

Project peace "for a united Sri Lanka" 7. (1993, November 15). *The Island*.

Again in the summer of 1986, a Tamil separatist had phoned the DG, Communications of the Federal Department that I worked in, that the 15 storey building on Kent Street would be blown up because I was working there. On a Monday I was summoned for a Security Meeting at 9 in the morning where I met with the Chief of Security of the Department, the Chief of Security of the Building, a constable from the Ottawa Police and the Head of my Division.

One afternoon the same summer, a voice over the phone which said "We will blow your father's face if he doesn't stop writing letters to the papers about the Tamils " made my elder daughter run away from home leaving behind an unfinished plate of rice, to the St. Laurent Shopping Centre. I had to track her down and was faced with a situation where I had a grown up daughter who was scared to return to her own home even under the security of her Dad.

I hope Hussain is reading all this intently and not be fooled that only the career diplomats had all the 'intellectual sophistication' with answers to counter the Eelam propaganda.

When the New Democratic Party (NDP) Parliamentarians were making negative statements in the House of Commons (Ernie Epp on 11 December 85; Mike Cassidy on 24 February 1986, etc.) 'Project Peace' met them to discuss and explain the issue. We had a lengthy correspondence with Epp who later admitted that he was not aware of the real facts.

In the spring of 1986 I met with Marion Dewar the President of the NDP in her office at Metcalfe Street, and reported how irresponsible her MPs were making statements of blatant untruths about Sri Lanka's Government in the House of Commons, and by doing so were polarizing the Tamil and Sinhalese communities in Canada further. She was a good listener and showed sympathy for my concerns and promised to place Sri Lanka at the top of the agenda at the next NDP caucus meeting. May be she did. The NDPers kept away from making statements in the House of Commons after that.

The Committee of 'Project Peace' met Robert Wenman, the Conservative MP for Fraser Valley West, in early November 1983. He was a defender of the Tamils as a persecuted minority,