

Mass Graves in the Tamil Homeland

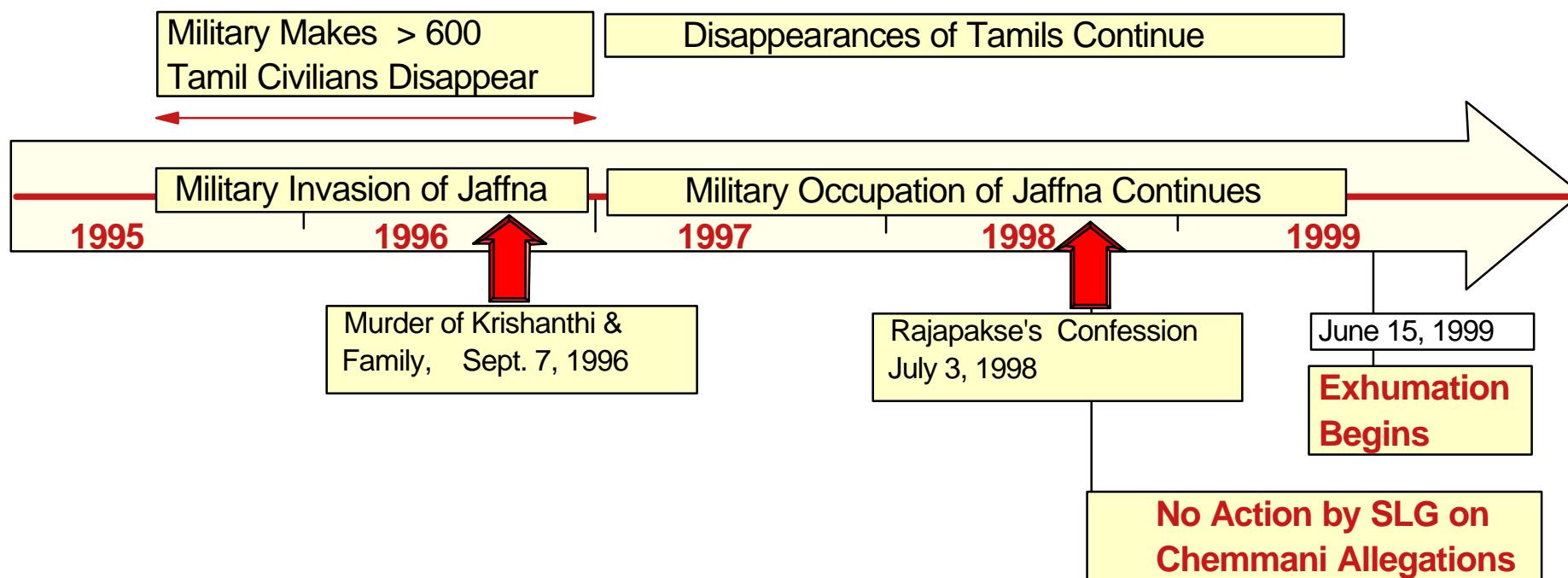


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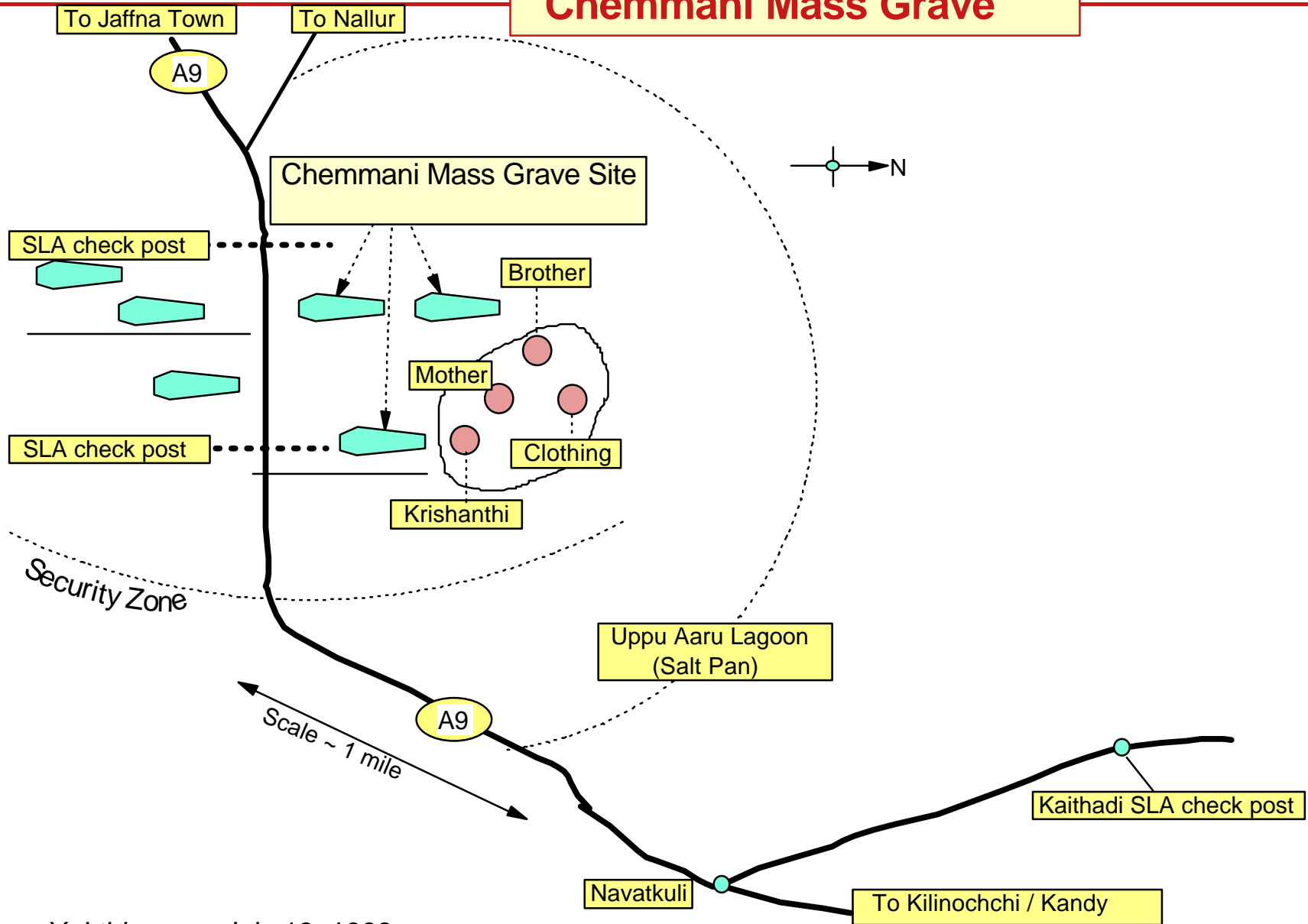
Outline

- **Chemmani Mass Grave**
- **Stadium Grave**
- **Other Mass Graves**
- **Exhumation Procedures**
- **Prosecution of Perpetrators**
- **Conditions of Genocide**
- **Conclusions**

Chemmani Timeline

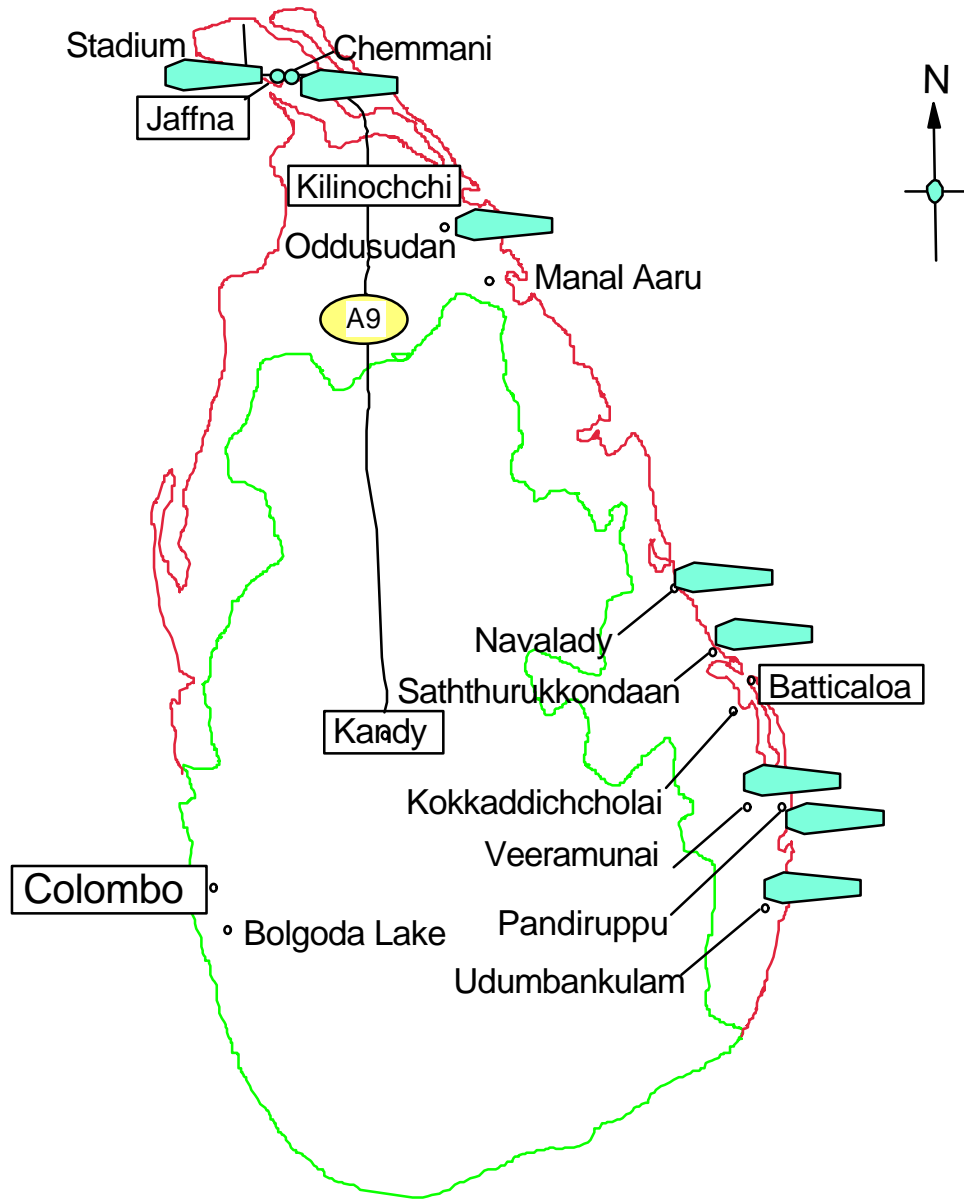


Chemmani Mass Grave

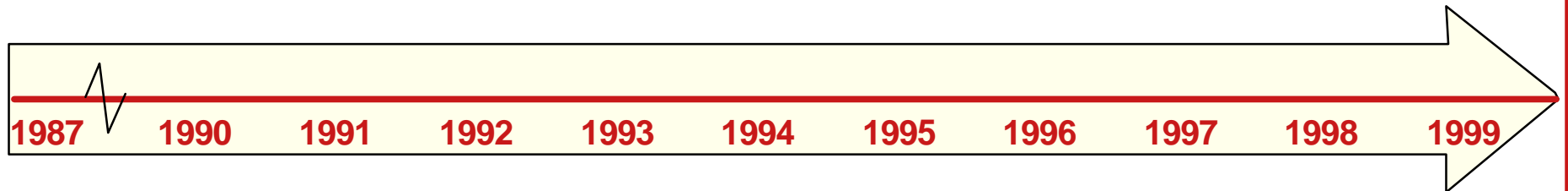


Source: *Yukthiya* map July 13, 1998
Details added using Sri Lanka survey map

Where are Mass Graves in Tamil Eelam ?



More Mass Graves & Massacres in Tamil Homeland



Jan. 1987 1st Kokkaddichcholai Massacre

1989? Stadium mass grave

1990 Navalady & other mass graves in east

Sept. 1990 Sathurukkondan mass grave

Jan. 1991 2nd Kokkadichcholai massacre

July 1995 Bolgoda Lake killings

Feb. 1996 Kumarapuram massacre

1996 Chemmani mass graves

1998 4th Mile Post massacre

1998 600 Oddusudan disappearances

Procedure for Excavation of Mass Graves

- Mapping of Grave Site [Forensic Anthropologists & Geologists]
- Collection of Pre-death Data [Anthropologists]
- Exhumation of Graves [Forensic Archaeologists]
- Autopsies and DNA Analysis [Pathologists]
- Forensic Reports Submitted to International War Crime Tribunal

Chain of Command - 1996

During Chemmani Murders in Jaffna

Pres. Chandrika Kumaratunga

Minister of Defence &
Commander-in-Chief

Gen. Anuruddha Ratwatte

Deputy Minister of Defence

Gen. Rohan Daluwatte

Army Commander (GOC)

Brig. Gen. Jayawardhana

Northern Headquarters, Vavuniya

Brig. Sri Lal Weerasooriya

Jaffna Commander

Brig. Janaka Perera

In charge of Chemmani area

2nd Lt. Shashinda Thudugala

In charge of Chemmani Chk Points

Cpl. Somaratna Rajapakse & others

Positions in 1999

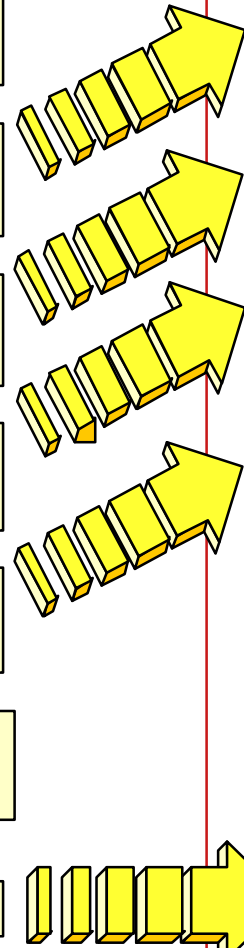
Head of Joint Operations Bureau

Governor of Northeast Province

Army Commander (GOC)

Deputy Chief of Staff

Sentenced to death



Conclusions

- **Neutral international body for credible exhumation**
- **Intl. War Crimes Tribunal needed to prosecute offenders**
- **Impunity for security forces too widespread**
- **Mass graves are symptom of genocide**