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d. Unsung Heroes in the Military: I will give you just two examples for the time being.

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The Jeyanthan Brigade tigers were the real warriors. But they were treated like 'sh*t' or coolies! No leadership positions in the LTTE, no important appointments in major tiger divisions, no recognition etc for the eastern tigers. The fighters from the east were frustrated and disappointed. It was a major grumble by Col K for the reason for defection from his erstwhile fanatical and innovative terrorist organization and the psychopathic killer leader. I had this in the after burner but I thought to confirm this for myself. To do this I followed the vote block promises to General Fonseka by Tamils and their voting patterns in the recently concluded presidential elections. The northern Tamils abandoned him lock, stock and barrel and threw him under the (victory) bus of MR. Now SF is dying a natural death in a windowless room at the Naval Headquarters without seeing sun rise or set, like high rollers in a Las Vegas casino but for high rollers food, drinks, smokes and girls are around in abundance. The eastern Tamils stood steadfast by SF as promised. It tells me of the quality of eastern Tamils.

b. Tsunami Tidal Waves: The Boxing Day (26 December 2004) tsunami was a huge tragedy in human and material cost to Sri Lanka and South Asian nations. It was another very decisive tipping point in the military demise of LTTE and I will elaborate more on it later. For the first time in their lives villagers the panic-stricken faces of so shaken to the core tiger boys. They had never seen so dull or fear-stricken faces of 'podyians' in their lives.

Though the LTTE never accepted publically the damages to their boats, boatyards, armaments and equipment, and men and women we can fairly gauge the damage was of epic proportions by analyzing the LTTE reaction and the statements issued. "Liberation Tigers declare 26th January as a National Day of Mourning to remember those who lost their lives in the Tsunami disaster in Tamil.....the force of the tidal waves hit the Southeast Asian region including Sri Lanka causing unprecedented devastation Our people living in coastal areas of Tamil homeland have been severely affected. The fury of nature has rendered our people homeless, traumatized them by taking away lives of their loved ones and forced them to seek shelter in welfare centers and in homes of their friends and relatives ."

c. INGOs and NGOs: Let's talk about a Mercy Corps, a Peace Corps in Crisis Corps mode or an Intelligence Agency (Central or otherwise); of which one, a Mercy Corps which donates cycles to school students in a place like Trincomalee, bath basin, blanket, mosquito net, food, and soaps for tsunami affected pregnant mothers, more than one million rupees worth tools of trade (TOT) for tsunami affected persons in a place like Nilaveli or conducts two day Food Processing Fair in a place like Akkaraipattu; a Peace Corps in Crisis Corps mode volunteers working as

Civil Engineers for water sanitation and reconstruction projects, Community Liaison Officers assisting in the coordination of regional relief and reconstruction efforts, Field Officers, Evaluation Specialists, Livelihoods Assistants, Community Health Assistants and Capacity Building Specialists or an intelligence agency spooks 'pumping iron' in a hotel gym in the morning, trash talking about their favorite NFL (National Football) Team or doing the Monday morning quarterbacking at breakfast, talking about their 'Harleys' at lunch and whining, dining in business attire and fornicating with local girls to their hearts' content using intelligence slush funds at night, are YOU AFRAID MOST? An intelligence agency (central or otherwise), right? If the answer is yes, you have no sense about the intriguing world of intelligence gathering!

I am dead scared of a Peace Corps or a Mercy Corps team wanting to help a strategically important country affected by a natural disaster than a CIA team stationed in normally embassy or a very safe house. These Peace Corps, Mercy Corps teams consist of academics, experts and intellectuals, they basically are Human Terrain Teams that have 'social scientists' who map relationships and create databases of local leaders, economic issues, social problems, castes and political disputes as well as using mapped knowledge and cultural insights to advise military commanders. For CIA team they kill time and get hold of a rascal like 'Curve Ball' and file a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) report pushing a nation to a war baselessly or welcome an AQ double agent without frisking him prior to his entry to a base and wait in a receiving line to be blasted to smithereens by him.

I have put out a lot of details to get to my point. Though Sri Lankans and the government friendly or patriotic media, deliberately or not, bashed or pilloried all International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) without an iota of mercy but how do you know that some of these INGOS or NGOs paved the way for the wiping out the tiger terrorist by providing very vital information about locations, activities, equipments and movements of LTTE top rung in real time so that GOSL or Security Forces could take 'timely' action? As every Tamil is not a bad Tamil, every INGO is not against unitary state of Sri Lanka. Please remember that.

That is why Pakistan in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) earth quake in 2005 asked only for material aid, not for INGO personnel by plane loads.

d. Unsung Heroes in the Military: I will give you just two examples for the time being.

1. A Young SLAF officer who was in charge of a bunker line took initiative to motivate airmen in trenches to play football. He organized a team that won a lot of matches and about four of his players ended up being selected SLAF soccer team. He took another initiative to get some crushers to crush granite and deliver to other camps pave foot paths or in building construction. He started a project to grow vegetables, his camp and other camps ate 'organic' vegetables! Not only that, when a suicide bomber attacked a sister service convoy he heard the loud explosion at his camp, he jumped into a truck and arrived on the scene, on his own, to evacuate the injured and remove the dead.

2. When the entire ship did not have water supply as the only water pump motor was burnt a young naval officer gathered a few trusted ratings. They were to steal/sneak into the LTTE area,

passing an active LTTE bunker line, to descend into a disused well and remove the motor. The young sailor who descended into the well had only request; if the LTTE showed up, do not leave him in the well to be captured! When he emerged from the well with the motor he was bleeding in the mouth as he had used his teeth to cut the wires! The water supply was restored to the ship.

Are you not so proud of these unsung heroes who live in a few people's mind forever? I am! I always remember then when I rise up in the morning and go to bed in the night!

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