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Besieged civilians rise against terror

A new form of terror has created a humanitarian catastrophe, which is unfolding in the Wanni as valiant members of the armed forces are making rapid strides on west of A-9 road and elsewhere in Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts.

It appears to have gone unnoticed to terror sympathizers, both here and abroad. Many harrowing tales, emanating from hundreds of Wanni based 'captives' speak louder and clearer, as those forcefully ejected innocent civilians are virtually held incommunicado facing Hobson's choice.

Tiger terrorist concentrations, now in a state of utter disorganisation and panic with more and more hurriedly picked terrorist reinforcements being sent to Thunukkaai and Nachchikuda areas, pulling out most of them from Puthukudiyiruppu and Kilinochchi un-cleared areas, including those used by Tigers as 'Tiger police traffic' men and women, have begun to mobilise Wanni civilians to be used as 'human shields' since their manpower resources are fast thinning out.

On the diktats of Tiger area leaders, hundreds of civilians resident in areas such as Nedunkerny, Chemmalai, Alampil, Nayaru between Puliyankulam and Mankulam and also the public in Valapaadu, Jayapuram and Kiranchi areas were reportedly fleeing towards Oddusuddan and Puthukudiyiruppu areas and Akkarayan areas respectively, though many of those trapped civilians insisted on entering cleared areas under the government's control.

Interestingly enough Tigers, are reportedly busy simultaneously enlisting civilians as well as LTTE prisoners, convicted for minor offences for fresh deployments, as other LTTE deserters who were kept detained after arrests, are also being moved to Weli Oya area after 'do or die' threats have been issued on them. Civilian mobs, on the other hand, have voiced against those threatening acts and harassment but Tigers, in anticipation of the induction of the Security Forces into Tiger strongholds, continue to employ them for construction of terrorist bunkers and defences.

Tiger terrorists, applying maximum possible terror tactics to delay forward march of the troops in Mallavi and Thunukkaai areas after Sea Tiger bases and their administrative apparatus were shifted towards Kilinochchi areas; beyond Nachchikuda, are inhumanly restricting the movement of civilians into cleared areas. Daily meetings addressed by Tigers are now a routine for trapped civilians. Tigers strictly advise them to undergo LTTE training in hideouts where LTTE political leaders go on brainwashing those trapped civilians, sources in the Wanni sector confirmed.

According to another report on Wednesday (20), a Tamil mother from Vattakachchiya village has committed suicide drinking poison over the loss of her two beloved daughters within a period of three weeks while fighting against the troops. The moving story further said that one of her daughters was to emigrate for higher studies, but Tigers had

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young man who resisted forced LTTE conscription following his abduction from home, has reportedly assaulted his LTTE abductors. Fearing reprisals, the affected youth has committed suicide within minutes by consuming poison.

Likewise, the father of a young daughter has resisted LTTE moves for conscription of his daughter in Piramandankulam area on July 20, when Tigers have reached his home to take away his daughter. However, the father with the help of his neighbours chased away Tigers and saved the day. But the worst followed afterwards. Within a matter of one day, several armed Tigers stormed his house and took the whole family into terrorist custody. Whereabouts of those people are yet to be traced, a relative who managed to enter cleared areas has said.

Tiger terrorists, busy changing their area leaders in a rapid manner in the past few weeks, appear to be hell bent on retaining as many Wannu civilians as possible in their territories. As they unsuccessfully tried in Vakaraai, in the east of Sri Lanka several months back, Tigers expect the Wannu also to turn in to a 'humanitarian catastrophe' of unprecedented degree with a view to harnessing international media attention.

A self-explanatory press statement issued by LTTE political wing early this week revealed the realities of their plight. In that statement, LTTE has requested former deserters to report back immediately to the terror outfit.

In the same vein, LTTE has forced government authorities serving in Mallavi hospital to shift its services elsewhere in Kilinochchi District, unable to face the thrust of moving troops. The LTTE, now facing a severe shortage of cadres and other supplies, are trying to use civilians as human shields.

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