

Killing and disappearance of 57 humanitarian workers reported

The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) regrets to inform you that 57 humanitarian workers have either been killed or subjected to forced disappearance since last year in Sri Lanka. The AHRC has earlier reported the list of 81 and 22 disappeared persons respectively (See further: UP-061-2007).

This detailed information, recently received from a reliable source (the name of which is withheld for security reason), reveals that 14 humanitarian workers have disappeared and 43 out of that number have been killed.

This alarming escalation of human rights abuses over the past years clearly shows that existing domestic mechanisms for the protection of civilians and delivering justice have totally failed to deter perpetrators.

Even though extrajudicial killings and the disappearance of civilians, including humanitarian workers have been ongoing, the government has acted as a bystander rather than as the organisation responsible for the protection of its citizens.

The AHRC was also informed that this report has already been addressed to the relevant government authorities. However, no serious investigation has been initiated so far. for updated list please visit reports ection