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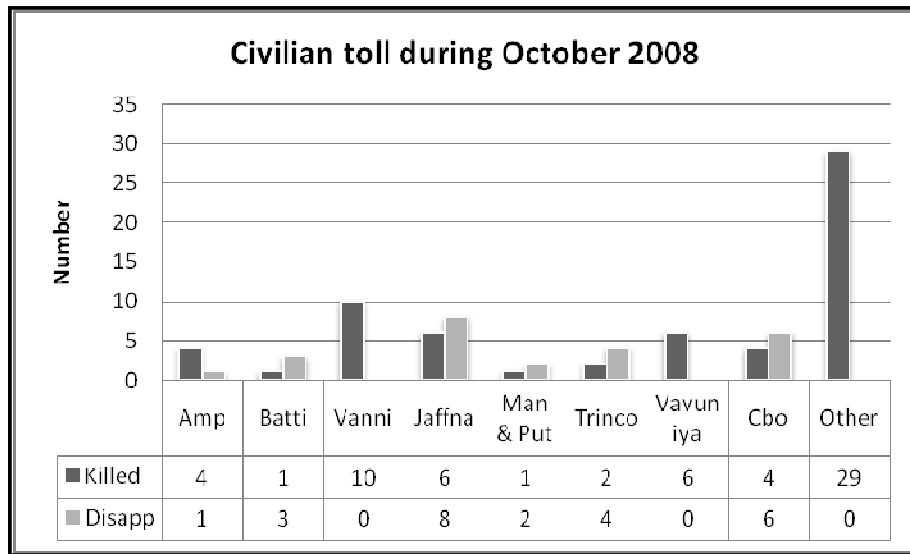
Human Rights Report for October 2008

Attacks on Kilinochchi town area with aerial bombing and artillery fire resulting in large scale displacement of the town dominated the month of October. Civilian infrastructures in town came under targeted aerial bombing. Heavily used routes into and inside Kilinochchi were also targeted with aerial bombing and shelling. Areas near the SLA Manalaru camp also came under frequent artillery fire causing displacement.

Health of IDPs and education of IDP children are also of concern to the local health and education authorities. Updates on the IDP situation are not covered in this report but will be updated in separate reports. The health situation was dealt with in an October NESoHR report.

Civilian toll for the month of October are: killed – 63; disappeared – 24; injured – 71; and arrested 304. Among those killed are two children and among those the injured are 13 children, all under the age of 16. Majority of the disappearances took place outside the Tamil homeland and 105 of the arrests were also outside the Tamil homeland.

Note: The statistics given do not include all of the civilian casualties during the month of October 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.



Kilinochchi town attacks

During the first week of October, Kilinochchi town was subjected to extensive aerial bombing. A computer service center (KNC), Tamileelam police head quarters, LTTE peace secretariat were among the well known buildings that were damaged/destroyed during this week. Also damaged were, a home for the mentally ill women and the Kilinochchi branch office of CWDR (Centre for Women's Development and Rehabilitation). These attacks started the massive displacement of the people from the town. Following this bombing the town also came under heavy artillery fire. Ten civilians, including two children, were killed and 39 civilians, including seven children, were injured by these attacks on Kilinochchi. The shells also exploded inside the Kilinochchi district hospital complex on two occasions and one of these attacks damaged the hospital's outer wall. Five such attacks were covered in NESoHR reports released in October and early November.

Disruption of transportation



During October, the part of the A9 route from Vavuniya to Vanni came under several aerial and artillery attack causing disruption to travelers and more importantly to the food convoys destined for the IDPs.

On 1 October, the route from Vavuniya to Kilinochchi that was in use until then was permanently closed following artillery fire by the SLA. Subsequently a new route detouring from Mankulam through Oddusuddan, Puthukkudiyiruppu was announced by the SLA and was used for one food convoy. This route includes a large bridge over the Kanarayan river. On 10 October this bridge was bombed (see photos above) cutting off Vanni yet again. Again a new route was announced detouring at another point to pass through the same two places, namely Oddusuddan and Puthukkudiyiruppu. This route also crosses the Kanarayan river and thus another bridge over it. This bridge, which had been weakened by landmines placed by the SLA a few weeks earlier, collapsed on 13 October when a food convoy attempted to cross it. It was quickly repaired but faces danger of collapsing again.

Civilians killed in October

No	Affected party	Age	Gen	Date of incident	Violation	Suspect violator	Location of incident	District
1	Sinnathamby Suntharalinga	49	M	16-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Vaddavayal	Amparai
2	Sinnavan	45	M	16-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Vaddavayal	
3	Abubakar Thambipodi	65	M	16-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Vaddavayal	
4	Mohamad Ismail	48	M	16-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Vaddavayal	
5	1 civilian		M	11-Oct-08	Body found		Navalady	Batti
6	Jebamalai Kuhathas		M	8-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Yala park	Colombo
7	Jebamalai Sajith		M	8-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Yala park	
8	1 civilian	27	M	8-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Dehiwela	
9	Nesarasa (S)	32	M	13-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Wellawatte	
10	Tharmalingam Kopinath	22	M	12-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Ilavalai	Jaffna
11	Markandu Suthanthirara	28	M	15-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Urumpirai	
12	Santhiapillai Amalathas	42	M	16-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Thirunelveli	
13	Subramanium Tharmenthran	45	M	9-Oct-08	killed by shooting	SLAF	Kodikamam	
14	Muniyandi Thuraisamy	43	M	9-Oct-08	Killed by shooting		Kodikamam	
15	Sabaratham Sasikumar		M	Oct-08	killed by shooting	Paramilitary	Kokuvil	
16	Jegatheeswaran		M	18-Oct-08	killed by claymore	SLAF	Poonahari	Kilinochchi
17	Sinnaih Ramalingam	68	M	24-Oct-08	Killed by SLAF shelling in Ruthrapuram reported in detail in a NESoHR report in November			
18	Ramalingam Vijayanathan	32	M	24-Oct-08				
19	Arumainathan Chandrathevi	54	F	10-Oct-08	Killed by SLAF bombing in Kumarapuram reported in detail in a NESoHR report in October			
20	Arumainathan Archika	10	F	10-Oct-08				
21	Manoharan Usha	36	F	10-Oct-08				
22	Daniel Stalin	44	M	1-Oct-08	killed by bombing	SLAF	Town	
23	1 civilian		M	1-Oct-08	Kiled by bombing	SLAF	Town	
24	Karalasingam Pirahalathan		M	29-Oct-08	killed by bombing	SLAF	Thiruvaiyaru	
25	Selvarasa Satheeswaran	15	M	30-Oct-08	Killed by SLAF bombing in Vallipunam reported in detail in a NESoHR report in November			Mullai

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26	Nainamarikar (H H K)	38	M	6-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Mathurankuli	Man & Puttala
27	Tharmabalasingam Sivakumar	25	M	13-Oct-08	killed by shooting	Paramilitary	Uppuveli	Trinco
29	Gabriel Wilson	42	M	8-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Anpuveli puram	
29	Arunthathi Mariyaseeli		F	6-Oct-08	killed by claymore	SLAF	Puliyankulam	Vavuniya
30	Tharmalingam Arudkumaran		M	12-Oct-08	killed by shooting	Paramilitary	Pandarikulam	
31	Kandaih Kristiraj		M	4-Oct-08	Body found		Puliyankulam	
35	4 civilians			Oct-08	Body found		Korawa pothanai	
37	2 civilians		M	6-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Sithampara puram	
38	Mahes Thavachelvam	53	M	11-Oct-08	killed by shooting		Vavuniya	
65	27 civilians			6-Oct-08	Killed by bomb attack in Anuradhapuram on a UNP party conference. 27 civilians including Janaka Perera, a retired military chief were killed. Suspect is contested to be either paramilitary or the LTTE			Other
67	2 civilians			7-Oct-08	by claymore	LTTE	Kebitigollawa	

Civilians disappeared in October 2008

No	Name	Age	Gen	Date of incident	Suspected violator	Location of incident	District
1	Kanagaratnam Vigneswaran	28	M	29-Oct-08	Paramilitary	Amparai	Amparai
2	Gowrinathan (P)	29	F	20.10.2008		Kaluvanchikudi	Batti
4	2 civilians	28	M	27-Oct-08		Palukamam	
5	Seelan (S)	25	M	9-Oct-08	SLAF	Wellawatte	Colombo
6	Ruthramoorthy Selvakumar	50	M	9-Oct-08	SLAF	Wellawatte	
7	Velayutham Mathiya Chandrabalan	20	M	9-Oct-08	SLAF	Wellawatte	
8	Kandeepan (T)	48	M	29-Oct-08	Paramilitary	Peliyagoda	
9	Ganesakumar Vijayakumari	42	M	9-Oct-08		Nugegoda	
10	Vigneswaran (K)	27	M	xf;Nlhgh; - 2008		Meniwankoda	
11	Perinpanathan Paramanathan		M	7-Oct-08	Paramilitary	Navaly	
12	Jeyachandran Sayanthan	24	M	30-Sep-08	SLAF	Sandilipay	Jaffna
13	Balasubramaniam Sayanthan		M	11-Oct-08		Tellipalai	
14	Anthony Arulappu	27	M	28-Oct-08		Tellipalai	
15	Muruhesu Chandrakumar	58	M	1-Oct-08		Sandilipay	
16	Sinnathurai Sivatheepan		M	1-Oct-08		Vadamaradchi east sea	
17	Kathikamapodi Pirahalathan		M	1-Oct-08		Vadamaradchi east sea	
18	Muniyandi Thuraisamy	43	M	9-Oct-08	SLAF	Sandilipay	
19	Sellathurai Kuberan	24	M	30-Oct-08		Kopay	
20	Pirahalathan Thuvarakan	50	M	16-Oct-08	Paramilitary	Arachikadduwa	Man & Puttalam
21	Subramaniam Thavarasasingam	53	M	17-Oct-08		Puttalam	
22	Rasaih Thiruselvan		M	27-Oct-08	Paramilitary	Trincomalee	Trinco
23	Makalingam (K)	42	M	27-Oct-08	Paramilitary	Anpuvelipuram	
24	Subramaniam Ganesan	25	M	30-Oct-08		Uppuveli	
25	Sivalingam Thanaraja	27	M	27-Oct-08		Kuchchaveli	