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Colombo, 07 March, (Asiantribune.com): Tamil analysts in Sri Lanka believe that K. Sivanesan, Member of Parliament (MP) of the LTTE-backed Tamil National Alliance (TNA) was killed by the Tamil Tigers. The LTTE has summoned Mr Sivanesan and another TNA MP for a briefing on Wednesday. According to political circles only Mr Sivanesan was free to go to Mankulam.

The LTTE summons TNA MPs from time to time and instruct them on the stands they should take in Parliament debates and media interviews. Mr Sivanesan who received the LTTE summons on Wednesday, 24 hours before his death on Thursday afternoon in a claymore explosion inside the LTTE controlled area.

Analysts say that the LTTE while claiming that the group has the total control of areas beyond Vavuniya issues a statement immediately after the killing that an Army Special Forces unit blew up Mr Sivanesan's vehicle.

The LTTE has used claymore mines in Vavuniya to kill army men and policemen recently. Mr Sivanesan was driving near his home in Mankulam in the LTTE controlled area in the north when the blast occurred, killing him and his driver. The explosion took place at a place between Oamanthai and Puliyangkulam on A 9 road, which is completely under the LTTE and is guarded by Tamil Tigers.

Within hours of the explosion the LTTE announced that it was by the Army deep penetration unit. Pro-LTTE website Tamilnet, quoting LTTE military spokesman Rasiah Ilanthiraiyan said "his vehicle was precisely targeted, because there were several vehicles travelling along this road. It's another example of how the regime in Colombo acts."

Tamil analysts ask the question whether the army units could operate freely during day time in LTTE controlled areas. "This is definitely an inside job by the LTTE," an analyst concluded.

The military denied any hand in the attack. "We don't

know what exactly happened because it has occurred in an uncontrolled area," said military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara. "There are no deep penetration units operating in that area. We totally deny it."

Mr Sivanesan had attended a meeting in parliament on Wednesday and he left for Mallakam after the session was over.

Political analysts believe that the LTTE is desperate to get international help to stop the military advances in to Kilinochchi. Analysts say the military has the upper hand in the latest phase of the long-running war given superior air power and strength of numbers. After the defection of Eastern cadres of the LTTE, the organization lost the entire eastern province and in the last three months, the military advanced several kilometers into the LTTE held territory.

K. Sivanesan, born on 21 January, 1957, was General Manager of Northern Region Palm Development CO-OP society between 1996 and 2004, before being elected to Sri Lanka Parliament. He has worked as accountant of the palm development co-operative society's union of Jaffna and a secretary of Federation of popular association in Mallaavi, Vanni. He was a former student of Nellyyadi Maththiya Mahaa Viththiyaalayam.

Mr. Sivanesan leaves behind his wife and four children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Mr. Sivanesan's driver, Periyannan Maheswararajah, 27, father of one, from Cheddikulam in Vavuniyaa, was killed on the spot. Sivanesan MP succumbed to his injuries while being rushed to Mankulam hospital. A 13-year-old cyclist, Arulnaathan Louisnathan, on A9 road was also injured in the attack.

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I do not understand why GOSL

Submitted by hermann on Sat, 2008-03-08 00:24.

I do not understand why GOSL be more vigilant to confront LTTE propaganda. If you see this was a pattern from the start. Even 1983 violence got projected as LTTE finest piece of deception of the international community. No one questioned who killed the 14 soldiers in Jaffna, and why people in the south reacted this way. However, our able ambassadors in Britain (Murthi), France (K Balasubramaniam), Germany (Luxmi Naganathan) all gave fuel to the fire. Laxmi Naganathan became even a spokeswoman to LTTE later on. GOSL is still reeling with these misgivings even now. I salute Asian Tribune for giving more realistic accounts of the events, as it is disclosed in this article. If GOSL can operate its deep penetration forces during the day in their so-called controlled areas, what are they controlling? These TNA MPs should have the backbone to tell their constituents the truth, not to

behave as proxies to LTTE under their gun. How on earth Mano Ganesan talk about GOSL human rights violations, even without mentioning LTTE atrocities even on the passing. He should than GOSL to have given him a safe heaven what ever he may choose to do

This is a serious matter to

Submitted by mangakaru on Sat, 2008-03-08 00:03.

This is a serious matter to consider. This blast happened around 30 kms inside LTTE territory. DPU unit can not go that far as LTTE says. If it is done by DPU it shows the vulnerability or weakness of the LTTE. In one way it shows there inefficiency. They say one boy cyclist also injured due to the blast. It means that area is closer to civilian settlements and as per their photos area is not a thick jungle too. So how did DPU unit go there and escape after the blast. These are unanswered questions. May be this killing is to justify a revenge attack for Government politician or something. Before bombing South LTTE always did this kind of propaganda work to prepare the ground. I think SLA has to consider the security of important people. No body knows the intension of LTTE. Something can happen very soon.

this is the price paid by

Submitted by donwije on Fri, 2008-03-07 14:13.

this is the price paid by TNA MPs who do not tow the line. In the south they oust them from the party: in LTTE they bump them off. This is not the first time. Mr Sivanesan should have expected it when it happened to his party leader. No amount of security can help.

100% Agree! "Political

Submitted by Scorpion on Fri, 2008-03-07 10:02.

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"Political analysts believe that the LTTE is desperate to get international help to stop the military advances in to Kilinochchi."

This tells amply the reason for this claymore. This is no different to another "suicide" attack from the LTTE.

Scorpion aka OaO Asithri

As I have predicted before,

Submitted by ravana on Fri, 2008-03-07 07:35.

As I have predicted before, the next tactic of LTTE was going to be the voluntary suicide (by homicide) of an LTTE parliamentarian. I predicted this in relation to Mr. Mano Ganeshan who made a song and dance about reduction of his body guard to 8 personnel after he insinuated security forces in human rights abuses. It appeared that he was getting ready for his death. Clearly, the excellent intelligence and security network around the metropolis does not permit the LTTE to kill even a volunteer like Mr. Ganeshan. Mr. Sivanesan was clearly the next choice. It would be interesting to find out if Mr. Sivanesan increased his life insurance payout recently. In any case I am sure the LTTE coffers would look after his family as is their pledge. GOSL would probably look after the family in any case.

Did Mr. Sivanesan stop to think that his family would swap any wealth they have to have him back? What stops the TNA parliamentarians from requesting assylum from the GOSL in return for revealing the duplicity of the LTTE?