

Beware of the 5th Column

Jehan Perera (Sunday Island of 25th Sept) has praised Prime Minister Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunge for her peace moves at 'Any Cost', as one of her Ministers had said at a Press Conference.

We all need Peace but NOT at 'Any Cost'. She must be careful of Prabhakaran's 5th Column which is well entrenched in Colombo. Alongside Jehan Perera's flattering article 'Chandrika's biggest contribution to peace', I sincerely

hope and pray that she would have read TARAki's article 'Tigers Interest in the Gulf of Mannar' which also appears in the centre page of 'The Island', and also the Editorial of 'The Island' of the same day.

The Prime Minister should not take the massive support she received from the Sinhala masses for granted. They voted for her and her Party because of massive corruption and dictatorial attitude of the UNP. The North/

East war was secondary, the main purpose of the masses was to defeat corruption and injustice. Thus it will be advisable if she would tread warily where the North/East war and peace is concerned.

I am sure reading Taraki's article would have given many a shock. What were our Military and Naval 'Think Tanks' doing while the Tigers were upgrading their Sea Power? Is it too late even now to correct the frighten-

ing situation? Will the Tigers rule the Waves round Sri Lanka? Shame on you, you Naval and Military TOP BRASS and Defence Ministry.

It will be interesting to know the comments of the likes of Jehan Perera, CRM, the Red Cross and hosts of other NGO's about the Display of Captured Naval Personnel of the 'Sagarawardhana' by the LTTE in Jaffna.

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