

# 'LATEST CENSUS CHALLENGES DARUSMAN REPORT'

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**DARUSMAN REPORT**

The lack of credibility of the Darusman report has been further established from the data collected by the Department of Census and Statistics in Sri Lanka which included Tamil officers in data collection, Senior Minister Prof. Tissa Vitharana said yesterday.

"The figures given by the Department of Census and Statistics for civilian

deaths during the last stage of the war against the LTTE have been shown to be around 8,400.

This is close to the figures of 7,000 which I made public based on the report given by sources close to the LSSP. The figure of over 40,000 civilian deaths quoted by Darusman report is clearly a gross exaggeration," Prof. Vitharana stressed.

Prof. Vitharana expressed dismay and disappointment over

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the action of the US led western countries to pass a resolution against Sri Lanka at the UNHRC sessions in Geneva based on fabricated allegations and refusal to accept expert opinion.

Citing the expert opinion to the LLRC by Prof. Yfandis of the Nevada University in the US, on the Chanel 4 video film on Sri Lanka, the Senior Minister in charge of Science and Technology said that

he did not understand why the Western countries are reluctant to accept credible and expert opinion given by a world authority on the subject and rely on distorted and fabricated data supplied by a group of LTTE sympathizers who have an agenda to destroy Sri Lanka.

It is unfortunate that the US government is vigorously pursuing its objective of getting a resolution is passed at the UNHRC sessions in Geneva despite the fact that President Mahinda Rajapaksa has given assurance that the LLRC recommendations would be implemented, he said.



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