

Kfir bombing destroy Padahuthurai village in Mannar

On 2 January 2007 exactly at 9.35 am four Sri Lankan air force Kfirs bombed the fishing village of Padahuthurai near Iluppaikkdavai in Mannar district.

So far at least 15 civilians are reported killed including 4 children and at least another 30 seriously injured. Out of the 30 houses in the village of Padahuthurai, 25 houses are completely burnt down. Only 5 houses are standing up but badly damaged.

26 of the seriously injured are being treated at Mulankavil hospital. Four cases are at Pallamadu hospital. The severely injured are presently being transferred to Kilinochchi hospital.

Fears are expressed that the death toll and damages will be much higher. Further detail about casualties and damages and photos from the scene is awaited.

ICRC Mannar and ICRC Kilinochchi are on the way to the spot to provide assistance.

Padahuthurai village is Christian fishing village. The families were on holiday and were relaxing after their new year celebrations when the Sri Lankan Kfirs attacked the village.