

How did Sri Lanka win the war



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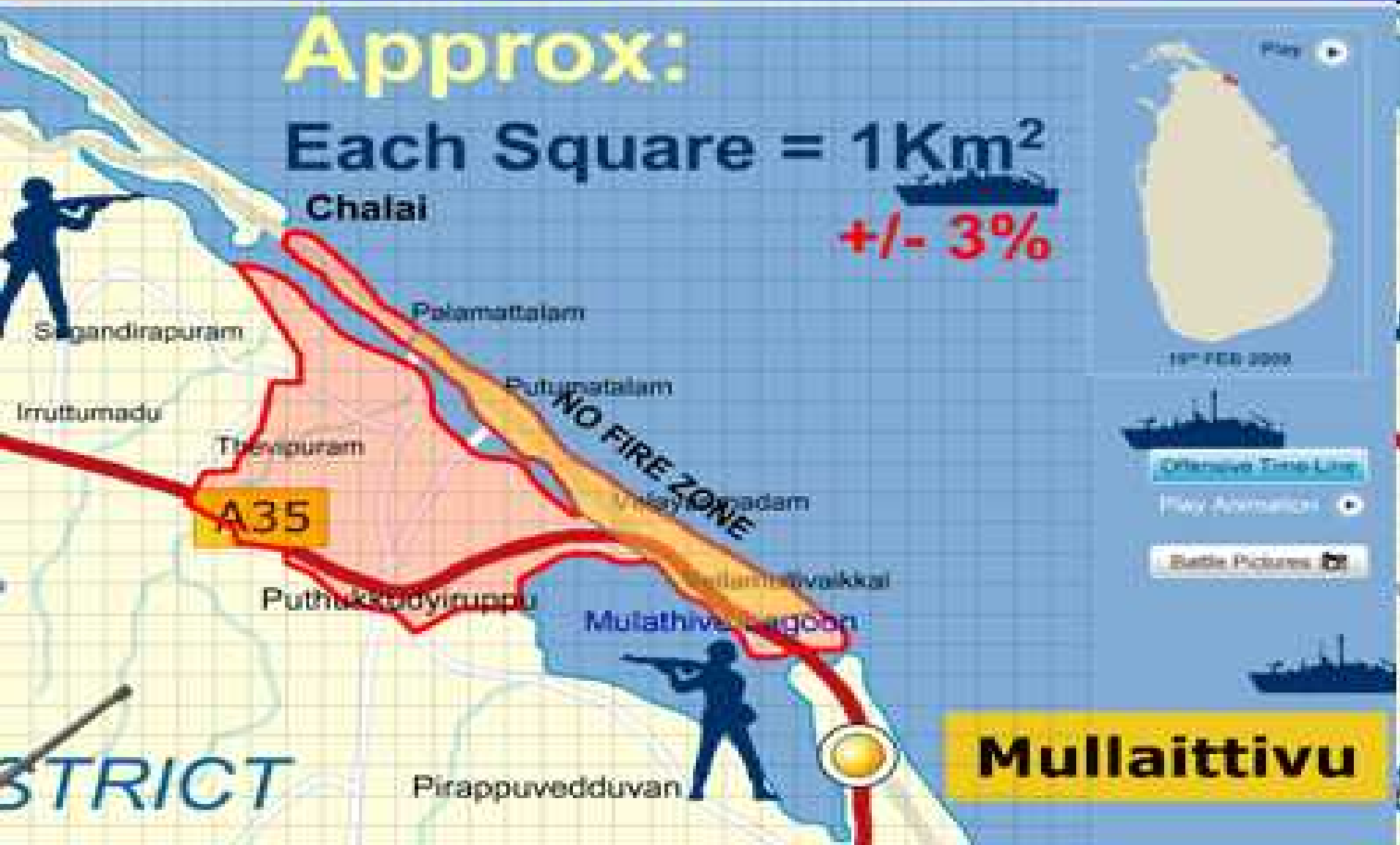
Linkages

- Traditional and historical aspects of maritime linkages
- Ethnic affinity and Historicity
- Fisheries and trade
- Ease of movement across the straits
- Narcotics
- Smuggling.

STRATEGIC INTERESTS

- Presence of hydrocarbons/gas in Palk Bay area.
- Sethusamudram Project
- Declaration of GoM as Marine bio sphere
Development of Tuticorin and deep water ports .
- IOC Tank Farm in Trinco.
- Extra Regional players(China, US,Pak, UK etc)
- Hambanthotta port China factor

Shrinking areas



Between the devil and the deep sea



Genesis of LTTE Reverses

- Responses post 9/11;GWOT measures, Zero tolerance for terrorism
- Break up of Karuna
- Election of Mahinda thanks to LTTE
- Proscription of LTTE by 32 countries

Sinking hopes



Genesis of LTTE Reverses

- Cooperation by military of China, Israel, Pakistan, India
- Better preparedness and motivation of the SL forces
- Neutralisation of FOC ships and war making machinery
- Action by the Diaspora
- UPA Actions
- Regional Politics

THE ESSENCE

To quote Late Prabakaran:

"Geographically the security of Tamil Eelam is interlinked with that of its seas. It is only when we are strong on the seas and break the dominance the enemy now has that we will be able to retain the land areas we liberated and drive our enemies from our homeland"

India's Response



India's Response: Conflict phase

- SETTING UP OF SEVEN NAVAL DETS ALONG TN COAST.
- USE OF CGS MANDAPAM AND CGS TUTICORIN FOR ENHANCED PATROLS.
- ACTIVATION OF NAS RAMNAD(INS Parindu) FOR AERIAL SURVEILLANCE.
- GREATER INTERACTION WITH CIVIL AUTHORITIES (CUSTOMS, POLICE, DIST ADMINISTRATION, STATE).
- INTELLIGENCE SHARING BOTH WITH IN AND WITH SRILANKAN AUTHORITIES.
- SENSITISATION OF OWN FISHERMEN.
- INDUCTION OF HOVERCRAFT TO OVERCOME SHALLOW WATER LIMITATIONS.
- IBL MEETINGS WITH SLN.

India's Response: Post Conflict phase

Winning the Peace

- Need to engage in the process of rehabilitation
- Taking the maritime cooperation to next levels
- Resolving fisheries dispute to the satisfaction of fishermen on both sides
- Sharing of intelligence
- Countering Chinese presence
- Pakistan Army being trained by SLA ?
- Restoration of Ferry services
- Land Bridge??

FISHING IN TROUBLED WATERS

- > Coastline of approximately 80 km.
 - > Land area of some 38.5 sq km.
 - > Fishing community of around 35,000 people,
 - > 8,000 are sea-going fishermen.
 - > To the island's south is the Gulf of Mannar,
 - > To its north is the Palk Bay.
 - > At its eastern tip is Dhanushkodi.
 - > Only about 16 km to Talaimannar in Sri Lanka.
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- > THE LACK OF FISH ON OUR SIDE OF IBL.
 - > PRACTICES OF CENTURIES OF FISHING AROUND KACHATIVU.
 - > USE OF FISHING BOATS FOR SMUGGLING, REFUGEE LANDING AND CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES.
 - > THE BAN ON SRILANKAN FISHING DURING CONFLICT HELPED OUR FISHERMEN.
 - > THE REGULAR CONFLICT BETWEEN FISHERMEN A CONSTANT SOURCE OF IRRITATION.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- ❑ Defeat of LTTE
- ❑ Trapped civilians (IDPs) and misery
- ❑ Action by Tamil Diaspora
- ❑ Regional politics
- ❑ Action by the UN, US, UK, Japan, China, Iran, **India** and others

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- ❑ Forthcoming Elections
- ❑ Creation of Coast Guard by Sri Lanka
- ❑ Greater role for the Military -50 percent increase in Mil Strength
- ❑ Up gradation of Mil posts
- ❑ Formation of LTTE Government in exile?
- ❑ Arrest of KP

Recent Developments

- Death of Prabhakaran's father
- IDP's
- Muslim Factor

Strategic Developments

- ❑ China's continued interest
in IOR: Hambanthotta
- ❑ Sri Lanka to train Pakistan Army?
- ❑ Centre of attraction for ERPs to Sri Lanka
- ❑ SSCP/Land Bridge?

WAY AHEAD--->

- First and foremost- Rehabilitation of the war ravaged civilians by bringing an end to the war.
- Devolution of power to restore equality, dignity and pride to the Tamils as citizens of a unitary state.
- Action by International community for expediting the process of rescue and rehabilitation
- Impartial Inquiry in to the last phases of war
- Using the Electoral process for better prospects for Tamils who have been at the receiving end all these decades.

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