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HEALTH

- It is reported that about 500 to 600 patients suspected to be suffering from the Sicken Cunia virus are treated daily at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital. It is feared that this would further spread unless the public cooperate in the preventive activities. The blood specimen of these suspected of the virus had been sent to Colombo.
- There is a dire scarcity for essential drugs required for about 25 diseases such as diabetics, asthma, blood pressure, heart attack, arthritis, special syrups for children, etc. These could not be purchased in any pharmacies in the peninsula.
- As it is the rainy season in the peninsula mosquito menace is on the increase but medicine for the diseases are not available. There is a shortage even for Panadol tablets.

FOOD, NON-FOOD ITEMS & RELATED ISSUES

- Scarcity of food items and non food items still continues.

DISPLACEMENT

- People displace from Thenmaradchy area consequent to the abnormal situations of Aug 11th and staying in Vadamaradchy are undergoing severe hardships and inconveniences. Nearly 2000 families from Kodikamam, Kachchai, Mirusuvil, Karampaikurichi, Varani and Idaikorichi are staying in houses of relatives and many families are staying in schools. Many houses belonging to these families have been included in the High Security Zone and the families are unable to return to their houses. More than one family are living in one tent of the camp and consequently quarrels are common and people are much inconvenienced.
- Displaced life is still continuing in some areas.

INJURIES, KILLING AND DISAPPEARANCES

- Sangarapillai Senthuran (23) of Kalasalai veethy, Thirunelvely who was missing for two days found in the Irupalai area having been strangled to death.
- Two bodies with severe cut wounds were found in Thavady North believed to be those from Koddady and Kondavil. The bodies were not identified.

- Two brothers Mariathas Jude (32) and Mriathas Julias (29) were killed and their sister Mariathas Jasmin (30 was seriously injured in an incident of shooting in Navanthurai. These persons were displaced from Allaipiddy.

CURFEW LIFTED HOURS:

- Curfew has been lifted from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Valigamam, Island, Thenmaradchy and Vadamaradchy divisions today.

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"Man cannot progress alone, all men must grow together" - Pope Paul VI
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