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Kilinochchi city bombing

A populated civilian area in Kilinochchi city came under aerial bombing on Saturday, 27 September 2008, at 12.10pm, killing a father and injuring seven more civilians. Among the injured are four babies. Two of the injured babies are children of the man killed in the same bombing. The mother of the children was also injured. The family was travelling on the road when they were hit by the bombs. The other injured civilians are residents of the area.



The bombing took place in Raththinapuram just 300 meters from the main junction of Kilinochchi town (see map) and the smoke rising from the bombing site could be seen from the town center. Kilinochchi town that includes Raththinapuram is densely populated with 25,000 people. A Hindu temple is among the buildings damaged by the bombing.

Family of Sathees killed and injured

Killed: Ranganathan Sathees, Male aged 26

Injured:

Sathees Thanusika, Female baby aged 8 months

Sathees Thanushan, Male child aged 2 years

Sathees Arudchelvi, Female aged 27 year



Others injured

Kannthirasa Thuvaragan, Male baby aged 8 months

Jesuthasan Daisy , Female aged 42 year old

Gnanam Reka, Female aged 27 years

Reka's baby aged two years

Manikkapillai Mangalasawary, Female aged 62 years

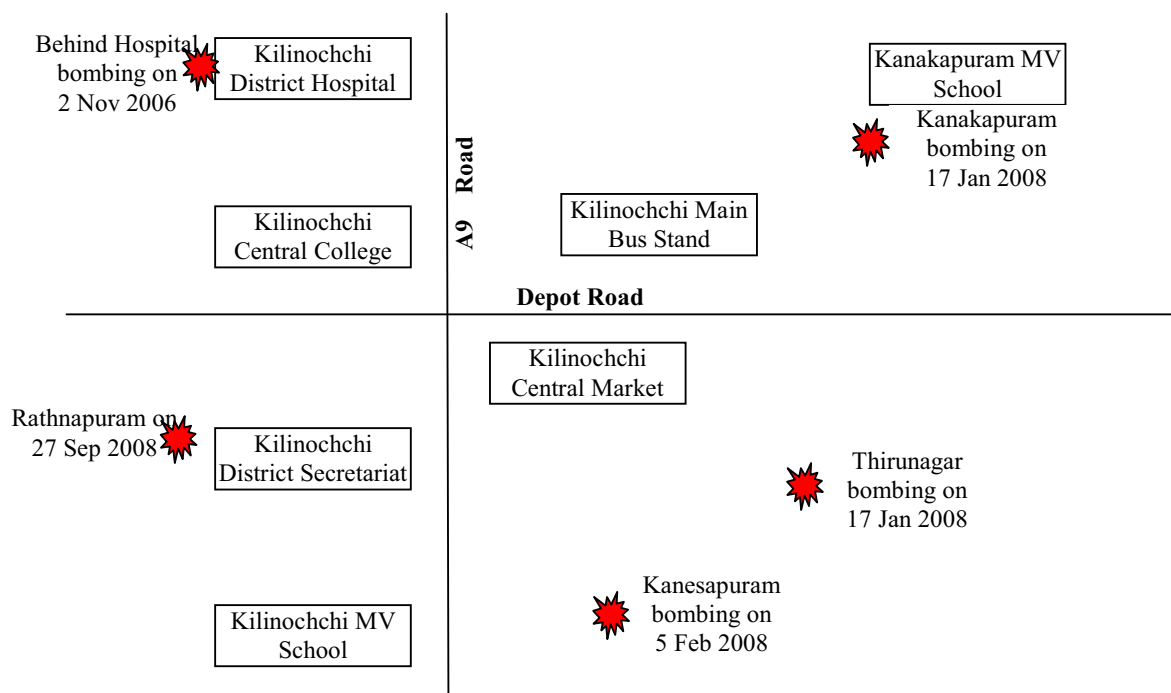
Repeated bombing of Kilinochchi city

There have been five aerial bombardments ***within one kilometer radius*** of the main junction of the Kilinochchi city as shown in the map below. Each of them caused extensive civilian casualties and building damages. The location of the bomb sites are shown in the map and the details of the damages are given in the Table below.

There are three large schools each with an enrolment in excess of 1000 students within this one kilometer radius. In addition there are several preschools. The main market and the main bus stand are within this one kilometer radius. The largest hospital for the district is also situated within this one kilometer radius.

The District Secretariat which is the main local government office is also inside this area. That should give some idea about the density of the people who would have been in this area of one kilometer radius when the place was bombed.

In all likelihood, as the war focused on Kilinochchi continues, Kilinochchi town is going to see many more such bombings, causing extensive civilian casualties and damages.



Location	Date	Type	Killed	Injured	Houses Damaged
Behind hospital	02-11-06	Bombing	5	2	3
Kanakapuram	17-01-08	Bombing		3	57
Kanesapuram	05-02-08	Bombing	1	7	8
Thirunakar	09-09-08	Bombing		2	23
Rathnapuram	27-09-08	Bombing	1	8	7