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### NESOHR Case Reports issued on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006

#### Arbitrary Killing of Sithambari Ganesaratnam and Visuvar Krishnan



Name: Sithambari Ganesaratnam (Male)  
Age: 47  
Marital status: Married with three children  
Address: Thachchanthoppu, Kaithadi, Jaffna  
Occupation: Owner of barber shop



Name: Visuvar Krishnan (Male)  
Age: 52  
Marital status: Married with one child  
Address: Thachchanthoppu, Kaithadi, Jaffna  
Occupation: Barber shop assistant

Ganesaratnam owned a barber shop at the Kaithadi junction in Jaffna. Krishnan worked in his barber shop as an assistant. They both traveled together to the barber shop every morning and returned home in the evening. On **16<sup>th</sup> January 2006** the pair was returning home at 8.00 pm as usual. When they were traveling through Kiras road towards their home in Thachchanthoppu they were shot dead at close range. Eye witnesses say that the gunmen came in a three-wheeler. It is also worth noting that a Sri Lankan Army (SLA) security post is located only 200 metres from the location where the pair was shot dead.

#### Arbitrary Killing of Suppaih Murugan



Name: Suppaih Murugan  
Age: 30  
Marital status: Married with 2 children  
Address: Navatkuli  
Occupation: Tea shop employee

Murugan was displaced to India during the war. He returned after the ceasefire agreement and got married in Trincomalee where they were living until the 2004 tsunami. They lost everything in the tsunami. Family came to Jaffna and was living with their mother-in-law. Murugan worked in a tea shop in Urumpirai where he would stay during the week. He returns to his children during the weekend. On the **16<sup>th</sup> January 2006** two men arrived at the tea shop where he was working at 8.30 am. The two men suddenly opened fire on Murugan and he received gun shot wounds on his chest and stomach. He died on the spot.

### **Arbitrary killing of Chandrakanthan Vijayatharson**



Name: Chandrakanthan Vijayatharson (Male)  
Age: 29  
Marital status: Single  
Address: Kachchai Road, Chavakachcheri  
Occupation: Shop owner

On **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006**, Vijayatharson went to the Chavakachcheri market as usual to purchase items for his shop which is situated at Meesalai junction. Chavakachcheri market is only 200 metres from the Thanankilappu high security zone border. There are several SLA sentry points around the Chavakachcheri market which is normally manned by several SLA personnel. At the time of the incident the usual SLA presence in the market was absent. One gunman walked casually from behind Vijayatharson and shot him from behind and very casually joined his friend waiting on a motorcycle and drove away. Immediately after the incident SLA surrounded the area on the pretext of searching but deliberately ignored the direction in which the gunmen escaped.

### **Disappearance of Parimalarajah Robinson on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2006**



Name: Parimalarajah Robinson (Male)  
Age: 26  
Marital status: Single  
Address: Kevil, Mulliyan, Vadamaradchi East  
Occupation: Student

Robinson was following a course in computing at Thirunelveli in Jaffna for the last three years. He was boarding at a friend's house in Thirunelveli to attend the course. He would visit the home of his parents about once a month. His parent's home is in Vadamaradchi (address above) which is in the Jaffna peninsula that is under LTTE administration. To travel from his parent's home in Vadamaradchi to his friend's home near Jaffna town he must travel through the SLA check point in Muhamalai.

Robinson visited his parent's home of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2005 and returned to Jaffna to his friend's house on 6<sup>th</sup> of January. He rang his parents after reaching Jaffna on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. His father rang Robinson's friend on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January inquiring after Robinson. Robinson's friend told the father that Robinson arrived on 6<sup>th</sup> January and had left on the 7<sup>th</sup> January saying he was going to his class and he did not return after that. Robinson's friend explained that he had assumed that Robinson was back at his parent's home when he did not turn up after the class. Presently this friend has also displaced from Jaffna.