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We condemn Sencolai killings by the Sri Lankan Air Force

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The International Association of Tamil Journalists is shocked and saddened at the brutal targeted killings of innocent children in Chencholai complex. These young girls were undergoing First Aid Training and the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission has categorically denied the Army's allegation that they were being given army training.

Since the breakdown of the cease-fire agreement the armed forces of Sri Lanka have been targeting innocent civilians and there are reports of several incidents of atrocities against children women and youths. The latest killing of more than 100 children is a deliberate attempt to intimidate the Tamil community, and has angered the Tamil community all over the world and the Sri Lankan Tamils in particular, whatever their political beliefs and commitments are. The International Association of Tamil Journalists joins the Tamils in Sri Lanka and all over the world in their grief and condemnation of this brutal violence.

We call upon the International Community to put pressure on the Sri Lankan government and the Armed forces to put an end to such inhuman violence. Such atrocities should never be tolerated in any society. We call upon the Sri Lankan Government to stop acting as a terrorist state and take all steps to punish the perpetrators of this atrocious crime

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