

A number of Tamil militant organisations have come into existence in Sri Lanka, over the years. Some of these have withered away while the others have come over-ground to join the democratic mainstream consequent to a renunciation of militant means. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) is currently the only active militant organisation.

At their formation, all these groups vowed to achieve a separate Tamil Eelam (State) through militant means. Those that have joined the democratic mainstream have reconciled to the idea of a united Sri Lanka.

Listed below are the names of the various Tamil militant groups that operated at one point of time or the other.

1. Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
2. People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE)
3. Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation (TELO)
4. Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF)
5. Tamil Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS)
6. Tamil Eelam Army (TEA)
7. Tamil Eelam Liberation Army (TELA)
8. Tamil Eelam Liberation Extremists (TELE)
9. Tamil Eelam Revolutionary Organisation (TERO)
10. Tamil Eelam Revolutionary People's Liberation Army (TERPLA)
11. Red Front of Tamil Eelamists (RFTE)
12. Tamil Eelam Liberation Guerrillas (TELG)
13. National Liberation Front of Tamil Eelam (NLFTE)
14. Ilankai Freedom Tamil Army (IFTA)
15. Tamil Eelam Defence Front (TEDF)
16. Tamil Eelam National Army (TENA)
17. Tamil People's Security Organisation (TPSO)
18. Tamil People's Security Front (TPSF)
19. Tamil Eelam Commando (TEC)
20. Tamil Eelam Liberation Front (TELF)
21. Tamil Eelam Eagles Front (TEEF)
22. Revolutionary Warriors (RW)
23. Guerrilla Army of Tamil Eelam (GATE)

24. Red Crescent Guerrillas (RCG)
25. Eagle Movement (EM)
26. Socialist Revolutionary Social Liberation (SRSL)
27. Tamil Eelam Blood Movement (TEBM)
28. Tamil People's Command Unit (TPCU)
29. Eelam Liberation Tigers (ELT)
30. Eelam Liberation Defence Front (ELDF)
31. Revolutionary Eelam Liberation Organisation (RELO)
32. Tamil Eelam Security Service (TESS)
33. People's Liberation Party (PLP)
34. Tamil People's Democratic Front (TPDF)
35. Tamil Eelam Liberation Cobras (TELC)
36. Three Stars (TS)
37. Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front (ENDLF)