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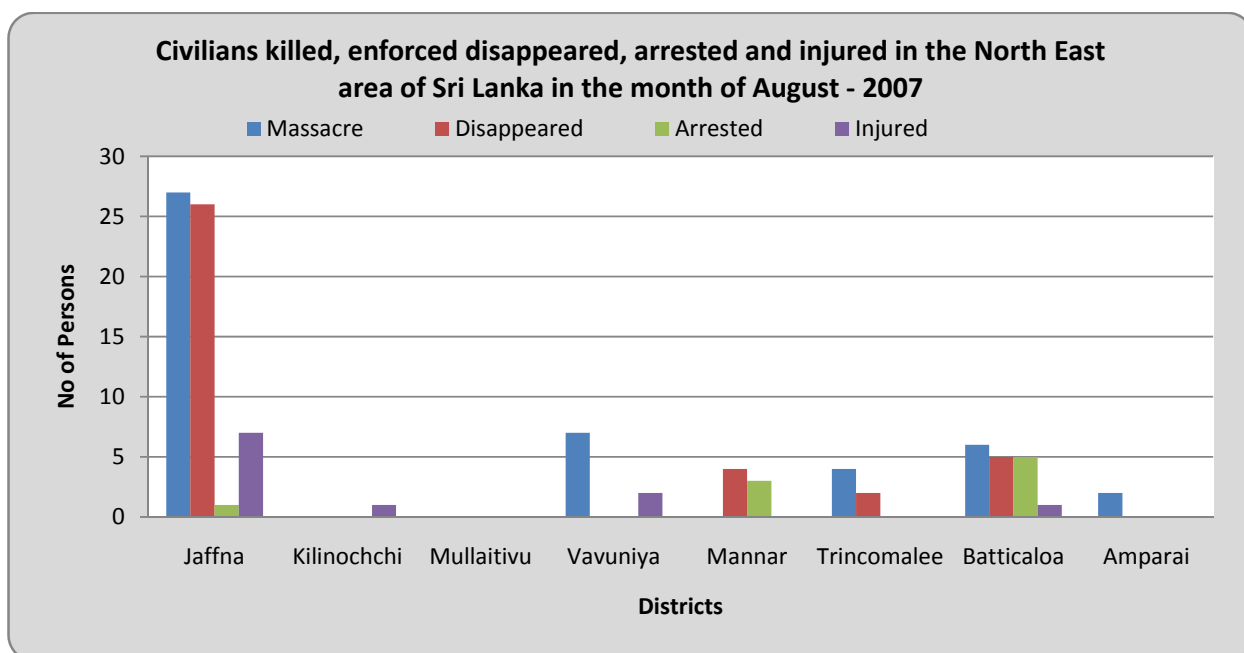
Human Rights Report for the month of August, 2007

Here we include the following reports for the better understanding of the continuing atrocities of Sri Lankan state terrorism with a systematic genocidal programme even after the intentional communities and Human Rights activities gave pressure on Sri Lankan Government.

It is worthy, to report the human right violations in the north east from ceasefire agreement up to August 2007.

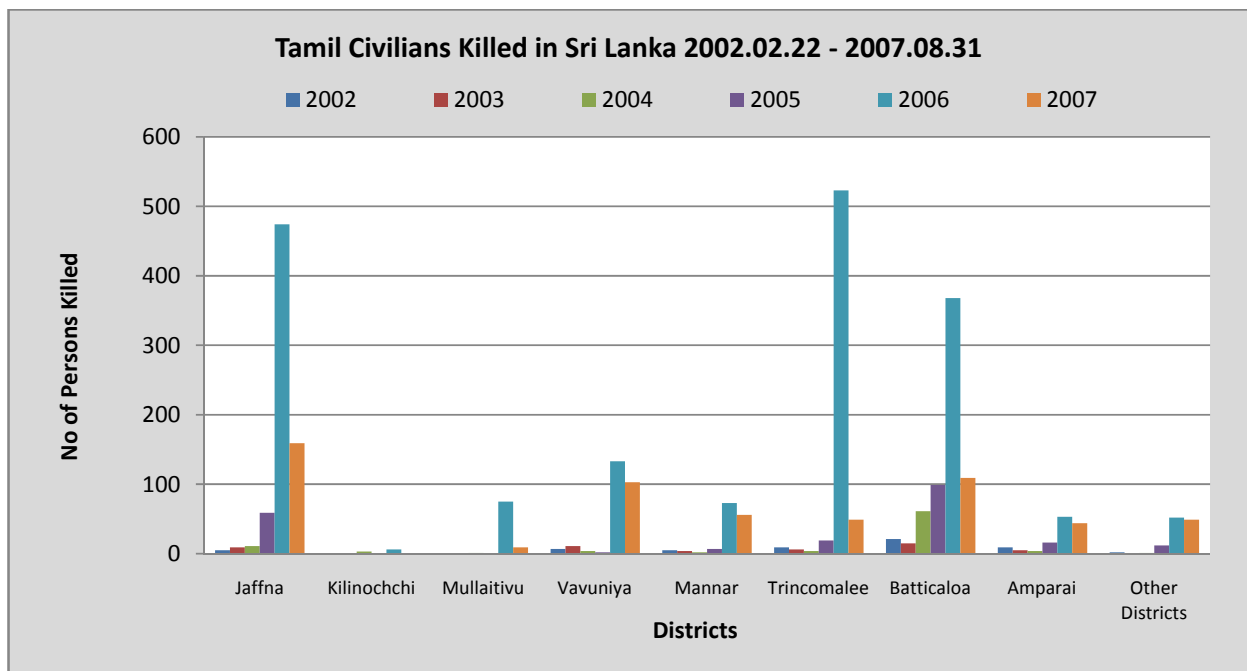
Civilians killed, enforced disappeared, arrested and injured in the North East area of Sri Lanka in the month of August - 2007

District	Massacre	Enforced Disappeared	Arrested	Injured	Total
Jaffna	27	26	1	7	61
Kilinochchi	...	...	...	1	1
Mullaitivu	...	...	...	...	0
Vavuniya	7	...	...	2	9
Mannar	...	4	3	...	7
Trincomalee	4	2	...	...	6
Batticaloa	6	5	5	1	17
Amparai	2	...	...	...	2
Total	46	37	9	11	103



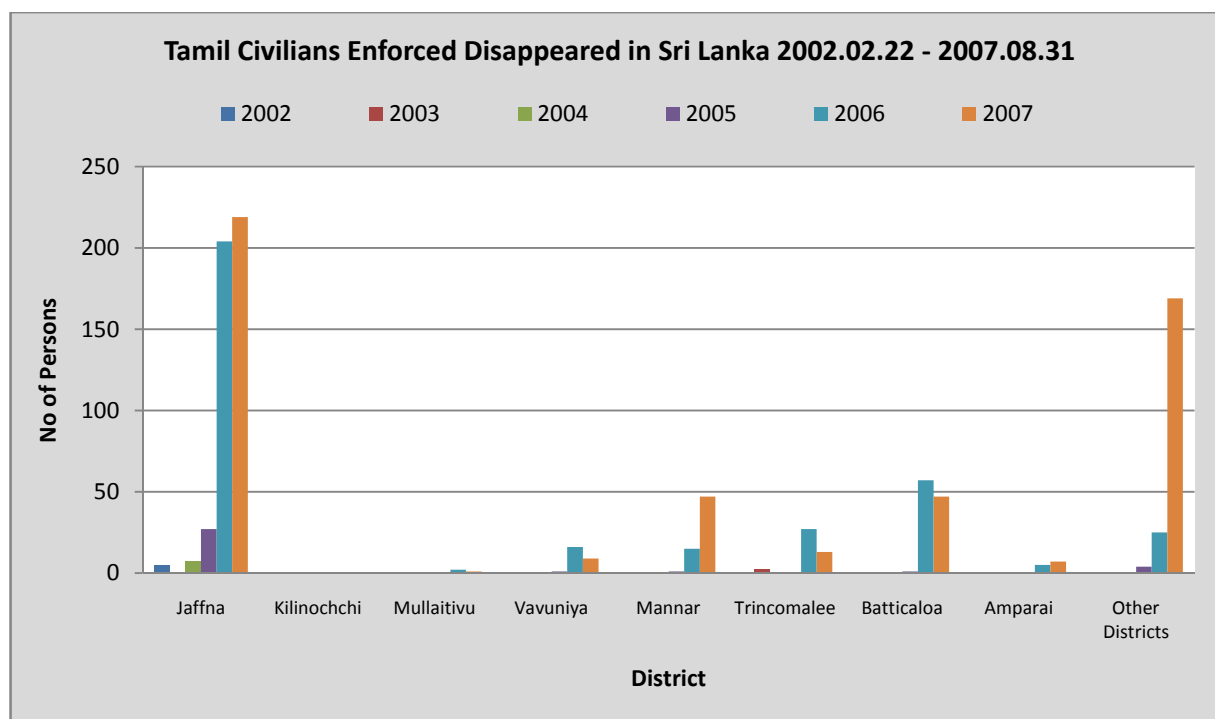
Tamil Civilians Killed in Sri Lanka 2002.02.22 - 2007.08.31

District	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Jaffna	5	9	11	59	474	159	717
Kilinochchi	...	...	3	...	6	...	9
Mullaitivu	...	...	1	...	75	9	85
Vavuniya	7	11	4	2	133	103	260
Mannar	5	4	2	7	73	56	147
Trincomalee	9	6	4	19	523	49	610
Batticaloa	21	15	61	99	368	109	673
Amparai	9	5	4	16	53	44	131
Other Districts	2	0	1	12	52	49	116
Total	58	50	91	214	1757	578	2748



Tamil Civilians enforced disappeared in Sri Lanka 2002.02.22 - 2007.08.31

District	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Jaffna	5	...	7	27	204	219	462
Kilinochchi	0
Mullaitivu	2	1	3
Vavuniya	1	16	9	26
Mannar	1	15	47	63
Trincomalee	...	2	...	...	27	13	42
Batticaloa	1	57	47	105
Amparai	5	7	12
Other Districts	4	25	169	198
Total	5	2	7	34	351	512	911



Details of civilians killed in North East of Sri Lankan in the month of August 2007

No	Full Name and Address	Age	Gender	Incident Date	Incident	District
01	Sakathevan Dilaxsan - Kokuvil Jaffna	24	Male	1-Aug-07	He was a Jaffna University student. He was shot and killed inside his house in Kokuvil by the Sri Lankan Army Intelligence in the Curfew hours at 5.00 a.m.	Jaffna
02	Thanikasalam Sasiruban - Thirunelvely Jaffna	24	Male	2-Aug-07	He is a Technical College Student. Sri Lanka Army Intelligence followed him on a motorbike shot and killed him between Thirunelvely Tharankavil Pillaiyar Temple and Muhamavady Junction at 8.00 a.m.	Jaffna
03	Mahenthiran Tharany - Chavakachcheri Jaffna	31	Male	3-Aug-07	Paramilitary Troopers followed him on a motor bike while he rode bicycle on the Chavakachcheri - Sangaththanai road and he was shot and killed.	Jaffna
04	Palasingham Suresh - Sivan Kovilady Thirunelvely Jaffna	21	Male	3-Aug-07	He was severely injured when the Sri Lankan military in Muhamavady camp opened fire at civilians after an attack on them on 31 July. Three days later he succumbed to his injuries in Jaffna teaching hospital.	Jaffna
05	Tharmalingham Sanmugarasa - Vaiththeswara Junction Jaffna	31	Male	3-Aug-07	He was shot and killed when he went to a dispensary near to his house, by the paramilitary troopers that came in a bicycle.	Jaffna

No	Full Name and Address	Age	Gender	Incident Date	Incident	District
06	K.Sivanathan - Kalavai Batticaloa	25	Male	4-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army at Maddu - Kalavai	Batticaloa
07	S.Sasikaran - Kalavai Batticaloa	26	Male	4-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army at Maddu - Kalavai	Batticaloa
08	Thanaraja Rajakumar - Muruganoor Vavuniya	29	Male	6-Aug-07	His dead body was found with gun shot injuries in head and tied with stone in well at Ellappar Maruthankulam. He missed last 06 days.	Vavuniya
09	Sinnaththamby Niththiyananthan - Sinnawaththai Batticaloa	25	Male	7-Aug-07	He was missed in Sinnawathi area and his dead body was found with gun shot injuries.	Batticaloa
10	35 years old man - Veerapuram Vavuniya	35	Male	7-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the gun men at Pandarikulam at 1.45 p.m.	Vavuniya
11	Murugesu Rajhkanna - Kaithady South Jaffna	30	Male	8-Aug-07	Paramilitary troopers entered his house and shot and killed him in Thenmaratchchi Kaithady at 8.00 a.m.	Jaffna
12	Sanmukavadivel Siththiravadivel - Kaithady North Jaffna	39	Male	8-Aug-07	Paramilitary troopers entered his house and shot and killed him in Thenmaratchchi Kaithady at 8.00 a.m.	Jaffna
13	Nimalenthiran Rajenthiram - Akkaraippattu	23	Male	10-Aug-07	Tamil youth was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Special Task Force in Akkaraippattu Amparai at 11.30 a.m.	Amparai
14	Pethurupillai Jesuthasan - Navanthurai Jaffna	40	Male	12-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the unidentified gun men in Navanthurai Jaffna at 6.30 p.m.	Jaffna
15	Ariyaratnam Subajini - Karumpulliyar Mallavi Mullaitivu	21	Female	13-Aug-07	She was killed in Kefir attack by the Sri Lankan air force in passengers bus in Nedunkerny Katkulam at 6.40 a.m.	Vavuniya
16	Thambaiah Santhiramohan - Kaithady Junction Jaffna	28	Male	13-Aug-07	He was shot and dead by the unidentified gunmen in Kaithady.	Jaffna
17	K.Sellaiah - Kaithady Jaffna	65	Male	13-Aug-07	He was former president of Grama Sevaka and shot dead by the unidentified gun men at 11.00 a.m.	Jaffna
18	Jeyathas Ruban - Kaithady East Jaffna		Male	13-Aug-07	He is a father of two children. He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army Intelligence	Jaffna
19	K.Thevarasa - Rajasingham Veethy Kurunagar Jaffna		Male	13-Aug-07	He was employee of Jaffna Municipal council. He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army in front of Jaffna St.Patrics College.	Jaffna
20	Ratnam Pathmaseelan - Poththuvil Amparai	38	Male	13-Aug-07	He is a bus sub-conductor. He was shot and killed by the unidentified gunmen in front of Poththuvil Karuna Office.	Amparai
21	Suresh - Poththuvil East Amparai	27	Male	13-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Unidentified gun men in Poththuvil at 7.30 p.m.	Amparai

No	Full Name and Address	Age	Gender	Incident Date	Incident	District
22	Nagarasa Vimalenthiran - Kantharodai Jaffna	34	Male	14-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Sri Lanka Army Intelligence in Changanai market.	Jaffna
23	Siththa - Mullipoththanai	24	Male	15-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Paramilitary troopers in a ground of Kanthalai Mullipoththani Paththima Muslim Maha Vidyalam	Trincomalee
24	Seeni Jeyakaran - Urelu North Jaffna	27	Male	16-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army Intelligence in Chunnakam Mayilani.	Jaffna
25	A male		Male	16-Aug-07	His body was found in a decomposed state in Pasaiyoor .	Jaffna
26	A male		Male	16-Aug-07	His dead body was found with gun shot injuries in head and body by the Kopay police and was handed over at Jaffna hospital.	Jaffna
27	Mahenthiran - Batticaloa	42	Male	17-Aug-07	His dead body was found with gun shot injuries in Batticaloa.	Batticaloa
28	A youth		Male	17-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army in Point Pedro.	Jaffna
29	A youth dead body		Male	17-Aug-07	His body was found in Samayapuram area and it was handed over Vavuniya hospital.	Vavuniya
30	Two youth dead body		Male	17-Aug-07	Their body was found in Manatkadu area with gun shot wounds and was handed over to Manthikai hospital.	Jaffna
31	Seeniththamby Pavani - Anaikaddiyaveli Vellaveli Batticaloa		Female	19-Aug-07	Gunmen entered his house and shot dead.	Batticaloa
32	Karthigesu Rajaratnam - Velanai East Jaffna	57	Male	19-Aug-07	He is a business man and father of five children. He was shot dead by the unidentified gunmen.	Jaffna
33	A business center owner		Male	19-Aug-07	He is a owner of a business center. He was shot and dead in his shop by the Unidentified gunmen	Jaffna
34	Sivasamy Sritharan - Puliyanakoodal South	31	Male	20-Aug-07	He is employee of Danish Demining Group. He was shot and killed by the Sri Lanka Army Intelligence.	Jaffna
35	Jeyarajah - Jinnanagar	23	Male	20-Aug-07	He is driver of the Three Wheeler. he was shot and killed by the unidentified gunmen.	Trincomalee
36	S.Thiyagachchandran - Valaichchenai Batticaloa		Male	20-Aug-07	He is one of the brother of Batticaloa district Tamil National Alliance (TNA) Parliamentation S.Jeyanathammoorthy and and employee of Valaichchenai paper factory. He was shot and killed by the paramilitary when he was returning home from his work place at 6.30 p.m.	Batticaloa

No	Full Name and Address	Age	Gender	Incident Date	Incident	District
37	Arumugam - Veerapuram Vavuniya	55	Male	20-Aug-07	He was a former President of Village Development Council. He was shot and killed by the Sinhala thugs in Veerapuram.	Vavuniya
38	Senthilnathan - Veerapuram Vavuniya	35	Male	20-Aug-07	He was working as a driver in the Ceylon Transport Board. On that day, he was forcibly pulled off from the bus by Sinhala thugs and shot and killed.	Vavuniya
39	Sellaiah Santhiran - Navali Jaffna	59	Male	23-Aug-07	Paramilitary troopers called him out of his home and shot and killed in front of his house	Jaffna
40	Antony - Kayts Jaffna	35	Male	23-Aug-07	He went missing. Later his body was found from a pond with his hands and legs tied to stones.	Jaffna
41	A dead body		Male	23-Aug-07	His body was found in a cemetery. His body was not identified.	Vavuniya
42	Sanmukarasa Sasikaran - Varani Jaffna	35	Male	25-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Unidentified gunmen in Thenmaratchi Varani.	Jaffna
43	A Tamil youth		Male	26-Aug-07	He was travelling in a bus and shot dead by the unidentified gunmen.	Trincomalee
44	Sanmugam Sasikaran - Kaluthavalai Temple Road	33	Male	28-Aug-07	His dead body was found with gun shot injuries in Vellaveli	Batticaloa
45	A youth		Male	29-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army in Point Pedro.	Jaffna
46	A youth		Male	29-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army in Vathiri Pointpedro.	Jaffna
47	Nadaraja Sugumar - Kilinochchi	34	Male	30-Aug-07	He is a business man in Kanthalai area. He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army Intelligence	Trincomalee
48	A Tamil youth		Male	30-Aug-07	He was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan Army Intelligence in Kanthalai.	Trincomalee
49	Nadarajalingham Siyamalan - Manthuvil Jaffna	25	Male	31-Aug-07	He is a business man in Manthuvil area. He was shot and killed by the Paramilitary troopers.	Jaffna

Details of civilians enforced disappeared in North East of Sri Lankan in the month of August 2007

No	Full Name and Address	Age	Gender	Incident Date	Incident	District
01	A student -Kopay Jaffna	15	Male	01.08.2007	He was studying in Kopai Hindu College. He was abducted in his relatives house by paramilitary in curfew hours.	Jaffna
02	Velautham Jeyasingham - Palaiya Post Office Veethy Vinayakapuram	48	Male	03.08.2007	He was abducted by the Karuna Group and Complaints was lodged by the relatives.	Batticaloa
03	Kaneshamoorthy Sasikumar - School Road Palkuda Vinayagapuram	15	Male	03.08.2007	He was abducted by the Karuna Group and Complaints was lodged by the relatives.	Batticaloa
04	Neelakandan Rathiga - Kaththiri College Thirukkivil	22	Female	03.08.2007	He was abducted by the Karuna Group and Complaints was lodged by the relatives.	Batticaloa
05	Kanapathippillai Santhirpos - Temple Road Vinayakapuram	33	Male	03.08.2007	He was abducted by the Karuna Group and Complaints was lodged by the relatives.	Batticaloa
06	Vairamuthu Thavarasa - KaliKovil Veethy Vinayakapuram	45	Male	03.08.2007	He was abducted by the Karuna Group and Complaints was lodged by the relatives.	Batticaloa
07	Markandu Santhirakumar - Kopay Jaffna	22	Male	05.08.2007	He was abducted and Complaints was lodged by the relatives with HRC in Jaffna.	Jaffna
08	Maharasa Raveenthiran - Kantharmadam Jaffna	29	Male	05.08.2007	He was abducted and Complaints was lodged by the relatives with HRC in Jaffna.	Jaffna
09	Sritharan Tharsanan - Chunnakam Kantharodai Jaffna	21	Male	05.08.2007	He was abducted and Complaints was lodged by the relatives with HRC in Jaffna.	Jaffna
10	Subramaniam Kankatharan - Araly Northy Vaddukkoddai	32	Male	05.08.2007	He was abducted and Complaints was lodged by the relatives with HRC in Jaffna.	Jaffna
11	Veerasingham Vonothan - Nayanmarkaddu - Jaffna	19	Male	08.08.2007	He was working in a Jewellery shop. On that day he was taken by the Sri Lankan Army to the Adiyapatham military Camp. He has not returned home.	Jaffna
12	Kathiramalai Mugunthan - Pointpedro Salai Jaffna.	27	Male	10.08.2007	He is a garage owner and a father of four children. He went missing after he left the house. His wife lodged a complaint with HRC-Jaffna.	Jaffna
13	Pathmanathan Karikaran - Puththur East Jaffna	35	Male	10.08.2007	He is a mentally affected patient. He went missing after he went to shop to buy coconut in Puththur market. His wife lodged a complaint with the Jaffna HRC.	Jaffna
14	Pusparasa Puspanathan - Valvettithurai Koththavaththai	22	Male	10.08.2007	He went missing after he left his home. His wife lodges a complaint with HRC Jaffna.	Jaffna

No	Full Name and Address	Age	Gender	Incident Date	Incident	District
15	Thangavel Palamurali - Thumpalai Kappaiheru veethy Pointpedro	22	Male	11.08.2007	He went missing. Relatives lodged a complaint with HRC Jaffna.	Jaffna
16	Thevarasa Thavappirasath - Mylanthanai Jaffna	26	Male	12.08.2007	Paramilitary members entered his home at 7.15 p.m. and tied his mother's hands and abducted him. His mother lodged a complaint with HRC Jaffna.	Jaffna
17	Suntharalingham Nomithan - Pasupathiyar Road, Sangaththanai Chavakachcheri Jaffna	25	Male	13.08.2007	He went missing. Relatives lodged a complaint with HRC Jaffna.	Jaffna
18	Arumaithurai Satheeskumar - Araly North Vaddukkoddai	19	Male	13.08.2007	He went missing. Relatives lodged a complaint with HRC Jaffna.	Jaffna
19	Thirunamam Manokaran - Sandilipay North Jaffna	21	Male	14.08.2007	On that day of he went missing. He was waiting in front of EPRLF camp in Jaffna to go to Trincomalee by ship and two Sri Lankan military intelligence unit members in civilian dress abducted him from that place.	Jaffna
20	Nadarasa Jeyarajah - Pesalai Mannar	28	Male	14.08.2007	He was abducted by the Unidentified gunmen. His wife lodges a complaint with HRC.	Mannar
21	R.Niruban - Thenmaratchi Jaffna	22	Male	16.08.2007	He is a mason. He was abducted by the paramilitary to build a camp for them in a secret place, his relatives said in the complaint lodged by them.	Jaffna
22	Karthigesu Priya - Nallur Jaffna	23	Male	17.08.2007	He went missing. Relatives lodged a complaint with HRC Jaffna.	Jaffna
23	One youth	14		17.08.2007	He was studying Grade-08 in Urumpirai Hindu Tamil Vidyalayam. He was abducted by Paramilitary.	
25	Sabastiyam Kristiyan Lenald - Kallaru Kilinochchi		Male	20.08.2007	He was missing after he went to fishing in Vadamaratchchi East - Vaththirayan Sea.	Jaffna
26	Sivanathan Rajahkumar -Kallaru Kilinochchi		Male	20.08.2007	He was missing after he went to fishing in Vadamaratchchi East - Vaththirayan Sea.	Jaffna
27	Mylvakanam Kokulavasan - Neervely Kanthasuvamy Kovilady Jaffna		Male	20.08.2007	He is an electricity board employee. He was enforced disappeared by the paramilitary according to the complaint loaded by his relatives in HRC-Jaffna	Jaffna
28	V.Satheeskumar - Madduvil Jaffna	29	Male	20.08.2007	He was missing after he went to Jaffna town. His relatives lodge a complaint with HRC Jaffna.	Jaffna
29	K.Piratheepan - Madduvil Jaffna	32	Male	20.08.2007	He was missing after he went to Jaffna town. His relatives lodge a complaint with HRC Jaffna.	Jaffna
30	Veerasingham Supassanthirapos - Trincomalee	35	Male	23.08.2007	He was abducted by the paramilitary who came in a white van in Trincomalee East at 1.30 p.m.	Trincomalee

No	Full Name and Address	Age	Gender	Incident Date	Incident	District
31	Subramaniam Suthakaran - Periyaporatheevu Batticaloa	25	Male	23.08.2007	When he was staying his relative's house in Negombo. He was abducted by the Sri Lankan Army and Relatives lodge a complaint with HRC	Negombo
32	Subramaniam Santhakumar - Periyaporatheevu Batticaloa	21	Male	23.08.2007	When he was staying in his relative's house in Negombo and he was abducted by the Sri Lankan Army and Relatives lodge a complaint with HRC	Negombo
33	Thampiras Jeevakanthan - Meesalai Jaffna	21	Male	25.08.2007	Gun men entered his house and abducted him with gun point. Relatives lodge a complaint with HRC	Jaffna
34	Sayanthan - Karaveddy Thunnalai Jaffna	27	Male	26.08.2007	He was arrested near the Uduppiddy Pillaiyar Temple by the Sri Lankan Army. Later he was missing. Relatives lodge a complaint with HRC.	Jaffna
35	Nirmalan - Karaveddy Thunnalai Jaffna	21	Male	26.08.2007	He was arrested near the Uduppiddy Pillaiyar Temple by the Sri Lankan Army. Later he was missing. Relatives lodge a complaint with HRC.	Jaffna
36	Nantharuban Jeyakkody - Sakkoddai Vadamaratchchi Jaffna	29	Female	26.08.2007	He was missing. Relatives lodge a complaint with HRC.	Jaffna
37	one civilian			31.08.2007	He was abducted by the paramilitary who came in a white van in Mannar town at 12.00 p.m.	Mannar
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Report I

13th and 14th of August 2007 air attacks in Nedunkerni

Introduction

Nedunkerni is a major city in the north of Vavuniya district. The people in this area are mostly farmers and daily wage earning labourers. The people living here have faced repeated and numerous attacks on them over the last two decades.

In 1980, the Sinhala prisoners were brought by the Sri Lankan military and settled in the Tamil settlements of Dollar Farm and Ken Farm in this area after evicting the Tamils from this settlement. These Sinhala settlers posed a constant threat to the Tamils in this area. The Sinhala settlers together with the Sri Lankan military attacked the Tamils frequently.



In 1987, the Indian military stationed here destroyed many school of the schools and temples in this area by helicopter strafing. More than 15 people died in these attacks.

In 1997, Sri Lankan military forcefully evicted the Tamils from this area during its military operation codenamed, “Jeyasikkuru”. After the 2002 ceasefire agreement the Tamils returned to the area and resumed their farming activities.

The again on 13.08.2007 the area came under Sri Lankan Air Force aerial bombardment. One young woman was killed and two senior citizens were badly injured. The Katkulam School, the Multi Purpose Cooperative Society building, the Rice mill, many private homes and buses were destroyed and damaged in this aerial bombardment.

On the following day at 12.30 at night, Sri Lankan MiG 24 bombers attacked the area again. This time the Olumadhu Government Mixed School, civilian homes, and farmland were damaged.

The attacks on Tamil property have been going on since the time of the Indian Peace Keeping Force.



*Kasipillaia Rasalingam,
Grama Sevekar for
Katkulam in the
Nedunkerni area*

“The people of this area have faced several violent attacks since 1987. Then people from Mullaithivu were displaced here and were staying in schools and temples. Helicopter strafing by the Sri Lankan military killed 15 people and another 25 were badly injured. After that, in 1997 during the Sri Lankan military’s “Jeyasikkuru” operation in 1997 these people lost all their belonging and were chased out of their own homes. Yet, after the 2002 ceasefire agreement, they had returned and were building up their lives. However, only 35 farming families live here where as prior to the attacks hundreds of farming families lived here.

Aerial attacks were carried out twice on this village on 13.08.2007. Katkulam Government Mixed School, Vinayagar temple, Multi Purpose Cooperative Society building, Rice mill, and buses with passengers were targeted. A young woman, Subajini, traveling in the bus died and a husband and wife couple, Sinnakuddi Thiagaraja and Kanahamma received serious injuries to their head and are receiving treatment at the Nedunkerni hospital. Their home was destroyed.

The home of another widowed mother with three children was also completely destroyed.

23 homes belonging to, Sreetharan Selvaranee, Muthaih Loheswaran, Arumuham Sittampalam, Selvarasa Sivakankai, Vairavanathan Ratnam, Uthayakumar Annaladchmi, Thambaih Gnanenthiran, Vinasithamby Kathiripillai, Subramaniam Mayilvahanam, Kathirithambi Premakumar, Vairavanathan Thambaih, Kanapathipillai Kandasamy, Velayuthampillai Sivapakiyam, Vigneswaran Mathivathani, Sathasivam Thavakularanee, Vairavanathan Vinasithambu, Kandaih Sivarasa, Sivagangai, Chellaaih Thesarathasingam, Sinnakuddi Thirunavukarasu, Jeyaseelan Yogeswari, Sivalingam Thavamani, and Sivalingam Paramalingam were damaged.

We informed all the parties concerned about this attack. Yet, no assistance reached the affected people. In this situation Sri Lankan military helicopters attacked the Olumadhu School and the surrounding farmland the following day.

We appeal to the international community to assist in protecting our people and our natural resources.”

I lost my home, farm, livestock, everything, With God's grace I am alive today

"I have been living in this area for many years. I am a farmer. I also raise chicken, goats and cows. Our living is dependent on these.



Thiagaraja Kanagamma
Katkulam, Nedunkerni.

On the day of the attack spy planes were circling early in the morning. We immediately went into the bunkers we have dug for such occasions. In our home it is only my wife and myself. My married children live nearby. Within minutes of us going into the bunker the bombs started to come down. We could not do anything. When the dust and smoke settled, I realized that I was injured in my head. When I looked around I found my wife unconscious with head injuries. Before I could drag her out of the bunker the bombers came back again. I struggled to drag to away towards the farm and the bombs started to fall again. Then my children who were living nearby have come to see us situation. We could not find any vehicles to take my wife to the hospital. We were forced to

take her on the bicycle to the hospital.

We have been bed ridden ever since we came to the hospital. We are told that our house has been flattened. I am unable to walk yet. All my livestock is dead. I was able to do physical work like a young man but now I am disabled."



Thiagaraja's wife, Thiagaraja Kanagamma says,

"I was making tea when the bombers came. My husband dragged me to the trenches. and then I do not remember anything." The state of their home

I knew the first bomb explosion

"I built my home with the compensation I received during peace time and did farming to take care of my children. Now the bombers have destroyed everything" - Widowed mother Jeyaseelan Yogeswari who lost her home

"My husband was killed by the Indian military in 1987. I have three children. I was farming to earn a living. In 1997, during the "Jeyasikkuru" military operation we were displaced to Mallavi. I put up a small hut in my relative's backyard and survived. I



survived by doing labour work. It was only during the peace time I built the home with the compensation I received.



Widowed mother Jeyaseelan
Yogeswari who lost her home

When the bombers came my children and I were sitting under a banana plant. Five bombs were dropped. The roof tiles of my house broke to pieces for the shock. Now there is no protection from the rain. I have informed our Grama Sevakar but so far I have received no assistance to repair the roof. Unless I receive some assistance I cannot repair the roof. All the plants in the farm have been destroyed. I do not know how to survive with all my source of income thus destroyed."

"How am I going to earn a living after losing my farmland"

- Narayanasamy Puvaneswaran, a farmer from Olumadhu,



"My native place is Uduppiddy in Jaffna. I came to Nedinkerni 25 years ago to farm this land. All my livelihood is presently in Nedunkerni.

The following the aerial bombing on 14.08.2007, the Sri Lankan Air Force came in MiG 24 helicopters and attacked my farm and the school nearby. My family and I had taken refuge in our backyard. Twelve bombs fell in my yard.



Luckily we all escaped but my home and farm were destroyed. All the crops in the farm are all gone. The unexploded bombs need to be removed from my yard. I appeal for their removal and an end to such aerial attacks on people's private property. People in this area are displacing due to increased attacks like this. I cannot go elsewhere nor can I do any other work. This is my only possession, this farm. How can I earn a living after losing it?"

“We have been affected by the Sri Lankan military and the Sinhala thugs ever since I was a small child.”



Vairavanathan
Vinasithamby,

“Nedunkerni is my native place. I have spent all my life here. I have four children and they are all married. My wife died sometime back. I live with my eldest daughter. My livelihood is farming. If we leave our land and go we cannot earn a living. I am working as a night time security guard in Paddiruppu M.P.C.S

We have been affected by the Sri Lankan military and the Sinhala thugs. We also faced untold miseries at the hands of the Indian forces that arrived here. As far as we are concerned the peaceful time in our lives came for two to three years after the 2002 ceasefire agreement.

In the recent times we are facing artillery shelling. On the day of the bombing, spy planes were circling early in the morning. Later bombs fell in the yard in front of my house. They also fell in the Katkulam School and in several other buildings.

My neighbors who had gone to the bunkers escaped with injuries and are receiving treatment in the hospital. Their house was destroyed without a trace.

My shop where I worked and the rice mill have all been shifted from this place. Even the people are thinking about moving out. I cannot move out in my old age. I must stay here and die.”

“We have displaced several times due to the Sri Lankan military operations”



I was at Katkulam at the time of the aerial attack on 13.08.2007. Spy plans were circling the area from 5.00am that morning. The bombers came around 6.30am.

We had moved immediately into the bunkers. More than five bombs were dropped. School, the MPCS shop, rice mill and many homes were destroyed. A bus traveling in the area also was attacked. A young woman in the bus was killed. My uncle’s home and his neighbors’ home was destroyed.

We have displaced many times in the past. Every time it was due military operations and artillery shelling. Every time we would displace to Olumadhu area and then return when the situation improves. A normal life is out of reach to us.”

Details of the student killed in the aerial attack of the Sri Lankan Air Force in the Nedunkerni area on 13.08.2007.

1. Full Name: Ariyaratnam Subajini
2. DOB: 02.03.1986
3. Address: Karumpullian
4. Occupation: Student
5. School: Pandyankulam M. V



Family details

No	Name	Relationship	Occupation	DOB
01	Sadasivam Ariyaratnam	Father	Labourer	15.04.1956
02	Ariyaratnam Suvesana	Mother	Home maker	06.04.1958
03	Ariyaratnam Anu	Sister	-	30.06.1980
04	Ariyaratnam Suthan	Brother	Labourer	22.10.1981
05	Ariyaratnam Jegan	Brother	-	15.04.1983
06	Ariyaratnam Subajini	Victim	Student	02.03.1986

Jegan Brother of Ariyaratnam Subajinip says,

“My sister Subajini was studying at Mallavi Pandiyankulam M.V school. On 12.08.2007 my mother and Subajini came to Nedunkerni to see me. The next day morning at 6.30am they were traveling back to Mallavi on the bus when the bus came under the aerial bombardment. My sister was fatally wounded. I had two sisters. The other sister died last year due to illness. Now I have lost my only remaining sister.



Jegan

Report II

Concerning the two fishermen who did not return home from a fishing trip into the Vadamradchi seas on 20.08.2007

Statement by Parish priest Anton Punithakumar

Vadaradchi East people have been affected very badly by the tsunami and the war. Following the closure of the Muhamalai border in August 2006, there have been constant attacks on their homes by the Sri Lankan military. These attacks take the forms of artillery fire and aerial bombardments. Many have been killed and many have lost their property in these attacks. This has made a large percentage of the people to displace.

These are people who rely totally on fishing. Therefore even after displacement they return to continue to fish. These fishermen restrict their fishing to 5 Kilometers from the shore. Even then often when the Sri Lankan Navy approaches they cut their nets and rush back to the shores.

These fishermen have also lost their markets to sell their catch. They convert their catch into dried fish and take it to the Kilinochchi market. Two family men who went fishing on 20 August 2007 have not returned. Their families are living in Kallaru.

It is the civilians who are most affected by this war. Therefore all sods must come forward and to cooperate and facilitate a peaceful and safe life for these people. This is my earnest request.

Artillery attacks and aerial bombardments are carried out on the same people who were affected by the 2004 tsunami.

*Anton Punithakumar
Parish priest
Kappalenti Mary's church
Vadamradchi East*

Statement by Nagamuthu Nageswaran – President of the Uduthurai Temporary Shelters

Before August 2006, 514 families lived in Uduthurai. We lost members of our families and lost most of our possessions in the 2004 tsunami. However, we did not receive much assistance following it and continued to live in temporary shelters. As we were about to raise our heads above waters again, the Muhamalai border was closed by the Sri Lankan military. It started to attack our homes with artillery fire and aerial bombardments. Consequently people began to displace from here.



President of the Uduthurai
Temporary shelter – Nagamuthu
Nageswaran

Presently there are only 80 to 85 families living here. Among us most of the families are from Mamunai, Chempian Pattu, Thalaiyadi, Maruthankerni and Vathirayan. We depend on fishing for our living. We cannot do any other work. We have dug bunkers near our huts and we will run to them whenever we hear shelling noise.

With no security for my own life and unable to go in search of the disappeared, I have continue my fishing livelihood.

Nagamuthu Nageswaran

We cannot go deep sea fishing. We only fish within 5 Kilometers from land. When we see Sri Lankan Navy movement we will cut out nets and quickly return home. Some fishermen have been attacked by the Sri Lanka Navy. Many have left their families in Kallaru, Visvamadu, Iranapalai etc and are staying here alone to continue fishing. Two of them who went to sea on 20 August have not returned. With no security for my own life and unable to go in search of the enforced disappeared, I have to continue my fishing livelihood. These attacks on our fisher demonstrate that we will not get a peaceful life in the near future.

Victim-1

1. Full name: Sebastian Christian Leonald
2. Permanent Address: Mamunai North, Chempian Pattu.
3. Temporary Address: Temporary shelter, Kallaru
4. Occupation: Fisherman
5. DOB: 18.05.1983
6. Marital status: Married
7. ID Card No: 83139489A



Family details

No	Name	Relationship	Occupation	DOB
01	Sebastian Christian Leonald	Victim	Fisherman	18.08.1983
02	Christian Leonald Kamalambikai	Wife	Home-maker	06.03.1977
03	Christian Leonald Theepa	Daughter	Dead	11.04.2003
04	Christian Leonald Theepa	Daughter	Baby	01.04.2006

Statement by wife Christian Leonald Kamalambikai



We displaced from Mamunai North in Chempian Pattu in Vadamaradchi East in Jaffna after the Sri Lankan military began shelling our villages since August last year. We are currently living in Kallaru. My husband and other relatives continue to live in the Sri Lankan military controlled areas in Jaffna. I have only my husband and daughter for a family. My husband has been a fisherman ever since he was very young. He does not know any other work. He therefore leaves us here and go to that area for fishing. He will come here only once in two or three weeks. We lost our eldest daughter in the 2004 tsunami. We also lost all our

belongings in the tsunami. We have given her name to our baby daughter. Now I have also lost my husband. I do not know what my baby daughter and I will do. I pray everyday for the safe return of my husband. I am in contact with the ICRC to trace him. I am hoping to receive good news through them.

Affidavit about the disappearance of Sebastian Christian Leonald

AFFIDAVIT

No.

I, Kristian Leonald Kamalambikai of
Temporary center, Kallaru, Kilinochchi
being a Hindu or Christian do hereby solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and make oath as follows:-

01) That I am the declarant above named

02) My husband named Sebastian Kristian
Leonald
Age 84 Occupation fishing Srilankan
Tamil was missed while going to Jaffna
Udukkurai Vakkirayan sea for fishing

03) That to the best of my knowledge this what I want to express through this affidavit

Signed and affirmed to at Kilinochchi this 31 day of August 2007

[Signature]
Before me

[Signature]
Justice of peace
G. ANTHONIPILLAI
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
KILINOCHCHI

Victim-2

1. Full name: Sivanathan Rajkumar
2. Permanent Address: Chempian Pattu.
3. Temporary Address: Temporary shelter, Kallaru
4. Occupation: Fisherman
5. DOB: 01.11.1982
6. Marital status: Married
7. ID Card No: 823052451A



Family Details

No	Name	Relationship	Occupation	DOB
01	Sivanathan Rajkumar	Victim	Fisherman	01.11.1982
02	Rajkumar Jeyachitra	Wife	Home-maker	15.10.1975
03	Rajkumar Dilaxson	Son	Student	04.01.2002
04	Rajkumar Kalaichan	Son	Baby	22.03.2004
05	Rajkumar Jethurson	Son	Baby	12.10.2006

Statement by wife Rajkumar Jeyachitra



We displaced from Chempian Pattu in August 2006 following artillery shelling of the Sri Lankan military from its Nagarkovil camp. My husband continued to go to Uduthurai seas for fishing. It was in one of his fishing trip on 20 August 2007 that he went missing. My three children and I depend on him for our livelihood. I am in touch with the ICRC about my husband's disappearance and hope to hear some good news through them.

Affidavit about the disappearance of Sivanathan Rajkumar

AFFIDAVIT

No

I, Rajkumar Jeyachitra of Kallaru temporary center, Kilinochchi
being a Hindu or Christian do hereby solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and make oath as follows:-


01) That I am the declarant above named

02) My husband named Sivanathan Rajkumar
Age 25 Occupation fishing Srilankan
Tamil was missed while going to Janna
Uduthurai Vakkirayan sea for fishing.

03) That to the best of my knowledge this what I want to express through this affidavit

Signed and affirmed to at Kilinochchi this 31 day of August 2007.

20.08.2007
Before me


Justice of peace
G. ANTHONIPPILLAI
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
KILINOCHCHI