

# Destruction of the Tamil Community in NE Sri Lanka

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The Sri Lankan Tamil community has been deliberately targeted by the Sinhalese-dominated government of Sri Lanka and its mono-ethnic armed forces since the beginning of fighting between the Sinhalese and the Tamils in 1983. Acts of genocide, including pogroms, ethnic cleansing and state-sponsored colonization of Tamil areas, against the Tamil population have taken place ever since independence from Britain in 1948.

The physical destruction of the Tamil community has included widespread attacks on the NorthEast's agricultural, commercial and industrial base, its civilian infrastructure, and its cultural and social institutions.

