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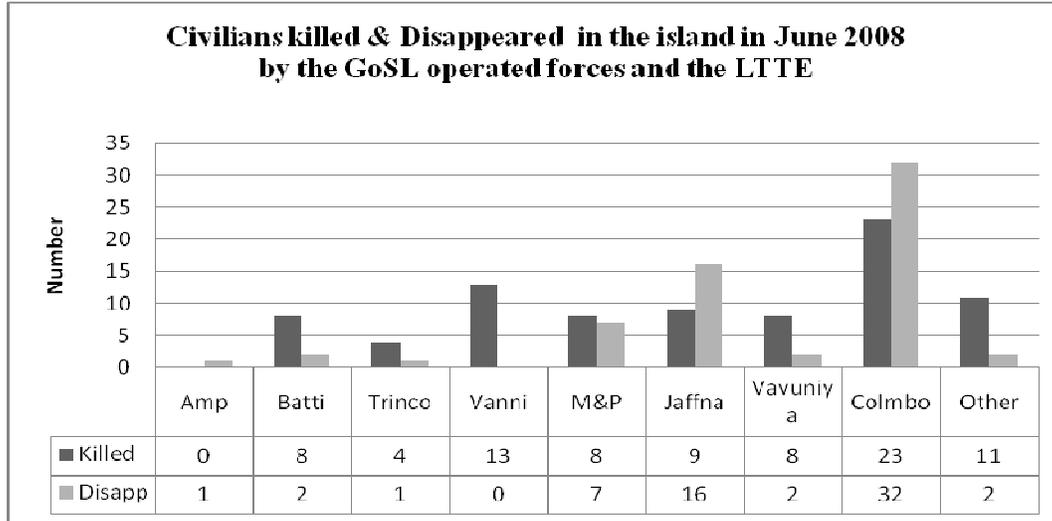
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## NESOHR's Monthly Human Rights Report for June 2008

In the month of June, Colombo saw a large number of reported disappearances. There was 32 disappearances reported in Colombo in June compared to 15 reported last month. The highest number of civilians killed was also in the Colombo district. There was 23 reported killings, 22 of them were due to parcel bomb attacks on two buses on the same day. Another bomb on a train in Dehiwala left 20 people injured but no one was killed.

The Assistant Government Agent of Thunukkai AGA Division in Mullaithivu district, Nanthakumar, was among the victims of claymore attacks in the Vanni region. The killing of a hardworking senior government employee shocked the community of government employees in Vanni and moved them to stage a widespread protest seeking their security.



The greatest number of civilians was killed by shooting in Sri Lankan Government controlled areas as has been the trend for the last two and a half years. The overall statistics for the month of June is as follows: killed-84; disappeared-63; injured-48; arrested-656; and sought protection at the human rights commission in Jaffna-05. Details of those killed and disappeared can be found at the end of this report.

### **Route closures:**

Repeated and long term closures of parts of the Tamil homeland from the rest of the world has had devastating effects on the family, social, cultural, educational and economic life of the people thus cut off.

Jaffna peninsula, the second largest city in the island, remains the most blacked out area with no land route connecting it with the rest of the world. This has not only resulted in acute poverty but has also facilitated the free reign of terror by government operated death squads. The silence of the international community regarding the conditions in Jaffna could well be cited in the future as an example of partiality of the international actors.

The route into Vanni region has also been threatened with closures on many occasions. It was recently closed due to aerial bombing very near the border checkpoint at Omanthai. This came while Vanni is already reeling from severe restrictions placed on fuel, building material, and other essential items. With severe restrictions already in place on the number of trucks permitted to cross the border even a day's closure of the checkpoint will lead to the lowering of food stocks in Vanni to dangerous levels. As this report is being written the Omanthai border has remained closed for four days in row.

The low levels of food stocks has created immense difficulties in providing relief for the increasing number of IDPs created by the shelling of the Sri Lanka military stationed at the FDLs surrounding Vanni.

While the IDPs in the Vanni region are languishing due to imposed shortages, the conditions of the IDPs who have ended up in the Sri Lankan Government held areas face another type of violation of the rights of IDPs. The Kalimoddai IDP camp in Mannar with over 400 IDPs is operated almost like a prison with the movement of the people in the camp severely restricted. The camp is also located right next to a large military camp, effectively using the IDPs as human shields. Despite protest about this camp by many rights groups the camp existence continues and plans are underway to build another camp exactly like this in Sirikandal in Mannar. Strong protest by humanitarian actors has temporarily halted this plan.

### ***Arrests of Tamils:***

The human rights violations against the Tamil people have many dimensions. Killing, disappearances, displacement caused by shelling, artificially created shortages by imposed restrictions, confiscation of land under many guises are some of them. Presently the number of arrests of Tamils all around the island has reached alarming proportions as the statistics on such arrests given below demonstrates.

On 2-June, 15 Tamil youth were arrested in Kaluwanchikudi in Batticaloa; on 3-June, 27 Tamils were arrested in Wellawatte in Colombo; on 5-June, 42 Tamils were arrested in Dehiwela; on 6-June, 35 Tamils were arrested in Moratuwa in Colombo; on 7-June, further 56 Tamils were arrested in Moratuwa in Colombo; on 8-June, 50 Tamils were arrested in Ratnapura in Colombo; on 9-June, 300 Tamils were arrested in Avissawela and Ratpura areas; on 11-June, 22 Tamils were arrested in Colombo; on 12-June, 12 Tamils were arrested in Dehiwela; on 13-June, 10 Tamils were arrested in Chilaw; on 15-June, 65 Tamils were arrested in Polonaruwa; on 15-June, 4 Tamil students were arrested in Batticaloa; on 15-June, 11 Tamils were arrested in Wattala in Colombo; on 17-June, 9 Tamils were arrested in Colombo; on 18-June, 3 Tamils arriving from overseas were arrested; on 19-June, 19 Tamils were arrested in Pallimunai in Mannar; on 23-June, further 9 Tamils were arrested; on 28-June, 100 Tamils were arrested in Colombo; on 30-June, 10 Tamils were arrested in Chilaw; and on 30-June, 60 Tamils were arrested in Vavuniya;

## Civilians disappeared in June 2008

No	Name of victim	Age	Gen	Date of incident	Violation	Suspected violator	Incident location	District
01	Selvakumar Uthayakumar	35	M	05-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Kalmunai	Amparai
02	1 civilian	27	F	27-06-08	Disapp		Bar Rd	Batti
03	Nallathamby Thayanathan	36	M	22-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Kaluthavalai	Batti
04	Velayutham Mathuragunasingam		M	10-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Alwis Place	Colombo
05	1 civilian		M	10-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Balaga Rd	Colombo
06	Jeyaprakash	22	M	05-06-08	Disapp	SLAFs	Bambalapitti	Colombo
07	Nadarasamoorthy Koneswaran		M	10-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Cbo	Colombo
08	1 civilian	22	F	10-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Cbo	Colombo
10	2 civilians		M	06-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Colombo	Colombo
11	Nadarasamoorthy Ketheeswaran	28	M	11-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Colombo	Colombo
12	Chellaih Sivasubramaniam	27	M	16-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Colombo	Colombo
13	Arulanantham Visalan	21	M	24-06-08	Disapp		Colombo	Colombo
14	Arunakirinathan Thinesh	26	M	12-06-08	Disapp		Colombo	Colombo
15	Arumugam Chandramohan	46	M	13-06-08	Disapp		Colombo	Colombo
16	Ponnusamy Rajmohan	28	M	30-05-08	Disapp		Davidson Rd	Colombo
17	Kathiresan Sivapalan	38	M	08-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Dehiwela	Colombo
18	Thiruchelvan Thirkumar		M	21-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Dehiwela	Colombo
19	Paramasamy Kamalanathan	27	M	05-06-08	Disapp	SLAFs	Grandpass	Colombo
20	Thambirasa Suthaharan		M	10-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	James Rd	Colombo
21	Subramaniam Vaseekaran	21	M	26-06-08	Disapp		Kathiresan Rd	Colombo
22	Anthony Robinson		M	26-06-08	Disapp		Kocchikade	Colombo
23	Thevathasan Kosteem		M	26-06-08	Disapp		Kocchikade	Colomb
24	Thasan Robinson		M	10-06-08	Disapp		Koddahena	Colombo
25	Nadarasa Sivarasa		M	19-06-08	Disapp	SLAFs	Muhathuvaram	Colombo
28	3 civilians			25-06-08	Disapp		Narehanpitti	Colombo
29	1 civilian		M	10-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	St James Rd	Colombo
30	Sahayathas Mathiathas	29	M	05-06-08	Disapp	SLAFs	Thematagodda	Colombo
31	Patrick Fenandos	71	M	09-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Wattala	Colombo
32	Vivekananthan Krishnakumar	31	M	24-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Wattala	Colombo
33	Vivekananthan Rajnikumar	27	M	24-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Wattala	Colombo
34	Aruleeswaran Naputhan	20	M	25-06-08	Disapp		Wellawatte	Colombo

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35	I civilian	35	M	15-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Wellawatte	Colombo
36	Sivalingam Yohathas	26	M	20-06-08	Disapp		Alavakkai	Jaffna
37	Samapala Stalinkumar	27	M	04-06-08	Disapp		Anakoddai	Jaffna
38	Ramkumar Raminson	22	M	05-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Kaladdi	Jaffna
39	Kumarakurunathan Kemachandran	22	M	05-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Kaladdi	Jaffna
40	Thiraviyam Alwin Kennedy	30	M	25-05-08	Disapp		Mallakam	Jaffna
41	Shanmugalingam Paramanathan	21	M	16-06-08	Disapp		Mathakal	Jaffna
42	Ratnam Asokumar	37	M	12-06-08	Disapp		Moolai	Jaffna
43	Pirapaharan Prathap Chakravarthy	26	M	17-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Navanthurai	Jaffna
44	Varatharan Kalaikannan	28	M	21-06-08	Disapp		Pointpedro	Jaffna
45	Kandaih Kajendran	27	M	05-06-08	Disapp		town	Jaffna
46	Thavakumar Nanthan	27	M	15-06-08	Disapp		Town	Jaffna
47	Kodeeswaran Sreeram	16	M	17-06-08	Disapp		<b>Udupiddi mother and three children</b>	Jaffna
48	Kodeeswaran Sriyini	10	F	17-06-08	Disapp			Jaffna
49	Koneeswaran Rathnavathi	39	F	17-06-08	Disapp			Jaffna
50	Kodeeswaran Krishna	14		17-06-08	Disapp			Jaffna
51	T Kiripaharan	31	M	20-06-08	Disapp		Velanai	Jaffna
52	Suthaharan	34	M	31-05-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Karuwalaswewa	Mann & Puttalam
53	Nishanthan	24	M	31-05-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Karuwalaswewa	Mann & Puttalam
54	Iruthayanathan Perera		M	19-06-08	Disapp		Moor Rd	Mann & Puttalam
55	Mohamad Kusheyin	55	M	04-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Puttalam	Mann & Puttalam
56	Mohamad Nisthar		M	10-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Puttalam	Mann & Puttalam
57	Naheswaran Sritharan	39	M	01-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Rahuman towm	Mann & Puttalam
58	S Sivaloganathan		M	19-06-08	Disapp		town	Mann & Puttalam
59	Shanmugam Sasikumar	32	M	06-06-08	Disapp		Kaluthavalai	Other
60	Kanthatasamy Ramakrishnan	24	M	15-06-08	Disapp		Monaragale	Other
61	S Arumugam		M	09-06-08	Disapp	Paramilitary	Thampakamam	Trinco
62	Kanagalingam Ineeshan	21	M	10-06-08	Disapp		Santhassai Rd	Vavuniya
63	Sellathurai Easwari	20	F	09-06-08	Disapp		Vavuniya	Vavuniya

### Civilians killed in June 2008

No	Name of victim	Age	Gen	Date of incident	Violation	Suspected violator	Incident location	District
01	A Vithumkemraj	18	M	17-06-08	Body found		Batti lake	Batti
02	Abdul Farook Muhamad Kutoos	45	M	01-06-08	Body found	Paramilitary	Kaththankudi	Batti
03	Sivarasa Rajenthiran	22	M	23-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Kaluthavalai	Batti
04	1 civilian	25	M	23-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Kaluthavalai	Batti
05	Kanthakuddi Anantharasa		M	16-06-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Batti-Amp border	Batti
06	Velmuruhu Sathyathevan		M	16-06-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Batti-Amp border	Batti
07	Thangavel Thangeswan	24	M	28-06-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Kaluwankerni	Batti
08	Sinnathamby Lingeswaran	31	M	23-06-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Vellaveli	Batti
09	A M Nauber	40	M	22-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Addupaddi Rd	Colombo
29	20 civilinas			06-06-08	<b>Two bus bombs on the same day</b>	LTTE	Moratuwa	Colombo
31	2 civilians			06-06-08		LTTE	Bolgolla	Colombo
32	Velayuthampillai Kirupaharan	23	M	22-06-08	Body found		Nainathivu	Jaffna
33	Vijayarasa Thanush	9	M	02-06-08	by grenade	SLAFs	Kadduvan	Jaffna
34	Kanapathipillai Suseetharan	35	M	25-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Avarankal	Jaffna
35	Selvarasa Leninraj	17	M	13-06-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Chunnakam	Jaffna
36	Thangarasa Sulojan	16	M	13-06-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Chunnakam	Jaffna
37	R Patrick Divison	30	M	03-06-08	by shooting		Pasaiyoor	Jaffna
38	Vaitheeswaran	27	M	26-06-08	by shooting		Navanthurai	Jaffna
39	Pararajasingam Kuhan	36	M	25-06-08	by stabbing	SLAFs	Kytes	Jaffna
40	Kanthatamy Pirapaharan	40	M	27-06-08	by stabbing		Nallur	Jaffna
41	Kanapathipillai Piratheepan	24	M	21-06-08	Body found		Uyilankulam	Mann & Puttalam
42	Piratheepan Ameera	21	F	21-06-08	Body found		Uyilankulam	Mann & Puttalam
44	2 civilians		M	20-06-08	Body found		Thalaimannar	Man & Puttalam
45	Kathiran Kanthaih	58	M	08-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Kurunthankulam	Mann & Puttalam
46	Rajaguru Tharmeswaran	25	M	05-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Palaipani	Mann & Puttalam
47	Edwin Jeyaseelan	45	M	05-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Palaipani	Man & Puttalam
48	Nadaraja Jeyarajan	36	M	06-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Alavakkai	Man & Puttalam
49	V Nahathamirasa	20	M	15-06-08	by bombing	SLAFs	<b>PTK bombing</b>	Vanni
50	Iyathurai Suntharalingam	47	M	15-06-08	by bombing	SLAFs		Vanni
51	Thavarasa Banushan	19	M	15-06-08	by bombing	SLAFs		Vanni
52	Subramanium Suhanthan	19	M	15-06-08	by bombing	SLAFs		Vanni

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53	Nahalingam Nanthakumar	36	M	29-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs	<b>Assistant GA</b>	Vanni
54	Iyathurai Vasanthakumar	30	M	02-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs	<b>Attack on Nahatham. temple pilgrims</b>	Vanni
55	Kanapathipillai Muruhathas	38	M	02-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs		Vanni
56	Muruhathas Thanushan	4	M	02-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs		Vanni
57	Kanapathipillai Kanesh		M	02-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs		Vanni
58	Tharmalingam Loheswari	45	F	02-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs		Vanni
59	Kanesalingam Kanista	8	F	02-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs		Vanni
60	Paramasivan Sriharan		M	22-06-08	by claymore	SLAFs	Palaipani	Vanni
61	Senathirasa Senthuran	16	M	25-06-08	by landmine	SLAFs	Anathevanmadhu	Vanni
63	2 civilians		M	01-06-08	Body found		Kantale	Other
64	Suppaih Rathakrishnana		M	11-06-08	by shooting		Ambalankoda, Gale	Other
65	A Ravichandran	32	M	05-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Dambulla	Other
66	Kanagaratnam Vethanayagam		M	19-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Kamasoda	Other
68	2 civilians			19-06-08	by shooting		Rednagar	Other
72	4 civilians			06-06-08	by stabbing		Welawantha	Other
73	S S Ranjan	35	M	14-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Anpuvalipuram	Trinco
74	R Ravisaroshan		M	23-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	College Rd	Trinco
75	Jesuthasan Raji Christy	33	M	26-06-08	by shooting		Palayootu	Trinco
76	S Darwin		M	07-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Uppuveli	Trinco
77	1 civilian		M	29-06-08	Body found		Barathipuram	Vavuniya
78	1 civilian		M	29-06-08	Body found		Thalikulam	Vavuniya
79	Naharasa Subathira	31	F	27-06-08	by shooting	Paramilitary	Irapaikulam	Vavuniya
80	Marimuthi Kaliselvan	30	M	24-06-08	by shooting		Kulakarai	Vavuniya
81	Sachchithanantham	27	M	13-06-08	by shooting	SLAFs	Mannakulam	Vavuniya
82	Nadarasa Jesuthasan	37	M	25-06-08	by shooting		Marakampalai Rd	Vavuniya
83	Velupillai Sivanathan	38	M	10-06-08	by shooting		Sampalthivu	Vavuniya
84	1 civilian		M	26-06-08	by shooting		Sivapuram	Vavuniya