

HR Group meets to finalize Charter

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Northeast Secretariat of Human Rights (NESOHR), formed on the 9 July to monitor the human rights violations and implement actions to strengthen the human rights in the NorthEast, held its second meeting Sunday with Head of LTTE Political Wing, S.P.Thamilchelvan attending, to finalize NESOHR' charter, LTTE's Peace Secretariat website said.

Fr.M. X. Karunaratnam, Head of the Action Committee for NESOHR, opening the meeting said that International Human Rights groups have shown a lot of interest in understanding the functioning of NESOHR.

He added that already [NESOHR is receiving complaints from the public](#) and the organization have started taking action and resolving them, according to the report in the website.

Fr. Kunaratnam said that Mr. Nadesan, the Head of Police Department, and Mr. Para, the Head of Judiciary of the LTTE, had also met NESOHR separately to discuss how they could assist NESOHR in carrying out its functions effectively.

Mr. Puleedevan, Secretary General of the LTTE Peace Secretariat, Mr. Sivapalan, Attorney at law from Trincomalee, Dr. Sivapalan, Dean of Jaffna Medical Faculty, Miss. Arulanantham, Jaffna University Librarian, Parliamentarians, Mr. Joseph Pararajasingam, Mr Gajendran, Mr. A. Chandranehr, Former parliamentarian, Mr. Atchuthan, Head of Law School in Vanni, Ms. N. Malathy, Human Rights Activists (New Zealand), Ms Diedre McConnel, Tamil Centre for Human Rights (Paris), Mr Kirubaharan, Tamil Centre for Human Rights (Paris), Mr. Piratheep, Lawyer (Australia), and Mr. Ana Pararajasingam (Australia) also participated in the meeting, the report said.



Ms McConnell talking on Human Rights issues and U.N (Photo: Peace Secretariat)



Fr. Kunaratnam speaking at the meeting

Elections for executive committee members was held and the following were elected: Chairperson: Fr. Karunaratnam, Vice Chairperson: Mr. Sivapalan, Secretary: N. Malathy, and Treasurer: Gajendran.

Ms. Diedre McConnel then gave a presentation on the Human Rights instruments of the United Nations, the report said.