



Tamils protest in London

Sri Lanka

NEW TIES WITH 'ISRAEL' NEW MASSACRES AGAINST TAMILS

In May, it was announced that 'Israel' and Sri Lanka were restoring diplomatic relations, and that 'Israel' would open an office in the US embassy in Colombo. The Sri Lanka government stated

that it wants Israeli help in combatting Tamil «terrorism». Such cooperation has been going on secretly with Israeli advisers present in Sri Lanka for the past year.

This shows the bankruptcy of the Sri Lanka government's own attempts to quell the Tamil liberation struggle by massacring civilians. The latest round of massacres began on March 28th, when

the Sri Lanka Air Force opened fire on civilians in the town of Chunnagam, killing twelve, including a pregnant woman and four year old child. In the next three weeks, there were attacks on Tamils in five other towns. In all, 237 were killed and 1000 injured.

The increased Israeli role only heightens the danger to the Tamil people. This was concretely proven on June 9th and 10th, when a demonstration was organized in Kattankudy against the stationing of Mossad and Israeli anti-terrorist units in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan army, together with Israeli units, opened fire, killing over 30 Tamil people and injuring many others.

Not surprisingly, increased Sri Lanka-Israeli military cooperation coincides with US imperialism's interest in the island as a back-up for its base on Diego Garcia. The preferred site is Trincomalee harbor, in the heart of the area where most of the Tamil people live. For this reason, the Sri Lanka government has stepped up its campaign to replace the Tamil population with Sinhalese colonies, known for loyalty to the government. US Defense Secretary Weinberger was in Sri Lanka last October to discuss plans for Trincomalee, and agreement was reached concerning oil storage facilities.

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Tamil victims of the March 28th massacre

