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His Excellency Kofi A. Annan Secretary-General  
United Nations  
Room 3800, United Nations Headquarters  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

This morning (8/11/06) at 11.35AM, the Sri Lankan Army mounted attacks targeting the coastal village of Kathiraveli located in the eastern region of Vaharai. Multi-Barrel Rockets, and artillery shells were used in these attacks on civilians. The shells hit a school where 5000 displaced civilians had taken refuge. More than 50 civilians including 6 BABIES UNDER THE AGE OF 6 Months, and WOMEN were killed.

Reports from the scene say more than 300 were severely injured. Since the only hospital in Vaharai was targeted, transportation of patients was also not possible..

This is not the first time the Sri Lankan government has targeted schools and civilian occupied areas. This has been a deliberate policy of the Government to subjugate the Tamil people of the North and East. Repressive measures like not sending adequate supplies of much needed food and medicine to the people of North and East, has reduced the people to starvation level. The only land route to the area, the A9, has been closed for traffic by the army, making North and East a virtual internal prison camp.

This attack follows the deliberate attack on very young girls in Chencholai at, Mullaitivu on 14/08, in which 52 young girls were killed. The Sri Lankan Army is launching these attacks whilst emphasising to the International Community that it is keen to solve the ethnic problem and bring peace to the island through negotiations.

We are concerned that innocent Tamil civilians are getting killed as a matter of routine, and women and children getting killed has become a daily occurrence.

We entreat you to do all what you can to stop these killings, and put pressure on the Sri Lankan Government to solve the ethnic problem by political negotiations. We all wish to see a Sri Lanka where people of every religion, Race, and Language live in harmony and peace.

Please do your best to bring about this

Respectfully yours,

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