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Monthly reporting of Human Rights violations for the North East Secretariat on Human Rights (NESoHR) has been made a painful job for the month of January 2008 in view of the carnage in Madhu on Tuesday 29 January.

A school bus carrying students and teachers from Thedchanamaruthamadu in the Mannar district has been targeted by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lankan Military for its clandestine claymore attack that killed 20 civilians including 11 students, one teacher, driver, conductor and two hospital workers and also injuring 17 that includes 9 students and the principal of the displaced Sinnapandivirichchan School.



NESoHR, since its inception has been advocating a “Hands Off” policy on children in view of the vulnerability of children and women in conflict zones. We wish to place on record the ascending pattern of schools and children becoming targets of aerial attacks which are said to be aimed at military targets:

On 17 January 2008 the village of Kanagapuram in Kilinochchi was bombed around 09.30 and the vicinity of the bombing was the Kanagapuram Central School. This was the day new comers to Grade One, were ceremonially “Received In”. Many students were injured with shrapnels from the bombing site and the terrorized students including the new comers to Grade One fled for life hither and thither. One has to live in the aerial bombing theatre to understand the plight of the population from the time the fighter jet enters the sky over them till it departs. The terrorizing sound and the panic caused by the maneuvering of the pilots to discharge the bomb are life-threatening by themselves. The first day in school for the Grade One students of Kanagapuram Central School has been a traumatizing experience and that is going to be etched in memory for their life time.



Our reports of September, October and November 2007 contained the following incidents wherein school children were killed in aerial bombing and clandestine claymore mine attacks by the Deep Penetration Units of the Sri Lankan Military:

Killing by aerial bombing of 53 students (girls) at Senchola, Vallipunam, Mullaittivu on 14 August 2006:

Zonal Director of Education, Mullaittivu: (Excerpts from the speech on the commemoration of the death anniversary)

“All people who fought for their freedom from oppression were treated differently by the oppressors, but this is a unique instance where the cream of the society that is fighting for justice has been targeted for extermination. We selected 530 leading female students from various schools in the district for a leadership training course. The location for the training was indicated in our program and this was approved by the department. A list of resource persons who would conduct the program too was submitted for approval. The location Senchola is an approved institution that takes in orphan children and provides them education and livelihood.”



It was explained that these 530 students were in their Advanced Level and selected on the basis of their performance. They were indeed identified as would be leaders of the society. There is no truth in the government's position after the aerial bombing that they were members of the LTTE.

As the Director of Education for the district, I truthfully certified the details of the student, their residence, age and the schools they attend in the list that was submitted to the President's office. In spite of this certification, the defense ministry adamantly maintained its position that they were not students. In the matter of the grant of compensation too, the government rejected it unlike any other incidents in the south."

Eleven killed in Military claymore mine

Eleven including seven students were killed and two students injured in a clandestine claymore mine attack by the SL Deep penetration unit at Iyankankulam, a small village in Kilinochchi on 27 November 2007 at 11.30 a.m. These children were travelling in an ambulance to participate in a first aid program. Two of the children killed Nagaratnam Mathikaran (15) and Nagaratnam Pratheepa (16) are from one family. Others killed are Nithiyananthan Nitharsana (13) Chandrasekaram Derosa (17) Karunakaran Kaushika (15) Shanmugavel Shakunthaladevi (17) all students and two Health volunteers Atputharajah Ajithnath (22) and Vairamuttu Krishnaverny (25) and the driver Kanthan. Those injured are Chandrasekaram Jaseetha (15) Thevarajah Uthayarani both being students.

Statement by Mr.Sangarappillai Nagaratnam, father of the two students killed:

"My son Mathikaran and daughter Pratheepa, Ages 15 and 16 were on their way to participate in a first aid program by an ambulance. This ambulance was attacked by a claymore mine near Iyankankulam. Seven students died in this attack. We are living here in perpetual fear of aerial bombing and claymore attacks. School going children are being killed and declared as terrorists. It is high time the international community take action against this government for its inhuman acts against an innocent civilian population."

NESoHR, as a Human Rights body for the Tamil people, cannot make these reports on the attacks on children in isolation. Rather, it is appropriate to look back and report on the systematic pattern of a genocidal program that is aimed at Tamil children:

Early seventies saw the legitimization of discriminatory educational policies intended to cut down on the entry of Tamil children to universities by a process identified as 'standardization'. Denial of the basic human right for higher education led to frustration and despair among Tamil students. This was the turning point for militancy.

Fourteen students below Grade 5 were killed in an aerial attack closer to the primary school at Nagarkovil in Jaffna in 1993 and the 'tall' claim of the then Defence establishment was that 14 terrorists were killed in a successful aerial bombing. A dozen or so children injured in this bombing and got timely hospitalization with the intervention of MSF are disabled youngsters now.

Five Tamil university students on vacation were killed by the Sri Lankan Army in Trincomalee on 2 January 2006 and the perpetrators have not been brought to book as yet though incriminating evidence is available implicating the military.

NESoHR decided to set apart the reporting for January 2008 with a focus on aerial bombing and the impact on children and their studies. Education of the Tamil children has always been a sore point in the governance of this island since independence. Tamil people have seen different forms of discrimination all aimed at curtailing the number of Tamil children to the various disciplines. As we mentioned elsewhere, it has been a systematic cut down on the number. Qualitatively too, from the time school book publication was taken over by the government, the Tamil children are badly affected due to ill-designed texts and distorted history. Adding to this is the aerial bombings that have become a routine now. School children are the worst affected whether while in school or otherwise. Most of the children are scared to wake up and face the day, for it has become a daily routine.

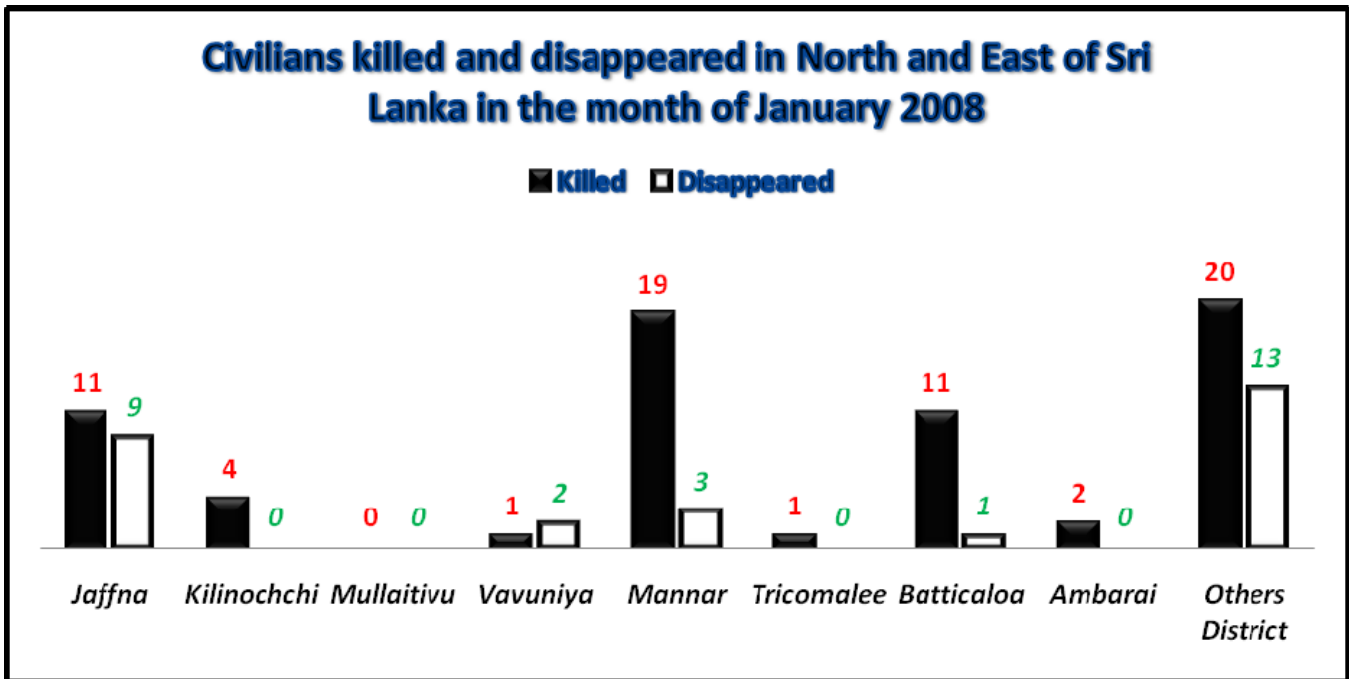
Human Rights violations for the Tamil people forced to live in the military occupied parts of the North East continue on an accelerated pattern. No amount of reporting has brought about any change for the better. Military occupation of parts of North East of Sri Lanka has to be viewed in an entirely different political perspective unlike a country's military positioning in civilian habitats to do civilian duty in times of emergencies. Such military presence is appreciated by civilians. These are mostly military personnel who speak the language of the people, profess their religion and generally their own people. Not so in Sri Lanka. The military is one hundred percent Sinhala and the population of the occupied parts is predominantly Tamil. The political establishment has systematically portrayed the Tamil people as a subject race and a threat to the Sinhala people. Based on the numerical majority in this island, the Sinhala people are made to consider them supreme. This supremacist psychosis seriously intervenes in inter personal relationship and hence a situation of perpetual conflict between the occupying military and the Tamil civilian.

School children and University students in the military occupied Jaffna peninsula undergo immense hardship in the hands of the omnipresent military and are humiliated in the most indecent manner. Military check-points and sometimes full fledged military camps are positioned cheek by jowl to popular schools like Hartley College and Methodist Girls' High School in Point Pedro and the students have to pass through the check-point daily and subjecting them to body checks. Arbitrary arrests and torture of students who participate in student rallies are taking place on a daily basis. Disappearance of senior school children and University students are being reported regularly. Closely watched and analyzed, these are nothing but the outcome of jealousy and race- hatred on the Tamil children who are doing well in their studies. Reported killings of students have not been properly investigated and the killers, mostly the para-military groups that work with the military, roam around with impunity.

NESoHR wishes to reiterate its position on the setting up of an independent Human Rights body, preferably from the UN while at the same time urge the international community to explore all avenues to stop the war efforts and bring about the right political climate that would diffuse the present stalemate. A political settlement of the national problem that includes adequate arrangements with guarantees for freedom and dignity alone can provide relief to a people who have borne the vagaries of a cruel war for over three decades. Natural justice dictates that the Tamil people deserve, that too most immediately, a political arrangement that would restore basic human rights denied to them for too long a time in human history.

Presented below in summarized form is a list that contain the numeric relating to killings, abductions, disappearances, unlawful arrests, injured in various ways, aerial bombings and displacements consequent to military operations in North East:

- Killings – 69
- Disappearances – 28
- Unlawful arrests – 407 (405 in Colombo)
- Injured – 89
- Sought refuges, HR office, Jaffna – 12
- Eighteen killed and eighteen wounded in Military claymore mine near the Madhu Church in Mannar district
- One civilian killed and Six civilians wounded in aerial attack at Kanagapuram in Kilinochchi
- Thirteen civilians wounded in aerial attack at Uduppukkulam in Mullaiththeevu
- Atrocities



It is also appropriate to recall that the anniversary of the below listed genocidal mass killings of Tamil civilians.

01. Jaffna Kilali Massacre – 02.01.1993
02. Trincomalee University Students Massacre – 02.01.2006
03. Mannar Padaguththurai aerial bombing Massacre – 02.01.2007
04. Jaffna Chunnakam Police Station Massacre – 08.01.1984
05. Batticaloa Echchaiyadiththeevu Massacre – 08.01.1990
06. Jaffna Tamil Conference Massacre – 10.01.1974
07. Mullaiththeevu Mulliyavalai Massacre – 16.01.1985
08. Jaffna Manipai Massacre – 16.01.2006
09. Kilinochchi Railway Station Massacre – 25.01.1986
10. Batticaloa Kokkaddichchola Massacre – 28.01.1987
11. Mannar Vaddakkandal Massacre – 30.01.1985
12. Mullaiththeevu Puthukkudiyiruppu Junction Massacre – 30.01.1991

Barbarous Massacre of School Kids and Civilians.12 Children and 06 Civilian Killed, 18 Injured at Mannar Thatchnamadhu Claymore Attack on 29.01.2008



A claymore was detonated at Mannar Thatchanamadhu on 29.01.2008 at 14.30 hours targeting a line bus that was carrying mostly school children and civilians. This is a premeditated massacre of children and innocent civilians as this is a bus that runs on this route daily carrying children at this hour. The perpetrators must have been fully aware of this fact.

09 children died at the spot and three more succumbed to the injuries on their way to the hospital. The bodies of these three were left at the Akkarayankulam hospital, 15 of the injured were admitted at the Pallamaghu and Mullankavil hospitals and the three who were seriously injured were taken to the Kilinochchi hospital. Many of those injured are said to be in a critical condition. All the children killed were between the tender ages of 10 and 16. Out of the 18 injured 10 are students who are between 08 and 16.



Some limbs of the children were found strewn in the vicinity of the accident. Both the eyes of some children have been affected. It is yet to be seen whether they will get their sight back.

Those Killed are:-

Name	Age	occupation
01. Hudsan	11	Student
02. Esman	11	Student
03. Benard George	16	Student
04. Jude Constan	16	Student
05. Jhonny	13	Student
06. Janarthan	13	Student
07. Milsen	16	Student
08. Bruno	15	Student
09. Britto	12	Student
10. Roshan	14	Student
11. Samsan	14	Student
12. One Student	(Details unknown)	
13. Rajasooriyan	37	Teacher
14. Rita	39	School Employee
15. Jerard	32	Bus Driver
16. Suresh	25	Bus Conductor
17. Sundaram	61	School Watcher
18. Mary Jhonsen	31	Madhu Church Tractor Driver

Those Injured:-

Name	Age	occupation
01. Kirushanth	08	Student
02. R.Fiolin	09	Student
03. Jenittan Peris	12	Student
04. Jenosastika	12	Student
05. Tharshana	13	Student
06. Diyulus	15	Student
07. Mathusalini	16	Student
08. Anita	16	Student
09. Consita	16	Student
10. R.Tahnushika	16	Student
11. Lember	51	Principal
12. Resitra	38	Teacher
13. Thusitha	35	Teacher
14. Nirmala Ranjini	36	Teacher
15. Kunaseeli	45	Teacher
16. Gnasooriyar	35	Postman
17. Gnasooriyar Jasintha	(Details unknown)	
18. Packiyanathan	60	

Miss Francis Xavier Mathusha in her statement to the B.B.C. stated:-

"We travel to school daily by bus. On the day of the incident we heard an explosion while we were in the bus on our way home. The bus went off the road and crashed against a tree. There were mostly students and teachers in that bus. Since there was a sports competition we were returning after the competition was over. Right after the accident there were artillery shells exploding in the vicinity of the incident. On hearing the claymore explosion and the shelling that pursued I was lying down on the floorboard of the bus. When the shelling subsided I tried to get up but I couldn't. It was only then I realised that I was hit on both my legs."

The Parish priest Rev.Fr.S.Sathiyaraj while commenting on the incident said:-

This attack on the students and the civilians deserves condemnation. It was very hurting to note the condition of the affected, when they were brought to the Pallamadu hospital. This attack has drowned the whole of Vanni in sorrow. This is a well preplanned attack on the civilians. While strongly condemning this atrocity I appeal to the International Community to take early steps to save our people from such incidents.

Statement by Rev.Sister Ranjini:-

"Children, teachers and civilians were happily travelling, when we heard a claymore attack at an unexpected moment. Thereafter a scary silence prevailed. Within a short time artillery shells were directed towards us. Only three of us were conscious of what was happening. I thought all the rest have died."

Shoba from Periyapandivirutchan said:-

The refugee camp for the Internally Displaced, where I live, was subjected to artillery attack on 27.01.2008. My sister was badly injured and was admitted at the Pallamadu hospital. I went to see her on the 29th and was returning home in this bus when the claymore exploded. Right after I heard the explosion I saw the bus deviating from the main road and it crashed on a wayside tree. While we tried to get out of the bus artillery shells started falling everywhere.

This is not the only incident where Civilians and school children are targeted. To cite a few examples appended are some examples of recent happenings.

1. 29.08.2007 Artillery shells of the SL armed forces made people from Manthai West to vacate their village.
2. 25.10.2007 When the refugee camp at Periyamadu village came under attack 03 were killed and 09 were injured.
3. 13.11.2007 A 5 year old child, who was playing in the compound of the Madhu Church, was killed when an artillery shell fell inside the Church compound.
4. 27.01.2008 Thatchanamadhu refugee camp was shelled and 04 were injured.

The above incidents portray that the Sri Lankan forces show no mercy even on children, refugees and innocent civilians.

MIG Bombers Narrowly Miss Kanagapuram School in Kilinochchi One Killed & 6 Civilians Severely Injured Several Residences Destroyed.

Six civilians including children and women were injured when 4 MIG bombers hit several private residences at Kanagapuram narrowly missing the school, Kanagapuram Maha Vidhiyalayam, in Kilinochchi. Several houses were damaged including four that were completely destroyed. The bomber appeared so suddenly that the children and the civilians had hardly any time to seek shelter. It was a miracle that only one life was lost. The bombs fell hardly 100 metres from the said school.



It was at 09.30 a.m. on the 17th January 2008 that four MIG planes from the Sri Lankan air force appeared quite suddenly in the sky and commenced bombing in close proximity to the above said school. At that moment there were 800 students inside the school, which was in session.

Since the time was limited and there were so many children a pandemonium prevailed and only a few children managed to get into the bunkers, some ran in all directions screaming and the rest fell prostrate on the ground.

Murugaiyah yogeswari (aged 33) was killed on the spot. Those injured are:-

1. Thanabalasingam Sarany (06),
2. Thanabalasingam Maheswari (49),
3. Sinnathurai Sivarajah (44)
4. Suppar Sinnaiya (82),
5. Sivarasa Suresh (15) and
6. Sivarasa Sabes (18)

Out of the four houses that were totally destroyed three belonged to Chandrakumar Kalaimakal, Sivarasa Malini and Packiyaluxmy. The owner of the fourth house was not accessible.

A local resident from that area Nithiyakumar Ranjini stated,

“My husband had gone for work and I was bathing my one year old child when I heard the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) circling my house. It scared me. I hurriedly tried to finish bathing him, when there was a K Fir right over in the sky. I ran to the bunker with my child. As I was in the verge of entering it a bomb fell very close to our house. The severe vibration shook me and masses of earth and debris were pouring all over us. My child was screaming. When I looked up I saw a dense smoke in the vicinity.”

Their house was one of those damaged. Hence they are now living with friends and relatives. It is noteworthy that there is an International Non Governmental Organisation (INGO) called **Oxfam** in that vicinity.

The bombing created a chaos in the neighbouring schools, where there are 7500 students and five Preschools. Children were running amok for the fear of their lives. At the time the bombs fell there were reception ceremonies being conducted for the new students being admitted to Class One in all those schools in accordance to the circular issued by the department of education. The parents who were accompanying their children were utterly scared. Most of the children were screaming. Even some parents were crying and some were seen running aimlessly holding their kids in their hands; not knowing where to run. There was panic all over. Some went under the bridges with their children.

A principal of these schools said:-

“due to this disaster that occurs on the first day of admission to the Class One we see a drop in the attendance of the students. We notice the panic stricken faces of our students not only when they hear an approaching plane but also at the sound of a heavy vehicle. Since that date until the 23rd instant our schools remained closed. If bombers are sighted in this area there is a drastic drop in the attendance of the students. AS a result of this one has to note that the education of the children is badly affected.”

During the regime of Mahinda Rajapaksha the following schools were bombed:-

1. Mullaitivu/Chundikulam Aaladitivu School – 19.03.2007
2. Mullaitivu/Alambil Roman Catholic Vidhiyalayam – 27.07.2007
3. Vavuniya/Katkulam Government Tamil Mixed School – 13.08.2007
4. Vavuniya/Olimadhu Government Tamil Mixed School – 14.08 2007

It is noteworthy that the last two were on consequent days.

Due to these bombings one could note that a total of 61 students were killed and 160 injured within a period of five



months. Out of those injured one student lost both his legs and five lost one leg each. A female student lost one of her eyes. These children face not only difficulties in continuing their studies but also have psychological problems and a bleak future to face.

These frequent bomb attacks have imposed a sense of fear in the minds of both the students and the teachers while attending school. When the Nagar Kovil school, which is situated in the G.A's division of the Vadammarachchi East in the Jaffna district was bombed on 22.10.95, 20 children lost their lives and 42 were injured. Again on 14.11.2006

when the Sencholai orphanage at Vallipunam in the Mullaitivu district was ruthlessly bombed by several bombers a total of 52 children were massacred on the spot and 130 were injured while they were undergoing a drill in First Aid. United nation's Agencies and the Sri Lanka monitoring Mission (SLMM), who visited the site immediately, confirmed that there were no LTTE bases in that vicinity; thus disproving the claim of the government, which said that they bombed an LTTE training camp. These numerous bomb attacks result in the frequent closures of the schools and thus a perpetual fear has crept in the minds of all the students and this is adversely affecting the education of these children. Since the teaching hours are reduced the teachers find the completion of the syllabus a Herculean task.



Indiscriminate Air Attack at Uppukulam in the Karaithurai AGA division at Alambil in Mullaitivu District 11 Including Infants and Children Injured; 12 Houses Badly Damaged

On the 4th January 2008 at 4.30 p.m. K Fir bombers sprayed bombs on the settlements of the tsunami victims. Infants, children at play and people praying in a Kali temple totaling 11 were seriously injured. 12 houses from that colony were badly damaged. Three of those injured are in a critical condition. They have been transported to the hospital in Anuradhapura. Since the houses are damaged the occupants have sought refuge in the school at Uppukulam and with relatives.



"I was playing with my friends in the afternoon after coming from school. At that time we heard the roaring sound of the K Fir. Everyone started to run wild and I too ran and looked up at the sky and saw the K Fir plunging down and I fell prostrate. While lying down I heard the blast and I did not know what happened thereafter." This was narrated by the Ithees (09 years), who was one of those injured.

Those injured are Arumugam Subramaniam (age 57) wife Sivasakthi (36) son Sujinthan (18mts), Johnmenco Sarmalatha (30), Adaikalam Ithees (09), his brother Rathees (07), Santhiramoorthy Jesuba (12), Rajagopal Pakiarajah (22), Muthulingam Selvam (55), Muthulingam Nixon (13), Karmekam Chandramohan (29), Ramamoorthy Muhunthini (15) and Ramamoorthy Initha (10). Among them Rathees, Nixon and Selvam are those who were sent to the Anuradhapure hospital in a critical condition.

Of those who are living in temporary accommodations after being affected by the tsunami only 46 families received newly put up houses. Due to the embargo on building materials the construction work is severely affected. Work is terribly retarded. The 12 houses that were damaged are among those newly put up houses.

"We faced severe destruction under the tsunami in 2004. While we were managing with the reliefs granted to us and trying hard to make some progress, such frequent aerial attacks hinders our effort to go fishing. The naval attacks are also very common and it makes thing worse for us. We tread with fear while going fishing. It hurts to think that we after losing our house we are now housed in a school as refugees experiencing difficulty in getting food. My health has to improve and I have to support my family," said Arumugam Subramaniam explained the trauma he undergoes.



Details of the Killing People on January - 2008						
No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
1	Thiyakarasa Maheswaran - Colombo	42	Male	01.01.2008	Colombo	Colombo District UNP-MP and former Minister of Hindu cultural affairs was shot and killed in the Ponnampalavaneswarar Temple at Kottahena, Colombo, while he was in worship with his family.
2	S.K.Majith - Pulmoddai Trincomalee	34	Male	02.01.2008	Trincomalee	While he was planting his prawn cage on the Pulmoddai Sea port area in Trincomalee, he was shot and killed by an unidentified armed group.
3	Thuraichsami Theiventhiram - 4th Mile Post Poonahari Kilinochchi	37	Male	06.01.2008	Kilinochchi	Due to the Shell attack on the residential area of 4th Mile Post Poonakari in Kilinochchi about 6.40 p.m. Two persons were killed.
4	Markandu Palasingam - 4th Mile Post Poonahari Kilinochchi	67	Male	06.01.2008	Kilinochchi	
5	Parasuraman Nanthakumar - Morakkoddanchenai Santhiveli Batticaloa		Male	07.01.2008	Batticaloa	An unidentified armed group shot and killed him by side of his home at Morakkoddanchenai Batticaloa.
6	A.Mahathevan - Batticaloa	25	Male	08.01.2008	Batticaloa	Two bodies of youngmen were recovered with gun shot injuries at the bank of the river at Mahiloor in Batticaloa.
7	S.Sithamparapillai - Batticaloa	30	Male	08.01.2008	Batticaloa	
8	K.P.Theneshkumar - Kandy Pallekala		Male	08.01.2008	Kandy	He was shot and killed at night by the Sri Lankan Police at Pallekala area, Kandy.

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No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
9	Kulasekarampillai Kulenthirarasa - Selvanagar Aaraiyampathi Batticaloa	28	Male	09.01.2008	Batticaloa	After attending a Birth day celebration, they went to liquor bar. On their way home and armed group tracked them behind and shot them down.
10	Rajapaksha Ravichchanthiran - Selvanagar Aaraiyampathi Batticaloa	32	Male	09.01.2008	Batticaloa	
11	Marimuthu Arumugam - Umamill road Kommanthurai Eravur Batticaloa	58	Male	10.01.2008	Batticaloa	In Batticaloa After he had his dinner with his family and was resting. At that time unknown armed men called him out. But he refused to come out. But they killed him by a gun shot through a hole of that house.
12	Kavitha Sanmuganathan - Alvai North Karaveddi Jaffna	20	Female	10.01.2008	Jaffna	In Vadamarachchi Jaffna while he was riding on his bicycle towards his relations's home an armed gang followed and killed him by a gun shot.
13	Kanapathipillai Yogarasa - Selvanagar Kaththankudi Batticaloa	48	Male	11.01.2008	Batticaloa	At 8.45 p.m. in the place of Selvanagar Batticaloa he closed his shop and returned home. On the way he was shot and killed by an unidentified armed group.
14	Rasathurai Nimalan - 3rd Cross street Colombuthurai Jaffna	46	Male	12.01.2008	Jaffna	He was abducted from Colombuthurai in Jaffna. Later his body was recovered.
15	Thiyagarajah Ranjithkumar - Pavundari Koddaikallaru Batticaloa	23	Male	13.01.2008	Batticaloa	At 7.30 p.m. while he was riding from Mahiloor Batticaloa to Koddaikallaru on a push bike, an unknown armed group came in a van shot and killed him.
16	Manickam Algurasa - Theththaththeevu Batticaloa	52	Male	13.01.2008	Batticaloa	At Theththaththeevu in Batticaloa while he was riding on his push bike, an armed gang came in a van and attempted to attack him, but he jumped down and sought asylum in the Vishnu Temple near by. The armed group chased him and shot him inside the Temple.

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17	Kanthasamy Sellaiya - Koduvamadu Sengaladi Batticaloa	42	Male	14.01.2008	Batticaloa	He was shot and killed by an unidentified armed group at his temporary resident place in the Refugee camp in Kalviyankadu, Batticaloa
18	A Male's dead body	30-35	Male	15.01.2008	Avisavalai	A male's body aged between 30 to 35 was recovered at Avisavalai Thelthuva.
19	Murugaiya Yogeswaran - Kanagapuram Kilinochchi	33	Male	17.01.2008	Kilinochchi	He died due to the aerial bombardment carried out by the Sri Lankan Mick Planes at Kanagapuram Kilinochchi at 9.30 a.m.
20	Mery Anjala - Poovarasankulam Vavuniya	47	Female	17.01.2008	Vavuniya	He was killed by a gun firing by an unidentified armed group at Poovarasankulam Vavuniya about 9.40 p.m.
21	Kathiresan Kaneshan - Puththalam Udappu Pulichchakkulam	38	Male	19.01.2008	Puttalam	While he was going in his own vehicle with his wife and two children from Udappu, Puttalam to Munthal; he was shot and killed by two persons who came on the motor bike. His wife was wounded severely.

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22	Pusparasa Jeyananthan - Aruchchuna veethy Pandiruppu Amparai	28	Male	20.01.2008	Amparai	While he was playing in Mowlana play ground in Maruthamunai, Amparai he was shot and killed by the paramilitary armed group who came on a motor bike.
23	Ethirmannasingam Nadesamoorthy - Eruvil	35	Male	20.01.2008	Batticaloa	The two gun men who came on the motor bike at Kaluwanchikudi, killed the father of three children and escaped.
24	Panchchadsaram Kunenthiran (Kuna) - Nainatheevu Jaffna		Male	21.01.2008	Jaffna	After meeting the students of Jaffna university, he came out of the Camps Sri Lankan Army Intelligence shot him dead and escaped.
25	16 deat bodies			24.01.2008	Anurathapuram	At Horawapoththana in Anuradhapura 16 dead bodies were recovered with the gun shot injuries from two pits. All were hands bownd. No one is so far unidentified.
26	Subramaniyam Nadesapillai - Navatkadu Varani Jaffna	61	Male	24.01.2008	Jaffna	At Varani, Navatkadu in Jaffna when he was about to go out of his house he was shot and killed by two persons who came on a motor bike.
27	Algar Marimuthu - Udaiyarkaddu Kilinochchi	65	Male	25.01.2008	Kilinochchi	He was killed in a aerial bomb attack carried out by the Sri Lankan air force bombers, at Krishnapuram Kilinochchi.
28	Selvanesaraja Ravi - Panankaddikoddu Mannar	44	Male	27.01.2008	Mannar	A father of three children was abducted from his house at Panankaddikoddu in Mannar during night at the gun point. Afterwards he was shot and killed.
29	Thuraiyappa Thayaparan - Komari Poththuvil Amparai	29	Male	28.01.2008	Amparai	A person aged 29 was killed by a gun shot at Komari Poththuvil in Amparai.
30	Mery Jonshan - Mannar	31	female	29.01.2008	Mannar	18 persons including 12 students were killed due to the claymore attack carried out by the Sri Lankan Deep Penetration Unit at Madhu church in Mannar district.
31	Rajasooriyan - Mannar	37	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
32	Reedda - Mannar	39	female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
33	Jerad - Mannar	32	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
34	Suresh - Mannar	25	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
35	Suntharam - Mannar	61	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
36	Kadsan - Mannar	11	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
37	Esman - Mannar	11	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
38	Penad Jorch - Mannar	16	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
39	Jude Kensdan - Mannar	16	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
40	Joni - Mannar	13	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
41	Janarthan - Mannar	13	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
42	Milsan - Mannar	16	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
43	Puruso - Mannar		13	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar
44	Piriddo - Mannar		15	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar
45	Roshan - Mannar		12	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar
46	Samsan - Mannar		14	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar
47	A sutdent - Mannar			Male	29.01.2008	Mannar

Details of the Killing People on January - 2008						
No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
48	Paleswaran Thusyanthini - Manduvil Soolai Amman Koviladi Chavakachcheri Jaffna	21	Female	31.01.2008	Jaffna	Three siblings were shot and killed into their house at Manduvil Soolai Amman Koviladi, Chavakachcheri in Jaffna by Paramilitary group, after the electricity cut off in house about 8.00 p.m.
49	Palasuntharam Paskaran - Manduvil Soolai Amman Koviladi Chavakachcheri Jaffna	30	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
50	Palasuntharam Parththeepan - Manduvil Soolai Amman Koviladi Chavakachcheri Jaffna	19	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
51	Sangarappillai Muththukumar - Jaffna	60	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	There were killed in a bomb attack in Thirunelveli area Jaffna.
52	Ponnuthurai Krishnakumar - Jaffna	32	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
53	T.Panchchadsaranayakam - Jaffna	44	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
54	A man - Jaffna		Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	

Details of the Disappeared People on January - 2008						
No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
1	Ananth Ajith - Wellawaththai Colombo	3	Male	02.01.2008	Colombo	He is a Tamil citizen of Holand. After he seeing the Web-Site at Wellawatta area, he was missing. This was reported to the Wellawatta Police Station.
2	Vinayagamoorthy Thusyanthan - Meesalai East Jaffna	4	Male	04.01.2008	Jaffna	All three persons related to each other were missing. This was reported to the HRC.
3	Poopalasingam Pirattheepan - Kachchai South Meesalai Jaffna	5	Male	04.01.2008	Jaffna	
4	Mahenthiran Sujeevan - Changanai Valikamam Jaffna	6	Male	04.01.2008	Jaffna	
5	Nagaraja Anisraja - Chunnakam Jaffna	7	Male	04.01.2008	Jaffna	A father of two children was missing in Chunnakam. Earlier he was displaced from Kankesanthurai. This was reported to the HRC.
6	Palasuntharam Enokan - Kondavil West Jaffna	8	Male	05.01.2008	Jaffna	When he was going to the Temple of Thruka Amman in Tellipalai. On the way he was missing. This was reported in the HRC office in Jaffna.
7	Sureshkumar - Kottanchenai Colombo	9	Male	07.01.2008	Colombo	A father of three children was abducted by a white van team at Mattakuliya, which is in the Sri Lankan capital city of Colombo.
8	Jonshan Puvaneswary - Waththalai Colombo	10	Female	08.01.2008	Colombo	Both mother and daughter were missing at Wattala. This was reported at the Wattala police station.
9	Jonshan Kaththarina - Waththalai Colombo	11	Female	08.01.2008	Colombo	
10	Kidnan Subaskumar - Achchuveli South Jaffna	12	Male	08.01.2008	Jaffna	A father of one child from Achchuveli, when he went out of his house he was missing. This was reported in the HRC office in Jaffna.
11	Pulenthiran - Thalikkulam Vavuniya	13	Male	09.01.2008	Vavuniya	They who live Thalikkulam Refugee's Camp in Vavuniya were abducted by the an unidentified armed group.
12	A man - Thalikkulam Vavuniya	14	Male	09.01.2008	Vavuniya	
13	Siyavul Hak - Kandakkuli Katpiddi Puttalam	15	Male	12.01.2008	Puttalam	When they went for the deep sea fishing from Kandakkuli, Kalpiddi in Puttalam, all of them were missing. This was reported by the area people to Kalpiddi Police station.
14	Sajakan - Kandakkuli Katpiddi Puttalam	16	Male	12.01.2008	Puttalam	
15	Pasan - Kandakkuli Katpiddi Puttalam	17	Male	12.01.2008	Puttalam	
16	Algaratnam Nirmalakanthan - Periyaporatheevu Batticaloa	18	Male	14.01.2008	Colombo	From his temporary house in the College road Kotahena, Colombo and was working in a Jewellery Mart as a skilled labour in the Sea street Colombo. On the day about 8.30 p.m. he was abducted by a group who came by a vehicle bearing no 253-4899. This was reported to Deputy Ministry Hon.Rathakrishnan.

Details of the Disappeared People on January - 2008						
No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
17	Charls Josephs Roshan - Mannar	1	Male	15.02.2007	Mannar	While they were going to Thoddaveli Mannar, both of them were abducted.
18	Mahanad Kilbert Tharshan - Mannar	2	Male	15.02.2007	Mannar	
19	Soosaippillai Anton - Murunkan Mannar	19	Male	16.01.2008	Mannar	When father of three children was travelling from Murunkan, Mannar to Vavuniya on his bicycle, he was missing.
20	A man - Meesalan West Chavakachcheri Jaffna	20	Male	16.01.2008	Jaffna	He was abducted by an unknown armed group from his home at Meesalai, Chavakachcheri in Jaffna.
21	A woman	21	Female	18.01.2008	Hattan	A young lady waiting at Hatton Bus Stand to go Pokollawai. But she was abducted by a Police officer who came there after liquor.
22	Arulvasakam Rosani - Sebastiyar Koyiladi Mannar	22	Female	18.01.2008	Mannar	He was abducted by a white van armed men near the St. Sebastian Church in Mannar.
23	Markandu Suman - Neervely Jaffna	23	Male	18.01.2008	Colombo	He was returning from his work site Colombu Maha Vidyala Mawaththa to his house for lunch. He was missing. This was reported to the deputy minister Hon. Mr. Rathakrishnan.
24	Selvarasa Suventhiran - Odakkarai Welfare Centre Changanai Jaffna	24	Male	24.01.2008	Jaffna	He went to Jaffna for a job. Afterwards he was missing. This was reported in the HRC office in Jaffna.
25	Palasingam Jasotharan - Urelu Jaffna	25	Male	25.01.2008	Jaffna	He was abducted by two armed men who came on a motor bike when he was in his house at Urelu in Jaffna. This was reported to the HRC office in Jaffna.
26	Nallaratanam Yogaraja - Echchantheevu Batticaloa	26	Male	26.01.2008	Batticaloa	About 6.00 p.m. he was abducted by an unidentified armed group about 200 metres distance from the police station of Vavunatheevu Batticaloa.
27	Nickkalas Niyooddan - Periyakadai Mannar	27	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	It is reported in Mannar Police that he was missing from 7.00 p.m.
28	Vasanamuthu Santhirasegar - Maddakuli Colombo	28	Male	30.01.2008	Colombo	They were abducted by an Army Intelligence group consisted more than ten members who came in a white van at Mattakuli in Colombo. This was reported to the deputy minister Hon. Mr. Rathakrishnan by their relatives.
29	Nadaraja Ramesh - Maddamuli Colombo	29	Male	30.01.2008	Colombo	
30	Ravichchanthiran - Maddakuli Colombo	30	Male	30.01.2008	Colombo	
31	Antony Thatkuroos Kristin - Thoddaveli Mannar	31	Male	24.12.2008	Mannar	He was abducted by an unidentified armed group at Thenniyan settlement in Mannar.

Details of the Injured People on January - 2008						
No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
1	12 Civilians			01.01.2008	Colombo	When Mr. Thiagarasa Maheswaran M.P. was shot dead, 12 civilians were also injured.
2	Vijayakumar - Alampil Mullaiththeevu	35	Male	02.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	Due to the aerial attack carried out by Sri Lankan air force MiG planes many civilians were injured and their homes also damaged at Alampil in Mullaiththeevu.

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No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
3	Rasanathan - Alampil Mullaiththeevu	40	Male	02.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	The people who were worshipping at Kali Kovil and the boys who were playing in a play ground nearby were severely injured due to the aerial bombardments at Uduppukkulam Alampil in Mullaiththeevu.
4	S.Suventhan - Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	3	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
5	A.Jathees Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	9	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
6	R.Initha Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	8	Female	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
7	S.Nixshon Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	13	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	The people who were worshipping at Kali Kovil and the boys who were playing in a play ground nearby were severely injured due to the aerial bombardments at Uduppukkulam Alampil in Mullaiththeevu.
8	S.Sivasakthi Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	35	Female	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
9	J.Sarmilatha Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	30	Female	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
10	K.Santhiramohan Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	29	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
11	A.Rathees Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	7	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
12	R.Packiyarasa Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	22	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	The people who were worshipping at Kali Kovil and the boys who were playing in a play ground nearby were severely injured due to the aerial bombardments at Uduppukkulam Alampil in Mullaiththeevu.
13	S.Josuva Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	12	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
14	R.Muhunthini Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	15	Female	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
15	R.Subramaniyan Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	57	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
16	P.Selvam Uduppukkulam Alampil Mullaiththeevu	48	Male	04.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
17	R.Ramachchanthiran - Kandy Pallekala	24	Male	08.01.2008	Kandy	At Pallekala in Kandy in central province of Sri Lanka, he was injured by a gun firing of Sri Lankan Police at night.
18	Konesh Kayavathy - 3rd Cross street Velur Colony-03 Kalladi Batticaloa	44	Female	10.01.2008	Batticaloa	At Kalladi, Batticaloa about 3.30 p.m. an armed gang went to his house and called by his name and was firing. Because of this he was injured.
19	A.Inp - Uppumaveli Uduppukkulam Mullaiththeevu	25	Male	11.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	Due to the aerial attack carried out by the Sri Lankan air force bombers on civilians settlement at Uppumaveli Uduppukkulam in Mullaiththeevu district, they all were injured.
20	R.Ramesh - Uppumaveli Uduppukkulam Mullaiththeevu	17	Male	11.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
21	P.Sinnaththamby - Uppumaveli Uduppukkulam Mullaiththeevu	28	Male	11.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu	
22	Nadarasa Kunarasa - Olumadu Muthirampiddi Nedunkerni Vavuniya	19	Male	12.01.2008	Vavuniya	He was wounded by a gun shot carried out by Sri Lankan Deep Penetration Unit at Nedunkerni in Vavuniya about 4.00 p.m.

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No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
23	Dareet Mowlavi - Kaththankudi Batticaloa		Male	12.01.2008	Batticaloa	Due to the gun shot by the Pillaiyan group, these persons were severely wounded in front of a Mosque at Kaththankudi in Batticaloa when they came out after finishing their night prayer (Izath).
24	Paisal - Kaththankudi Batticaloa		Male	12.01.2008	Batticaloa	
25	Alasutheen - Kaththankudi Batticaloa		Male	12.01.2008	Batticaloa	
26	K.Velu - Kuravil Udaiyarkaddu Mullaitheevu	72	Male	16.01.2008	Mullaitheevu	He was severely wounded due to the aerial attack carried out by the Sri Lankan Air force Kfir and Mick planes at Kuravil, Udaiyarkaddu in Mullaitheevu.
27	Sinnaththurai Sivarasa - Kanakapuram Kilinochchi	44	Male	17.01.2008	Kilinochchi	About 9.30 a.m. The Sri Lankan air force Mick planes carried out a aerial bombing attack at Kanakapuram in Kilinochchi, and they were wounded.
28	Suppar Sinnaiya - Kanakapuram Kilinochchi	82	Male	17.01.2008	Kilinochchi	About 9.30 a.m. The Sri Lankan air force Mick planes carried out a aerial bombing attack at Kanakapuram in Kilinochchi, and they were wounded.
29	Sivarasa Suresh - Kanakapuram Kilinochchi	19	Male	17.01.2008	Kilinochchi	
30	Thanapalasingam Mahaluxsumi - Kanakapuram Kilinochchi	49	Female	17.01.2008	Kilinochchi	
31	Thanapalasingam Saranya - Kanakapuram Kilinochchi	6	Female	17.01.2008	Kilinochchi	
32	Periyan Suresh - 2nd Lane Paranthan Kilinochchi	27	Male	17.01.2008	Kilinochchi	
33	Mrs. Kaneshan - Pulichchakkulam Udappu Puththalam		Female	19.01.2008	Puttalam	When she was going in their own vehicle with his husband and two children from Udappu, Puttalam to Munthal; On the way she was shot and wounded by two persons who came on the motor bike, also his husband was killed.
34	Kanapathipillai Pooventhiran - Eravur Batticaloa	50	Male	20.01.2008	Batticaloa	At Eravur in Batticaloa the father of three children was shot and killed by the unknown armed group in his own house.
35	M.Maharuf - Polanaruwa		Male	24.01.2008	Polanaruwa	When they were in the market at the boarder area of Batticaloa-Polanaruwa, they were shot and injured by an armed group.
36	S.Paisal - Polanaruwa		Male	24.01.2008	Polanaruwa	
37	A.Latheep - Polanaruwa		Male	24.01.2008	Polanaruwa	
38	Suppaiya Paramasivam - Krishnapuram Kilinochchi	62	Male	25.01.2008	Kilinochchi	Due to the aerial attack carried out by the Sri Lankan air force bombing planes, they were wounded. Further the many houses and yielding trees were also destroyed at Krishnapuram Kilinochchi.
39	S.Muththukumaran - Krishnapuram Kilinochchi	75	Male	25.01.2008	Kilinochchi	
40	Selvanayakam Aniththa - Krishnapuram Kilinochchi	20	Female	25.01.2008	Kilinochchi	
41	Anthony Peris Rajani - Periyapandivirichchan Mannar	14	Female	27.01.2008	Mannar	The Sri Lankan forces carried out a shell attack targetting the Refugee Welfare centre of Thadsanamaruthamdu, in the Madhu Church area in Mannar. Due to this they were seriously wounded.
42	Anthoni Peris Mery - Periyapandivirichchan Mannar	42	Female	27.01.2008	Mannar	
43	Muniyandi Kunarasa - Mannakulam Vavuniya	42	Male	27.01.2008	Mannar	

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44	A man - Mannar		Male	27.01.2008	Mannar	The Sri Lankan forces carried out a shell attack targetting the Refugee Wel fare centre of Thadsanamaruthamdu, in the Madhu Church area in Mannar. Due to this they were seriously wounded.
45	Suvaip M.Kasim - Colombo Malikavaththai upstairs	45	Male	28.01.2008	Colombo	He is the Sub-Editor of Thinakaran dailyin Colombo. A group of five persons entered his house stabbed him. He was admitted in the Colombo National Hospital.
46	R.Piulin - Mannar	9	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	17 persons including 10 students were seriously injured due to the claymore attack carried out by the Sri Lankan Deep Penetration Unit at Madhu Church area in Mannar district.
47	R.Thanusika - Mannar	16	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	17 persons including 10 students were seriously injured due to the claymore attack carried out by the Sri Lankan Deep Penetration Unit at Madhu Church area in Mannar district.
48	Mathusalini - Mannar	16	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
49	Aniththa - Mannar	16	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
50	Jenosasdika - Mannar	12	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
51	Tharsana - Mannar	13	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
52	Konsitta- Mannar	16	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
53	Diulas - Mannar	15	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
54	Jenittan Peris - Mannar	12	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
55	Kirusanth - Mannar	8	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
56	Lemperd - Mannar	51	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	
57	Resitta - Mannar	38	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
58	Thusitha - Mannar	35	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
59	Nirmalaransini - Mannar	36	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
60	Kunaseeli - Mannar	45	Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
61	Gnanasooriyar - Mannar	35	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	17 persons including 10 students were seriously injured due to the claymore attack carried out by the Sri Lankan Deep Penetration Unit at Madhu Church area in Mannar district
62	Gnanasooriyar Jasinth - Mannar		Female	29.01.2008	Mannar	
63	Packiyathan - Mannar	55	Male	29.01.2008	Mannar	They were wounded in a bomb attack in Thirunelvely Jaffna.
64	Sobana - Jaffna	26	Female	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
65	Sanosan - Jaffna	62	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
66	Rasu - Jaffna	67	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
67	Tharmenthiran - Jaffna	35	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
68	Selvaraja - Jaffna	59	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
69	Vijayan - Jaffna	47	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
70	Piratheepan - Jaffna	25	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
71	Sanmuganathan - Jaffna	28	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
72	Nageswaray - Jaffna	36	Female	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
73	Marusalin - Jaffna	65	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
74	S.Selvarasa - Jaffna	55	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
75	Nirosh - Jaffna	20	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	They were wounded in a bomb attack in Thirunelvely Jaffna.
76	S.Tharmika - Jaffna	17	Female	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
77	A.Mathimaran - Jaffna	30	Male	31.01.2008	Jaffna	
78	Komalar - Jaffna	20	Female	31.01.2008	Jaffna	

Details of the Arrested People on January - 2008						
No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
1	89 Tamils			01.01.2008	Gale	89 Tamils out of 91 persons were remanded in the Poosa prison in Gale. Most of them were arrested at Nugegoda Colombo.
2	198 Tamils			06.01.2008	Colombo	During the search operation in Colombo 198 Tamils were arrested by the forces. But this can amount to 300.
3	40 Tamils			08.01.2008	Colombo	After Minister Thasanayakka was killed in a claymore attack in Ja-Ela. 40 tamils were arrested and kept in the detention.
4	Two youths - Thenmaratchi Kalvayal area		Male	18.01.2008	Jaffna	During the round up operation two youngsters were arrested by the Sri Lankan army at Kalvayal, Thenmarachchi in Jaffna.
5	05 Tamil youths - Malaiyakam		Male	19.01.2008	Monarakalai	Five Up-Country youngsters were arrested at Thanmanvila area in Monaragala. All they were workers involved in the chena cultivation.
6	Two Tamil Youths		Male	20.01.2008	Anurathapuram	These persons were arrested in the Anurathapuram city in suspicion.
7	Veerakkuddi Murugathas - Batticaloa	21	Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	They went to Colombo by Train with a plan to go one of the Middle East Countries. When they came out from the Railway Station they were arrested by the Sri Lankan Police.
8	S.Muthalvan - Batticaloa	23	Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	
9	Kanthasami Jeevaruban - Batticaloa	28	Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	
10	Nesaraja Thilakshan - Batticaloa	22	Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	
11	Kunanayakam Pathmanathan - Batticaloa	23	Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	
12	Kanthasami Nishanthan - Batticaloa	21	Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	
13	Ilaiyathambi Rathan - Batticaloa	22	Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	
14	Packkiyarasa Sabasan - Batticaloa	21	Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	They went to Colombo by Train with a plan to go one of the Middle East Countries. When they came out from the Railway Station they were arrested by the Sri Lankan Police
15	Yogenthiran Krishnaraja - Batticaloa		Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	
16	Packkiyarasa Karikanran - Batticaloa		Male	23.01.2008	Colombo	
17	13 Tamils - Puttalam			23.01.2008	Puttalam	They were arrested in a searching operation by the Sri Lankan Navy and Army at Katpiddi area in Puttalam.
18	A man - Kilinochchi		Male	23.01.2008	Ratnapuri	He was arrested during the search operation done by the Sri Lankan police at Noori estate in Deraniyakala. The reason for his arrest is that he did not tell the actual reason of his presence in the area.
19	12 Tamils			23.01.2008	Pathulai	Including 12 Tamils 15 persons were arrested during the search operation by the Sri Lankan Police and Army at Puttala area in Badula.
20	A woman		Female	24.01.2008	Madavela	One Tamil lady was arrested by Sri Lankan police officer in front of the Madwela Madona National School. The reason given by the police is that she was roaming about in the school premises.

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No	Name and Address	Aged	Gender	Date	District	Incident
21	18 Tamils			24.01.2008	Polanaruwa	They were arrested by the forces during the search operation at Polanaruwa boarder area.
22	09 Tamils - Vavuniya and Mannar		Male	26.01.2008	Puttalam	09 Tamil youngsters from Vavuniya and Mannar districts were arrested during the search operation done by the Sri Lankan forces in Chilaw and Puttalam.
23	M.S.Suthrshan - Chavakachcheri Jaffna		Male	26.01.2008	Kandy	They were arrested in Kandi Pasara area by the Sri Lankan police. Because they did not say actualy reation for staying there.
24	Kalimuthu Kathiresan - Kannankuda Batticaloa		Male	26.01.2008	Kandy	
25	03 Tamil women - Mirusuvil Jaffna		Female	26.01.2008	Kandy	
26	1 Muslims Youth - Trincomalee		Male	26.01.2008	Kandy	
27	A man - Kalmunai Batticaloa		Male	27.01.2008	Kandy	When he from Kalmunai Batticaloa went his relation's house in Kandy Kamwela garden, he was arrested in a searching operation by the Sri Lankan army.

Details of the Sought refuges on January - 2008		
No	Date	Incident
1	01.01.2008	Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Sought asylum Due to life threat a person from Colombo thurai Jaffna sought asylum at the HRC office in Jaffna
2	02.01.2008	Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Sought asylum A Saloon owner from Chavakachcheri sought asylum to the HRC in Jaffna due to life threat by the Sri Lankan Army.
3	03.01.2008	Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Sought asylum Due to life threat by the Sri Lankan army three of them - one family man aged 32 from Colombothurai, Jaffna, another family man aged 42 from Chavakachcheri, Jaffna and another man aged 30 from Alaveddy sought asylum at the HRC office in Jaffna.
4	03.01.2008	Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Sought asylum Due to life threat a person from Navali Valikamam in Jaffna sought asylum to the HRC in Jaffna.
5	07.01.2008	Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Sought asylum Due to life threat by the Sri Lankan army a person aged 24 from Masiyapiddy sought asylum at the HRC office in Jaffna
6	17.01.2008	Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Sought asylum Due to life threat by the Sri Lankan army three of them - one man aged 35 from Kaithadi Navatkuli, another one aged 54 and another man aged 26 from Masiyapidd sought asylum at the HRC office in Jaffna
7	28.01.2008	Jaffna - Human Rights Commission - Sought asylum Due to life threat by the SRi Lankan army Two of them -A driver, father of one child aged 25 from Palali road Jaffna and another labour worker, father of five children aged 45 from Kaithadi North Thenmarachchi Jaffna sought asylum at the HRC office in Jaffna.
1	27.12.2007	Jaffna - Kurunagar - Attack An unknown armed group searched for a young man at his house at Kurunagar in Jaffna but that perticular younster was not there. So they attacked his father badly.
2	01.01.2008	Colombo - 4th Flour - Inquiry 11 Grama Sevakas from Jaffna Peninsula were called over to Colombo and was taken to the 4th flour interogation by the Sri Lankan intelligence.
3	01.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu - Rejected The permit for 7 hundred thousand litir of kerosene for 2008 to Mullaiththeevu district was not approved by the Sri Lankan Ministry of Defence.
4	02.01.2008	Mullaiththeevu - Rejected The New vaccine for infants was introduced in Sri Lanka since 2nd of January 2008. Those vaccines were already brought to Vavuniya in the later part of 2007. But the Ministry of Denfence has not so far, to bring them to Mullaiththeevu district.

Details of the Other Incidents on January - 2008

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| 5 | 02.01.2008 | Mannar - Pallamadu – Damaged
Two Hindu Temples and a Private office building of Thulashi constructioners were damaged due to the Sri Lankan Air Force aerial attack at Pallamadu in Mannar. |
| 6 | 04.01.2008 | Jaffna - Town - Checked
All the vehicles from Vadamarachchi, Thenmarachch, Valikamam and Islands were checked at the streets in the Jaffna city area. |
| 7 | 05.01.2008 | Jaffna - Request
The new Vice-Chancellor of Jaffna University Prof. Sanmugalingam requested the army to release the final year science student Mr. Mayooran. |
| 8 | 06.01.2008 | Jaffna - Liberate
Mr. Mayooran student of Jaffna University was released near his house during the night time with injuries due to torture. |
| 9 | 07.01.2008 | Jaffna town - Searching operation
The Sri Lankan police and Navy checked all the vehicles and also checked the National Identity Card of the people in Jaffna city. |
| 10 | 07.01.2008 | Mullaitheevu - Rejected
Permission was rejected by the Ministry of Defence to bring Panadol Shirup for infants to Mullaitheevu district. |
| 11 | 07.01.2007 | Vavuniya - Displacement
During the searching operation Sri Lankan army and its harassment 123 Tamil families displaced from the areas of Kanthasamikulam and Christiyankulam. |
| 12 | 09.01.2008 | Batticaloa - Vantharumoolai - Search Operation
Sri Lankan police and Army forcefully entered the Student quarters of the Eastern University at Vantharumoolai in Batticaloa and did a searching operation. |
| 13 | 10.01.2008 | Mannar - Threatened
The villagers who live closer to Navy camps at Thalai Mannar, Nadukkuda, Pesalai, Vankalaippadu, Erukkalampiddy, Pallimunai, Tharapuram and Thalvupadu in Mannar district, were threatened by the navy to come to their camp and take photographs. |
| 14 | 12.01.2008 | Vavuniya - Thalikkulam - Complaint
Thalikkulam villagers Vavuniya made a request to the HRC office in Vavuniya to safe guard themselves from the white van abductions which are rapidly increasing. |
| 15 | 13.01.2008 | Batticaloa - Eruthayapuram - Abduct then Release
The CTB drivers Mr. Alages Theiventhiran aged 43, Mr. Karthigesu Sellaiya aged 32 and V. Thanapalan aged 32 from Eruthayapuram Batticaloa were arrested by a white van armed group. The following day they were released. |
| 16 | 14.01.2008 | Jaffna - Karaveddi, Vadamarachchi, Kurunagar - Checked
A searching and round up operation carried out by the Sri Lankan army at Karaveddi, Vadamarachchi, Kurunagar. |
| 17 | 14.01.2008 | Mullai. Puthukkudiyiruppu - Kompavil - Aerial bombing
The Kfir planes belong to the Sri Lankan air force carried out aerial attack continuously for one hour at Kompavil Puthukkudiyiruppu in Mullaitheevu. Due to this many houses and yielding trees were damaged. |
| 18 | 14.01.2008 | Jaffna - Caution
Posters appear all over Jaffna saying "Any person who has connection with LTTE will be shot and killed after 16th of January 2008. |
| 19 | 16.01.2008 | Batticaloa - Oddamavadi - Damaged
The house belonged to Mr. Canifa at Oddamavadi in Batticaloa was damaged by a claymore attack. Mr. Canifa is the opposition leader of Batticaloa Municipal council. |
| 20 | 18.01.2008 | Mullai. Puthukkudiyiruppu - Vallipunam - Aerial bombing
About 10.40 a.m. Sri Lankan air force Kfir planes carried out an aerial attack targeting human dwellings in Vallipunam, Puthukkudiyiruppu in Mullaitheevu. Due to this attack many yielding trees and cattle were destroyed. |
| 21 | 18.01.2008 | Jaffna - Valikamam - Checked
In Jaffna, Nallur, Irupalai, Kopai, Nayanmarkaddu, Kalviyankadu and Mathagal, people were called over the nearest School ground detained till sun-set and carried out a thorough body check. |
| 22 | 18.01.2008 | Jaffna - Vadamarachchi East - Buried the land mines
The Sri Lankan army buried the land mines at Vadamarachchi East, Ampan area in Jaffna. Because of this, public were afraid to go over it. |
| 23 | 18.01.2008 | Jaffna - Valvettithurai - Looted
An armed force of Paramilitary group entered the houses of Mr. Santhiran, threatened all the members at gun point and looted all of their things at Kommanthurai, area Valvettithurai in Jaffna. |
| 24 | 20.01.2008 | Mullaitivu - Semmalai - Shell attack
A terrible cannon attack carried out by the Navy targeting over the fishermen at the sea of Semmalai, Mullaitheevu. So the fishermen cut off their nets and came back to the coast. |

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- 25 20.01.2008 **Kilinochchi - Schools Closed**
Due to the arbitrary bombing by the Sri Lankan Air force all the schools in the Kilinochchi town area were closed till 23rd of January.
- 26 23.01.2008 **Jaffna - Velanai - Suffering**
Ban on fishings for fishing for 16 months in Cheddipulam in Velanai by the Sri Lankan Navy has caused a economical crisis and famine.
- 27 24.01.2008 **Colombo - Wellawatta - Stop**
The business along the road side restricted by the Sri Lankan forces in Wellawatta in Colombo.
- 28 25.01.2008 **Batticaloa - Valaichchenai - Hand grenade attack**
A hand grenade was thrown on the house of Janap Muhamad, a strong supporter of Muslims Congress.
- 29 25.01.2008 **Trincomalee - Changed**
The Sri Lankan government tries to shift Trinco Government Secretariat to 4th Mile Post area where more Sinhalese live.
- 30 26.01.2008 **Mullaiththeevu - Puthukkudiyiruppu - Aerial bombing**
Due to the aerial attack by the Sri Lankan air force Kfir planes on the White Pigeon Institution, Kaneshu Vidyalayam, and some human settlements were damaged at Puthukkudiyiruppu Mullaiththeevu.
- 31 26.01.2008 **Batticaloa - Valaichchenai - Complaint**
It is reported that attack on the Sri Lankan Muslims Congress supporters are increasing at Valaichchenai, Batticaloa.
- 32 26.01.2008 **Jaffna - Vadamarachchi East - Attack**
Between 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. the Sri Lankan Navy attacked the fishermen in the Vadamarachchi East sea area.
- 33 26.01.2008 **Mullaitivu - Nayaru - Navy attack**
About 7.00 a.m. The Sri Lankan Navy attacked the fishermen while they were fishing at the Nayaru sea in Mullaiththeevu. All the fishermen cut out their nets and came ashore to save their lives.
- 34 28.01.2008 **Mullaitivu - Nayaru - Navy attack**
About 12.00 noon 3 Dora gun boats belonged to the Sri Lankan Navy attacked the fishermen who were fishing at Nayaru, Mullaiththeevu.
- 35 30.01.2008 **Jaffna - Islet - Decreasing the permission**
Only some of the NGO's workers are allowed to serve the people affected by Tsunami and Internally displaced at the Islet in Jaffna by the Sri Lankan forces
- 36 31.01.2008 **Mullaitivu - Puthukkudiyiruppu - Aerial bombing**
Sri Lankan air force Kfir planes bombed at Puthukkudiyiruppu area in Mullaiththeevu about 4.50 p.m.
- 37 31.01.2008 **Vadamarachchi - Permission not allowed**
The Sri Lankan forces forfeited the fishermen permission to fish at Vadamarachchi area in Jaffna. Because of this more than 100 fishermen families are affected.
- 38 31.01.2008 **Batticaloa - Vaharai - Hand Grenade attack**
The house of Mr. Mohamad Athavulla, candidate of the Muslim Congress was targeted with hand grenade at Valaichchenai in Batticaloa.
- 39 31.01.2008 **Amparai - Akkaraipattu - Searching operation**
A searching operation was made at Akkaraipattu, Aalaivadiyempu, Koravil and Navatkadu by the Sri Lankan army and the Sri Lankan Police.
- 40 31.01.2008 **Colombo - Motara - Collecting the Information**
It is said that unnecessary information are called for in the forms issued by the Sri Lankan Police to the Tamils who live in Motara Colombo.

1. Kilali massacre -1992, 1993

During the years of 1992 and 1993, the Sri Lankan Navy has brutally massacred Tamil civilians crossing the Jaffna Lagoon through Kilali. A very conservative estimate is that over a 150 Tamil civilians have lost their lives here. A further 100 people were made permanently disabled by the attacks and another 150 sustained serious injuries.



Knowing full well that this sea journey is hazardous, hundreds and hundreds of people from all walks of life and all ages and both sexes have undertaken this night journey in boats powered with outboard motors.

These unarmed civilians take the risk of death because they have urgent business to transact down South or to contact their relatives there or travel abroad or for medical treatments. It is such people who were being massacred at Kilali and not, as the Sri Lankan State claimed, terrorists who 'have been killed'.

On 02.01.1993, at 8 pm, 4 passenger boats developed engine trouble and drifted away from the small convoy of boats traversing the lagoon. Navy boats surrounded the four drifting boats and then naval personnel had boarded them, opened fire indiscriminately, hacked and stabbed the passengers and set one boat on fire.

On the 11th, 11 corpses, in a highly decomposed stated, were washed ashore at Pooneryn-Nallur and were buried along the shores of the lagoon.

A letter from P Vinayagamoorthy, Secretary of Red Cross, Kilinochchi dated 12.01.1993, is as follows:

"We submit the following details of an incident that took place at the Kilaly – Alankerny on 2.01.1993.

It had been reported that four boats with passengers had been mercilessly attacked by the Navy at 8pm on 2.01.1993 in the Poonahari Lagoon. At about 8pm these boats were surrounded by Navy Boats and after firing warning shots, the Navy personnel had boarded the passenger boats. We were given to understand they have, without considerations opened fire on old, sick, children and woman and had stabbed the hacked passengers. They also set one boat on fire.

On receipt of information we rushed to the scene with thirty five volunteers in the early hours on 03.01.1993 and observed that 19 bodies were floating. We with the assistance of volunteers and public retrieved all the dead bodies and transported them by SLRC vehicle to the Kilinochchi District Hospital and the relatives were informed wherever possible. On 5.01.1993, another 10 bodies were retrieved in a highly decomposed state beyond recognition and identification and those bodies were buried along the sea shore. On 6.01.93 six more bodies were retrieved in a highly decomposed state and those bodies were also buried along the sea shore.

All the 35 bodes recovered to date were mutilated with gun shot and stab injuries and some burnt beyond recognition. Only 18 bodies have been identified and the others were buried without identification.

In addition to the above 5 injured persons were brought to Kilinochchi District Hospital. One of them a woman, seriously injured and sent to Vavunia Hospital succumbed to her injuries. The balance 4 were rendered first aid and transferred to Jaffna Government Hospital on 5.01.1993.

Two persons had miraculously escaped without any injury and according to their statement, the Navy Personnel, after causing the damages as described above, hitched several passenger boats to the Navy Boats and were towing them to mid sea. Some distance away from the scene of the tragedy, the boat in which these two were traveling, had dislodged, they had then jumped off the boat and reached the shore by swimming.

Many of the passengers who traveled on this day are said to be yet missing. The above incident has caused a lot of inconvenience to the civilians who were using this route to travel to and from Kilaly and over thousand passengers are stuck up at Poonahari. They are undergoing a lot of hardship without shelter, food and medical facilities."

On 29.07.1993, navy personnel who came in five gun boats carried out a large scale massacre of civilian passengers. Two boats carrying a full load of passengers were attacked, one at 2.30am and the other at 4.00 am. Including the boatman, there were altogether 35 people in the boat at the time. These boats were on their way from Alankerny to Allipallai.

Kanapathypillai Peethamparam, 62 years old, was on the boat on the 29.07.1993. Her account is as follows,

"I returned from Wellawatte after seeing a relative of mine who is sick. At about 4.30 a.m Sri Lankan Navy forces came in five gun boats forwards us from Elephant Pass army camp.

On coming they fired at us. Bullets fell everywhere. To escape from firing I crept inside the engine room of the boat. At the same time another boat also was experiencing the same fate. After this a huge bomb fell close to our boat and exploded with a big noise. Due to explosion four passengers including two ladies died on the spot. Another person's right hand mangled and fell on to me. Owing to this the whole of my body was soaked in blood. Another person's leg was smashed. Many of them were injured. Some of them jumped into the sea (The boatmen also jumped our earlier). The Naval boat which came closer to our boat attacked us, we begged them saying that we are innocent and we surrender even though they fired at us. The Navy personnel were tired due to the continuous attack and they left the place. The boat in which we were, was about to sink at that time we dropped all the bicycles which were in the boat into the sea."

2. Trincomalee students Massacre 02.01.2006

Trincomalee residents are shocked and angered over the killing of five old students of Trincomalee Sri Koneswara Hindu College in a grenade attack by unidentified men Monday night at about 7.50 p.m. Two old students, one from Sri Koneswara Hindu College and another from St.Joseph's College in Trincomalee are warded in the intensive care unit (ICU) of the Trincomalee general hospital. All the dead and injured are identified as Tamils and below the age of 20 years. Two of the dead students have gained university admission for the current academic year, police sources said.



The victim students sat for the GCE Advanced Level Examination in the year 2004 and 2005. Principals of the schools Tuesday morning rushed to the Trincomalee general hospital and viewed the bodies of dead students, education sources said.

All schools and education institutions in the east port town have closed indefinitely following the killings. Parents of the dead and the injured and fellow students were seen wailing outside the Trincomalee general hospital, sources said.

Sri Koneswara students died in the attack are:

- Shanmugarajah Gajendran,
- Logitharajah Rohan
- Thangathurai Sivanantha
- Yogarajah Hemachchandra
- Manoharan Rajihar

The names of the injured are:

- Yogarajah Poongalalone (St.Joseph's College)
- Pararajasingham Kokulraj (Koneswara Hindu College)

When the victims had gathered as usual to spend the evening near the roundabout junction where Koneswara Road and Dockyard Road meet, in front of the Dutch Bay sea beach when the grenade attack happened.

Gandhi Statue is in the middle of the roundabout. Police officials and monitors of the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM) rushed to the site and began inquiries, sources said. Dutch Bay sea beach is a popular spot for families to spend the evenings, sources said.

3. **Aerial attack on Padahuthurai, a crime against humanity – Bishop**

The Bishop of Mannar Diocese, Rt Rev Rayappu Joseph, who visited Padahuthurai hamlet, which was completely destroyed by indiscriminate aerial bombardment by the Sri Lanka Air Force Tuesday morning, has condemned the bombardment and said the attack had destroyed the settlement of the Internally Displaced persons. There was no military installation of the LTTE in the area, the Bishop told media. The Bishop, calling the bombardment "a crime against humanity," urged the International Community to send independent observers to NorthEast. Death toll has risen to 15, including 7 children below age nine, a pregnant woman, her child and husband.

13 victims of the bombardment were identified Tuesday night: Anthonipillai Rasakumari, 52, a mother, Anthonipillai Kutti, 26, Anthonipillai Velastin, 30, a mother and her husband Kugan, their 2-years-old son Dayalan, 4-years-old daughter Dayalini, and 1-year-old baby boy of their relative, I. Madusan, V. Tharsini, 8, Jhomson, 9, Vinosan, 6, Uthayakumar, 55, V. Vijitha, 28, and Kili, 32.

The Bishop, while addressing the media in Tamil, condemned the Sri Lankan military for telling a "barefaced lie," that the airstrike had hit a LTTE military installation.

"Such an open lie hurts us even further than the gruesome attack itself," Bishop Rayappu said.

"There is no hostile military presence [of the Tigers] in this area. These are innocent civilians who have been living here since 1995. These are people who were driven from Navanthurai in Jaffna by the atrocities of Sri Lankan forces. They were leading a simple life barely enough to survive with basic livelihood of small scale fishing on a day to day basis in the shallow waters." "I have known these people for years."

There is even not a single boat-yard in the vicinity, the Bishop explained that the hamlet was a peaceful place of refuge for the IDPs who were settled there.

Looking at the headless bodies of women and children the Bishop said the only term he could only characterize the attack as an act of "state-terror."

"Innocent civilians are being killed on a daily basis in the East. A big scale war is thrust upon the people of the East. Many civilians are dying there. Also here in



Mannar district, we have witnessed the inhumane act of violence," Bishop Rayappu said.

"It is high time that the international community realizes the state of affairs here and send a team of observers who can tell the truth to the world." The international community should censure the Sri Lankan Government for the indiscriminate and terrible violence, he said.

"One should realize the objective of an attack of this magnitude in a purely civilian area where there is no Tiger camp or hostile activity," he repeated.

Most of the 231 persons of 46 families were living in 35 huts. The entire hamlet is destroyed, the Village Service Officer (Grama Sevakar) of Iluppaikadavai, Sinnathurai Vijayendran,

Most of the civilians living in the hamlet were displaced civilians from Navanthurai and the surrounding coastal villages from Jaffna. They were displaced in 1995, Mr. Vijayendran said.

A child admitted at Kilinochchi hospital, succumbed to the wounds Tuesday night. 3 children, a pregnant woman and her husband, were pronounced dead at Mulankavil hospital.



Two ambulances were rushed from Kilinochchi to Iluppaikadavai.

Six severely wounded children were among the ten wounded, brought to Kilinochchi hospital, in the first ambulance. At least 14 bombs were dropped, each targeting two huts. One did not explode. Many of the huts were completely destroyed. Only a single house, built using concrete, partly survived, a Tamileelam Police official inspecting the site explained.

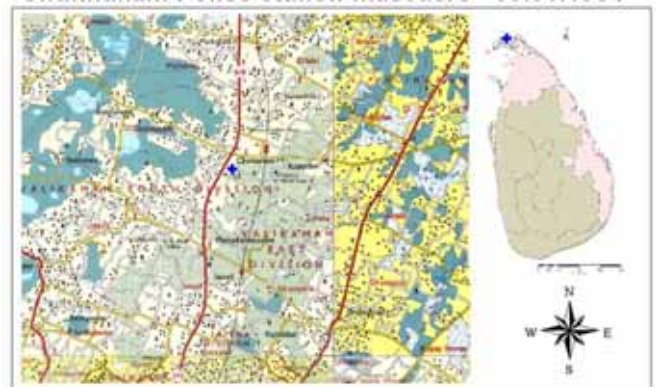
Bishop Rayappu, after returning to Mannar, wrote a letter to the Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse and issued the copy of the letter to media Wednesday:

4. Chunnakam Police station massacre -08.01.1984

Chunnakam is in the Uduvil Assistant Government Agent Division in the Jaffna district. Ten Kms from Jaffna town, on the KKS road, traveling towards Kankesanthurai, there is the Chunnakam junction. The Chunnakam Police station was located 250 metres south from this junction.

Many young men arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act without any evidence against them were kept in remand in the Chunnakam Police Station.

On 08.01.1984, during the period when Tamil militant attacks on the Sri Lankan military started to spread, the Police placed a time bomb in the room where the young men were kept and left the building. When the bomb exploded all 19 young men inside was killed. Sanjeevan who went in to save the young men was also killed.



5. Tamil research conference massacre -10.01.1974

Tamils were preparing on a grand scale to hold a Tamil Research conference in Jaffna during 3-10 January in 1974. The government of Sri Lanka at that time did not like holding this Tamil research conference in Jaffna. The government continued to place hurdles to the organizers in Colombo and also in Jaffna through the Mayor of Jaffna. Permission to construct the open air platforms for the conference was held back until the very last minute. Many researchers who wanted to travel to Jaffna for the conference from other countries were refused visa.

In spite of these hurdles, the conference organizers and the Tamil people were determined to persist with the arrangements. Seeing the support of the Tamil people for holding the conference the government came down a little and issued visas to a limited number of researchers.

The President of the conference organizing committee, Thambaihi, did not like holding the conference in Jaffna. He, therefore, resigned from his post.



Prof Vidhyanandan took over the responsibility of the President. The conference started on 3 January. Hundreds of thousands of people from different parts of Jaffna came into town to attend the conference. Conference proceeded on a grand scale. No conferences of the past were conducted in such a scale and with such enthusiasm. The entire Jaffna town was in festival mood.

10 January was being celebrated as the final day of the conference. The last item was speeches made by experts in Tamil language about the greatness of the language and the culture based on it. Prof Naina Mohammad from Tamilnadu in India was delivering the final speech. At that instant, the police lead by the Deputy Inspector of Police for Jaffna, Chandrasekara, started to attack the people at the conference. The police also opened fire. Nine civilians were killed, the stages were destroyed. The same Inspector of Police Chandrasekara was later promoted to the post of Inspector of Police by the then Prime Minister Srimavo Bandaranayaka.

6. Jaffna Manipai Massacre – 16.01.2006

Two young sisters, Bojan Renuka, 30, and Bojan Shanuka, 23, and their mother Bojan Arthanageswary, 51, residents of a house in Mudaliyar Kanagasabai Road in Manipay, close to the Manipay Hindu College, Jaffna district, were shot dead Sunday night at 11.45 p.m. by gunmen, suspected to be Sri Lanka Army (SLA) intelligence operatives and members of Eelam Peoples Democratic Party (EPDP) paramilitary, who entered the house and sprayed bullets at the residents, sources said. The father, Nagendran Bojan, 55, and Brother Bojan Ullasan, 26, sustained gunshot injuries and are receiving treatment at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital, medical sources said.



The gunmen shot the victims as they were coming down the stairs from upper floor of a two-storeyed house, sources said. The bodies of the three women have been taken to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital for postmortem examinations, medical sources said.

Bojans is a maaveerar family and Renuka acted as the main character in a Tamil film "Amma Nalama?" (Mother, are you well?) produced by the Liberation Tigers' film division Nitharsanam.

Mr Bojan Nagendram worked as the Director of Jaffna St John's Ambulance brigade, and is also the Kankesanthurai district co-ordinator of Boys Scouts, residents of Manipay said. Mrs Bojan is the assistant Director of St John's Ambulance Brigade. Ullasan teaches Mathematics at Jaffna Central College. Renuka, a graduate, is an English teacher at the Suthumalai Chinmaya Vidyasalai and her registration for marriage took place 15 December. Shanuka is a first year Arts undergraduate at the Jaffna Campus.

The family was displaced from Kollan Kalladdi in Valigamam North and were residing in Manipay. Manipay is located 10 km north of Jaffna town.

7. Mulliyavalai massacre - 16.01.1985

Mulliyavalai village is situated on the Mullaithivu-Vavuniya road in the Mullaithivu district. It is an ancient village with fertile land and has retained many of the folk culture of time past.

16.01.1985 was a festive day, the day after Thaipongal. Thaipongal is thanks giving festival for the sun and on the following day the farm animals are honoured for their role in the farmer's life. At 4.00 am on that morning the Sri Lankan military rounded up this village.

The military arrested 17 people. One of them was a pregnant woman and another was a young mother of three children. Before they left, the military burnt down many homes. About 30 minutes later, people heard several gunshots. News started to spread that all the 17 people who were arrested have been shot dead. The villagers kept this news from the relatives of the 17 arrested.



A while later military vehicles started moving towards the Mullaithivu town. The relatives stared into the military vehicles looking for their loved ones. When their relatives did not return even the next day, the families, accompanied by a local Justice of Peace, Thiagaraja, went to the military camp in Mullaithivu.

There the families saw the bodies of their loved ones thrown on the ground. The bodies had no clothes on them. The hand, legs and heads were chopped off. There were many torture marks on the body. The body of one woman had many cigarette burns. When the families asked to take the bodies of their loved ones, the military demanded that the families sign a statement that those killed were terrorists. When the families refused to do this the military refused to hand over the bodies.

Thavaratnam Thilakavathy of Mulliyavalai says,

"On 16.01.1985, the Sri Lankan military arrested 17 people including my husband and my son and took them towards the forest nearby. The military burnt many homes and stole many properties."

Pushparanee says,

"The Sri Lankan military entered our home and arrested my brother and my mother and killed them both. The army said that they killed the people who were Tigers. One woman, Kumarasamy Vijayakumari who was 7 months pregnant was also killed. Many of us here were affected by this. Since this happened the day after Thaipongal festival, we do not celebrate Thaipongal any more".

8. Kaththarchinnakulam massacre (17.01.1989)

Kaththarchinnakulam is situated in the Vavuniya Assistant Government Agent Division in the Vavuniya district. Sinhala settlers in the neighbouring villages brought in by the Sri Lankan military were committing atrocities against the Tamil people who were living in these villages for generations.

On 17.10.1989, people were busy with their daily routines and were unaware that the Indian military has entered their village. The military opened fire at the people. Nine people were killed and many houses were burnt down. Among the dead were people who were in the middle of their breakfast, farmers at work in the fields, pregnant mothers and children.

9. Kilinochchi Railway Station massacre - 25.01.1986

Kilinochchi town is a hustling business centre for the Kilinochchi district. It has a big market, a railway station and a hospital that draws the people to the town from all around the district. Farmers, business people, government employees and self employed people contribute to its economic activity.

The Sri Lankan military was stationed in the Kilinochchi Irrigation Department hostel in 1986. The military was harassing people through arrests and threats. On 25.01.1986, five Sri Lankan military personnel were hiding behind the trees south of the Kilinochchi Railway station. The train from Jaffna carrying passengers to Colombo stopped at the Kilinochchi railway station to pick up passengers.



As the passengers were boarding the train, one of the military soldiers opened fire at the passengers. Frightened people started to run in all directions. People hid inside the railway station and inside the train.

At the end of the shooting, 12 people were dead including four women and two children.

The government of Sri Lanka made the following statement after this massacre, "A soldier suffering from mental illness opened fire at the passengers and killed some of them. We apologize for the incident".

There were no other steps taken by the government regarding the incident.

Sinnaiyah Nallaiyah



"We lived near the Church at 8th milepost. My wife was a teacher. She had received a letter inviting her to Anuradhapura Education Department. So we were preparing to go there. We were not able to catch the bus. We planned to go by train. When we were at the station we heard the gunshots and we hid ourselves.

Nine SLA soldiers came there. They began to shoot randomly from the platform. Nine people were killed immediately. My wife and son and many others were injured. I shouted "water! Water!". My 5 year old son fetched me water from the pot. I found my 9 year old son and wife dead. After I drank water, I fainted. I was taken from Kilinochchi hospital to Jaffna hospital. Then we heard that the SLA had told that only one soldier was involved in this attack and he had a mental disorder. Is it usual for SLA personnel to have a mental disturbance?"

10. Kokkadichcholai-87 massacre - 28.01.1987

Kokkadichcholai is situated in the Batticaloa district. Farming, fishing and prawn farming were the main occupations of the people.

On 29.01.1987, Sri Lankan military began its attack on the village and continued it for three days. The military entered the village from Kondavedduvan, Kaluvanchikudi, Vellaveli, and Kallady camps in military trucks and helicopters. They took people aged from 14 to 40 and killed more than 200 of them.



A prawn farm was operated with aid from United States of America in Mahiladiththivu. It was employing a large number of workers. 135 workers in this prawn farm were among those killed on 28.01.1987. The military shot dead 24 people who took refuge in the Kokkadichcholai rice mill. Seven of those killed were aged 12 years old.

Sellathurai Ravinathan was a watchman at the Prawn Farm. On the day of the massacre, Ravinathan was on the day shift. His account of the incident is as follows:

"I left for work early in the morning. Unlike normal, that morning there were 2 or 3 helicopters circling in the air. I knew something was going to happen. I ran to the Prawn Farm, together with many other men. We all believed that because the Prawn Farm was owned by Westerners, we would be safe there. We had been caught and questioned twice before by the Army but we were allowed to go. We therefore ran there hoping it would give some protection.

At the junction, there was a large military vehicle. Army started jumping off and running onto the road. This was the first time we knew what the STF looked like. All the SLA that were on the road, were pointing their guns towards the Prawn Farm. One man stood up, pointed his gun and came towards us. The two or three people that were with us saw this and bent down and slowly went the other way through the water. Ambikaipatham said, "Don't run. If you do they will shoot everyone". We softly whispered and told them to come back. They came back.

People from Muthalaikuda, Munaikadu, Mahiladitheevu, Ambalanthurai were all caught up in here. Narayanapillai was returning from the fields and ran into the Prawn Farm. The first bullet was aimed at him and it hit him. Three army personnel came to the place where we were. They shouted and told us all to gather in one place. Whilst everyone was trembling with fear, they fired their gun once. Everyone ran away from that spot. I took cover behind the little huts that were in the Prawn Farm. A young boy called Theivanayagam ran before us. We heard sudden gun fire. We don't know what happened to him. I immediately took protection in the small river. A young boy called Nesathurai did the same in front of me. In the meantime, the Army turned the vehicle towards the direction people had run and started fire. They shot the little children who were in the Prawn Farm looking after the little birds. These poor children would come very early in the morning to make sure that no birds attacked the prawns that were being farmed. They hoped that they would get something - however little - in return for this. How could they shoot such poor little children?

I removed the clothes that I was wearing and ran through the small Kanna Forest. As I was running, I heard gun fire. After a little while, I heard no noise from the direction of the Prawn Farm. I thought that I should return and have a look at what had happened. As I was about to do this, an old man stopped me and said, "Brother, please don't go back they have shot every one".

My elder brother, who witnessed this massacre, lost his mind for three or four days."

11. Vaddakandal massacre - 30.01.1985

Vaddakandal is situated in the Mannar district and it is a farming area. On 30.01.1985, around 5.00am in the morning, 200 Sri Lankan military men stationed in the Thalladi military camp came out and moved into the Vaddakandal village through Mathavachchi road and along the Kaddukarai Lake.

At 6.30 am they entered the homes of the villagers and began shooting and stabbing people. During this massacre the Sri Lankan Air Force helicopters also strafed the village. The military entered the Vaddakandal Government Tamil Mixed School and attacked the principal, teachers and students. Eighteen people were killed in the school.



While this killing was going on, the military also attacked people working in the fields and people on the street. This attack went on for six hours. At 2.00pm the military ordered the people to load the military vehicles with the dead bodies and took the bodies to the Thalladi military camp. 52 people died in this massacre and 40 were injured.

Mayilvahanam Mohan's account of what happened is as follows,

"The SLA from Thalladi Army Camp surrounded the following 3 villages, Palaperuman Kattu and Vaddakandal and Parapankandal. Around 1.00am, we heard vehicle noise. We had no idea they were coming or what they would do. At about 5am in the morning – we heard gun fire from all directions. People woke up and started running everywhere. There

was a helicopter in the air which started firing.

They did not worry about a person's age. Young or old – they were all shot and killed that day. They went into the paddy fields and picked up people with both hands, held them up and shot them for others to see. This is the first time we saw this happen. 35 people were shot in the fields, 15 people were shot in town.

At the school there were about 250 children studying. They dragged the principle and all the teachers out, tortured and shot them in front of the villagers. They were all asked to stand in a line – when they were shot. A few people escaped. I was one of them. 18 people were shot there.

Mayilvaganam Ganesh was made to shoot his cousin and asked to drink his blood. He was beaten severely. Every time he refused to drink the blood – they hit him some more. His legs were broken.

After all of this happened, the Army brought a villager's lorry. Three of us had been captured and not yet shot. They made us put all the bodies in the lorry and took us with them. A little while away – they told us that since we had helped them, they would spare us our lives. We ran away and escaped. They took some of the bodies to Thalladi Army camp and took some to Mannar Hospital. The Grama Sevakar helped the villagers to carry out the investigation.

Beside this village there was a Muslim village – but nothing happened to them. Three days later, there were funerals happening in every house. The army returned and surrounded the forest. At that time we did not have any associations with the LTTE. They may have been there, but we did not know where they were. The SLA kept coming back after that and tormented all the villagers who had to live in constant fear.”

12. Puthukkudiyiruppu junction bombing

Puthukkudiyiruppu junction is located 20 Kms from Mullaithivu town. The junction houses a commercial area that serves the people of the region. The area surrounding the junction has a dense settlement of people.

After 1980, people from several other regions of the Northeast were displaced to Puthukkudiyiruppu. Most of the displaced people were from, Mullaithivu, Manalaru, Kokkilai, Kokkuthoduvai, Karunadukkerni and Thennamaravadi villages who were forced out by attacks of the Sri Lankan military, and Sinhala settlement supported by the same military.

In 1991, more than 1500 refugees were housed in the Subramaniam Vidhyalayam School near Puthukkudiyiruppu.



On 30.01.1991, at 5.30 pm, Sri Lankan Air Force bombers dropped bombs around the Puthukkudiyiruppu junction.

20 bodies were recovered from the area. 50 people were taken to the hospital with injuries. Because the daylight was ending not all bodies could be recovered the same night. Seriously injured civilians were sent to the Jaffna hospital the same night. However, three of the injured died on the way to the Jaffna hospital.

Five more bodies were recovered the next day. In total 28 people were killed in the bombing. 8 of those killed were displaced people. One of the full term mothers who jumped into a bunker to escape the bombing gave birth to a baby with damaged vertebra and is unable to walk.