



Colombo accelerates Sinhala colonisation in Trincomalee district

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The SL government is actively engaged in settling Sinhalese families from the Southern districts of the country in Sri Mangalapura, a Sinhala village in the Seruwila electorate in the Trincomalee district. Temporary huts are hurriedly constructed in Sri Mangalapura to accommodate hundreds of southern Sinhalese families brought to Trincomalee district, news sources in Trincomalee said. Tamil civil sources say this is an attempt by the Colombo government to change the demography of the Trincomalee district.

Seruvila electorate came into existence in the Trincomalee district with the SL state sponsored colonization scheme carried out by the then UNP government in power since the country gained independence from the Britishers. There were two electorates in the Trincomalee district namely Trincomalee and Moothoor before the successful state aided colonization under the then UNP government.

Meanwhile hundreds of Tamil families uprooted from the Moothoor DS division in 2006 are still languishing in temporary huts without basic facilities and are not allowed by the SL government to resettle in their own villages.

But, the Colombo government has focused its attention to bring Sinhalese from other Sinhala districts in the South.

State aided colonization is taking place in Maavilaaru and along the two sides of Allai-Kantha'laay highway.

Meanwhile the Sri Lanka Navy is curtailing the fishing activities of Muslim fishermen in Pulmoaddai area in the Kuchchave'li DS division.

Muslim families residing in Manki'ndimalai are under threat by the occupying Sri Lanka Navy to leave the village for good. The SLN claims that the area belongs to the SL military establishment, civil sources said.

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