

# SRI LANKA

PLAY BY THE RULES!



## Send in the umpire!

Just as a cricket match needs an independent referee or umpire to make objective decisions and interpret the rules, so, too, the Sri Lankan government, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and other armed groups must commit to allowing **independent human rights monitors** into their country to make sure they “play by the rules”. These monitors will:

- document and investigate the increasing number of abuses being committed by the Sri Lanka security forces, LTTE and other armed groups
- publicize their findings
- identify the perpetrators so that they can be brought to justice.

Their presence will have a direct impact on the lives of ordinary Sri Lankans as all parties to the conflict will be less likely to commit human rights violations while the world is watching.

## Sri Lanka 'breaks the rules'

Some 3,000 civilians dead. Over 215,000 people displaced. Homes, schools and places of worship destroyed. This is the tragic fall-out of intensified fighting since April 2006 between government forces and the LTTE. A pattern of enforced disappearances in the north, the east and the capital Colombo has re-emerged. Unlawful killings, recruitment of child soldiers and abductions have also increased. Yet the perpetrators continue to go unpunished despite over two decades of conflict in Sri Lanka which has claimed the lives of more than 65,000 people, most of them civilians.

## What can I do?

### Sign a cricket ball!

Amnesty International will deliver videos and photos of the signed cricket balls to the government and the LTTE, urging them to invite independent human rights monitors into the country immediately. Every signature counts!

Violations of international human rights and humanitarian law are killing civilians in Sri Lanka. This must stop now.

Both sides must **play by the rules**.



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