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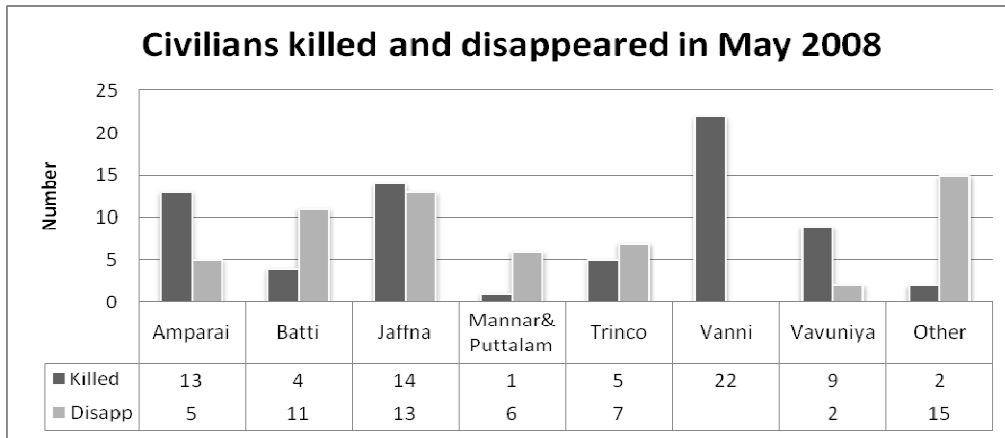
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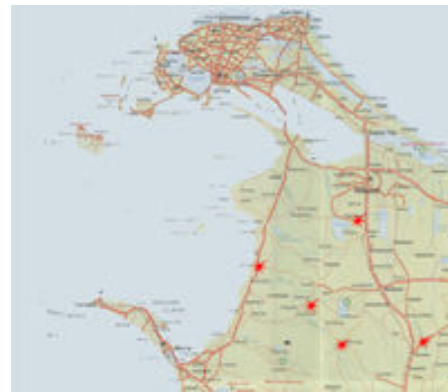
NESOHR's Monthly Human Rights Report for May 2008

There was a sharp increase in the number of claymore attacks inside Vanni during the month of May which took the lives of 21 civilians. Many among the victims were children. However, far greater number of civilians was shot and killed or abducted and disappeared in Sri Lankan Government controlled areas. The overall statistics on this for the month of May is as follows: killed-70; disappeared-59; injured-95; arrested-765; and sought protection at the human rights commission in Jaffna-15.



Of those abducted and disappeared 17 were from districts outside the Tamil homeland. More than 700 of the arrests were also from outside the Tamil homeland. Those who sought protection from the Jaffna human rights commission did so following death threats from the Sri Lankan military and paramilitary forces operated by them. This has become an entrenched practice in Jaffna where these civilians are voluntarily produced before the courts and then put in prison for their own safety.

Claymore attacks in Vanni: The map shows the locations of the five claymore attacks on civilians in May in Vanni by the Deep Penetration Unit of the Sri Lanka military. These are: in Koorai on 14th killed one; another on the same day in the same area injured one; in Moonrumurippu on 20th injured four; in Kombuvaithakulam on 20th killed two; in Vellankulam in Mannar on 22nd killed two; and in Murukany in Kilinochchi on 23rd killed 16. NESOHR released a report on the claymore attack in Murukandy that killed 16 civilians. This can be downloaded from our website: www.nesoahr.org





Aerial bombing: Two children were killed in an aerial bombardment in Sundikulam on 23rd and four more civilians, including two more children, were injured in this bombing. In another aerial bombardment over a school in the same area in March last year, teachers and students were injured. Following the latest bombing incident parents are refusing to send young children to school.

Shelling by Sri Lanka military continued to kill and displace people and destroy their property.

Six civilians were killed when shelling hit coastal villages in Jaffna. Another 12 civilians were injured. Among the injured civilians is a Catholic priest.

Property and large trees in the civilian settlements near the Muhamalai FDL continued to be destroyed by the shelling. People had displaced from these areas long time ago.

Shelling into Vadamaradchi area however, threatens civilians who continue to live there in refugee camps for the sake of their fishing livelihood. On 6th and 12th May in particular there was extensive shelling on the refugee camps in Vadamaradchi. In addition to the threat by shelling the fishing folks in this area and also in the nearby Sri Lankan Government areas in Jaffna have faced tighter restrictions of their fishing. A total ban on fishing was imposed during May that has affected the livelihood of 3700 families.



Havoc caused by shelling was more extensive in the Mannar district, where the Sri Lankan military continues to target civilians who have been forced to displace multiple times within a short time. The biggest displacement occurred from Siraddikulam in Manthai West area. Due shelling and due to repeated displacement, humanitarian agencies have difficulties in providing even the essential relief to the displaced. Families with babies and very young children are forced to live under trees.

Torture in prison: Torture of those arrested by the Sri Lankan forces, though common, does not get exposed. One reason is the safety of the prisoners themselves. Seventy of the long term prisoners held in Colombo have recorded their torture and NESOHR has a copy of the statements made by these prisoners. Reading of their statements itself is a harrowing experience. NESOHR is unable to publish their statements fearing for the safety of the prisoners.

Civilians disappeared in May 2008

	Name	Age	Gen	Date	Violation type	Location	District
1	Muthulignam Vinayagamurthy	38	M	28-04-08	Disappeared	Thamaraiikulam	Amparai
2	Annamathy Thiruneelakandan	30	M	28-04-08	Disappeared	Thamaraiikulam	
3	Mathivannan Matharuban	28	M	28-04-08	Disappeared	Thamaraiikulam	
4	Nadavilan Sarasvathy	27	M	06-05-08	Disappeared	Akkataipattu	
5	Subramanim Varathan	25	M	14-05-08	Disappeared	Akkataipattu	
6	S Muralitharan	33	M	04-05-08	Disappeared	Kanthankudi	Batticaloa
7	Theivendram Satheesh	19	M	07-05-08	Disappeared	Sathurukondan	
13	6 civilians		M	09-05-08	Disappeared	Alaiyadivembu	
14	Sebastian Goodfellow	32	M	15-05-08	Disappeared	Batti	
15	Sinnathamby	37	M	23-05-08	Disappeared	Elec board	
16	Abdul Hameed Sumith	19	M	23-05-08	Disappeared	Elec board	Jaffna
17	Karthikesu Namasivayam	28	M	02-05-08	Disappeared	Navanthurai	
18	Thankathurai Thivakaran	17	M	07-05-08	Disappeared	Pandatharippu	
19	Kandaih Senthuran	27	M	14-05-08	Disappeared	Vadamaradchi	
20	Sellaih Sevarasa	46	M	14-05-08	Disappeared	Karaveddi	
21	Selvarasa Nirmalathevi	43	F	14-05-08	Disappeared	Karaveddi	
22	Edwardrasa Vasantharuban		M	16-05-08	Disappeared	Manipay	
23	Manickarasa Maharasa	34	M	16-05-08	Disappeared	Thunnalai	
24	Nadesu Sreetharan	40	M	17-05-08	Disappeared	Alvai	
25	1 civilian	19	M	22-05-08	Disappeared	Karaveddi	
26	Arumugam Revathy	26	F	22-05-08	Disappeared	Town	
27	Subramaniam Premaranjani	23	F	23-05-08	Disappeared	Valigamam	
28	Kandaih Sanmugam	27	M	25-05-08	Disappeared	Town	
29	Thamby Raveenthiran	36	M	29-05-08	Disappeared	Oddumadam	
30	Sebastian	44	M	07-05-08	Disappeared	Murunkan	Mannar & Puttalam
31	Sirastheen	52	M	07-05-08	Disappeared	Murunkan	
32	Navaratnam Balachandran	38	M	08-05-08	Disappeared	Puttalam	
33	T M Francis		M	14-05-08	Disappeared	Nadukkuda	
34	Mohamad Yusuf	60	M	16-05-08	Disappeared	Puttalam	
35	Velayutham Krishnapillai	24	M	20-05-08	Disappeared	Pallimunai	

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	Name	Age	Gen	Date	Violation type	Location	District
36	Karunenthiran Karunaharan		M	28-04-08	Disappeared	Colombo	Other
37	Anthony George	29	M	28-04-08	Disappeared	Ehaliyagoda	
38	Nadivilan Sarasvathy	31	F	29-04-08	Disappeared	Kathiresan Rd	
39	Selvathurai Sivakumar	23	M	07-05-08	Disappeared	Wellawatte	
40	Mariampillai Joseph Navaratnam	23	M	07-05-08	Disappeared	Moratuwa	
41	Ehamparampillai	53	M	08-05-08	Disappeared	Clbo-Harister Jct	
42	Paramanathan Thushyanthan		M	10-05-08	Disappeared	Kathiresan Rd	
43	K Vaseekaran		M	10-05-08	Disappeared	Kathiresan Rd	
44	Kannan		M	10-05-08	Disappeared	Kathiresan Rd	
45	Varatharajan		M	11-05-08	Disappeared	Cbo-Fort	
46	Sreetharan		M	11-05-08	Disappeared	Colombo	
47	Veerakuddi Chandralingam	40	M	16-05-08	Disappeared	Bampalapitti	
48	Vaitheeswaran Vijayathevi	35	F	17-05-08	Disappeared	Colombo	
49	Sreekanthan Sasitharan	30	M	26-05-08	Disappeared	Kathiresan Rd	
50	Subash Raveen	7	M	28-05-08	Disappeared	Koddanchenai	
51	Nisantan	20	M	06-05-08	Disappeared	Uppuveli	Trinco
52	Arasaratnam Saranraj	19	M	08-05-08	Disappeared	Thampalakamam	
53	Thangavadivel Minenthiran		M	14-05-08	Disappeared	Trincomalee	
54	Amirthalingam Mathan		M	14-05-08	Disappeared	Trincomalee	
55	Sreetharan Vijaysree		M	14-05-08	Disappeared	Trincomalee	
57	2 civilins			14-05-08	Disappeared	Palayuttu	
58	Thavanayagan Kantharuban	32	M	18-04-08	Disappeared	Poonthoddam	Vavuniya
59	Balasinga Balamohan	29	M	13-05-08	Disappeared	Poonthoddam	

Civilians killed in May 2008

No	Name	Age	Gen	Date	Violation type	Location	District
12	12 civilians killed in a bomb blast inside a restaurant			09-05-08	by shooting	City Bakery	Amparai
13	1 civilian		M	16-05-08	body found	Akkaraipattu	
14	Ponnai Suntharalingam	33	M	15-05-08	by shooting	Kalkuda	Batticaloa
17	3 civilians			22-05-08	by shooting	Kathankudi	
18	Sinnathurai Pathmakunaseelan	47	M	09-05-08	by shooting	Thirunelveli	
19	Paramanathan Mahenthiran	35	M	12-05-08	by shooting	Kokuvil	
20	1 civilian		M	15-05-08	body found	Kytes sea	
21	Sinnathurai Velsuthakaran	31	M	28-05-08	by shooting	Jaffna	
22	P Thevakumar	34	M	28-05-08	by stabbing	Navanthurai	Jaffna
23	Mahendran Varathan	26	M	28-05-08	by stabbing	Navanthurai	
24	Joseph Francis	54	M	29-05-08	by shelling	Kurunagar	
25	Francis Sahayamary	53	F			Kurunagar	
29	4 civilians					Pasaiyur	
30	Jeyasingam Vigneswaran	28	M	29-05-08	by shooting	Jaffna	
31	Sinnakuddi Sinnathurai	71	M	31.05.2008	by stabbing	Varani	
32	Sellathurai Sakthivel	42	M	14-05-08	by claymore	Koorai	Mannar & Puttalam
33	1 civilian		F	20-05-08	body found	Kadukastha	Other
34	A Muthaipillai		M	27-05-08	by shooting	Cbo-Fort	
35	Sathyaseelan	42	M	02-05-08	by shooting	Kanniya	Trincomalee
36	Mrs Sathyaseelan		F	14-05-08	by shooting	Kanniya	
37	1 civilian	24	M	22-05-08	by shooting	Trincomalee	
38	1 civilian		M	28-05-08	by shooting	Kanes Rd	
39	Yoharasa Kaliappu	23	M	31-05-08	by shooting	Kiliveddi	

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