



# Tamils Rehabilitation Organisation

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### TRO Abductions: Day 20

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### Background Information on TRO Children's Homes

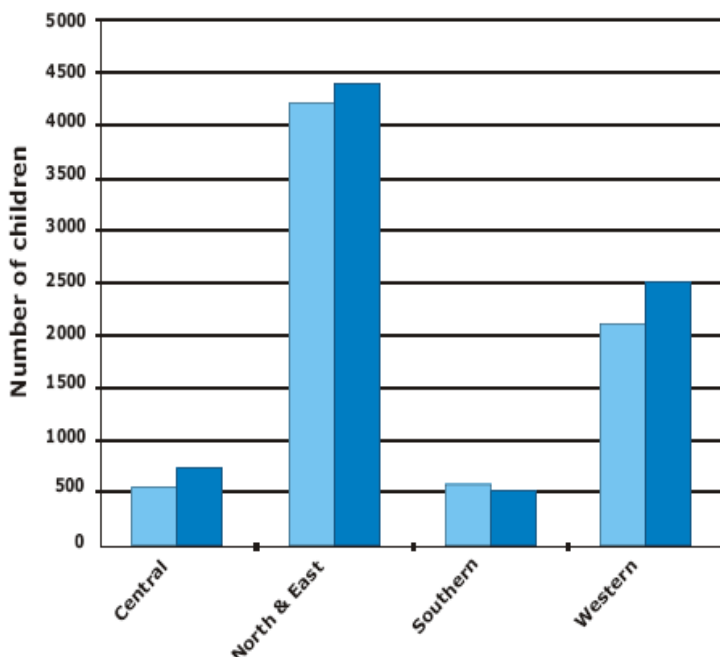
The five (5) TRO Batticaloa Accounting Department Staff who were abducted on Monday 30 January while travelling through the Welikanda area of Polonnaruwa District were all accountants for TRO run Children's Homes in the Batticaloa District. They, along with two (2) colleagues from the PSDEC, are still missing. The names of the seven (7) abducted persons are listed at the end of this report.

TRO runs eighteen (18) children's homes throughout the NorthEast for children who

Children's Homes	Children
Manickaavasakar Children's Home, Batticaloa	52
Sakthymakalir Illam, Batticaloa	56
Kathiropoli Childrens Home, Batticaloa	52
Vivekanantha Children's Home, Batticaloa	28
Vipulanantha Children's Home, Batticaloa	72
Sonapo Youth's Home, Baticaloa	63
Geevanantha Children's Home, Baticaloa	58
Marianayagam Girls Home, Batticaloa	80
Suvami Nadarajananthaagi Children's Home, Baticaloa	54
Sakthi Girls Home, Batticaloa	56
Kathiropoli Illam, Batticaloa	50
Iniya Valvu Illam, Mullaitivu	82
Punithapoony, Mullaitivu	150
Parathy Illam, Mullaitivu	195
Kandhinilayam, Kilinochchi	175
Kurukulam, Kilinochchi	507
Ampu Illam, Trincomalee	91
Santhosam Illam, Trincomalee	81
Amman Nakalir Illam, Amparai	60
<b>Total Number of Children cared for by TRO</b>	<b>1,962</b>

Number of Children and Gender of Child by province.

Source: Save the Children in Sri Lanka: 2006



have lost one or more parent or have been displaced or abandoned by their families. They are looked after by trained caregivers, chosen by TRO, to make sure the children receive the best care possible. The homes provide a shelter, food, clothing, access to education at government schools, and healthcare to 1,962 children in a warm and nurturing environment. Eleven (11) of these are in the Batticaloa District providing a home for 621 children (32% all children in the TRO Homes).

As can be seen in the graph below, the amount of children residing in "Children's Homes" in the NorthEast is far greater than in any other province of Sri Lanka. This is due to the fact that children have been the innocent casualties of the war, the tsunami and poverty. Many children have lost one or both parents as a result of the war and/or tsunami leaving their family and their social support networks shattered.



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TRO attempts to alleviate their suffering and ensure that these children's basic needs are met by providing all the necessary resources to ensure that these under-privileged children have the best opportunity to grow to be healthy, educated adults.

To supplement the regular education provided to all Sri Lankan children the children in the TRO Children's Homes undergo an assessment where the individual aptitudes of the children are identified. Special classes and vocational training are then given to accommodate and enhance each child's unique abilities. These classes provide practical skills that range from providing children with library, sports and computer facilities and training, to art tuition, dance classes, elocution, vocational training, and karate classes. After vocational training is completed, the children have the opportunity to go on apprenticeships. The results of these extra classes have been positive, with many children excelling in their chosen fields.

## **TRO STAFF ABDUCTED: STILL MISSING Day 20**

**TRO appeals to anyone with information on those listed below to contact the authorities:**

Abducted Monday January 30 2006: Accountants

Ms. Thanuskody Premini	Accountant
Mr. Shanmuganathan Sujendram	Accountant
Mr. Thambiraja Vasantharajan	Accountant
Mr. Kailayapillai Ravindran	Accountant
Mr. Arunesarasa Satheesharan	Accounts Trainee

Abducted Sunday January 29 2006 PSEDC

Mr. Kasinathar Ganeshalingam	PSEDC
Mr. Kathirkamar Thangarasa	PSEDC

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