**INTELLIGENCE SITUATION IN SFHQ (WANNI) / 1 MIC AOR**

**EXTREMISM RELATED TRENDS**

1. Considering the extremism related activities within the AOR, several Islamic organisations are attempting to promote their ideologies in the area.

2. A total of 169 individuals were arrested after the Easter Sunday attacks and 168 were later released.

3. The Islamic organizations identified within the AOR include United Tawheeth Jamath (UTJ), Jamathul Muslimeen (JM), Ceylon Tawheeth Jamath (CTJ), Sri Lanka Tawheeth Jamath (SLTJ), Sri Lanka Jamathul Muslimeen (SLJM), and Jama'ath e Islami (JI).

4. Currently, these organizations along with affiliated non-governmental organizations and community groups, expect to continue expanding their support during Ramadan.

5. The Siva Senai and Brahma Kumari Yoga Centre organizations which promote the Hinduthwa concept and backed by INDIA, have been identified within the AOR.

6. The Ariyakammattana and Parama Nibbana organizations which oppose the Theravada Buddhist ideology, conduct visits and preachings targeting the ANURADHAPURA district. In response, several Buddhist monks conducted protests against these organizations in recent months.

**POLITICAL SITUATION**

7. In the previous Parliamentary election, WASANTHA SAMARASINGHE, SENA NANAYAKKARA, SUSIL RANASINGHE, SUSANTHA KUMARA NAVARATNE, BHAGYA SRI HERATH, NIMAL PALIHENA, and THILINA SAMARAKOON from the National People’s Power (NPP) were elected while ROHANA BANDARA and SURANGA RATHNAYAKE from the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) were elected from the opposition for the ANURADHAPURA District.

 8. In the Wanni electoral district, the elected members included candidates SELLATHAMBI THILAGANATHAN, ARUMUGAM JAGADEESWARAN, and UPALI SAMARASINGHE from NPP, THURAIRASA RAVIKARAN and PADMANATHAN SATHYALINGAM from the Illankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi (ITAK), RISHAD BATHIUDEEN from the SJB, SELVAM ADAIKALANATHAN from the Democratic Tamil National Alliance (DTNA), and KADER MASTAN from the Ceylon Workers' Congress (CWC).

9. Activities of Tamil political parties particularly ITAK, DTNA and TNPF are prominent. They do conduct campaigns, discussions, distribution of aid in order to gain public support. Tamil political parties are on the verge of regaining the political control they lost in the North during the last election.

**SEPARATISM RELATED TRENDS**

10. Association of the Missing Persons in VAVUNIYA and MANNAR continue to protest requesting solution for their problem and an international investigation.

11. Tamil diaspora elements support Tamil political parties to gain the lost political control in the North.

12. 11 ex-LTTE cadres contested for the last parliamentary election with the backing of Diaspora elements.

13. Politicians and NGOs conduct information gathering campains within the Nothern Province considering the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) sessions in order to highlight alleged Human Rights violations in the country.

**ORGANIZED CRIMES**

14. It is observed that there is a drastical increase in induction of drugs, especially Kerala Cannabis through MANNAR and JAFFNA which are being subsequently transported to South by clandestine means.

15. Induction of other contraband through MANNAR coast is also continuing. With the removal of military roadblocks it has been further increased.

16. Gang rivalries in UYLANKULAM, MANNAR and WELIOYA which led to several killings and involvement of military personal in them has reached an alarming state.

17. Crimes conduct by ex-militray personnel has also risen in the AOR. The rape conducted by ex-11 GW soldier on 10 March 2025 at the ANURADHAPURA hospital is n example.

**OTHER MATTERS OF INTELLIGENCE INTEREST**

18. Following the 2025 budget speech, various parties organized protests to demand their requirements. The Unemployed Graduates Association, University Non-Academic Staff at Rajarata and VAVUNIYA Universities, nurses and paramedic trade unions, the School Development Officers' Association, postal workers, Gramaniladharis have constantly raised their wage issues, leading to protests.

19. University student unions of Rajarata University and the Bhikku University in ANURADHAPURA continue to pressure the government over student issues.

20. Additionally, information collection campaigns regarding military camps established in lands claimed by civilians, organized by various parties including NGOs continue in the AOR.

21. The land issues in KOVILMOTEI, PUMALANTHAN, MALLUWARAYAN, ILLUPAKADAWAI, and ISAMALATHALVU remain unresolved. Mainly people claim Government land for cultivating purposes.

22. WEDIKKUNARUMALAI land issue between Buddhist and Hindus over an archaeological site is significant. GALGAMUWE SHANTHA BODHI thero and ITAK MP T RAVIHARAN supports either parties and there is a Court case going on.

23. VIKUMPURA Sinhala village in MANNAR, supported by Sinhala activists such as KOSALA PATHTHINIGE is also a concer even though Tamil parties do not oppose at the moment.

24. The issue of wild elephants continues to be a significant problem having reports coming from areas such as THALAWA, THAMBUTHTHEGAMA, NOCHCHIYAGAMA, IPALOGAMA, MAHAVILACHCHIYA, THIRAPPANE, and KABITHIGOLLEWA.

25. Considering the geopolitical interests, the primary focus has been on MANNAR Island, with significant activities being driven by Indian involvement.

26. Several countries including INDIA are interested to establish development projects such as renewable energy and sand mining, which are being opposed by MANNAR Citizens Committee backed by the Bishop’s House.

26. Meanwhile, following the decision of the Trump administration, the involvement of the US particularly through USAID has been decreased. Currently, USAID-backed NGOs/organisations are engaging in discussions with other countries to run projects.