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I sense that the year 2015 will be written in matunge, had been butchered to death on history as a watershed year of considerable that dreadful morning while going to work. importance for Sri Lanka.

mittent marks of tyranny. A third term for caped unnoticed by any security personhaps, led to the worsening of the tyrannical interest to catch the culprit. elements of his ruling style. Of course, he

A secret party had been following Lasantha for some time before. The blood was In two ways. Firstly, it will mark the libera- spilt in the vicinity of a security zone. The tion of the people of the island from a assassins took quite a while to inflict their decade of authoritarian rule that had inter- cruelty before they got away but they es-Mahinda Rajapaksa (MR) would have, per- nel. Rajapaksa's government took no real

> That message effectively spread the word to other **Valking** iournalists and dissenters that they can criticize the family only at risk

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wore a smiling face. Of course, he kissed consciousness was described by Venerababies and embraced old folk. Of course, ble Maduluwawe Sobitha during the eleche used to hug the sacred bo tree at Sri tion campaign as 'maru bhiya,' (fear for Maha Bodhiya. On the other hand, he had-life). The influential monk stated that n't space in his mind to tolerate opponents. 'thrustha bhiya,'( fear of terrorism) had He wouldn't listen. The knife would come

Waterloo on the same day that the critical assault and intimidation to 'those against and influential journalist, Lasantha Wickre- us,' prevailed in a very real sense

Collectively a string of similar incidents helped create an appalling consciousness among a once freelovina people.

been replaced in the country with maru bhiya. This had been the public perception. Right down to the lowest executive level of By a strange coincidence, MR faced his Pradeshiya Sabha councilors the threat of

Bringing the police and law enforcement servants of state under the hegemony of open political control had been deliberately done to sync with the enthronement of state terror. Justice is the last bastion of the individual seeking redress from oppressors. But Rajapaksa managed to transform the once independent judiciary into a virtual chattel service to him. There were officials ready and willing for personal gain to cooperate with Mahinda Rajapaksa in the latter's invasion

The Rajapaksa oppression was set up by other measures, too. For instance, the repeal of the 17th Amendment and doing away with independent commissions to manage the Police, elections, judiciary and Public Service had been on the spot. A parliament already rendered servile that included impotent old revolutionaries could do nothing but give approval to the relevant bill. The potential further dread came with the 18th Amendment that in practice would have helped ensure the continuance of dynastic rule

In this way, Sri Lankans were asked to be ready to suffer this family for as long as their memory lasts.

I believe that the country will be liberated from much of these fears and that our people can walk head high in dignity. This is a key objective of the proposals of the common candidate, new President Maitripala Sirisena. The restoration of democratic mechanisms are enshrined in these proposals and a calendar schedule for achievement is laid down. The set of proposals is unlikely to receive opposition because these proposals are enabling anyone or any party doing politics in the country in the future. Together they are empowering the people.

I have referred to two sorts of revolutions. The second is

a revolution in political practice. The com-

By a strange coincidence, MR faced his Waterloo on the same day that the critical and influential journalist, Lasantha Wickrematunge, had been butchered to death on that dreadful morning while going to work.

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mon candidate project is predicated on the understanding that in times of crisis diverse ethnic groups and other fractious groups can profitably cooperate together on a common strategy and program. The once narrowly Sinhala Buddhist JHU managed to change its stance to sit along the table that brings together the Tamil and Muslim communities, the Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim communities. Sections of the SLFP represented by Maitripala Sirisena himself joined in with the dominant UNP. The JVP, although unwilling to join a coalition as such, did come in strongly in the campaign to oust Mahinda Rajapaksa. The estate Tamil groups came in and some other parties like that of Mano Ganeshan all came into the common fold in order to achieve a set of goals that are important to each of them taken individually. I believe that this sort of development would augur well for the future and I also believe that it sparks an important stage in the maturity of Lankan politics. The eventual electoral outcome demonstrated that no leader can take government without being sincerely inclusive of ethnic communities. In this instance, the extremist BBS did register serious damage to MR's government by its link with it. This kind of evolving situation is the path to a broad policy of equalization and incorporation of ethnic and religious groups