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**Urgent Appeal to Halt Military Activities in and Restore
Normality to the NorthEast**
-NESOHR

The NorthEast Secretariat On Human Rights (NESOHR) is highly perturbed over the increasing militaristic approach of the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) in resolving disputes with its partner in the Cease Fire Agreement (CFA). The parties to the CFA trading accusations against each other as to who fired the first shot is highly debatable but the harm caused to civilian life cannot, however be glossed over.

In this context, our attention is drawn to the 'confusion' surrounding the aerial bombardment that killed 51 students and injured 136 in Mullaittivu while undergoing a programmed first aid and leadership training. The necessity for such a course in first aid and leadership for senior students selected from many schools in the Kilinochchi and Mullaittivu districts arose consequent to frequent air raids by SLAF Kfir jets commencing from the first of its kind during cease- fire in Muttur. When Mullaittivu and Kilinochchi became the hunting ground of these killing machines, the teaching community along with the parents felt the necessity to train students senior enough to take leadership and impart basic knowledge of first aid and precaution during air raids. Killing of school children by aerial bombardment in Nagarkovil in the Jaffna district during mid nineties is still fresh in the minds of the teachers and parents and therefore a collective effort was undertaken to train these students.

In the background of falsehoods that are on the air implying that the location was a military training ground of the LTTE and those killed were trainee combatants, NESOHR carried out its own investigations with the view to bring out the truth for the benefit of those who are still kept in the dark. NESOHR wishes to vouchsafe that those killed were in fact students undergoing training for first aid during air raids and were not in any way connected to any military training programme. Results of this investigation are attached as annexures to this document in the following order:

1. Principals Association letter to UNICEF
2. Leadership Training Programme for A/L students 2006 – Syllabus
3. Time Table for the programme
4. Detailed list of students killed
5. Details of students injured

Curfew and closure of entry points; www.tamilarangam.net

NESOHR is equally concerned about the curfew in the Jaffna peninsula that has invariably imprisoned a people already on the fringe of frustration and despair due to perpetual subjugation under a hostile military occupation for nearly a decade now. During the communal pogroms of 1958 and 1977 the Tamil people who were the victims of racial hatred did pray that a curfew be declared to safeguard themselves from being killed but the then governments procrastinated and left the innocent Tamils in the hands of hoodlums and a police and army that were mere on-lookers. Those were curfews the governments elected not to impose, for those who sought for it were innocent Tamil people; in fact, there wasn't a war between two parties and Tamils as one party were a passive unarmed nation of people facing discrimination and military oppression. Whenever they drew attention through democratic and non-violent means, the strong arm of law crushed the opposition, paving the way for Tamil militancy.

Right to life – Freedom of movement:

Exacerbating the out-of-gear situation due to curfew, Jaffna peninsula, districts of Kilinochchi and Mullaittivu, Mannar and many parts of Trincomalee and Batticaloa remain cut off commencing 11 August 2006. Aerial bombings, artillery shelling and multi barrel rockets on civilian population in this undeclared war, have cumulatively placed the people in a critical situation wherein the freedom to flee for safety itself has been denied. Scarcity of food essentials, fuel and medicines, denial of access to treatment of the seriously injured in the bombings, all during a cease-fire period are matters that the international community needs to take up with the government. Two infants, a critically ill pregnant mother and a 60 year old man with a hip fracture transported in the Kilinochchi Ambulance vehicle were denied access to Vavuniya hospital yesterday, 21 August 2006 at the Omanthai military entry point by the SL military. This inhuman denial of access to medical treatment resulted in one child dying on return to Kilinochchi. Under the cover of curfew, the military in the occupied parts of the Jaffna peninsula and elsewhere is engaged in a spree of killing civilians including academics, university students, a former Tamil legislator. Also noteworthy is the fact that scores of civilians were killed by shelling in Allaippiddy in the Jaffna district and those injured were not allowed to seek treatment in the Jaffna hospital by a military blockade. Relatives and humanitarian workers were not allowed to remove the dead bodies for burial in time.

The militaristic approach of the government in dealing with democratic human rights issues is amply demonstrated and testified by the appointment of a retired military commander as the Government Agent (Chief Administrative Officer) of Trincomalee in violation of the basic principles of appointing members from the Civil Administrative Service. A government that is brazenly violating a CFA by engaging in aerial bombings, shellings, rocket attacks, forcibly keeping a civilian population imprisoned within the confines of military gates and imposing an undeclared food-medicine-economic embargo deservedly earn the reputation of a 'rogue state' and therefore the international community in general and universal human right lovers have a solemn obligation to effectively intervene now.

Fr. M. X. Karunaratnam
Chairperson

Training programme for A/L students in leadership -2006 Syllabus

Purpose:

- Guidance on Introspection leading to build self confidence
- Unity and inter-action among students and training to function as groups
- Familiarising leadership qualities
- Importance of time management and progress through timeliness
- Basic first aid lessons and usefulness to the society during times of disasters
- Gender equality and the necessity to work for the welfare of women

Participants: G.C.E.A/L students

Participating schools:

Mullaittivu Zone:

Bharathy Maha Vidyalayam
Visvamadu Maha Vidyalayam
Udaiyarkaddu Maha Vidyalayam
Puthukkudiyiruppu Central College
Iranaippalai Maha Vidyalayam
Mullaittivu Maha Vidyalayam
Vidyananda College, Mulliyawalai
Chemmalai Maha Vidyalayam
Kumulamunai Maha Vidyalayam
Vatrappallai Maha Vidyalayam

Kandavalai Zone:

Paranthan Hindu Maha Vidyalayam
Kandavalai Maha Vidyalayam
Murasumoddai Maha Vidyalayam
Tharmapuram Maha Vidyalayam
Piramanthararu Maha Vidyalayam

Oddusuddan Zone:

Oddusuddan Maha Vidyalayam
Katsilaimadu G.T.M.S.
Muththaiyankaddu Right Bank Maha Vidyalayam

Number of students: 500

Period: 11 August to 20 August 2006

Venue: Senchola complex, Vallipunam

Leadership Training for G.C.E A/L Students-2006

| Time | Date | | | | |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | 11.08.2006 | 12.08.2006 | 13.08.2006 | 14.08.2006 | 15.08.2006 |
| 7.00-7.15 | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly |
| 7.15-8.00 | Physical | Physical | Physical | Physical | Physical |
| 8.00-8.30 | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast |
| 8.30-9.30 | Role of students in the society | Human values and younger generation | Self estimation | Self confidence and personality development | Important of counseling |
| 9.30-10.30 | Introduction to first aid | Basic first aid training | Control of bleeding | Artificial respiration | Saving injured and fractured |
| 10.30-11.00 | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval |
| 11.00-1.00 | First aid-continue (Natural disasters, Air attack, Fire accidents, Water disasters, | First aid practical | First aid practical | First aid practical | First aid practical |
| 1.00-3.00 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| 3.00-4.00 | Women in our society | Period prior to teenage | Teenage | Time of Determining future | Protecting Women from social problems |
| 4.00-4.30 | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval |
| 4.30-5.30 | Sports | Sports | Sports | Sports | Sports |
| 5.30-6.00 | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval |
| 6.00-7.30 | Singing | Debate | Assembly | Poetry | Drama |
| 7.30-8.00 | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner |

| Time | Date | | | | |
|-------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| | 16.08.2006 | 17.08.2006 | 18.08.2006 | 19.08.2006 | 20.08.2006 |
| 7.00-7.15 | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Program Completion 8.30 Inauguration ❖ Inaugural events ❖ Reception ❖ Presidential address ❖ Visitors address ❖ Chief guest address ❖ Award of certificate ❖ Student's speeches ❖ Thanks ❖ Student cultural program ❖ End of program |
| 7.15-8.00 | Physical | Physical | Physical | Physical | |
| 8.00-8.30 | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | |
| 8.30-9.30 | How to link time management in youth | Human Rights and Children Rights | Student and Group life | Unity and hard work will upgrade student life | |
| 9.30-10.30 | Prevention and rescue- Fire and water accident | Prevention and rescue- Electricity and Chemical accident | Protection during aerial bombing | Physical health and nutrition | |
| 10.30-11.00 | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval | |
| 11.00-1.00 | First aid practical | First aid practical | First aid practical | First aid practical | |
| 1.00-3.00 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | |
| 3.00-4.00 | Women's progress in modern world | Universal Women leadership | Man and Women on the basis of Humanity | The new women vision by poet Bharathy | |
| 4.00-4.30 | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval | |
| 4.30-5.30 | Sports | Sports | Sports | Sports | |
| 5.30-6.00 | Interval | Interval | Interval | Interval | |
| 6.00-7.30 | Drama | Singing | Humor | Cultural program rehearsal | |
| 7.30-8.00 | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | |

Details of Death Students on 14.08.2006 at Vallipunam

Puthukuddiyiruppu Mahavidhyalayam

01.



Name Thambirasa Lakiya
Date of birth Sunday, March 26, 1989
Address Mullivaikal west, Mullaitivu

02.



Name Mahalingam Vensidiyoola
Date of birth Saturday, October 07, 1989
Address Mullivaikal west, Mullaitivu

03.



Name Thuraisingam Sutharshini
Date of birth Friday, July 28, 1989
Address Ward 10, Puthukuddiyiruppu, Mullaitivu

Visuvamadu Mahavidhyalayam

04.



Name Nagalingam Theepa
Date of birth Sunday, March 29, 1987
Address Puththadi, Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

05.



Name Thambirasa Theepa
Date of birth Saturday, February 07, 1987
Address Valluvarpuram, Redbana, Mullaitivu

06.



Name Thirunavakarasu Niranjala
Date of birth Tuesday, November 29, 1988
Address Puththadi, Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

07.



Name Raveendrarasa Ramya
Date of birth Monday, November 14, 1988
Address 72/2 Thoddiyadi, Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

08.



Name Kanapathipillai Nanthini
Date of birth Wednesday, October 05, 1988
Address Thoddiyadi, Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

09.



Name Vijeyabavan Sinthuja
Date of birth Tuesday, May 24, 1988
Address Thoddiyadi, Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

10.



Name Naguleswaran Nishanthini
Date of birth Tuesday, April 11, 1989
Address 119/2 Thoddiyadi, Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

11.



Name Tharmakulasingam Kemala
Date of birth Wednesday, September 09, 1987
Address Kannakinagar, Visuvamadu,
Kilinochchi

12.



Name Arulambalam Yasothini
Date of birth Monday, January 18, 1988
Address Kuththadi, Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

Udayarkaddu Mahavidhyalayam

13.



Name Muththaih Indra
Date of birth Monday, August 08, 1988
Address Suthanthirapuram Centre, Mullaitivu

14.



Name Murugaiah Arudselvi
Date of birth Thursday, July 14, 1988
Address Suthanthirapuram Centre, Mullaitivu

15.



Name Sivamoorthy Karthikayini
Date of birth Saturday, February 13, 1988
Address Vallipunam, Mullaitivu

16.



Name Santhanam Sathyakala
Date of birth Wednesday, August 20, 1986
Address Vallipunam, Mullaitivu

17.



Name Kanagalingam Niruba
Date of birth Saturday, February 11, 1989
Address Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

18.



Name Kanagalingam Nirosa
Date of birth Saturday, February 11, 1989
Address Vallipunam, Mullaitivu

19.



Name Navaratnam Santhakumari
Date of birth Sunday, May 29, 1988
Address Kaiveli, Mullaitivu

20.



Name Nagalingam Kohila
Date of birth Thursday, February 12, 1987
Address Vallipunam, Mullaitivu

21.



Name Sivamayajeyam Kohila
Date of birth
Address Kuravil, Mullaitivu

22.



Name Shanmugurasa Paventhini
Date of birth
Address

23.



Name Balakrishnan Mathani
Date of birth Monday, May 09, 1988
Address Vallipunam, Mullaitivu

Mullaitivu Mahavidhyalayam

24.



Name Sivanantham Thivya
Date of birth Monday, May 30, 1988
Address Vannankulam, Mullaitivu

25.



Name Thambirasa Suganthini
Date of birth Thursday, February 18, 1988
Address Alambil, Mullaitivu

26.



Name Sivasubramaniam Vathsalamary
Date of birth Thursday, November 20, 1986
Address Mannatkuddiyiruppu, Mullaitivu

27.



Name Thanabalasingam Bakeerathi
Date of birth Tuesday, February 03, 1987
Address Mullivaikal west, Mullaitivu

28.



Name Thanikasalam Thanusha
Date of birth Wednesday, December 02, 1987
Address Kallapadu, Mullaitivu

29.



Name Pathmanathan Kalaipriya
Date of birth Friday, September 23, 1988
Address Kovilkudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu

30.



Name Markupillai Kelansuthayini
Date of birth Thursday, July 14, 1988
Address Vannankulam, Mullaitivu

31.



Name Rasamohan Hamsana
Date of birth Tuesday, May 19, 1987
Address Alambil, Mullaitivu

Kumulamunai Mahavidhyalayam

32.



Name Vivekanantham Thadchayini

Date of birth Sunday, January 31, 1988

Address Ward 10, Puthukuddiyiruppu,
Mullaitivu

33.



Name Santhakumar Suhirtha

Date of birth Saturday, August 08, 1987

Address Ward 7, Kumulamunai, Mullaitivu

34.



Name Uthayakumaran Kousika

Date of birth Saturday, August 22, 1987

Address Kumulamunai, Mullaitivu

35.



Name Nallapillai Ninthuja

Date of birth Thursday, March 03, 1988

Address Ward 6, Kumulamunai, Mullaitivu

36.



Name Veerasingam Rajitha

Date of birth Sunday, February 28, 1988

Address Ward 5, Kumulamunai, Mullaitivu

Vidhyananda College, Mulliyavalai

37.



Name Tamilvasan Nivethika
Date of birth Friday, December 02, 1988
Address Ward 2, Mulliyavalai, Mullaitivu

38.



Name Sundaram Anoja
Date of birth Tuesday, September 12, 1989
Address Kumulamunai, Mullaitivu

39.



Name Puvanasekaram Puvaneswari
Date of birth Tuesday, June 06, 1989
Address Ward 4, Mulliyavalai, Mullaitivu

40.



Name Kiritharan Thayani
Date of birth Thursday, December 28, 1989
Address Thanneerutu, Mulliyavalai, Mullaitivu

Chemalai Mahavidhyalayam

41.



Name Mahalingam Vasantharani
Date of birth Wednesday, March 23, 1988
Address Alambil Chemalai, Mullaitivu

42.



Name Thuraisingam Thisani
Date of birth Tuesday, December 06, 1988
Address Alambil Chemalai, Mullaitivu

43.



Name Vairavamoorthy Krithika
Date of birth Sunday, July 12, 1987
Address Alambil Chemalai, Mullaitivu

44.



Name Chandramohan Nivethika
Date of birth Wednesday, January 04, 1989
Address Alambil Chemalai, Mullaitivu

Oddusuddan Mahavidhyalayam

45.



Name Sellam Nirojini
Date of birth Sunday, September 17, 1989
Address Koolamurippu, Oddusuddan,
Mullaitivu

Muruhananda Mahavidhyalayam

46.



Name Tharmarasa Brintha
Date of birth Friday, January 06, 1989
Address 189/1 Visuvamadu, Kilinochchi

47.



Name Thevarasa Sharmini
Date of birth Thursday, March 09, 1989
Address 90 Periyakulam Kandavalai,
Kilinochchi

Tharmapuram Mahavidhyalayam

48.



Name Varatharajah Mangaleswari
Date of birth Monday, July 24, 1989
Address 577, 13 Union, Tharmapuram,
Kilinochchi

49.



Name Rasenthiraselvam Mahilvathani
Date of birth Sunday, December 04, 1988
Address Hospital Quarters, Tharmapuram,
Kilinochchi

50.



Name Nilayinar Nivahini
Date of birth Tuesday, April 04, 1989
Address Kattakadai Tharmapuram, Kilinochchi

Piramanthanmar Mahavidhyalayam

51.



Name Kubenathiraselvam Lihithia
Date of birth Thursday, February 05, 1987
Address Kalveddithudal, Puliampookkanai,
Kilinochchi

Details of injured students on 14.08.2006 at Vallipunam Kandawalai Mahavidhyalayam

01. C.Jenany
02. R.Kavithalatha
03. P.Sasikala
04. S.Sarmila
05. B.Akila
06. A.Sukirtha
07. S.Vinopa
08. V.Vijayasiththira
09. N.Sujekka

Paranthan Hindu Mahavidhyalayam

10. K.Piramila
11. A.Juliyat Mariya
12. S.Piravena

Murugananda Mahavidhyalayam

13. K.Ajitha

Piramanthararu Mahavidhyalayam

14. K.Supaththira

Tharmapuram Mahavidhyalayam

15. K.Kobika
16. T.Thayarubi
17. K.Nisanthini
18. K.Sulogini
19. K.Jaso
20. V.Nanthini
21. R.Thadsajini
22. S.Tharsanthini
23. S.Disanthini

Mullaitivu Mahavidhyalayam

24. S.Jansi
25. M.Gowsi
26. V.Thusanthini
27. K.Yuvamalini
28. R.Sinthuja
29. S.Srivathana
30. R.Yasopa

31. A.Mehala
32. A.Vijitha
33. T.Robjini

Vidyanantha College

34. A.Dayani
35. M.Indravathani
36. S.Anushiya
37. P.Sujitha
38. V.Rathipala
39. K.Jeevithira
40. T.Rajananthini
41. S.Sayantha
42. N.Sinthuja
43. P.Sumiththira
44. S.Theepa
45. K.Parkavi
46. S.Kasthuri
47. K.Kalayarasi
48. M.Sarmila
49. S.Gajenthi
50. R.Mayoori
51. S.Sangeetha
52. N.Jeeviththi
53. K.Ajiththa
54. P.vijiththa
55. K.Inthuja
56. S.vithya
57. P.Methini
58. S.Pinthuja
59. N.Neerupa
60. S.Siyamini
61. P.Saikalathevy

Kumulamunai Mahavidhyalayam

62. S.Sayiniya
63. T.Tharsika
64. T.Vithya
65. R.Srivithya
66. N.Nishanthini

Chemmalai Mahavidhyalayam

67. M.Senthusa
68. J.Karthiga
69. G.Niluja
70. K.Kohila

71. R.Thusyanthi

Vatapalai Mahavidhyalayam

72. S.Sinthuja

Puthukkudiyiruppu Central college

- 73. M.Neeruja
- 74. P.Ulanthini
- 75. A.Ramja
- 76. P.Sumithi
- 77. M.Thayavili
- 78. M.Komathi

Visuwamadu Mahavidhyalayam

- 79. S.Nirsiya
- 80. G.Nakulavathani
- 81. V.Rajilathevy
- 82. T.Thayalini
- 83. P.Yugatharsini
- 84. P.Rekha
- 85. P.Sinthuja
- 86. R.Mehala
- 87. . S.Amuthabashini
- 88. M.Nirusha
- 89. V.Nitharshini
- 90. T.Kalaichelvi
- 91. G.Rupavathani
- 92. S.Sujeeba
- 93. V.Yuganadevi
- 94. J.Kirubajini
- 95. S.Jesina
- 96. T.Sutharshini
- 97. A.Mathiyarasi
- 98. Y.Virginia
- 99. S.Chowmiya
- 100. U.Piriya
- 101. J.Sutharshini
- 102. V.Nishanthini

Udaiyarkaddu Mahavidhyalayam

- 103. K.Hema
- 104. Kavitha
- 105. Jasithevi
- 106. Jeyanthini
- 107. Kalichchelvi
- 108. Rekhananthini

109. N.Thavaranjini
110. S.Thilagarani
111. V.Vijitha
112. K.Tharsika
113. G.Juli
114. Saranya
115. Saraniya

Bharathy Vidhyalayam

116. V.Vimalaranjini
117. A.Umakeswary
118. P.Thusiyanthi

Oddusuddan Mahavidhyalayam

119. V.Tharshana
120. K.Jasotha
121. S.Jalini
122. M.Supeeka
123. V.Maristala
124. S.Nirosa
125. S.rajeepa
126. T.Thakujini
127. P.Jamini
128. T.Rushanthini

Katsilaimadu G.T.M.S

129. S.Mathusha
130. A.Ranjitha
131. P.Sutharsini

Muththayankaddu Valathukatai

132. M.Ushanthini
133. V.Sutharsini
134. R.Tharsini
135. R.Sunitha
136. S.Subajini