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# Human Rights Report for the month of September, 2007

Despite a plethora of condemnation, adverse criticism and serious concern expressed by international human rights bodies against human rights violations in the military occupied Tamil habitats, the report for the month of September 2007 compared to the month before, presents a very grim picture of the various types of violations all of which have a cumulative impact on a people already affected by two decades of civil war.

Presented below in summarized form is a list that contain the numeric relating to killings, abductions, disappearances, unlawful arrests, injured in various ways, aerial bombings and displacements consequent to military operations:

- Killings 64 civilians
- Killing of clergy/humanitarian worker 1 Catholic priest
- Disappearances 36civilians
- Unlawful arrests 164 civilians
- Injured 74 civilians
- Aerial bombardments on civilian habitats 4, one civilian killed, 20 including children injured, serious damage to civilian property – 10 houses
- Sought refuge with Human Rights Office, Jaffna 75 civilians
- Displacements in Mannar 20,882 people (5,561 families) from Mannar are now scattered round under trees in jungle clearances, in available school buildings, common halls, temples, churches and with friends and relatives
- Atrocities

**NESOHR** wishes to place before the world community this grim picture in the backdrop of a two decade old war, numerous displacements, loss of livelihood, loss of breadwinners in many families, the serious psychological impact on the student population when civilian habitats including schools are targeted by the air force jets, all of this during a period, the parties to the Cease Fire Agreement (CFA) maintain that the CFA is still operative.

Freedom of movement is another area that remains to be highlighted. The A-9 Highway that links the Jaffna peninsula to the rest of the world remains closed for more than a year now. It is pertinent to recall that the opening of this thoroughfare in February 2002 as the first peace dividend borne out of the CFA was hailed as a landmark achievement through the CFA, the peace tool. The CFA provides for unimpeded flow of persons and goods through this thoroughfare to and from the Jaffna peninsula. Closing this gateway in August 2006, the Sri Lankan government is keeping a population of 500,000 people under a 50,000 strong occupying military in virtual imprisonment. Physical access to the outside world apart, the inhabitants are deprived of basic needs resultant to the closure of A-9 Highway. Closure of Uyilankulam passenger check-point for people to and from Mannar in August 2007 during military offensives has placed the people of Manathai West and Madhu Church,

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the Holy Shrine for catholic people all over the island in the same plight as that of the people in the Jaffna peninsula.

**Displacement has taken a new dimension now**, in that, the military ventures on offensives to assert supremacy, evacuates the people and then the government shouts hoarsely about the plight of the displaced, soliciting support for resettlement, rehabilitation and reconstruction. It is a sad irony to see a government forcibly evacuating people by shelling and then advocating humanitarian assistance for their resettlement. This happened in Batticaloa and is being re-enacted in Mannar.

Those displaced in Mannar, most being farmers, left their rice paddy harvests in about 1500 acres during the latest military offensive and are now denied access to their paddy lands. The entire cultivation is now ruined and these peasants are now in penury living in refugee canters depending on meagre rations provided by humanitarian agencies. Education officials in Mannar report that frequent military offensives commencing March 2007, approximately 3,000 students are affected in the ensuing displacements and the worst affected are those due to sit for the public examinations (GCE O/L and GCE A/L). These students are now refugees along with their parents without any means of preparing for their examinations.

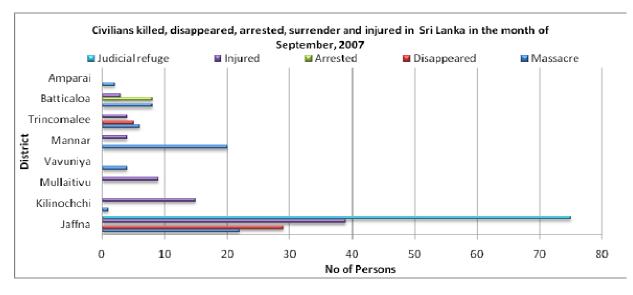
Safety and refuge with the Human Rights Commission in Jaffna: This has become a daily routine now. A total of 132 civilians have sought safety and refuge with the Human Rights Commission in Jaffna and in some cases in the judiciary direct in their places of abode. These civilians report that they are threatened by military and the Para-militaries that work with it. These cases are usually referred to the District Judge in Jaffna who in turn hand them over to the Police for protection. Thereafter, the Police put them in the prison complex along with common criminals. Recalling the massacre of Tamil detainees in the hands of Sinhala criminals with the connivance of prison authorities in the Sri Lankan Prison at Welikada in 1983 and the so-called Rehabilitation camp at Bindunuwewa in Bandarawela (25 October 2000), NESOHR is concerned about the fate of these civilians who are inside the prisons with common criminals in the context of what happened hitherto.

It is also appropriate to recall that the anniversary of the below listed genocidal mass killings of Tamil civilians during the two decades prior to the CFA falls in September:

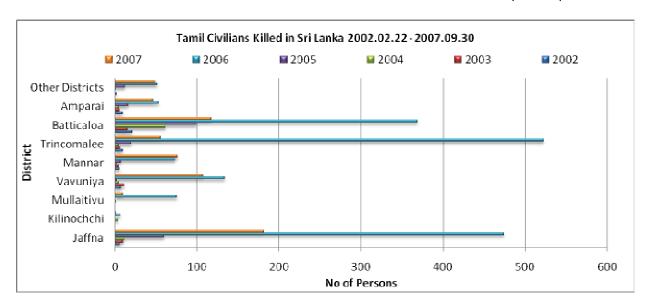
- 1. Point Pedro Thikkam massacre 16 sep 1984
- 2. Nilaveli massacre Trincomalee 16 sep 1985
- 3. Vantharamullai-1990 massacre 05, 23 sep 1990
- 4. Saththurukondan massacre Batticaloa 09 sep 1990
- 5. Natpiddimunai massacre Batticaloa 10 sep 1990
- 6. Mandaithivu disappearances 23 Aug1990, 25 sep 1990
- 7. Maaththalan Aerial bombing Mullaittivu 18 sep 1993
- 8. Sangaththanai, Chavakachcheri Aerial bombing Jaffna- 28 sep 1993
- 9. Nanthavil, Kokkuvil Aerial bombing Jaffna- 29 sep 1993
- 10. Nagarkovil school children Aerial bombing Jaffna 22 sep 1995
- 11. Krishanthy family Rape and killing by SL military Jaffna 07 sep 1996
- 12. Konavil Aerial bombing Kilinochchi- 27 sep 1996
- 13. Vavunikkulam Catholic Church Aerial bombing Mullaittivu 26 sep 1996, 15 sep 1997
- 14. Palinagar bombing and shelling 03 sep 1999
- 15. Manthuvil Aerial bombing Mullaittivu 15 sep 1999

The cease fire period (CFA) commencing February 2002 has on record a total of 2812 killings and 947 disappearances of Tamil civilians, 2006 and 2007 being the crescendo period.

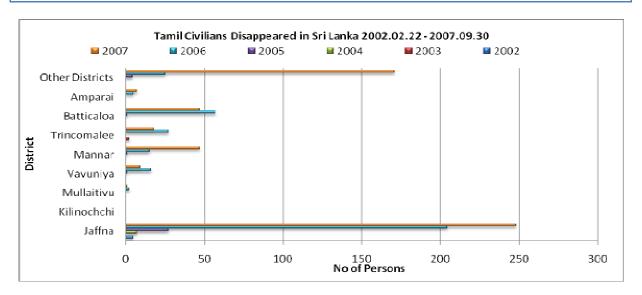
Civilians	killed, disappeared,	arrested, surrendered and	d injured in Sri Lan	ka in the month	of September
District	Massacre	Disappeared	Arrested	Injured	Judicial refuge
Jaffna	24	29		39	75
Kilinochchi	1			15	
Mullaitivu				9	
Vavuniya	4				
Mannar	20			4	••••
Trincomalee	6	5		4	
Batticaloa	8		8	3	
Amparai	2	•••			
Other District		2	156		
Total	64	36	164	74	75



	Tamil Civiliar	s Killed in Sr	i Lanka 200	02.02.22 - 2	2007.09.30		
District	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Jaffna	5	9	11	59	474	181	740
Kilinochchi		•••	3		6	1	10
Mullaitivu			1		75	9	85
Vavuniya	7	11	4	2	133	107	264
Mannar	5	4	2	7	73	76	167
Trincomalee	9	6	4	19	523	55	616
Batticaloa	21	15	61	99	368	117	681
Amparai	9	5	4	16	53	46	133
Other Districts	2	0	1	12	52	49	116
Total	58	50	91	214	1757	578	2812



	Tamil Civilians Di	sappeared in S	Sri Lanka 20	02.02.22 -	2007.09.30		
District	200	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Jaffna	5		7	27	204	248	491
Kilinochchi							0
Mullaitivu					2	1	3
Vavuniya				1	16	9	26
Mannar				1	15	47	63
Trincomalee		. 2			27	18	47
Batticaloa				1	57	47	105
Amparai					5	7	12
Other Districts				4	25	171	200
Total	5	2	7	34	351	548	947



# **Aerial bombings:**

### • Aerial bombing on 20th in Kombavil in the Mullaittivu district:

On 20 September 2007, Kombavil, a little hamlet in Puthukkudiyiruppu in the Mullaittivu District was subject to aerial bombings around 11.10. In four volleys, 16 bombs were dropped injuring 5 civilians, damaging the Mullaiatativu TRO District Head Quarters, totally destroying the dwelling of Ms.Daniel Victoria, a widow. Within a kilo meter radius of the bombed location are the Puthukudiyiruppu Central College, Vernavil Murugananda School, Kaiveli Ganesha School and Puthukudiyiruppu Sri Subramania School. Students (3800) in attendance had to flee for life due to the terrorizing air raid, many falling unconscious.

### Statements of those injured Village and Education officials:

### 1. Nagendran Gowry, Age 27, injured:

After medial treatment of our 6 months old baby in the Puthukudiyiruppu hospital, my husband was taking me and our child in a bicycle when we heard something like a lightning and all what I know was that I was in the hospital with injuries when I regained consciousness. My husband said that I was injured in an aerial bombing and due to his swift action in running away from the site with our baby both of them escaped injury and death.

### 2. K.Tharmarajah, Grama Sevaka (VillageOfficer):

Many of the residents of the village of Kombavil are those originally displaced from Jaffna during the military operation in 1995. Some of the families have faced more than a dozen displacements. The CFA period provided a little relief, but since 2006 this village has been subject to frequent air raids panicking the population.

### 3. Zonal Director of Education, Mullaittivu:

"It is high time UNICEF and other organizations engaged in the welfare of children take effective measures to prevent the aerial bombing of civilian targets, for, children being the most vulnerable segment of the society are being subject to this terror that has since of late become a routine. All the humanitarian agencies working in this area are fully aware of the terrorizing tactic of the Sri Lankan Air Force and it is therefore a moral obligation on their part to let the world community know of this cruelty on innocent civilians.

Commencing from the bombing of St. Peters Church in Navaly and Nagarkovil School in Jaffna, Sri Lankan Air Force has been repeatedly bombing civilian targets with impunity. Recent killing of 53 students in Sencholai, Mullaittivu was a genocidal crime against the Tamil people. Consequent to the bombing of many civilian targets in the district of Mullaittivu that has more often included schools, many parents are now unwilling to send their children to schools.

I have handed over a memorandum to UNICEF, ICRC and similar organizations explaining the plights of about 20,000 school going children and sincerely hope that they would take positive steps to ensure that children are provided with a fear-free environment to Concentrate in their studies."

# Aerial bombings on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Visvamadu in the Kilinochchi district:

In two successive bombings in this village, one civilian was killed, eleven injured and four dwellings totally damaged and loss of property and crops to many families.

### 1. Statement of Ms. Kannaki daughter of Vyramuttu Tambu, Age 50, who was killed in the bombing:

On this day we were collecting vegetables from our garden when we heard the terrorizing sound of kfir jets. My brother and myself took shelter into the make-shifts bunker but my sister and father could not run in time and thus got caught. My father died instantly, brother and sister suffered serious injuries and my hearing affected by the loud noise. Our house was totally damaged in the attack and living now in this place has become a snightmare.

### 2. Statement of Mr.Ponnudurai Subramaniam, Age 55, injured:

We are permanent residents of Sanaguvely, Manipay in Jaffna. We got displaced from our village in 1995 during a major military operation called 'Riviresa' and have taken up temporary refuge in several locations before coming to Visvamadu a couple of years back. On this day when we heard the sound of the kfir jets we took shelter in our temporary bunker but immediately on bombing our bunker was completely covered with sand and the neighbours noticed this after a while and helped to extricate us from the bunker and hospitalize us. First we lost all our worldly belongings in our home town in Jaffna and now even the temporary house that sheltered us has been completely destroyed and all family members injured.

### Details of the Killed person's



- Name Vyramuttu Tambu
- Address No 133, Punnaineravi, Visvamadu, Kilinochchi
- Occupation Agriculture
- DOB 16.01.1921
- Sates Married
- Family Details

No	Name	Relationship	Occupation	DoB
01	Vyramuttu Tambu	Victim	Agriculture	16.01.1921
02	T.Sinnaththankam	Wife	Death	
03	T.Sivakami	daughter	Married	16.11.1949
04	T.Kannaki	Daughter	Married	16.04.1956
05	T.Muththulingam	Son	Agriculture	1950
06	T.Thivamani	Daughter	Teacher	21.12.1960

#### Report II

# Forced eviction of Tamil civilians in the Mannar district of North Sri Lanka.

#### Introduction

It is the routine practice of Sri Lankan government to evict Tamil population forcibly from their homes and lands. These forced evictions always involved irreparable demolition of the homes of the affected, loss of properties, income and lives. This practice of eviction of Tamil civilians from their land by the Sri Lankan state is a clear indication of its genocidal practice. It is also a form of punishment by the state on the Tamils for their political convictions.

# The main land people of Mannar in the past

- 1. Since 1983, the people of Mannar had been affected very much by the Sri Lankan state violence. People were forced to flee from their land as refugees to India, Madhu Church and Wanni jungles. People of Mannar are tired of eternal displacements. To understand the systematic pattern of genocide of today's Sri Lankan State, we point out some past incidents
- In 1983 July, the Mannar town was set ablaze; shops and business institutions were looted and burnt. Mannar became a ghost town. People crossed over to India. In January 1985 a principal, a vice principal, teachers and pupils totalling 18 were killed by the army and air force Another 34 civilians were shot to death and 40 people were severely injured. Army refused to give permission to bury the dead bodies. A Roman Catholic priest and Methodist pastor boldly did the burial of these dead people. Both were killed by the Sri Lankan army at Thalady camp and then again the people were forcibly evicted.
- In 1986 October 12<sup>th</sup> in Adampan 20 people were massacred in one day. Again on October 12<sup>th</sup> Adampan and Uylankulam towns were set ablaze, by the Sri Lanakan army. Nine civilians were tortured to death, 25 civilians were injured.
- In August 1990 the military operation, towards Manthai and Vankalai, caused a mass exodus from the main land of Mannar.
- During the period between 1995 and 1999, under the slogan "War for Peace" by the Sri Lankan state life was made miserable for the people.
- In the year 2000, people commenced to resettle and gradually resumed to the earlier form of life.

In 2007 March 23<sup>rd the</sup> Sri Lankan government was again actively involved in forced evictions of Tamil civilians. People started fleeing for reasons of personal safety and security. Again in august 29<sup>th</sup> of 2007, people were forced to evict due to heavy shelling and aerial bombardments from the following places. Adampan, Andankulam, Karunkandal, Kathankulam, Palaikuly, Ithikandal, Parappukadanthan, Sornapuri, Vannankulam, Vaddakandal, Adkadiveli, Kuruvil, Kannaddy, Neduvarampu, Pandivirichchan

### Statistics of the displaced population

Summary of newly displaced persons as at 21<sup>st</sup> September 2007 Within the district /other district

Name of DS /	Within the District		Other Di	istrict	Total		
AGA Division	Family	Members	Family	Members	Family	Members	
Mannar	187	558	172	456	359	1014	
Nanattan	1180	4145	15	51	1195	4196	
Musali	-	=	-	-	-	-	
Madhu	303	1129	30	104	333	1233	
Mantai West	3596	14158	78	281	3674	14439	
Total	5266	19990	295	892	5561	20882	

Source: Government Agent, Mannar District

Paddy crop that was ready for harvest in more than 1500 acres could not be harvested.

The government of Sri Lanka claims this forced evictions to be inevitable and that it is consistent within the international legal norms against terrorism.

The Sri Lankan state is still continuing to practice its policy of vindictive harassment, penalisation and persecution by creating forced evictions. It increases the vulnerability of Tamil women and children and Reported by NESoHR, Information Collected by SNE

creates a high risk of impoverishment like, landlessness, joblessness, homelessness, marginalization, food insecurity, morbidity, and social disarticulation among the Tamil population in Mannar district.

### Here speak some civilians

#### Suthager, Assistant Government Agent (AGA), Manthai west

From August 29<sup>th</sup> of 2007, due to heavy shelling, people from Manthai west have been displaced. The closure of Uylankulam checkpoint had worsened the situation. We were unable to get relief and other essential items from the supply sources.

## Rev.Fr. S.Sathiyaraj, Parish Priest, Videtaltivu

More than 260 families have come as refugees. The continuing shelling on the civilian habitats has worsened this situation. People found no safety in the bunkers so they vacated their villages. While fleeing, one person died due to shelling. The hospitals, which have less facility, are unable to treat the injured and other patients. International community should act without further delay to protect these innocent civilians.

#### Mrs.K.Sebastian, Director of Education, Madhu

In March 2007 students from 9 schools were already displaced due to shelling. Now in August 2007 students from 15 more schools have been displaced. For them classes are bring conducted under trees and in very primitive conditions. We face a huge problem as to how to reactivate the educational activities. This is the third term. All the final exams especially GCE O/L have to be conducted. All together 3000 students are affected. Due to the closure of Uylankulam checkpoint 50 teachers and 26 administrative staff are unable to report for duty as they are stuck in army-controlled areas.

On 27.02.2007 one education administrative officer and a principal were killed by a claymore attack. Now all are afraid to travel to schools in the remote areas.

### Mr.K.Nagalingam, Grama Sevaka, Mulankavil

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> & the 7th of September 2007, 628 members of 172 families, who were displaced, have moved into my area. Due to heavy rains the people suffer a lot. We are doing our best to give maximum health care and take preventative measures.

### Dr.L. Vettinathan, Doctor in Charge Vidataltivu

Due to heavy shelling the hospital in Adampan was closed. There is only one doctor working. We have limited facilities and will be able to attend to only minor injuries. Other patients have to be transferred to Kilinochchi.

#### Details of the Killed person's



- Name Nesarasa Seveer Jude Delistees Yoganathan
- Address Palapperumal Kaddu, Kuruvelan, Mannar
- Occupation Labour
- DOB 27.04.1973
- Sates Married
- Family Details

No	Name	Relationship	Occupation	DoB
01	Nesarasa Seveer Jude Delistees Yoganathan	Victim	Labour	27.04.1973
02	J.Kamalaswari	Wife	House wife	17.07.1974
03	J.Rakuwaran	Son	-	07.06.2006

#### Account from his wife

My husband died in shelling. I had to take his body to Vellankulam which in more than 30 miles from my village. I have virtually become an orphan with my one-year-old child as I have nobody to console me. Even my parents, brothers and sisters are not with me. My husband had no parents. I don't know how I'm going to bring up my child.

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No	Name and Address	Sex	Date	District	Incident Type
03	Selvakumar - Mannar	Male	01.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
04	Selvarasa Ragusan - Mannar	Male	01.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
05	Maniam Jeyaraj – Mannar	Male	01.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
06	Jeyaraj Oscar – Mannar	Male	01.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
07	Krishnapalan – Vavuniya	Male	01.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
08	Pulenthiran - Mannar	Male	01.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
09	Selvakumar Princy - Mannar	Female	01.09.2007	Mannar	She was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
10	Jesuthasan Elizebeth – Mannar	Female	01.09.2007	Mannar	She was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
11	A woman – Mannar	Female	01.09.2007	Mannar	She was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
12	Mrs.Johns – Mannar	Female	01.09.2007	Mannar	She was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
13	Puvi Suvetha – Mannar	Female	01.09.2007	Mannar	She was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
14	Nagamuththu Saroja – Mannar	Female	01.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavaththurai Road in Mannar.
15	An unidentified person – Mannar		01.09.2007	Mannar	This persion was killed while the Sri Lankan Army men were shooting after the claymore attack carried out by the Deep Penetrating Unit of the Sri Lankan Army at Silavathurai Mullikulam Road in Mannar.
16	A young man – Sandilipai	Male	02.09.2007	Jaffna	He was shot dead near a Sri Lankan Police Station in Sandilipai area in Jaffan
17	Subramaniyam Ariyarajah - Ariyalai Jaffna	Male	03.09.2007	Jaffna	He had disappeared in Ariyalai area in Jaffna. Later his corpse was recovered with stab wounds.
18	Yohan – Parappankandal Mannar	Male	03.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed due to the irrational shelling by the Sri Lankan Army at Manthai West Mannar.

19	Two young men	Male	04.09.2007	Batticaloa	These two Tamil young men were shot dead by the Special Task Force of the Sri Lankan Army in Thevipuram Morakottanchenai area in Batticaloa about 10.25 a.m.
20	Three persons – Two from Manikkafarm and one from Neriyakulam		04.09.2007	Vavniya	All the three Tamils were killed by Sinhalese thugs at Chettikulam Vavuniya.
21	Rasenthiram Sathees - Nanthavil Amman Kovil Street Kokuvil East Jaffna	Male	06.09.2007	Jaffna	He was killed by the para Military group who came in the moter bike, infront of the comminucation in Kokuvil
22	Rajalingam Subajini – Navanthurai Jaffna	Female	06.09.2007	Jaffna	She was shot dead by the Sri Lankan Army Intelligence Force while she was riding a bicycle at Navaladi Lane, Thirunelvely at 9.25 a.m. It is worthy of notice that Sri Lankan soldiers standing at Thirunelveli junction during the shooting incident.
23	T.Vikkinaraja	Male	06.09.2007	Jaffna	He was shot dead by the Para Military Force riding motor cycles opposite the Telephone booth near the Medical Faculty of the Jaffna University.
24	Sivanayakam Satheeskumar - Manatsenai	Male	06.09.2007	Trincomalee	when he was travelling in the moter bike in Manalchanai ,shot dead by unknown gun man
25	Chellaiah Jeyabalasingam – Kaithadi North Jaffna	Male	07.09.2007	Jaffna	Being the owner of a tea boutique in an area of Army tight security, he was in his tea boutique when he was shot dead about 5.45 p.m.
26	Vinayagamoorthi Inpanathan  – Vadamaradchi Jaffna	Male	07.09.2007	Jaffna	He was killed when the Sri Lankan Navy attacked the fishermen while they were fishing in Vadamaradchi East sea. The other fishermen jumped into the sea and swam to the sea shore leaving their boats.
27	Rasaiah Yoha (Mohan) – Eluththur Mannar	Male	07.09.2007	Mannar	He was killed during a shooting incident at Mannar Eluththur at 7.00 p.m. He was the father of a child.
28	Krishnapillai Velupillai – Vantharumoolai Batticaloa	Male	07.09.2007	Batticaloa	He was killed when a tractor was blown up with a pressure mine at Vantharumoolai Batticaloa at 10.05 a.m.
29	Kathirkaman Thavarasa – Vantharumoolai Batticaloa	Male	07.09.2007	Batticaloa	He was killed when a tractor was blown up with a pressure mine at Vantharumoolai Batticaloa at 10.05 a.m.
30		Male	07.09.2007	Batticaloa	He was killed when a tractor was blown up with a pressure mine at Vantharumoolai Batticaloa at 10.05 a.m.
31	Muhamad Riyas - Eravur Batticalao	Male	07.09.2007	Batticaloa	he was injured by the Karuna para Military group gun shot in Earavur
32	A youth - Vavuniya	Male	10.09.2007	Vavniya	His dead body found with gun shot by the police in Chadikulam
33	Subas Hari Daniel Fernando - 8th Ward Pesalai Mannar	Male	11.09.2007	Mannar	He was a fisherman at Manner,Pasallai,was shot dead by unknown gun man
34	Sinnaiah Subramaniam – Musali Mannar	Male	12.09.2007	Mannar	The couples displaced from Mannar Musali area during Army operation were reported dead due to Army attack Mannar Diocese Bishop's Office reports that their corpses are seen at a distance of 03 Kilo meters from Silavathurai in the jungle.

35	Subramaniam Rangamma – Musali Mannar	Female	12.09.2007	Mannar	The couples displaced from Mannar Musali area during Army operation were reported dead due to Army attack Mannar Diocese Bishop's Office reports that their corpses are seen at a distance of 03 Kilo meters from Silavathurai in the jungle.
36	Sownthararajan Saththiyakanthan - Puloly East Jaffna	Male	14.09.2007	Jaffna	Two bodies belonging to individuals from Trincomalee and living in Puloly were found near the Veeramakali Amman Temple in Vadamaradchchi
37	Amaralingam Ahilananthan - Amparai Malvaththai Thanganathapuram	Male	15.09.2007	Amparai	A person arrested on 11.09.2007 at Thanganathapuram was delivered dead on 14.09.2007 at the Akkaraipattu hospital and it was said that there was a skirmish on the way.
38	An Old man	Male	15.09.2007	Vavniya	He was shot dead and body is in the hospital for identifaction
39	Arulanantham Thayanantha - Thampasiddy Point Pedro	Male	17.09.2007	Jaffna	Student of Tuition center was killed by the unknown gun man in his house in Thampasiddy ,point petro .
40	Kathiravetpillai - Pankulam Trincomalee	Male	18.09.2007	Trincomalee	A familied man was shot and killed at Pankulam in Trincomalee.
41	Suntharam - Pankulam Trincomalee	Male	18.09.2007	Trincomalee	A familied man was shot and killed at Pankulam in Trincomalee.
42	Varnakulasingam Ilaiyaraja - Batticaloa Valaichchenai Vinayagapuram	Male	18.09.2007	Batticaloa	A father of two children from Vinayagapuramin Valaichenai while watching a film was taken out of the theatre by unidentified persons for investigation and shot and killed at Vinayagapuram junction.
43	Muththukumar Paransothy - Moothur Palaththadichchenai Trincomalee	Male	20.09.2007	Trincomalee	Muthur Kattaiparichchan & Periyaveli Grama Sevaka cum poet was shot and killed at his residence at Palaththadichchenai.
44	Private bus driver - Trincomalee	Male	21.09.2007	Trincomalee	One bus driver succumbed to a Claymore attack at Sambaltivu in Trincomalee.
45	01 Civilian	Male	21.09.2007	Jaffna	One person was shot and killed between KKS road and Muneeswara road by paramilitary elements.
46	Selvakumar Rajkumar - 16th Colony Batticaloa	Male	22.09.2007	Batticaloa	He was shot dead by unknown gun man .While returning home after playing with the friend's Vellavalli. He is from 16 Colonai . Batticaloa
47	Vairamuthu Thampu - Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	he was killed when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
48	Kulenthiramohan Suthakar - Point Pedro Iyanar Veethy Jaffna	Male	23.09.2007	Jaffna	Hotel owner was killed by the SL army in his hotel in Jaffna sivankovil road
49	Palasupramaniyam Ladsumanaiyar - Jaffna Point Pedro Thumpalai Ladsumanan Thoddam	Male	23.09.2007	Jaffna	One person living at Thumpalai Letchumanan Farm in Pt.Pedro was shot and killed ay his residence.
50	Neethirasa Umakanthan - Kumpuruppiddy Tamil Village	Male	24.09.2007	Trincomalee	At 5.30 a.m. a person from Kurumbupiddy, Trincemalee was shot and killed.
51	Kanthaiya Kirupairasa - Near the Akkaraipattu Maha vidyalayam Akkaraipattu	Male	24.09.2007	Amparai	One from Akkaraipattu, Amparai was shot and killed near the Akkaraipattu M.V
52	Srikanthan Nishanthan - Vaddukkoddai North Jaffna	Male	25.09.2007	Jaffna	A technical officer from Vaddukotai attached to the NorthEast World Bank Housing Project got killed when the army opened fire to retaliate a claymore attack on them.

53	Paransothy Sarathampal - Vaddukkoddai Jaffna	Female	25.09.2007	Jaffna	A Music teacher from Sittankerni and attached to the Chankanai saivapirakasa Vidhiyala Project got killed when the army opened fire to retaliate a claymore attack on them.
54	S.Nadarasa - Kondavil Jaffna	Male	26.09.2007	Jaffna	At Kondavil in Jaffna a man was shot and killed by unidentified persons in the presence of his family.
55	Ref. Father N.Packiya Ranjith Adikalar - Mannar	Male	26.09.2007	Mannar	The coordinator of the International Catholic Organisation Rev.Fr.Nicholas Packiyarajah was killed in a claymore attack by the deep penetrating unit at Vellankulam in Mannar.
56	Popalasingam Sabaskaran - Velanai Jaffna	Male	27.09.2007	Jaffna	A person from Thumalaai, Pt.Pedro while on his way to the shop at 8.00 a.m. was abducted by unknown individuals.
57	Selvarasa Ahilan - Meesalai Jaffna	Male	27.09.2007	Jaffna	Retail shop owner was killed by the unknown gun man in Chavachcharai at 9 am
58	Sellaiya Ashokan - Sunnakam Jaffna	Male	27.09.2007	Jaffna	A vegetable merchant got killed when the army opened fire to retaliate a claymore attack on them at Chunnakam in Jaffna.
59	Nagamuthu Rasaiah - Mayiliddy Jaffna	Male	27.09.2007	Jaffna	A fish monger got killed when the army opened fire to retaliate a claymore attack on them at Chunnakam in Jaffna.
60	Seeniyar Kanesarasa - Kokuvil Jaffna	Male	27.09.2007	Jaffna	A Timekeeper of a private transport service got killed when the army opened fire to retaliate a claymore attack on them at Chunnakam in Jaffna.
61	Visaladsi - Sunnakam Jaffna	Female	27.09.2007	Jaffna	One person was killed when the army opened fire to retaliate a claymore attack on them at Chunnakam in Jaffna.
62	Kumarakulasingam Sivapakkiyam - Anpuvelipuram Trincomalee	Female	27.09.2007	Trincomalee	When abductors tried to take away a 16 year old boy at 11.15 p.m. the father toiled with them. When they opened fire the mother was killed and the father and the boy were injured.
63	An unidentified person		28.09.2007	Trincomalee	His dead body found with gun shot in Vavunathivu forest site of Batticaloa
64	Palasupramaniyam Sanatharan - Inuvil West Jaffna	Male	29.09.2007	Jaffna	A person abducted on 27.09.2007 in a white van was shot dead and his body was thrown near the bus station in Inuvil on the Maruthanamada – Urumpirai road.
65	An unidentified Person - Jaffna	Male	29.09.2007	Jaffna	Another person abducted in a white van was shot dead and his body was found on the Chunnakam Mahiyapiddi road.

	Details of	the Dis	appeared	Tamil civili	ans - September 2007
No	Name and Address	Sex	Date	District	Incident Type
01	Kunasingam Rajamohan - Kopay Jaffna	Male	01.08.2007	Jaffna	A complaint was made in the HRC Jaffna that he was missing in first week of this month
02	06 Tamils	Male	30.08.2007	Trincomalee	A complaint was made that six persons out of seven who went to Verugal river for fishing and collecting honey were missing. The complaint was made by the only surviver. He reported that they had left him to cook meals and when he went in search of them three persons in army uniform chased him away.
03	03 Tamils	Male	31.08.2007	Mannar	A Bussiness man and 02 ,3 wheeler drivers was abducted by white van unknown para military group in manner town at 12 am
04	Thilaiyampalam Paramalingam - Ninthavur Batticaloa	Male	01.09.2007	Batticaloa	Relatives reported that he had been abducted by Para Military Karuna group at Ninthavur.

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05	Two Civilians – Mandaitivu Jaffna	Male	02.09.2007	Jaffna	Relatives reported at the Jaffna Human Rights Commission that both of them disappeared while they were returning from Jaffna through Pannai Bridge.
06	Sinnathambi Siritharan – Kodikamam Kachchai Street Jaffna	Male	02.09.2007	Jaffna	Being a private bus driver, he went to Kodikamam bus station. He was reported at Jaffna Human Rights Commission that he never returned.
07	Vijayarasa Segar - Trinco East habour area	Male	05.09.2007	Trincomalee	It has been reported in 25.09.2007 in HRC that he has been living in habour area of Trinco, has been disappeared
08	Supamalai Peiris Jeyarajan – Uppuveli Trincomalee	Male	05.09.2007	Trincomalee	A complaint was lodged at Uppuveli Police Station that he had been abducted by unknown armed men at Kanniya Puliyad Trincomalee about 7.00 p.m.
09	Singarasa Vanithan	Male	05.09.2007	Jaffna	when he was in the house , He was abducted by para Military at Jaffna
09	S.Nishanthan - Colombo Mattakuli Kathiravaththi	Male	11.09.2007	Colombo	His wife reported in the colombo people monitoring committee that he was disappeared when he was going to musilum street from maddakuli in colombo
10	21 Civilians		12.09.2007	Jaffna	Jaffna HRC reports said that 21 have been disappeared within 11 days in Jaffna District
11	Kanthasamy Kamalathasan - Velanai East Jaffna	Male	12.09.2007	Colombo	when he and his mother had been going to Colombo by bus, he was abducted by white van group in Ragama bus stand
12	Tharmarasa Kowrirasan - Alankerny Trincomalee	Male	22.09.2007	Trincomalee	The wife of the President of the Trincomalee Aalankerni Pillaiyar Temple has lodged a complaint at the Kinniya police station stating that that her husband was abducted by unidentified persons who came in a mini-van and a motor cycle.
13	Nagalingam Perinpanathan - Jaffna Chavakachcheri Ketpely	Male	26.09.2007	Jaffna	An owner of a grocery store in Chavakachcheri was abducted by unknown individuals.
14	01 Person - Sunnakam Station Veethy	Male	27.09.2007	Jaffna	It has been reported to the Human Rights Commission in Jaffna that a person from Station Road, Chunnakam, Jaffna has gone missing.
15	Krishnamoorthy Kesavan - Sunnakam Jaffna	Male	27.09.2007	Jaffna	It has been reported to the Human Rights Commission in Jaffna that a person from Chunnakam, Jaffna has gone missing.
16	Ponnuththurai Ranjan - Thirunelvely Jaffna	Male	27.09.2007	Jaffna	Unidentified persons abducted a man from Tirunelveli, Jaffna
17	Anantharatnam Kajan - Sunnakam Jaffna	Male	28.09.2007	Jaffna	A student from the Technical College was abducted at 9.00 p.m. from his house by unknown persons. It is to be noted that there is a camp of the paramilitary group EPDP.
18	Rasathurai Pirapakar - Alaveddy Jaffna	Male	28.09.2007	Jaffna	At Alaveddi a youth was abducted by armed personnel who broke into the house. When the parents tried to save their son they were severely attacked and are admitted in the hospital.
19	Pathmanathan Pathmayogan - Kaladdy Jaffna	Male	28.09.2007	Jaffna	It has been reported to the Human Rights Commission in Jaffna that a labourer from Kaladdi has gone missing.
20	Nagarasa Tharmarasa - Vadamaratchi Jaffna	Male	28.09.2007	Jaffna	It has been reported to the Human Rights Commission in Jaffna that a driver from Vadamaradchchi, Jaffna has gone missing.
21	Kanthasamy Sasickumar - Trincomalee	Male	28.09.2007	Trincomalee	A person who was a refugee at the Kiliveddi, Trincomalee Welfare Centre was reported missing

22	Kalikkuddy Muthukkumar -	Male	28.09.2007	Trincomalee	A person who was a refugee at the Kiliveddi,
	Trincomalee				Trincomalee Welfare Centre was reported missing
					when he went to dehiwatte.

	Detai	ls of the	Arrested '	Γamil civiliaı	ns - September 2007
No	Name and Address	Sex	Date	District	Incident Type
01	13 Tamils – Gampaha		01.09.2007	Hampaka	They were arrested during the search operation carried out in the Police division under Gampaha Senior Superintendent of Police.
02	04 Tamils		02.09.2007	Colombo	They were arrested by the Sri Lankan Criminal investigation Unit in Mallikawatte area in Colombo.
03	Kanthaiya Arulanantham - Kannankuda Batticaloa	Male	04.09.2007	Batticaloa	He was arrested by the Sri Lankan Special Task Force at Kannankuda Batticaloa at 4.30 p.m.
04	Three persons – Two from Jaffna and one from Batticaloa		13.09.2007	Colombo	Under the search operation conducted in the High Security Zone (HSZ) of Kollonnawa in Colombo 46 persons were arrested. Out of these one from Batticaloa and two from Jaffna has been detained for further investigations and the rest were released.
05	07 Tamil youths	Male	15.09.2007	Batticaloa	During a round up and search operation by the Earavuar police 07 persons were arrested and detained at the police station.
06	46 Civilians		15.09.2007	Hampaka	Sri Lankan police has informed that a total of 46 people - 17 in Dehiwala and 39 in Gampaha – were arrested during a round up and search operation conducted from midnight to dawn.
07	K.Pirakas - Uduvil Jaffna	Male	16.09.2007	Jaffna	One person was arrested by the army at their check point at Thavadi in Jaffna.
08	M.Inparaja - Uduvil Jaffna	Male	16.09.2007	Jaffna	One person was arrested by the army at their check point at Thavadi in Jaffna.
09	10 Civilians		22.09.2007	Kathirkamam	These people were arrested under a search operation conducted by the army in the Kataragama area.
10	17 Persons From North		28.09.2007	Puttalam	People from the North were arrested by the police under a roundup and search operation conducted in Puttalam from 3.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.
11	75 People		30.09.2007	Hampaha	These people were arrested under a search operation conducted by the police in colombo patta and Kambaka area.

	Details of the Injured Tamil civilians - September 2007						
No	Name and Address	Sex	Date	District	Incident Type		
01	An old man	Male	01.09.2007	Jaffna	He was about to go to the Aanyaneyar Temple at Maruthanarmadam Jaffna when the soldiers assaulted him and after he had fallen trampled him underfoot.		
02	Sivanathan Jeyaseelan - Kannankuda Batticaloa	Male	01.09.2007	Batticaloa	He was shot and wounded by gunmen from Karuna group when they tried to abduct a farmer from his house at Kannankuda area in Batticaloa.		
03	Jeyaseelan Visu - Kannankuda Batticaloa	Fema le	01.09.2007	Batticaloa	He was shot and wounded by gunmen from Karuna group when they tried to abduct a farmer from his house at Kannankuda area in Batticaloa.		
04	Sellathurai Yohanathan – Kuruvil Vaddakandal	Male	03.09.2007	Mannar	He was severely injured due to the irrational shelling by the Sri Lankan Army at Manthai West Mannar.		

05	Nallathambi Sivanathan – Batticaloa	Male	04.09.2007	Batticaloa	He was shot and severely wounded by the Sri Lankan Intelligence Force at Kokkatticholai Batticaloa. He is being treated at Batticaloa Teaching Hospital.
06	Nakasothinathan – Vathiri Jaffna	Male	08.09.2007	Jaffna	He was wounded when the Sri Lankan Intelligence forces and the Para Military Forces attacked the inhabitants of the five houses they were robbing with swords and knives at Vathiri Vadamardchi about 8.45 p.m. He was later admitted at Manthikai Hospital to be treated for sword and knife wounds.
07	Ravichandran – Vathiri Jaffna	Male	08.09.2007	Jaffna	He was wounded when the Sri Lankan Intelligence forces and the Para Military Forces attacked the inhabitants of the five houses they were robbing with swords and knives at Vathiri Vadamardchi about 8.45 p.m. He was later admitted at Manthikai Hospital to be treated for sword and knife wounds.
08	Rajaratnam Seran - Nelliyady Karaveddy	Male	15.09.2007	Jaffna	During a revenge action taken by the army due to their camp at Vathuri being subjected to a.hand bomb thrown by unidentified persons two motor cyclists were seriously injured and admitted at the Manthikai hospital.
09	Kaththar Thuraisingam - 7th word Puthukkudiyiruppu Mullaitivu	Male	20.09.2007	Mullaitivu	Indiscriminatory bombings over Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu on civilian targets and on the Mullaitivu branch office of the TRO injured the person
10	Veerakaththy Krishnan - Thineshnagar Kaively Mullaitivu	Male	20.09.2007	Mullaitivu	Indiscriminatory bombings over Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu on civilian targets and on the Mullaitivu branch office of the TRO injured the person
11	Sivarasa Rasalingam - 10th word Puthukkudiyiruppu Mullaitivu	Male	20.09.2007	Mullaitivu	Indiscriminatory bombings over Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu on civilian targets and on the Mullaitivu branch office of the TRO injured the person
12	Nagenthiran Kowri - Puthukkudiyiruppu Mullaitivu	Fema le	20.09.2007	Mullaitivu	Indiscriminatory bombings over Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu on civilian targets and on the Mullaitivu branch office of the TRO injured the person
13	Daniyal Victoriya - Puthukkudiyiruppu	Fema le	20.09.2007	Mullaitivu	Indiscriminatory bombings over Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu on civilian targets and on the Mullaitivu branch office of the TRO injured the person
14	Two Persons - Trincomalee		21.09.2007	Trincomalee	They was injured in claymore attack at sampal thivu in Trinco
15	P.Kavipriyan - Visuvamadu	Male	21.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed at 12.15 p.m. at Visuvamadu.
16	Nagappan - Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	21.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed at 12.15 p.m. at Visuvamadu.
17	A.Maheswaran - Kannaddy Adampan Mannar	Male	22.09.2007	Mannar	Father of the two children was seriously injured
18	T.Muththulingam - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
19	M.Sakthivel - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
20	T.Nadarasa - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	An employee of the Palmehra Coconut Development Society was injured when the Kfir planes bombed Visuvamadu.
21	P.Supramaniyam - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.

22	Supramaniyam Luxshan - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
23	S.Vannimannar - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	A 06 month old child wasinjured when the Kfir planes bombed Visuvamadu.
24	N.Vairavanathan - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	The people were injured when the Kfir planes bombed Visuvamadu.
25	Thurairatnam - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	The people were injured when the Kfir planes bombed Visuvamadu.
26	V.Navaneethan - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Male	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
27	T.Theivamani - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Fema le	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
28	Supramaniyam Puspamalar -	Fema le	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
29	Supramaniyam Tharsika - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Fema le	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
30	Thurairatnam Kannaki - Punnaineeravi Visuvamadu Mullaitivu	Fema le	22.09.2007	Mullaitivu	One person was seriously injured when civilian targets were bombed in Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu.
31	Two Persons		25.09.2007	Mannar	These people were seriously injured when artilary shells exploded in the Pallamadu area in Mannar
32	Yugin Dominic - Mannar	Male	26.09.2007	Mannar	An assistant to a catholic priest was seriously injured when got caught to a claymore attack by the deep penetratin unit of the army. He was first admitted at the Mallavi hospital and later transferred to the Kilinochchci hospital and admitted in the intensive care unit
33	30 Civilians		27.09.2007	Jaffna	These people were injured and admitted to the hospital when the army opened fire to retaliate a claymore attack on them at Chunnakam in Jaffna
34	Sanmugam Kumarakulasingam - Anpuvelipuram Trincomalee	Male	27.09.2007	Trincomalee	When abductors tried to take away a 16 year old boy at 11.15 p.m. the father toiled with them. When they opened fire the mother was killed and the father and the boy were injured.
35	Kumarakulasingam Ilanko - Anpuvelipuram Trincomalee	Male	27.09.2007	Trincomalee	When abductors tried to take away a 16 year old boy at 11.15 p.m. the father toiled with them. When they opened fire the mother was killed and the father and the boy were injured.
36	A youth - Jaffna	Male	28.09.2007	Jaffna	One person was seriously injured claymore attack near Inuvil Sivan Tample
37	04 People - Udaiyakaddu Mullaitivu		29.09.2007	Mullaitivu	During the bomb attack conducted by the Kfir planes from 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. at Udaiyarkattu, Mullaitivy these people were slightly injured.
38	Mr. & Mrs. Rasathurai - Alaveddy Jaffna		28.09.20007	Jaffna	At Alaveddi a youth was abducted by armed personnel who broke into the house. When the parents tried to save their son they were severely attacked and are admitted in the hospital.

# **Atrocities against the Tamils**

#### 01.09.2007: Mannar - Arippu - Displacement

Six thousand people were displaced due to the Army operation in Mannar.

#### 01.09.2007: Jaffna - Nainativu - Search Operation

The whole of Nainativu Jaffna was surrounded by the Sri Lankan Navy and a large scale search operation was carried out.

#### 01.09.2007: Jaffna – Aanjaneyar Temple – Assult

An old man about to enter Aanjaneyar temple was assaulted and trampled under foot by the Sri Lankan Army in the presence of hundreds of people.

#### 01.09.2007: Mannar - Manthai West - Harm caused

Due to the incessant shelling by the Sri Lankan Army targeting Mannar Manthai West inhabited areas about 1200 acres of paddy could not be harvested. Cattle were killed in great numbers.

### 02.09.2007: Mullaitivu - Manalaru - Shelling

People, young and old, live in constant fear as the Sri Lankan Army stationed in Manalaru region continue shelling at random close to the inhabited areas causing serious damage to habitation and vegetation.

### 02.09.2007: Adampan – Mannar – Shelling

Adampan Government Hospital was severely damaged due to the shelling of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces targeting Adampan Mannar.

### 03.09.2007: Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Asylum

Parents and their 03 children living at Manthuvil Thenmaradsi sought asylum at the Jaffna Human Rights Commission fearing threats by Sri Lankan Army and the Paramilitary group.

#### 04.09.2007: Jaffna – Human Rights Commission – Asylum

14 persons in fear of their lives have sought asylum with the Jaffna Human Rights Commission.

### 04.09.2007: Silavaththurai - Mannar - No information

Sources from Mannar District Secretariat reports that they could not have any information in regard to more than 200 families of the fishing folk who had been displaced from Mullikulam village in the after math of the Army Operation at Silavaththurai Mannar.

#### 05.09.2007: Jaffna – Suttipuram – Confiscation

Sri Lankan soldiers have confiscated the National Identity Cards of 06 young men during the cordon and search operation in Suttipuram Varani area in Thenmaradchi Jaffna from 5.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

#### 05.09.2007: Mannar – Mullikulam – Despair

The people of Mullikulam Mannar live in despair as they do not have any means of transport on land, food for themselves and powdered milk for their infants.

#### 05.09.2007: Mannar - Manthai West - Displacement

People are being displaced from their own residential areas at Manthai West Mannar.

# ${\bf 05.09.2007: \ Jaffna-Human\ Rights\ Commission-Information}$

60 Persons have sought asylum at the Jaffna Human Rights Commission during the last two months.

### 05.09.2007: Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Asylum

Four young men in fear of their lives have sought asylum with the Jaffna Human Rights Commission. They are, Kanesamoorthy Thavaruban aged 27 from Kachchai Kodikamam, Suntharam Jeyasuthan aged 21 from Manthuvil Kodikamam, Thirugnanasampanthar Thanushan aged 21 from Allarai Meesalai and Visvalingam Rajeswaran aged 21 from Thavalai Peithalai Kodikamam.

### 05.09.2007: Vattapalai – Mullaitivu – Air raid

Mic 27 bombers of the Sri Lankan Air Force launched a bombing raid close to Vattapalai Mullaitivu inhabited areas around 7.30 a.m.

### 05.09.2007: Jaffna – Vadamaradchi – Fishing banned

Sri Lankan Army has imposed a ban on fishing from Thondamanaru Vadamaradchi to Munai sea region.

#### 06.09.2007: Mullaitivi - Silavathurai - Shelling form Navy Dora boats

Great numbers of yielding trees have been destroyed due to the shelling from the Sri Lankan Navy Dora boats in Silavathurai sea region targeting Silavathurai village in Mullaitivu.

#### 09.09.2007: Jaffna – Nelliyadi – Cordon and Search Operation

The whole of Jaffna Nelliyadi area was surrounded by the Sri Lankan Army when the cordon and search operation was conducted.

#### 10.09.2007: Jaffna – Seeking asylum at the Human Rights Commission

Seven civilians sought asylum with the Jaffna Human Rights Commission due to Army threats. They were Sinnathambi Ahilan aged 27 from Kaithadi North, Vasanthakumar Srikanthan aged 23 from Paththaimeni Achchuveli, Thurairasa Nisanthkumar aged 20 from Manthuvil East Kodikamam, Kanikaithasan aged 25 from David street Kurunagar, Thilliyampalam Sasikumar aged 27 from Urumpirai North, Vinasithamby Thivakaran aged 34 from Meesalai North Kodikamam and Thavarasa Parthipan from Kodikamam.

#### 11.09.2007: Eastern Province – Settlements

Settlements have been created in great numbers for Sinhalese near the Tamil-Muslim habitations by Jathika Hela Urumaya Parliamentarians led by Minister Champika Ranawaka. Tight security has been provided for the Sinhalese settlers.

### 12.09.2007: Jaffna Peninsula - Information

There were 21 persons missing in the peninsula. 17 persons who were in fear of their lives sought asylum with the Jaffna Human Rights Commission during the past 11 days of this month.

## 13.09.2007: Puthukudiyiruppu - Mullaitivu - Air raid

Kfir bombers of the Sri Lankan Air Force launched a heavy bombing raid on inhabited areas at Puthukudiyiruppu. Shrapnel Scattered in Puthukudiyiruppu Venavil Government School Premises. Students were able to save themselves by getting into the trenches, although a few students fainted through fear. 02 Kfir bombers that entered the air space bombarded Venavil inhabited areas 04 times causing much damage to houses.

# 15.09.2007: affna - Neerveli - Search Operation

Sri Lankan Army carried out search operations in Jaffna Neerveli area and confiscated National Identity Cards of 10 youths.

### 17.09.2007: Mannar - Uyilankulam - Intense Sorrow

Mannar Uyilankulam Road had been closed to traffic and government officers were instracted to use Omanthai Road, making them travel 250 kilometres instead of 15 Kilometres, to reach this officers. The officers concerned express their grievance station that it is violation of fundamental human rights without adequate trransport facilities and security.

#### 18.09.2007: Colombo - Parliament - Information

The leader of Tamil National Alliance Mr.R.Sampanthan has given the information after submitting the names of 300 Tamil civilians killed during the invasive Army offensive in the Eastern Province.

### 18.09.2007: Jaffna - Peninsula – Harassment

Search operations by the Sri Lankan Army have increased recently. Vehicles travelling along the main roads and people going into the high security zones in Jaffna peninsula are searched. In addition to such harassment soldiers carry out search operations in houses near Vadamaratchi, Thunnalai, Alvai Northy Muththumari Amman Temple at night.

# 18.09.2007: Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Asylum

Three young men threatened by the Sri Lankan Army and the Para Military Forces and in fear of there lives, one aged 26 from Kamparmalai Uduppiddy and to others aged 18 and 24 from Mirusuvil North Mirusuvil have sought asylum at the Jaffna Human Rights Commission.

### 18.09.2007: Jaffna Peninsula - Demand for money

There have been incident of threats over the telophone demanding money at night in Jaffna Peninsula. Traders have been warned that they would meet the conquences unless they keep a substantials amout of money at the ready.

#### 19.09.2007: Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Asylum

Sinnappu Miththiran age 34 from Thavalai Iyattalai Varani and Rasaiya Selvarasa aged 36 from Alvai West sought at the Jaffna Human Rights Commission as they were threatened by the Sri Lankan Army and the Paramilitary Groups.

#### 19.09.2007: Batticaloa - Vavunatheevu – Invasion

During the Army invasion carried out in Batticaloa peopled were displaced and the cattle were isolated. Steps have been taken to take 20 thousands of such cattle to Pulanaruwa. As a result, milk productions in Batticaloa has greatly decreased. Tamil National Alliance Paraliamentarian stated that there are 500 acres of grazing lands in Batticaloa and 200 acres of the lands have been encroached by the Army in order to set up an Army camp for training the Army.

#### 19.09.2007: Jaffna - Islands - Complain

Three fishermen from Jaffna Pungudutheevu have made a complaint at their fishermen's union that the Sri Lankan Navy has stolen their fishing nets which cost 35000 each and that they are unable to go fishing because of such activities by the Sri Lankan Navy.

#### 19.09.2007: Jaffna - Vadamartchi - Army threat

Sri Lankan Soldiers who went in an Army truck to the house of Aiyampillai living near Valvetti Paththini Amman Temple in Vadamaradchi Jaffna, threatened the women in the house, in the appsence of men. As a result the women concerned fear to living the same house in future.

#### 20.09.2007: Jaffna University – Threat

Hand outs had been sent to Deans of Various Faculties in the University of Jaffna mentioning the names of 13 University students accusing them of having contact with the LTTE and threatening them with fear of death. They have been warned that girls who have contact with the LTTE will meet the same consequences as a Kirushanthy and Rajani. These hand outs were published in the name of "Tamil Allience for the Protection of the Country".

### 20.09.2007: Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Asylum

06 civilians from Pungudutheevu, Thenmaratchi, Meesalai, Thavasikulam and Varani have sought asylum at Jaffna Human Rights Commission fearing death in the hands of the Sri Lankan soldiers and the Paramilitary men.

# 20 Sep 2007: Jaffna University – threats to students through malicious leaflets

Thirteen undergraduates received life threat through a malicious leaflet saying that they are reported to be having links with LTTE and those that were females were specifically warned that they would eventually end up like Krishanthy and Rajani (These two girls were brutally raped and killed by the Sri Lankan military men during 1996 after over-running Jaffna in the major military offensive 'Riviresa')

## 21 Sep 2007: Surrender to Human Rights Commission

Through fear and threat from the Sri Lankan military and the para -militaries working with them two civilians, a 33 year old family man from Meesalai and a 25 year old youth from Kokkuvil surrendered to the Human Rights Commission office in Jaffna.

#### 24 Sep 2007: Military shelling in Manthai West, Mannar

Sri Lankan Military carried out a barrage of shelling from Thallady military complex, terrorizing the peasants in Manthai West.

#### 25 Sep 2007: Seek refuge to Human Rights Commission

Through fear and threat from the Sri Lankan military and the para -militaries working with them three civilians, a man from Thenmarachchi and a man from Kaithady east and another a man from colombothurai surrendered to the Human Rights Commission office in Jaffna.

# 27 Sep 2007: Destruction of civilian dwellings – Eachchilampattai, Trincomalee

After occupying this village through a military offensive, SL military personnel bull-dozed 30 civilian dwellings for expansion of their camp.

# 28 Sep 2007: Seek refuge to HRC

Through fear and threat from the Sri Lankan military and the para -militaries working with them three civilians from thenmarachchi, surrendered to the Human Rights Commission office in Jaffna.

# 28 Sep 2007: Collection of family data of civilians in Jaffna to be used for ransom