

Mawella - for solving the power crisis (a reply)

The letter of Ranjit Dissanayaka, Deputy President of Eksath Sinhala Maha Sabha, appearing in *The Island* of 23.04.02 is the most absurd, sickening and nauseating letter which one could read, specially from a person who claims to be the Deputy President of a Sinhala Organisation. It seems he has already treated areas north of Chilaw, foreign, belonging and controlled by LTTE when he says "therefore it is not advisable to embark upon such a massive project in an area that is still in conflict". Isn't Sri Lanka one sovereign country from Dondra to Pt. Pedro? Aren't our president and prime minister the rulers of the whole island? If they are not, why should they start rehabilitation works, such as roads, electricity, etc. done in the north and east?

RD seems to be completely unaware of the studies done on the Norochcholai Coal Plant site where all aspects, environment, security

etc. have been thoroughly done by experts and instead of a jetty a harbour had been recommended by the last consultants, M/s, Rambolla of Denmark, the choice of the Bishop of Chilaw who solely objects.

As for Mawella, it is agreed that it is a better site, but going back there is unthinkable now as development works have been carried out. It will mean resettling over 1000 residents as against Norochcholai, where only 42 families are involved and the area is a barren stretch of land.

My advice to RD, Deputy President of Eksath Sinhala Maha Sabha is, first think you are Sri Lankan and Sri Lanka is one land ruled by one president. It is because of people who call themselves, Sinhalayas, Muslims, Tamils instead of 'We Sri Lankans' that this country is in such a pathetic state.

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