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An Open Letter from NESOHR

**To all people with Humanitarian/Human Rights concerns
about Northeast of Sri Lanka:**

Over the last six to seven weeks atrocities by the Sri Lankan armed forces and paramilitaries against civilians in Northeast have escalated to alarming levels. Due to staff shortage and reasons of security of the NESOHR field officers, we have not been able to visit the affected families and obtain their complaints directly from them.

Our field staff in Jaffna, however, has visited the family of a woman who was raped and killed on 16 December 2005. We have issued a report on this. As you may already know, our senior founding member Mr Joseph Pararajasingam was murdered in Batticaloa on 25 December 2005 by paramilitaries inside a church. Witnesses have said that large number of Sri Lankan military was stationed outside of the church until the shooting occurred.

There are other violations, which include attacks on peaceful protest on the university community in Jaffna during the month of December 2005, the burning of four members of a family in Pesalai in Mannar on 23 December 2005, and the shooting and killing of five high school students in Trincomalee on 2 January 2006, that we have confirmed through our field staff.

We have collated some of the human rights violations as reported in the local media. According to this statistics Sri Lankan armed forces so far have been responsible for at least 45 deaths and more than 100 disappearances and innumerable shooting/beating and injuring of civilians who were going about their daily lives. A table of what we have collated is included below.

It is alarming that this is happening in the presence of the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission and other international NGO staff. It is also disheartening and tragic that the international community has not realized that the Sri Lankan armed forces must be withdrawn from the residential areas in Northeast in order to secure lasting human rights for the people of Northeast.

We appeal to you to take all possible actions to bring an end to the atrocities of the Sri Lankan armed forces in Northeast.

Sincerely,
Dr N Malathy (NESOHR Secretary)

Killing of Civilians Reported in the Local Media of Northeast from 20 Nov 2005 to 9 Jan 2006

Killing of Civilians	Name of Victim	Date of Killing	Violation type	Offender	Location of incident	District	Gender	Age	Occupation	Residence
001	Tharshini Iliyathambi	17-Dec-05	Killing after rape	SL Navy	Pungudithivu	Jaffna	F	20		
002	Krishnan Nimalleswaran	24-Dec-05	Bodies of five persons found near Jaffna Fort with severe beating injuries	SL Army	Jaffna Fort	Jaffna	M	31	Security guard	
003	Balasingam Chandrakanthan						M	24	Mechanic	
004	Somasundaram Parameswari						F	26		Kilinochchi
005	Thirunavukarasu Jeyakanthan						M	26		Pallai
006	Ratnakumar Gunasekar						M	19		Kanagaraiyankulam
007	Vinotharan Thevarasa	3-Jan-06	Claymore	Unidentified	Valaiyankattu	Vavuniya	M			
008	Kunam Thanus	5-Jan-06	Grenade	Unidentified	Valaichenai	Batti	M	22		
009	2 civilians	9-Jan-06	Grenade	SL Army	Killiveddy	Trinco	M			
010	Emmanuel Cruz	23-Dec-05	Pesalai Mannat Burning of 4 civilians including a 4 year old child by setting fire	SL Army	Pesalai	Mannar	M	38		45, Victoria 100 House Scheme
011	Antoniamma Cruz						F	38		
012	Therese (alias Suganthy)						F	40		
013	Dilexan						M	4		

Killing of Civilians	Name of Victim	Date of Killing	Violation type	Offender	Location of incident	District	Gender	Age	Occupation	Residence
014	Kunaratnam Krishnakumar	1-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Near Aathiya Hindu College	Jaffna	M	34		
015	Sinnaya Sivaharan	1-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Near Aathiya Hindu College	Jaffna	M	24		
016	Yogarasa Yogeswari	7-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Home	Amp	F	24		
017	Thurairasa Vathani	7-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Home	Amp	F	18		
018	Jeeva Chandrasekaran	9-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Valachenai	Batti	M	25		
019	Sasikumar Krishnapillai	9-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Valachenai	Batti	M	31		
020	Krishnan Navaratnam	22-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Thinnakural press office	Jaffna	M	51		
021	Mohanravi	24-Dec-05	Shot	SL Army	Achchuvveli	Jaffna	M	48		
022	Marian Vijayarajah	24-Dec-05	Shot	SL Army	Achchuvveli	Jaffna	M	25		
023	Joseph Pararajasingam	25-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Batticaloa town	Batti	M	71	MP, human rights activist	
024	Yogarajah Gajendran	28-Dec-05	Shot	SL Army	Mutturai junction	Jaffna	M		Driver	
025	Paramsothy Theepan	28-Dec-05	Shot	SL Army	Mutturai junction	Jaffna	M		Driver	
026		29-Dec-05	Shot	SL Army	Koddikamam	Jaffna	M	16		
027	Yogalingam Jeyaseelan	31-Dec-05	Shot	Unidentified	Urumpirai	Jaffna	M			

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028	Logitharajah Rohan	2-Jan-06	Trincomalee shooting of five students through their ears while they were forced to lie down	SL Army	Trincomalee Fort	Trinco	M		student	
029	Thangathurai Sarvanantha						M		student	
030	Shanmugarajah Sajentheran						M		student	
031	Yogarajah Hemachchandran						M		student	
032	Manoharan Rajiheran						M		student	
033	Sellathamby Visagaratnam	2-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Amman temple, Kiran	Batti	M	55	Hindu priest	
034	Balenthiran	3-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Wellawatte	Colo	M		Businessman	
035	Sepamalai Victoria	3-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Sethukudda	Batti	F	32		
036	Kankesan Sivasesan	3-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Kayts, Home	Kayts	M	30		
037	Rasaratnam Kuganenthiran	5-Jan-06	Shot	SL Army	Puththukkulam	Batti	M	24		
038	Thangarajah Pradeeshkumar	5-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Uduvil	Jaffna	M	32		
039	Iyathurai Baskeran	6-Jan-06	Shot	Paramilitary	Katkovalam	Jaffna	M	27		Kudathanai Vadamaradchy
040	Kennedy	7-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Jaffna Hospital	Jaffna	M			
041	Kandasamy Shanmuganathan	8-Jan-06	Shot	SL Army	Pathini Temple in Eravur	Batti	M	31		
042	Pancharatnam Pranavan	10-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Aadiyapatham Rd	Jaffna	M	24		
043	Ariyaratnam Kanagarasa	24-Dec-05	Stabbed	SL Army	Punnalaikaddu van	Jaffna	M			
044	Thabendran Mathan	5-Jan-06	Stabbed	Paramilitary	Vadamaradchi	Jaffna	M	28	Urban Council	
045	Mahenthiran Kumutha	6-Jan-06	Stabbed		Sinna Urany	Batti	F	28	Clerk, Irrigation Dept	

Disappearance/Abduction of Civilians Reported in the Local Media of Northeast from 20 Nov 2005 to 9 Jan 2006

Disappearance / Abduction of civilians	Name of Victim	Date	Disappearance/ Abduction	Offender	Location of incident	District	Gender	Age	Occupation	Residence
01	Pulendran Nagendran		Disappearance,	SL Army	Point Pedro	Jaffna	M	23		Nelliady, Karaveddi
02	Yogarasa Suresh	14-Dec-05	Disappearance	SL Army	Koddikamam	Jaffna	M	20		
03	Jeyaraj Terrance	28-Dec-05	Disappearance		at sea	Mannar	M			
04	Shanmugam Govindan	28-Dec-05	Disappearance		at sea	Mannar	M			
05	25 civilians	31-Dec-05	Number of complaints received by Jaffna branch of Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission as at Dec 31			Jaffna				
06	Kumarasamy Mahendiran	31-Dec-05	Disappearance		Thirunelveli	Jaffna	M			
07	Markandu Ilankeswaran	31-Dec-05	Disappearance		Avarankal		M		fisherman	
08	Sachithanandan Siththirika	31-Dec-05	Disappearance			Vavuniya	F			
09	Rasaratnam Thevachandran	3-Jan-06	Disappearance		Nelliady	Jaffna	M	29	Education Director	
10	Markandu Thiruneelan	8-Jan-06	Disappearance,	SL Army	Point Pedro	Jaffna	M	18		Nellandai, Thumpalai

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11	Tharmarajah Kugathas	8-Jan-06	Disappearance,	SL Army	Point Pedro	Jaffna	M	31		Thumpalai
11	Somasundaram Santhakumar	8-Jan-06	Disappearance,	SL Army	Point Pedro	Jaffna	M	28		Point Pedro
12	George Ramodi	8-Jan-06	Disappearance,	SL Army	Point Pedro	Jaffna	M	41		3rd Cross Street, Point Pedro
13	Pakiyanathan Kamalakannan	8-Jan-06	Disappearance,	SL Army	Point Pedro	Jaffna	M	25		Point Pedro
14	Pathmanathan Manoharan	8-Jan-06	Disappearance,	SL Army	Point Pedro	Jaffna	M	31		Point Pedro
15	Hamilton Mariaseelan	9-Jan-06	Abduction	SL Army	Ilavalai	Jaffna	M	29		
16	Balakrishnan Rajivmohan	9-Jan-06	Abduction	SL Army	Ilavalai	Jaffna	M	21		

Injuries Caused to Civilians Reported in the Local Media of Northeast from 20 Nov 2005 to 9 Jan 2006

	Affected party	Date	Violation type	Offender	Location of incident	District	Gender	Age	Occupation
01	Thavakumar	21-Nov-05	Shot	SL Police	Thirunaveli	Jaffna	M		Lorry driver
02	Kuberan	2-Dec-05	Shot	SL Army	Meesalai	Jaffna	M		
03	Baby of Yogeswari	7-Dec-05	Shot	Paramilitary	Home	Amp	F	2	
04	Parajasingam Kokularajah	2-Jan-06	Shot	SL Army	Trincomalee Fort	Trinco	M		student
05	Yogarajah Poongulalan	2-Jan-06	Shot	SL Army	Trincomalee Fort	Trinco	M		student
06	1 civilian-student	2-Jan-06	Shot	SL Army	Trincomalee Fort	Trinco	M		student
07	1 civilian-student	2-Jan-06	Shot	SL Army	Trincomalee Fort	Trinco	M		student
08	Vadivel Manokaran	3-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Sethukudda	Batti	M	40	
09	Rasaratnam Kandeepan	4-Jan-06	Shot	SL Army	Jaffna town	Jaffna	M	25	
10	Poolokasundaram Selvakrishnar	4-Jan-06	Shot	SL Army	Jaffna town	Jaffna	M	30	
11	Mathanraj	5-Jan-06	Grenade	Unidentified	Valaichenai	Batti	M	20	
12	Sarathkumar	5-Jan-06	Grenade	Unidentified	Valaichenai	Batti	M	20	
13	Kala	5-Jan-06	Grenade	Unidentified	Valaichenai	Batti	M	58	
14	1 woman	5-Jan-06	Grenade	Unidentified	Abeyapura	Trinco	F		
15	Sivaraja Jesipan	7-Jan-06	Grenade	SL Army	Navalady in Alvai	Jaffna	M	13	student
16	Ratnam Karunakaran	9-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Piscal Junction, Akkaraipattu	Batti	M	32	Corn vendor
17	Aiyathurai Sujeevan	9-Jan-06	Shot	Unidentified	Mirusuvi	Jaffna	M	24	

**Cordon & Search followed by arrest of Civilians Reported in the Local Media of Northeast
from 20 Nov 2005 to 9 Jan 2006**

	Affected party	Date	Offender	Location of incident	District	Occupation	Residence
001	Jeyaseelan	20-Nov-05	SL Navy	Delft Island	Jaffna	Employee, DS	
002	Soodi	20-Nov-05	SL Navy	Delft Island	Jaffna	university student	
003	Ilapiraiyan	20-Dec-05	SL Army	Jaffna University	Jaffna	Lecturer	
004	Gowri Senthuran	20-Dec-05	SL Army	Jaffna University	Jaffna	Student	
005	3 civilians arrested	23-Dec-05	SL Army	Perunkulam	Jaffna		
006	4 civilians arrested	26-Dec-05	SL Army	Sangathanai	Jaffna		
007	53 civilians	31-Dec-05	SL Army	Colo	Colo		
008	Thayanithy Tharmalingam	6-Jan-06	Police	Puttalam			Sivasuntharam Road Vaddakachchi, Kilinochchi,
009	Kunam Jaliny	6-Jan-06	Police	Puttalam			Kachchan Road Vaddakachi Kilinochchi,
010	Muthaya Yogarajan	6-Jan-06	Police	Puttalam			Trincomalee
011	Sriranjan Kapilaraj	6-Jan-06	Police	Puttalam			Chunnakam
012	Eilankainathan Tharshan	6-Jan-06	Police	Puttalam			Nallur
013	Govintharaja Satheeskumar	6-Jan-06	Police	Puttalam			Mankullam, Mullaitivu
014	Kunasingam Srisuntharam	6-Jan-06	Police	Puttalam			Colombo
015	23 Tamil youths	6-Jan-06	Police	Puttalam			
016	10 youths	6-Jan-06	SL Army	Uppukulam	Mannar		
017	27 people	13-Dec-05	SL Army	Point Pedro area	Jaffna		