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Rajapakse woos irate JVP



Several generations of London Tamils joined the Black July protest in a scorching Hyde Park on Tuesday. Over fifteen thousand people attended the rally, organisers said. *Details in special insert.*

DESPITE efforts by the international community, especially India, to promote a bi-partisan consensus between Sri Lanka's ruling party and the main opposition, President Mahinda Rajapaksa is instead hammering out an alliance with the ultra-Sinhala nationalist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP).

At the same time, the JVP has renewed its vehement opposition to the Norwegian peace process, demanding that the international monitors overseeing Sri Lanka's tenuous ceasefire be thrown out.

"There was no peace process, and there is no peace process. The SLMM (Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission) is virtually defunct. The SLMM should be thrown out of the country," Somawansa Amarasinghe, the JVP leader, said.

"The LTTE is also not accepting its role," he claimed, incorrectly - the LTTE has asked for the withdrawal of monitors from Nordic countries within the European Union, following the 25-nation bloc's proscription of the Tigers in May.

The JVP is to join Sri Lanka's ruling coalition, after talks currently under way to formulate a Common Minimum Programme (CMP), are concluded, the Sunday Times reported this week.

According to The Morning Leader weekly, the JVP has put two conditions for joining the government: first, annul the 1988 merger of the Northern and Eastern province (a province with a majority of Tamil-speakers); second, disarm the LTTE before recommencing talks with it.

The JVP was hopeful of obtaining its objectives, and towards this end, the talks with the President were being conducted in a "friendly manner", Amarasinghe was quoted as saying.

Press reports earlier this month had suggested the JVP had refused President Rajapaksa's offer to join the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) led government.

However the Sunday Times said government and JVP leaders have already had three rounds of talks so far to work out areas that

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