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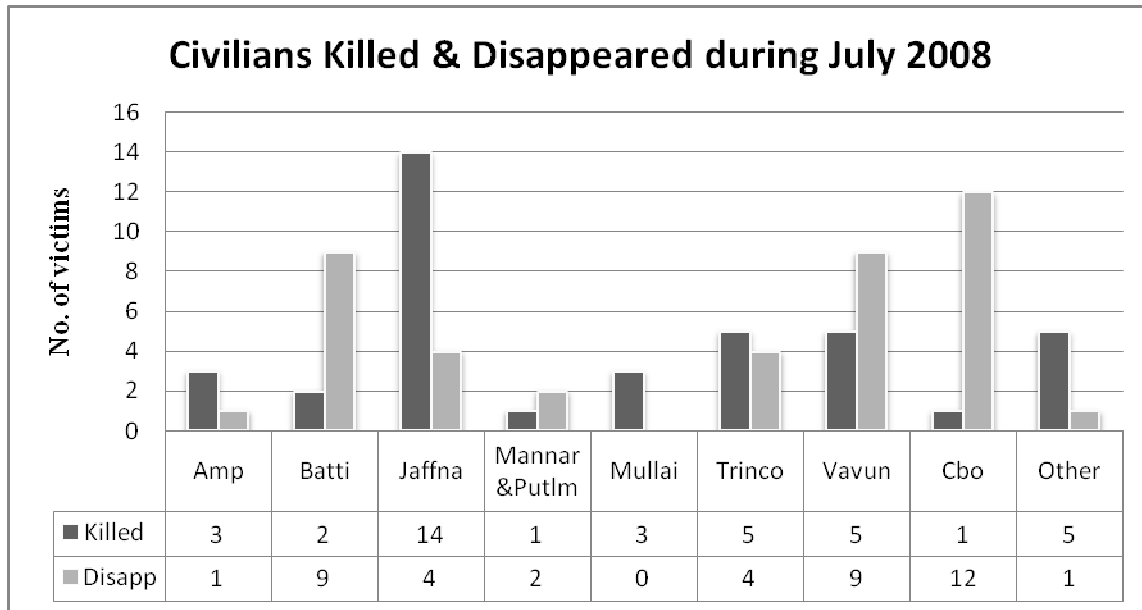
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#### NESOHR's Monthly Human Rights Report for July 2008 - Released 4 August 2008

In the month of July, there were no large scale massacres as has been the case in the months preceding it. As a result, number of civilians killed was lower in the month of July compared to the previous months. However, the number civilians killed in individual shooting did not decrease in July. While individual killing was highest in Jaffna, disappearances were high in Colombo. The statistics on civilian victims in the month of July is as follows: killed - 38; disappeared – 42; injured – 59; and arrested – 154 (some have been released after inquiry). In addition, one old woman was killed in Jaffna after being hit by a speeding military truck belonging to the Sri Lanka military.



#### **Mass grave unearthed in Batticaloa**

A mass grave was discovered during July in Palameenmadu in Batticaloa by workers digging a well. The site was a settlement of Tamil people affected by the 2004 tsunami. So far 16 skeletons were unearthed. The skeletons were sent for forensic examination.

The occurrence of mass graves in the island has a long history. It first came to light in the south of the island during the 90's following Sri Lanka military's activities in suppressing the JVP rebellion against the presence of Indian Peace Keeping Force in the island. This was followed by mass grave discoveries in Chemmani in Jaffna. Chemmani mass grave investigation took an international dimension in the late 90's. Despite this international dimension, the investigations did not proceed much further than digging the graves. Many

mass grave sites continued to be reported in various parts of the island. During 2005, NESoHR, in its report, the M-A-M report, on the disappearances in Mandaithivu, Allaipiddy and Mankumban in the 1990, reported the existence another set of mass graves in Mandaithivu. The fate of all these known mass grave sites has slipped away from the radar of the human rights community. It is a fair prediction that the latest reported mass grave in Palameenmadu in Batticaloa too will escape the radar.

### ***Vanni displacement***



An injured displaced child recuperating in the open

The large scale displacement in Vanni is the latest humanitarian catastrophe taking place in the Tamil homeland. The entire displacing population is doing so due to fear of the Sri Lankan military, either because of its indiscriminate shelling or because the people fear infiltration by the military.

The large scale displacement has left the humanitarian agencies struggling to cope not only due to the sudden numbers but also due to various blockades imposed by the Sri Lankan Government on bringing essential IDP items into Vanni.

Among the IDPs are thousands of students who will be sitting their GCE Advanced Level examinations, starting in the first week August, while still living under trees. NESoHR published a report in July on the IDP situation and will be issuing an update report in August.

### ***Medicine shortages reported during the month***

The Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) for Kilinochchi reported in its July report nine medicines that are out of stock. Among these nine medicines are those for asthma and diabetes. Surgical spirit, gauze rolls and bandage rolls were also reported out of stock. Family planning items were reported to be in short supply due to delays in clearance by the Ministry of Defense (MOD). The report also stated that ambulance services are being restricted due to fuel restrictions.

The RDHS also reported shortage of Thiriposa nutritional food for pregnant mothers, lactating mothers, and pre-school children. This is supplied by the Sri Lankan healthcare services throughout the island. There are about 40,000 beneficiaries who fall in this category in Vanni and they have been provided with only 30% of the the allocated amount of Thiriposa food for a period of six months.

In July NESoHR issued a report on the siege on Vanni healthcare services and questioned the need to get MOD clearance to bring medicines for asthma, surgical material and the like.

## Civilians killed in July 2008

No		Age	G	Date	Violation	Suspected Violator	Location	District
1	Kanapathipillai Nadarasa	48	M	25-Jul-08	by shooting		Alayadivemby	Amparai
2	T Prasath	18	M	28-Jul-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Kalminai	
3	Suntharam Kathiresan	29	M	20-Jul-08	by shooting		Karaitivu	
4	Thevathas Sureshkumar		M	16-Jul-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Kommanthurai	Batti
5	1 civilian	18	F	23-Jul-08	by shooting		Kathankudi	
6	Perumal Vasanthan	47	M	11-Jul-08	by shooting		Muhatuvaram	Cbo
7	Arumugam Thangavadivel	56	M	18-Jul-08	by burning	SLA	Thambasiddi	Jaffna
8	Sasitharan	37	M	12-Jul-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Jaffna	
9	Thambirasa Ravichandran	48	M	14-Jul-08	by shooting		Valikamam	
10	Valli Vaithiyalingam	46	M	20-Jul-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Karaveddi	
11	Ramachandran Jeevithan	19	M	22-Jul-08	by shooting	SLA	Manipay	
12	Rasakuddi Chandramohan	22	M	22-Jul-08	by shooting		Karaveddy	
13	Kanenthiran Parthipan	34	M	22-Jul-08	by shooting		Karaveddy	
14	Gnanenthiran Parthipan	34	M	22-Jul-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Nelliadi	
15	Rasathurai Ahileswaran	28	M	23-Jul-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Kodikamana	
16	Gopalasingam Sathurmham	25	M	06-Jul-08	by shooting	SLA	Nayanmarkadu	
17	Ponnuthurai Vijayaratnam	32	M	19-Jul-08	by shooting	SLA	Ilavalai	
18	1 civilian		M	20-Jul-08	by shooting		Karaveddi	
19	Sangarapillai Vairavan	28	M	28-Jul-08	by shooting		Punguduthivu	
20	Thillaiampalam Varaluxmi	55	F	04-Jul-08	by stabbing		Urumpirai East	

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21	Vinayagar Selvakumar	M	26-Jul-08	by shelling	SLA	Thevanpidi	Mannar & Puttalam
25	4 civilians in a bus		11-Jul-08	by shooting	LTTE	Buttalla	Monaragal
26	Santhalingam Vimalakumar	33 M	25-Jul-08	by claymore	SLA	Kokkavil	Mullai
27	Rajagopal Jeevithan	M	03-Jul-08	by claymore	SLA	Thunukai	
28	Kanthasamy Indranathan	36 M	13-Jul-08	by shooting	SLA	Oddankulam	
29	1 civilian	60 M	23-Jul-08	by shooting		Potkerni	Trinco
30	Mariyathas	M	28-Jul-08	by shooting		Uppuveli	
31	Arumugam Jeyashankar	29 M	30-Jul-08	by shooting		Potkerni	
32	Selvanayagam Milroy	21 M	03-Jul-08	by shooting		Uppuveli	
33	Gunaraja	M	07-Jul-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Trinco	
34	1 civilian	M	07-Jul-08	body found		Maharamba-k	Vavuniya
35	1 civilian	M	10-Jul-08	body found		Cheddikulam	
36	1 civilian	M	21-Jul-08	by shooting		Thadchana-k	
37	Mohan Suresh	33 M	23-Jul-08	by shooting		Vepankulam	
38	Arimugam Suppaih	67 M	03-Jul-08	by shooting		Parathipuram	
39	1 civilian	M	12-Jul-08	by shooting		Mawanella	

## Civilians disappeared in July 2008

No	Age	Gen	Date	Violation	Suspected Violator	Location	District	
1	Balasubramaniam Ehalaivan	29	M	18-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Kalminai	Amparai
2	Baskaran Thushanthan Alex Tharson		M	30-Jul-08	Disapp		Kalmunai	Batticaloa
3	S S Samad	45	M	31-Jul-08	Disapp		Eravur	
4	R Chandrakanth	31	M	05-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Mamankam	
5	Selvaraj Sreetharan	35	M	06-Jul-08	Disapp		Batti	
6	Thambirasa Thamotharampillai	57	M	12-Jul-08	Disapp		Akkaraipattu	
7	T Rajmohan	32	M	13-Jul-08	Disapp		Akkaraipattu	
8	Thambimuthu Suresh	27	M	20-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Batti	
9	Gunaratnam Prakanth	17	M	22-Jul-08	Disapp		Kokkavil	
10	Suntharanathan Selvakumar	34	M	10-Jul-08	Disapp		Batti	
11	Manickarasa Nithianantham	35	M	12-Jul-08	Disapp		Kinniya	
12	Kanagaratnam Komeswaran	42	M	13-Jul-08	Disapp		Kinniya	
13	M Balamurali	17	M	14-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Narahrenpitty	
14	Kanagalingam Manoharan	46	M	19-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Mapola	
15	Muthukumar Selvakumar	28	M	21-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Dehiwela	
16	Palaniyandi Shanmuharasa	37	M	22-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Dehiwela	
17	Sellakandu Yasotharan		M	25-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Koddanchenai	
18	K Kapilan		M	26-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Koddanchenai	
19	Jeganathan Dinesh	24	M	26-Jul-08	Disapp		Wellawatte	
20	Narayanasingam Loheswaran	30	M	14-Jul-08	Disapp		Colombo	
21	Muruhaih Sathasivam		M	15-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Colombo	

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22	Vairavipillai Thushyanthi	26	F	08-Jul-08	Disapp		Colombo	Cbo
23	Kasipillai Nanthakumar	27	M	10-Jul-08	Disapp		Pandatharippu	<b>Jaffna</b>
24	Subramaniam Jeyachandran	21	M	15-Jul-08	Disapp		Manipay	
25	Vaihuntham Piratheepan	29	M	23-Jul-08	Disapp		Sanganai	
26	Nahathambi Ruban	27	M	07-Jul-08	Disapp	SLA	Ariyalai	
27	Ahilesvaripillai Kamalesvari	80	F	06-Jul-08	Disapp		Mannar	
28	Kathirkamam Vigneswaran	17	M	06-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Puttalam	Mannar & Puttalam
29	1 civilian	15	M	05-Jul-08	Disapp		Kanthinagar	<b>Trinco</b>
32	3 civilians			03-Jul-08	Disapp		Komarankadawela	
33	Rajenthiram		M	03-Jul-08	Disapp		Vavuniya	<b>Vavuniya</b>
34	Thangarasa Ragu	34	M	04-Jul-08	Disapp		Vepankulam	
35	Varatharasa Kanesamoorthy	34	M	04-Jul-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Thonial	
36	Ketheeswaran		M	05-Jul-08	Disapp		Vavuniya	
37	Sivagnanam	25	M	06-Jul-08	Disapp		Vavuniya	
38	Rasaih Thiruchelvam		M	07-Jul-08	Disapp		Vavuniya	
39	V Nagalingam		M	14-Jul-08	Disapp		Cheddikulam	
40	1 civilian		M	14-Jul-08	Disapp		Cheddikulam	
41	S Paramasivam		M	15-Jul-08	Disapp		Cheddikulam	
42	R Rajeswaran		M	04-Jul-08	Disapp		Kelani	