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**ඒකාබද්ධ ප්‍රවෘත්ති නිවේදනය: ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ කොවිඩ් හමුදාධිපතියන්**

**ජොහන්නස්බර්ග්:** යුද අපරාධ පිළිබඳ වෝදනාවන්ට මුහුණ දී ඇති හමුදා නිලධාරීන්ට සුදු හුණු ගෑමට ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ කොවිඩ් වෛරසය යොදාගනිමින් තිබේ. ඒ වනාහී හුදෙක්, එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ සංවිධානය විසින් යුද අපරාධ පිළිබඳව ද<sup>1</sup>, එක්සත් ජනපද රජය විසින් බරපතල මානව හිමිකම් උල්ලංඝනය කිරීම පිළිබඳව ද නම්කරන ලද ජෙනරාල්වරයකු කොවිඩ් වෛරසය පාලනය සඳහා වන ජාතික මෙහෙයුම් මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ ප්‍රධානියා වශයෙන් පත්කරනු ලැබීමෙන්<sup>2</sup> පමණක් නොවේ. රටේ සිවිල් පරිපාලනය සහ ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික ආයතන පිරිහෙලමින්ද, හමුදාකරණය පමණක් නොව, ජාත්‍යන්තර අපරාධයන්ට අදාළව දණ්ඩ මුක්තිය ලබාදීම සාමාන්‍යකරණය කිරීමට ජාත්‍යන්තර ප්‍රජාවට බලකරමින් ද, 2009 යුද්ධයේ අවසාන අධියරේ යුද පෙරමුණු සටන් අත්දැකීම් සහිත බහුතරයක් ඇතුළත්වන නිලධාරීන් විසිපස් දෙනකුට, පසුගිය සතිය වනවිට, සිවිල් ජනයාගේ සෞඛ්‍යය පිළිබඳ වගකීම පවරා තිබේ.

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"කලකදී තමන් විසින් සිතාමතා බෝම්බ සහ ඡෙල් පහර එල්ල කරමින්, රෝහල්වලට පහර දෙමින්, හාමත් කරමින්, ජීවිත බේරාගැනීමට තිබූ ඖෂධ යැවීම ප්‍රතික්ෂේප කළ ජනතාවගේ සෞඛ්‍ය ආරක්ෂා කිරීම එකී ශ්‍රී ලංකා හමුදා නිලධාරීන්ටම දැන් භාරව තිබේ. ඔවුන්ගේ පත්කිරීම් වනාහී, කැළැල් වූ සංවිධානයක් පිරිසිදු කිරීම සඳහා කොවිඩ් හදිසි තත්ත්වය යොදාගැනීමට ගන්නා ලද නරුම උත්සාහයකැ"යි සත්‍යය සහ යුක්තිය සඳහා වූ ජාත්‍යන්තර ව්‍යාපෘතියේ විධායක අධ්‍යක්ෂකා යැස්මින් යූකා ප්‍රකාශ කළාය. "එමෙන්ම, එයට කෙසේ ප්‍රතිචාර දැක්විය යුතු ද යන බැරෑරුම් ප්‍රශ්නය ජාත්‍යන්තර ප්‍රජාව හමුවේ තිබේ. සිවිල් පරිපාලනය බිඳ දැමීමට හෝ බලරහිත කිරීම සඳහා රාජ්‍ය තාන්ත්‍රිකයන් සහ ආධාර ලබාදෙන්නන් කිසිසේත් පහසුකම් නොසැලසිය යුතු ය."

කොවිඩ් පාලනය කිරීම සඳහා දිස්ත්‍රික් හමුදා සම්බන්ධීකාරකයන් වශයෙන් පත්කර ඇති හමුදා නිලධාරීන් 25 දෙනාගෙන් අඩුම වශයෙන් 16 දෙනෙකු වත්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා යුද හමුදාව විසින් යුද අපරාධ සිදුකළ බව පිළිගැනීමට සෑහෙනැයි එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ විමර්ශනයක් විසින් සොයාගන්නා ලද 2008-2009 දක්වා වූ යුද්ධයේ අවසාන අධියරේ සටන්වලට සම්බන්ධ වූවෝ වෙති. එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ කිසිදු සාම සාධක සේනාංකයකට සම්බන්ධව සේවය කිරීමේ අවස්ථාව ඔවුන්ගේ පෙර හමුදා ඉතිහාසය විසින් අවහිර කරනු ලැබ ඇති අතර යුද්ධයේදී ඔවුන් විසින් පරාජය කරන ලද ජනයා යටත් කොට පාලනය කරනු ලබන ප්‍රදේශද ඇතුළත්ව, සිවිල් ජනයාගේ සෞඛ්‍යය පිළිබඳ අධීක්ෂණය කිරීමට උත්ප්‍රාසාත්මක ලෙස දැන් ඔවුන් යොදවා තිබේ. සිතා මතා සිවිල් දේපළ ඉලක්ක කිරීමට ද, සංක්ෂේපණීය සාතන, බලහත්කාරී අතුරුදහන්කිරීම්, ලිංගික අපහරණය සහ වධහිංසනය, ප්‍රමාණවත් ආහාර සහ ඖෂධ සැපයුම් හා නොනැසී

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=24908&LangID=E>  
<sup>2</sup> [https://itjpsl.com/assets/press/English-ITJP\\_COVID-19-press-release-Merged-copy.pdf](https://itjpsl.com/assets/press/English-ITJP_COVID-19-press-release-Merged-copy.pdf)

ජීවත්වීම සඳහා අත්‍යවශ්‍ය දෑ යුද කලාපයේ දෙමළ සිවිල් ජනයා කරා ළඟාවීම වළක්වාලීමට ද 2009දී යුද හමුදාව ක්‍රියා කළ බව කීමට සෑහෙන හේතු පවතී.

"යුද්ධයක දී සිවිල් ජනයාගේ සෞඛ්‍ය තත්ත්වය හා ජීවිත ආරක්ෂා කිරීම සඳහා ඇති අන්තර්ජාතික නීති උල්ලංඝනය කරන්නට ඉඩ ඇති ඇතැමුන් ද අයත් සොල්දාදුවන්ට, රටෙහි සෞඛ්‍ය පිළිබඳ වගකීම පැවරීම පරම අවමානයකි. දැනට සිටින රජයේ දිස්ත්‍රික් ලේකම්වරුන්ගේ අධිකාරය අහිමිව, හමුදා අණදෙන නිලධාරීන් රටපුරා සිවිල් පරිපාලන කටයුතු පාලනය කිරීමට යොදවා තිබේ. ප්‍රජාතන්ත්‍රවාදය බාදනය කිරීම කවර හෝ සෞඛ්‍යමය හදිසි තත්ත්වයක් විසින් සුජාත නොකෙරේ" යැයි යැස්මින් සුකා කියා සිටියාය.

රජයේ විමර්ශනයක් විසින් 1989දී සිය ගණනක් ජනයා අතුරුදහන් වූ බැව් වාර්තා කළ මාතලේ දිස්ත්‍රික්කයේ දිස්ත්‍රික් හමුදා සම්බන්ධීකරණ නිලධාරියකු වශයෙන් ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂම කටයුතු කර තිබේ.

"සෑම දිස්ත්‍රික්කයකම ප්‍රධාන සම්බන්ධීකාරකවරුන් වශයෙන් හමුදා නිලධාරීන් පත්කිරීම විසින් ශ්‍රී ලාංකිකයන්ට 80 දශකයේ අග භාගයේ සිදු වූ ජනතා විමුක්ති පෙරමුණේ දෙවැනි නැගිටීමට සම්බන්ධ මර්දනකාරී වකවානුව සිහිපත් කරනු ලබයි. ඒ යුගයේදී, වගඋත්තරදායක වීමකින් තොරව සිය ගණනක් තරුණ ජනයා අතුරුදහන් කළ මාතලේ දිස්ත්‍රික්කය භාර දිස්ත්‍රික් හමුදා සම්බන්ධීකරණ නිලධාරියා වශයෙන් වත්මන් ජනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ ක්‍රියා කළේ ය. දිගු කාලයකට පෙර සිට දෙමළ ජනයා ජීවත්වන ප්‍රදේශවල සිදුකළ ආකාරයෙන්ම, පරිපාලනය හමුදාකරණය කිරීම වනාහී සමස්ත දිවයින පුරා හමුදා ග්‍රහණය දැඩිකරමින්, අනියමින් හමුදා පාලනයක් පිහිටුවීමේ දිසාවට තැබූ තවත් පියවරකැ'යි ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ප්‍රජාතන්ත්‍රවාදය සඳහා වූ මාධ්‍යවේදියෝ සංවිධානයේ කැඳවුම්කරු භාෂණ අබේවර්ධන ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

දණ්ඩ මුක්තිය පිළිබඳ තවත් සංඥාවක් දෙමින් මෑතදී ජෙනරාල් තනතුරට උසස් කරනු ලැබූ වත්මන් හමුදාපති ශචේන්ද්‍ර සිල්වා ද, 1989දී ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂගේ ආඥා දුරය යටතේ මාතලේ දිස්ත්‍රික්කයේ රාජකාරී කළ අයෙකි. ආරම්භයේදීම, වෛරසය 'මැඩ පැවැත්වීම' හා හමුදා විසින් පවත්වාගෙන යනු ලබන නිරෝධායන මධ්‍යස්ථාන<sup>3</sup> සම්බන්ධයෙන් සමස්ත වගකීම ශචේන්ද්‍ර සිල්වාට පවරනු ලැබුණි. ඊට අමතරව, සෞඛ්‍ය අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් දුරයට ද හමුදා නිලධාරියකු පත්කරනු ලැබ තිබේ. වඩහිංසා පමුණුවීමට හවුල් වී යැයි චෝදනා එල්ල වී ඇති රාජ්‍ය ඔත්තු සේවාවේ ප්‍රධානියා, ආගමන දත්ත ලබාගත හැකි ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ 'ලුහුබැඳ - හෙළිකිරීමේ වැඩසටහන' භාරව කටයුතු කිරීම මගින් රට තුළට ඇතුල්වන ඕනෑම අයකු අවදානමට හෙළිය හැකි ය. දුෂණ සම්බන්ධයෙන් දඬුවම් නියම කොට තිබියදී, අභියාචනයක් මගින් පසුව නිදොස් වූ ජනාධිපතිවරයාගේ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ උපදේශකවරයාට ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට එන්නත් ගෙන්වාගැනීමේ සම්බන්ධීකරණ කටයුතු පැවරීම විධිමත් ක්‍රියා පටිපාටිත් උල්ලංඝනය කිරීමකි.<sup>4</sup> කලින් යුද කලාපය තුළ සෞඛ්‍ය දැනුවත්කිරීම් සිදුකරනු ලබන්නේ ද හමුදා නිලධාරීන් විසිනි.<sup>5</sup>

"දුෂණ පිළිබඳ දැනටත් චෝදනා එල්ලව ඇති ප්‍රධාන පුද්ගලයන් තනතුරුවලට පත්කරනු ලැබූ රජයක් හමුවේ කොවිඩ් මර්දනය සඳහා සැලසුම් කළ ජාත්‍යන්තර ආධාරවල පාරදෘෂ්‍යභාවය හා වගඋත්තරදායකත්වය පිළිබඳ බරපතල ප්‍රශ්න මතුවේ. දැඩිලෙස හමුදාකරණය වූ රජයකට, ස්වකීය බලය තහවුරු කරගැනීමටත්, විශේෂයෙන්ම මිහිදන් කිරීමේ අයිතිය නීති විරෝධී ලෙස අහිමි කරනු ලැබූ මුස්ලිම් ජනයා ඇතුළු සුළුතර ජනයාගේ අයිතීන් උල්ලංඝනය කිරීමටත්, කොවිඩ් වෛරසය පහසු මුඛාවක් බවට පත්ව තිබේ," සුකා මහත්මිය කීවාය. "ඔවුන්ට කිසිදු විශේෂඥභාවයක් නොමැති සෞඛ්‍ය සේවාවක් සැපයීමේ මුඛාවෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකා හමුදාවන් නිහඬවම සිවිල් පරිපාලනය අයුතු ලෙස පැහැරගනිමින් ඇති අතර, එය විසින් දිගුකාලීන හානි ගෙනදෙනු ඇත."

<sup>3</sup> 54 centres in April 2020, says <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/covid-19-sri-lankan-military-is-helping-the-country-fight-the-pandemic/article31350778.ece>  
45 in March says <http://www.ft.lk/columns/Maintaining-national-security--Role-of-the-Sri-Lankan-military-during-COVID-19/4-708567>  
<sup>4</sup> [http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_20B/Dec29\\_1609221281CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_20B/Dec29_1609221281CH.php)  
<sup>5</sup> <https://covid19.gov.lk/news/defence/231-infantry-brigade-educates-the-public-on-covid-19.html>

**MILITARY DISTRICT CHIEF COORDINATORS FOR COVID<sup>6</sup>**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Final War</u></b>
<b><u>NORTHERN PROVINCE</u></b>	
1. Major General W G H A Senarath Bandara – Jaffna	572 Brigade Commander in 2009.
2. Major General K N Sampath Kotuwegoda – Kilinochchi	Frontline combat in artillery regiment in 2008 at least – present at Madhu Church late 2008.
3. Major General R M P Jagath Rathnayaka – Mullaittivu	4GW until April 2008 – Roshan Jayamanne (see below) his deputy. Not known thereafter.
4. Major General W L Priyantha W Perera – Vavuniya	631 Bde. Commander in Jan 2009 (under Task Force 3); 631 in Mankulam in Feb. 2009.
5. Major General A A Indrajith <sup>7</sup> J Bandara – Mannar.	12 SLSR under 57 Division in 2008 then 641 under TF4 in 2009 which was in PTK in late Feb. 2009.
<b><u>NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE</u></b>	
6. Major General Jagath Chinthaka Gamage – Polonnaruwa	Defence Services Command and Staff College from 2007 to 2009.
7. Major General H L Vikum M Liyanage – Anuradhapura	Gajaba Regiment.
8. Major General Andige Priyanka Indunil Fernando Fernando – Puttalam	Found guilty of a public order offence by a UK court after making throat slitting gestures at Tamil Protestors; he is appealing. 59 Division in war.
9. Brigadier P M R H S K Herath – Kurunegala	9VIR Commander with 57 Division at Killinochchi and then 58 Division.
<b><u>WESTERN PROVINCE</u></b>	
10. Major General K Wasantha R de Abrew – Colombo	Was in first contingent sent to Haiti in 2004 <sup>1</sup> when child SEA started. Then 551 Division Commander leading assault on Chundikulam (south of Elephant Pass).
11. Major General N R Lamahewage – Gampaha	8GR as adjutant to Shavendra Silva in 1995-6.
12. Brigadier K N D Karunapala – Kalutara	
<b><u>CENTRAL PROVINCE</u></b>	
13. Major General H P N Kumar Jayapathirane – Nuwara Eliya	
14. Major General Sarada <sup>8</sup> M S P B Samarakoon – Kandy	10 <sup>th</sup> Gajaba Regiment and 581 Bde. in 2008 <sup>9</sup> .
15. Major General Sandara Upul Mayura Nishantha Manage – Matale	Defence Services Command and Staff College from 2009-10. <b>(not in combat)</b>
<b><u>SABARAMMUWA PROVINCE</u></b>	
16. Brigadier J M Roshan N K Jayamanna – Ratnapura	2008 2iC 4GW
17. Brigadier L A Janaka L B Udowita – Kegalle	10 V GR – 58 Division. Attacks on PTK area & Pooneryn, Vishwamadu.
<b><u>EASTERN PROVINCE</u></b>	
18. Major General C D Weerasuriya – Trincomalee	15 Feb. 2007-12 Dec. 2008: 4SLLI <sup>1</sup> (631 Bde.) 512 brigade Commander in 2011
19. Major General T D Weerakoon – Ampara	Artillery March 2007- 29 Jan 2009; 6 <sup>th</sup> field regiment of Sri Lanka artillery.
20. Major General C D Ranasinghe – Batticaloa	

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.newswire.lk/2020/12/31/senior-army-officers-appointed-for-25-districts-to-coordinate-covid-19-control-work/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/SriLankaArmyDefendersoftheNation/posts/brigadier-indrajith-bandara-of-the-sri-lanka-sinha-regiment-assumed-duties-as-th/911702502512643/> 54 Div CO

<https://alt.army.lk/sfhqwanani/54division>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/199551530538/permalink/10158415842800539/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.nation.lk/2008/07/20/militarym.htm>

<http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2008/07/20/sec01.asp>

<b>UVA PROVINCE</b>	
21. Brigadier E A P Ediruweera – Badulla	20 SLLI DEC. 2008-10 which was part of 66 Div. infantry in 2009.
22. Colonel D U N Serasinghe – Monaragala	Under command of Kamal Gunaratne in 1997 <sup>10</sup> .
<b>SOUTHERN PROVINCE</b>	
23. Major General D M Hemantha <sup>11</sup> D Bandara – Hambantota	6SLSR: 2008.
24. Major General W A S Sanjaya Wanasinghe – Galle	Was Directorate of Overseas Operations (in charge of peacekeeping) <sup>12</sup> . 2008: 8GW under Shavendra Silva <sup>13</sup>
25. Colonel K A U Kodituwakku – Matara; SLAC.	Artillery in 2009 <sup>14</sup> .

<sup>10</sup> Facebook site on file.

<sup>11</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/slsr/contact-colonel-commandant>

<https://www.army.lk/news/newly-appointed-colonel-regiment-slsr-takes-over-duties-0>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.hirunews.lk/english/242988/two-senior-brigadiers-promoted-to-the-rank-of-major-general-photo>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.nation.lk/2008/05/11/militarym.htm>

<sup>14</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/sri-lanka/rockets-and-rubble-sri-lanka-troops-press-campaign>

<http://220.247.247.85:8081/bitstream/handle/123456789/21908/2016-10-28%28-1%29E.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>

**Northern Province**

**1. Major General W G H A Senarath Bandara – Jaffna**

573 Brigade Commander April – Oct 2008<sup>16</sup>; Staff Number O/60568; 5GW; 572 Brigade Commander<sup>17</sup> both when Madhu Church captured in 2008 (he claimed responsibility for the capture) and reported present in March 2009 in Sugandipuram jungle in final war zone<sup>18</sup>. See ITJP Jagath Dias dossier for more information on Madhu.<sup>19</sup>

**2. Major General K N Sampath<sup>20</sup> Kotuwegoda – Kilinochchi;**

SLAC. (artillery) in frontline combat in 2008<sup>21</sup>.

2007: 111<sup>th</sup> SLAC. Present in Madhu Church Nov. 2008 – see ITJP Jagath Dias dossier for more information on Madhu.<sup>22</sup>

His location in 2009 is unknown.

**3. Major General R M P Jagath Rathnayaka – Mullaittivu**

4GW 2007-8<sup>23</sup>. Injured in April 2008 in Muhamalai where he was described as being responsible for the FDL. <sup>24</sup>.

Staff Number O/60749.

**4. Major General W L Priyantha W Perera – Vavuniya;**

Staff Number O/60757<sup>25</sup>.

7GW<sup>26</sup> in 2008 under 59 Division.

2009 Jan.: Commander of the 631 Brigade<sup>27</sup> (under Task Force 3 then led by Satyapriya Liyanage). According to 27 Feb. 2009 MOD Situation Report, 631 brigade

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.newswire.lk/2020/12/31/senior-army-officers-appointed-for-25-districts-to-coordinate-covid-19-control-work/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/sfkilinochchi/573-brigade>

<sup>17</sup> <http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2008/04/27/sec03.asp>

Name - <https://www.army.lk/news/11-div-troops-go-abimansala-3-account-army-anniversary>

<https://www.nation.lk/2008/07/20/militarym.htm>

Lt Col Senerath Bandara returned to 57 Division after undergoing an overseas training programme, as Brigade Commander of 572 Brigade, in place of Lt. Col. Dhammika Jayasundara - <https://www.nation.lk/2009/02/08/militarym.htm> - 572 Brigade under Lt Col Senerath Bandara and 574 Brigade under Senka Wijesuriya were proceeding from the direction of Vishvamadu.

It was on September 06, 2007 that Lt. Colonel Senerath Bandara, who was the Colonel GS of the 57 Division, took over the command of the 572 Brigade which was heading towards the Thampanai village along the Madhu road.

The Brigade comprised 10 SLLI under Lt. Colonel Jagath Kodithuwakku, 7 SLLI under Lt. Colonel Ranjith Abeyratne and 7 SR under the command of Lt. Colonel. Palitha Fernando.

<http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2009/10/25/sec03.asp>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.nation.lk/2009/03/08/militarym.htm>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.aparchive.com/metadadata/youtube/7d68a74ce3315a4b382a6fdd1bcc3202>

Scrtion 3.1 on Madhu in the report names Bandara: [https://itjpsl.com/assets/ITJP\\_Jagath\\_Dias\\_dossier-final.pdf](https://itjpsl.com/assets/ITJP_Jagath_Dias_dossier-final.pdf)

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.army.lk/news/new-kilinochchi-commander-maj-gen-sampath-kotuwegoda-assumes-office>

<sup>21</sup> [http://cdnedge.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/from\\_our\\_own\\_correspondent/7740527.stm](http://cdnedge.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/7740527.stm)

Lt Col KNS Kotuwegoda said the fighting was like Vietnam, bunkers and booby traps in the jungles.

Gunner <http://www.gunner.lk/regiment.php?id=14>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.aparchive.com/metadadata/youtube/7d68a74ce3315a4b382a6fdd1bcc3202>

Scrtion 3.1 on Madhu in the report names Bandara: [https://itjpsl.com/assets/ITJP\\_Jagath\\_Dias\\_dossier-final.pdf](https://itjpsl.com/assets/ITJP_Jagath_Dias_dossier-final.pdf)

<sup>23</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/highlanders/4gw> until 20 April 2008

Kilali 4GW <https://www.nation.lk/2008/02/03/militarym.htm>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.tamilnet.com/art.html?catid=13&artid=25301>

<sup>25</sup> Promoted 2020 <https://www.army.lk/news/biggest-ever-share-army-promotions-effected-national-independence-day>

<sup>26</sup> <http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2009/11/29/sec03.asp>

<http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/07/11/fea02.asp>

<http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2008/10/12/sec03.asp>

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.nation.lk/2009/01/18/militarym.htm>

<http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2008/11/09/sec03.asp>

<http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/11/07/fea02.asp>

<http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/11/14/fea03.asp>

<http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/11/18/sec01.asp>

<http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/11/21/fea03.asp>

<http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2008/11/23/sec01.asp>

<http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2008/12/21/sec03.asp>

<http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2008/12/07/sec03.asp>

<http://archives.dailynews.lk/2009/01/16/fea03.asp>

Photo <http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/06/13/fea03.asp>

was in Mankulam in the Vanni. TF3 attached Oddusudan- PTK road from the south with the 59 Division.

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##### 5. Major General A A Indrajith<sup>28</sup> J Bandara – Mannar.

12 SLSR under 57 Division<sup>29</sup> in 2008 then 641 Brigade under Task Force 4 in 2009 which according to MOD Situation Report of 27 Feb. 2009 was in Puthukkudiyiruppu (PTK) 'engaging with the enemy' – ie. In the final offensive. On 1 Feb 2009 it was with 57 Division and on 29 Jan.2009 assisted 57, 58 and 59 Divisions with recapturing Mullaitivu. TF£ was led by Nishantha Wanniarachchi.

#### North Central Province

##### 6. Major General Jagath Chinthaka Gamage<sup>30</sup> – Polonnaruwa

Not in final war - Directing Staff at Defence Services Command and Staff College from 2007 to 2009<sup>31</sup>.

##### 7. Major General Hettigoda Liyanage Vikum Mahendra Liyanage<sup>32</sup> – Anuradhapura

Gajaba Regiment<sup>33</sup>. 8GR 2006<sup>34</sup>.

Staff number O/60836.

Mannar Brigade commander in 2009 after the war.<sup>35</sup>

General Officer Commanding, 21 Division, (Commissioned Officer SL ARMY./ Since Oct 1986) – Present.

Commanding officer 224 Brigade in East of Sri Lanka.

39th Commandant of Combat Training School, Ampara (2019 Sept)

Promoted to the rank of Brigadier (August 2014) & to Major General (February 2020).

##### 8. Major General Andige Priyanka Indunil Fernando Fernando – Puttalam

Gemunu Watch, Staff Number: O/60847. Promoted after the war in 2009<sup>36</sup>. Priyanka Fernando was found guilty of a public order offence by a UK court after making throat slitting gestures at Tamil Protestors, a conviction he is appealing. He was also active in frontline combat in the war<sup>37</sup>. Current Secretary of Defence, Kamal Gunaratne, said he commanded Brigadier Fernando in the 2009 war<sup>38</sup>. In March 2019, well aware of the

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/SriLankaArmyDefendersoftheNation/posts/brigadier-indrajith-bandara-of-the-sri-lanka-sinha-regiment-assumed-duties-as-th/911702502512643/> 54 Div CO

<https://alt.army.lk/sfhqwanni/54division>

<sup>29</sup> 571 - <http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/11/07/fea02.asp>

The Daily News, 7 Nov 2008

"Columns of troops attached to the 9 Gajaba Regiment under the command of Lt. Colonel Chandana Somaweera and 12 Sinha Regiment under the command of Lt. Colonel Indrajith Bandara entered this village and confronted groups of Tiger cadres operating inside this village."

Troops focus on opening land route to Jaffna soon, <http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/11/07/fea02.asp>

Captain - from hospital bed to lead fight, Shanika SRIYANANDA Reporting from Akkarayankulam, [http://www.thummansala.com/A-November-2008/News\\_Nov9\\_CaptainFrom.php](http://www.thummansala.com/A-November-2008/News_Nov9_CaptainFrom.php)

At the dawn of the January 2, troops of the 572 Brigade, 12 Sinha Regiment which was under the command of Lt. Colonel Indrajith Bandara and now

led by its second in command, 9 Gajaba Regiment under the command of Lt. Colonel Chandana Somaweera, and 4 Sinha Regiment entered the

centre of Kilinochchi after advancing one kilometre across the build up area in the West of Kilinochchi. <https://irrp.wordpress.com/2009/01/04/>

This says 571 <https://blacklightarrow.wordpress.com/2009/01/14/an-incomplete-sl-army-order-of-battle-for-mullaitivu/>

Then 641 from Dec 2008 <http://archives.dailynews.lk/2008/12/05/fea03.asp>

under TF4 in Jan 2009 <https://www.nation.lk/2009/01/18/militarym.htm>

And March 2009 <https://www.nation.lk/2009/03/01/militarym.htm>

Name - <https://alt.army.lk/sfhqeast/content/maj-gen-chinthaka-gamage-takes-over-command-security-force-east>

<https://www.dscsc.lk/index.php/9-organization/771-army-wing-3>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.dscsc.lk/index.php/9-organization/771-army-wing-3>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.army.lk/news/new-cts-commandant-takes-office>

<https://www.army.lk/news/new-cts-commandant-takes-office>

[https://s3-ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com/mytutor.lk/gazette\\_file/%5b3796644395a4c414fb0cd8%5d-2017-12-29\(I-I\)E.pdf](https://s3-ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com/mytutor.lk/gazette_file/%5b3796644395a4c414fb0cd8%5d-2017-12-29(I-I)E.pdf)

<sup>33</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/gajabaregiment/content/taking-over-duties-and-guard-honour-newly-appointed-colonel-gajaba-regiment-maj-gen-aks>

<https://www.army.lk/news/gr-creates-history-felicitating-six-new-gr-majors-general-six-parades-saliyapura>

<sup>34</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/gajabaregiment/8-gajaba-regiment>

<sup>35</sup> <http://archives.dailynews.lk/2009/10/06/spo22.asp>

215 bde in 2010 <http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2010/09/19/new50.asp>

<sup>36</sup> <http://archives.dailynews.lk/2009/08/17/news28.asp>

<sup>37</sup> ITJP Dossier on API Fernando - [https://itjpsl.com/assets/press/brigadier\\_api\\_fernando\\_final.pdf](https://itjpsl.com/assets/press/brigadier_api_fernando_final.pdf)

<sup>38</sup> Translation: "This is an officer whom I know very well....he is an officer who used to work under me for a while. When I was serving as the commander of the air mobile brigade, one of its units was 5th Gemunu Watch. Priyanka Fernando was the second in command of that unit. At the time



Alumni - Asia-Pacific Center for Strategic Studies; Promoted to the rank of Brigadier (August 2014).

One report suggests he was a security officer for Gotabaya Rajapaksa in the past<sup>45</sup>.

Made Commander of 513 Brigade (2014)

Commander of GR Regimental Headquarters, Saliyapura (2016)<sup>46</sup>.

Major General (February 2020)

General Officer Commanding (GOC) -14 Division (since November 2020)



## **12. Brigadier Karunapalalage Nishad Dammika Karunapala<sup>47</sup> – Kalutara**

24 SLLI: 2010-11<sup>48</sup>

Staff Number O/61780.

Commander, 25th Brigade - 2010 Sept. to 2011 Sept.

Colonel General Staff of 56 Division

promoted to Colonel (January 2016)

## **Central Province**

## **13. Major General Hetti Pathirana Nanda Kumara Jayapathirane<sup>49</sup> – Nuwara Eliya**

7 GW in 2002<sup>50</sup> Staff Number O/60506.

2014: Comdt, IPSOTSL.

Contingent Commander of 13th UNPKO Bn. in Haiti

Studied at Bandarawela Central College

Commander 592 Brigade - From June 2010 to January 2011 -

Until 2013, Deputy Commander 12 Division

Commandant - International Peace Support Operations Training School (IPSOTSL), Sri Lanka (since April 2014)

Promoted to Brigadier - 2013 March and appointed as the Commander of the regimental centre of GW (March 2013)

Promoted to Major General - 2017 January

Commander 21 Division (2019)

Commander, Security Forces–Central(SF-C) - 2020 Oct.

## **14. Major General Sarada<sup>51</sup> M S P B Samarakoon – Kandy**

10<sup>th</sup> Gajaba Regiment<sup>52</sup> and 581 Brigade (58 Division of Shavendra Silva) in 2008 (under Anura Deshapriya Gunawardena)<sup>53</sup>.

## **15. Major General Sandara Upul Mayura Nishantha Manage – Matale<sup>54</sup>**

Staff Number: O/61067<sup>55</sup>; GOC 53 Div.<sup>56</sup> promoted Nov 2020<sup>57</sup>.

Not in combat: 2009-10 DCSSC<sup>58</sup>.

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.lankaenews.com/news/3040/en>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.army.lk/news/gr-troops-welcome-their-new-colonel-regiment>

<sup>47</sup> [https://s3-ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com/mytutor.lk/gazette\\_file/15568667662019-04-19-i-i-e.pdf](https://s3-ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com/mytutor.lk/gazette_file/15568667662019-04-19-i-i-e.pdf)

<sup>48</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/lightinfantry/25slli>

<sup>49</sup> Full name: [http://documents.gov.lk/files/gz/2020/3/2020-03-20\(I-I\)E.pdf](http://documents.gov.lk/files/gz/2020/3/2020-03-20(I-I)E.pdf)

<sup>50</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/highlanders/7gw>

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/199551530538/permalink/10158415842800539/>

<sup>52</sup> Regimental website says S M S P B Samarakoon was the first B Coy OC

<sup>53</sup> <https://www.nation.lk/2008/07/20/militarym.htm>

The 10th Gajaba, under Lt. Col. Sarada Samarakoon, and the 12th Gajaba under Maj. Saliya Amunugama of 581 Brigade under Lt. Col. Deshapriya Gunawardena was advancing from the 12th-milepost on Pooneryn (A32) highway. The 5th Armoured Corp under Lt. Col. Nihal Samarakoon joined them. July 2008 <https://lrrp2.wordpress.com/2008/07/20/forces-overrun-vidattativu/>

<http://archives.sundayobserver.lk/2008/07/20/sec01.asp>

Feb 2008 in Uyilankulam. Daily News, 24 Feb 2008, 9 March 2008.

The Nation Newspaper, 20 Jul 2008.

<sup>54</sup> Dambulla in Sep 2020 [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=473504946332403&story\\_fbid=1279897395693150](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?id=473504946332403&story_fbid=1279897395693150)

<sup>55</sup> <http://220.247.247.85:8081/bitstream/handle/123456789/21908/2016-10-28%28-1%29E.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>

<sup>56</sup> [http://www.defence.lk/Article/view\\_article/2724](http://www.defence.lk/Article/view_article/2724)

<sup>57</sup> <https://www.army.lk/news/vir's-new-majors-general-honoured-felicitated-rhq-premises>

<sup>58</sup> <https://www.dscsc.lk/index.php/27-past-directing-staff/83-army-wing>



## Sabarammuwa Province

### **16. Brigadier J M Roshan N K Jayamanna – Ratnapura**

Staff Number: O/61560 – 9GW Commander after the war<sup>59</sup>.

“Roshan Jayamanne, the second-in-command of the 4 GW” in April 2008<sup>60</sup>.

### **17. Brigadier L A Janaka L B Udowita – Kegalle**

10 V GR<sup>1</sup> – 58 Division. 5 Nov 2008 – 23 Sep 2009.

Attacks on PTK<sup>1</sup> area and Pooneryn<sup>1</sup>, Vishwamadu<sup>11</sup>.

## Eastern Province

### **18. Major General Channa D Weerasuriya – Trincomalee**

Sri Lanka Light Infantry, Staff Number: O/60877, Date of Birth: 15 July 1968.

15 Feb. 2007-12 Dec. 2008: 4SLLI (631 Bde.)

2008 on according to his official biography: “As a Brigade Commander, he commanded 512, 523, 663 Infantry Brigades and Air Mobile Brigade”.

512, 513 & 515 Brigade Headquarters were under the 51 Division in the Security Forces Headquarters-Jaffna (SFHQ-J).

3 Nov 2011: a media report has Channa Weerasuriya handing out scholarships in Jaffna described as 512 brigade commander. 512 Camp in Jaffna is notorious for torture. W15 was tortured there in Feb 2010 and again shortly after signing in at 512 Camp in Feb. 2011. W45 was based there as an informer working for military intelligence identifying former cadres.

### **19. Major General T D Weerakoon – Ampara**

March 2007- 29 Jan 2009: 6<sup>th</sup> field regiment of Sri Lanka artillery which is equipped with Howitzers and field guns.<sup>61</sup>

### **20. Major General C D Ranasinghe – Batticaloa**

## Uva Province

### **21. Brigadier E A P Ediriweera – Badulla**

20 SLLI: Dec. 2008-10 which was part of 66 Div. infantry in 2009<sup>62</sup>.

### **22. Colonel Don Udaya Nayanapriya Serasinghe – Monaragala**

6th Gajaba

Deployed in East (Sittandy, Batticaloa) under the command of Kamal Gunaratna -1997

Brigade Commander - 121 Brigade

Promoted to the rank of Colonel (September 2019)

## Southern Province

### **23. Major General D M Hemantha<sup>63</sup> D Bandara – Hambantota**

<sup>59</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/highlanders/9gw>

<sup>60</sup> <http://banltte.blogspot.com>

<sup>61</sup> <http://gunner.lk/regiment.php?id=5>

<sup>62</sup> According to <https://alt.army.lk/sfkillinochchi/66division>

<sup>63</sup> <https://alt.army.lk/slsr/contact-colonel-commandant>

**24. Major General W A S Sanjaya Wanasinghe – Galle - SLAC**

Was Directorate of Overseas Operations (in charge of peacekeeping)<sup>65</sup>.

Son of retired Army Commander General Hamilton Wanasinghe.

2008: 8GW under Shavendra Silva<sup>66</sup>.

**25. Colonel Kodituwakku Arachchilage Udaya Kodituwakku – Matara; Sri Lanka**

Artillery

Promoted to Lt. Colonel in January 2009

Commanding Officer, 8th Regiment, Sri Lanka Artillery - 2013

Promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding Officer School of Artillery - from December 2016 to June 2018

Commander 613 Brigade (Since 2020 October).

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<https://www.army.lk/news/newly-appointed-colonel-regiment-slsr-takes-over-duties-0>

<sup>64</sup> [https://alt.army.lk/slsr/6slsr\\_appointment](https://alt.army.lk/slsr/6slsr_appointment)

<sup>65</sup> <https://www.hirunews.lk/english/242988/two-senior-brigadiers-promoted-to-the-rank-of-major-general-photo>

<https://www.army.lk/news/major-general-sanjaya-wanasinghe-receives-insignia-commander>

<sup>66</sup> <https://www.nation.lk/2008/05/11/militarym.htm>

