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Monthly Report – February 2008

North East Secretariat on Human Rights (NESoHR) has recorded the following Human Rights violations for the month of February 2008, details of which appear as attachments to this report:

Killings: 48 Tamil civilians (Out of this 11 were killed in air attacks, 10 in claymore mine attacks and the rest by shooting – These 27 killings took place outside Wannai in the military occupied areas)

Injured: 36 Tamil civilians were injured both in aerial, claymore mine and military shelling.

Surrendering in Human Rights office in Jaffna due to fear of attacks: 28 Tamil civilians

Disappearance: 29 Tamil civilians in the military occupied areas disappeared.

Arrested: 253 Tamil civilians have been arrested in various locations in the military occupied areas and mostly in Colombo only because they happen to be Tamils.

Since this report comes out at a time when UN's Human Rights units are in session, NESoHR considers it essential to make mention of issues that remain unresolved for years together in spite of being reported as and when they take place.

Closure of the only entrance/exit point to and from the Jaffna peninsula

The military check point at the A-9 thoroughfare in Muhamalai that provided access to and from the Jaffna peninsula was closed in mid August 2006 due to military operations and continues to remain closed since then. The civilian population of the Jaffna peninsula (600,000) remains cut off from the rest of the island for more than one year now. Jaffna peninsula did remain cut off for number of years prior to the cease fire agreement (CFA) of 2002. The re-opening of this highway was in fact the first benefit that the Tamil people got as a consequence of the CFA after protracted military offensives that kept them as perpetual refugee prisoners. That hard earned peace dividend, the unimpeded flow of persons and goods to and from the Jaffna peninsula, did not last long though the CFA remained operative at the time of closure in August 2006.

A highly expensive air passage and an equally expensive and hazardous sea passage remain the options for the civilian population in the Jaffna peninsula to get out of the open prison. In addition to this, one has to apply to the military authorities for travel permit and wait for months together to get an approval. The process of screening for travel permits is done through armed politico-military agents who are invariably members of para-military groups. These restrictions have brought social and economic interactions of the Tamil people with their brethren elsewhere to zero level.

Curfew and arbitrary restrictions on fishing

A dusk to dawn to curfew is operative in the fully military occupied Jaffna peninsula since August 2006, hampering day to day life of the civilians. Fishing is very much restricted and the military imposes whimsical bans on fishing, denying an unimpeded livelihood for the fishing population.

Re-settlement of forced evacuees – High Security Zones

Fertile farm lands occupied by the SL military as far back as 1990 in Palaly in the Valikamam division of the Jaffna peninsula continue to remain as such and the evicted farmers and fishermen families continue to be

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refugees elsewhere. Tamils and Tamil speaking Muslim civilian population from many parts of North and East continue to suffer without proper arrangements for their resettlement in their natural habitats. The indigenous population of Sampur in the Trincomalee district was forcibly evicted from their habitat through a military offensive and those villages declared as earmarked for development and made inaccessible for the rightful owners. A gazette notification by the government has made these innocent people outlaws to their rightful homesteads. When these civilians filed an action in the Supreme Court, the bench ruled that the plea cannot be entertained for national security reasons.

Indiscriminate aerial bombing and clandestine claymore mine attacks on civilian targets

In spite of clear documentation and reporting of civilian casualties in aerial attacks and claymore mine attacks by the military, the government continues to deny responsibility for the killing of civilians. The only credible institution that can testify to facts relating to these incidents in the areas that are not under military occupation is NESoHR in the absence of an accredited UN body to report on such instances of human rights violations. Evidence of civilians getting killed or injured is available with the government hospitals, but Colombo adamantly rejects this evidence at all times alleging that it is fabricated evidence. Payment of compensation to victims of bomb blasts elsewhere in the island is instantaneous, but the Tamil people are never considered as eligible for such compensation. The Tamil people who are victims to this injustice are seeking a clear guide line from international human rights activists including the UN as to how best they can seek redress.

Arbitrary detentions in prisons and torture

Hundreds of Tamil civilians arrested as far back as 1990 under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) continue to be 'tortured inmates' in government prisons (Welikada, Kalutara, Boossa, etc) reportedly tortured for cooked up 'confessions'. These innocent victims, while awaiting a judicial resolution, have appealed to many human rights bodies for justice but to no avail.

Tamil parliamentary representation not of any use

In the Sri Lankan democratic dispensation since 1948, Tamil parliamentary representation has always been a de-valued affair. A Tamil vote is not equal to the Sinhala vote. Sinhala voters can bring about desired changes, but not so with the Tamil voter. Moderate parliamentary means to ask for the right share is unthinkable for the Tamil people. History of racial politics since the race riots against Tamils in 1958 has ample evidence of Tamil attempts to resolve the conflict through negotiated political means getting aborted due to Colombo's insincerity and deceit. The Tamil constituency has seen its elected representatives gunned down one after the other by design. Tamil legislators are denied legitimacy and the special privileges due to them as peoples' representatives have now become defunct. They are treated as non-entities in public by the state armed forces. Provision of security to Tamil parliamentarians has been subject to such nasty levels that many parliamentarians have to seek the intervention of the Supreme Court.

Local government elections in Batticaloa

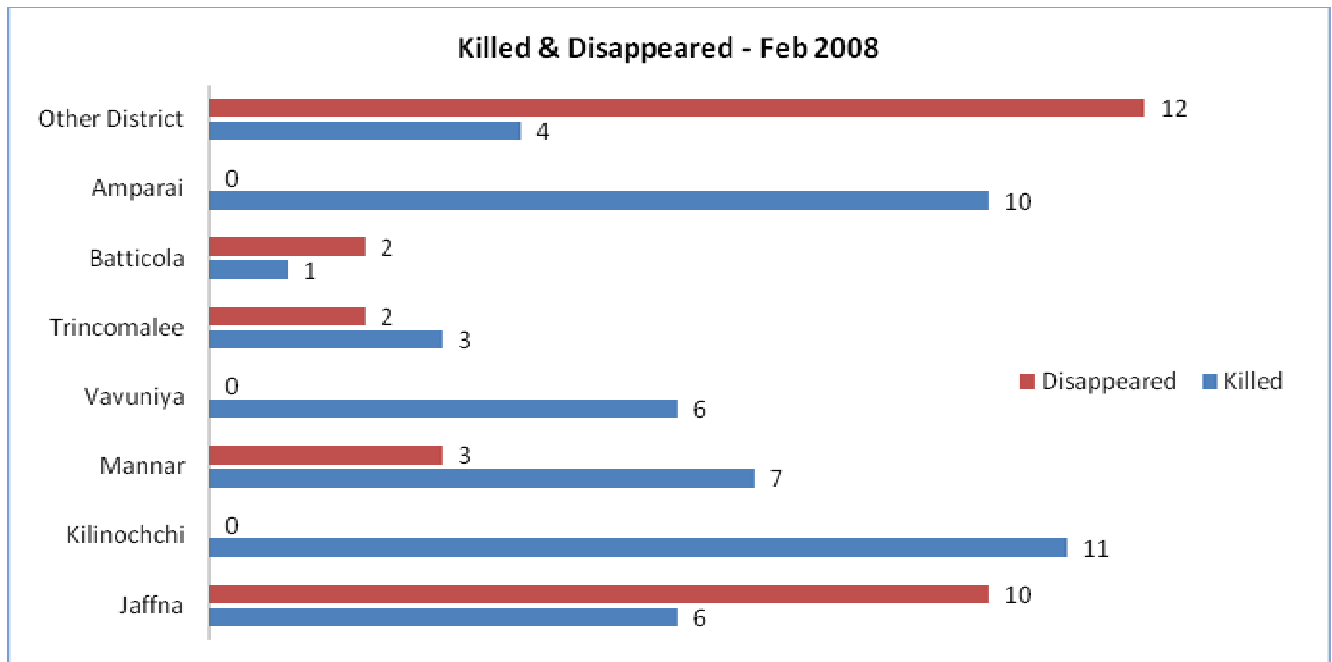
Holding of Local Government elections in Batticaloa at this time when hundreds of thousands of people from the interiors of the district remain displaced is not a prudent move. Armed groups, some of them working with the state forces, are roaming around the district terrorizing people and silencing dissidents. Incidents involving abduction of candidates and threat to families are taking place on a daily basis. When already elected Tamil parliamentary representatives find that their voice is not heard, one is unable to see any sense in holding this election for local government bodies now, for the election is going to be a stage managed affair and government's sycophants are going to be 'elected' to show the world that Colombo is fully 'democratic'.

Tamil fear of an impending military offensive

The Tamil people living in the military unoccupied parts of the Wanni are in perpetual fear of being encircled by the SL military that has fortified its positions around and is engaged in an 'ambitious capture' plan. Helplessly, these people fear that they will be subject to heavy artillery shelling and aerial fire that would invariably imprison them alive or dead. A massive humanitarian tragedy would unfold in the Wanni killing innocent civilians, if this impending disastrous military plan is carried out as professed.

Responsibility

The civilized world has a moral responsibility to act effectively in restoring the rights of a people who have suffered the vagaries of a civil war and military oppression for an unduly long period of time. Absence of a political arrangement that would provide to the Tamil people their due share in governance is the crux of the problem and this must be done at the earliest to avoid further disintegration. Respect for human rights cannot come from a vacuum. A concrete political framework that provides for equality and dignity is the need of the time and NESoHR as the only Human Rights body of the Tamil people solicits early remedial measures.



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

1. Trincomalee Thambalakamam massacre - 01.02.1998
2. Kilinochchi. Uruththirapuram massacre - 04.02.1991
3. Trincomalee Kumarapuram massacre - 11.02.1991
4. Mannar Vankalai massacre - 17.02.1991
5. Kilinochchi Chundikkulam massacre - 18.02.1994
6. Amparai Udumbankulam massacre - 19.02.1986
7. Kilinochchi, Vaddakkachchi massacre - 20.02.1991

Ganeshapuram - A Village Colony Bombed - 02 Killed and 02 Badly Injured – 05.02.2008

Ganeshapuram is one of the oldest colonies situated in very close proximity to the Kilinochchi town. K Fir bombers circled this village at 03.35 p.m. on 05.02.2008 and indiscriminately bombed that village killing two and injuring another two. The presence of the mind of the villagers to either prostrate on the ground or jump into a bunker minimized the death toll.

Those killed are:-

1. Swaminathan Kokilanathan (aged 44) and father of 05 children.
2. Sellakandu Jegatheeswaran Alias (Sinnarasu); father of 07.

Those injured are:-

1. Paupathy Umaraj (33)
2. Shanmugaraj Gunaraj

Both are admitted at the Kilinochchi hospital.

The bombs demolished two houses completely and partly damaged five more. Those whose houses were completely damaged have found refuge with relatives. Several productive plants were also destroyed.

The offices of the International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) the UNDP and the UNHCR were only 150 metres away from the bombed area. The famous Hindu Temple reverently called the Kanthaswamy Kovil (Temple) is also situated in that vicinity.

Since this incident took place almost on the periphery of the Kilinochchi town the employees of the business establishments in the town, the teachers and children from the nearby schools, workers attached to the INGOs and the business community were panic stricken and running amok in a frenzied manner. Some even jumped inside the canal and a few sort refuge under bridges on the A-9 highway.

It is noteworthy that as a result of such indiscriminate bombings 157 were killed and 414 were injured since 25.04.2006

Mr.S.Thiruvarudchelvam an employee from the UNDP Programme Association states:-



"I was at the Divisional Decrietariat when this occurred. I was crouching under a tree. I knew that the bomb must have fallen on or near my house. My wife was alone in the house with our daughter so I tried to run there but my friends prevented me. Once the bombing ceased I ran there to see my house was damaged but my wife wasn't there. I ran into the opposite house where my cousin lives and I saw his dead body severely battered. I was scared, lost the capacity to think, felt so helpless with the thought of my wife and finally I ran back home and went into our backyard to find my wife lying unconscious under a banana plant. Luckily she was not hurt. She regained consciousness shortly. Our house and our fruit bearing garden were destroyed. It is

a miracle that my wife escaped narrowly."

Mrs.Santhakumar Latha (29) living in that area said:-



"I have three children and my husband is a musician. Two of our eldest children had gone for tuition. The youngest daughter (5 years old) was with me. I was grinding oorid dhal when I heard the terrifying sound of the K Fir in close quarters. I did not know what to do. We do not have a bunker either. Suddenly I heard the bomb blast. So I hugged my daughter and lied down on the floor. When everything was quiet I came out to see several splinters on our courtyard. I held the hand of my daughter and ran to the Temple, where I saw my husband and our son standing with a scared look

on their faces. I sighed with relief."

On the same day civilian settlements at Puthukudiyiruppu and Kaiveli in the Mullaitivu district were also bombed at 10.30 a.m. 03 civilians were injured. On the following day (06.02.2008) another civilian settlement – Thiruvaiaru – near the Thiruvaiaru Maha Vidhiyalayam was bombed; two including a female student were injured.

Kiranchi in Poonakari Bombed – 22 Feb. 2008

9 People Killed including mother + 2 Children & 11 civilians severely injured

A civilian settlement adjoining Murugan Temple at Kiranchi, Poonakari in the Kilinochchi division was indiscriminately bombed at 8.15am on 22 Feb 2008 by several bombers from the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF). Eight people were killed at the spot. This included a mother, her 06 month old infant and a 04 year old son. An English teacher was also among the dead.

Twelve were admitted at the Mullankavil hospital but 07 of them had to be hurriedly transferred to the hospital in Kilinochchi as their condition was very precarious. One died later at the hospital.

Several houses were damaged and three were completely demolished. Plenty of yielding trees coconut palms were severely damaged. The survivors of this terrible disaster are speechlessly shocked with panic and grief. Everything was

over within a matter of minutes. Most of them have lost all their meagre savings.

Those killed were:

1. Sasikaran Gowrinayaki (34)
2. Sasikaran Gajeevan (04)
3. Sasikaran Tamilventhan (06 Month infant)
4. Kathiravelu Thiruneelakandan (79)
5. Kirushnasami Sivaanathy (27) English Teacher
6. Viyayakumar Vithusa (21)
7. Inthiran Lalitha
8. Suthakaran Sumathi (30)
9. Tharmalingam Poomani (68)

Those who were injured:

1. Sasikaran Karunniyan (08)
2. Sripathi Rajeswari (33)
3. Saththiyathan Theivanayaki (43)
4. Sathasivam Kamalathevi (60)
5. Suthakaran Bhanushan (06)
6. Vijayakumar Sivaananthini (36)
7. Vijayakumar Dinoshan (21)
8. Arulanantham Leelavathi (68)
9. Arulanantham Saththiyavarathan (43)
10. Theivanayaki (43)
11. Vijayakumar Kinoshan (02)

The Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations (DSGUN) Ms. Angela Cane came to Sri Lanka on 20.02.2008 to familiarize herself of the Human Rights violations in Sri Lanka. She is expected to be here for a week.

165 civilians including infants and children were killed since bombing spree commenced on 25.04.2006. A further 431 civilians were injured. Billions of rupees worth of properties were destroyed.

S.Sasiharan, whose wife Gowrinayaki, children Gajeevan and Tamilventhan were killed during this barbaric incident, was anxiously waiting outside the intensive care unit (ICU) at the Kilinochchi hospital where his remaining son Karunyan was being treated. The father was understandably in tears fervently hoping that at least this son would survive.

He said: "I normally go one kilometer into the sea for fishing. On this dreaded day too I went fishing and was on the verge of returning when I saw bombers coming with petrifying noise and bombing coastal settlements. I was able to see several bombs being dropped but could not clearly envisage the exact locality of the attack. It was only after the bombing episode ceased we got information that our house had got hit. So we hurried home. We ran towards my home but it was not there; yes it was not there. It was from the debris I was able to fathom out that it was my home that had been demolished. My wife and children, who bid me save journey in the early hours, were not there. When I searched for them there were few dead bodies in that vicinity and I saw my wife." (At this juncture he broke down and sobbed bitterly) "She was lifelessly lying there and beside her was my 06 months old infant. Our other son was also lying dead nearby. When I started to look out for our third son, I was told that he had been removed to the hospital. Within a matter of minutes my whole family has been wiped out."

08 Civilians Killed in 2 Separate Claymore Attacks – 27.02.2008

Two Tractors Completely Damaged.

The Deep Penetration Units (DPU) of the Sri Lankan Army detonated two claymores at two different places in Vanni on 27.02.2008. Civilians travelling in two different tractors were targeted. A total of 08 civilians were killed and both the tractors were completely destroyed.

At 1.30 p.m. a claymore was exploded at Panankamam destroying a tractor and killings four civilians – Sivapatham Partheepan aged 18 from Mallavi Mullaitivu, Sanmugalingam Thavarasa from Puliyampokkanai Tharumapuram Kilinochchi, Selvaratnam Senthuran from Pandiyankulam Mallavi Mullaitivu, Kunapalasingam Jegakiritharan from Palamodda Mannar.

At 8.30 p.m. another tractor also carrying civilians was attacked while it was on its way from Maruthodai to Olimadu.

Here too 04 civilians were killed. Those who were killed are – Vimalathas, Kanthasamy, Mariyan, Vijayakumar.

Civilians Killed - February - 2008

No	Name and Address	Date	District
1	Murugesan Parameswary - Poththuvil Komari-02 Amparai	31-Jan-08	Amparai
2	Supatheeswaran - Jinnanagar Anpuvalipuram Trincomalee	1-Feb-08	Trincomalee
3	Ponnaiya Sellappillai - Annamalai Amparai	1-Feb-08	Amparai
4	Christhoper Collin Thevarasa - Innuvil jaffna	1-Feb-08	Jaffna
5	Sivarasa Vijitha alis Sugi - Near the Heroes' Resting Home Kodikamam Jaffna	1-Feb-08	Jaffna
6	Shanmuganathan Uthayakumar alis Uthan - Kodikamam Jaffna	1-Feb-08	Jaffna
7	Firancis Rohankanth - Chulipuram Jaffna	2-Feb-08	Jaffna
8	Jenistan Peris - Mannar	3-Feb-08	Mannar
9	Suwaminathan Kokilanathan - Kaneshapuram Kilinochchi	5-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
10	Sinnarasa - Iyankankulam Mullaitivu	5-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
11	Sivapatham Manokaran - Soya veethy Vavuniya	5-Feb-08	Vavuniya
12	Mrs.Lemped - Mannar	5-Feb-08	Mannar
13	Nagamuthu Nagarasa - Sekkaddipilavu Vavuniya	6-Feb-08	Vavuniya
14	Sellaiya Maheswary - Nasi Thoddam Masheliya	6-Feb-08	Masheliya
15	Kanapathy Nagaraja - Kalpolaveethy	7-Feb-08	Welikkantha
16	Kanagaratnam Suthrshan - Batticaloa	7-Feb-08	Welikkantha
17	Kulanthaivelu Veerasubramaniam - Pungudutheevu Jaffna	8-Feb-08	Colombo
18	A 15 years old boy - Koolavil Akkaraipattu Amparai	11-Feb-08	Amparai
19	K.Diluvan - Periyakamam Eluththur Mannar	12-Feb-08	Mannar
20	Ilaiyathampi Thevarasa - Vachchikuda Alaiyadivempu Amparai	12-Feb-08	Amparai
21	Kanthavel Sri - Navatkadu Akkariaipattu Amparai	14-Feb-08	Amparai
22	Two dead bodies	14-Feb-08	Amparai
23	Rasalingam Mathimaran - Kondavil Jaffna	14-Feb-08	Jaffna
24	Samsan Neel Ethirisinga - Amparai	17-Feb-08	Amparai
25	Kathiravelu Neelakandar - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	22-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
26	Kisnasamy Sivananthi - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	22-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
27	Vijayakumar Vithusha - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	22-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
28	Indran Lalitha - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	22-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
29	Suthakaran Sumathi - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	22-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
30	Sasikaran Kowrinayaki - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	22-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
31	Sasikaran Kajeevan - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	22-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
32	Sasikaran Tamilventhan - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	22-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
33	Tharmalingam Poomani - Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi	23-Feb-08	Kilinochchi
34	Manikkam Sivapalan - Navakkiri Puththur Jaffna	24-Feb-08	Jaffna
35	Nagaraja Jeyarani - Mavadippattu Kaluwankerni Batticaloa	25-Feb-08	Batticaloa
36	Vadivel - Akkaraipattu Amparai	25-Feb-08	Amparai
37	Ravi Jude - Koolavadi Akkaraipattu Amparai	25-Feb-08	Amparai
38	Sivapatham Parththeepan - Mallavi Mullaitivu	27-Feb-08	Mannar
39	Sanmugalingam Thavarasa - Puliampokkanai Tharumapuram Kilinochchi	27-Feb-08	Mannar
40	Selvaratnam Senthuran - Pandiyankulam Mallavi Mullaitivu	27-Feb-08	Mannar
41	Kunapalasingam Jegakiritharan - Palamoddai Mannar	27-Feb-08	Mannar
42	Vimalathas	27-Feb-08	Vavuniya
43	Kanthasamy	27-Feb-08	Vavuniya
44	Mariyan	27-Feb-08	Vavuniya
45	Vijayakumar	27-Feb-08	Vavuniya
46	Kopal Konesh Varatharasa - Trincomalee	27-Feb-08	Trincomalee
47	Devuda Christopher - Anpuvelipuram Trincomalee	28-Feb-08	Trincomalee

Civilians Disappeared - Feb 2008

No	Name and Address	Date	District
1	Manikkam Vickineswaran - Sangamiththa Mawaththa Kottahena Colombo	1-Feb-08	Colombo
2	Sathanantham Srivelanatham - Katkoyalam Point Pedro Jaffna	1-Feb-08	Jaffna
3	Tharmaseelan Krishnamoorthy - Thampi Lane Vannarpannai Jaffna	1-Feb-08	Jaffna
4	A youth - Palaiyoottu Trincomalee	2-Feb-08	Trincomalee
5	Theiventhiram Pirasanna - Kodikamam Jaffna	4-Feb-08	Jaffna
6	Palenthiran Piriyaatharshan - Thunnalai Vadamarachchi Jaffna	7-Feb-08	Jaffna
7	Palenthiran Pirapakaran - Thunnalai Vadamarachchi Jaffna	7-Feb-08	Jaffna
8	Annai Velankannithasan - Thalvupadu Mannar	9-Feb-08	Mannar
9	Muththaiya Arasaratnam - Ratnapuri Up country	10-Feb-08	Colombo
10	Santhirasekaran Ragul - Jampadda veethy Kochchikadai Colombo	11-Feb-08	Colombo
11	Murukan PooPaali - Thellipalai Jaffna	11-Feb-08	Jaffna
12	Kunasekaram Sritharan - Alankerni Trincomalee	12-Feb-08	Trincomalee
13	Thanikasalam Santhiramohan - Moothur Trincomalee	13-Feb-08	Batticaloa
14	Maruthan Thineshkumar - Okkampiddiya	13-Feb-08	Monarakalai
15	Vellachsamy Jegan - Pulathkopiddy Colombo	14-Feb-08	Colombo
16	S.Vinayagamoorthy - Thehiwela Colombo	16-Feb-08	Colombo
17	S.Kajenthirathas - Thehiwela Colombo	16-Feb-08	Colombo
18	Aseervatham Sooriyakumar - Grandpass Colombo.	16-Feb-08	Colombo
19	Sathasivam Yogenthiran - Velanai-04, Jaffna	16-Feb-08	Colombo
20	A Tamils	18-Feb-08	Colombo
21	R.Nimalaruban - Velanai Jaffna	20-Feb-08	Jaffna
22	Rasamanikkam Thiyakarasa - Sinnavempu Kiran Batticaloa	22-Feb-08	Batticaloa
23	Muniyandi Thirunavukkarasu - Murukan Koyil veethy Pesalai Mannar	22-Feb-08	Mannar
24	Sadachcharam Kiruparan - Pandaravala	24-Feb-08	Colombo
25	V.Subramaniyan - Bandarawela	24-Feb-08	Colombo
26	Rek Surenthiran - Periyakunchukkulam Murunkan Mannar	25-Feb-08	Mannar
27	Sinnaththamby Rajeswaran - Kaithadi Jaffna	27-Feb-08	Jaffna
28	Rajalingam Palamurali - Kokkuvil Jaffna	27-Feb-08	Jaffna
29	A Fish monger – Jaffna	29-Feb-08	Jaffna

Human Rights violations against the Tamil Civilians – Feb 2008

1	30-Jan-08	A total of 02 civilians were arrested in Colombo Varatharasa Paramanathan aged 23 from Vaddukkoddai West Jaffna and Veluppillai Pathmaranjan aged 23 from Meesalai, Jaffna, who were staying in a lodge at Kathirasan road in Colombo for six months to go abroad, were arrested by the Sri Lankan police.
2	31-Jan-08	A woman shot and killed at Komari-02 Poththuvil in Amparai Mrs Murukesan Parameswary aged 40, a household lady, from Komari-02, Poththuvil, Amparai was shot and killed at Komari, Poththuvil by an armed group on 31.01.2008.
3	1-Feb-08	A total of 02 civilians shot and injured at Akkaraipattu in Amparai Abthul Majeeth Riyas aged 29 from Paddiyadipiddy Amparai and Muhamad Ismayil from 6th Kurichchi Amparai were shot and injured by an armed group while they were talking on the Town Council Road Akkaraipattu at about 7.30 p.m on 01.02.2008
4	1-Feb-08	A man shot and killed at Uppuveli in Trincomalee Mr Subatheeswaran aged 30 from Jinnanagar, Anpuvalipuram, Trincomalee was shot and killed at Uppuveli in Trincomalee by an unidentified armed group on 01.02.2008.
5	1-Feb-08	A man shot and killed at Navithanveli in Amparai Mr Ponnaiya Sinnapillai aged 63 from Annamalai, Amparai was killed by an unknown armed group while he was going on Savakkalai road, Navithanveli on 01.02.2008
6	1-Feb-08	An injured person dies at Jaffna Teaching Hospital Christopher Colin Thevarasa aged 54 from Inuvil Jaffna was seriously injured in a bomb blast at Thirunelvily. He was admitted at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital. But he died on 01.02.2008.
7	1-Feb-08	A lady was shot and killed at Kodikamam in Jaffna

Sivarasa Vijitha alias Sugi aged 24, Kodikamam Jaffna was shot and killed in her house near the Tamileelam Martyrs's Cemetary by an unidentified armed group at about 7.30 a.m. on 01.02.2008. Her mother was admitted at the Chavakachcheri Hospital due to shock.

- 8 1-Feb-08 **A man was shot and killed at Kodikamam in Jaffna**
Sanmuganathan Uthakumar alias Uthayan aged 24 from Kodikamam Jaffna was shot and killed by an unidentified armed group at about 10.00 a.m. on 01.02.2008.
- 9 1-Feb-08 **A man was abducted at Kottahena in Colombo**
Manikkam Vikkineswaran father of one child aged 37 from Sangamiththa Mawatha Kottahena Colombo was abducted by unknown persons who came in a black van on 01.02.2008.
- 10 1-Feb-08 **A total of 02 civilians went missing in Jaffna**
Sathanantham Srivelautham father of three children aged 47 from Katkoyalam Point Pedro Jaffna and Tharmaseelan Krishnamoorthy father of two children aged 43 from Thampi Lane Vannarpannai Jaffna went missing. This is reported at the Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna.
- 11 1-Feb-08 **Vadamarachchi East - Shell attack**
Continuous shell attack was carried out from early morning on 01.02.2008 by the Sri Lankan forces targeting civilian Settlements in Vadamarachchi East
- 12 1-Feb-08 **Mannar - Shell attack**
The shell attack and Multi Barre attack were carried out by the Sri Lankan army on civilian settlements at Madu, Thadsanamaruthamadu and Palampiddi in Mannar district on 01.02.2008.
- 13 2-Feb-08 **A man shot and killed near the Kopay Rasa veethy in Jaffna**
Mr Francis Rohankanth aged 26 from Chulipuram, Jaffna was shot and killed on 02.02.2008 while he was returning home from the Jaffna city, near the Martyr's Resting House at Rasa veethy, Kopay by an armed group who followed him.
- 14 2-Feb-08 **A man was arrested in Puttalam**
One who lives in Mannar was arrested in Puttalam area by the Sri Lankan Police on 02.02.2008.
- 15 2-Feb-08 **A man was abducted at Palaiyoottu in Trincomalee**
A youth from Palaiyoottu Trincomalee was abducted by an unidentified armed group, who came in a van on 02.02.2008, while he was staying his house.
- 16 3-Feb-08 **An injured student dies at Vavuniya hospital**
Jenistan Peris, a student aged 12 was injured in a claymore attack while travelling in a private bus at Thadsanamaruthamadu on 29.01.2008. He was admitted at Vavuniya Hospital for further treatment, but he died in Vavuniya Hospital on 03.02.2008.
- 17 3-Feb-08 **17 Tamils arrested at Nugegoda in Colombo**
17 Tamils who stayed in lodges due to their jobs were arrested in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan Police in Nugegoda Colombo on 03.02.2008.
- 18 3-Feb-08 **03 youths arrested at Dehiwelai**
M.M.Musthapa aged 32, M.M.Raafi aged 23 and M.M.Shafi aged 23, from Kaththankudi Batticaloa were arrested on the charge of being involved in a bomb blast that occurred in the Dehiwela Zoological Garden.
- 19 3-Feb-08 **Colombo – Wellawatte - Search Operation**
A search operation was conducted by the Sri Lankan Police in some of the Wellawatte area and details of the members of the house were taken. Cupboards and Packages were also checked by them.
- 20 4-Feb-08 **02 youths injured in a attack at Akkaripattu in Amparai**
M.K.Irpan aged 22 and M.L.Pairoos aged 28 From Akkaraipattu Amparai were severely injured in a shooting incident by the Sri Lankan Special Task Force in Akkaraipattu on 04.02.2008. They were admittted at Akkaraipattu hospital.
- 21 4-Feb-08 **A man missing - Jaffna**
Theiventhiram Pirasanna aged 27 from Kodikamam went missing, when he went from Kodikamam to Chavakachcheri market to purchase coconut. It is reported at the Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna.
- 22 4-Feb-08 **Vadamarachchi East - Navy attack**
The Sri Lankan Navy attacked fishing boats, while they were having enginge problem in the Vadamarachchi sea on 04.02.2008
- 23 4-Feb-08 **Mannar - Thadsanamaruthamadu - Shell attack**
Continuous shell attack was carried out by the Sri Lankan forces on Thadsanamaruthamadu Mannar on 04.02.2008
- 24 5-Feb-08 **03 civilians were injured in aerial bombing at Puthukkudiyiruppu in Mullaitivu**
Manokaralinkam Nimalakeethan from Kanukkerni West Mulliyavalai Mullaitivu, Shiyad and Isran were injured in an aerial bombing carried out by the Sri Lankan air force at Kaiveli

- 25 5-Feb-08 Puthukkudiyiruppu in Mullaitivu on 05.02.2008. Yielding trees and houses were also damaged.
02 civilians killed and 02 injured in Aerial bombing at Kaneshapuram in Kilinochchi
Mr.Suwaminathan Kokulanathan father of five children aged 44 from Kaneshapuram Kilinochchi and Sinnarasa from Iyankankulam Mullaitivu were killed in an aerial bombardment carried out by the Sri Lankan Air Force at Kaneshapuram in Kilinochchi and Pasupathi Umarajah from Kaneshapuram and Sanmugam Kunarajah aged 33 from Kaneshapuram Kilinochchi were injured. Further two houses were destroyed fully and several lacks worth of properties also damaged.
- 26 5-Feb-08 **A dead body was recovered at Paddanisoori Puliyankulam Paddakadu Tank bund in Vavuniya**
Sivapatham Manokaran from Soya Veethy Vavuniya went missing when he went to the garage on 03.02.2008. Later his dead body was recovered with several gunshot injuries on 05.02.2008 in the Tank bund area in Paddakadu Puliyankulam Paddanisoori Vavuniya.
- 27 5-Feb-08 **An injured principal dies at Anuradhapura hospital**
Mrs.Lembert Principal of M/Sinnapandivirichchan School was injured in a claymore attack carried out by the Sri Lankan Army Deep Penetration Unit in Thadsanamaruthamadu Mannar on 29.01.2008. She was admitted for further treatment at the Anuradhapura Hospital. But She died on 05.02.2008.
- 28 5-Feb-08 **A total of 06 ladies were arrested at Sammanthurai in Amparai**
06 Female workers of SWOAD Welfair Organisation in its Sub-Office in Sammanthurai were arrested and detained in custody by the Sri Lankan Special Task Force on 05.02.2008. Their names are: Soosaiyappu Mery Sugirtham from Sorikkalmunai Amparai, Nagarasa Amutha from Veeramunai-02 Amparai, Ponnaiya Rajeswaray from Veeramunai-04 Amparai, Thangarasa Pavani from Veeramunai-03 Amparai, Mayilvaganam Kokulavathani from Valaththapiddi Malwaththa Amparai and Mrs.Thangarasa from Police Station veethy Sammanthurai Amparai.
- 29 5-Feb-08 **Sought asylum - JHRC Office**
Three members of one family mother aged 47, son aged 20, daughter aged 16 from Manthuvil Kodikamam Jaffna and another family man from Santhai Pandaththarippu Jaffna sought asylum at the Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna due the threat to their lives.
- 30 5-Feb-08 **Jaffna - Point Pedro - Transport stopped**
Civilian transport was stopped on the Jaffna Point Pedro-Thenmarachchi road for 04 hours on 05.02.2008, because the army convey was going at this route.
- 31 6-Feb-08 **02 civilians injured in an aerial bombing at Thiruvaiyaru in Kilinochchi**
M.Keerththana aged 11, Student and S.Thanapakkiyam aged 29, mother of three children From Thiruvaiyaru were injured in an aerial bombing carried out by the Sri Lankan Air Force near the Thiruvaiyaru M.V. on civilian settlements on 06.02.2008.
- 32 6-Feb-08 **A dead body was recovered at Sekkaddipilavu in Vavuniya**
Nagamuthu Nagarasa aged 50 from Sekkaddipilavu Vavuniya went to watch his garden in the night. Later his dead body was recovered with gunshot injuries on 06.02.2008.
- 33 6-Feb-08 **A lady's dead body was recovered at Mavusakalai tank in Maskeliya**
Sellaiya Maheswary's dead body from Nasi Thoddam Maskeliya was recovered from Mavusakalai Tank in Maskeliya.
- 34 7-Feb-08 **Dead bodies of two youths' were recovered at Sevanapiddy Karapola**
Kanapathy Nagaraja aged 27 from Kalpola veethy Polanaruwa and Kanagaratnam Sutharshan aged 19 from Batticaloa were shot and killed in the night on 07.02.2008. Next day their dead bodies were found with gunshot injuries in a three wheeler vehicle lying side down in a stream at Karapola veethy Sewanapiddy in Welikantha. Their hands and legs were tied.
- 35 7-Feb-08 **Two Tamil youths were arrested at Gampaha**
Two Tamil youths from the Up Country were arrested on the charge of not possessing proof of residence in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan Police at Gampaha police division.
- 36 7-Feb-08 **A total of 24 civilians were arrested in Gampaha**
19 Tamils and 05 Muslims were arrested and taken into custody in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan Police at Gampaha town in Colombo on 07.02.2008 evening and were detained until the following morning . The police said that they were arrested because they didn't state their correct reason for their stay.
- 37 7-Feb-08 **2 brothers abducted – Thunnalai, Jaffna**
Two brothers Palenthiran Priyatharshan aged 22 and Palenthiran Pirapakaran aged 20 From Thunnalai, Vadamarachci, Jaffna were abducted from their house by armed men who came in a van. Further another one escaped from them. The parent said they didn't know what happened to him. This is reported at Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna by their parents.
- 38 8-Feb-08 **A business man shot and killed, wife wounded**
Mr. Kulanthaivelu Veerasupramaniyam aged 54 a famous Tamil business man, owner of the Veeramylan Wedding Hall in Kottahena and father of three children from Kottahena Colombo a

native of Pungudutivu Jaffna was shot and killed before the Lucius Church road in Kottahena by unknown persons who came in a motor bike on 08.02.2008 at about 8.30 p.m., when he returned from a pharmacy. His wife Veerasubramaniyam Umathevy aged 43 was also seriously injured and was admitted at Colombo National Hospital.

- 39 8-Feb-08 **Thenmarachchi - Threatened**
The families of those killed or abducted in the past are being threatened now (08.02.2008).
- 40 9-Feb-08 **A man went missing at Thalvupadu in Mannar**
Annai Velankannithasan alias Sutharshan aged 32 went missing in Mannar Thalvupadu street.
- 41 10-Feb-08 **A fisherman was injured at Mullaitivu**
Sri Lankan Navy attacked the fishermen who were fishing in the Mullaitivu sea. Due to this the fishermen came ashore swimming leaving their boats and nets. M.Muththu was injured in his leg in this attack.
- 42 10-Feb-08 **A total of 06 Tamils were arrested in Lunuwila**
06 Tamils who were travelling in a Train from Colombo towards Puttalam were arrested by the Sri Lankan Police at the Lunuwila Railway Station.
- 43 10-Feb-08 **A total of 07 civilians were arrested in Lunuwila**
07 civilians were arrested and were taken to custody in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan police at the Lunuwila Railway station. They were in trains that came from Colombo and Puttalam on 10.02.2008. It is said that most of them were Tamils.
- 44 10-Feb-08 **A total of 08 civilians were arrested in Minneriya**
A total of 08 including 03 women were arrested by the Sri Lankan police in Minneriya, while they were travelling in a van from Batticaloa to Colombo on 10.02.2008.
- 45 10-Feb-08 **A family man went missing in Moratuwa**
Muththaiya Arasaratnam aged 38 from Ratnapura who was living at Grandpass with his wife for five months, was missing, when he went searching for a job to Moratuwa on 10.02.2008.
- 46 10-Feb-08 **Jaffna Teaching Hospital - Checked - 10.02.2008**
All the entrances of Jaffna Teaching hospital were closed and checked by the Sri Lankan forces on 10.02.2008. Some of the males were photographed by the Hand Phone camera.
- 47 11-Feb-08 **A boy dies at Kolavil in Amparai**
A 15 years old boy was killed in a shooting carried out by the Sri Lankan Special Task Force at Kolavil Akkaraipattu in Amparai on 11.02.2008
- 48 11-Feb-08 **A total of 12 civilians were arrested in Kataragama**
12 including 10 youths and 02 ladies were arrested in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan Army and Police in Kataragama on 11.02.2008
- 49 11-Feb-08 **A total of 02 civilians were arrested in Matala**
The Sri Lankan forces carried out a search operation at Kaluwela in Matale district. Due to this A Muslim and a Tamil were arrested by them. Abudl Munaf Hasali from Kaluwela Mattala was arrested in a charge of accommodating in his house Arumugam Sivanathan without permit
- 50 11-Feb-08 **A youth went missing at Kochchikadai in Colombo**
Santhirasekaran Ragul aged 21 from Jembetta street Kochchikade Colombo went missing after he went to his work to the Colombo fish market.
- 51 11-Feb-08 **A man went missing at Tellipalai in Jaffna**
Murugam Poopali, aged 56, a mason, from Thellipalai Jaffna went missing from 11.02.2008, when he was in the Thellipalai Refugee Camp. His bicycle was seen near the Thellipalai Army Check Point. It is reported at the Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna by his wife.
- 52 11-Feb-08 **Mullaitivu - Navy attack - 11.02.2008**
Sri Lankan Navy attacked the fishermen who were fishing in the Mullaitivu sea on 11.02.2008. Because of this the fishermen left their equipments and boats and jumped into the sea. They swam for 03 hours in the sea to reach ashore. Sri Lankan Navy who attacked the fishermen took the fishermen's equipments and boats with them.
- 53 12-Feb-08 **A youth was shot and killed at Periyakamam coastal area in Mannar**
K.Diluwan aged 20 from Periyakamam Eluththur Mannar who was standing in coastal area of Periyakamam Eluththur was shot and killed by the Sri Lankan army.
- 54 12-Feb-08 **A dead body was recovered at Vachchikuda in Batticaloa**
Illaiyathambi Thevarasa from Vachchikuda Alaiyadivempu in Amparai was abducted with his two children from his house during the night on 10.02.2008 by an armed group, who came in a white van. Later his dead body was recovered with gunshot injuries at Vachchikuda area on 12.02.2008 and his two children were released by the abductors.
- 55 12-Feb-08 **A total of 03 civilians were arrested in Mannar**
Three civilians including one woman were arrested in Mannar by the Sri Lankan Army

- 56 **12-Feb-08 A total of 18 civilians were arrested in Polanaruwa**
18 civilians including 15 Tamils and 03 Muslims were arrested in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan forces in Polanaruwa area on 12.02.2008
- 57 **12-Feb-08 A total of 04 Tamils were arrested in Habarana**
04 Tamils, three of them from Batticaloa while travelling from Trincomalee to Colombo were arrested at Habarana.
- 58 **12-Feb-08 A man went missing at Alankerni in Trincomalee**
Kunasekaram Sritharan, aged 23, father of one child, from Alankerni Trincomalee was abducted by the armed group who came in a white van, while he was returning home after purchasing milk from a nearby shop on 12.02.2008. It is reported to the Kinniya police by his relatives.
- 59 **12-Feb-08 Jaffna - Point Pedro Court - Surrendered**
Anantharasa Kamaleswaran aged 27 from Thunnalai South; Point Pedro surrendered at the Point Pedro Court. SLA men on motorbike were searching for him on 12.02.2008.
- 60 **13-Feb-08 A man was abducted at Moothur in Trincomalee**
Thanikasalam Santhiramohan aged 43 from Moothur Trincomalee was abducted from the camp for the displaced persons at Savukkadi in Batticaloa by an unidentified armed group who came in a white van. It is reported to the Batticaloa police by his relatives.
- 61 **13-Feb-08 A man went missing at Monarakala in Colombo**
It is reported to the Moneragala Police that Maruthan Thineshkumar who is a driver in a farm in Moneragala Colombo, from Okkampiddiya went missing on 13.02.2008.
- 62 **13-Feb-08 Sought asylum - JHRC Office**
03 members of one family a teacher aged 47, his sister aged 41, her child aged 01 and another driver aged 57 from Thenmarachchi sought asylum at the Human Rights Commission Office on 13.02.2008 due to death threat by the Sri Lankan army and its para military troops.
- 63 **13-Feb-08 Manalaru - Shell attack - 13.02.2008**
Shell attack was carried out by the Sri Lankan forces who were stationed in Manalaru, on the civilian settlements at the Thannimurippu area in Mullaitivu. Due to this, the paddy fields that were ready for harvest got burnt to ashes.
- 64 **13-Feb-08 Kataragama - Checked - 13.02.2008**
The Sri Lankan forces rigorously checked the devotees, who came from out stations to Kataragama Murukan temple. Further they monitored the persons bathing in the Menic Ganga.
- 65 **14-Feb-08 05 civilians were injured in an aerial bombing in Mullaitivu**
The following who were travelling on the road, were injured in an aerial bombing carried out by the Sri Lankan Air Force near the Redbana Theravil Pond on the Paranthan-Mullaitivu main road in the morning at 9.25 on 14.02.2008. They are: Velappodi Arasamma aged 57 from Moonkilaru Udaiyarkaddu Mullaitivu, Arumugam Subramaniam (His hand was severed above the arm) aged 78 from Vaheesan road, Udaiyarakaddu, Mullaitivu, Periyasamy Muthu aged 68 from Redbana, Visuvamadu, Mullaitivu, Perumal Iyachchi aged 55 from Velikandal, Kandavalai, Kilinochchi and Nadarasa Kajanthan aged 22 from Theravil Visuvamadu Mullaitivu. Due to this a big pit was formed on the road and yielding trees have fallen.
- 66 **14-Feb-08 A student was injured in shell attack at Alampil in Mullaitivu**
Shell attack was carried out by the Sri Lankan Army who was stationed in Manalaru towards civilian settlements of Thangapuram Alampil in Mullaitivu at about 1.30 p.m. on 14.02.2008. Because of this Theiventhiram Mithuna student aged 17 from Thangapuram was injured. Houses, yielding trees and a Tractor were also damaged.
- 67 **14-Feb-08 A man shot and killed at Navatkadu in Amparai**
Kanthavel Sri aged 48 from Navatkadu, Akkaraipattu, Amparai who was riding in his bicycle on 14.02.2008, was shot and killed by armed men who followed him in a motor bike.
- 68 **14-Feb-08 Two youths' dead bodies were recovered at Ninthavoor Coastal in Amparai**
Two dead bodies were recovered with gunshot injuries from Ninthavoor Coastal area in Akkaraipattu Amparai at about 2.00 pm. on 14.02.2008.
- 69 **14-Feb-08 A injured person dies at Jaffna Teaching Hospital.**
Rasalingam Mathimaran aged 30 employee of the Nallur Regional Secretariat from Kondavil Jaffna was seriously injured in a bomb blast at Thirunelvely. He was admitted at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital. But he died on 14.02.2008.
- 70 **14-Feb-08 02 civilians were arrested in Matala**
Krishnamoorthy who was working in a trade centre in Ukkuwala, aged 25 from Batticaloa and Rajenthiran an estate employee, aged 45 from Eaththuwiththai Estate were arrested in Matala by the Sri Lankan police.

- 71 14-Feb-08 02 civilians were arrested in Aluthkama**
A youth from Jaffna and a woman from Up country, who were travelling in a mini bus, were arrested by the Sri Lankan Police in Aluthkama.
- 72 14-Feb-08 A Tamil youth was arrested in Avisawela**
A Tamil youth was arrested by the Avisawella police in Avisawella, while he was travelling in a bus from Colombo to Bandarawela. The police said that he was arrested and he was alleged to have photographed the Presidential Secretariat.
- 73 14-Feb-08 A youth went missing at Dehiwela in Colombo**
Vellachami Jegan aged 29 father of one child from Pulathkopiddi, who was working in a Hard ware business at Kalupowala road in Dehiwela with his father, travelled in a bus from Pulathkopiddy to Dehiwela, but his father said that he did not reach his work place. When his father inquired at the Koskama, Mirikana, Fort, Kokuwala and Pulathkopiddi police stations, they said they did not arrest him.
- 74 14-Feb-08 Sought asylum in JHRC Office**
Thampaiya Thanarajah from Off Amman Koyil Lane, Alvai east, Point Pedro was sought asylum due to fear, at the HRC office in Jaffna on 14.02.2008. An unknown armed group, who came on a motor bike, went to his house and had inquired about him.
- 75 15-Feb-08 Muslim Journalist - Threatened in Colombo**
The paramilitary group has issued a warning letter to a Muslim Journalist Mohamed Anzeer, who reports on Parliamentary affairs to the Thinakural paper. The letter that was sent on 15.02.2008 states that unless he stops writing against their group he will be assassinated. Anzeer has lodged a complaint about this at Mutuwal Police station.
- 76 15-Feb-08 Colombo - Wellawtta - Torture - 15.02.2008**
Sinnaiya Sellaiya owner of the Restaurant at Galle road in Wellawatta Colombo was taken for inquiry by the the Sri Lankan Army Intelligence. After he severely torturing he was released.
- 77 16-Feb-08 3 youths abducted in Colombo**
It is reported that a total of 03 Tamil youths were arrested in Dehiwela and Grandpass during the night on 16.02.2008. Their names are: S.Vinayagamoorthy aged 36 from Thehiwela, S.Kajenthirathas aged 36 from Thehiwela and Aseervatham Sooriyakumar aged 22 from Grandpass Colombo.
- 78 16-Feb-08 A man went missing in Vavuniya**
Sathasivam Yogenthiran aged 32, from Ward No.04, Velanai, Jaffna went missing, while he was travelling from Colombo to Vavuniya in Train. It is reported at HRC Office in Jaffna by his mother.
- 79 16-Feb-08 Sought asylum in JHRC Office**
Shanmugam Gnanasegar from Valvai road Changanai Jaffna sought asylum at the HRC Office in Jaffna on 16.02.2008 due to the threat by unidentified armed men.
- 80 16-Feb-08 Puttalam - Munthal - Search Operation - 16.02.2008**
A search operation was carried out by the Sri Lankan forces at Munthal in Puththalam. The forces inquired from house to house.
- 81 17-Feb-08 A Christian Priest was shot and killed in Amparai**
Samsan Neel Ethirisinga, a Christian Clergy and President of Christian Youth Association in Amparai, aged 36, from Amparai was shot and killed by two armed men who came in a motor bike about 9.15 p.m. on 17.02.2008, when he stayed at the Christian Youth Association in Amparai with his family. Armed men knocked at the door and asked him to open the door, entered the house, shot and killed him. His wife Saromi Ethirisinga aged 32 was seriously injured and she was admitted at the Amparai Hospital. Their child aged 18 months fainted out of shock and was admitted at the hospital.
- 82 17-Feb-08 A total of 32 civilians were arrested in Gampaha**
29 Tamils and 03 Muslims were arrested in a searchi operation carried out by the Sri Lankan Army in Gampaha district from the night on 16.02.2008 until the morning on 17.02.2008
- 83 18-Feb-08 A Tamil was abducted at Mutuwal in Comombo**
A Tamil living Mutuwal aged 39 was abducted by an armed group, who came in a white van at about 8.30 p.m. on 18.02.2008.
- 84 18-Feb-08 Sought asylum in JHRC Office**
Kajan Atputharani, aged 28, mother of one child, and her daughter Kajan Kajani aged 06 from Vankalavadi Velanai Jaffna have sought asylum at the HRC Office in Jaffna on 18.02.008 due to the life threat by the Sri Lankan Army and its Para military troops. It is noted that her husband had already surrendered at the HRC Office in Jaffna.
- 85 18-Feb-08 Sought asylum in JHRC Office**
Nadarasa Subithan, fisherman, father of one child, aged 32 from Allarai South Meesalai, Jaffna and a

computer Technician aged 30 from Colombbothurai have sought asylum at the HRC Office in Jaffna on 18.02.2008.

- 86 18-Feb-08 **Sought asylum in JHRC Office**
Sinnarasa Kunattheepan aged 30 from No53, Nedunkulam Road Colombbothurai Jaffna sought asylum at the Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna on 18.02.2008 as some unknown person tried to murder him.
- 87 19-Feb-08 **A man was arrested at Point Pedro in Jaffna**
The owner of the "Janani" Jewellery Mart at Point Pedro and Nellyyadi towns was abducted by the Sri Lankan Army Intelligence at about 6.00 p.m. on 19.02.2008. Later he was handed over at the Nellyyadi Police. It is reported at the HRC Office in Jaffna by his wife.
- 88 19-Feb-08 **Amparai - Search operation**
A sudden search operation was carried out by the Sri Lankan Special Task Force at Akkaripattu and Alaiyadivempu areas on 19.02.2008. Under this operation 2000 civilians were taken to a school and interrogated.
- 89 20-Feb-08 **A man went missing in Jaffna**
R.Nimalaruban from Velanai Jaffna was abducted between Allaipiddi and Pannai by the Sri Lankan Navy while he was going from his house to Jaffna town on 20.02.2008. It is reported at the HRC Office in Jaffna by his mother.
- 90 20-Feb-08 **Jaffna - Non-government Organisation worker - Attacked**
A female non-government organisation worker was attacked at the Pannai Bridge Army check point by the Sri Lankan Army female soldiers. She was travelling in a bus through the Pannai Bridge and had with her photos and materials on tsunami.
- 91 21-Feb-08 **Search Operation – Vadamarachchi - Jaffna**
A search operation was carried out by the Sri Lankan army at Valvettithurai, Uduppiddy, Kamparmalai and Navaladi in Vadamarachchi Jaffna about 1.00 on 21.02.2008, the Sri Lankan army went to house to house. Search was conducted without age differences. More than 100 youngsters were taken to Temples and common places. No one is said to be arrested.
- 92 22-Feb-08 **A total of 08 civilians were killed and 12 Civilians were injured in aerial bombing at Kiranchi Kilinochchi**
A total of 08 civilians were killed in an aerial bombing carried out by the Sri Lankan Air Force of the three Kfir planes near the Murugan Temple at Sivapuram Kiranchi in Kilinochchi about 8.15 on 22.02.2008. Their names are : Kathiravelu Neelakandar aged 79 from Kiranchi, Vijayakumar Vithusha aged 21 from Kiranchi, Indran Lalitha from Kiranchi, Suthakaran Sumathi aged 30 from Kiranchi, and following are members of the same family Sasikaran Kowrinayaki aged 34, Sasikaran Kajeewan aged 04, Sasikaran Tamilventhan aged 06 months from Kirnachi, the last one is Kinasamy Sivananthi alias Komathy, Teacher of the Kiranchi Gov.T.M.School, aged 27, from Paranthan Kilinochchi. Due to this a total of 12 civilians were seriously injured. Their names are : Sripathy Rajeswary Teacher of the Kirnachi Gov.T.M.School aged 33 from Kiranchi, Saththiyathan Theivanayaki aged 43 from Kiranchi, Sathasivam Kamalathevy aged 60 from Kirnachi, Suthakaran Panushan aged 06 Kiranchi, Vijayakumar Sivananthini aged 36 from Kiranchi, Vijayakumar Dinoshan aged 21 from Kiranchi, Arulanantham Leelavathy aged 68 from Kiranchi, Arulanantham Saththiyavarathan aged 48 from Kiranchi, Sasikaran Karunyan aged 08 from Kiranchi, Tharmalingam Poomani aged 68 from Kiranchi, Vijayakumar Kinoshan aged 02 from Kiranchi. Further 03 houses were completely destroyed and more houses were partly damaged.
- 93 22-Feb-08 **A Tamil youth was arrested in Ratnapuri**
A Tamil youth from Ratnapura was arrested by the Sri Lankan Police in Kandy, when he went to his relative's house on 22.02.2008.
- 94 22-Feb-08 **A Tamil was arrested at Colpetty in Colombo**
A Tamil was arrested on the charge of trying to enter the President Palace at Kolopitti in Colombo by the Security Officers on 22.02.2008. He was handed over to the Colpetty police.
- 95 22-Feb-08 **A Tamil youth arrested in Kandy**
A Tamil youth from Chavakachcheri Jaffna was arrested in a bakery at Tennakumpara in Kandy by the Sri Lankan Police on 22.02.2008.
- 96 22-Feb-08 **A man was abducted at Valaichchenai in Batticaloa**
Rasamanikkam Thiyakarasa father of two children aged 24 from Kiran Sinnavempu Batticaloa was abducted by Pillaiyan group in Valaichchenai at about 6.30 a.m. on 22.02.2008, while he was going from his house to Valaichchenai. It is noted that he is a brother of Rasamanikkam Yogarasa, a candidate of the local election.
- 97 22-Feb-08 **A man went missing in Mannar**
A family man Muniyandi Thirunavukkarasu, aged 38 from Murukan Koyil road Pesalai Mannar went

missing on 22.02.2008, when he went to cut fire-wood. It is reported to the Mannar Humanitarian Organization.

- 98 22-Feb-08 **Sought asylum in JHRC Office**
Arulkumar aged 18 from Kodikamam Jaffna sought asylum at the HRC Office in Jaffna due to the threat to his life by the Sri Lankan Army and its Paramilitary troops.
- 99 22-Feb-08 **Sought asylum in JHRC Office**
Jegasoothinathan Amuthakumar aged 18 from Palavi North, Kachchai North, Kodikamam has sought asylum at the Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna on 22.02.2008 due to threats by unknown armed persons.
- 100 22-Feb-08 **Mullaitivu - Aerial bombing**
The Sri Lankan Air force bombers bombed the Mullaitivu areas. Four students from Silavaththi Tamil Vidyalam fainted. The planes were flying very low. Several students of Kallapadu School, Mullaitivu G.T.M. School and Mullaitivu R.C.School were mortally scared.
- 101 23-Feb-08 **2 civilians injured in aerial bombing at Oddusuddan in Mullaitivu**
Appapillai Thanapalasingam, aged 56 from Kanakaratanapuram 2nd Kandan Left Side Muththaiyankaddu Mullaitivu who was going to see his son at the Puthukkudiyiruppu Hospital, and Theiventhirarasa Kodeesan aged 20 from Suthanthirapuram Udaiyarkaddu Mullaitivu were injured in an aerial bombing carried out by the Sri Lankan Air Force Kfir planes at Mannakanadal area Oddusuddan Mullaitivu between 6.45 a.m. and 6.55 a.m on 23.02.2008. They were admitted at the Puthukkudiyiruppu Hospital.
- 102 23-Feb-08 **An injured woman dies at Kilinochchi Hospital**
Tharmalingam Poomani aged 68 from Sivapuram Kiranchi Kilinochchi was seriously injured in an aerial bombing carried out by the Sri Lankan Air Force Kfir planes at Sivapuram area on 22.02.2008 morning. She was admitted at the Kilinochchi Hospital for further treatment. But she died at the Kilinochchi hospital on 23.02.2008 evening.
- 103 24-Feb-08 **A dead body was recovered at Avarankal in Jaffna**
Manikkam Sivapalan father of two children, aged 40 was killed after torture by the Sri Lankan army on 24.02.2008. When he was going to his relatives house to Avarankal, he was abducted. His dead body was recovered on 24.02.2008
- 104 24-Feb-08 **30 civilians arrested in Empilipiddiya**
30 civilians were arrested in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan police in Colombo and Embilipiddiya. Most of them were Tamils.
- 105 24-Feb-08 **A youth was abducted at Bandarawela in Colombo**
Sadachcharam Kiruparan who was working in a shop at Bandarawela Colombo, aged 20, from Karainagar Jaffna was forcibly abducted by an unidentified armed group who came in a white van about 7.00 p.m. on 24.02.2008
- 106 24-Feb-08 **A man was abducted at Bandarawela in Colombo**
V.Subramaniyan aged 27, employee of Bandarawela Urban Council was abducted during the night on 24.02.2008. This is reported at Bandarawela Police by his relatives.
- 107 24-Feb-08 **Amparai - Akkaraipattu - Search and Photographed**
A thorough search operation was carried out by the Sri Lankan Army at Akkaraipattu in Amparai on 24.02.2008. During this operation the Sri Lankan army photographed the members of the house after placing them in front of the main door. This has caused fear among the people of that area.
- 108 25-Feb-08 **A house hold lady was wounded in a shell attack at Semmalai in Mullaitivu**
Ravikumar Rajeswary mother of three children, aged 35 from Semmalai was injured in shell attack carried out by the Sri Lankan Navy from Semmalai sea. Due to this attack Many houses were damaged and many yielding trees were also destroyed.
- 109 25-Feb-08 **A lady was raped and killed at Nediymadukerni in Batticaloa**
Nagaraja Jeyarani aged 16 from Mavadipattu, Kaluwankerni, Batticaloa was raped and killed by unknown persons, when she was going on the way to her father's house. Her dead body was put on the Nediymadukerni.
- 110 25-Feb-08 **A man was shot and killed in Amparai**
Vadivel father of two children, aged 28 from Koolavadi, Akkaraipattu Amparai and Ravi Jude (aged 25) father of one child from Koolavadi Akkaraipattu Amparai was shot and killed by masked Special Task Force on 25.02.2008 evening, when they were going from Koolavadi to Alikkampai.
- 111 25-Feb-08 **10 building workers were arrested at Wellampiddiya in Colombo**
A total of 10 building workers (08 from Dikkoya and Pusallawa) were arrested at Kumarathasa Place Wellampiddiya in Colombo on 25.02.2008 by the Sri Lankan Police.
- 112 25-Feb-08 **A youth went missing in Mannar**
Rek Surenthiran, aged 18 from Periyakunsuparanthan Murunkan, Mannar went missing, when he

- went to Mannar Town on 25.02.2008. It is reported to the Mannar Humanitarian Organization.
- 113 25-Feb-08 Sought asylum in JHRC Office**
Nagaratnam Partheepan, farmer, aged 20, from Kaithadi West, Chavakachcheri, Jaffna sought asylum at HRC Office in Jaffna on 25.02.2008 due to death threat by the Sri Lankan army.
- 114 25-Feb-08 Colombo - Kottahena - Liberate after abduct and torture**
M.lankovan, citizen of Singapore who came from Singapore on business purpose, was forcibly abducted by Six Sri Lankan Army Intelligence, when he stayed in a lodge at Kathiresan veethy, Kottahena, Colombo on 25.02.2008. He was released after tortured.
- 115 27-Feb-08 8 civilians killed in a claymore attack in Mannar and Mullaitivu**
A total of 08 civilians were killed in clay more attack carried out by the Sri Lankan Deep Penetration Unit on 27.02.2008, while they were travelling in a Tractor. 04 civilians were killed in the first clay more attack at about 1.50 p.m. at Moonrumurippu, Panankamam in Mannar, Their names are: Sivapatham Partheepan aged 18 from Mallavi, Sanmugalingam Thavarasa from Puliampokkanai Tharumapuram, Selvarathhinam Senthuran from Pandiyankulam and Kunapalasingam Jegakritharan from Palamodai. Further 04 people were killed in the second claymore attack at about 8.30 p.m, while they were travelling from Maruthodai to Olumadu. Their names are: Vimalathas, Kanthasamy, Mariyan and Vijayakumar. Both the Tractors were fully damaged in this attack.
- 116 27-Feb-08 A man was shot and killed at Morawewa in Trincomalee**
Kopal Ganesh Varatharasa member of the TNA Party and an Auto driver, aged 32, from Trincomalee was shot dead in his house on 27.02.2008 by unidentified armed men.
- 117 27-Feb-08 29 Tamils were arrested at Veppamadu**
A total of 29 Tamils, natives of Jaffna, Manipai and Mannar with temporary residence in Puttalam were arrested in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan forces on 27.02.2008 from 3.30a.m - 8.45a.m at Puththalam-Mannar road in Veppamadu area.
- 118 27-Feb-08 A man was abducted at Kaithady in Jaffna**
Sinnaththamby Rajeswaran, from Kaithady, aged 28 employee of Kaithadi Vigneswara College, was abducted by unidentified armed men who came in a white van at 8.00 a.m. on 27.02.2008 at the School Complex
- 119 27-Feb-08 A man was abducted at Kokkuvil in Jaffna**
Rajalingam Palamurali aged 29 driver of a Three Wheeler from Kokkuvil Jaffna was abducted by unidentified armed men who came in a white van at 9.00 a.m. on 27.02.2008 at Adiyapatham road Kokkuvil Jaffan.
- 120 27-Feb-08 Jaffna - Kilaly and Muhamalai - Shell attack**
The Sri Lankan army located at Kilaly and Muhamalai conducted shell and multi barrel attack at 4.00 p.m. on 27.02.2008 towards Elephant Pass lagoon. This attack occurred under heavy rain.
- 121 27-Feb-08 Jaffna - Point Pedro and Chavakachcheri - Search operation**
A search operation was carried out by the Sri Lankan Army on 27.02.2008 at Point Pedro and Chavakachchri towns. Due to this all vehicles were stopped and checked by them. It is said that this caused lot of problems to the traffic.
- 122 28-Feb-08 A woman was wounded in a shell attack at Kumulamunai in Mullaitivu**
Linganathan Siththira aged 58 from Word No.06, Kumulamunai, Mullaitivu was seriously injured in a shell attack on civilians' settlement at Kumulamunai carried out by the Sri Lankan army from Manalaru at about 2.00 p.m. on 28.02.2008. She was admitted at the Mullaitivu Hospital for emergency treatment. Yielding trees and civilian settlements were damaged in this attack.
- 123 28-Feb-08 A dead was recovered at Anpuvelipuram in Trincomalee**
Thevuda Christopher, aged 20 from Anpuvelipuram Trincomalee was abducted on 04.02.2008 by unidentified armed men. His dead body was recovered at Anpuvelipuram on 28.02.2008.
- 124 28-Feb-08 25 Tamil youths were arrested at Thalavai in Batticaloa**
25 Tamils from Thalavai and Iyankerni was arrested by the Sri Lankan army, while they were hunting near the Thalavai Coastal jungle area in Batticaloa.
- 125 28-Feb-08 Aerial bombing - Palai in Kilinochchi**
The Sri Lankan Air force planes attacked civilian settlements on Palai at about 11.45 a.m. on 28.02.2008
- 126 29-Feb-08 A fisherman was abducted in Jaffna**
A fishmonger was abducted near the Bishop's House in Jaffna on 29.02.2008 by unidentified armed men.
- 127 29-Feb-08 Sought asylum in JHRC office**
A photograhper aged 29 from Avarankal, Valikamam, Jaffna sought asylum at Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna on 29.02.2008 due to death threat by the Sri Lankan Army.
- 128 29-Feb-08 NGO workers not allowed into Islets**

The Sri Lankan Army don't allow the NGOs workers to enter the Islets in Jaffna Peninsula. It is said that they were prevented from searching the displaced people in their resettlement and helping them.

- 129 29-Feb-08 **Sri Lankan Navy attack - Mullaitivu**
The Sri Lankan Navy fired the cannons on the fishermen, who were fishing at Mullaitivu sea on 29.02.2008. So the fishermen stopped their fishing and reached the coast safely
- 130 07.02.2008 **Jaffna - Human - Rights Commission Office - Sought asylum - 07.02.2008**
A total of 04, 03 members of one family a mother Mrs.Vinothachandran aged 33, her daughter Nithushini aged 11, her son Nithushan aged 09 and her neighbour Shanmugathas Sugathas, from Kachchai South Kodikamam, Jaffna sought asylum at the Human Rights Commission Office in Jaffna on 02.02.2008 due to the life threat by the Sri Lankan Army and its Paramilitary troops. It is to be noted that Vinothachandran was abducted by armed persons a month ago.
- 131 Feb 2008 **3 civilians were arrested in Thampulla**
Three civilians including a lady were arrested in a search operation carried out by the Sri Lankan Police in Dambulla .
- 132 Feb 2008 **7 Tamils remanded - Colombo**
Seven Tamils from Jaffna, who were arrested on suspicion in Colombo town, were remanded.
- 133 Feb 2008 **Jaffna - Farmers affected**
The Jaffna Farmers Organisation said that 167000 farmers were affected due to the soil bund made by the Sri Lankan Army. This bund cuts across arable lands.
- 134 Feb 2008 **Navy attack - Pasaiyoor in Jaffna**
Two fishermen from Pasaiyoor V.Prem aged 23 and A.Donald aged 23 were attacked for having dampened their Fishermen Identity card by the Sri Lankan Navy.
- 135 Feb 2008 **Threatened - Jaffna**
The Sri Lankan Army has warned the principals of the schools in Vadmarachchi and Thenmarachchi that invitation should be extended to them for all the sport meets and prize distribution functions. Also instructed the D.E. to compell the principals that the National flag must be hoisted in all these competetions.
- 136 Feb 2008 **Jaffna Peninsula - Road closed**
Dutch road and Vallai junction in Jaffna peninsula which is used by the public were closed for the security reasons by the Sri Lankan army. Due to this staff and students of Chavakachcheri Drieberg College, employess of Magistrate Courts and Education Department workers were affected. It is noted that already several roads were already closed in Jaffna peninsula.
- 137 Feb 2008 **Trincomalee - Gramasevaka Change**
The Sri Lankan Home Affairs Ministry appointed Sinhala and Muslim Grama Sevakas to the villegrs in the Muthur and Echchilampattu divisions. Tamil people have been living in these villages tradionally. The Tamil families said that If they have to go to obtain their need then they have to go to Sinhala dominated areas, and they are scared of death threats.
- 138 Feb 2008 **Fishing Banned - Trincomalee**
The Sri Lankan Navy limited the fishermen Trincomalee, Kinniya, Salai and Kuchchaveli only one kilometer for more than one year. Their livelihood dependings on fishing. This restriction has caused immense problems for them.
- 139 Feb 2008 **Medicine delay -Kilinochchi**
The medicines for the first quarter in 2008 of Kilinochchi Hospital have to be unloaded in Anudradapura and later it has to be taken through the Madavachchi and Omanthai Check points.
- 140 Feb 2008 **Paddy Haverst – Affected- Mannar**
Sri Lankan army continuously shelled on the civilian settlements at Thadsanamaruthamadu. Due to this the farmers are affected and they cannot harvest the 75 acre paddy land under the Thadsanamaruthamadu tank in 2008. The paddy fields were damaged due to the shell explosions. Cattle and wild animals also destroyed the paddy fields.
- 141 Feb 2008 **Educate affected - Mannar**
There were 7102 students in the 36 Schools in Mannar Zonal Education. These student education is affected by the the Sri Lankan army's continuous military operation. 13 schools were closed. Only 11 schools are functioning. Some of the Schools are joined together. 121 Teachers did not turn up for duties in Madu Educational Zone. They are traped due to the closure at the Muhamalai checkpoint. 71 teachers due to have not turned up for duty.
- 142 Feb 2008 **Colombo - Search**
A search operation was carried out by the Sri Lankan army and Police in Colombo and its suburbs, after the bus bomb blast in Mount-Lavannia. Due to this many hundreds were arrested. It is said that

- most of them were Tamils who were working in shops and offices.
- 143 Feb 2008 Vavuniya - Madawachchi - Checking**
The passengers from Vavuniya to South of Sri Lanka were checked six times until they reached Mathawachchi. When they return they are checked 04 times. The passengers complain that they have to wait with their infants at the army checkpoint.
- 144 Feb 2008 Jaffna - Vadamarachchi - Fishing banned**
The Sri Lankan army banned the fishing from Thondamanaru to Katkovalam. They allowed the fishermen to fish at Manatkadu and Kudaththani areas conditionally from 8.00 a.m. till 10.00 a.m.
- 145 Feb 2008 Jaffna - Thenmarachchi - Warning**
The Post Masters of Thenmarachchi in Jaffna are warned by the Sri Lankan Army. They are compelled to inform them that the letters come to whom and whom from Wannu to Thenmarachchi and The letters posted from Thenmarachchi to Wannu.

1. Thampalakamam-98 massacre - 01.02.1998

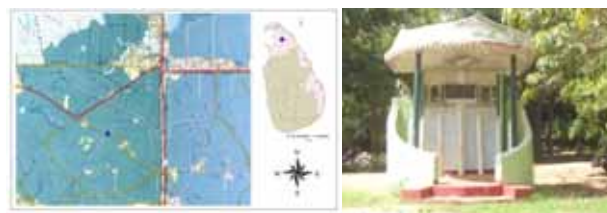
Thampalakamam is situated 12 Kms from the Trincomalee town. A Sri Lankan military camp is located in the village of Parathipuram in the Thampalakamam district.



On 01.02.1998, in the early morning, the military shot and killed 8 civilians from this village after ordering them to stand around their camp. Four of those killed were school children. In the mouth of one of those killed, Arumukam Segaran, the military has cut and stuck his penis.

2. Uruthrapuram bombing - 04.02.1991

Uruthrapuram village is situated in the Kilinochchi district. The Koolavadi market serves the villages of Urudrapuram and Sivanagar. 04.02.1991 is the Independence Day for Sri Lanka and it was celebrated in the south of the island. On that day Sri Lankan Air Force bombers circled the Koolavadi market. People ran in all directions trying to find a safe place. The bombers dropped four bombs and three of them exploded.



Several people had gone under the bridge hoping it to be a safe place. One of the bombs exploded near the bridge and nine people under the bridge were killed. The funerals of those were held the next day. During the funeral more bombs were dropped in the area.

A memorial for those killed was built by the villagers in 2002 at the Koolavadi junction.

Kandiah Sundaralingam of Uruthrapuram says,

"I lost two children on 04.02.1991 when Sri Lankan Air Force dropped several bombs at Koolavadi junction."

3. Kumarapuram massacre - 11.02.1996

Kumarapuram village is situated in the Assistant Government Agent Division of Mutur in the Trincomalee district. It is located between the villages of Kiliveddi and Parathipuram. The village is bounded in east by the Allaikulam water reservoir and in the west by a sport ground and a milk collection centre. A military camp is just 2 Kms from its north border.



People from all the different ethnic communities lived here without any disharmony. After the 1995 military activities people in the village lived in fear. The massacre on 11.02.1996 happened during one of these military activities.

On 11.02.1996 at 4.00 pm people heard firing noises. The frightened people ran into the large forest area near the Allaikulam and hid there. Some people stayed at home. In the home of Alagutharai, eight members of the family stayed at home. All eight of them were shot dead in their home by the military.

In the inquiry on this massacre the village headman in his evidence said Rasenthiram Karunaharan was shot dead in front of him as the two were talking. Another man Nagarasa lost his eyesight as a result of the shooting.

Arumathurai Thanalaxmi, a 16 year old girl was taking her eight year old brother on her bicycle. When they heard the shooting she took her brother and hid in a nearby shop. The military dragged her out and took her to the milk collection centre and there she was gang raped by the military. One Sri Lankan soldier, Corporal Kumara, confessed to shooting her dead at the inquiry. When asked why he shot her he stated that she was badly injured with several bite marks made by the military men who gang raped her and that she was in such a bad state that he shot her.

26 people were killed in this massacre. 22 were seriously injured. Many of the injured who died without medical care were recorded as deaths by natural causes.

4. Vankalai massacre - 17.02.1991

Vankalai is a coastal village in the Mannar district. Following the blowing up of the road bridge at the main entry point into Mannar as well as the Railway Bridge into Mannar, people from Mannar traveled to Colombo by sea from Thalvuppadu through Katpiddi.

In this situation, the people of Vankalai displaced from their village, unable to bear the harassments of the Sri Lankan military. The military forcefully evicted those who have not displaced on their own. The military then removed all the valuable things from the homes and send to their own homes in the south of the island.



It was in this situation that the Principal of the Vankalai Mahavidyalayam school, Sebamalai, a teacher from Vankalai, Justin Lambert, and a few others went to Colombo through Katpiddy to purchase some items for their homes. They were returning from Colombo on 16.02.1991. They arrived at Thalvuppadu and spend the night there. Next day at 10.00 am they started their trip to Kaththankulam through Vankalai on bicycles.

When they arrived at the Vankalai junction, Sebamalai, Lambert, another teacher and a boy, were stopped. Their hands were tied with rope and they were blind folded. People who arrived at the junction after them saw this and went and complained to the Bishop of Mannar. Since the travelers did not arrive home even the next day, the Bishop and the relatives of the travelers went to the Thalladi military camp, obtained their permission, and arrived at the Vankalai camp to look for them. The military stopped the Bishop and the relatives from entering Vankalai. Yet, two of the relatives went to the nearby home of a teacher. Since the doors were open they went inside and found blood. They went behind the house and saw the bodies of five people in the well cut into pieces. Yet, given the situation they could not recover the bodies.

When in 1993 the people of Vankalai resettled in their homes, they found that the well in the teacher's house has been filled up. The skeletons of the five bodies were lying in front of the well. The skeletons of the five people were handed to the Mannar hospital by the police. It was sent to Colombo for further investigation. To date no further inquiries were held on the incident.

5. Chundikulam-94 massacre - 18.02.1994

Thoduvai-Vaikal is a fishing settlement in the Chundikulam village in the Kilinochchi district.

On 18.02.1994, at 5.15 am the fishermen were going into the sea for fishing. The Sri Lankan Naval Dvora boats that arrived began opening fire at the fishermen. Some of the fishermen had jumped into the sea to save their lives. Others had cut the nets off and were attempting speed back to the shore. The firing was heard by the villagers at the shore. Worried villagers gathered at the shore for the fishermen who had gone to sea. They could see the fishermen being hit by the fire and falling into the sea.



Ten fishermen died that day in the Sri Lankan Navy attack. Only three bodies were recovered on that day and the other seven bodies washed ashore the following day. After this the fishermen stopped going to the sea. The families were pushed further into poverty as a result.

6. Udumbankulam massacre - 19.02.1985

Udumpankulan and Thankavelayuthapuram are situated near the Thirukovil area in the Amparai district. On 19.02.1985, early in the morning, 85 Sri Lankan military personnel from the Amparai military camp arrived in six military vehicles in Thankavelayuthapuram and Udumpankulan villages. Some of the military were in camouflage uniform and others in blue uniform. They went into the paddy fields where hundreds of poor farmers were busy with harvesting work. They were carrying weapons. They rounded up 103 people in the fields and took them to the forest nearby. There they raped and

cut the breasts off from the women and killed them. Others were lined up and shot dead. In total 103 people were killed including many children. The military spread the harvested hay over the bodies and set fire to it.



Ms. TK, who was a victim of rape and eye witness to the massacres that took place in the paddy fields of Udumpankulam, related her story: *“On the night, the Army which came from Kondavedduvan camp rounded up all the people working in the paddy field. Then they started shooting the men. They raped five of us. We pleaded with the soldiers not to do anything to us. But they all raped us, in line in the paddy field itself. As we couldn't bear-up the pain, gradually we lost consciousness.*

After an hour or so we recovered and ran into a cave of a mountain. From there we saw the soldiers covering all the bodies with paddy sacks and dried grass and setting fire to those bodies. After two days Akaraipattu Citizen Committee President Mr. Ahamad Lebbai, General Secretary, S. T. Moorthy, Deputy President, Rev. Fr. Philip, and Batticaloa Citizen committee President, Rev. Chandra Fernando, accompanied by press reporters came to the paddy field. The air in that area was laden with repulsive smell of decomposing bodies and they saw bodies half burnt.

They found that there were 66 people massacred. They took photographs of all the bodies. They recorded our statements as well. Even Kalawana Member of Parliament, Sarath Muthugama, spoke about this massacre in the parliament. All those efforts were of no avail. There is no justice here. No compensation was paid either to members of the family of the victims or to us who were raped by the soldiers.”

7. Vaddakkachchi bombing - 28.02.1991

Vaddakkachchi village is situated in the Kilinochchi district. The land is very fertile and also has good water supply for irrigation. A large acreage of the rice fields in this land is public property. There was a hostel in 3rd Vaikal for those who work in these public lands. Five families were living in this hostel and working.



On 28.02.1991, as the families were having breakfast in the morning before leaving for work the fields, Sri Lankan Air Force bombers dropped three bombs. One of the bombs fell on the hostel and exploded. 9 people were killed. The relatives of those killed, unwilling to continue to stay in the hostel left the place and went elsewhere.

Rasaih Paramasundaram says,

“On 28.02.1991, we were having breakfast at the Pannai hostel when Sri Lankan Air Force bombers dropped three bombs. One fell on the hostel. Nine people died, three were injured. 26 goats also died. We buried the goats and bodies of those killed in one hole. They were all in pieces”.