

Tamil civilians murdered, by and under the supervision of, Sri Lankan Armed Forces (SLAFs)

Since Geneva talks on 24 February until 8 May 2006

The Tamil civilians murdered by, and under the supervision of, the SLAFs since the Geneva talks on 24 February are given in a Table in this report. With a brief explanation of the data in this Table. This Table tells the story of the gruesome terrorizing nature of the murderous campaign by the SLAFs. After reading this Table, it is not too hard to imagine the state of terror in which the Tamil people are living in the SLAFs controlled areas of Northeast.

These murders were carried out by two main methods. These are, killing by direct shooting of the SLAFs and killing by direct shooting of the paramilitary while SLAFs stood guard nearby.

In the case of direct shooting by the SLAFs, the victims are first arrested on a false pretext. They are then shot and the bodies just thrown in a public place to be “discovered” by the people. The murder of five young men in Puthur on 18 April is a typical case of this style of SLAFs murder.

The other style of SLAFs murder is carried out using paramilitary. These murders are carried out after the SLAFs prepares the ground for the safety of and escape route for the paramilitary which then carries out the murder. Sometimes the roads are cleared of vehicles by the SLAFs so that the crime can be committed with minimum number of eyewitness. SLAFs has stood at the doors of neighbours preventing the neighbours from going to the aid of the victims. In all such murders people reported the presence of SLAFs nearby. When murders had to be committed too close to a SLAFs presence, people observed that the SLAFs vacated the place just before the murder is carried out; returning only after the paramilitary has safely escaped. The close synchronization of the movement of SLAFs and the paramilitary during these murderous campaigns are clear signal that the two are working closely together. These paramilitary murders are carried out in three distinct styles. These are, balaclava wearing gunmen arriving in white-van at night at the victim’s home; helmeted motorbike riders shooting and escaping in daylight; and missing people surfacing as bodies

In Trincomalee, Sinhala mobs have also been used by the SLAFs to kill Tamil civilians. That the SLAFs stood by as Sinhala mobs continued the mayhem is now well known and reported in the international media.

Following all such face to face killing, police is brought in to remove the bodies, a judge is also usually present at the scene, and the bodies are taken to the hospital for a postmortem report and the bodies are released to the family. The case is brought to the courts. As is now the hallmark of the Sri Lankan justice system it stops here. The Table gives the names of civilians killed grouped according to the styles of murdered described above.

To these styles of murders, two more styles must be added. These are, the killing by SLAFs planted claymore mines targeting civilians and killing by aerial bombing and shelling of civilian settlements.

Some of the claymore attacks and also one incident of face to face attack have been carried by SLAFs that penetrated the Forward Defense Lines of the LTTE. Since these murders are carried out inside LTTE area by the SLAFs these have been grouped separately in the Table.

The styles of murders to look for in the Table

- direct shooting by the SLAFs,
- direct shooting by the paramilitary while SLAFs stood guard nearby, carried out in three distinct styles
 - o balaclava wearing gunmen arriving in white-van at night at the victim's home;
 - o helmeted motorbike riders shooting and escaping in daylight; and
 - o missing people surfacing as bodies.
- SLAFs assisted Sinhala mobs,
- SLAFs planted claymore mines that target civilians,
- SLAFs aerial bombing and shelling of civilian settlements and
- SLAFs killing inside LTTE area

Other major issues to look for in the table

The number of Tamil children and women killed by the SLAFs since the February 2006 Geneva talks are highlighted in the age and gender columns of the table. Seven children under the age of 18 have been killed. Three children were killed in the so called "limited operation" carried out by all three armed forces of GoSL in Trincomalee on 25 April. Among them is a four year old child. The photos of the dead bodies of these children are in page 9. Seventeen women were also killed by this SLAFs murderous campaign.

The murders of the three high profile community leaders, Vigneswaran on 7 April, Vilvarasa on 20 April and Senthilnathan on 26 April must also be highlighted as all the three men had the potential to be parliamentary representatives for Northeast. Their murders represent an attempt to eliminate the development of democratic leadership among the Tamils.






The murder campaign against Tamil journalists continued when paramilitaries shot and killed two staff members of Uthayan daily newspaper in Jaffna on 2 May. The paramilitary gunmen entered the Uthayan Press Office, in search of the Editors. When the paramilitaries learned the Editors were not there, they began a shooting spree, killing two and injuring another two staff members. The paramilitaries also damaged computers and other office equipment.

The murders of seven poor labourers in Jaffna on the evening 4 May is an example of how the SLAFs justify their killings of Tamil civilians. When the seven young friends were traveling by two three-wheelers, the SLAFs shot rocket-propelled grenades into their vehicles, claiming that they were LTTE members who threw a grenade into an SLAFs camp. The seven civilians were in fact, no where near the SLAFs camp at the time the grenade was thrown into the SLAFs camp.

The most recent massacre of Tamil civilians was the eight Hindu temple workers who were reported missing on 7 May, during a Hindu festival time. After villagers heard gunshots and the noise of SLAFs vehicles the night the men went missing, they visited the temple grounds and found traces of blood, clothes and ID cards of the missing men. The SLAFs' response to this was closing the border checkpoints.

Another very important aspect of these civilian murders that is missed by most international observers is the fact that a total 12 Tamil civilians were killed on February 27, March 5, 6, 9, 20, 22, 24, 25, and 28. Then on April 7 Tamil activist, Vigneswaran, was killed. The first attack on SLA posts after the Geneva talks took place on April 8th. Readers can now make their own conclusion about who is responsible for deteriorating situation following the Geneva talks.








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Affected party	Date	Method of killing	Location of incident	District	M/F	Age	Occupation
 Mahadevan Kishorkumar	18-Apr-06	SLAFs face to face shooting	Five men traveling in a three-wheeler were shot and killed by SLAFs in Puthur, Jaffna.		M	20	Photographer
 Sellappu Kamalathan					M	25	Electrician
 Balasubramaniam Kannathan					M	27	three-wheel driver
 Thangarajah Kaveenthran					M	27	three-wheel driver
 Kandasamy Gowribalan					M	32	Town Council official
1 civilian	19-Apr-06		Barathipuram	Trinco	M		



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Pakkiaraja Baskaran (Batchcha)	22-Apr-06	SLAFs face to face shooting	Abducted and brought to SLA camp where residents heard his cries. Then his body was found on the side of the road, Bharathipuram, Trincomalee		M	16	Cook
Three civilians	23-Apr-06		SLAFs shot three men \claiming they were planting explosives - Kappalthurai and Poddankadu in Kantalai, Trincomalee		M M M		
Two civilians	24-Apr-06		SLAFs opened fire at civilian bus Kanakampuliyady junction, Jaffna				
Two civilians	24-Apr-06		SLAFs shot two men claiming they were planting explosives - Thivu Road in Vantharumoolai, Batticaloa		M M		
S. K. Raveendran	25-Apr-06		Omanthai	Vavuniya	M		
1 civilian	26-Apr-06		Chavakachcheri	Jaffna			youth-unidentified
Ponnathurai Thayanithi	28-Apr-06		Gang raped and killed in Kalmadu, Vavuniya		F	27	
Rasathurai Asokan	28-Apr-06		Mandur	Batticaloa	M	36	
Rasamany Sangarapillai	30-Apr-06		Allaipitti area in Kayts	Jaffna	M	74	Daughter told judge SLA shot him as father begged SLA not to shoot him
Sivagnanasundaram Kalarani	2-May-06		Chinnavalayankattu (LTTE controlled area),	Mannar	F	50	Farmer
Kanagaratnam Thavapalan	3-May-06		Omanthai	Vavuniya	M	31	




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 Selvarajah Suman	4-May-06	SLAFs face to face shooting			M	22	Labourers
 Velupillai Vimalan					M	21	
 Nagaratnam Naguleswaran					M	18	
 Palachandran Krishanthan					M	18	
 T Sharmilian					M	17	
 Navaratnarajah Nasanna					M	19	
 Subramaniam Subash					M	19	




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1 civilian	4-May-06		Maruthanarmadam	Jaffna	M		
TOTAL	29						
 Vanniasingham Vigneswaran	7-Apr-06	SLAFs assisted paramilitary	All three are Tamil activists and candidates for local and national representation for TNA		M		
 Aramugam Senthilnathan	26-Apr-06				M		small business owner
Kanagaratnam Vilvarasa	20-Apr-06				M	37	
M Jawfar	6-Mar-06			WHITE VAN killing - Women's Market Road,	M	45	Small business owner
Siththiravel Selvam	20-Mar-06			WHITE VAN killing - Iyankerny in Eravur, Batticaloa	M	36	
Ponniah Murugesu	24-Mar-06			WHITE VAN killing in front of his shop -	M	40	Small business owner
Selvaratnam Vijeyakumar	12-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Mirusivil Ussan, Jaffna	M		Small business owner
Kanapathipillai Koneswaran	17-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Karuvakerni, Batticaloa	M	24	
Kunapal Suresh					M	24	
Easan	17-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Santhiveli, Batticaloa	M	24	
Illum Nizar	20-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Manipuram, Vavuniya	M	35	
Kanthasamy Nallammah	21-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Kavatikudah, Trincomalee	F	49	
Satkunarajah Rajapathman	22-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Veppankulam, Vavuniya	M	31	Small business owner
Rasanayagam Jegan	24-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Vavuniya	M	25	
Balasingam Pathinathan	25-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Urumpirai, Jaffna	M	29	
Velupillai Pathmanathan	26-Apr-06			WHITE VAN killing - Thanganagar in Seruvila, Trincomalee	M	28	
Rasiah Sivalingam					M	40	
Krishnapillai Jeevarajah		M	40				

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1 civilian	28-Apr-06	SLAFs assisted paramilitary	WHITE VAN killing - Valaichenai-Kalkuda road, Batticaloa		M			
1 civilian	28-Apr-06				M			
Mohamed Navas	5-Mar-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Oddumavadi, Valaichenai,	M	22	
Kovinthan Vijayarasa	9-Mar-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Vellaikutty junction, Batticaloa	M	21	Mason
Jude	22-Mar-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Kurumankadu, Batticaloa	M		bus conductor
M. Gunaratnam						M		Small business owner
Thambiraja Thayaparan	13-Apr-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Sarasalai, Chavakachcheri,	M	31	Small business owner
 Panchadcharam Kirupakaran	13-Apr-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Chavakachcheri, Jaffna	M	36	Small business owner
Thamabaiya Ratnasabapathy	13-Apr-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Allarai in Meesalai North, Jaffna	M	64	Retired police inspector
Junaid Mohammed Aziz	14-Apr-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Muneeswaram road,	M	25	Small business owner
 Thevarajah Mariyathas	15-Apr-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Manal Olungai, Munai, Vadamradchy, Jaffna	M	26	Small business owner
 Ramalingam Sakilan	17-Apr-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Thenmaradchchi, Jaffna	M	30	Small business owner
Balachandran Reginald Rosan	18-Apr-06				MOTORBIKE killing - Puthu Veethi, Koyathottam, Jaffna	M	27	

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 A I hambapillai	19-Apr-06	SLAFs assisted paramilitary	MOTORBIKE killing - Kondavil junction, Jaffna		M		Small business owner
Rathinam Rasinthan	22-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Nelliady, Vadamaradchy, Jaffna		M	23	Auto driver
Subramaniam Vaseekaran	22-Apr-06				M	28	Auto driver
Kurunathan Janarthan	23-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Irupalai, Jaffna		M	23	Auto driver
K Lingeswaran	24-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE, HELMETED killing - Valaichenai, Batticloa		M	29	clerk, Education Office
A. Nagalingam	24-Apr-06				M	53	clerk, Education Office
Rasaih Rajmohan	26-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Thenmaradchchi, Jaffna		M		
Thangarasa Kamalarojan	27-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Technical College, Jaffna		M	37	
Nallathambi Jegatheesan	27-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Vavuniya town, Vavuniya		M	28	small business owner
Gnanam Gunaratnam	28-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Kallaikaadu, Mannar		M	35	
Vinayagam Kamalan	28-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Kinnayadi Nagathambiran temple, Batticaloa		M		
Selvam Piraba	28-Apr-06				M		
Martin Fernando Suthaharan	28-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Urelu in Valikamam, Jaffna		M	24	Mason
Fernando Sureshkumar	28-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Urkavathurai, Kayts, Jaffna		M	35	three-wheel driver
Lasar Tharmasekaran	30-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Kurumankadu, Vavuniya		M	24	
 B George Sagayathas	2-May-06	MOTORBIKE killing - Jaffna town, Jaffna		M	37	Uthayan Press office staff	
 Rajaratnam Ranjith				M	25		

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Selvaratnam Mathiseelan	2-May-06	SLAFs assisted paramilitary	MOTORBIKE killing - Kodikamam, Jaffna		M	22	three-wheel driver
Arumugarajah Theyvendran	2-May-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Thirunelvely, Jaffna		M	54	small business owner
Kulathunga Regikanth	25-Mar-06		DEAD BODY FOUND - Valaichenai, Batticaloa		M		Builder of tsunami homes
Thambirajah Thankarajah	28-Mar-06		DEAD BODY FOUND after abduction - Onthachchimadam housing scheme, Batticaloa		M	55	
Thambu Gopalasingham	12-Apr-06		DEAD BODY FOUND - Paruthiyaddaippu, Kayts,		M	26	Driver of minibus
Thiyagarasa Thaskumar	17-Apr-06		DEAD BODY FOUND - Mavadivembu, Batticaloa		M	23	Mason
Vadivel Perinparajah	27-Feb-06		DEAD BODY FOUND after abduction -		M	27	
Vairamutthu Arulpragasam	20-Mar-06		DEAD BODY FOUND after abduction - Batticaloa lagoon near Pillaiyarady, Batticaloa		M	32	Laborer
1 civilian	20-Mar-06		DEAD BODY FOUND after abduction - Manresa Training Centre, Batticaloa		M		
1 civilian	20-Apr-06		DEAD BODY FOUND after abduction -		M		
1 civilian	20-Apr-06		DEAD BODY FOUND after abduction - Irambaikulam, Vavuniya		M		
R Nages	3-May-06		DEAD BODIES FOUND after abduction - Chettikulam, Vavuniya		M		
S Jebanesan					M		
N Sivalingam					M		
Rasanayaham Sivananthamoorthy Sevaradnam Sivanantham Rasaradnam Rajakumar Vyhunthavasan Vyhunthakumar Kularadnam Thayarooban Ponnambalam Partheeban Markandu Puspakanthan Kanthasami Parimelalahan	7-May-06		DEAD BODIES FOUND after abduction - Manthuvil East in Thenmaradchi, Jaffna		M	35	Hindu temple workers abducted and killed during festival time
					M	22	
					M	24	
					M	22	
					M	22	
					M	22	
				M	26		
				M	29		
Kanthalaiya Gunasingam Navaratnam Navaneethan	7-May-06	DEAD BODIES FOUND after abduction - Avisavalai, Kandy (Upcountry region)					
TOTAL	72						

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S Maheswary	12-Apr-06	SLAFs assisted Sinhala mobs	Violence by Sinhala mobs as Sri Lankan Armed Forces stood by: 12 Tamil speaking civilians killed; 50 civilians injured; 55 homes burnt in Sivayagapuram and Mihinthapuram; 3,550 people displaced, taking refuge in schools; 32 businesses affected		F	60	
Thavarajah Selvakumari					F	18	
Velu Nantheswaran					M	28	
T Namasivarajah					M	28	
Myoora Pedige Sivamani					F	30	
V Venkatraman					M	30	Astrologer
Antonyraj Geethanadani					F	30	
Thavarajah Mahaluxmy					F	30	
M.Selvarajah					M	30	
S.M.Farook					M	30	
Kandasamy Thiraviam					F	30	
1 civilian							
Chandrasekaran	21-Apr-06		Menkamam	Trinco	M	35	Farmer, cultivator
TOTAL	13						
Atputharasa Sureshkumar	17-Apr-06	SLAFs planted claymore in SLAFs area	Chavakachcheri	Jaffna	M	16	student
Thambiah Gunanayagam	22-Apr-06		Killed by claymore blast when traveling Parapukadanthan, Madhu Kovil, Mannar		M	21	Mason
Loganathan Chandra Perumal			M	21	Mason		
TOTAL	3						




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Meiyan Kishanthan	25-Apr-06	SLAFs bombing & shelling	Constant AERIAL BOMBING AND SHELLING on civilian areas - Sampoor, Muttur East, Trincomalee		M	4	Father, mother and child
K. Meiyan					M	34	
K. Selvarani					F	32	
Nagiah Rukmani					F	49	
Pathiniyan Nagamma					F	67	
Veerapathran Pagavathipillai					F	67	
Navarathnam Ranjithamalar					F	56	
Thuraiappa Ratheesh					M	15	
Varathan Rajkumar					M	16	
Vilirasa Mayooran					M	21	
Tharmalingam Sureshrooban					M	23	
Gnanasekaram Renukaran					M	23	
3 civilians - unidentified							
Zeinudeen	26-Apr-06		Vaddam, Muttur	Trincomalee	M		Family of three, one of them is a Moulavi
Agra Malbeeka					F	25	
Munita Zeinudeen					F		
TOTAL	18						

Children and women killed in SLAFs Aerial bombing and shelling on 25 and 26 April in Trincomalee



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 Thiraviyan	13-Apr-06	SLAFs face to face shooting in <u>LTTE area</u>			M	33		
 Kuhaneswaran					M	38		
 Nagulendrarasa					M	46		
TOTAL	3							
Nishanthan	13-Apr-06	SLAFs planted <u>LTTE</u> claymore in <u>area</u>	Semamadu	Vavuniya	M	17	Auxiliary member	
Lakshmi	13-Apr-06		Mullikulam	Mannar	F	52		
1 civilian					M			
1 civilian					M			
Nakuleswaran	15-Apr-06		MOTORBIKE killing - Palampitty road, Thatchanamaruthamadu, Mannar			M		
M Kandasamy	21-Apr-06		LTTE controlled region-between Puthur and Navvi villages		Vavuniya	M		Small business owner
M. Jeevananthan	28-Apr-06		Thetchanamadu		Mannar	M	24	
TOTAL	7							
TOTAL KILLED	148							