

LETTER

'NO' TO WAR

"Murderous attacks targeting civilians in the north, east and south of the country are increasing on a daily basis. Ordinary Tamil, Sinhala and Muslim people who are not involved in the war are killed and injured in these planned indiscriminate cruel attacks...."

Of late there has been an increase in the number of cruel murderous incidents with civilians as target of attack. Planned attacks have been carried out against ordinary civilians travelling for their daily needs and to work. It is barbaric to subject unarmed civilians who play no part in the war to Claymore attacks, suicide bomb-ings and other such attacks.

These attacks have killed men, women, children, the old and the young, and students in the North and the South. Many have been seriously injured and are disabled for life. Such attacks are not by any means justifiable methods of warfare. They only serve to instil fear for life among the ordinary Tamil, Sinhala and Muslim people and to propagate weird mutual ethnic hatred among them.

Meanwhile, there is no compensation or assistance from the government for those killed or injured in attacks on civilians in the North. All such losses of life there are included in the list of Tigers eliminated. On the other hand, ordinary Tamil people are arrested and detained in response to revenge killings in the South.

Overall, it is the ordinary Tamil, Sinhala, Muslim and Hill Country Tamil people who are affected and are made to face the losses caused by targeted attacks on civilians. The parties involved in these attacks seek to make political and military gains from the attacks. These attacks only serve to plunge the country and the people deeper into destruction and create circumstances that facilitate interference and infiltration by foreign forces.

The only way to put an end to the problem is to stop the war due to the national question and seek an appropriate political solution through negotiation.

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