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## **Drawing the world's attention to the plight of Tamil civilians in the Tamil homeland**

### ***The situation***

Sri Lanka has targeted Tamil civilians in the Tamil homeland for decades. Killings, abductions, shelling, aerial bombardments, claymore attacks, attacks on fishermen at sea were and still are carried out by the Sri Lankan armed forces against the Tamil civilians. The attacks and all forms of human rights violations and violations of international humanitarian law particularly increased after the current President of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapakse, assumed power in **November 2005**. Since then, the overall human rights situation has worsened dramatically. In this report, we focus on this worsening human rights situation during the rule of this President.

In this period of 21 months under scrutiny, 1974 Tamil civilians were killed by the Sri Lankan Armed forces and its allied paramilitaries and 842 Tamil civilians were either arrested or abducted and then disappeared by the same forces, see chart below.

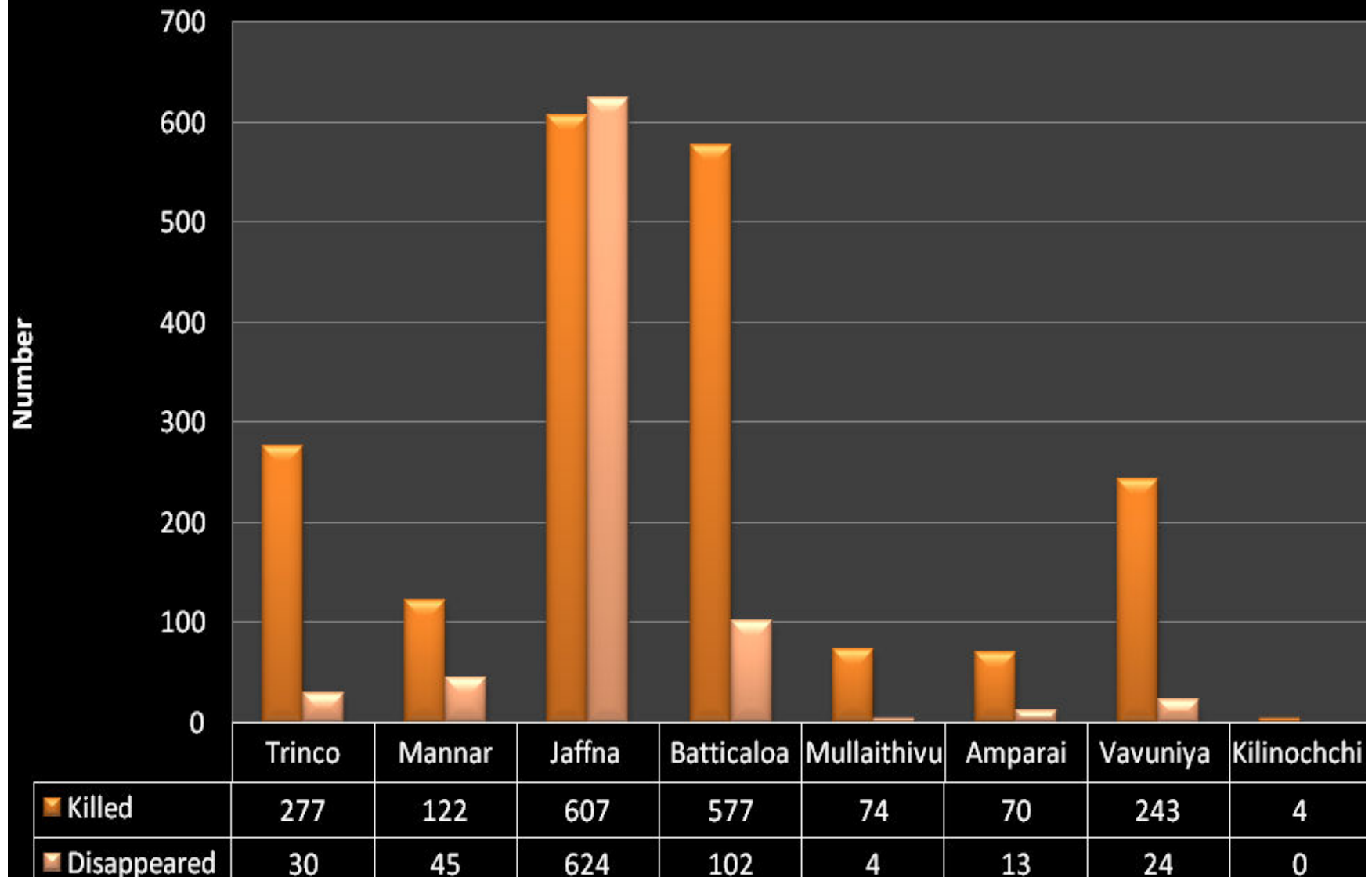
The chart show that the trend set in by the current regime in Colombo has shown no signs of correcting despite some critical assessments by the United Nations and others. What we have presented below are just the harsh facts and statistics. Behind these raw statistics, a massive human tragedy, genocide of a people is evolving. Destruction of habitat, confiscation of habitat, destruction and denial of, livelihood, health services, and educational institutions are unfolding.

In many parts of the Tamil homeland, even people who are living in their own homes are facing numerous hardships due to the economic blockade and the closure of high ways including the A-9 high way.

Military offensives are being launched on the Tamil homeland and hundreds of thousands of Tamil people are forced to flee their homes. The displacement, in addition to the hardships caused by large scale forced movement, denies the children their education, causes loss of property, and loss of the produce from their farms which they suddenly have to leave behind. The Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in almost all cases languish in welfare centers without basic facilities.

In the east, the IDPs were forced by the Sri Lankan State to resettle in areas chosen by them Sri Lankan State. The IDPs were not allowed to go back to their own houses. They are in fact resettled in plastic tents without drinking water and sanitation facilities. The IDPs of Mutur east and Sampur areas are denied access to go to their own habitats and these areas have been defined by the GoSL as High Security Zones.

## Killing and disappearance during the study period



## Children

Over 69 of those who were killed during the study period were children under the age of 16. The names and ages and the circumstances in which they were killed are tabulated in the chart below. In addition to these killing of children, more than 150 civilians, among them many children, have sought safety in the Jaffna Human Rights Commission in fear of their life.

	Name of victim	Age	Sex	Address	District	Method of killing	Date
01	Dithushini	<b>Babies aged under one year</b>	F	Vaharai	Batticaloa	Shot	15-Oct-06
02	Yutekristin Dansika		F	Mullaithivu	Mullaithivu	Aerial bombing	16-Oct-06
03	Rajkumar		M	Fifth Kurichchi	Batticaloa	Grenade	26-Oct-06
04	Imarujan		M	Iluppakkadavai, Padahuthurai	Mannar	Aerial bombing	2-Jan-07
05	Sivanesan Sinthujan	<b>Toddler s aged under two years</b>	M	Nedunkal	Batticaloa	Claymore	7-Jun-06
06	Nimalan Niluyan		M	Mavadivembu	Batticaloa	Shot	16-Aug-06
07	Baby			Anpuvalipuran	Trincomalee	Shot	17-Sep-06
08	Baby		M	Anpuvalipuran	Trincomalee	Shot	17-Sep-06
09	Nallam Niroja		F	Siththandy	Batticaloa	Shelling	29-Mar-07
10	Perinparaja Ranjitha	F	Siththani	Batticaloa	Shelling	29-Mar-07	
11	Thayaparan Thavajothi	<b>Three year olds</b>	F	VVT	Jaffna	Shot	12-Sep-06
12	Vasanthakumar Thivya		F	Kanesapuram	Batticaloa	Shot	8-Nov-06
13	S M Sutharson		M	Senkalady	Batticaloa	Shot	14-Apr-07
14	Cruz Dilaxson	<b>Four year olds</b>	M	100 Housing Scheme, Pesalai	Mannar	Burnt alive	23-Dec-05
15	Meiyappan Kishanthan		M	Mutur	Trincomalee	Aerial bombing	25-Apr-06
16	Ketheeswaran Thanukanth		M	Allaipiddy	Jaffna	Shot	13-May-06
17	Nanthakumar Pirasanthini		F	Ward 8, Punguduthivu	Jaffna	Grenade	6-Dec-06
18	Dayalan		M	Iluppakkadavai, Padahuthurai	Mannar	Aerial bombing	2-Jan-07
19	Vinojan	<b>Six and seven year olds</b>	M	Iluppakkadavai, Padahuthurai	Mannar	Aerial bombing	2-Jan-07
20	Child		M	Ariyakulam Junction	Jaffna	Grenade	25-Apr-06
21	Amrtin Ann Diluxon		M	Thomaspuri, Vankalai	Mannar	Stabbed	8-Jun-06





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22	Tharshini	Eight and nine year olds	F	Iluppakkadavai, Padahuthurai	Mannar	Aerial bombing	2-Jan-07
23	Martin Ann Luxia		F	Thomasपुरi, Vankalai	Mannar	Stabbed	8-Jun-06
24	Saravanamuthu Chandrakumar	Ten year olds	M	Nedunkal	Batticaloa	Claymore	7-Jun-06
25	Kohu		M	Karadiyanaru	Batticaloa	Aerial bombing	18-Oct-06
26	Nagalingam Indran		M	Pallukudiyiruppu	Batticaloa	Shot	8-Nov-06
27	Anantharasa Meena		F	Valaichenai	Batticaloa	Shot	15-Dec-06
28	Vivekananthan Sasikaran		M	Valaichenai	Batticaloa	Shot	15-Dec-06
29	Johnson		M	Iluppakkadavai, Padahuthurai	Mannar	Aerial bombing	2-Jan-07
30	Saravanamuthu Kumar	Eleven year olds	M	Nedunkal	Batticaloa	Claymore	7-Jun-06
31	Saravanamuthu Thineshkumar		M	Nedunkal	Batticaloa	Claymore	7-Jun-06
32	Sundaralingam Yuventhini		F	Kathiraveli	Batticaloa	Shot	8-Nov-06
33	Munita Senyudeen	Twelve and thirteen year olds	M	Mutur	Trincomalee	Shot	26-Apr-06
34	Senyudeen		M	Mutur	Trincomalee	Shot	26-Apr-06
35	Selvarasa Ravichandran		M	Vantharumoolai	Batticaloa	Shot	21-May-06
36	Kanapathy Balu		M	Thikilaveddai	Batticaloa	Claymore	27-May-06
37	Vimalanathan Sajeevan		M	Mutur	Trincomalee	Shot	10-Jun-06
38	Child		M	Mutur	Trincomalee	Shelling	2-Aug-06
39	Kulanthai vel Seevaratnam		M	Vaharai	Batticaloa	Attack	4-Aug-06
40	Thamotharana Vivekanandan		M	Poonahar	Batticaloa	Shot	8-Nov-06
41	Rathura	Fourteen year olds	F	Mannar	Mannar	Shot at sea	19-May-06
42	Thavarasa Thushanthini		F	Mullaithivu	Mullaithivu	Aerial bombing	16-Oct-06
43	Sivakumar Thanusika		F	Mullaithivu	Mullaithivu	Aerial bombing	16-Oct-06
44	Rajeevan		M	Kondavil	Jaffna	Shot	12-Nov-06
45	Albons		M	Eravur	Batticaloa	Shot	15-Nov-06
46	Nirojan		M	Vavunathivu	Batticaloa	Shelling	3-Mar-07
47	Sasitharan		M	Kurukalur	Vavuniya	Claymore	7-Apr-07
48	Selvan Sivakumar		M	Thadchanamarut hamadu	Mannar	Shelling	19-May-07

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49	Kamalnathan Arunasalam		M	Kaluvankerni	Batticaloa	Shot	16-Jul-07
50	Thuraiappa Rathees	<b>Fifteen year olds</b>	M	Mutur	Trincomalee	Aerial bombing	25-Apr-06
51	Chandran Linton		M	Periyapandivirichan, Madhu	Mannar	Claymore	21-May-06
52	Vinayagamoorthy Ranjan		M	Thikilaveddai	Batticaloa	Claymore	27-May-06
53	Kamalharan Arudchelvi		F	50 Housing Scheme	Amparai	Shelling	23-Nov-06
54	Sriskandaraja Selvi		F	Vellaveli, Thikkadai	Batticaloa	Shelling	24-Nov-06
55	Perinparasa Sasikumar		M	Siththandy	Batticaloa	Shelling	29-Mar-07
56	Sevventhan Selvi		F	Senkalady	Batticaloa	Shot	14-Apr-07
57	Varathan Rajkumar	<b>Sixteen year olds</b>	M	Mutur	Trincomalee	Aerial bombing	25-Apr-06
58	Sriraveenthiraraha Thinesh		M	Pointpedro	Jaffna	Shot	14-Jun-06
59	Thiagalingam Senthana		M	Karainagar, Kovalam	Jaffna	Shot	27-Jul-06
60	Sahayam Ajithkumar		M	Pesalai	Mannar	Shot at sea	20-Oct-06
61	S Kovinthan		M	Vantharumoolai	Batticaloa	Shot	29-Oct-06
62	Kunabal Kanthan		M	Poonahar	Batticaloa	Shot	8-Nov-06
63	Thambaih Rsan		M	Poonahar	Batticaloa	Shot	8-Nov-06
64	Vivekanandan Yalini		F	Poonahar	Batticaloa	Shot	8-Nov-06
65	Mathan		M	Eravur	Batticaloa	Shot	15-Nov-06
66	Sukumar		M	Eravur	Batticaloa	Shot	15-Nov-06
67	Thangarasa Kanthan		M	Pandiruppu, Kalikovilady	Batticaloa	Shot	12-Dec-06
68	Anadathean Thineswaran		M	Alampil North	Mullaithivu	Aerial bombing	11-Jul-07
69	Ibrahim Kithya	F	Semmanodai	Batticaloa	Shot	28-Jul-07	

### ***Those who serve the community***

Sri Lankan State has also deliberately targeted journalists, Tamil civilian political representatives, and humanitarian aid workers. More than 45 humanitarian aid workers, 11 media workers, and 4 Tamil members of parliament were killed by the Sri Lankan Armed forces and its paramilitaries. Details of these killings are charted below.

<b>Tamil media workers killed during ceasefire period</b>				
<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	G. Nadeson	Freelance journalist from Batticaloa	Batticaloa	Jun-04
2.	Sivaram Dharmaratnam	Internationally renowned journalists abducted and killed in Colombo. His body was found in a heavily militarized area in Colombo.	Colombo	Apr-05
3.	Sukirtharajan	Journalist for the Tamil daily "Sudaroli" gunned down in Trincomalee	Trincomalee	Jan-06
4.	Sivamaharasa	Manager of "Eelanadhu" daily published in Jaffna gunned down.	Jaffna	20-Aug
5.	Subash Chandrabos	Editor of Tamil monthly "Nilam" published in Vavuniya.	Vavuniya	16-Apr-07
6.	A Kannamuthu	"Eelanatham" distributor	Batticaloa	Jun-05
7.	K Jokakumar	"Eelanatham" distributor	Batticaloa	Sep-05
8.	Sathasivam Baskaran	Editor of "Chalaram" student magazine in Jaffna.	Jaffna	15-Aug-06
9.	David Selvaratnam	Employee of "Sudaroli" weekly	Colombo	29-Aug-05
10.	Suresh	Marketing Manager of the "Uthayan" Daily	Jaffna	02-May-06
11.	Ranjith	Employee of the "Uthayan" Daily	Jaffna	02-May-06

Tamil parliamentarians killed		
No	Name	Incident
1		Chandra Nehru, a former Member of Parliament for Amparai, shot and killed on 23 Feb 2005, while traveling from Kilinochchi to Batticaloa near Batticaloa
2		Joseph Pararajasingam, Member of Parliament for Batticaloa, shot and killed on 24 December 2005, in a church in Batticaloa town.
3		Vanniasingam Vigneswaran, selected by TNA to replace Joseph Pararajasingam, shot and killed on 7 April 2006, on his way to work in Trincomalee
7.		Nadaraja Raviraj, TNA Member of Parliament for Jaffna, shot and killed on 8 Nov 2006, in Narahenpitiya in Colombo.

Tamil Aid Workers killed				
No	Name	Organisation	Date of killing	Position
1	Mr. Primus Anandarajah	<b>Action Contre La Faim (ACF)</b>	<b>4-Aug-06</b>	Assistant Promotion Manager
2	Mr. Matahavarasa			Supervisor
3	Mr. G.sreetharan			Advanced Field-Officer
4	Mr. Narmathan			Field officer
5	Mr. R. Arulraj			Field officer
6	Mr. M. Rishikeshan			Field officer
7	Mr. P.Pratheeban			Field officer
8	Mr. Y Kodeeswaran			Field officer
9	Ms. K.Kovarthani			Hygiene Promotion Officer
10	Ms. S.Romila			Hygiene Promotion Officer
11	Ms. G. Kavitha			Hygiene Promotion Officer
12	Ms. V.Kokilavathani			Hygiene Promotion Officer
13	Mr. S. Ganesh			Driver ( Father of G. Kavitha)
14	Mr. Abdul Latif Mohamed Jauffer			
15	Mr. A. Jaseelan			
16	Mr. K. Koneshwaran			Driver
17	Mr. Muraleetharan			Driver
18	Mr. Arumainayagam Alloysius	<b>Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Danish De-mining Group – DDG</b>	<b>23-Jul-07</b>	
19	Mr. Sivarasa Vimalarasa		<b>19-Jun-07</b>	
20	Mr. Thambiah Tharmasiri		<b>11-Jan-06</b>	
21	Mr. Narayanamoorthy Kandeepan		<b>11-Jan-06</b>	



No	Name	Organisation	Date of killing	Position
22	Mr. Nagarasa Narenthiran	<b>Halo Trust – a non-governmental de-mining organisation</b>	9-Feb-07	
23	Mr. C. Rajendran		9-Jan-07	
24	Mr. Subramaniam Parameswaran		4-Jan-07	
25	Mr. Gunaratnam Logithas		4-Feb-06	
26	Mr. Charles Huston Ravindran		15-Nov-06	
27	Mr. Rasiah Muraleeswaran	<b>Housing development for tsunami victims, funded by FORUT</b>	8-Jul-06	
28	Mr. Pathmanathan Shanmugaratnam	<b>Human Development Centre (HUDEC)</b>	10-Apr-06	
29	Mr. Selvendra Pradeepkumar		10-Apr-06	
30	Mr. Sinnarajah Shanmuganathan	<b>International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</b>	1-Jun-07	
31	Mr. Karthigesu Chandramohan		1-Jun-07	
32	<b>Mr. Kasinathar Ganeshalingam</b>	<b>Tamil Rehabilitation Organisation (TRO)</b>	29 Jan. 2006	<b>Director</b>
33	Mr. Thangarasa Karthirkamar		29 Jan. 2006	Driver
34	Ms Thanushkodi Premini		30 Jan. 2006	Chief Accountant
35	Mr. Thamiraja Vasantharajan			Accountant
36	Mr. Shanmuganathan Sujendran			Accountant
37	Mr. Kailyapillai Ravinthiran			Accountant
38	Mr. Arunesara Satheeskaran			Accountant
39	Mr. Krishnapillai Kamalanathan		2-Jul-06	Humanitarian worker
40	Mr. Muthuraja Aruleswaran	24-Mar-07	Emergency Assitance worker	
41	Mr. P. Jestly Julian	<b>UN agency UNOPS in Amparai</b>	24-Aug-06	
42	Mr. Ratnam Ratnarajah	<b>World Bank assisted North East Irrigated Agriculture Project (NEIAP)</b>	26-May-06	Deputy Project Director (DPD)
43	Mr Ragunathan Ramalingam	<b>World Concern Development Organization, Trincomalee</b>	11-Sep-06	Field worker
44	Mr. Mohamed Zavahir Mohamed Rizvi	<b>Methodist Community Organization for Refugees (UMCOR)</b>	6-Aug-07	

## ***Tamil struggle***

Tamils struggle for their legitimate rights began around 50 years ago. Since then, the successive Sinhalese majoritarian governments have used violence to subjugate the Tamils and their fight for freedom. Tamils struggle for the right to self determination is based on the UN charters and it is carried out according to the international humanitarian law.

Sri Lankan State has been engaged in numerous human rights violations and violation of international humanitarian law especially in the territories such as Amparai, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mannar, Trincomalee and Vavuniya which are under occupation of the Sri Lankan military. The government tries to cover up the violations by its armed forces and its paramilitaries by blaming the LTTE and others for every incident.

## ***Appeal***

The international community should recognize the ground reality in the historical Tamil homeland and the gross human rights violations and breaches of international humanitarian law being committed there by the Sri Lanka State.

On behalf of the Tamil people, who are oppressed by the Sri Lankan State, and the leadership of the LTTE we call upon the international and UN representatives who visit Colombo, to also pay a visit to the Tamil homeland and find out first hand the ground situation. We hope Ms Louise Arbour, UN Human Rights Commissioner, Mr. Manfred Novak, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Mr. Walter Kalin, Representative of UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced People who are scheduled to visit Sri Lanka in October, November and December will not sideline the Tamil areas under our administration.

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