



LTTE Peace Secretariat News Bulletin



“LTTE will only talk of the smooth implementation of the CFA,”

Dr. Anton Balasingham, Chief negotiator of the LTTE, said that they will only talk of the smooth implementation of the CFA, when he addressed the reporters in separate press conferences followed by the meeting between the Norwegian International Development Minister, Mr. Erik Solheim and the Tamil National leader, Mr. Vellupillai Pirabakaran on 25th of January 2005. Adding that Dr. Balasingham



said, “The present escalation of violence arises as a consequence of the failure of security forces to implement the terms and conditions of the ceasefire. Only with the stabilization of the ceasefire agreement we can sit peacefully for further negotiations.”

Excerpts from statement made by Dr. Balasingham at the press conference that followed the meeting is as follows.

“On the request of the Norwegian peace negotiators, the LTTE leadership has agreed to participate in the peace talks to be held in Geneva. We have also agreed to commence the peace talks sometime in the middle of February. We could not fix the date yet because other modalities have to be worked out, but we want to have the peace talks as early as possible.”

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Is Geneva a turning point? Core theme not to be missed

The date: 2003 Jan 06. The place: Batticaloa. The occasion: A meeting between the delegation from the Sri Lankan Armed Forces and the LTTE.

“The Sri Lankan army should supervise the activities of the paramilitary groups and keep them under control. Recent incidents in Batticaloa appear to be aimed at casting aspersions on us and confounding the peace process. Agent provocateurs have been attempting to derail the peace process in the east by instigating violence against communities in Valaichenai, Mutur and Akkaraippattu and by staging abduction dramas” – LTTE delegate.

“We want to build on the understanding that has developed between us and the Sri Lankan armed forces. By doing this we also want to dispel apprehensions among our people about the future of the peace process” – Mr. Koushalyan, Head of Batticaloa-Amparai LTTE Political Division.

LTTE leaders made these statements after their meeting with the SLA delegation that included among others, Commander of the Batticaloa's 23-3 Brigade, Superintendent of Police, Head of the Special Task Force.

Reading through the sentiments expressed by Mr.Koushalyan, one cannot help crying aloud that such a wonderful optimistic leader with an unflinching and sincere

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LTTE carder killed by SLA in Batticaloa

“The attack on LTTE cadres within 24 hours of the much publicized agreement between the LTTE and the Government of Sri Lanka, facilitated by Norwegian Minister Eric Solheim, to hold talks in Geneva does not bode well for building of trust between the parties before talks. Despite the gesture of goodwill already expressed by the LTTE, with the release of a policeman in our custody, the attack on our cadres in the East continues with mortar fire from the SLA base.” - LTTE

“SLMM should exercise its CFA mandate”

-Tamilselvan on increasing violence

17 January 2006

“Our leadership is deeply shocked and wishes to express its concern over the attack on the SLMM in Batticaloa and would urge SLMM to exercise more care and become vocal in its exposure of the elements responsible for this type of dastardly acts that are planned on a political agenda to do away with the presence of SLMM” said Mr.S.P.Tamilselvan in a meeting with the Head of the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM) on 17 January 2006 at the Peace Secretariat in Kilinochchi.

At the outset Mr.Hagrup Haukland expressed deep concern over the accelerating pace of violence and killings and asked of Mr.Tamilselvan to suggest ways and means of curbing violence. Tracing the sequential pattern of violence, Mr.Tamilselvan recalled the Tamil uprisings commencing July 2005 wherein the Tamil people expressed in very frustration and fulfilment by the obligations to bring about two decades of war and cease fire. These Mr.Tamilselvan said, were military in the most the civilian population into creating a political vacuum military occupied areas of political work due to life and its ‘kept’ armed



clear terms their sense of hopelessness due to non-government of the various normalcy in their life after three and a half years of peaceful demonstrations, responded by the occupying dreadful manner, pushing a state of anger and by the withdrawal from LTTE members engaged in threats by both the military groups.

Touching on the current exodus of large number of families from the military occupied areas, Mr.Tamilselvan referred to the killing of a family in Manipay yesterday by an armed group consisting mostly of SLA personnel, and reiterated the necessity for the SLMM to exercise its mandate vis-à-vis the government’s obligations to provide normal life to the people without the threatening omnipresence of military and arbitrary occupation of peoples’ habitats.

In another meeting earlier in the day Mr.Hans Bratskar, H.E. The Ambassador for Norway had brief discussions with Mr.Tamilselvan on the visit next week of Mr.Erik Solheim, Norway’s Minister for International Development who is scheduled to meet with the LTTE leadership to work out modalities on the proposed Government – LTTE meeting on the implementation of the Cease Fire Agreement (CFA).

Representatives of the INGOs meet LTTE

Representatives of the International Non-Governmental Organizations in Wanni met with LTTE representatives at the Planning and Development Secretariat (PDS) in Kilinochchi on 13th January, 2006. Mr. S. Thankan, Deputy Leader of the LTTE Political Wing chaired the meeting.



The meeting discussed the rehabilitation work for the people who have been displacing from military occupied areas due to the tension after the increasing violence against the Tamil civilian by the Sri Lankan armed forces.

Along with Mr. Thankan, Mr. Ranjan, Director of the Planning and Development Secretariat, Mr. Lawrence, Program officer of TRO, and Mr. Thiyagarajah, INGO Co-ordinator of LTTE took part in the discussions.

Five Tamil students killed by SL Special Forces in Trincomalee

03 January 2006

Five high school students, all under the age of 20, were shot through their ears and killed on 2nd of January 2006. The students, from Trincomalee Sri Koneswara Hindu College and St. Joseph's College, were as usual spending an evening at the popular family seaside location, near the seaside junction of Koneswara Road and Dockyard Road. Some of the students' parents were



also with them. As they were standing with friends and family, a grenade was lobbed from an auto that drove past them. Witnesses said after the grenade attack on the students, the auto drove toward the Trincomalee Fort, where a Sri Lankan Army (SLA) camp is situated.

A statement from Yoharajah Poongulalan, a witness, revealed that after the grenade attack, Sri Lankan military's Special Forces arrived in two minutes and arrested several students who were at the seaside at 6:15 pm.

SLMM visited the scene for further investigation and have confirmed the killings.

The students who were killed are: Logitharaja Rohan, Thankathurai Sarvanantha, Sanmugaraja Sajenthiran, Yoharaja Hemachandran and Manoharan Rajeeharan.

LTTE member and a Tamil Nationalist killed in Claymore attack by the SLA

Major Jeyanathan, Vavuniya West LTTE Political Head and Mr. Vinotharan Thevarasa, a Tamil Nationalist were killed in a Claymore attack at Valaiyankattu, in Mullikkulam in Vavuniya District on 3rd of January 2006.

The Claymore mine went off when they were travelling on a motorbike around 4.00 pm. Sri Lankan Army's deep penetration team was allegedly behind this Claymore attack, which killed Mr. Jeyanathan, a disabled cadre and the Nationalist.



Three more Tamil civilians murdered

One civilian in Colombo and two civilians in Batticaloa were killed by unidentified attackers on 1st and 2nd of January 2006. Although investigations are being conducted by police in all three incidents, the attackers have not been identified.

Businessman shot and killed in Wellawatte:

Mr Balenthiran, a Tamil businessman, was shot near Rolex Bakery in Wellawatte, Colombo Tuesday night. After being admitted to Colombo National Hospital, he died early 4th January 2006. It was reported that the gunmen shot Mr Balenthiran from a moving white van and drove away. Mr Balenthiran is a father of two children and owns Atlas Travels, which provides travel services between Colombo and Jaffna. This Atlas bus services is a popular service and is used frequently among travelers between Colombo and Jaffna.

Husband and wife attacked in Sethukkuda :Earlier on 4th January 2006 in Batticaloa, a gunmen opened fire at Mrs Sepamalai Victoria (32) and her husband Mr Vadivel Manokaran (40) as they were standing outside of their home in Sethukkuda. Mrs Sepamalai was instantly killed and Mr Vadivel was seriously injured and remains in critical condition at Batticaloa Hospital.

Hindu priest killed in Valaichenai

04 January 2006

On 4th January 2006 night, the Chief Hindu priest, Sellathamby Visagaratnam (55), of the Santhively Kannagi Amman temple was shot dead by gunmen as he was sleeping in his hut. The shooting took place in Alaiyadycholai in Kiran Valaichenai. His body is at Chenkaladay Hospital for postmortem examinations

SLA atrocities continue in Northeast unabated

Shooting and killing in Jaffna :Kankesan Sivanesan (30) was shot dead in Karamban Jaffna by two unidentified persons. The shooting took place on 3rd January 2006 at 7:45 pm when the deceased was standing in front of his home. He was a former member of EPDP who later joined and left the LTTE.

Shooting and injuring in Jaffna :On 3rd January 2 at 11:30 am, two young men who were traveling by motorbike were shot by the Sri Lankan Army (SLA) at Ainthusanthi Junction in Jaffna. Poologasundaram Selvakrishnan (30) from Navanthurai and Rasaratnam Kandeepan (25) from Urumpirai were the two men injured by the shooting. Witnesses said that when the injured men fell on the ground, the SLA soldiers surrounded them and beat them relentlessly. Civilians later took the two men to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital where one of the men is in critical condition.

Continuing killing of civilians by the SLA and paramilitaries in the Northeast

06 January 2006

Valaichenai: One man was killed and three men were injured by a grenade attack in Valaichenai on 5th January 2006 at about 8:00 pm. Unidentified men forcefully entered a tailor shop in front of Valaichenai Hindu College and threw the grenade inside. Kunam Danush (22) was killed immediately. Mathanraj (20), Sarathkumar (20) and Kala (58) were seriously wounded and were rushed to Valaichenai Hospital. They were later sent to Batticaloa Hospital for further treatment.

Vadamarachchi: The body of Thabenthiran Mathan (28) was found on Thumpalai Road in Point Pedro with severe stab wounds on 5th January 2006 night. Residents in the area said they knew Mathan had submitted complaints to SLMM about death threats that he received from a paramilitary group and they suspect the paramilitary group was responsible for this murder.

Mathan is a father of two children and was an employee at the Point Pedro Urban Council.

Valigamam: Thangarajah Pratheeshkumar (32) was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen in outside of his home in Uduvil on 5th January 2006 at about 10:00 pm. Pratheeshkumar's home is near a large Sri Lanka Army (SLA) camp located near the border of the High Security Zone area. Residents said the gunmen escaped from his home immediately after the incident. Pratheeshkumar's body was taken to Jaffna Teaching Hospital for postmortem examination.

Kiran: A father of a one-year-old baby, Rasaratnam Kugenthiran, was killed in Korakallimadu on 5th January 2006 morning by Sri Lankan Army (SLA) January 2006 who was patrolling the area at that time. SLA has said that Kugenthiran had a grenade in his hand and that is why they shot at him.

Five civilians disappeared in Northeast

06 January 2006

After reporting disappearances to Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission, families of five civilians wait for the return of their family members.

Thirunelveli: Kumarasamy Mahendiran left his house in Thirunelveli in Jaffna on 31 December 2005 around 7:30 am on his motorbike. He has not returned home.

Avarankal: Markandu Ilankeswaran, father of three children, left home on 31 December 2005, for his job as a fisherman. He never returned home.

Kodikamam: Following a SLA cordon and search operation in Kodikamam, Point Pedro area on 14th December 2005, Yogarasa Suresh (20), has been missing.

Nelliadi: A Director of a well-known private educational institution, Rasaratnam Thevachandran, went to see builders to repair a building in his institution 3rd January 2006. He has not been seen since then. He is a father of two children.

Vavuniya: A young woman, Sachithanandan Siththirika, has been missing since 31 December 2005. Her parents have issued a complaint to the Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission. No other information about her disappearance has been given.

Complaints about all five of these disappearances have been lodged with January 2006 the Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission.

SLA claymore attack kills two LTTE members in Trincomalee.

Captain Suman (Vensumin Anpurasa) of Trincomalee and Lt. Umainsan (Perinaparasa Sasitharan) of Muttur were killed on 6th January 2006 in a Sri Lankan Army (SLA) claymore attack on Friday around 2:00 am. Capt. Suman and Umainsan were walking through the Thambalakamam jungle of the LTTE administered area when the claymore explosion hit them. The attack was set up by the SLA's Deep Penetration Unit. Mr Elilan, the Trincomalee Political Head for the LTTE, confirmed the incident.

Civilians Killed in Northeast by SLA's firing

09 January 2006

Batticaloa: A civilian was shot and killed by the SLA at Thevapuram in the Batticaloa. Kanthasamy Sanmuganathan (32) was shot and killed on his way to the shops by the SLA from Siththandi Camp during their patrol in the Batticaloa-Valaichenai road.

The SLA alleged they shot him while he was trying to throw a grenade at them. But people at the scene say, the SLA placed a small gun near Kanthasamy Sanmuganathan's body and photographed and videoed the body with the small gun.

This was the second incident of this SLA patrol killing civilians during their patrol. A 24 years old fisherman was shot and killed by the same army patrol last week.

Jaffna: January 2006 In another incident a bakery owner was killed in the High Security Zone of Point Pedro

town. The victim was Sinnaiah Rasaiah (41), living near an SLA Brigade Head Quarters.

Jaffna shooting and abductions of civilians continue

10 January

Shot and killed: Pancharatnam Pranavan (24) of Thirunelveli Jaffna was shot and killed by two unidentified men on motorbikes around 2.00 pm on Monday 9th January 2006.

Pranavan received a call on his mobile phone asking him to meet them in town. Pranavan left his home in Adiyapatham road in Thirunelveli and was traveling on this road. He was shot by two people on a motorbike in front of the video hiring outlet, Kalaiyaham, on the same road. He died on the spot.

His body was taken to the Jaffna teaching hospital for postmortem.

Abduction: Hamilton Mariyaseelan (29) was abducted from his home at night on Monday.

Unidentified persons holding guns and their faces covered with black clothes entered the home of Mariyaseelan in Vaddappulam in Ilavalai in Jaffna on 9th January 2006 night while the occupants were asleep. They demanded that they need to search the home and asked all the occupants to stand outside.

When the gunmen saw Mariyaseelan, they said that they actually came looking for him and abducted him. When Mariyaseelan's wife screamed they threatened her not to shout. They also told her that he will be released after an inquiry.

Shot and injured: Iyathurai Sujeevan (24) of Mirusuvil in Jaffna was shot and seriously injured on Monday 9th in front of the printing press office in Kodikamam in Jaffna where Sujeevan works.

Two men on motorbike called Sujeevan to come out and talk. When Sujeevan came out they shot him and escaped. Sujeevan was taken to the hospital and he was admitted there for treatment.

SLA abducts Tamil youth from home, assaults family

11 January 2006

Balakrishnan Rajeevmohan (21) was abducted from his home in Elavalai, Jaffna by the Sri Lankan Army (SLA). Up to seven persons disguised by black balaclava jumped over a locked gate into the property of Rajeevmohan's home around 1:00 am on



Tuesday 10th of January 2006. The men knocked on all of the windows, shone their flashlights into the home and demanded the occupants of the house to open the door.

When the occupants opened the door, the invaders grabbed Rajeevmohan. His mother screamed and the SLA soldiers held her at gunpoint and threatened to shoot her. They also hit an older relative of Rajeevmohan.

SLA atrocities continue

11 January 2006

Shooting and killing in Chavakchcheri: The Sri Lankan Army (SLA) shot and killed a young man, T Sivashankar (25), in Chavakchcheri on Dutch Road on Tuesday 10th January around 5:45 pm. Sivashankar, from Meesalai was an owner of a clothes shop. He had just closed his shop and was returning home when SLA soldiers shot and killed him. He was shot in his head and stomach.

Three SLA abductions in one village in one night: In the early hours of Tuesday morning on 10th January, three people of three different homes in Ilavalai were abducted in the same manner. Abductors had black balaclava covering their faces and were armed with guns. The abductors who entered the homes were able to speak Tamil, but there were several Sri Lankan Army (SLA) soldiers outside house who spoke in Sinhala. The abductors and SLA soldiers drove away with the victims in several vehicles, one of which was a white van.

The families of the three abducted complained to SLMM and Ilavalai police. The families also went to all of the nearby military camps to report the abductions. Military officials at the camps told the families that there were no arrests of anyone by the names of the victims. Two of the three men abducted, Mariyaseelan and Rajeevmohan, were already reported in this website.

Sebastianpillai Philipruban was the third person who had been abducted.

Shooting and killings of Tamil civilians continues

12 January 2006

A three wheeler driver was shot dead in front of the Jaffna Hindu primary school around 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th 2006. The victim was identified as Mr. Pasupathy Palani from Kalasalai road, Thirunelvely. The gunshot wounds were found in his chest, forehead and eyes.

Samurthi officer of the Thenmaradchi Divisional Secretariat Ms. Kanapathippillai Pavalarany was found shot dead near Madduvil Panriththalaichchi Amman

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temple. She was taken by gunmen from her house in Thoppu, Madduvil north.

In another incident in Putur, a civilian was shot and killed. Thampu Nadesu (50), a father of three children was taken for investigation by gunmen wearing SLA uniform around 11.45 pm, 10 January. Mr. Thampu Nadesu was tailor shop owner in Putur junction. He was found dead in the bush in Siruppiddy Madaththady area, severely beaten and with gunshot wounds.

Two Halo Trust Demining workers abducted by SLA

12 January 2006

On 11th January 2006, at 5.30 am Narayanamoorthy Kandeepan (30) and N Tharmasri (28) received calls asking them to report to work. Both men worked for the Halo Trust Demining service in Jaffna. The two men left for work as usual.



A few hours later a young person in the neighbourhood brought the National Identity Cards and some photos belonging to the men to their home which she had found on the road. Alarmed by this, the family started investigating. Witnesses have told the family that they saw the two men stopped by the Sri Lankan Army soldiers on the road.



According to the witnesses, a scuffle had broken out on the road when the two men resisted being put in a white van by the Sri Lankan soldiers. The men's belongings had dropped on the road during the scuffle. The men were driven away in the white van.

The two men belonged to the same family and they lived on the Power Station Road in Odakkarai in Point Pedro.

SLA harassment of Jaffna University students borders psychological torture

12 January 2006

Jaffna University students returning to Jaffna on Wednesday 11th January 2006, through the SLA's Muhamalai checkpoint, from a student meeting in Pallai was detained for long hours and subjected to intensive interrogation bordering on to psychological torture. As a result, many students chose not to pass through the check point and thus miss their lectures.

Jaffna University students held their meeting to discuss the threats and problems they are facing due to the SLA actions. They held the meeting in Pallai rather than in Jaffna exactly for the same reason. After the meeting they were returning back to Jaffna for their lectures through the SLA checkpoint at Muhamalai.

When the students began to pass through the checkpoint, the SLA held them for several hours, and insisted that they tell them what was discussed in their meeting. The questioning and interrogation was harsh and long and bordered on psychological torture. Many students standing in line, waiting to pass through the checkpoint, saw this torture and decided not to pass through the check point and instead returned back to Pallai.

Representatives of the INGOs meet LTTE

13 January 2006

Representatives of the INGOs in Vanni met with LTTE representatives at the Planning and Development Secretariat in Kilinochchi on 13th January. Mr. S. Thankan, Deputy Leader of the LTTE Political Wing chaired the meeting.

The meeting discussed the rehabilitation work for the people who have been displacing from GoSL controlled area due to the violent activities of the SLA.

Along with Mr. Thankan, Mr. Ranjan, Director of the Planning and Development Secretariat, Mr. Lawrence, Program officer of TRO, and Mr. Thiyagarajah, INGO Co-ordinator of LTTE took part in the discussions.

SLA attacks civilians in Jaffna and Trincomalee; 3 dead and 6 injured

13 January 2006

The Sri Lankan Army (SLA) killed three civilians and injured six in four separate retaliatory attacks in Jaffna and Trincomalee on 11th and 12th January 2006. In some cases, the SLA tried to cover up the deaths by claiming the civilians died of grenade explosions, when it was clear they were shot.

Two civilians shot dead in Jaffna: Kanapathy Murugesu (69) was shot dead by a Sri Lanka Army (SLA) soldiers near Odakkarai Lane, in Point Pedro on Thursday 12th around 1.00 pm. Murugesu, a retired postal worker, is from Thunnalai North, Karaveddy, and was riding his bicycle after collecting his pension when he was shot and killed. His body was taken to Point Pedro General Hospital for postmortem examinations.

Pasupathy Palani, father of two, was shot and killed by SLA after a grenade exploded nearby on KKS Road in Kokkuvil on Wednesday 11th around 7.00 pm. The SLA attempted to blame the killing on the grenade explosion, when it was later revealed at the hospital that Palani was killed by gunshots.

One civilian beaten to death in Trincomalee:

S Thanabalasingam (40) was beaten to death by a group of SLA soldiers Lingapuram in Seruvila division on Wednesday morning. Thanabalasingam, a farmer, was in

his paddy fields when SLA soldiers from a nearby camp began beating him to death.

When villagers came to know of this killing, they began protesting in front of the SLA camp in the area, and afterward SLMM visited the site.

Six civilians injured by SLA open gunfire in Jaffna:

Following grenade explosions at two separate junctions in Jaffna, the SLA began opening fire in every direction, injuring six civilians and a few armed forces on Thursday morning. The first grenade explosion took place at Parameswara junction on Palaly Road when unidentified gunmen threw a grenade at a military checkpoint around 11.00 am. The SLA opened fire in retaliation, injuring Nageswari Suganthini (28) from Kokkuvil, Visuvanathar Kathirgamalingam (60) a frequent volunteer at a village temple, Murugesu Suntharalingam, a traveler from Karainagar and Tharmalingam Rajakumar (16). The second grenade attack took place at Thaddatheru junction on the KKS road, around 11.10 am. Kuttithamby Kanagaratnam (67) was wounded by shrapnel. SLA's subsequent random fire injured N Satchithanathan (71) who lives near Jaffna Hindu College

Continuing atrocities of the SLA in Jaffna

14 January 2006

Following grenade attacks on the Sri Lankan Army (SLA) in Irupalai, Thirunelveli, Palamsanthi, Mallakam, and Kulapuddi, on Friday 13th January 2006, the SLA attacked civilians.

The SLA opened fire on travelers along Adiyapatham Road following a grenade attack on Friday morning at 11:50 am. Paramanathan Ratheeswaran (21) and A Anushan (21) were traveling on a motorbike when they were hit by bullets. The SLA detained them for some time even though the injured men needed medical attention. Eventually they were released.

Another grenade attack occurred in Kokkuvil-Kollapiddi junction on Friday at 11:00 am. The SLA immediately launched a cordon and search operation. No one appears to have been arrested.

On Friday at 4:00 pm unidentified gunmen opened fire on soldiers who were on duty in Mallakam. One SLA soldier was killed. The shooting occurred near Visalaachchi School on KKS Road. SLA soldiers retaliated and fired randomly and as a result, the travelers on the street ran in all directions. Tension prevailed in the area for some time. No civilians were reported injured.

A grenade attack took place on Jaffna-Point Pedro Road near Iravalai junction on Friday at 4:45pm. The attack was followed by gunfire. Travelers in the area came under the

retaliatory attacks of the SLA. Shops were closed and people quickly left the area.

Two LTTE members killed in Trincomalee

14 January 2006

On 13 January 2006 around 5:10 pm, 50 Sri Lankan Army (SLA) soldiers entered, Thiagavanam, an area under LTTE control in Trincomalee. The soldiers entered an LTTE camp and conducted an attack on the Forward Defense Line (FDL). LTTE fought back and the SLA soldiers withdrew. During this attack, LTTE members, Lt. Kumuthan/Natcheliyan and 2nd Lt. Yaso were killed.

The above attack carried out by the SLA inside the LTTE controlled area is a blatant violation of the CFA. The LTTE Peace Secretariat has lodged a complaint to the head of SLMM. In the letter LTTE requested SLMM to take necessary actions to prevent further attacks of this nature.

Grenade explodes in Tamil family's home on Thai Pongal Day in Trincomalee

15 January 2006

A Tamil family of four was severely wounded in their home when an unidentified attacker threw a grenade into their verandah on Saturday 14th evening. Sri Lankan Army (SLA) security posts are located near the house.

Following Thai Pongal celebrations, parents and their two children were watching television when the grenade exploded in their home in Gandhinagar, Trincomalee. The house is between the villages of Anbuvalipuram and Abeyapura, and close to the Trincomalee-Kandy highway. The home of the injured is part of a Trincomalee Urban Council quarter's complex.

One witness, a resident who was waiting near the house for his friend, stated that two youth in blue shirts arrived at the home on a motorbike. The witness said the youth told the man to leave the area and when the man refused to, they pushed him to the ground. Then the youth threw the grenade at the house and escaped to the nearest Sri Lankan military security post, which is 50 metres away. Immediately after the grenade exploded, the family cried for help, but the police or the Sri Lankan Navy located near their home did not respond.

After hearing about the grenade attack, the neighbors, started to walk to the home to help the wounded family, but were chased away by the Sri Lankan Navy, who eventually arrived at the scene.

Ms Rajeswary, a dispenser in the Urban Council Ayurveda Dispensary, her husband and their two children were treated at Trincomalee General Hospital for serious injuries. SLMM officials in Trincomalee visited the site for further investigation.

Total of seven Tamil civilians killed in Jaffna on Sunday

16 January 2006

Seven Tamil civilians were killed on Sunday 15th January 2006, in separate incidents that took place in Manipay, Nelliady, Thenmarachchi, Kayts and Kopay. Incidences of mindless targeted murders of Tamil civilians by paramilitaries assisted by the Sri Lankan Army (SLA) are on the increase in Jaffna.

Three women shot and killed in Manipay: A mother, Bojan Arthanageswary (51), and her two daughters, Bojan Renuka (30) and Bojan Shanuka (23) were shot dead in their home on Sunday night by paramilitaries. When the gunmen fired bullets in all directions in the house, the father Nagendran Bojan (55) and son Bojan



Ullasan (26) were hit and seriously injured. Their daughter Renuka is an actress who has performed in Tamil films in Northeast. Mr Bojan Senior worked as a head coordinator of Jaffna St John's Ambulance brigade.

Young man shot and killed in Nelliady: Navaratnarajah Jegatheeswaran (26) was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen who were on a motorbike on Nelliady-Kodikamam Road on Sunday morning. Mr Jagatheeswaran, from Rajakiramam in Karaveddy, was a Labourer who worked unloading cargo from lorries and was a father of four children.

Young man shot and killed in Thenmarachchi: Sellathurai Yogarajah (26) was shot and killed by the SLA while he was on his way to a Hindu temple in Kodikamam on Sunday morning. His body was found on Varani North Road near Suttipuram Amman temple in Kudamiyan. No further details are available.

Body of dead man found in Kayts: The body of Tharmarasan Tharmaseelan (37) was found with gunshot wounds 500 metres from a Sri Lankan Navy security post in Kayts town on Sunday morning. Residents said he was abducted and was missing since Saturday night. Residents said he was visiting a friend when the Sri Lankan Navy and paramilitaries entered

the home and abducted him. Mr Tharmarasan, from Pandaitharippu, was a motorbike mechanic and a father of five children.

Body of dead man found in Kopay: The body of Loganathan (50), a security guard, was found in the Divisional Secretariat office Sunday morning. After postmortem examination, medical sources said he died of a heart attack. Later, residents in the area revealed that SLA soldiers entered the Divisional Secretariat office on Saturday night, indicating that the soldiers may have caused the man to panic and have a heart attack. Loganathan is from Puttur East.

Violence against civilians continues in Northeast

18 January 2006

Killed Jaffna: Two civilians were shot and killed in Kaithady. Sithampari Kanesaratnam(46), a Saloon owner at Kaithady junction and his assistant Vishvar Krishnan(53) from Navatkuly east were shot and killed when they were returning home from their work on 16th January 2006.

This incident took place near Kaithady bridge. It is worth noting that there are SLA sentry points at Kaithady bridge and this killing could not have occurred without the knowledge of, and aiding and abetting by the SLA.

K. Murugan(35), father of 3 children from Navatkuly was shot and killed by gunmen on motorbike while he was working at a Koththu Rotty shop in Urumpirai.

Namasivayam Muralitharan(26) from Alvai was shot dead when he was traveling in a motorbike with his brother at Raja veethy in Kopay.

Killed in Trincomalee: Two civilians were killed by the Sri Lankan Navy (SLN) gunfire after the Claymore attack in Uppuveli, Trincomalee on 17th January. The civilians were identified as Sellathurai Selvarajah (23), a mason and from Selvanayagapuram. The other victim is around 60 years old was also from Selvanayagapuram. His relatives did not come to take the victims because there was a SLA search operation in Selvanayagapuram after the incident.

Injured in Trincomalee: Immediately after the explosion of a claymore mine in Uppuveli in Trincomalee on 17th January, SLN started a revenge attack and opened fire on the civilians who happened to be traveling. Six civilians were injured.

Thevatharsan(25), working in a shop was injured when grenade was thrown into the shop. The shop was damaged. This shop was located near the Trincomalee

police head office. Thevatharsan is being treated in Kandy hospital in critical condition.

SL Navy assaults six fishermen at Karainagar sea

19 January 2006

SL navy attacked and severely injured six fishermen at Karainagar sea early morning on 18th January 2006. Velupillai Rajaratnam(54), Somu Ulakeswaramurthy(46), Murukesu Kanthasamy(40), Supramaniam Yogeswaran(36), Apputhurai Kirupaharan(39) and Mahalingam Singarasa(26) have been and admitted in the Jaffna teaching hospital. Two of them were seriously wounded.

The fishermen explained the incident:

“We went for fishing about 10.00 pm on 17th January after obtaining permission as usual from the SLN sentry point, located at along the beach. Six of us went on 3 boats and anchored the boats to spread the net. We had lit the lamps in each boat according to the orders of the SLN. As we finished spreading the nets around 1.00 am SLN boats came towards us.

They hit our boats with their boats and damaged them. Then they pulled us into their boats and attacked us with iron pipes and clubs. As they assaulted us they repeatedly said, “Are you helping LTTE when we are dying?” Both arms Somu Ulakeswaramurthy’s were broken and Velupillai Rajaratnam’s one arm and a leg were broken in the SLN attack. They continued to attack us for more than half an hour and also damaged our nets. Then we were left in our boats. We were unable to bring ourselves ashore for more than five hours due to the pain we were suffering. Finally, we managed to drive our boats to the shore”.

11 civilians injured in a blanket assault by SLN in Trincomalee

20 January 2006

Eleven civilians were injured in the indiscriminate shooting in Trincomalee on 19th January 2006. SLN entered the shops, saloon and fruit shop and assaulted the people indiscriminately. The SLN attack took place after a grenade was hurled at a military vehicle at the Anuradhapuram-Trincomalee junction.

The injured civilians are Benadict(38), Vinorajan(27), Amalathas(48), Navas(42), Pakiyaraj(24), Arulraj(30), Ravichandran(37), Jeyachandran(34), Chandrasekaran(38), Masuf(73) and Robinson(37).

Two civilians assaulted in Chavakachcheri: SLA randomly attacked two civilians after hearing gunshots

somewhere in Chavakachchri town on 19th January 2006. M. Arunkumar(26) from Thellippalai, working in a shop, and K. Mathavan(53), an accountant from Madduvil, were injured seriously. Both were admitted to the Jaffna teaching hospital. People closed their shops in panic after this incident.

A civilian killed in Batticaloa: A civilian was killed in a claymore attack which took place around 5.00 pm on 19th January 2006 at Depot junction in Batticaloa.

Paramilitaries operating in full force in Jaffna, kill two civilians Friday night

21 January 2006

Residents in areas of Jaffna continue to witness the atrocities of the paramilitaries. On Friday 20th January 2006, two civilians were shot dead in separate incidents in Kayts and Point Pedro. The locations of the incidents show how widespread the actions of the paramilitaries are.

Kayts: Thurairajah Ravichandran (34) was shot and killed in Kayts on Friday 20th at 8:00 pm. The gunmen entered a guesthouse that Ravichandran owns in Puliyanakudal junction. Residents in the area stated the gunmen were part of a paramilitary group operating under the Sri Lankan military intelligence. Residents further stated that Ravichandran’s body was left unattended for several hours near a Sri Lankan Navy base where the incident took place. Ravichandran is a father of four children.

Point Pedro: Thamotheampillai Suntharalingam (53), from Athai in Karaveddy, was shot and killed while he was riding his motorbike on Friday 20th around 8:00 pm. Suntharalingam was riding on Thambachetty Road toward Navalady when gunmen on a motorbike following him shot him in front of Mayakkai Pillaiyar Temple.

Violence in Northeast reported on 22-01-2006

Cheddikulam-Vavuniya: Two youth were shot and killed by police in Cheddikulam in Vavuniya, on 21st January 2006, following grenade attacks on the police.

Police opened fire on passers by after a grenade attack on their post which wounded one police men. The bodies of the two youths killed by the police fire that was directed at the passers by were taken to the Vavuniya hospital.

61 year old man shot and killed in Point Pedro in Jaffna: Radhakrishnan (61), father of four, was shot and killed inside his home by invaders at 9.50 pm on Saturday 21st January. The incident took place in

Thunnalai in Point Pedro in Jaffna. Radhakrishnan home is located near Gnanasariyar college.

More than ten masked men demanded that the people in Radhakrishnan's house to open the door. The occupants refused to open the door. The gunmen then jumped over the wall and shot Radhakrishnan and escaped.

Radhakrishnan worked at the Jaffna Road Development Board as a technical advisor. Lately he was working in Kilinochchi on a contract basis in the Road Development Services. He recently returned from Kilinochchi.

Family went to the Point Pedro police station to lodge the incident but the police there refused to take the case and told the family to take the body to the Jaffna teaching hospital. Family frightened to take the body to the Jaffna teaching hospital in the night kept the body at home until the next morning.

Tea shop owner shot dead in Jaffna: Thurairasa Raveenthiran (34), father of four was shot dead on Friday 20th at 8.00 pm in his tea shop by two men on a motorbike. He died on the spot. His body was taken to the Jaffna teaching hospital on Saturday.

Businessman shot dead in Meesalai in Jaffna: Nadarasa Yogeswararaja (30) of Puththur in Meesalai was shot in his shop by men in motorbikes. Nanthakumar, working in the adjacent shop, was seriously wounded and was taken to the hospital. Members of his family say that SLA soldiers went looking for him to his home the day before and the SLA soldiers who regularly man the sentry points near the home were absent from their posts at that time.

Mamankam-Batticaloa

Subramaniam Kireshekumar (20) was shot and killed near the Sathasahaya church in Mamankam in Batticaloa on Saturday 21st morning. His body was taken to the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital.

Violence in Northeast reported on 24-01-2006

Chavakachcheri-Jaffna: One civilian was shot and killed and another woman wounded in an attack by the SLA intelligence operatives in Chavakachcheri town around 1.30 pm on 23rd January. Santhirakasan Krishnagobi (30), a shopkeeper from

Chavakachcheri was killed by gunshots and Thevarasa Yasotha(21) was injured.

The gunmen coming in a motor-bike opened fire at the victims who were in the shop and escaped.

Vavuniya: A tutory owner shot and killed by unidentified gunmen in Goodshed road, Vavuniya by 5.00 pm on 23rd January. Kanakalingam Kamalachandra(34) from Vavuniya was shot and killed in front of a shop when he was on his way to home. The shop owner, J. Jeyathas(50), with whom the victim was talking to, also sustained serious injuries and was admitted in the hospital.

Senior LTTE member killed by SLA in Batticaloa

27 January 2006

Major Kapilan, a senior LTTE official, was killed by Sri Lankan Army (SLA) and paramilitaries when an LTTE vehicle was attacked in Vadamunai, a LTTE-administered area. The attack took place on Thursday, 26 January 2005 around 9:00 am.

The attack, which involved the SLA launching a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) on the LTTE vehicle, injured another LTTE member. The SLA then shelled the Vadamunai civilian area to aid the SLA in retreating to their camp, but no civilians were injured in this attack.

LTTE officials in Batticaloa determined that the attack came from the SLA's 23-1 Brigade Camp in Welikande.

The attack on the LTTE members followed the Norwegian Minister and Special Envoy Erik Solheim's visit, which resulted in an agreement between the LTTE and the Government of Sri Lanka to hold talks on the implementation of the CFA in Geneva, Switzerland.

Farmer murdered in Trincomalee

30 January 2006

Thambaya Jeyaraj (50) was guarding his farmland in Lingapuram on the night of Saturday, 28 January. It is a common practice of farmers in this area to guard their field from wild animals at night. Jeyaraj's dead body was found in his field at 9:30 pm.

Jeyaraj is the second person to have been murdered in the last two weeks in Lingapuram which is inside the Sri Lankan military-controlled region.

Fears of missing TRO staff increase as another five disappear

31 January 2006

Five TRO staff were abducted near the Welikanda SLA checkpoint and another group of five TRO staff have disappeared with their vehicle on 30th and 31st of January 2005. Among the ten disappeared, four are women. Paramilitaries operating in Batticaloa district are suspected in both incidents.



Five of fifteen staff members were abducted by gunmen who came in a white van at the Welikanda SLA checkpoint in Polunnaruwa and forced the TRO staff members out of their vehicle. The gunmen blindfolded the TRO staff and forced them into the white van. The

remaining ten TRO staff, who were not abducted, were threatened with death with a warning that they should not contact anyone about this incident. This information was released four hours after the incident.



Another five TRO staff members traveling from Batticaloa district to Kilinochchi were reported missing on Tuesday night. According to report, the second group of five who disappeared were traveling from Batticaloa district for a meeting in Kilinochchi, which was held on the 31st January 2005, morning. The Kilinochchi TRO office informed the Colombo TRO that the staff did not attend the meeting on Tuesday morning. The group of five staff left Batticaloa for the meeting on Sunday, 29 January around 7:00 pm and no one has heard from them since.

Are these the measures to restore normalcy in Tamil Homeland?



CFA is the key to peace

Editorial comment in LTTE's official monthly "Vuduthalaippulikal"- January 2006

Sinhala leaders have always used the peace talks to fool the international community and drag time to prepare for war.

Over the last four years of CFA, LTTE has proved to the international community this opportunistic politics of the Sinhala leaders. LTTE does not need to nor have to prove again to the international community the deceit of the Sinhala leaders. The foundation for peace talks and the political solution has already been laid by the LTTE and the GOSL. That foundation is the CFA. CFA was debated over a long period, modified by both parties, and eventually signed by both parties. It is only by implementing it properly the moves can be made towards the political solution.

Civilian life of the Tamil speaking people are in tatters due to the long and devastating war. Even during the CFA period more than 100,000 people, unable to return to their homes, are living in refugee camps.

Homes, places of worship, schools and public buildings have been taken away from the people under the pretext of High Security Zones. The right to livelihood of Tamil fishermen has been taken away by the military. Civilian movements are restricted and military is harassing public. Cordon and search operations are continuing even today.

Over the last six weeks more than 150 Tamils have been killed by the SLA. Approximately half of them have been abducted by the SLA and its paramilitaries. Daily lives of the Tamil people are crushed in this manner by the SLA's terror.

CFA contains clauses to eliminate such atrocities and bring normalcy to people's lives. However, the GOSL taking the respite in war

to its advantage, failed to implement the CFA even after completing four years today.

Only when the situation deteriorated to the extent that CFA was breaking down completely as a result of the Sinhala leaders disinterest and the SLA's CFA violations that the GOSL agreed for peace talks in Geneva. At Geneva, LTTE is only prepared to discuss the full and speedy implementation of CFA. Tamil National Leader has emphasised this to the peace envoy and Norwegian minister, Eric Solheim.

LTTE is not prepared to discuss modifications to CFA or to push CFA aside and waste time talking about political solution.

Mahinda Rajapakse's government has not come forward to stop the

atrocities of the SLA and its paramilitaries even after the date for the Geneva talks were fixed. Tamil people continue to express their reservations about peace talks with a government that has taken a hard line against the Tamil people.

Only way to avoid war and create peaceful environment in the Tamil homeland is to implement the CFA in full. The key to peace talks in the present context is the full implementation of the CFA.

Confidence to proceed with peace talks will be created only if the Mahinda government accepts this ground reality.

If Mahinda government rejects this and tries to drag time then, as stated by the Tamil National Leader in his Maveerar Day speech, LTTE has no other alternative but to intensify the struggle in order to win the freedom for the Tamil speaking people.



Fisherman banned from sea

05 January 2006

Fisherman from Valvettiturai, Aathikovil, Keruvil, Thondamanaru, Akkarai have been banned from fishing by Sri Lankan Navy.

The Navy Brigadier invited the President S Suriyakumar of Fisherman Consortium and their representatives for a meeting. Despite the Fisherman Consortium's objection, the Brigadier told them that the Navy planned to ban fishing in these areas. The Brigadier told them that fishing activity in these sea areas poses danger to the Sri Lankan Navy and Air Force. The Brigadier also said there will be a gazette notification issued regarding this plan.

The Fisherman Consortium has pointed out to the Navy that such a ban will cause severe difficulties for the fisherman, which the Navy has refused to accept. The Consortium has issued a complaint to SLMM, the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission and the Department of Fisheries. In their complaint they stated that this ban will seriously affect the daily life of people who depend on fishing as their livelihood. The complaint appealed to the organizations to take constructive actions to end this ban.

Sri Lankan Navy denies fisherman of livelihood
Following Sri Lankan Navy denying fisherman from going to sea for the second time in two weeks, nearly 1,000 families have displaced to LTTE administered areas, so they can earn a living and survive.

The Sri Lankan Navy has banned fishing for Tamil fisherman in most sections of the north seas of the Jaffna peninsula, a coastal area where High Security Zones have already restricted fisherman from earning a living. Fisherman families are struggling since many rely on their daily earnings to provide for their families.

SLA rampages Thinnakural press office in Jaffna

07 January 2006

The Sri Lankan Army (SLA) conducted a search operation in the Thinnakural press office in Jaffna that is located at the Junction of KKS Road and Kasthuriyar Road. The SLA cleared the Thinnakural office of the entire staff and conducted a heavy long in the news, administrative and advertisement sections. The search operation was conducted on Friday at about 4:00 pm following a grenade attack at a military checkpoint near Vannai Siva Temple in KKS Road.

The journalistic sources express regret that this is just one of military's many oppressive actions to limit the

functioning of free media. It must be noted that on 22 December 2005, Tamil activist and a part-time newspaper distributor for the Thinnakural paper, Krishnan Navaratnam, was shot and killed by paramilitaries group outside of the same press office.

Sri Lankan Navy denies fishing in the East coasts

09 January 2006

Sri Lankan Eastern regional Navy Commander has declared indefinite restrictions for fishing in the eastern sea. Especially, these restrictions on fishing have been imposed from Trincomalee harbour to Koneswaram Fort Naval Base.

The Navy also stated that any fishing boats that go into the zone would be considered a threat and will be attacked. Fishermen are suffering for their day-to-day life due to these restrictions. Already the Sri Lankan Navy has denied fishermen from entering the sea along Jaffna peninsula, from Vadamaradchi east to Valikamam east.

Besides this, fishermen from Vankalai in Mannar and their boats were detained by the Navy when they went fishing on 9th January 2006 early morning. At the same time, the Sri Lankan Navy and the Police also carried out search operations and investigations in Vankalai.

SLA's excesses continues in Thenmaradchi

10 January 2006

The SLA continues its excesses in many areas at night under the guise of checking for LTTE members. Civilian based organisations in Thenmaradchi blame the SLA for targeting families with young women for their search operations. Families fear the actions by SLA, which include taking away girls' photographs and their possessions.

The SLA continues this type of activities in the areas of Nunavil, Varany, Manthuvil, Meesalai for last ten days. Meanwhile people from Koyilakkandy, Maravanpulo and Thanankilappu complain that the SLA has been cutting off the palm trees in these areas. Thousands of trees have already been wiped out by the SLA during prolonged war for the last two decades. Now people are concerned about the destruction of the remaining trees.

Cease fire agreement and 1438 days: What are the dividends received by Tamils ?

1. Normalcy for civilians

The CFA signed by the Sri Lankan Government (GoSL) and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) on February 2002 contains the essential elements to bring normalcy to the lives of people in NorthEast affected by two decades of war that destroyed their social and economic infrastructure. Some key points of CFA specifically intended to create normalcy are,

- *Clause 1.8 Tamil paramilitary groups shall be disarmed by the GoSL. The GoSL shall offer to integrate individuals in these units under the command and disciplinary structure of the GOSL armed forces for service away from the Northeastern Province.*
- *Clause 2.1 The Parties shall in accordance with international law abstain from hostile acts against the civilian population.*
- *Clause 2.2 & 2.3 & 2.4 Public buildings occupied by either party shall be vacated and returned to their intended use.*
- *Clause 2.12 The Parties agree that search operations and arrests under the Prevention of Terrorism Act shall not take place.*

It was understood by all that the full implementation of these key elements of CFA is also essential for improving the human rights situation in NorthEast. We, the LTTE, have been repeating this message for almost four years. Tragically, the four year history of CFA is an indictment on the GoSL for failing to implement the above key clauses of CFA.

After the previous Sri Lankan governments ignored these clauses for almost four years, the new GoSL under the new President, Mahinda Rajapakse, has gone far in reverse gear with regards to the implementation of CFA and bringing normalcy to the lives of civilians. So much so, that the current situation in the NorthEast can only be described as “terrorizing the people”. Disappearances and arbitrary killings have become almost a daily occurrence. The terror in the hearts of people is so pervasive that, when the Sri Lankan military and the paramilitaries unleash its terror, even the friends and neighbours are too frightened to come to the aid the victims of this terror.

Since the new Sri Lankan President Rajapakse took office, 107 civilians were arbitrarily killed by the Sri Lankan military with assistance from the paramilitaries. More than 33 civilians have disappeared after being either arrested by the SLA or abducted by the SLA. Terrorized people have started to displace to areas administered by us, the LTTE, as shown in the map.

2. Civilians in Northeast: Killed and Disappeared by SLA between 20 Nov 2005 – 24 Jan 2006

Civilians killed Civilians Disappeared

Total	107	Districts	
<i>On the road</i>	69	<i>Jaffna</i>	51
<i>At home</i>	23	<i>Batticaloa</i>	23
<i>At a shop</i>	6	<i>Trincomalee</i>	23
<i>In a place of worship</i>	1	<i>Mannar</i>	5
<i>Location unknown</i>	19	<i>Ampara</i>	2
<i>Retaliatory attacks by SLA: 14</i>		<i>Colombo</i>	1
		<i>Vavuniya</i>	2

About the offenders

Total	33	Districts	
<i>Abducted from home</i>	6	<i>Jaffna</i>	22
<i>From road</i>	8	<i>Batticaloa</i>	4
<i>At sea</i>	3	<i>Mannar</i>	2
<i>Unknown</i>	16	<i>Colombo</i>	3
		<i>Kandy</i>	1
		<i>Vavuniya</i>	1

A clear pattern emerges about the offenders and their methods of committing the offense from the accounts of victims, their families and witnesses. In many cases the Sri Lankan Army (SLA), is using its power to prepare the ground for gunmen in civilian clothes with black cloths over their faces to walk into the targeted area and commit the crime without fear or hindrance. Quite a few of these incidents have been committed in the dead of the night inside the victim’s home. In other cases, helmeted gunmen on motorbikes commit drive-by shootings. No “law enforcing authority” in the vicinity ever comes to the aid of the victim. There are also cases where civilians have been preventing from going to the aid of a victim who is on the ground with gunshots. About 15 have been killed by SLA shooting immediately after an attack on a SLA post. Victims of such “retaliatory” action by the SLA are always civilians. This makes a mockery of referring to these victims as “caught in cross fire”.

3. Number of LTTE Members Killed and Injured during the Ceasefire

The CFA also permitted the unarmed members of LTTE to work in the GoSL occupied areas as follows.

Clause 1.13 Unarmed LTTE members shall be permitted freedom of movement in the NorthEast. The LTTE members shall carry identity papers. The right of the GOSL to deny entry to specified military areas applies.

Year	Killed	Injured
2002	1	2
2003	27	4
2004	50	3
2005	31	16
2006	04	2
Total	113	27

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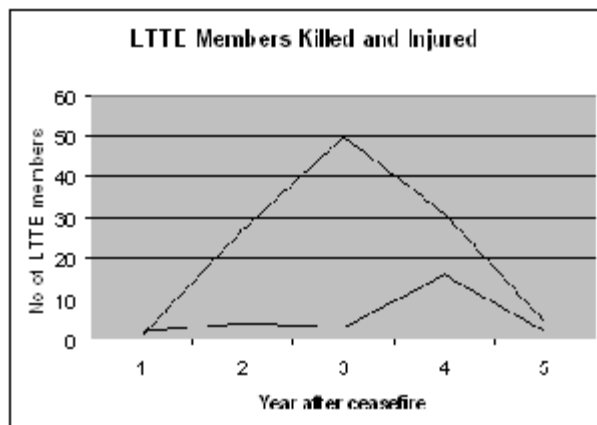
below shows the number of LTTE members killed and injured during the four years of CFA. As seen here, the above CFA clause was flagrantly violated by the SLA throughout this period. The decline in the number of LTTE members killed and injured came about only after LTTE withdrew all its members from areas occupied by the SLA because Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM) was unable to guarantee the security of the LTTE members in GoSL occupied areas.

4. Taking the peace process forward

These statistics clearly show the failure of GoSL to implement the CFA clauses listed above and bring about normalcy to the civilian life.

The CFA is the bedrock of the peace process intended to achieve resolution of the political conflict through negotiated means. It was the product of a long period of hard work by the LTTE, taking into consideration the experience gained during past cease fire periods and the reasons that contributed to failures. It contains

clear outlines of restoring normalcy within stipulated time frames within which to minimize military presence and provide to the displaced people unfettered access to their



natural habitats. This has not happened in spite of the time frames lapsing long ago. The people of NorthEast view this CFA as an unproductive period vis-à-vis the peace dividend.

Continued occupation of civilian land in NorthEast by the Sri Lankan military, designating productive farm lands and sea coasts as High Security Zones, has deprived the people their basic human right to earn their livelihood. This and the tsunami devastation coupled with the political changes in Colombo following an election platform filled with anti-Tamil rhetoric, has created a frustrating situation wherein the Tamil people feel that they are caught up within a political vacuum.

Maintaining law and order in the military occupied Northeast is the responsibility of the GoSL. Unfortunately it is this same GoSL that is destroying any semblance of law and order in Northeast. We are aware of the complicity of the SL military intelligence wing and its paramilitaries in committing these crimes.

We don't see any necessity to review CFA or revise it for it is comprehensive and contains all what is necessary to create the environment for confidence building. If it is implemented sincerely by the GoSL as far as its obligations are concerned, would bring normalcy and an end to violence and killings.

We, therefore, urge the International community, to take immediate steps to halt the human rights violation of the Sri Lankan military in Northeast and bring normalcy to people's lives.



"Attack on SLMM office an attempt to wreck the CFA"

– LTTE Political Wing

14 January 2006

The Head of the LTTE Political Wing Mr. S.P.Tamilselvan in his letter to the head of SLMM condemned the attack on the SLMM office in Batticaloa on Friday.

The full text of his letter is as follows:

We are extremely disturbed and concerned about the attack on the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM) office on Lake Road in Batticaloa on the night of Friday, January 13. We are very relieved that no one was hurt in this attack.

We would like to express our strong condemnation of this distressing attack on unarmed peace

monitors whose presence has been invaluable for the people of this island.

We wish to bring to your notice that this attack has taken place within a Sri Lankan Army High Security Zone. An SLA base is located near this SLMM office and this SLA base also houses the paramilitary groups.

Our leadership views this attack as an attempt to wreck the ceasefire agreement. Our leadership also expresses the continued support of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to the SLMM to implement the ceasefire agreement in its fully intended meaning and to rectify the deteriorating ceasefire environment.

LTTE will only talk

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"At the same time we also insisted that there should be a congenial condition conducive for peace talks. That is, there should be a cessation of violence. On our part we have pledged that there will not be any acts of violence. At the same time we want the Government of Sri Lanka to ensure that its armed forces desist from any violence against civilians. A conducive atmosphere and a peaceful environment is essential to resume peace negotiations. And most importantly, at the initial stage, the talks will be centered on the implementation of the ceasefire agreement."

"The present escalation of violence arises as a consequence of the failure of security forces to implement the terms and conditions of the ceasefire. Only with the stabilization of the ceasefire agreement we can sit peacefully for further negotiations."

The Norwegian delegation led by Mr. Solheim included Mr. Hans Brattskar, Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Mr. Odd Naustdal Deputy Director from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sondre Bjotvedt, an Executive Officer from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Second Secretary to the Norwegian Ambassador, Mr. Tom Knappskog. The LTTE delegation consisted of Tamil National Leader, Mr Vellupillai Prabaharan, Chief Negotiator Dr. Anton Balasingam, Mrs. Adele Balasingam, Political Head, Mr. S. P. Tamilselvan, and Chief of Police, Mr. Nadesan.

Is Geneva a turning point.....

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commitment to the peace process was gunned down on 07th of February 2005 along with Human Rights activist and former legislator Chandraneheru Arianayagam in a location juxtaposed to a major military complex of the SLA in Welikanda.

Three years on. Yes, the LTTE has been voicing its concern over the activities of para-military groups vis-à-vis clause 1.8 of the Cease Fire Agreement (CFA) since 2003 and the government and its forces did not take it seriously. The Tamil people said this in so many words in their peaceful uprisings in all Tamil districts from July 2005. Cavalier, who cares, lackadaisical and adamant refusal to make attitudinal change, are the terms that click in the Tamil psyche in so far as the government response is concerned. Killings, harassment and abductions continue.

The international community that is watching what is going to happen in Geneva when both the parties to the CFA meet specifically to discuss effective implementation has a role to drive home to the SL government that it has to stop the continued activities of the armed groups. This is a serious impediment, if not the impediment, to effectively implement the CFA.

Tamil National Leader bestows Mamanithar honour on late Satchithananthasivam

22 January 2006

Late Mr. Satchithananthasivam alias Gnanarathan was honoured with the Mamanithar title by the Tamil National Leader. Excerpts from the statement issued by the LTTE Head Office are as follows.

"We have lost a wonderful person today who tirelessly worked for the freedom and progress of our nation. Our nation is mourning this great loss.

Mr. Y Satchithananthasivam, endearingly referred by everyone as Gnanarathan Anna, is a great man. Yet, he valued simplicity. He is a true national patriot. He longed for the freedom of this nation. He joined hands with our poralikal and worked tirelessly for that goal. He served in many different sections of our freedom movement. The services he rendered through his intellect and hard work for the freedom of our nation is admirable. He is an exceptional writer, a capable artist, and a great political thinker.



He wrote profusely in the papers and magazines and raised the awareness of our struggle among our people. He exposed the falsity of the Sinhala chauvinistic propaganda.

Above all he was the main force behind the development of our visual media. He supported, encouraged and enriched the Nitharsanam division ever since it was formed. He trained our poralikal in this field. He is the king pin in developing this section to the extent that today it is broadcasting programs around the world.

He produced short movies to full length movies under the pseudonym of Gnanarathan. He helped to make the Oliveechchu documentaries that brought out the sacrifices made in the battle ground for the independence of our nation. His quiet steady contribution to the freedom struggle is immeasurable", said the statement.

Thousands of people gather Tamil Uprising in Muttur.

11 January 2006

Reconfirming the proclamation adopted at the Tamil Uprising in Vavuniya on 27 July 2005 and the subsequent endorsements at Batticaloa, Mannar, Kilinochchi, Trincomalee, Mullaittivu and Jaffna, the Tamil people in Trincomalee once again congregated at Kadatkaraiachenai in Muttur east on Tuesday 10th January 2006, reiterated the demand to the SL military to quit the parts of Tamil Homeland that it occupies.

Mrs. Gunanayagam Nageswary, mother of Black Tiger Major Jeyam lit the flame of sacrifice.

Mr.Thiryagarasapillai Arulananthan, father of Lt.Sivajini and Lt.Sathananthan lit the common flame of sacrifice.

Mr.Pathakutty Arasaretnam, father of Major Thamilmaran and Mr.Kuttiyan, a member of auxiliary force hoisted the Thamillelam national flag.

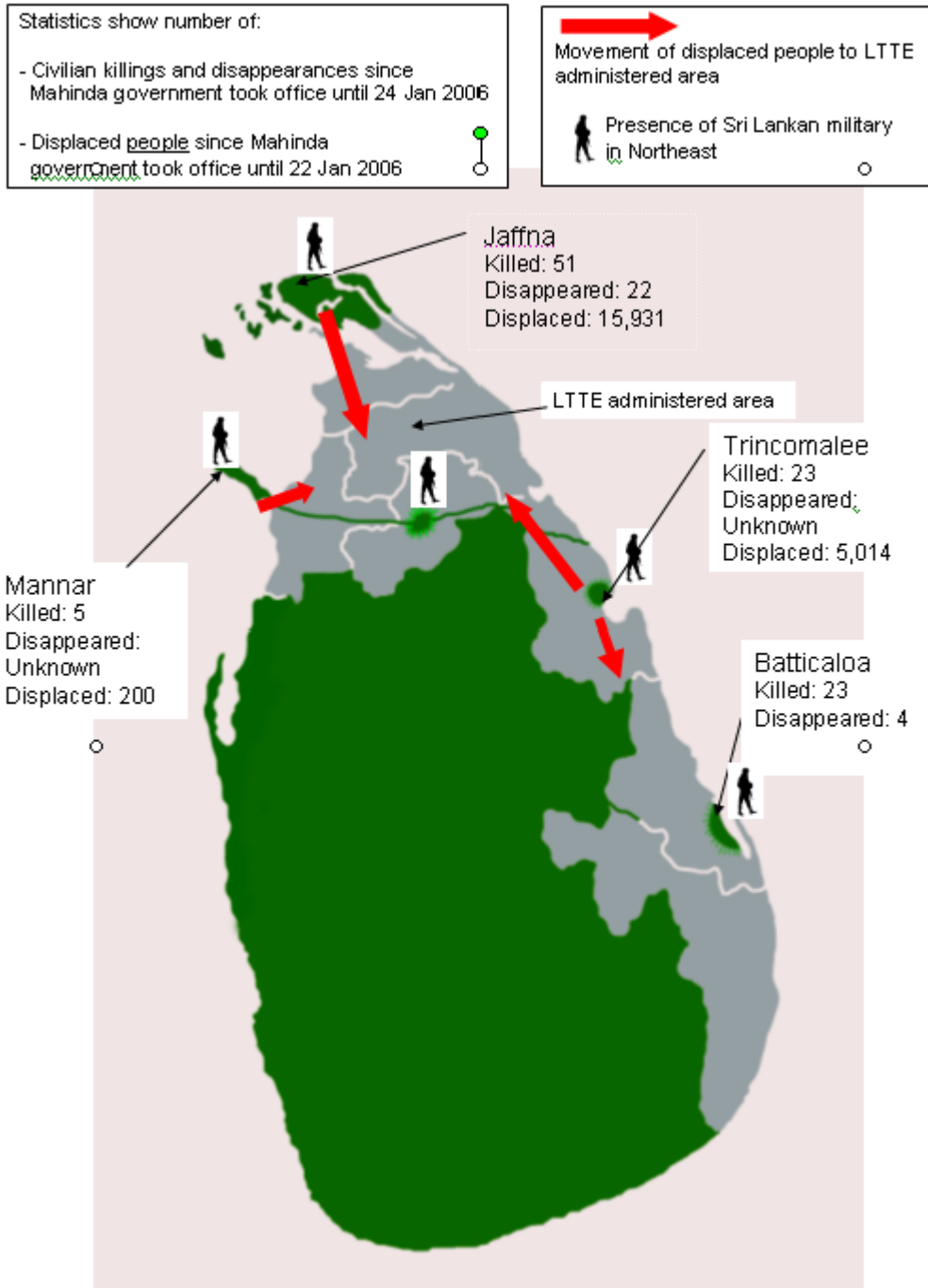
Mr.K.Thurairatnasingham, Mr.M.K.Sivajilingam, parliamentarians of the Tamil National Alliance (TNA),

Mr.S.Elilan, Trincomalee district political head of the LTTE and several other Tamil activities participated in the rally.



Civilians Affected in Northeast

(20th Nov 2005 to 22nd Jan 2006)



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