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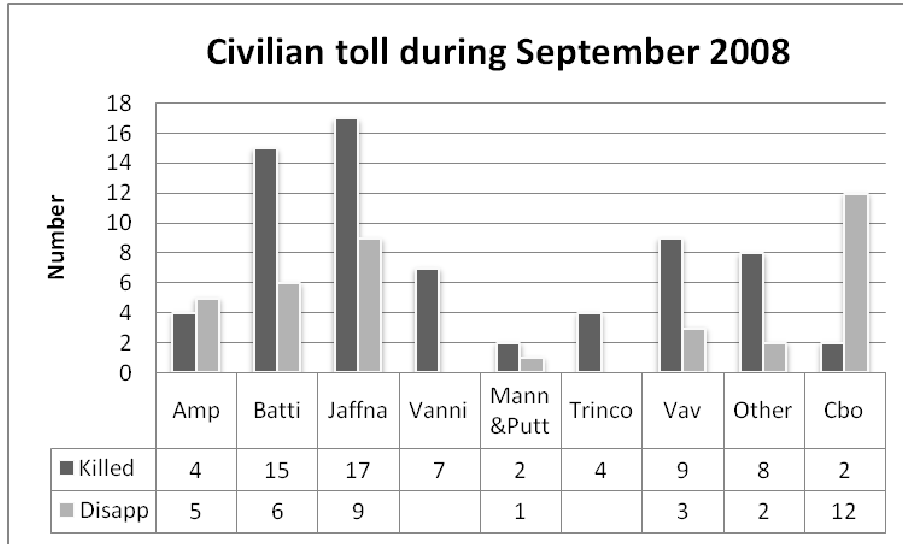
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The offensive to wrest control of Kilinochchi from the LTTE dominated the month of September. As usual, the tactics of the Sri Lanka military included displacing the civilians en-mass with indiscriminate shelling. The misery heaped on the people of Kilinochchi continues on from similar fate of the people from other parts of Vanni. This September monthly report focuses more or less entirely on the fate of the people who were in Kilinochchi during September.

The monthly statistics on civilian toll throughout the island are: 68 civilians killed, 38 civilians disappeared, 87 injured, 454 civilian arrested and 36,000 newly displaced totaling 190541 displaced since 2006 in Vanni.



Vanni toll

Seven civilians were killed in Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu by aerial bombing and shelling. A further 40 civilians were injured, among whom were seven very young children. People have also become adept at seeking protection in bunkers if they receive even a two minute warning. The incidents where there were civilian toll were due to lack of sufficient such warning. The civilian toll, despite people's alertness and despite the fact that the vast majority of the civilians had displaced from areas of shelling, indicates the widespread nature of the attacks. The table below lists some of the attacks in Kilinochchi as well as in Mullaithivu.

- On 8th, multi-barrel shelling from Manalaru military camp killed a father of two children and injured another civilian.
- On 8th, shelling in Kilinochchi injured an old man.
- On 9th, aerial bombing in Puthukkudiyiruppu injured a 50 year old woman, damaged a school, damaged homes, and destroyed commercial outlets.
- On 10th, aerial bombing in Thirunagar, Kilinochchi injured three civilians and destroyed and damaged more than 13 buildings including homes and public buildings.
- On 13th, aerial bombing in Vaddakachchi, Kilinochchi, injured an IDP child.
- On 16th, aerial bombing in Puthukkudiyiruppu injured two women and destroyed many homes.
- On 18th, aerial bombing in Visuvamadu, killed one woman and injured another.
- On 26th, shelling on Uthayanagar in Kilinochchi injured a young mother.
- On 26th, shelling into Uruthirapuram in Kilinochchi injured a young mother.
- On 27th, aerial bombing on Rathinapuram in Kilinochchi killed a young father and injured his wife and two children as well as five more people.
- 29th, shelling in Barathypuram in Kilinochchi injured three civilians.
- The villages of Nayaru, Chemmalai, Alampil and Kumulamunai in Mullaithivu are also continuously facing the shelling by the military from Manalaru camp destroying homes, fishing boats, and trees.

Most of the 40 injured civilians were treated at the Kilinochchi hospital which is also suffering from acute shortages as described later. Based on the burn injuries on some victims including that on a small baby, there was much speculation in Kilinochchi that the bombing on 27th in Rathnapuram in Kilinochchi involved the use some burning agent.

Destruction of Kilinochchi



The coordinating center for civil administrative services directly hit



The private computer services center, KNC, directly hit



The Annai illam counselling center damaged

The targeted bombing of the infrastructure buildings in Kilinochchi was extensive during the first week of October. The pictures above are three samples of the damages to infrastructure. Other infrastructures directly hit by aerial bombing are the Tamileelam police head quarters, the political head quarters of the LTTE, and a store of TRO behind one of its shop. Other infrastructure buildings damaged by bombing are the branch office of the Center for Women's Development and Rehabilitation (CWDR), Vetrیمانai Home for the mentally ill women run

by CWDR, and the LTTE Peace Secretariat. The Kilinochchi town center was emptied of people following these extensive bombings.

Indeed, the extensive damages to the civilian services had a flow on effect on the functioning of NESoHR. The electricity supply and internet services of NESoHR were cut off. This is the reason for the delayed release of this monthly report. Presently NESoHR, like other civil institutions in Vanni are working under extremely limited resources and facilities.

Displacement

The extensive destruction of Kilinochchi, the main town in Vanni, and the resulting exodus of people were unprecedented. The movement was mainly from the Karachchi AGA division and also partly from the Oddusuddan AGA division. A total of 36,000 newly displaced from these AGA divisions during September. A further large number of IDPs who had come to Kilinochchi also displaced yet again. Schools in Kilinochchi that were reorganized to accommodate other displaced schools also displaced causing total havoc to the education. Table below is the updated table we have been publishing on the displacement statistics in Vanni since 2006.

Vanni Displacement Statistics since 2006 up to end of September 2008								
AGA Division	No of displaced persons	No of displaced students	No of displaced schools	No of hospitals displaced	Farming land left (HA)	Live stock left	Killed by SLA attacks	Injured by SLA attacks
<i>Karachchi</i>	45000	21160	29	3	9118	43600	35	65
<i>Oddusuddan</i>	11250	1900	7	1	1736	15400	7	17
<i>Poonahari</i>	26512	7049	29	21	4953	31332	15	26
<i>Pachchilaipalli</i>	10433	2462	13	14	7210	7948	20	26
<i>Vadamar- east</i>	7671	1216	11	1			4	8
<i>Musali</i>	4000	1177	8	1	1260	2315	19	2
<i>Manthai west</i>	22102	3944	25	10	7585	9910	30	70
<i>Madu</i>	7300	2430	13	11	2133	6506	43	37
<i>Maritimepattu</i>	5000	1734	5	0	2657	1176	26	111
<i>Manthai east</i>	16577	3400	14	8	2505	28340	3	10
<i>Thunukkai</i>	20203	5450	17	13	2225	58470	4	15
<i>Vav-North</i>	14493	2565	22	1	7030	5901	20	22
At end of Sept	190541	54487	193	84	48412	210898	226	409

Convoy issue enters new phase

NESoHR has already published detailed table on the problem of restricted entry of convoys carrying essential supplies into Vanni. This restriction has resulted in shortage of sugar, flour, lentils and kerosene, considered the most basic items for eating and cooking. Since the international agencies were ordered out of Vanni by the Sri Lanka Government on 11 September, even the limited entry of convoys carrying these items came to more or less a standstill. In a blatant denial of food to the people, hardly any convoys were permitted with these items into Kilinochchi despite repeated efforts made by the Kilinochchi District Secretariat. The explanation given by the Sri Lanka Government for this blatant act was that there are no civilians left in Kilinochchi. This is far from the truth.

In the same manner kerosene allocated to the Kilinochchi district was also cut down to 400,000 liters from 600,000 and only 200,000 liters was actually received by the district in September.

The well published UN convoy of 51 trucks carrying relief for the Vanni IDPs that was delivered during the first week of October was insufficient to provide even one week allocation for the IDPs. The relief given included no sugar and reduced quantity of rice lentils. Though more such convoys were promised skepticism is prevalent in Vanni about receiving them. Even if they are permitted, it must be remembered that half the Vanni population do not count as IDPs and will not receive these relief. Their supply must come by the regular convoys which are being blocked by the Sri Lanka Government.

Hospital services and Schools appeal for assistance

The massive scale of displacement of schools and hospitals has left them inadequately resourced and both services have produced list of the items they require to continue a minimum service to the people and students. 196 schools and 88 hospitals are displaced. Some of the displaced schools are the largest schools in Vanni and have enrollment in excess of 1000.

Among the items sought by the hospital services are temporary shelters for housing the displaced hospitals, solar panels for basic electricity supply in the absence of adequate fuel, mattresses, pillows and bed sheets, and kerosene to run the refrigeration for medicines and blood bank.

The Kilinochchi district hospital, the largest in Vanni, suffered damages due to shell and bomb explosions nearby. The 2nd floor roof ceiling has shattered forcing the evacuation of patients from that floor.

The schools have appealed mainly for shelters to conduct classes, since they have made the effort to transport the furniture as far as possible.

September 2008 civilian victims

Name	Age	Gender	Date of incident	Violation type	Offender	Location of incident	District
Moorthy		M	5-Sep-08	Disappeared	Paramilitary	Akkaraipattu	Amparai
Muruhappan Kathees	18	M	9-Sep-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Akkaraipattu	
Thevarasa Varathalakshmi	60	F	1-Sep-08	by shooting		Amparai	
Abdul Raheem	34	M	8-Sep-08	Disappeared		Amparai	
Ganesamudaliyar Uthayan	22	M	18-Sep-08	Disappeared		Arayampathi	
Yohanathan Suresh	16	M	18-Sep-08	Disappeared		Arayampathi	
Nallathamby Vithushan	16	M	1-Sep-08	Disappeared		Ninthavoor	
Kanesamoorthy Sukanthan	27	M	26-Sep-08	body found		Ninthavoor	
Visuvalingam Thambirasa	43	M	26-Sep-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Veeramunai	
Usain			12-Sep-08	by shooting		Arayampathi	
1 civilian		M	3-Sep-08	body found		Batii	Batticaloa
Kaneshapillai Manjula	26	F	16-Sep-08	by shooting		Batii	
Lohes Premalatha	28	F	17-Sep-08	by shooting		Batii	
Sritharan N	16	M	9-Sep-08	Disappeared		Batticaloa	
Hamsatharan K	16	M	9-Sep-08	Disappeared		Batticaloa	
Gunapalan	25	M	9-Sep-08	Disappeared		Batticaloa	
Thiagaraja Ravichandran		M	15-Sep-08	Disappeared	Paramilitary	Colombo	
Uthayan	22	M	19-Aug-08	by shooting		Eravoor	
Uthayan Alex Thayanithi	25	F	19-Sep-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Eravoor	
Samyathamby Kanthappodi	60	M	6-Sep-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Kaluvanchikudi	
1 civilian			21-Sep-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Kaluvanchikudi	
Veerakuddi Kopasari	22	M	27-Sep-08	by shooting		Kaluvanchikudi	
2 civilians			29-Sep-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Kaluvanchikudi	
Kajan Kulenthiran		M	20-Sep-08	by shooting		Koddanchenai	
1 civilian			15-Sep-08	by shooting		Mathuruoya	
1 civilian		M	2-Sep-08	body found		Navatkuda	
Santhan Umatheepan	25	M	20-Sep-08	Disappeared		Periyanelavanai	
Amir Anaas	28	M	3-Sep-08	body found		Poonochimunai	
Ganesamorthy K		M	20-Sep-08	Disappeared		Thalavai	
1 civilian			10-Sep-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Valaichenai	

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Sahathevan Uthayakumar	35	M	12-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	Colombo
1 civilian	25	M	12-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	
Kannapiran Varman	26	M	16-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	
Rajeev M	21	M	17-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	
Visvanathan Pratheep	17	M	17-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	
Ramalingam Thilakesh	17	M	17-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	
Mohamad Dilan	24	M	17-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	
Mohamad Sajeeth	24	M	17-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	
Thiagaraja Jegan	29	M	17-Sep-08	Disappeared		Colombo	
Ravindran Dineshkumar	22	M	8-Sep-08	Disappeared	Paramilitary	Fort	
Sinnamani Thiruchelvam		M	21-Sep-08	Disappeared		Grandpass	
1 civilian			10-Sep-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Koddawa	
John Anthony	25	M	8-Sep-08	Disappeared		Wattala	
1 civilian			27-Sep-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Wattala	
Baskaran Kowsalya	15	F	3-Sep-08	body found		Jaffna	
Velayutham Muhunthan	26	M	3-Sep-08	Disappeared	Paramilitary	Jaffna	
Nadarasa Sasikala	49	F	6-Sep-08	by shooting		Jaffna	
Tharmaraja Ranjan	28	M	9-Sep-08	Disappeared		Jaffna	
1 civilian			12-Sep-08	body found		Jaffna	
Manoharan Kajan	20	M	20-Sep-08	Disappeared		Jaffna	
Anantharasa Kumar	29	M	23-Sep-08	Disappeared		Jaffna	
Ramalingam Nanthayini	22	F	10-Sep-08	by shooting		Kaithadi	
Rasaih Lakshmanan	21	M	5-Sep-08	by shooting		Karaveddi	
Kiddinan Kathiswaran	26	M	10-Sep-08	by shooting		Kudaththanai	
Thambirasa Muralithas	35	M	11-Sep-08	by shooting		Meesali	
Arumaiturai Kishokumar	23	M	4-Sep-08	Disappeared		Municipai	
Natkunaseelan Mayooran	24	M	3-Sep-08	Disappeared		Nallur	
Velayuthampillai Uthyasooriyan	42	M	8-Sep-08	Disappeared		Nallur	
Tharmalingam Kumararaj	25	M	22-Sep-08	by shooting		Nallur	
Ponnaih Gunasekaram	49	M	23-Sep-08	by shooting		Navatkuli	
Gneswarakuru	10	M	8-Sep-08	body found		Neeraviyadi	

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Gnaneswarakuru kkal Nageswari	49	F	8-Sep-08	body found		Neeraviyadi	Jaffna
Balaih Ravivarman	29	M	7-Sep-08	Disappeared	SLAFs	Polikandy	
Thangaraja K	52	M	3-Sep-08	body found		Sarasalai	
1 civilian		M	3-Sep-08	body found		Velanai	
Nallaih Kumuthathas	30	M	13-Sep-08	by shooting		Velanai	
Navaneethan Nixon	36	M	18-Sep-08	Disappeared		Velanai	
Appaih Sritharan	54	M	25-Sep-08	by shooting		Velanai	
Ponnambalam Jeyakumar	48	M	12-Sep-08	by shooting			
Ranganathan Sathees	26	M	27-Sep-08	by bombing	SLAFs	Raththinapuram	
1 civilian		M	16-Sep-08	by bombing	SLAFs	Selvapuram	
Ganapathy Thirunavukkarasu	60	M	16-Sep-08	by bombing	SLAFs	Selvapuram	Kilinochchi
Ponuthurai Suvinthan	17	M	16-Sep-08	by bombing	SLAFs	Selvapuram	
Thanagarasa Jeyanthan	25	M	16-Sep-08	by bombing	SLAFs	Selvapuram	
1 civilian	35	M	5-Sep-08	by shooting		Munthal	
Shanmugam Mahes Ranjith	34	M	4-Sep-08	Disappeared	Paramilitary	Palavi	Mannar & Puttalam
1 civilian	19	M	8-Sep-08	by shooting		Uyilankulam	
Anathanvadivel	30	M	8-Sep-08	by shelling	SLAFs	Kumulamunai	Mullaithivu
Alahu Krishnaverni	47	F	18-Sep-08	by bombing	SLAFs	Visuvamadhu	
Karupppaih Gnanasekaram	36	M	10-Sep-08	Disappeared	Paramilitary	Mattala	Other
1 civilian	16	M	29-Sep-08	by shooting	Homeguards	Methigiriya	
Sivagnanam Partheepan	26	M	21-Aug-08	Disappeared		Monoragala	
Chaminda Udayakumar	18	M	11-Sep-08	body found		Monoragala	
H.M. Seneviratne	38	M	11-Sep-08	body found		Monoragala	
K.M. Mudalihami	70	M	11-Sep-08	body found		Monoragala	
K.M. Nandasena	40	M	11-Sep-08	body found		Monoragala	
M. Chandrasena,	30	M	11-Sep-08	body found		Monoragala	
R.M. Piyadasa	70	M	11-Sep-08	body found		Monoragala	
Ranga Ruwan Kumara	20	M	11-Sep-08	body found		Monoragala	

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Baskaran	25	M	13-Aug-08	by shooting		Kappalthurai	Trincomalee
Rajeswaran	45	M	13-Aug-08	by shooting		Kappalthurai	
Ratnam Yoharasa	32	M	2-Sep-08	by shooting		Nilaveli	
Sivakuharasa kurukkal		M	21-Sep-08	by shooting		Trinco	
Ponnaih Jeganathan	19	M	5-Sep-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Nayinamadu	Vavuniya
Rathnalingam Mathivathanan	25	M	12-Sep-08	body found		Paddanichoor	
Mahenthiran T	45	M	4-Sep-08	by shooting		Pampaimadu	
Francis Fernando Mariyadelsi		F	18-Sep-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Pothoor	
Shankar	27	M	18-Sep-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Pothoor	
Yoganathan	31	M	18-Sep-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Pothoor	
Muthulingam Thevika	25	F	22-Sep-08	by shooting		puliyankulam	
Senthilnathan Sivashankari	22	F	22-Sep-08	by shooting		Puliyankulam	
Nadesu Krishnakumar	27	M	1-Sep-08	Disappeared		Vavuniya	
Sathyaseean	29	M	1-Sep-08	Disappeared	Paramilitary	Vavuniya	
Balakrishnan Ranjithkumar	25	M	1-Sep-08	Disappeared		Vavuniya	
Sivaneswari Arulsothi		F	27-Sep-08	by shooting		Veppankulam	