



Sinhala occupation of Kokku'laay lagoon tripled after 2009

[TamilNet, Sunday, 30 June 2013, 23:35 GMT]

Strategically located Kokku'laay lagoon on the borders of Trincomalee district and Mullaith-theevu district has become the haven for Sinhalese fishermen who arrive from south of the island. With the end of the war in 2009, the number of Sinhalese fishermen occupying lagoon area had been trebled, civil sources in Mullaiththeevu said.

The invading fishermen from South do fishing in the lagoon using prohibited nets and other fishing tools, traditional Tamil fishermen in the area complain.

About three thousand Tamil fisher families residing in Pu'liyamunai, Mariyaa-munai, Karunaadduk-kea'ni, Thennai-maravadi, Kokku'laay and Kokuth-thoduvaay, solely depending on the income of fishing in Kokku'laay lagoon for their survival. They use traditional fishing nets for fishing for their livelihood.

Following the SL State sponsored anti-Tamil pogroms in 1983, traditional Tamil fishermen families were forced out of their villages seeking refuge elsewhere for safety.



The location of Kokku'laay village and lagoon. [Satellite map courtesy: Google Earth]

Chronology:

14.08.13 [Tamils chased away from paddy fields of 'Weli Oya'](#)

- 26.07.13 [Another link to North and East sieged by Sinhala B..](#)
25.07.13 [Colombo steps up Sinhalicisation of Pulmoaddai to ..](#)
06.07.13 [USA, India, UNHRC answerable to provincial meddlin..](#)
06.07.13 [Sinhalicisation, demographic wedging accelerated i..](#)
30.06.13 [Sinhala occupation of Kokku'laay lagoon tripled af..](#)
10.06.13 [Sinhala paramilitary steps up land appropriation i..](#)
07.06.13 [Ampaa'rai officials overstep into Batticaloa distr..](#)
04.05.13 [International aid complicit in Colombo's structura..](#)
28.02.13 [Colombo uses international aid, abetment, for stru..](#)
31.01.13 [Sinhala colonisation in sacred land of Tamil marty..](#)
29.01.13 [Colonial governor diverts more education funds to ..](#)
21.10.12 [Sinhalicised division formalised in Mullaiththeevu..](#)
15.01.12 [`Structural genocide will be complete in Mullaitht..](#)
06.11.11 [Sinhalese forcibly take over paddy lands of Tamils..](#)
27.10.11 [Fertile Tamil village targeted for Sinhalicisation..](#)
18.10.11 [Colonising Sinhalese swindle resources while sanct..](#)
18.10.11 [Buddhist stupa built in Kokku'laay after brutal at..](#)
18.10.11 [Sinhala division starts functioning in Mullaiththe..](#)

Find this article at:

<http://www.tamilnet.com/art.html?catid=13&artid=36447>

Reproduction of this news item is allowed when used without any alterations to the contents and the source, TamilNet, is mentioned

[News](#) | [Features](#) | [Opinion](#) | [Palaka'ni](#) | [Photo Features](#) | [TN Transcription](#)
[Web feeds](#) | [Feedback](#) | [Home](#) | [About us](#)