

Annex 2: A List of Commissions of Inquiry and Committees Appointed by the Government of

Sri Lanka (2006 – November 2013)¹

The table below contains basic information pertaining to Commissions of Inquiry (CoI)¹ and committees appointed by the Government since coming into power in November 2005.² Section I of the table examines the CoI and Section II contains information pertaining to key committees established during the specific time period.³

Section I

Commissions of Inquiry (CoI) are listed chronologically based on the date of appointment

Name of Commission	Mandate	Timeframe	Outcome
1. Two-member Commission of Inquiry to probe the assassination of Batticaloa district Parliamentarian Joseph Pararajasingham (former judges - MahanamaTillekeratne and S.V.P. Munidasa). ⁴ [Gazette (Extraordinary) No 1459/17- 2006]	To inquire into and obtain information in respect of the circumstances relating to the assassination of the late Joseph Pararajasingham in Batticaloa on or about 25 December 2005 and the person or persons directly or indirectly responsible for such assassination. To examine whether the manner in which the investigations were carried out by the Police and other security personnel was adequate and impartial having due regard to the proceedings established by law. ⁵	Commission appointed: 23 August 2006. ⁶	Final report has been submitted to the President but its findings have not yet been made public. ⁷

¹ The Commissions listed in this document does not include those established by the National Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka except for the special hybrid inquiry proposed in collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat.

² The commissions and committees listed in this document are limited to those where information is publicly available.

³ As of 9 December 2013.

⁴ Iqbal Athas, "Situation Report: LTTE takes beating, but long way to go", The Sunday Times, 27 August 2006, <http://sundaytimes.lk/060827/columns/sitrep.html>.

⁵ Iqbal Athas, "Situation Report: LTTE takes beating, but long way to go", The Sunday Times, 27 August 2006, <http://sundaytimes.lk/060827/columns/sitrep.html>.

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		Work completed: March 2007.	This incident was also included in the mandate of the 'Udalagama Commission' (discussed below).
<p>2. Presidential Commission on the Disappeared (The MahanamaTilakaratne Commission).</p> <p>[Gazette (Extraordinary) No 1462/30- 2006] and [Gazette (Extraordinary) No 1505/17-2007]</p>	<p>To examine the circumstances that lead to such incidents of abductions, disappearances, unidentified dead bodies and unexplained killings as were reported throughout Sri Lanka in the recent past (this was amended to "since 13 September 2006").</p> <p>To identify any armed group or groups, any other forces or persons who were directly or indirectly responsible for or involved in these incidents.</p> <p>To identify the causes and motives for such incidents.</p>	<p>Commission appointed: 15 September 2006.⁸ (Mandate extended and changed on 11July 2007)</p> <p>Interim Reports: 12 December 2006 and 23 March 2007.⁹</p>	<p>Final report has been submitted to the President but its findings have yet to be made public.¹⁰</p>

⁶ U.S Department of State, "2006 Country report on Human rights practices: Sri Lanka", 6 March 2007. <http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2006/78875.htm>.

⁷ International Crisis Group, "Sri Lanka's Human Rights Crisis", Crisis Group Asia Report N°135, 14 June 2007, http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/asia/south-asia/sri-lanka/135_sri_lanka_s_human_rights_crisis.pdf; Dilrukshi Handunnetti, "Results do not match expenditure", Sunday Leader, 4th January 2008, <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/20090104/FOCUS.HTM>.

⁸International Crisis Group, "Sri Lanka's Human Rights Crisis", Crisis Group Asia Report N°135, 14 June 2007, http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/asia/south-asia/sri-lanka/135_sri_lanka_s_human_rights_crisis.pdf, page 21.

⁹"Sri Lanka - Presidential Commission on abductions, disappearances to submit final report soon", 15 May 2007, <http://www.desaparecidos.org/bbs/archives/003835.html>.

¹⁰Amantha Perera, "Disappearances on the rise charge AI", The Sunday Leader, 2 September 2007, <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/archive/20070902/news.htm>.

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	To assess the adequacy of the security arrangements made by the police and the security forces to prevent such incidents.		
3. The Commission of Inquiry appointed to Investigate and Inquire into Serious Violations of Human Rights which are alleged to have arisen in Sri Lanka since 1 August 2005 ('The Udalagama Commission').	To cause independent and comprehensive investigations into incidents involving alleged serious violations of human rights arising since 1 August 2005, specifically including serious violations of human rights specified in the schedule of the warrant of the commission (15 incidents ¹¹ with the addition of a 16 th ¹²).		

- ¹¹ 1. The Assassination of the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka, Hon. Lakshman Kadirgamar PC.
2. The killing of 17 aid workers of the international NGO, Action contre la Faim, in early August 2006.
3. The alleged execution of Muslim villagers in Muttur in early August 2006 and the execution at Welikanda of 14 persons from Muttur who were being transported in ambulances.
4. The assassination of Joseph Pararajasingham MP on 25 December 2005.
5. The killing of five youths in Trincomalee on or about 2 January 2006.
6. The assassination of the Deputy Director General of the Sri Lanka Peace Secretariat Ketheesh Loganathan on 12 August 2006.
7. Death of 51 people in Naddalamottankulam (Sencholai) in August 2006
8. Disappearance of Rev. Nihal Jim Brown of Philip Neri's Church at Allaipidi on 28 August 2006.
9. Killing of five fishermen and another person at Pesalai beach and at the Pesalai Church on 17 June 2006.
10. Killing of 13 people in Kayts police area on 13 May 2006.
11. Killing of 10 Muslim villagers at Radella in Pottuvil police area on 17 September 2006.
12. Killing of 68 people at Kebithigollewa on 15 June 2006.

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<p>[Gazette (Extraordinary) No 1471/6- 2006]</p>	<p>To examine the adequacy and propriety of the investigations that were conducted pertaining to such incidents amounting to serious violations of human rights and to present a report or such Interim Reports to H.E, as may be appropriate containing the findings of the commission’s investigations and inquiries and its recommendations.</p> <p>In this regard the CoI was mandated to look into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facts surrounding the incident • The identity of the victims and the nature of their injuries • The circumstances that led to the incidents • The identities of the perpetrators • The efficacy of the investigations into the incident, and recommend: <p>(i) Measures to be taken against the perpetrators in accordance with the laws of Sri Lanka.</p> <p>(ii) Appropriate measures of reparation to be provided to the victims of serious violations of human rights investigated and inquired into by the CoI and to their next of</p>		
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13. Incident relating to the finding of five headless bodies in Avissawella on 29 April 2006.

14. Killing of 13 people at Welikanda on 29 May 2005.

15. Killing of 98 security forces personnel in Digampathana, Sigiriya, on 16 October 2006.

¹² The assassination of MP Nadaraja Raviraj was added later.

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	kin. (iii) Measures to be taken by the GoSL to prevent such incidents in the future (iv) Any other recommendations the Col considers relevant. ¹³	Commission appointed: 13 November 2006. Report submitted to the President: End June 2009. ¹⁴	Report has not been made public. ¹⁵
4. The International Independent Group of Eminent Persons (IIGEP). ¹⁶	The President of Sri Lanka invited 11 international actors to observe the work of the Commission of Inquiry to Investigate and Inquire into Alleged Serious Violations of	Established in February 2007.	In its final report the IIGEP stated that it found an “absence of political will and (the) institutional inability of Sri Lanka to conduct human rights inquiries in accordance with

¹³ The Secretariat for coordinating the peace process (SCOPP), “*Presidential Commission of Inquiry (Col) and the International Independent Group of Eminent Persons (IIGEP) commences sessions*”, SCOPP News letter, March 2007, http://www.peaceinsrilanka.org/userfiles/file/Newsletter_Feb-Mar2007.pdf.

¹⁴ Chandani Kirinde, “Interview with Chairman of the Col Justice Udagama”, The Sunday Times, 21 June 2009, http://sundaytimes.lk/090621/News/sundaytimesnews_16.html.

¹⁵ Namanin Wijedasa, “Interview with TNA leader R. Sampanthan”, Lakkima News, 25th February 2012, http://www.lakbimanews.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4723%3Asomebodys-got-to-do-the-right-thing-yes&Itemid=56; The LLRC strongly recommended the implementation of the recommendations of this commission [See “*Report of the commission of Inquiry on Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation*” (LLRC report), November 2011, Para 5.163, 9.120].

¹⁶ The IIGEP was not appointed as a Col but appointed to ‘observe’ the The Udagama Commission (discussed below).

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	<p>Human Rights which was established in November 2006.</p> <p>To observe jointly or severally the investigations and inquiries conducted by the CoI, with a view to satisfying that such inquiries were conducted in a transparent manner and in accordance with basic international norms and standards.</p> <p>To ensure that such observations could be carried out efficaciously, members of the IIGEP shall be entitled to access all information and material the Commissioners of the CoI have access to and shall through the Coland with its concurrence have access to witnesses when they are called to testify.</p> <p>To bring to the notice of the Chairman of the CoI and the Attorney General any corrective action that needs to be taken to ensure the transparency of the investigations and inquiries.</p> <p>To submit interim reports on the functioning of the commission to H.E. the President every three months.</p> <p>To submit a final report of their observations to H.E. the President prior to the expiry of three months after the issue of the final report of the CoI.¹⁷</p>	<p>Termination of observation mission: End March 2008.¹⁸</p>	<p>international norms and standards”.</p> <p>The IIGEP stated that it was not able to conclude, as required by the terms of the Presidential invitation, that the proceedings of the Commission have been transparent or have satisfied basic international norms and standards.</p> <p>The particular reasons for forming that opinion and motivating the IIGEP to terminate its mission before the conclusion of the proceedings of the CoI were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A conflict of interest in the proceedings before the Commission (b) Lack of effective victim and witness protection. (c) Lack of transparency and timeliness in the proceedings. (d) Lack of full co-operation by State bodies. (e) Lack of financial independence of the Commission.¹⁹
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¹⁷ International Independent Group of Eminent Persons (IIGEP), “*The Final Report of the IIGEP*”, 15 April 2008, <http://www.ruleoflawsrilanka.org/resources/IIGEPnbspSTM.pdf>.

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<p>5. The Presidential Commission of Inquiry appointed to probe the circumstances surrounding the mass graves discovered at Matale.²⁰</p> <p>(Retired Supreme Court Judge Justice S.I. Imam and ex- Parliament Secretary General Dhammika Kithulgoda and retired</p>	<p>President Mahinda Rajapaksa appointed a commission to conduct probe into the 154 individual skeletal remains found in a mass grave at Matale. This commission will engage in its inquiry parallel to the Magisterial and Police inquiry currently under way.²¹</p>	<p>Appointed on 26th June 2013</p> <p>The report is required to be submitted within six months.</p>	<p>It was reported initially that the Committee has called for reports pertaining to the mass graves investigation and secured the services of a State counsel to assist the Commission²² no further media reports are available on the activities of the commission.</p> <p>The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) expressed concern that the Commission was intended to subvert the existing judicial process.²³ The transfer of the Magistrate before whom the proceedings were conducted and the Judicial Medical officer who conducted the autopsy on the skeletal remains further augmented fears that there is an attempt to hinder investigations ²⁴</p>
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¹⁸ International Independent Group of Eminent Persons (IIGEP), “*The Final Report of the IIGEP*”, 15th April 2008, <http://www.ruleoflawsrilanka.org/resources/IIGEPnbspsTM.pdf>.

¹⁹ International Independent Group of Eminent Persons (IIGEP), “*The Final Report of the IIGEP*”, 15th April 2008, <http://www.ruleoflawsrilanka.org/resources/IIGEPnbspsTM.pdf>.

²⁰The Sunday Times, “*Presidential Commission of Inquiry to begin sittings within next fortnight*”, 30 June 2013, <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130630/news/presidential-commission-of-inquiry-to-begin-sittings-within-next-fortnight-50836.html>

²¹ News Line, “*President to appoint committee to probe Matale mass grave*” 21 June 2013, http://www.priu.gov.lk/news_update/Current_Affairs/ca201306/20130621president_appoint_committee_probe_matale_mass_grave.htm

²² The Sunday Times, “*Matale mass grave commission of Inquiry shifts from BMICH to JRJ Centre*” 28 July 2013, <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/130728/news/matale-mass-grave-commission-of-inquiry-shifts-from-bmich-to-jrj-centre-54861.html>

²³ The Colombo Telegraph, “*Matale Mass Grave Commission Should Not Obstruct Or Influence The Judicial Inquiry – Bar Committee*”, 27 June 2013, <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/matale-mass-grave-commission-should-not-obstruct-or-influence-the-judicial-inquiry-bar-committee/>

²⁴ The Bar Association of Sri Lanka, “*Court Grants Permission to BASL to intervene in the Matale Mass Graves Case*”, June 2013, http://www.basl.lk/news_one.php?id=2

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High Court Judge Bandula Atapattu)			
<p>6. The Commission of inquiry appointed to investigate the cases of persons who went missing from the Northern and Eastern Provinces during the war.²⁵ (Mr. Maxwell Parakrama Paranagama, Dimingu Badathuruge Priyanthi Suranjana Vidyaratne and Mano Ramanathan)</p> <p>[Gazette (Extraordinary) No 1823/42- 2013]</p>	<p>The Commission is tasked with investigating cases of persons from the Northern and Eastern Provinces who were abducted or disappeared from their places of residence during 10 June 1990 and 19 May 2009.</p>	<p>The Commission was appointed on 15th August 2013.</p> <p>The report is required to be submitted within six months.</p>	<p>The Commission is reported to have received 9143 complaints of missing persons as at 20 November 2013. 4307 of such complaints were from parents of security forces personnel and 4836 from civilians the North and East.²⁶²⁷ The commission has extended its previous deadline and will accept complaints till the 31 December 2013.²⁸</p> <p>It seems unlikely that the commission will be able to complete its mandate within the allotted 6 months and will have to request for a extension.</p>

²⁵ Presidential Secretariat of Sri Lanka, “ *President appoints members to commission to investigate missing persons*” 15 August 2013, http://www.presidentsoffice.gov.lk/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=144:president-appoints-members-to-commission-to-investigate-missing-persons

²⁶ Harischandra Gunaratna, “*Missing Persons Commission could not be influenced, would not rush – Chairman*”, 27 November 2013, The Island, http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=92960

²⁷ LLRC action.gov.lk, “*The Presidential Commission To Investigate Into Complaints Regarding Missing Persons Has Received 9143 Complaints*”, <http://www.llrcaction.gov.lk/index.php/wewew/19-in-brief/53-the-presidential-commission-to-investigate-into-complaints-regarding-missing-persons-has-received-9143-complaints>

²⁸ LLRC action.gov.lk, “*The Presidential Commission To Investigate Into Complaints Regarding Missing Persons Has Received 9143 Complaints*”, <http://www.llrcaction.gov.lk/index.php/wewew/19-in-brief/53-the-presidential-commission-to-investigate-into-complaints-regarding-missing-persons-has-received-9143-complaints>

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<p>7. National Inquiry on Torture²⁹</p>	<p>The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) in collaboration with the Human Rights Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat, is to conduct a countrywide inquiry in Sri Lanka on various aspects of torture, alleged to have taken place between 2009 and 2013.³⁰</p> <p>A Commonwealth Advisory Group is to be set up to ensure compliance with best practices on the conduct of national inquiries in compliance with international human rights standards.³¹</p>	<p>The inquiry is to be held over a period of 18 months.</p>	<p>The inquiry is to be conducted in terms of the provisions of the HRCSL Act of 1996.³²</p> <p>However recent Media reports suggest the inquiry has been postponed indefinitely.³³</p>
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²⁹ The Hindu, "Sri Lanka to set up National Inquiry on Torture, says Kamalesh Sharma" 09 November 2013, <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/south-asia/sri-lanka-to-set-up-national-inquiry-on-torture-says-kamalesh-sharma/article5330283.ece>

³⁰ Ravi Ladduwahetty, "Govt. to establish Torture Commission", The Ceylon Today, 19 November 2013, <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/27-47876-news-detail-govt-to-establish-torture-commission.html>

³¹ The Hindu, "Sri Lanka to set up National Inquiry on Torture, says Kamalesh Sharma" 09 November 2013, <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/south-asia/sri-lanka-to-set-up-national-inquiry-on-torture-says-kamalesh-sharma/article5330283.ece>

³² Ravi Ladduwahetty, "Govt. to establish Torture Commission", The Ceylon Today, 19 November 2013, <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/27-47876-news-detail-govt-to-establish-torture-commission.html>

³³ Waruni Karunaratne, "Torture Probe Postponed", The Sunday Leader, 8 December 2013, <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2013/12/08/torture-probe-postponed/>

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Section II

Important Committees appointed by the Government of Sri Lanka and listed chronologically based on the date of appointment

Name	Mandate	Timeframe	Outcome
1. Inter Ministerial Committee on Human Rights. ³⁴	The Committee was expected to meet on a regular basis, especially with regard to		

³⁴ The Inter Ministerial Committee on Human Rights was set up by 'The Permanent Standing Committee on Human Rights'. The Permanent Standing Committee on Human Rights was co- chaired by (the then) Foreign Minister Mangala Samaraweera and Minister of Human Rights Mahinda Samarasinghe. No information is publicly available on whether the committee continues to function. See Ministry of External Affairs: Sri Lanka, "Permanent Standing Committee on Human Rights decides on the establishment of the Inter Ministerial Committee", May 2006, <http://www.mea.gov.lk/index.php/component/content/article/210-permanent-standing-committee-on-human-rights-decides-on-the-establishment-of-the-inter-ministerial-committee>.

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<p>(Chairman: Minister for Disaster Management & Human Rights Mahinda Samarasinghe,</p> <p>Members: Senior officials of the Ministries of Human Rights, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, the Attorney General's Department, the Armed Forces, the Police Department and the Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP).</p>	<p>implementing decisions relating to human rights and to continuously monitor and oversee matters relating to human rights.³⁵</p>	<p>Appointed on: 25 May 2006.³⁶</p>	<p>“No public mention of the committee since the initial announcement. It is unclear whether it continues to function”.³⁷</p>
<p>2. Monitoring Committee on Abductions and Disappearance.</p>	<p>To supervise the progress of the special center for gathering information on abductions that</p>		<p>No information is publicly available on whether the committee continues to function.</p>

³⁵ Ministry of External Affairs: Sri Lanka, “*Permanent Standing Committee on Human Rights decides on the establishment of the Inter Ministerial Committee*”, May 2006, <http://www.mea.gov.lk/index.php/component/content/article/210-permanent-standing-committee-on-human-rights-decides-on-the-establishment-of-the-inter-ministerial-committee>.

³⁶ Ministry of External Affairs: Sri Lanka, “*Permanent Standing Committee on Human Rights decides on the establishment of the Inter Ministerial Committee*”, May 2006, <http://www.mea.gov.lk/index.php/component/content/article/210-permanent-standing-committee-on-human-rights-decides-on-the-establishment-of-the-inter-ministerial-committee>.

³⁷ Sri Lanka: *State of Human Rights 2008*, Law and Society Trust. page 11.

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<p>(Members: Minister DullasAlahaperuma, Minister RajithaSenaratne, Deputy Minister P.Radhakrishnan, Deputy Minister K. Baiz, The (then) opposition leader of the Colombo Municipal Council- VasudevaNanayakkara).</p>	<p>allegedly took place in Colombo and Suburbs.³⁸</p>	<p>Appointed on: 28 June 2007.³⁹</p>	
<p>3. Special committee to inquire</p>	<p>To take any measure it may</p>		

³⁸Ministry of Defence: Sri Lanka, “Media is Commended for highlighting HR violations; government sets up a special center to avert abductions”, 30 December 2010, http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=20070628_01.

³⁹ Human Rights Watch, “Recurring nightmare State Responsibility for “Disappearances” and Abductions in Sri Lanka”, March 2008, <http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/srilanka0308web.pdf>, page 114; Ministry of Defence: Sri Lanka, “Media is Commended for highlighting HR violations; government sets up a special center to avert abductions”, 30 December 2010, http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=20070628_01

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<p>into abductions and recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.</p> <p>(Chairman: The Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms,</p> <p>Members: The Secretary, Ministry of Child Development and Women’s Empowerment,</p> <p>The Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights,</p> <p>Representatives from the Attorney-General’s Department,</p> <p>Chairman of the National Child</p>	<p>deem necessary to initiate inquiries on, and monitor the investigations into, allegations made against some elements of the security forces in connection with the recruitment and abduction of children by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) break-away Karuna faction;</p> <p>To recommend measures for the protection of complainants and witnesses from reprisals at all stages of an investigation and thereafter;</p> <p>To monitor and recommend steps to assure that released children have access to facilities and procedures aimed at their protection, rehabilitation and reintegration in accordance with</p>	<p>Appointed on: 27 August 2007.⁴¹</p>	<p>Several UN documents suggest that the committee continues to function.⁴²</p>
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⁴¹Daily News online, “Committee to inquire into allegations of abduction, child recruitment”, 8 October 2007, <http://www.dailynews.lk/2007/10/08/news29.asp>.

⁴² Several UN documents call on the Sri Lankan Government to “complete the investigation undertaken by the inter-ministerial committee on the complicity between the security forces and TMVP/Karuna in the abduction and recruitment of children” See *Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Sri Lanka*, 21st December 2011, http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Report_3290.pdf, para 48 (b)

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<p>Protection Authority,</p> <p>Director/Legal of the Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP),</p> <p>Representative of the Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,</p> <p>Representatives of the three Armed Services and the Police (to be nominated by the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, Public Security and Law and Order)</p>	<p>Sri Lankan written law and, in doing so, pay special attention to the needs of female children.⁴⁰</p>		
<p>4. The Committee appointed to study and report on the US Department of State 'Report to Congress on Incidents During the Recent Conflict in Sri Lanka (2009)'.</p>	<p>The Committee was to inquire into:</p> <p>The description and background of persons who have been</p>	<p>Appointed on: 6 November 2009.⁴⁴</p>	<p>There are conflicting reports on whether the committee submitted its final report.</p>

⁴⁰State Party report on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict: Sri Lanka, 16 June 2008, <http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G10/407/08/PDF/G1040708.pdf?OpenElement>, para 91.

⁴⁴Colombo page, 'President appoints a committee to study the US report to Congress on Sri Lanka', 6 November 2009, http://www.colombopage.com/archive_091/Nov1257521366CH.html.

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<p>Chairman: D.S. Wijesinghe PC.</p> <p>Secretary: S.M. Samarakoon</p> <p>Members: Nihal Jayamannne PC,</p> <p>C.R. De Silva PC,</p> <p>Mano Ramanathan,</p> <p>Jezima Ismail</p> <p>Anura Meddegoda.</p>	<p>directly referred to in the US Report and the nature of their allegation;</p> <p>The circumstances that may have led to or resulted in references being made in the said Report to the said persons;</p> <p>The nature, propriety and efficacy of the contents of the Report;</p> <p>The appropriate measures that should be taken in accordance with the laws of Sri Lanka with regard to the contents and findings in the Report, inclusive of recommendations with regard</p>	<p>Some sources seem to suggest that the committee was in the process of submitting a final report.⁴⁵</p> <p>Other sources such as the US Department of State suggest that a report was never submitted and that the committee's mandate was subsumed into the LLRC.⁴⁶</p>
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⁴⁵Daily Mirror online, 'Committee to submit report on US report in July', 12 May 2010, <http://www.globalpeacesupport.com/globalpeacesupport.com/post/2010/05/12/Committee-to-submit-report-on-US-report-in-july.aspx>.

⁴⁶ U.S Department of State, 'Report To Congress on Measures Taken by the Government of Sri Lanka and International Bodies To Investigate Incidents During the Recent Conflict in Sri Lanka, and Evaluating the Effectiveness of Such Efforts', 11 August 2010, <http://www.state.gov/j/gcj/srilanka/releases/145884.htm>.

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	to the specific allegations. ⁴³		
<p>5. Inter-Agency Advisory Committee (IAAC) to facilitate the implementation of the interim recommendations of the Lessons learnt and reconciliation commission LLRC.</p> <p>(Chairmen: The Attorney General.</p> <p>Members: Secretary to the Ministry of Defence,</p> <p>Secretary to the Ministry of Public administration and home affairs,</p> <p>Secretary to the Ministry of Justice,</p>	<p>To implement the interim recommendations of the LLRC through practical measures and to strengthen the related processes that were already underway.⁴⁷</p>	<p>Appointed on: 27 October 2010.</p> <p>Progress Report submitted to the President on: February 2011.⁴⁸</p>	<p>The LLRC in its final report stated that it “regrets that full effect has not yet been given to its Interim Recommendations”.⁴⁹</p>

⁴³Daily Mirror online, ‘Committee to submit report on US report in July’, 12 May 2010, <http://www.globalpeacesupport.com/globalpeacesupport.com/post/2010/05/12/Committee-to-submit-report-on-US-report-in-July.aspx>.

⁴⁷Inter-Agency Advisory Committee, “Progress report on the implementation of the interim recommendations of the LLRC”, [http://www.srilanka-botschaft.de/Images and Basics/pdfs/Circular 49.pdf](http://www.srilanka-botschaft.de/Images%20and%20Basics/pdfs/Circular%2049.pdf), page 1.

⁴⁸ Asian Tribune, “Progress Made by Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) in Implementing the Recommendations of the LLRC”, 4 February 2011, <http://www.asiantribune.com/news/2011/02/03/progress-made-inter-agency-committee-iac-implementing-recommendations-llrc>.

⁴⁹ See *LLRC Report*, paras 9.211, 9.64, 5.58, 5.78, 8.189, 8.190, 9.70, 9.74.

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<p>Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Development,</p> <p>Secretary to the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms.</p> <p>Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs).</p>			
<p>6. One-man committee to probe the violent incident in the Katunayake Free Trade zone.</p> <p>(Retired High Court Judge MahanamaTilakaratne)</p>	<p>To inquire into the conduct of the Police officials during this incident and make recommendations against authority, if there were any who overacted beyond the legal margins.⁵⁰</p>	<p>Appointed on:30 May 2011.</p> <p>Report submitted to the President on: 5 August 2011.⁵³</p>	<p>Final report has been submitted to the President but its findings have not yet beenmade public.⁵⁴</p>

⁵⁰ Colombo page, "Sri Lanka President appoints a committee to probe violence in Free Trade Zone", 31 May 2011, http://www.colombopage.com/archive_11A/May31_1306851570KA.php.

⁵³ The official Government news portal of Sri Lanka, "FTZ Incident Report handed over to President", 7 August 2011, http://news.lk/v2/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18640:ftz-incident-report-handed-over-to-presidnt&catid=62:latest-news&Itemid=371.

⁵⁴YohanPerera, "Reveal Finding of Commissions", The Daily mirror, 21 June 2011, <http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/12034-reveal-findings-of-commissions.html>.

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	To focus special attention on the persons who faced inconvenience due to this clash. ⁵¹		
	To look into how the protest was conducted by the employees. ⁵²		
8. A Court of Inquiry, appointed by Army Commander Lieutenant General Jagath Jayasuriya to inquire into the observations made by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission	A Court of Inquiry was appointed to inquire into the observations made by the LLRC in its final report on alleged civilian casualties during the final phase of Eelam war IV and a probe as regards the allegations contained in the Channel-4 video irrespective of the authenticity of	The Court of Inquiry was appointed on 3 rd January 2012.	Army spokesman Brigadier Ruwan Wanigasooriya in a press release on 14 th February 2013 said the Court of inquiry report concluded that instances of shelling mentioned in the LLRC report were not caused by the Sri Lanka Army and the civilian casualties might have occurred due to unlawful acts

⁵¹Prarthana Weerasinghe, "Presidential Committee to probe FTZ clash", The Daily News, 1 June 2011, <http://www.dailynews.lk/2011/06/01/news11.asp>.

⁵²Prarthana Weerasinghe, "Presidential Committee to probe FTZ clash", The Daily News, 1 June 2011, <http://www.dailynews.lk/2011/06/01/news11.asp>.

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<p>(LLRC). (The court of Inquiry is headed by Major General Chrisantha de Silva)</p>	<p>its footage or otherwise.</p>	<p>Court of Inquiry Report to the Army Commander on 14th February 2013⁵⁵</p>	<p>by the LTTE.⁵⁶ The Full Report of the Army Board on LLRC Observations is available on the Army Website although it is unclear when it was first published.⁵⁷ The Court of Inquiry is now investigating 2nd part of their mandate to examine the Channel 4 allegations. ⁵⁸</p>
<p>9. Cabinet Sub-Committee to monitor the implementation of</p>	<p>To monitor the process of speedy implementation of the proposals in the National Human</p>	<p>Appointed on: 10 February 2012.⁵⁹</p>	<p>Periodic reports are being made public.</p>

⁵⁵Lanka Web, "Court of Inquiry investigating controversial Channel 4 claims conclude: SHELLING DEATHS DUE TO LTTE" 15 February 2013, <http://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2013/02/15/court-of-inquiry-investigating-controversial-channel-4-claims-conclude-shelling-deaths-due-to-ltte/>

⁵⁶ Lanka Web, "Court of Inquiry investigating controversial Channel 4 claims conclude: SHELLING DEATHS DUE TO LTTE" 15 February 2013, <http://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2013/02/15/court-of-inquiry-investigating-controversial-channel-4-claims-conclude-shelling-deaths-due-to-ltte/>

⁵⁷ Army.lk' "Full Report of the Army Board on LLRC Observations Released", UNDATED, http://www.army.lk/docimages/image/LLRC_2013.pdf

⁵⁸National Plan of Action to implement LLRC , Responsibilities by Thematic Areas (August 2013), http://www.priu.gov.lk/news_update/LLRC%2520news/Thematic%2520Areas%2520August.doc

⁵⁹ Colombo page, 'Sri Lanka appoints cabinet sub-committee to monitor implementation of Human Rights Action Plan proposals', 10 February 2012, http://www.colombopage.com/archive_12/Feb10_1328898368CH.php , News Line, " Cabinet sub-committee appointed to monitor implementation of HR Action Plan proposals" 11 February 2012.

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<p>the proposals in the National Human Rights Action Plan.</p> <p>(Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management NimalSiripala de Silva,</p> <p>Minister of Economic Development Basil Rajapaksa,</p> <p>Minister of External Affairs Prof. G.L. Peiris,</p> <p>Minister of Plantation Industries MahindaSamarasinghe,</p> <p>Minister of Environment AnuraPriyadarshanaYapa,</p>	<p>Rights Action Plan.</p>		
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Minister of Foreign Employment and Welfare Promotion (Dilan Perera).			
10. The 3 person committee appointed by the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms to investigate the Welikada prison clash. ⁶⁰	To probe prison riots in Welikada Prison in Colombo after a shootout between the inmates and the police officers on the 9 th November 2012 which killed at least 27 inmates and left 43 people injured. ⁶¹	Appointed on: 10 November 2012. ⁶²	The Committee is yet to finalise its report despite The Minister of Rehabilitation's several statements. The Minister had previously gone on record that the Report was expected to be published at the end of March 2013 ⁶³ , end of August 2013 ⁶⁴ and finally at the end of November 2013 ⁶⁵ .

⁶⁰ News Line, "Committee appointed to probe Welikada prison riot", 11 November 2012, http://www.priu.gov.lk/news_update/Current_Affairs/ca201211/20121111committee_appointed_probe_Welikada.htm

⁶¹ Hiru News.lk, "Welikada 3 person committee commences investigation; Escaped detainee still at large", 12 November 2012, <http://www.hirunews.lk/47290>

⁶² Colombo Page, "Update: Committee appointed to probe Sri Lanka prison riot; death toll rises to 27", 10 November 2012, http://www.colombopage.com/archive_12B/Nov10_1352557931CH.php

⁶³ Colombo Page, "Report of Sri Lanka's deadly prison clash to be released by the end of the month", 25 March 2013, http://www.colombopage.com/archive_13A/Mar25_1364226598JR.php

⁶⁴ Colombo Page, "Report on last year's deadly riot at Sri Lanka's main prison delayed further", 11 August 2013, http://www.colombopage.com/archive_13B/Aug11_1376231206KA.php

⁶⁵ NewsFirst.lk, "Welikada Prison Clash: Report to be handed over to subject minister", 13 November 2013 <http://newsfirst.lk/english/2013/11/welikada-prison-clash-report-to-be-handed-over-to-subject-minister/4398>

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			The completed report however, will not be tabled in Parliament and will be an internal document and will be handed over only to the President. ⁶⁶
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⁶⁶ Colombo Page, “*Report on last year’s deadly riot at Sri Lanka’s main prison delayed further*”, 11 August 2013, http://www.colombopage.com/archive_13B/Aug11_1376231206KA.php

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<p>11. Court of Inquiry appointed by Army Commander Daya Ratnayake, to inquire into the allegations against the army in relation to the killings of civilians in Weliveriya on 1st August 2013 ⁶⁷</p> <p>The Court of Inquiry is to be headed by Major General Jagath Dias.</p>	<p>A five-member Court of inquiry is mandated to investigate all allegations against the military including the alleged assault on civilians and journalists and the killing of a youth in Weliveriya.</p> <p>This is meant to be a parallel process to the investigations conducted by the Police.</p>	<p>Appointed on 2nd August 2013</p>	<p>The report of the Court of Inquiry was handed over to the Army Commander on the 21st August 2013⁶⁸.</p> <p>The report was subsequently handed over to the legal section of the Army on the 24th August 2013. According to the Army Commander the report was handed over to the legal section to examine the findings and submit its observations within one week.⁶⁹</p> <p>On 4 October 2013 the Army Commander announced that the Col had determined that the Army had gone beyond its legal duties during the incident and that Court martial will be conducted against individual army officers.⁷⁰</p> <p>Despite four officers been relieved of their duties No charges have</p>
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⁶⁷ Ada Derana, "Army chief orders probe into Weliveriya clash" 02 August 2013, <http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=23607>

⁶⁸ Army.lk, "Commander Receives Report On Weliveriya Incidents", 21 August 2013, <http://www.army.lk/detailed.php?NewsId=6645>

⁶⁹ Colombo Page, "Sri Lanka Army Court of Inquiry report into Weliveriya shooting handed over to legal section", 24 August 2013, http://www.colombopage.com/archive_13B/Aug24_1377324637CH.php

⁷⁰ Hafeel Farisz, "Weliveriya shooting: Army exceeded its remit", 4 October 2013, <http://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/36532-weliveriya-shooting-army-exceeded-its-remit.html>

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			been brought against any Army officer thus far.
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