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Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front  
EPRLF

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Dear Madam,

Over 16 months have elapsed since the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) entered into a Cease Fire Agreement (CFA) and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in February 2002. The avowed aim of this agreement was to reach a negotiated settlement to the ethnic conflict that had bedevilled Sri Lanka for 25 years and restore peace and normalcy to all parts of the country.

It must be acknowledged that since February 2002 there have been no large scale armed confrontation between the LTTE and the Sri Lankan security forces although there have been a number of serious incidents between the Sri Lankan navy and the "Sea Tigers". LTTE has also abducted a number of soldiers and policemen.

However, the most alarming development in the last 16 months is the systematic campaign of political assassinations initiated by the LTTE. The LTTE has put into operation a well-planned campaign to physically eliminate elected officials, political organisers and even lapsed members of all Tamil political parties who have eschewed the terrorism of the LTTE and entered the democratic process. Amongst the victims of this reign of LTTE terror are members of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), the Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP) and the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE). In the East of Sri Lanka the LTTE have so far killed 15 members of the EPRLF. In recent months the LTTE has gunned down,

stabbed or decapitated more than 40 members of the aforementioned Tamil democratic parties. Their campaign of murder and mayhem has not been confined only to current members of Tamil democratic parties. Even those members who have left politics long time ago are being targeted by the LTTE.

Recently, one of the most popular leaders of the EPRLF, Mr.Thambirajah Subathiran(Robert) was killed by a LTTE sniper right on the terrace of the EPRLF party office in Jaffna. The LTTE gunmen had entered a nearby girls' school opposite the EPRLF office and executed the sniper attack through one of the school windows. No doubt the fact is that Mr.Subathiran was a kind, soft-spoken man, a humanist and a democrat. He was much loved by the people and respected by other democratic parties. The large crowd that came to his funeral which included political leaders from almost all the major political parties, members of parliament, intellectuals, members of non governmental organizations (NGOs) and leading journalists amply expressed the indignation the people felt for the LTTE's attempt to politically 'cleanse' the Tamil community.

Apart from this campaign of assassinations, the LTTE has also continued their unrelenting campaign of abductions and kidnappings of political opponents and forced conscription of young children. Except for a handful of people who have managed to escape from the LTTE torture chambers, the fate of most men, women and children whom the LTTE has abducted is not known.

The body specifically set up to ensure that the LTTE and the GOSL comply with the terms of the Peace Accord is the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM). It comprises of members from the Scandinavian countries and is headed by Norway. However, the SLMM has done little to prevent members of the democratic Tamil parties falling victims to LTTE terror. Like the proverbial monkeys who 'speak no evil', 'see no evil' and 'hear no evil' the SLMM seems to turn a blind eye to the LTTE's campaign of low intensity terror. Moreover, the SLMM also ensures that the police are not able to take effective action against LTTE death squads. The government's deafening silence in order to ensure at any cost that the LTTE remain at the negotiating table

although they have now temporarily withdrawn from it, has only permitted the LTTE to carry out these atrocities unabated and accelerated.

Furthermore, we have also brought these assassinations to the attention of both the local and foreign Human Rights Organizations. Before he was killed Mr. Subathiran specifically sought the assistance of the international community to halt the LTTE's campaign of terror. But so far there has been little positive response from the international community either.

Very few local Human Rights Organizations have dared to report the atrocities of the LTTE. The exception has been the University Teachers for Human Rights, Jaffna (UTHR(J)) which has accurately and fearlessly published the barbaric acts committed by the LTTE exploiting the weaknesses of the MOU to impose its tyranny on the people. In addition, a statement too was issued recently by a group of Human Rights Activists and intellectuals condemning the political killings.

Clearly the peace that the LTTE is seeking is the peace of the graveyard - the "peace" that will give them absolute control in the North and the East of Sri Lanka. The LTTE is totally opposed to democracy, pluralism and respect for basic human rights.

Alas, except for one or two English and Sinhala newspapers, the media, and particularly the Tamil media function as craven apologists for the LTTE. Most human rights violations are seldom reported in the Tamil press. Tamil speaking people are denied the right to know what is happening in the country and what is going on at the peace talks. Only the LTTE-authorized versions of the news are made available to the Tamil the people. It is strange that organizations such as Article 19, which made such a hue and cry about minor transgressions on press freedom by the previous Sri Lankan government, have become tongue-tied in the face of the wholesale suppression by the LTTE, of free expression.

Unfortunately, the participation of Mr. Ian Martin, the former director of Amnesty International (AI) in the peace process, has also not produced any positive results. He could have played a more pro-active role in insisting that in any peace negotiations the protection of human rights should be an essential prerequisite.

No doubt organizations such as the Amnesty International too may have expected that the negotiations between the LTTE and the GOSL would usher a new era of peace and reconciliation between the major communities in Sri Lanka. While that is a laudable sentiment, the reality on the ground has been very different. The LTTE has deprived the Tamil and Muslim people in the North and East their human rights and democratic liberties.

Therefore we kindly and earnestly request all international human rights organizations such as the Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and others to strongly and unequivocally condemn the present campaign of terror orchestrated by the LTTE and demand that the LTTE respects the human and democratic rights of all the people in Sri Lanka.

They must call a halt to the LTTE's campaign of murder, abduction, torture, extortion, unlawful confiscation of property and forced conscription of children.

We annex hereto a list of some of the victims of LTTE's atrocities since the Cease Fire Agreement (CFA) and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), for your information please.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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**JAFFNA - List of persons killed, abducted and attacked by LTTE since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the GOSL and the LTTE.**

No.	Date	Time	Name	Age	Profession	Incident	Place
01	21.09.02	11.00 am	M. Sripathy	54	Principal, Hartley College, Jaffna.	Kidnapped and assaulted	Pathirakali Amman temple, Point Pedro
02	20.10.02	5.00 pm	Sabapathipillai Jeyachandran	36	Former PLOTE Member of Jaffna Municipal Council	Abducted and assaulted	In front of Veerasingam Hall, Jaffna

03	01.11.02	1100 pm	Soosaimuthu Alexsander	37	Former EPDP Member of Chavakachcheri Urban Council	Attack with sharp weapon.	Thamby Odai Alvai South, Point Pedro
04	12.02.02	900 pm.	P. Kunasingam	49	Former Chairman Predesaya Sabha EPDP	Gunshot injuries	
05	07.04.03		Amirthalingam Rasan	21	EPDP Member	Missing from 04.04.2003. Found dead on 07.04.03	Erlalai South Vilisiddy
06	23.04.03		Selliah Puvendrarajah	33	Civilian	Abducted and killed with sharp weapon	Thunnalai, Pont Pedro
07	23.04.03	8.25 pm	Maclan Atputharajah	52	Private Bus Union Leader businessman, Chavakachcheri Predeshiya Sabha Candidate	Killed with sharp weapon	Chavakachcher-i Town
08	03.05.03		Tharmarajah Jeyaraja	45	Former Predeshiya Sabha Member, EPDP.	Shot and killed.	Thumpalai Rd. Point Pedro
09	16.05.03	1100 pm	Ariyaratnam Hemachandra	57	Translator, English.	Killed with sharp weapon	Uduvil Rd, Maruthanamadam
10	24.05.03	5.00p m	Sivabalasingam Saravanan	21	University Student	Abducted in a van	Polikandy, Pt.Pedro
11	28.05.03	5.30 pm	Vaithilingam Logakumar	24	Auto rickshaw driver	Missing with auto	Sivan Road, Thirunelveli
12	10.06.03	8.00 pm	Nagalingam Kumaragurunathan	47	Grama Sevaka	Abducted	Near Moolai Pillaiyar temple
13	12-06- 2003		Nagamuthu Nagendran	35	Former EPRLF and North Valigamam Predesha Sabha Member	Attacked by sharp weapon. Both hands severed.	Sabapathi pillai Road, Chunnakam
14	14-06- 2003	6.15 am	Thambirajah Subathiran (Robert)	46	EPRLF Deputy Leader. Former Jaffna Municipal Council Member.	Killed by sniper from Vembadi Girls College .	EPRLF office on 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor , Jaffan

**TRINCOMALEE - List of persons killed /abducted / attacked by LTTE since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding MoU) between the GOSL and the LTTE.**

No	Date	Time	Name	Age	Profession	Incident	Place
01	02.06.	7.40	Gnanapragasam	38	Member of EPRLF	Killed by	Madaththadi

	03	pm	Kirubaraja (Kiruban)			gunshot	Junction, Trincomalee
02	12.06. 03	8.15 pm	Sivasekaram Vijeyasekarm alias Arasan	39	Former EPRLF - Trincomalee UC Tractor Driver	Gunshot injury	Behind Selvanayagapur- am T/School

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No	Date	Time	Name	Age	Profession	Incident	Place
01	25-02- 2001		Kandasamy Saravanabavanat han (Sankar)		Former EPRLF	Abducted by LTTE	Vavuniya at his home

**Particulars of persons killed by LTTE in Batticaloa/Amparai Districts  
After the Cease-fire and the MOU.**

No	Date	Incident	Name	Address	Age	Place of Complaint
01	16-12-2002	Recovered dead after being abducted from house	Poobalapillai Alaguthurai, Deputy Chairman Pradesa Sabha Poraitupattu EPRLF	Theevukadu Mandur-03.	36	Police Station Mandur
02	02-04-2003	Shot dead in front of Araiyampathy Hospital.	Seenithamby Ranjan. Fomer Predesa Sabha member of TELO- Varathan Group	Thiruneetukerni Araiyampathy.	30	Police Station , Kattankudy and SLMM
03	13-04-2003	Shot dead at Kalikovil Rd, Araiyampathy	Subramaniam Jegathevan, TELO- Varathan Group	Iruthayapuram East, Batticaloa	42	Police Station and SLMM Batticaloa
04	18-03-2003	Shot dead at Peries Rd, Mount Lavinia, Colombo	Kathigamanathan Ragupathy, Former PLOTE	Karaitivu, Ampara District	32	Police Station and SLMM, Batticaloa.
05	18-04-2003	Shot dead at Sagamam St, Akkaraipattu	Marimuthu Rasalingam, Chairman, Alaiyadivembu Preseshiya Saba EPDP	7 <sup>th</sup> Division Akkaraipattu	42	Police Station and SLMM, Akkaraipattu

06	26-04-2003	Shot and killed in front of Dehiwela Market, Colombo	Lingarasa Thevarasa, Sri Lankan Army	Siripala Building, Batticaloa Town	32	Dehiwela Police Station
07	12-05-2003	Abducted and hacked to death.	Arumugam Pakiyaraja Vinoth. Former Army	Navalady, Kallady, Batti.	32	Kattankuddy Police Station
08	19-05-2003	Shot and killed while taking haircut in saloon at Puthur	Kathirhamathamby Navasoorian. Former EPRLF	Linganathan Kadai Theru, Thimilaitheevu.	30	Police Station and SLMM, Batticaloa
09	20-05-2003	Shot while at home. Died after admission to hospital.	Anthonipillai Thevarasa, Former EPRLF	Church Road, Sorikalmunai, Sammanthurai	40	Police Station, Sammanthurai and SLMM Batticaloa
10	21-05-2003	Shot and killed in Batticaloa Bazaar.	Kumaraperumal Perinpam Former PLOTE	Main Road, Chettipalayam	36	Police Station Batticaloa
11	01-06-2003	Shot and killed on the road while going from Kallady to house.	Kalirasa Ramanan. EPRLF- Former Batticaloa Municipal Council Member now as a candidate Batticaloa Municipal Council	Former MC Member, Poonochchimunai Navatkuddah Batticaloa	37	Kattankudy Police
12	06-06-2003	Killed along with child (one year old) while returning from Kannaki Kovill, by grenade attack	Sinniah Samuel. EPDP	Theerthakarai Veethy, Selva Nagar East, Arayampathi	31	Kattankudy Police
13	06-06-2003	Killed along with father mentioned at No.12 above	Samuel Abisha.	Daughter of Samuel mentioned at 12 above	1 1/2	Kattankudy Police
14	15-06-2003	Shot dead while returning from office, at Thiruchchinthur Rd	Ponniah Ramachandran, EPDP	Thiruchchenthur Road, Kallady, Batticaloa.	46	Kattankudy Police and SLMM Batticaloa
15	23-06-2003	Shot dead by two gunmen in front of his house.	Pakiyaraja Kumaradasan Former EPRLF	Veeramunai Sammanthurai	37	Smmanthurai Police
16	27-06-2003	Shot dead at RKM Road	Nadesan Sutharsan, EPDP	Pottuvil Street Akkaraipattu-01	24	Akkaraipattu Police

**Particulars of persons abducted/kidnapped and tortured by the LTTE in Batticaloa Amparai District after the Cease-fire and MoU.**

No	Date	Incident	Full Name	address	Age	Place of Complaint
01	19-12-2001	Abducted on the road.	Raju Suman, EPRLF	Kalkudah Rd, Valaichenai	20	Police Station, Valaichenai SLMM, Batticaloa,
02	18-01-2002	Abducted at the lagoon coast	Vijeyanathan, Vithyakaran PLOTE	142, Beach Rd, Navatkudah, Manchanthoduva i	29	Police Station, Kattankudy SLMM, Batticaloa
03	09-02-2002	Abducted while going to Araiampathy house	Anthony Clery, Sri Lankan Army	Thethavady St, Araiampathi	36	Police Station Kattankudy & SLMM. Batticaloa
04	03-07-2002	Abducted at Koolavady	Arumugam Soundararajah Sri Lankan Army	Siripala Building, Batticaloa Town..	28	Police Station Kattankudy & SLMM Batticaloa
05	19-07-2002	Abducted at gun point from the house	Selliah kandasamy, .EPRLF	Thiruvalluvar Rd, Pandiruppu	36	Police Station, Kalmunai & SLMM, Amparai
06	03-12-2002	Abducted in a van at Kallady Beach	Sellathurai Thangarajah, EPDP	MC Aerons Lane, Thandavanveli, Batticaloa	36	Police Station Batticaloa & SLMM. Batticaloa
07	03-12-2002	Abducted in a van at Kallady Beach	Nagarasa Nesarajah, EPDP	Avuliya Lane, Batticaloa	48	Police Station Batticaloa & SLMM. Batticaloa
08	03-12-2002	Abducted in a van at Kallady Beach	Kandasaamy Gnanajoathy, EPDP	Kadirgamar Rd, Amirthakarai, Batticaloa.	49	Police Station Batticaloa & SLMM. Batticaloa
09	11-12-2002	Abducted in the road,	Savarimuthu Mathivathanan, TELO- Varthan Group	Selvanagar, Araiampathy	21	Police Station Kattankudy & SLMM Batticaloa
10	03-01-2003	Abducted in the Kallady Rd	Sivasambu Pulendrarajah Sri Lankan Army	46, Lake Rd, Batticaloa	46	Police Station Batticaloa & SLMM Batticaloa
11	23-04-2003	Abducted at Arasaiyadi junction	Sithamparapillai Yasotharan . Sri Lankan Army	Puthur, Batticaloa	23	Police Station Batticaloa
12	18-06-2003	abducted while going to Thamararaiker ni to buy bread business	Kandasamy Mathavan. Former Army	Seeniar Rd, Puthur, Batticaloa.	27	Police & SLMM Batticaloa
13	23-06-2003	Abducted while going to ETA Baticaloa	Veerapathirapody Punniyamoorthy Former Army	69/24 Vinayagar Rd, Setthukudah, Batticaloa	22	Police Station Batticaloa



**Particulars of persons assaulted and injured in attacks with grenades, swords, knives etc. by the LTTE and admitted to hospitals in Batticaloa and Amparai Districts since the Cease-fire and MOU.**

No	Date	Incident	Name	Address	Age	Place of complaint
01	19-02-2002	Abducted in a auto while going to a shop and assaulted, but escaped	Nagamuthu Lohitharajah EPRLF	Valaichchenai	35	Valaichchenai police SLMM, Batticaloa
02	18-04-2002	Severely assaulted and warded in hospital	Ulaganathan Sivakumar, EPRLF	Sethukudah, Batticaloa		Police Station, Eravur, SLMM
03	12-07-2002	Aassaulted while at Karuvakerny residence.	Sivagnanam Suhirthakala, EPRLF	Karuvakerny, Valaichchenai	28	Valaichchenai police SLMM, Batticaloa
04	05-11-2002	Attempt made to attack with sword, knife and pistol at Easwaran Lane, Batticaloa	Erambamoorthy, EPDP	Paraneetharan, Puthur	28	Police Station, Batticaloa, SLMM
05	17-11-2002	Attempt made to attack with grenade at Chenkalady	Tharmaratnam Eeelamaran, EPRLF	Chenkalady.	E.P	Police Station, Eravur, SLMM
06	24-12-2002	Gun shot at 4 <sup>th</sup> Mile Post. Warded at Araiampathy Hospital	Seenithamby Udayarajah, TELO-Varathan Group	Thiruneertuker ny, Araiampathy-02	27	Police Station Kattankudy, SLMM
07	24-12-2002	Gun shot injuries. Warded at the Batticaloa Hospital.	Sadadcharalingam Kamaladasan. Rajadurai TELO- Varathan Group	Gramam, Araiampathy	24	Police Station Kattankudy, SLMM Batticaloa.
08	17-02-2003	Grenade thrown at residence. Damage to parapet wall. while family was in.	Rasaiah Thurairatnam, (Chairman, Porativupattu Predeshiya Sabaha, Chief Organizer, EPRLF	Hospital Rd Batticaloa	40	Police Station and SLMM, Batticaloa
09	13-04-2003	Gunshot at Arayampathy. Admitted to Batticaloa Hospital	Subramaniam Thilageswaran. TELO- Varathan Group	Thiruneetrukke mi Arayampathy	29	Police Station Batticaloa
10	15-04-2003	Gunshot at Central Road. Admitted to hospital.	Paramanantha Ravikumar, Sri Lankan Army	Dutch Bar Road, Kallady,	37	Police station Batticaloa

11	05-05-2003	Grenade attack while staying at his house. Hospitalised.	Patkunam Rameshkumar, Former EPRLF	Puthur, Batti.	35	Police station Kattankudy and SLMM Batticaloa.
12	05-05-2003	Escaped while rounded up by LTTE armed gang in his Kallady house	Thangarasa Ramachandran (Member of Porativupattu Predeshiya Sabaha, EPRLF	Mankadu	35	Police station Kattankudy and SLMM Batticaloa.
13	05-05-2003	Escaped while rounded up by LTTE armed gang in his Kallady house	Murugesu Varatharaja (Member of Porativupattu Predeshiya Sabaha, EPRLF	Mandur	34	Police station Kattankudy and SLMM Batticaloa.
14	06-05-2003	Escaped while LTTE armed gang rounded up his house.	Kandiah Arumailingam EPDP	Govt. Qrs. Rd, Kallady,	50	Police station Kattankudy and SLMM Batticaloa
15	11-05-2003	Husband and wife shot while at home. Injured and admitted to hospital	Anthonipillai Thavarasa. Former EPRLF	Church Road, Sorikalmunai	40	Sammanthurai Police Station
16	11-05-2003	Husband and wife shot while at home. Injured and admitted to hospital	Francis Kathirana (wife of Thavarasa).	Church Road, Sorikalmunai	37	Sammanthurai Police Station
17	13-12-2002	Attacked by an LTTE gang of ten while at home. Admitted to Batti.Hospital	Poopalapillai Vijayarajah. EPRLF	Mandur-03	30	Mandur Police and SLMM Batticaloa.
18	01-02-2003	Attempt to abduct while at home. Escaped.	K. Vishnukaran. Sri Lankan Army	Vipulananda Road, Puthur, Batticaloa.	36	Batticaloa Police and SLMM
19	13-05-2003	Grenade attack by grenade while playing volley ball in front of PLOTE office.	Thambirasa Balasundaram. PLOTE	Bar Road, New Town, Batticaloa	23	Batticaloa Police Station
20	13-05-2003	- do -	Kandaiah Ganeshalingam. PLOTE	Morakottanchednai	21	Batticaloa Police Station
21	13-05-2003	- do -	Ponnambalam Sellathurai. PLOTE	Hospital Rd, Batticaloa	35	Batticaloa Police Station
22	13-05-2003	- do -	Sellathurai Thangarasa. PLOTE	Thambalawathai, Mandur	37	Batticaloa Police Station
23	13-05-2003	Attacked by grenade while playing volleyball in front of PLOTE office. Admitted to Batti.	Mailvaganam Niskandarasa(Former Deputy Mayor, Batticaloa M.C), PLOTE	Navatkudah, Batticaloa	35	Batticaloa Police Station

		Hospital				
24	13-05-2003	- do -	Ramasamy Anthonipillai. PLOTE	Hospital Road, Batticaloa	37	Batticaloa Police Station
25	13-05-2003	- do -	Yogendran Sivachandrakumar. PLOTE	New Town, Batticaloa.	23	Batticaloa Police Station
26	08-05-2003	Shot at while going to Union Colony, Valaichchanai. Hospitalised.	Nagarajah Pusparajah(former Chairman, Vaharai P.S.).	Union Colony, Valaichenai.	40	Valaichenai Police Station.
27	06-06-2003	Hit by LTTE stray bullet while going to kovil. Hospitalised	Sivalingam Lavina,	Araiampathy	08	Kattankudy Police Station
28	03-12-2002	Husband and wife abducted and assaulted at Mankikattu. Escaped afterwards and hospitalised.	Shanmugam Dileepan.  EPRLF	Krishnan Kovil, Veethy, Thimilaitivu	23	Police and SLMM Batticaloa
29	03-01-2003	Husband & wife abduct and attacked at Mankikattu. After escaped to Hospital	Dileepan Rajaletchumi(wife of Shanmugam Dileepan above). EPRLF		21	- do -

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