

# Operational Meeting

4 August 2006

Nagarodaya centre

# Agenda

1. Feedback and Updates
  - Issues from districts- Jaffna, Batticaloa
  - Inter Agency Standing Committee
2. Impact of current developments in the sphere of protection, response and impact for peace
3. Rapid Peace Assessment for the month of July – CHA  
Peace and Research Unit
4. Overview of the Trincomalee District
5. Update on security and Discussion
6. Announcements / AOB

# Feedback and updates

## **Jaffna**

UNDP “sports for peace” program

Save the children – year of the child

## **Batticaloa**

Livelihood

IDP coordination Forum Update

Inter Agency Standing committee

Impact of current developments in the  
sphere of protection, response and impact  
for peace

Rapid Peace Assessment for the month of  
July – CHA Peace and Research Unit

# Overview of the Trincomalee District

Mrs V Jegarasasingam

Secretary Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare

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### **Work permits for International Humanitarian Agencies Staff**

1.I have been reliably informed that a deadline of forty eight hours with immediate effect has been given to obtain work permits for international aid agencies staff, failing which the visas will be cancelled. The deadline to obtain work permits was 1st August 2006.

2.The Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) has been collaborating very closely with the Ministry of Social Services to expedite the matter. The Director of NGO Secretariat personally addressed the Aid Agencies of the procedure. Many agencies have submitted applications for work permits to the Ministry of Social Affairs and are awaiting approval. A few others have forwarded their copies of relevant certificates to their country of origin/embassies for certification as per the requirement.

3. On ground, military and police check points are requesting MOD approval for agencies and staff, including local staff, whilst on their visits to development sites and are denied access.

4. It is emphasized that the NGO Secretariat and CHA advocated the need to meet the deadline and agencies too abided seriously. The delay if any, is due to legitimate reasons of certification which is probably held up at the embassies and the relevant institutions in other countries.

5. It is kindly requested that sufficient time be given to process work permits and authority be granted for personnel to continue with their humanitarian activities until the issue is regularized.

6. A favourable outcome is awaited.

**Jeevan Thiagarajah**  
**Executive Director**

# Incident Report – 28 July to 3 August 2006

Districts	Incidents	Killed	Wounded	Abducted
Ampara	02	-	-	01
Batticaloa	07	07	04	01
Jaffna	08	05	02	-
Mannar	07	01	10	-
Trincomalee	15	97	83	-
Vavuniya	05	-	04	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>02</b>

Assassinations - 02  
Claymore Attacks - 03  
Grenade Attacks - 05

Announcements / AOB

# Operational meeting - venue change

The Next operational meeting on Friday August 11 at 8.15 am will be held at the SEDEC Caritas Sri Lanka , 133 Kynsey Road Colombo 8