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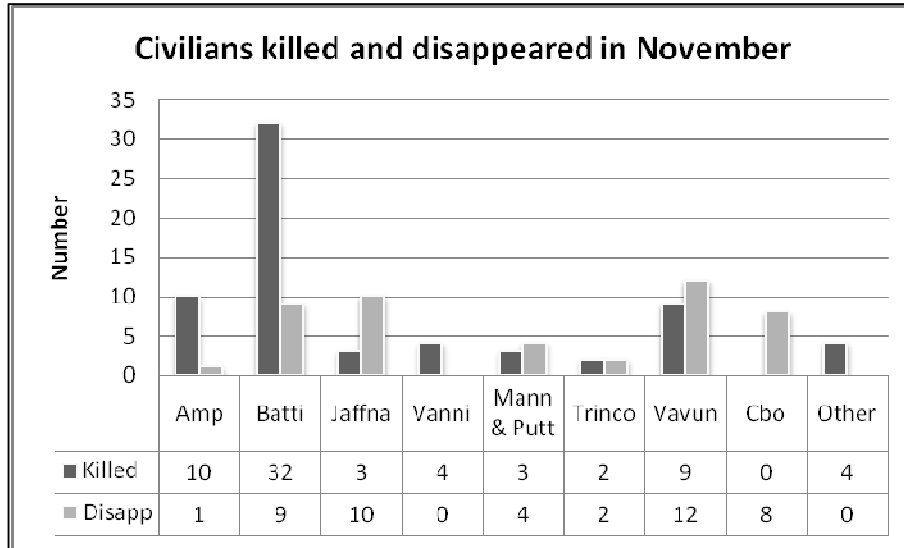
Heavy floods due to monsoon rain caused extensive damages and created more IDPs in Vanni during November. The damages caused by the floods as estimated by the District Secretariats are summarized below. Aerial bombing and shelling also continued. Arrests of Tamils in GoSL parts of the island also increased.

The frightening levels of death squad style killing and white-van abductions shifted from Jaffna to Batticaloa in November as demonstrated by the November statistics. Families were murdered en-masse in Batticaloa during November. Four members of one family and three members of another family were shot and killed by paramilitary groups in Batticaloa. Another nine members from two families were abducted in Batticaloa in a single incident. One of those shot and killed and three of those abducted in Batticaloa are children under 15.

Civilian toll for the month of November are: killed – 67; disappeared – 46; injured – 73; sought protection at the Human Rights Commission (Jaffna) – 7; and arrested 733.

The total number of people displaced since 2006 in Vanni as at end of November is 230,000. This number temporarily increased further in November due to the floods as shown below in the table on flood damages.

Note: The statistics given do not include all of the civilian casualties during the month due to limitations on the resources available to NESoHR which are caused by many factors including restrictions on fuel, restrictions on office equipment, and disruptions caused by large scale displacement.



Flood damages

Torrential rain in Vanni during the last week of November caused floods of a scale unseen for a decade. The flood disaster occurred at a time when more than half the population in Vanni had displaced over the few months prior to it. The flood disaster came when the needs of the already displaced IDPs have not been adequately met due to restrictions of many types. The havoc caused by the flood disaster was therefore many folds worse than otherwise. Both Mullaithivu and Kilinochchi District Secretariats had drawn up a list of damages and the cost of damages in their respective area. A summary of their list are given in the table below. According to these two Secretariats the total cost of damages due to the floods exceeds LKR 5 billion.

Summary of the estimates of flood damage made by the two District Secretariats					
Mullaithivu			Kilinochchi		
No	Type of damage	Total number	Estimated cost in million	Total number	Estimated cost in million
1	No of people in welfare center affected by floods	17,214		26,500	
2	Others people affected by floods	70,000		108,000	
3	Houses fully damaged of permanent families	27	30	2888	1000
4	Houses fully or partly damaged of IDPs and partly damaged of non-IDPs	13,000	30	24176	2500
5	Fully destroyed paddy fields	1487	305	400 ha	
6	Other agriculture loss				163
7	Dead livestock	511	2.5	4260	10
8	Dead chickens	591	0.5	5906	2
9	Length of road damaged	300Kms	238	300 Kms	466
10	Schools both permanent and temporary damaged	40	195		
11	Cost of damages to commercial buildings		7.65		7.3
12	Number of libraries damaged			3	
13	Several health service buildings damaged		2.6		3.2
14	Damages to irrigation systems		42		70
15	Loss to cooperatives		17		40
16	Damages to AGA offices				5.8
Total cost			870.25		4267.3

Civilians killed in November 2008

No	Victim	Age	Gender	Date of incident	Viol	Offender	Location	Distr
1	Palitha Pathmakumara	35	M	16-Nov-08	Killed by shooting		Navatkadu	Batticaloa
2	V Yohenthiran	38	M	16-Nov-08			Navatkadu	
3	Singarasa Rameshbabu	28	M	14-Nov-08			Vavunathivu	
4	Kanapathipillai Vinayagamoorthy	42	M	25-Nov-08		Four members of one family shot dead by paramilitary group in Kaluvanchikudi		
5	Vinayagamoorthy Kirisanth	14	M					
	Vinatagamoorthy Kalaranee	34	F					
	Vinayagamoorthy Thivya	17	F					
6	Ilayathamby Kurukulasingam	40	M	29-Nov-08			Kaluvanchikudi	
7	Ilayathamby Kurukulan	40	M	28-Nov-08			Kaluvanchikudi	
8	A Vigneswaran	28	M	27-Nov-08			Employee of Norway refugee council	
9	Vigneswaran	27	M	27-Nov-08			Kaluvankerni	
10	Jothi Samuel	33	M	25-Nov-08			Karadiyanaru	
11	Subramanium Nesarasa	35	M	28-Nov-08			Karadiyanaru	
12	Balakrishnan Vijayaraj	30	M	20-Nov-08		Paramilitary	Kannakipuram	
13	1 civilian		M	27-Nov-08			Kalankuda	
14	Samithamby Thiruselvam	61	M	25-Nov-08		Three members of one family killed by paramilitary group		
15	Thiruselvam Jeyasuthan	25	M					
16	Samithamby Nesamma	80	F					
17	Ithayachandran	24	M	28-Nov-08			Eravu	
18	1 civilian		M	23-Nov-08			Manmunai	
19	R Anpumani	22	M	20-Nov-08		Paramilitary	Alaiyadivembu	
20	Nagalingam Rathnasingam	30	M	24-Nov-08			Arasadithivu	
21	Subramanium Kamalraj	37	M	26-Nov-08			Jeyanthipuram	
22	K Ramesh	33	M	27-Nov-08			Pethathalai	
23	Palapody Kurukulasingam	43	M	21-Nov-08			Vellaveli	
24	1 civilian		M	22-Nov-08			Vellaveli	
25	Sellathamby Velayutham	32	M	24-Nov-08			Sithandy	
26	Gnanakumar Mohanathas	32	M	26-Nov-08			Vaharai	
27	Periyathamby Muthupillai	45	M	26-Nov-08			Vavunathivu	
28	Amarasingam Kiritharan	28	M	24-Nov-08			Kathankudi	
31	Mamankam temple priest		M	28-Nov-08			Mamankam	
32	Chellaih Sothimuthu	27	F	25-Nov-08			Valaichenai	

No	Victim	Age	Gender	Date of incident	Viol	Offender	Location	Distr
33	R Yogaprakash		M	2-Nov-08	Killed by shooting		Kalmunai	Amparai
34	Suthakaran		M	2-Nov-08			Kalmunai	
37	3 civilians		M	2-Nov-08			Kalmunai	
38	1 civilian	-	M	9-Nov-08			Thirukovil	
39	Sureshmoorthy Kavitharan	22	M	25-Nov-08		SLAFs	Pothuvil	
40	1 civilian		M	25-Nov-08		SLAFs	Pothuvil	
41	Kokulan		M	21-Nov-08			Thirukovil	
42	Ramjan Farook	25	M	7-Nov-08			Kalmunai	
43	Sivakumar Sutharson	5	M	29-Nov-08	Suspected cluster bombs dropped over an IDP camp killed two and injured a further 19 IDPs two of whom lost their limbs.			Vanni
44	Raman Ramasamy	80	M	29-Nov-08				
45	Puupalasinga Pakyaladchmi	52	F	5-Nov-08	Clay more	SLAFs	Periyamadu	
46	1 civilian		M	4-Nov-08			Alampil	
47	1 civilian		M	11-Nov-09	Shooting		Paddakadu	Vavuniya
48	Kumarasamy Kuhathasan	22	M	24-Nov-08			Pandarikulam	
49	1 civilian		M	21-Nov-08			Santhasolai	
50	Ramasamy Karuppai	68	M	7-Nov-08			Poompuhar	
51	Thillainathan Arokyanathan	47	M	15-Nov-08	Claymore	SLAFs	Kollarpuliyankulam	
52	Manmatharasa Thavaseelan	27	M	10-Nov-08		SLAFs	Semamadu	
53	Marmenthirarasa	50	M	18-Nov-08		SLAFs	Sannasiparathan	
54	Marmenthirarasa Naguleswaran	12	M	18-Nov-08		SLAFs	Sannasiparathan	
55	Karunaharan	35	M	18-Nov-08		SLAFs	Sannasiparathan	
56	Naharasa Jeyamohan		M	3-Nov-08	Killed by shooting		Kaddudai	Jaffna
57	1 civilian		M	3-Nov-08			Kaddudai	
58	Srirangan Sumathi	27	F	9-Nov-08			Nayanmarkaddu	
59	1 civilian		M	29-Nov-08			Moor Road	Mannar & puttalam
60	1 civilian		M	29-Nov-08			Thalvupadu	
61	Sebastiampillai Selvaraj		M	8-Nov-08			Uyilankulam	
62	Polenthiran	22	M	16-Nov-08			Andankulam	Trinco
63	1 civilian		F	2-Nov-08			Kalkaduwe	
67	4 civilians		M	25-Nov-08		SLAFs	Koravapothane, Anuradhapuram	Other

Civilians Disappeared in November 2008

No	Victim	Age	Gen	Date of incident	Offender	Location	Distr
1	1 civilian	36	F	10-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Pothuvil	Amp
2	Lingeswaran Thanujan	8	M	14-Nov-08	Nine members of two families abducted in a single incident by white-van group in Pankuda in Karadiyanaru. Three of those abducted are children under 15.		Batticaloa
3	Selvarasa Thevarasa	42	M				
4	Thevarasa Kumar	25	M				
5	Thevarasa Siventhiran	17	M				
6	Thevarasa Suman	15	M				
7	Palapody Senkamalam	40	F				
8	Sivalingam Vimalathevi	22	F				
9	Lingeswaran Yanuja	10	F				
10	Muthiah Rasathi	40	F				
11	1 civilian	26	M	15-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Hamptom Lane	Colombo
12	Manikam Gnanam	32	M	9-Nov-08		Colombo	
13	Lojan A R V		M	15-Nov-08	SLAFs	Wellawatte	
14	1 civilian	28	M	19-Nov-08	SLAFs	Valaithoddam	
15	Kathar Moihdeen	55	M	11-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Dehiwela	
17	2 civilians		M	16-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Sivanakale	
18	1 civilian	23	M	17-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Colombo	
19	M Pararajasingam	55	M	3-Nov-08		Jaffna	Jaffna
20	Ganesamoorthy Nisanthan	19	M	14-Nov-08		Jaffna	
21	Navaratnam Jeevan	17	M	15-Nov-08		Jaffna	
22	Marissa Nimalraj	27	M	1-Nov-08		Kuppilan	
23	Rukmanantharaja Gnanaraja	22	M	1-Nov-08		Kuppilan	
24	Kandiah Ranganathan	37	M	15-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Kaddaipirai	
25	1 civilian		M	12-Nov-08		Karanavai	
26	Sellathurai Kuberan	24	M	30-Oct-06		Kopay	
27	Suntharampillai Sutha	29	M	20-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Vaddukodai	
28	Kathiravelu Rajasekaran	25	M	15-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Varani	
29	1 civilian		M	19-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Puttalam	Mannar & Puttalam
30	1 civilian		M	19-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Puttalam	
31	A Vimalenthiran	-	M	4-Nov-08		Puttalam	
32	S Sasikaran	-	M	4-Nov-08		Puttalam	
33	K Velayutham		M	25-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Linganagar	Trinco
34	1 civilian	25	F	19-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Senuwera	Vavuniya
35	1 civilian	-	M	13-Nov-08		Cheddikulam Rd	
36	1 civilian	26	M	6-Nov-08		Vavuniya	
37	1 civilian	36	M	7-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Vavuniya	
38	Ganesalingam		M	20-Nov-08	Paramilitary	Vavuniya	
46	8 civilians		M	23-Nov-08	SLAFs	Vavuniya	