future with NPP

Comrade Samanmali Gunasinghe



of the essentials. They have now understood that this situation cannot be overcome individually.

As Jathika Jana Balavegaya - NPP, we have addressed the women of the country, communicating to them that they can find a solution only in politics and not individually in households. We have conducted a series of

discussions with women at the household and village levels regarding how we can collectively rebuild this country, which has been destroyed by the rulers so far, and have power. They have expressed how they have been deceived by the political pledges and hardships they face today.

We have invited women in our country to

gather around the policies of NPP, which is intended to guarantee a society in which women will receive the actual value for their contribution towards the country's economy and society. We invited them to join us to build a just society in which women would be granted their rights. We discussed how to analyze the political situation in the country

and the need for a strong organization. These discussions and sharing of experiences created strong bonds.

Women who kept taking the blows of the collapsed economy with tearful eyes and received no recognition for their dedication now see the light in the tunnel. They now have a new expectation for a better

future for their children. They have confidence in the NPP path now.

So far, politicians have extorted the sensitivity of women to gain votes. However, as the NPP, we made her the political sense and kept on giving them the correct political education to make rightful decisions on behalf of the country and to participate as active members of the country in the rebuilding process. We have revealed the capabilities, talents and potentials of women who have so far been limited to household work. Women are now gradually bringing themselves to break the male monopoly in politics.

A massive number of women participate in the District Women Summits around the country of NPP with the hope of making a new country ready to take political responsibility. Their forwardness has now made the current corrupted rulers dread the defeat they are about to face in the near future.



Age of Chaos: *Unraveling the Global Landscape amid Escalating Conflicts*

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has remarked that the present state of the United Nations reveals a greater level of division than that witnessed during the Cold War era. He emphasized that the world is heading towards an “Age of Chaos,” pointing to the challenges faced by a divided Security Council in effectively addressing critical geopolitical issues and managing ongoing global crises.

In his address outlining his priorities for 2024 to the U.N. Security Council, Guterres expressed concern that conflicts and wars worldwide are generating a “dangerous and unpredictable” reality for innocent civilians. He highlighted the grim conditions faced by millions of people trapped in conflicts, describing their lives as a “deadly, daily, hungry hell” during his speech to the U.N. General Assembly. Guterres emphasized that this divided state of affairs has given rise to a “dangerous and unpredictable free-for-all” precisely when the United Nations Security Council finds itself deadlocked by geopolitical fissures.

Describing the contemporary

period as an “age of chaos,” Guterres identified three contentious issues within the U.N. Foremost among them was the ongoing conflict in Gaza involving Israel, a matter of heightened concern. He specifically drew attention to reports indicating Israel’s plans to intensify its military offensive in the southern region of the besieged enclave. Notably, this area has become a refuge for over a million people seeking shelter from both aerial and ground bombardment, amplifying the gravity of the situation.

He cautioned that undertaking such an action would significantly escalate an already dire humanitarian nightmare, potentially leading to untold regional consequences.

The second issue the Secretary-General addressed was the unchecked race among some states to produce weapons of mass destruction. He emphasized that such endeavours only serve to heighten global insecurity and inflame tensions within regions.

“After decades of nuclear disarmament, states are competing to make their nuclear arsenals faster, stealthier and more accurate,” he stated. He

emphasized that these weapons are being developed without proper guardrails, leading to the creation of new methods for causing harm and, potentially, for humanity to bring about its own destruction.

The third issue he addressed was the Climate Issue.

The conflict in Gaza is characterized as a U.S. war, funded by U.S. resources, utilizing U.S. munitions, and involving the U.S. army, air force, navy, intelligence services, and IDF soldiers. The use of a U.S. veto against a ceasefire in Gaza, despite the overwhelming majority of nations calling for it, underscores that the primary contributor to chaos, as outlined by the U.N. General Secretary, is unmistakably the United States and its imperialist system.

Regarding his second remark on the nuclear arms race, the responsibility lies with the United States. During Trump’s administration, the USA withdrew from significant nuclear disarmament treaties and crucial discussion platforms with Russia on the subject. Even after 37 months into Biden’s administration, there has been no effort to reestablish the

vital nuclear treaties that were abandoned, contributing to the escalation of the nuclear arms race.

Instead of addressing the issue, it is evident that the USA has been operating over 40 illegal bio labs in Ukraine. Additionally, the country is sending weapons to Ukraine, which were previously categorized as nuclear-related weapons (with depleted uranium) some years ago. This makes it clear that the USA is the primary culprit behind the current escalation of the nuclear arms race. Top of Form

Regarding the climate crisis, it is widely known that the USA has consistently been the main opponent of sustainable climate policies and agreements for decades. The country’s energy companies stand out as the most significant lobbyists against any meaningful global action plans aimed at reducing CO2 emissions.

Therefore, it is primarily the USA and the political-economic system it has long led and staunchly protected that should be identified as the major culprit in the scenarios outlined by the U.N. chief.

On the Brink of Disaster: Israel Issues War Threat to Lebanon,

While U.S. Considers Strikes against Militants in Iraq, Syria, and Iran-backed Forces.

Anyone with a basic understanding of the Palestinian issue recognizes that it extends beyond the borders of Palestine and Israel. It is more than just a regional matter; it holds significance on a global scale. Beyond the Palestinian population, the people of Lebanon and numerous other countries and groups have been steadfastly resisting Israeli occupation since 1948.

Hezbollah, a political-military organization with significant support among the people of southern Lebanon, stands as one of the most substantial threats to Israel, both politically and militarily. Notably, Hezbollah achieved a victory over Israel in a past Lebanon war. Since October 7, Hezbollah, the Lebanon-based political-military organization with close ties to Iran, has executed numerous attacks on Israeli targets. Concerned about a potential influx of militants capable of invading and conquering parts of the country, approximately 60,000 northern Israelis have chosen to evacuate, seeking refuge in the central regions to distance themselves from the hostilities. Hezbollah has strategically conducted limited and measured attacks against Israel, aiming to keep the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) engaged along its northern border. It is apparent that, while avoiding a full-scale war with Israel and Lebanon, Hezbollah aims to divert a significant portion of Israel’s military resources from Gaza as a show of solidarity with the Palestinian resistance.

It has also targeted 48 border sites and at least 17 communities. Israel has valid reasons for concern, given that Hezbollah is estimated to possess an arsenal of up to 150,000 rockets and missiles, many of which are long-range and capable of reaching central and southern Israel. In addition to its formidable missile capability, Hezbollah boasts a well-trained army of fighters, including a commando unit known as the Radwan force.

“For many years, Hezbollah has been approaching the [border with Israel] unimpeded. The events of October 7 opened our eyes, and we realized that whatever happened in the south could happen in the north. With only one difference: the

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politics are added together, they cannot challenge the National People's Power because of the moral power of this new political culture that the NPP has gained.

Such a special political situation does not always arise in a country. Therefore, it has now become an essential responsibility of the entire Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim Sri Lankan people to use this new situation for a profound progressive transformation of Sri Lanka's politics and economy and to align all the forces for that in a new political culture, for a single political purpose.

Internationally, the diplomatic strategy of the NPP is to commit to a non-aligned foreign policy. The efforts of the National People's Power to maintain a balance between the two countries are evident in the successful tours held in China and now in India. This practice will also be carried out in a future National People's Power administration.

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Radwan are much more skilled, experienced and organized," stated sources familiar with Hezbollah. Top of Form

Hezbollah has been demanding an immediate halt to the Gaza war to cease their attacks on Israel. However, this plea has fallen on the deaf ears of the U.S. and Israeli war-mongering establishments, which are actively working to secure super profits for their arms manufacturing companies. As a result, the spillover of the Gaza war beyond Palestinian territory is now a stark reality. In addition to the escalating military conflict between Hezbollah and Israel, the majority government of Yemen, along with Yemeni armed forces and Houthi militants, has been waging war against ships connected to Israel. This action serves as a solidarity move in support of the Palestinian struggle.

The Yemeni majority government has declared its refusal to permit ships connected to Israel to use the Red Sea route to the Suez Canal. Translating their words into actions, Yemeni armed forces have attacked numerous commercial ships linked to Israel. Additionally, they targeted U.S. and U.K. Navy ships with their ballistic missiles and military drones. Owing to the Yemeni attacks on Israeli ships, all naval forces, excluding U.S. warships, including the U.K. navy, have withdrawn from the area, citing "technical reasons." The disturbances in the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, a crucial global shipping route, have compelled Israeli-connected shipping companies to opt for a costly and lengthy sea route via the Cape

of Good Hope. This alternative route adds an additional 10 days to the journey to reach the main ports of Western Europe. Top of Form As a consequence, shipping charges and insurance costs have experienced a significant increase, causing substantial disruptions in manufacturing.

In response to these developments, the USA initiated missile attacks on Yemen, Iraq, and Syria. After the U.S. strikes in Iraq, the Iraqi parliament issued an order for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from its territory.

Top of Form All these developments indicate that the U.S. and Israel's conflict in Palestinian Gaza has escalated into a regional war. Therefore, it becomes evident that when the U.N. Secretary-General Guterres states that the world is heading towards an era of chaos, he reflects a grim reality. However, the most crucial aspect is exposing who orchestrates this chaos. The U.N. Secretary-General and the self-proclaimed guardians of global peace and stability must muster the courage to name the culprits explicitly.

This underscores the U.N.'s apparent inability to maintain global peace and stability, which was the primary objective behind the founding of the U.N. after World War II. If its leader merely reports that the world is entering an era of chaos, it highlights a significant shortfall in the organization's effectiveness. Therefore, advocates for peace must contemplate a new era that assures stability by addressing and eliminating the root causes, including those responsible and their collaborators.

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fourth day (8th), as arranged according to the invitation of the Government of India, the delegation visited the i-Hub company affiliated with the Education Department of the Gujarat State Government located in Ahmedabad.

The institution has been established as an Innovation Hub that provides consultancy services, labs and other infrastructure to students and entrepreneurs and mediates funding through investors. i-Hub makes strategic interventions to develop a state-regulated facilitation system by connecting students, intellectuals, industry and the market. i-Hub provides fast, flexible and collaborative services its clients require under one roof.

The NPP delegation participated in an inspection of agricultural areas and agricultural industries in Ahmedabad, an inspection of

solar energy projects and an inspection of manufacturing.

Later, they visited agricultural areas in Ahmedabad, a farming product quarantine factory (GAIC- Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation), a car manufacturing factory (TATA Motors), and solar energy projects.

On the 9th, the fifth and final day of the visit, they were scheduled to visit Kerala, which is ruled by the left-wing alliance led by the Communist Party of India (CPIM-Kerala).

In the morning, they met Mr P.Rajeeve, the Minister of Industry and Law of the State government in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of Kerala.

Later, they joined an observation tour of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, participated in a special discussion with the director of that institute and exchanged

views on the progress of the Indian space programme. They also had the opportunity to visit the control centre and the space museum.

Later, they visited Technopark in Thiruvananthapuram, one of the first and most significant IT parks to provide infrastructure in India's IT sector. They also discussed the special information related to the institution with its CEO. Then, they participated in a presentation on the field of information technology made by the General Secretary of G Tech Institute and also joined an observation tour of Kerala University. They also had the opportunity to participate in a tour of the Vellar handicraft village in coastal Kovalam, south of the capital, Thiruvananthapuram.

Bhikku Conventions inaugurated

The inaugural conference of the series of District Bhikkhu Summits organized by the National Bhikkhu Front with the theme "Building Monks' Power for a Conscientious Governance" commenced on 20th of February in Kurunegala district, and a large number of Bhikkhus were present.

The District summits have been already held at Kurunegala, Matara and Ratnapura.



NPP focuses on government's efforts to throttle the distressed



A discussion was held between the Development Officer Service Association and NPP Member of Parliament Dr. Harini Amarasuriya regarding the action taken by the government to

cut the maximum compensation of Rs—2.5 million to Rs. 500,000.

The discussion was held at the JVP head office at Pelawatta on January 8. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya and Chandana Suriyaarachchi, Secretary of the Development Officer Service Association, participated in this event.

It was further pointed out that the measures adopted by previous governments to maintain relief services without collapse during a national disaster have been cut down by the current government. The participants also discussed the future measures to be taken.

Only NPP can rescue people & country - Mahanayakes tell leaders of NPP



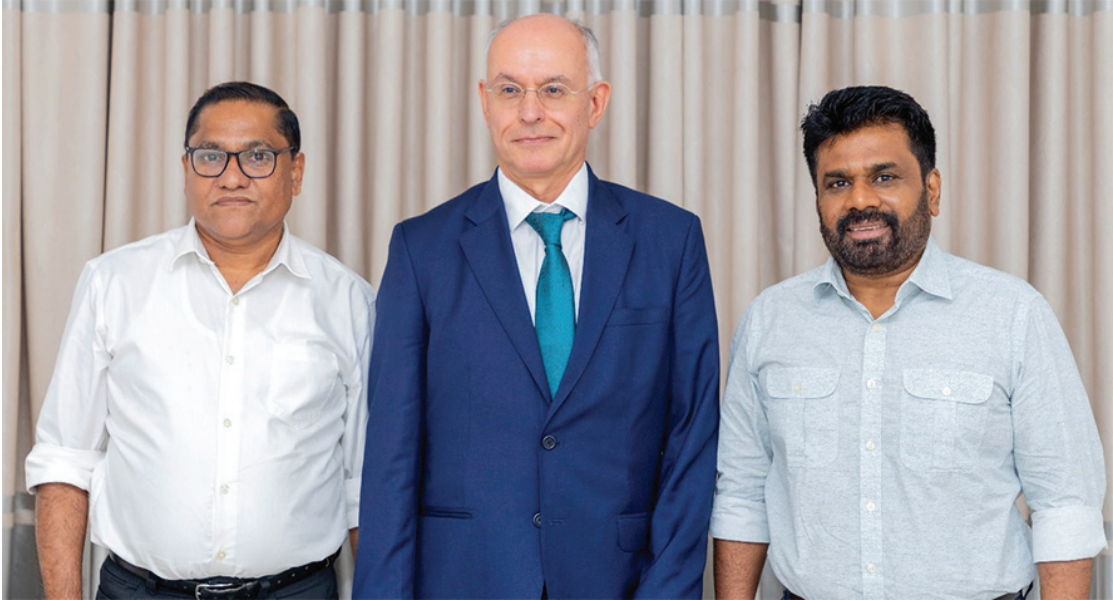
The NPP leader, Comrade Anura Kumara Dissanayake, and the National Executive Member of the NPP, Comrade Lal Kantha, met the Mahanayake Theros of the Matwatte and Asgiriya Chapters in Kandy on the 19th of January. The Mahanayake of Malwatte Chapter, Most Venerable Thibbatuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Thera, told the leaders of the NPP that only the NPP is left as a group that can be trusted to rescue the people and the country from the abyss that the country has fallen into. Mahanayake Thero expressed the view that the nation is at risk of complete deterioration unless entrusted to a competent group during this crucial period. The discussion also focussed on the heavy tax burden, the collapse of the standard of living, and how the country is further being led to economic bankruptcy. Also, special attention was paid to holding the upcoming presidential election.

Dairy farmers take to the streets



A massive agitation was held against the decision taken to sell Milko Institute and the National Livestock Board to India's Amul Company, Namal Karunaratne, the National Organizer of the All Ceylon Farmers' Federation said the move would harm over 400,000 families engaged in the dairy industry in the country.

German Ambassador visits NPP leader



A meeting between the German Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Dr Felix Neumann, and Comrade Anura Kumara Dissanayake, the leader of the National People's Power, took place at the JVP head office on the afternoon of the 31st. The current economic and political situation in Sri Lanka and the challenging situation faced by the people were discussed. Mrs. Dharini Daluwatta, Political Affairs Adviser of the German Embassy and Comrade Vijitha Herath, National Executive Member of the NPP, were also present.

Ceylon Chamber of Commerce meets NPP



A delegation from the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce had talks with representatives of the National People's Power (NPP) at the head office of the JVP on the 31st. A lengthy ensued regarding the issues faced by the business sector in Sri Lanka in the face of the economic and political crisis and the NPP's policy approaches to solve the economic crisis. On behalf of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, its president, Duminda Hulangamuwa, local managing partner of Ernst & Young, Bigumal Thevarathantri of Standard Chartered Bank, Supun Weerasinghe, chief executive officer of Dialog Asiat, and Mutasa Jafferjee, Chairperson of Advocate Institute, were present for this meeting. Comrade Anura Dissanayake, Leader of the NPP and JVP, the General Secretary of the JVP, Comrade Tilvin Silva, National Executive Members of NPP Comrade KD Lalkantha, Comrade Vijitha Herath and Engineer Kumara Jayakodi participated representing the NPP.

JVP meets Parliamentary Group Leader of Socialist Democratic Party of Finland

The National Executive Member of the National People's Power and Member of the Political Bureau of the JVP, Comrade Bimal Ratnayake, together with the comrades of the NPP committee in Finland, met the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Group and Working Committee of the Socialist Democratic Party (SDP) and the former Minister of European Affairs, Mrs Tytti Tuppurainen. The meeting was held at the Finnish Parliament. The current government's unconstitutional practices and interference in the election process were discussed. In addition, the meeting focused on the challenges faced by Sri Lankans who intend to go



to Finland for education and other needs. Special attention was paid to Sri Lankans having to visit the Finnish Embassy in New Delhi to submit their biometric data. The delegation and Ms. Tuppurainen discussed options and solutions to regulate the process.