

Sri Lankan elections and the East

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Batticaloa Local Election Results

The Batticaloa local government elections concluded with victory being delivered to the Pillayan team of the Karuna faction. The Rajapaksa regime managed to save face by securing only the Batticaloa Municipal Council thanks to a pact with Pillayan.

This is the democracy that is dished out by global capital. The characteristic of this mode of democracy is to permit the loyal to do as they wish while crushing dissent by military means.

It is reported that there was no violence on the day of the election. However, media reports daily described how Pillayan's armed group increased the awareness of the electorate in the run up to the election. President Mahinda Rajapaksa neither had the will nor power to object that terror. He happily endorsed it.

There is one clear fact that emerges from all this activity. It is that the North and East is the Tamil homeland, even though the East was separated from the North. This reality is a clear blow to those who tried to bring the divided East under the boot of Sinhala dominance.

However, Pillayan has demonstrated that he is prepared to oppress the Tamils in the region alongside Sinhala Buddhist military. The sole aim of modern Indian Hanumans, Rajapaksas and Pillayan is to open up the area to global capital.

So called Sinhala patriots will surely embrace even Prabhakaran, if he too agrees to follow the path that Pillayan has taken.

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13th amendment, even Anandasangaree cannot accept

In the last press conference we explained that there are three agendas at conflict. This situation has developed today for all to see.

Interest of the Global Capitalists

Mahinda- Ranil unity is due to the pressure of the world capitalist leaders including India.

There were enough reports from here about the barbaric situation where death, starvation and general destitution is ruling the country.

Masters had to do something to save the situation. Hence, they order for the two leaders to get together.

They have agreed to implement the 13th amendment which no Tamil leader including Anandasangaree has accepted. This means it will be forced on Tamil people as a formal division of the Tamil homeland.

The fraudulent election in the east is a part of this policy. An armed group is participating in the government list. They claim that they need protection against possible attacks from the LTTE.

Therefore, it will be an election with one side is armed. This farce is exposed by the civil and human rights groups as well.

Ranil whose party members are harassed and killed, others taken over by the government, has agreed to go along with this agenda. They have agreed to curb the unrest including the agitation of the left.

JVP's chauvinist expectations

The JVP has come out strongly against this alliance for wrong reasons. They see this as an Indian plot to support the division of the country.

Hence they are preparing the chauvinist uprising against the alliance. Already university students are brought out to support a military conspiracy to establish a war mongering chauvinist regime.

They want to continue this barbaric war which has come down to the brutal level, where badly injured are eliminated while less injured are suffering in over packed hospitals. Disabled soldiers are neglected and harassed.

Responsibility of the Left

The only way out is the path of the left. We have sent an appeal. Comrade Bala Thampo also had come out with a similar appeal.

So far there is a good response. If the Left fails to go forward, there is a real danger of Kosovo situation arising with the difference of worse brutality for the future.

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