

**Charles Gnanakone arrest, Kadirgamar assassination investigation and Gen. Janaka Perera:**

**Dear Editor, Lankaweb,**

This is absolute load of NONSENSE, Singhalese racist, extremist, and chauvinist, write and the Moda Yakos believe such unadulterated nonsense. My brother Charles, was falsely arrested, kept in jail until the Presidential elections was over, and then released without an apology, totally exonerated by the Courts and the Police. They aggressively (??) questioned him for thousands of hours, until he was sick and nearly died of a heart failure. They investigated him for days, and weeks and they could not come up with an ounce of evidence on the Kadirgamar assassination. Evidence only suggested that there was complicity with Mrs Kadirgamar herself suppressing evidence, letters, warnings, and the Jayawardene brothers role with complicity, and the mysterious circumstances of his arrest.

The visit of the army officers to Shoba Daniel's room at some small Mt Lavinia Hotel at 1 am before he was arrested him was rather suspicious, giving rise to so much of speculation The army officer's were never questioned, and their identity and every one involved still unknown.

Why?

The army officer arrested him at 2 or 3 AM, at Daniel's home and then takes him to the Police station was very weird action. He was due to appear in courts at 8 AM with his attorney Presidential counsel Wijesekera. There was NO WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST, and therefore why was this mad man hunt, and involvement of Shoba Daniel, as they did not know where she lived with her husband? What on earth was going on with the Jayawardene brothers who are very silent now.

They are damn lucky that they are out of office, as Tamils For Justice would have hunted them for their Human Rights Violations as well. T4J does not have the resources to do that.

Anyway, take a look at the Island Newspaper of 25th August, 2005.

<http://www.island.lk/2005/08/29/>

Where the current counsel general in Toronto, **Bandula Jayasekera writes as a journalist**, 3 years ago, that Mrs.Kadirgamar was with Lakshman Kadirgamar at the Buller's Lane home while the Foreign Minister was swimming, and the army escorted her home. We all know that she was at the official residence at McCarthy Road. Then **who was the lady in the house,** Bandula authoritatively wrote about?

We are certain Bandula got his story right this time. But the "Gomma End of the Stick was, it was not the Foreign Minister's wife. So we have to give him credit for a half correct story. I wrote to the Editor of Island Prabath Sahaband many times asking him investigate. However, he was unusually quiet like a church mouse, and I hope this will provoke him or the authorities to some action. In Toronto, Bandula is busy "running his mouth" against the Tamils, but he is very silent on this story. Who was the Lady Bandula? Also this is good reading for Bandula in Canada.

<http://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/040699-3.html>

But the duty of the CID and other investigators was to investigate fully, take the evidence of every body, every guard there was in that house and all of the army who transported people after the shooting. Why was no **immediate cordon and search** done in and around the house immediately after the shooting. Lakshman Thalayasingam informed me that they did not even come to his house until 2 AM. He was right next door, and where the assassins lived for a day or two and shot from the bathroom. They did not even use the toilet, but used some plastic bags, and toilet paper. At least there was some DNA evidence in the "crap" they left over,

plenty of finger prints to go by. If the experts say that the assassins had the hall mark of the LTTE, then the finger also could points easily to Karuna and Pillaiyan group who were operating in Colombo freely with the help of the army and STF. There was also the weapons which cannot be differentiated from that lot and the LTTE.

Why was the Foreign Minister's security contracted to the private security company owned by the Island Newspapers, and headed by Col. Sarath Jayawardene given to him? Is the Foreign Minister exposed his life, for the sake of his "Machan" to earn some extra money? The Defense Minister and the Defense Secretary should be held responsible for neglect, and criminal neglect respectively. There is also nepotism, family bandism, and cronyism in these incompetent at best, investigations.

Why doesn't the Police investigate the warning given by the Indian intelligence RAW to the MOD in July 2005, weeks before the assassination. Why was the letter written by the Defense Secretary Asoka Jayewardene suppressed in the investigations by the Police, and Mrs Kadirgamar herself, admitted 1 month later? There was another witness who is still alive who Minister Kadirgamar discussed the letter, as Lakman was fearful of death looming near, in July, and I was in Colombo at that time and heard of the story. Why doesn't the police release all the detailed information of the investigations of Charles Gnanakone and the confidential magistrate reports which exonerated him beyond any reasonable doubt, but they dragged it on until the Presidential elections was over?

Meanwhile the Rajapakse's was giving cash by the truckloads to EmilKanthan and others and what was that for? Where did they get the money other than Tiran Alles who is now sitting with the UNP? How much did his friend Mangala Samaraweera know that he was given the Foreign Ministry, AViation, Shipping and Ports making him the most powerful Minister in the new Rajapakse administration? Thereafter they are busy dropping bombs on the innocent Tamil civilians who are unarmed, for over 2 years, killing 9,000 of them, and claiming that they have wiped out the LTTE Tigers. In nearly 4 years after the Tsunami, foreign aid, and Tsunami aid has been wasted, misappropriated, stolen, and Tamils who suffered most of the damage (67 %), have not got their permanent homes rebuilt, fishing boats replaced, but foreign governments and GOSL busy building million dollar bridges, highways, byways, culverts, anicuts, and conference halls. The American Red Cross has confessed in writing to me that they have been prevented by the US Government not to spend 1 dollar in the North and the East, after collecting 2 billion dollars for 2 years from 50 states. That is the injustice done to the Tamils and false allegations and charges are framed by the Sinhalese and foreign

governments on the Tamils, that they are all terrorist, arresting them, torturing them, and quietly releasing them after extracting a promise that the victims would not sue them.

My brother wanted to sue the Police and GOSL under the ATCA and it was his family and me who prevented him from doing so, as he had given a promise to the Police Officers that he would not sue them, if he was released alive. That promise was given under duress, and it should not be kept, is the general view now, after seeing the murderous regime of the Rajapakse brothers, who kept the false allegations going even until today.

Why doesn't General Janaka Perera, without having KATTE PITTU, give a statement whether he gave first class tickets to Charles Gnanakone when he was Ambassador in Canberra, without shooting his mouth that he wants to investigate Pillaiyan for the missing 600 policeman in the Eastern Province in 1991. For Perera's information Pillaiyan would have been 12-13 years old that time. Why doesn't he ask for Col. Karuna's investigations, and President Premadasa, and D B Wijetunge to be investigated together with the IGP and DIG's of 1991? Why shouldn't General Janaka Perera himself face investigation for the Human Rights violations on the Tamils and JVP youth during the period of 1988 to 1992, as well as all what he did in Weli Oya and the North? What is good for the Goose should be good for the Gander.

<http://www.tamilnet.com/art.html?catid=13&artid=11357>

Anyway, in what way is General Janaka Perera qualified to become Chief Minister of NCP with UNP, without ever serving the UNP, being a provincial council member, or hardly doing anything for the UNP. Unless he wants to emulate Pillaiyan or Varatha RajaPerumal. There are enough and more links (see above) on General Janaka Perera and his human rights violations as an Army Officer that is worthy of investigations than 12 year old Pillaiyan of 1991. Pillaiyan was not even a teenager and General Perera wants the current Chief Minister of the East Province be investigated? Pillaiyan is the personal choice of the President Rajapakse who also has a working majority in Parliament and the fool is playing to the Singhala gallery in Rajarata asking for an investigation of the EP CM.? Trust me, I ain't any fan of Pillaiyan, and GOSL can

investigate Pillaiyan or Karuna until the "Cows Come Home".

Perera's wealth and his family's business was well protected over the past quarter of a century, and now the richest breed of Sinhalese in Colombo are the retired Police, Army, Navy, and

Air Force Officials, except for one or two of the likes of former Army Commander

Shantha Kottagoda. How come Mr. Bribery Commissioner? or the Income Tax Chief? Do not go after the small sprats, but go after the richest arms dealers, wheeler dealers, like Ronnie Peries, and the Bandit Queen her self. It is a shame and a disgrace on the UNP to embrace her now, with open arms and legs, when she is one person who is chiefly responsible of creating

this mess for the UNP and the country. She is also the one who should be credited for creating the Rajapakse dynasty by appointing him the Prime Minister, after dissolving the Parliament in 2 years, resurrecting the JVP and JHU, and then selecting him as the Presidential candidate. Of course hang Emilkanthan when you all catch him and if you cannot, then the UNP Minister who employed him from 2002 to 2004, and kept and paid him and his colleagues at the JAIC HILTON. Go figure that out without barking and ..... on the wrong trees.

Truth and Justice will prevail oneday.

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**Janaka Perera Has No Backbone to Reveal His Stand on War**

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Maithripala Sirisena and Dallas Allhapperuma have challenged Janaka Perera to reveal his hidden stand on this war. They, being senior politicians, have all the right to make such a demand on behalf of the nation from a newcomer to the political scene. However, a knave cannot have a backbone as he is rather a mollusc which can bend over in any direction as required. Politics has turned him into a mollusc. Therefore it is foolhardy to expect any declaration of the true stand this retired soldier has on this war. To make things worse, he has joined the camp of political eunuchs who jump sides depending on the circumstances. They are the turncoats who avowed in 2001 on a book holy to Buddhists never to lift the ban on the LTTE only to go back on their word in 2002. In 1999 they openly promised to hand over the country to the LTTE while boasting about military achievements of General Luxman (Lucky) Algama.

### **What will happen if he reveals his true stand on war?**

His stand may be pro-war or anti-war. If it is pro-war and if he has the faculty to reveal it, he will be in dire straits. All those cases against him for alleged war crimes will re-emerge and he will cease to be LTTE's darling. Pro-LTTE media is backing him now as one of its own kind! He stands to lose this camaraderie and may even become a target. His superiors including Ranil will be disappointed in him for not toeing the party line of surrender and Ranil would consider various avenues of disposing Perera. UNP financiers around the world, the surrender camp, pro-surrender NGOs and Christian conservative groups that are connected to the UNP will be utterly disappointed. However, on the other hand, Ranil has always disposed all his opponents with ease sometimes peacefully and at times violently.

1) It should be remembered that the deaths of Ranjan Wijeratna, R Premadasa, Lalith Athulathmudali, Gamini Disanayaka, Gamini Premachandra, Lucky Algama, etc. directly favoured Ranil politically.

2) The first crossover of UNPers in 2006 was marked by a series of bomb explosions in Colombo and Gampaha districts.

3) A former UNP Muslim MP was sacked from the party and from the parliament without following the procedure in 2004 when Ranil came to know his alleged connections with a LTTE renegade leader.

4) LTTE made attempts on the lives of UNP MPs who joined the government whereas no such attempts were made on Ranil loyalists

5) LTTE killed many times more government MPs than UNP MPs after the 2002 surrender agreement.

6) Ranil was involved in torturing and killing many unarmed civilians especially in Batalanda although he managed to evade punishment. All those were killed were his political opponents.

Going by these credentials, Ranil and his masters would not be too worried about how to dispose Perera and Perera is conscious of this.

Alternatively his stand may be anti-war. If he reveals it, his puffed-up image will burst like a bubble. Since he couldn't achieve anything significant outside the battlefield, he would be a nobody if he goes against the war. Interestingly Australia (where Perera served as the Sri Lankan High Commissioner) remains a notable exception among developed countries for not banning the LTTE in spite of having a large population of LTTE sympathisers! Almost all other developed countries with a sizable population of LTTE sympathisers have banned the LTTE. Jakarta would have been even more relevant in fighting global terrorism in which LTTE is an integral part. His Jakarta posting also passed without many achievements. Therefore, he can only boast about the war during his heyday. Take it away from him, and he is an empty husk.

An anti-war General, however hilarious it sounds, will not be appealing to the voters of the North Central Province especially when a soldier who has sacrificed his limbs in the war contests directly against him! Additionally the NCP is an important theatre of the war. Co-operation between the army and the people has been the cornerstone of survival and success of both parties.

In this context it is relevant to analyse the reasons behind his pullout from the 2005 Presidential Election which he planned to contest in support of Ranil. His plan was to scream about his military achievements at the top of his voice on the election platform and expect part of nationalist voters to vote for him thus dividing the nationalists. However, war was still unpopular then and a warmonger would have looked funny in November 2005. In promoting war, he may weaken the overall position of Ranil as it can arouse nationalism further among the voters which is directly against what Ranil preached then. The nexus between Perera and Ranil would have dwindled the large Tamil votebase that overwhelmingly supported the UNP.

**Also Perera was instrumental in facilitating Charles Gnanakone's travel to Sri Lanka. He was suspected of killing the great patriot Lakshman Kadirgamar.** Perera is also conscious of the benefits the LTTE has heaped upon him notably not proceeding with the geo-petition to try Perera for war crimes. LTTE media are in full-cry in support of Perera and his every move is dramatised by those media. An anti-war stand will keep them coming.

### **What will happen if he plays like yet another political eunuch?**

There are a number of UNPers who sound like nationalists. However, they make it sure that they never open their mouths in support of the war. Opportunistically they make statements in order to maintain their eunuch stand on war. They have failed to vote in favour of the Emergency Bill in parliament and this reveals their true identity. Perera will conform to the conduct of his new bedfellows. His new molluscan character also favours this disposition on war. Therefore the tragicomedy of Silvas and Pereras calling themselves modern day Dutugemunus will continue. Oh those drunkard Portuguese!

However, something got to be done before political eunuchs grab power in the important North Central Province and turn it into an anti-war den hindering military operations. Already he is debarred from entering military establishments and political power will help him bypass these restrictions. The other side of the story was revealed by Ranil when he recently declared that the military should be supervised by the parliament. Today the disciplined military is functioning more orderly than the unruly parliament and the latter supervising the former is a joke. It is an attempt by politicians to bypass military authority.

### **Call to investigate the 1990 massacre of soldiers in the East**

Perera has called upon the government to investigate the massacre of soldiers in the East by the LTTE in 1990 when the then government ordered them to surrender just like the government in 2002 ordered elite LRRP teams to surrender.

What took Perera 18 long years to demand such an investigation? Is it because now the East has been separated from the North and former terrorists have turned to democrats? Anyhow it must be investigated. Also the extra-judicial execution of the former JVP leader, mass murders in the south, the Batalanda mass murders, shooting unarmed Buddhist monks in peaceful protest in 1987, mass murders and rapes in the North from Chenmani Mass Graves to Chundikuli Girls School, alleged mass murders in the East in August 1995 and alleged ethnic cleansing activities in and around Weli Oya, the 2002 grand surrender of national security, the plan to withdraw troops from some of their positions in Jaffna in 2002, **travel arrangements of Charles Gnanakone in 2002 allegedly facilitated by the Sri Lankan consulate in Canberra, the sudden change of heart of retired General Janaka Perera and Jayavi Fernando and the 1983 ethnic pogrom also need to be investigated. Interestingly a few names linger about most of these events!**

The retired general with a Portuguese surname seems to be bothered about the American connexion of the Defence Secretary. Is he ignorant of Colonel Henry Steel Olcott and many other Sri Lankan national heroes from America?

Apart from history, co-operation is another vital lesson he ought to have learned long ago. What stops Perera from co-operating with the government and the military at this crucial stage of the war when both the North and the East are under the army for the first time in several decades? Can he follow the LTTE line of thinking and allege past grievances as the root cause of his relegation of the present military campaign? These are some more questions he should better avoid answering. May be his dodgy alliance with Jeyalath Jayawardena, Mano Ganesan, Ranil and the likes will dictate where he will end-up. However, he is more dangerous than them. He has a following, access to military secrets, influence on his former juniors, connections and popularity. These can be used for the support of his new bedfellows. Atop that the UNP is planning to use him to badmouth the successes of the present military campaign. In doing so he would provide vital clues for terrorists to beat his bitter enemy which will further glorify his exaggerated achievements. He has already put his weight behind traitors. Therefore, the government needs to take prompt action to keep him leashed.

The last thing voters can expect from this turncoat is to reveal his stand on this war! He fits in very well with the camp of political eunuchs and transvestites.