

# Tamil MP assassinated in Lankan temple

AFP, Colombo

An outspoken ethnic Tamil opposition MP was shot dead during a New Year service at a Hindu temple in the Sri Lankan capital yesterday, the third assassination of a minority legislator in two years.

Thiagarajah Maheswaran from the United National Party (UNP) was a vehement critic of the government's escalating war against Tamil Tiger rebels and a campaigner for the rights of Tamils in the Sinhalese-majority island.

"He had several bullet injuries including to the head," Colombo National Hospital spokeswoman Pushpa Soysa said. "Another 12

people who were wounded have been brought for treatment and one of them also died."

The killing came just two weeks after Colombo withdrew security from the MP, who later declared in parliament that the government would be responsible if anything happened to him.

The government has given no explanation why it withdrew his security detail but critics say it was to pressure the lawmaker to tone down his criticism of the administration's pursuit of its war against the Tamils.

Another Tamil legislator fearful of being killed said last week he would flee the island after the government

slashed his number of bodyguards.

Sri Lanka's moderate Tamil politicians have become targets of both extremist Tigers as well as hardline elements backing the military campaign against the guerrillas.

The rebels do not tolerate any other representative speaking in the name of the Tamils, while Sinhalese hardliners believe any Tamil politician is a tool of the Tigers.

The assassination came as the government vowed to escalate its war with Tamil Tigers. The defence ministry reported at least 25 rebels had been killed in fresh fighting in the north of the island since Monday.

The government said a suspect had been arrested over the assassination inside the Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, the god of destruction, and was being treated in hospital. It was not known how he was injured.

Maheswaran represented the northern Jaffna peninsula controlled by the government but cut off from the rest of the island by Tiger-held territory.

Along with criticising the military's offensive against the guerrillas, he campaigned for human rights amid frequent reports of murders and disappearances in Jaffna, and for the release of Tamil detainees.



PHOTO: AFP

Sri Lankan opposition Tamil lawmaker T. Maheswaran's wife Wijekala (L) and a relative cry at the National Hospital in Colombo yesterday after the death of her husband.

## US official killed in Sudan shooting

AFP, Khartoum

A US diplomat died yesterday after a pre-dawn shooting attack in the Sudanese capital Khartoum, which also killed an embassy driver, officials said.

"Early this morning, January 1, 2008, in Khartoum, Sudan, an American officer with the United States Agency for International Development was shot and wounded," the embassy said in a statement.

"A locally employed Sudanese national was killed in the same incident. This afternoon, the American officer succumbed to his injuries and passed away. We are working closely with local authorities to investigate the incident."

Relations between Sudan and the United States have long been strained, most recently over the near five-year conflict in the western region of Darfur where Washington has accused the Khartoum of genocide.



Supporters of slain former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) shout anti-government slogans beside her grave at the Bhutto family mausoleum in Garhi Khuda Bukash yesterday. Benazir Bhutto was slain just hours before she was to go public with "proof" that Pakistani intelligence and electoral officials were planning to rig polls, an official from her party said.

PHOTO: AFP

## 'Benazir was set to unveil govt vote-rigging plot' Says party official

AFP, Islamabad

Benazir Bhutto was slain just hours before she was to go public with "proof" that Pakistani intelligence and electoral officials were planning to rig polls, an official from her party said Tuesday.

Opposition leader Benazir was to unveil a report about an alleged plot to rig the country's general elections at a press conference on Thursday night after giving it to visiting US lawmakers, said

Senator Latif Khosa.

She was assassinated in a gun and suicide bomb attack at a campaign rally on Thursday afternoon.

Bhutto was scheduled to reveal a document containing proof of rigging plans by the election commission and Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) the night she was assassinated," Khosa told AFP.

"It was a 160-page document 'Yet another stain on the face of democracy', which Benazir was to unveil at a press conference in Islamabad on December 27 after

meeting the two visiting US lawmakers," he said.

"But that was not possible because she was murdered."

Khosa did not give the names of the US lawmakers said to have been visiting. Pakistan government officials were not immediately available for comment.

Khosa said the document presented evidence that the military-run ISI, Pakistan's main spy agency, colluded with the election commission and the former ruling party to fix the result of the polls.

## US gave Benazir info about threats

AP, Washington

The United States provided a steady stream of intelligence to Benazir Bhutto about threats against her before the former Pakistani prime minister was assassinated and advised her aides on how to boost security, although key suggestions appear to have gone unheeded, US officials said Monday.

Senior US diplomats had multiple conversations, including at least two private face-to-face meetings, with top members of

Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party to discuss threats on the Pakistani opposition leader's life and review her security arrangements after a suicide bombing marred her initial return to Pakistan from exile in October, the officials told The Associated Press.

The intelligence was also shared with the Pakistani government, the officials said.

Much of what was passed on dealt with general threats from Taliban extremists and al-Qaeda sympathisers and "was not actionable information."

## Kenya polls flawed: EU

Violence death toll nears 260

AFP, Nairobi

EU monitors cast doubts Tuesday on the results of Kenya's disputed presidential vote, stepping up the pressure on re-elected President Mwai Kibaki as his country reels from violence that has claimed nearly 260 lives.

A second consecutive night of tribal conflict and clashes between police and protesters left more than 70 dead, with no end in sight to the post-election unrest that has

plunged one of Africa's more stable democracies into an unprecedented crisis.

World leaders called on Kenya's rival leaders to open a dialogue, but Raila Odinga, the opposition candidate narrowly defeated in the December 27 poll by Kibaki, said he would only talk when the president owned up to vote-rigging allegations.

"The conditions under which we are prepared to negotiate is that Kibaki must first accept that he did not win the elections," Odinga said

in an interview with the BBC.

His charges of fraud were lent extra weight by the EU election monitoring team which issued a report Tuesday saying the vote had "fallen short" of international standards and called for an independent audit into the results.

The polls were "marred by a lack of transparency in the processing and tallying of presidential results, which raises concerns about the accuracy of the final results," the report said.

## 11 Indian soldiers killed in 2 separate attacks

AP, Lucknow

Two assailants with guns and grenades ambushed a police recruitment centre in northern India early yesterday in an attack that killed seven police officers and a civilian, a police official said.

In an unrelated attack in the east, suspected Maoist rebels shot dead four soldiers.

The assailants approached the gate of the station in Rampur and

opened fire, killing two officers. The attackers then lobbed a grenade over the gate that killed five more officers, said Brij Lal, a senior police official in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

A rickshaw puller outside the gate was killed in the ensuing crossfire, Lal said.

The slain officers belonged to a special police force created to fight insurgents, Lal said. Police have cordoned off the site, about 190 miles southwest of the state capital of Lucknow.

## Sonia in hospital after asthma attack

PTI, New Delhi

Congress president Sonia Gandhi has been admitted to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital following an attack of asthma, where her condition is stated to be stable, a very informed source said.

The UPA chairperson was admitted to the hospital late Monday night after she suffered an asthma attack, they said.



PHOTO: AFP

A resident of the Kibera slum runs with a flag that reads "peace" past a burning building in Nairobi, Kenya Monday. Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki on Monday vowed to "deal decisively" with nationwide riots that have wracked the country since he was announced re-elected a day earlier after a hotly disputed election.



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- Date of Birth
- Age on 17 January 2008 : ..... years, ..... month(s) & ..... day(s)
- Educational Qualification:

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11. Experience in detail:

- Total Working Experience (starting from the latest employer) stating:
  - Name of Organisation:
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  - Job Responsibilities:
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12. Publication in any reputed Journal, if any (copy should be provided):

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# The post applied for must be marked on the top of the Envelope.

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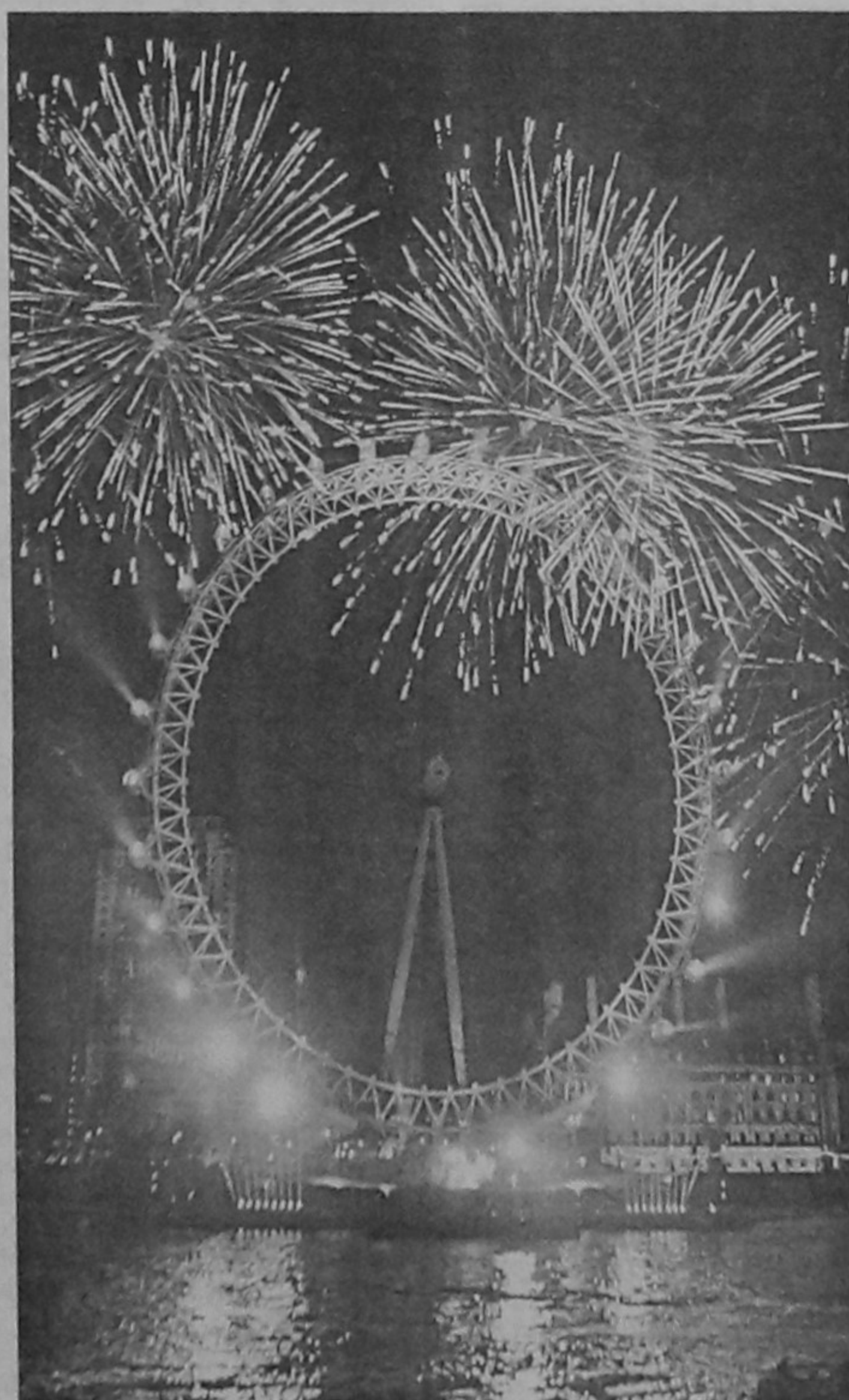


PHOTO: AFP

Fireworks explode over the London Eye in central London to mark the New Year yesterday. With an annual display every year since 2003, around 350,000 gathered to hear the chimes of Big Ben at midnight followed by the ten-minute fireworks show, designed by French pyrotechnician Christophe Berthouneau.

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