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Victor loves to theorize. The reality is what Jayasooriya says.

India is never going to give up the idea of annexing Lanka. I know that the Indian military top brass had this idea, and mentioned it in 1983 to my Sindhi friend. Mrs B weakened the military after the Catholic coup. That's what I read. I am no expert. But now we have a much better one as it was proven.

We need to understand how an ordinary Indian thinks, whether they are in the North or South. I have been associating with them in America since the 1980s. They feel Lanka is the Sinna Thambi. They think the same way about Nepal. The Northerners presume that we are just like them and no harm in us joining them.

Sitaharanaya is part of Hindu religion. That gives rise to a religion based vendetta, emotions like between Israelis and Palestinians. They learned in school about Ceylon as a beautiful island that gave curry powder. It is a tasty thing to win and it is *very* small, besides the Indian army is big. (Actually, lot of bodies). The way Indians dream is something the Americans know as an open book. That is why Obama said Indis should be given a Permanent seat on the UN Security Council. (There is no practical path for it).

If we are not prepared they will come to get us. It would be like Turkey invading Cyprus. Everyone will shout foul and then go to sleep. What else can they do? Remember the Falkland war? This is one reason we have to be close with China.

Victor seems to be worried about the Tamils in the North. They are not threatened except they are deterred by the pretense of the military not to join with the foreigners (Indians and Canadians) against their country. The Soulbury Commission's Report said that the people in the extreme North keep contact with their brothers in India. Their attitude is not patriotic but traitorous. Learning from the Americans who hire foreigners to the army promising citizenship, Tamil Diaspora let Indian Tamils come and settle in the Vanni driving away Veddas from their reservation.

Unless they get to know the Sinhalese as neighbors, they are going to continue to be suspicious and see everything done in Colombo as something against them. They will continue to have ambiguous loyalty because they are trained to think that the Sinhalese have this Dutugemunu hate. Sinhala thuggery, mostly verbal insults, have contributed to this too.

We need to have good anti-hate laws and good environments that bring different groups together. Settling Sinhalese in the North is the best way to show the Tamils who Sinhalese really are. Victor probably does not know ordinary Sinhalese. I know them.