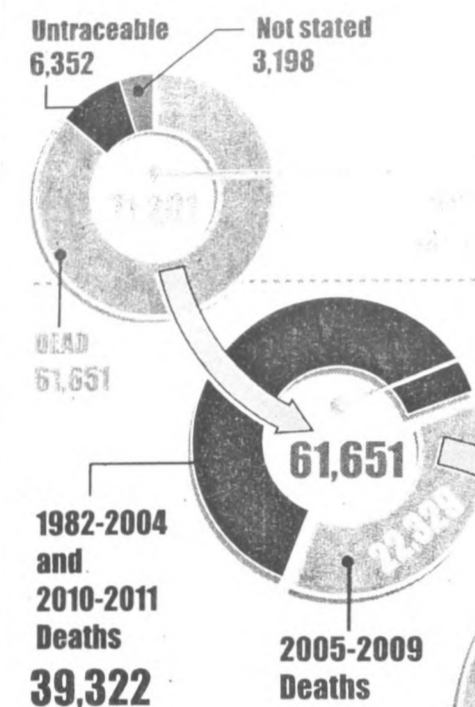




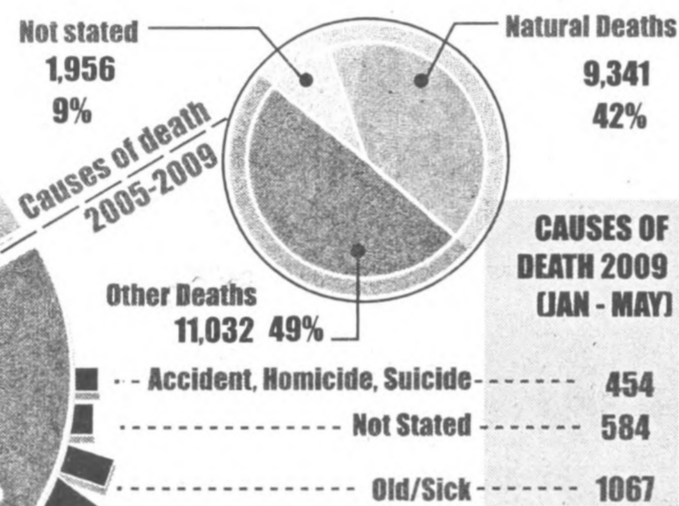
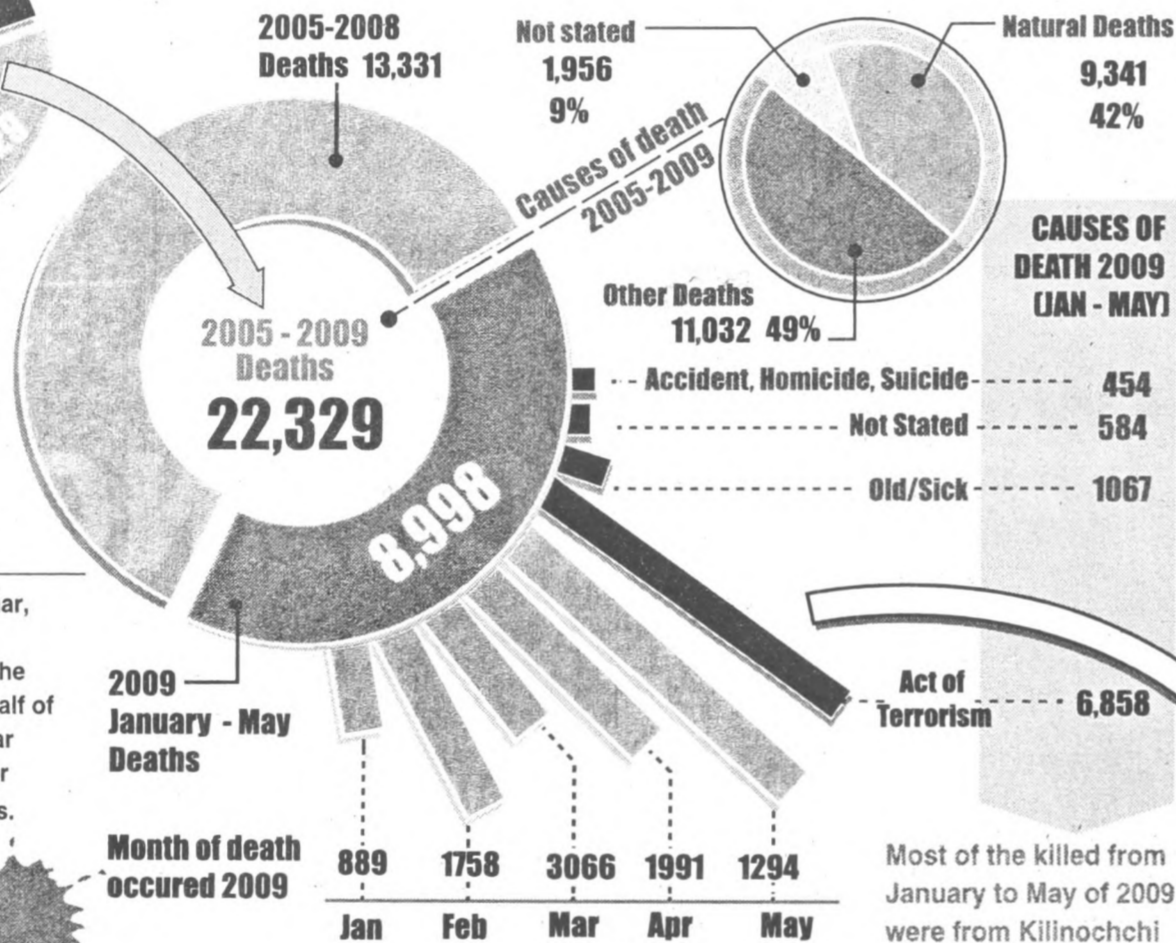
# REPORT ON DEATHS IN NORTH

The Census and Statistics Department has released an official report on the deaths occurred in the Northern Province for the last three decades. The report records 71,201 total deaths, both due to natural causes and other (other deaths include deaths due to accidents, homicide and suicide, acts of terrorism etc.) from 1982 to July 2011. From the total deaths, 6,352 have been recorded as untraceable and 3,198 as not known. The highest number of deaths during the period has been recorded from the Jaffna district, 42,410.



Seventy one percent of the deaths that occurred in 2009 are reported as being due to extraordinary circumstances but majority of the deaths, prior to and beyond that, are reported to be due to natural causes.

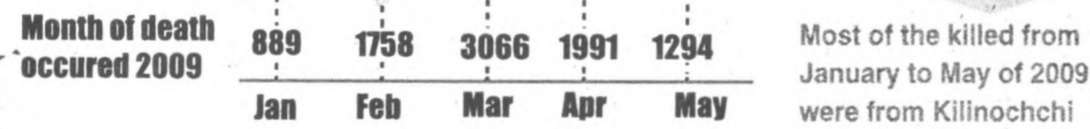
Total of 22,329 deaths in Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts during the five years before the end of the conflict in May 2009. One half of the deaths have taken place in the year 2009, a total of 7,934 died due to 'other reasons' and 2,523 died natural deaths.



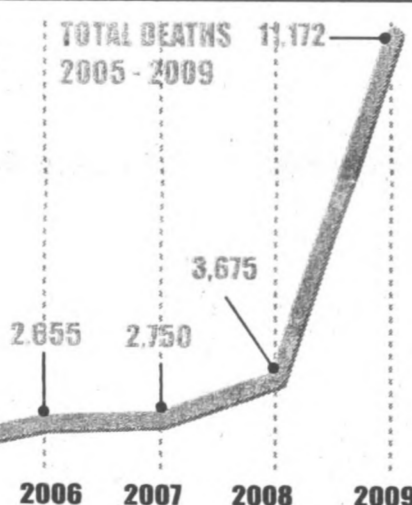
According to the report 8,998 total deaths were recorded during January - May 2009. Around 76% deaths were occurred causing acts of terrorism. Those total death during the final stage of the war 6,858 including 552 children below 10 were killed due to the fighting and 2,635 persons had gone missing.

The highest number of deaths reported in March during the period recording 3,066 deaths. 78% death reported due to the fighting in the month.

The causes of deaths are categorized under natural deaths, other deaths and not stated ones. The natural deaths include deaths due to succumbing to disease, aging, due to natural disasters etc while other deaths include deaths due to accident, homicide and suicide, acts of terrorism etc.



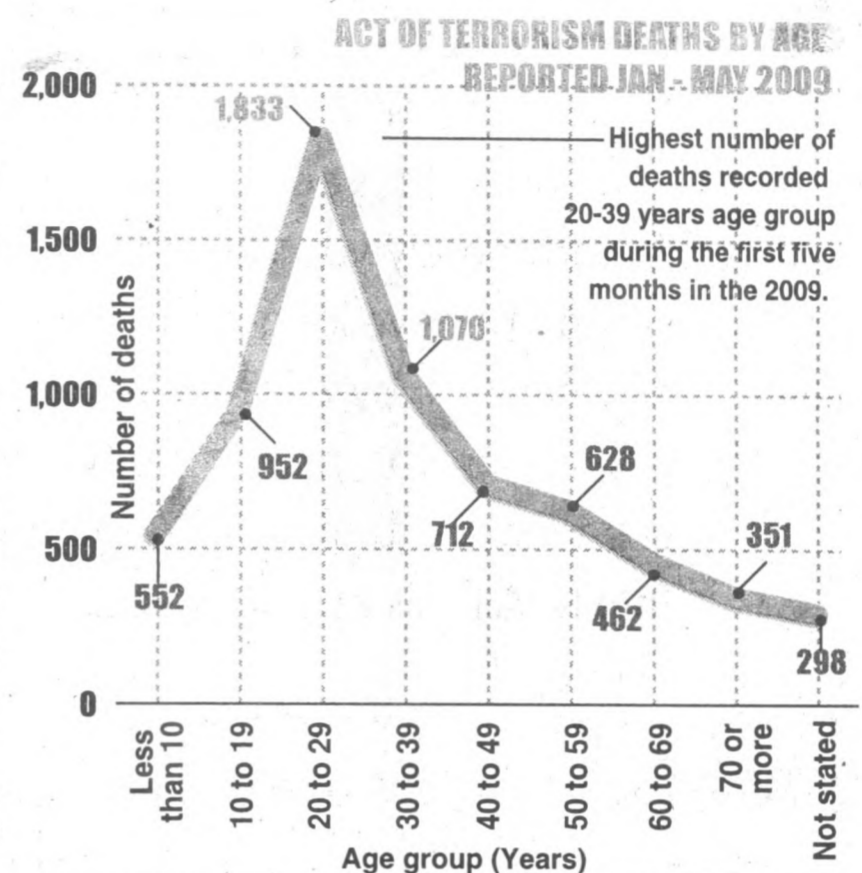
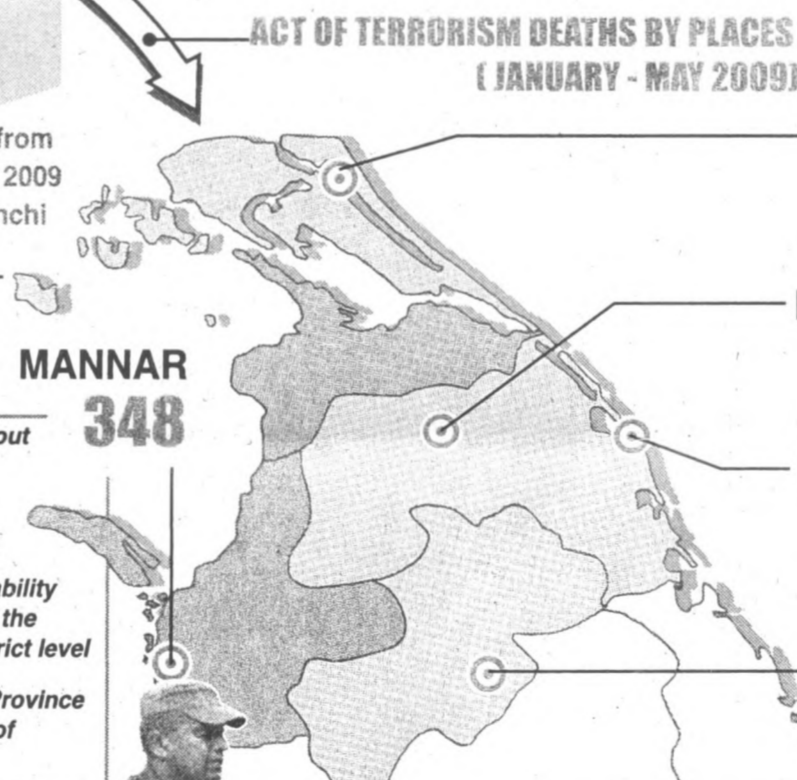
Most of the killed from January to May of 2009 were from Kilinochchi district.



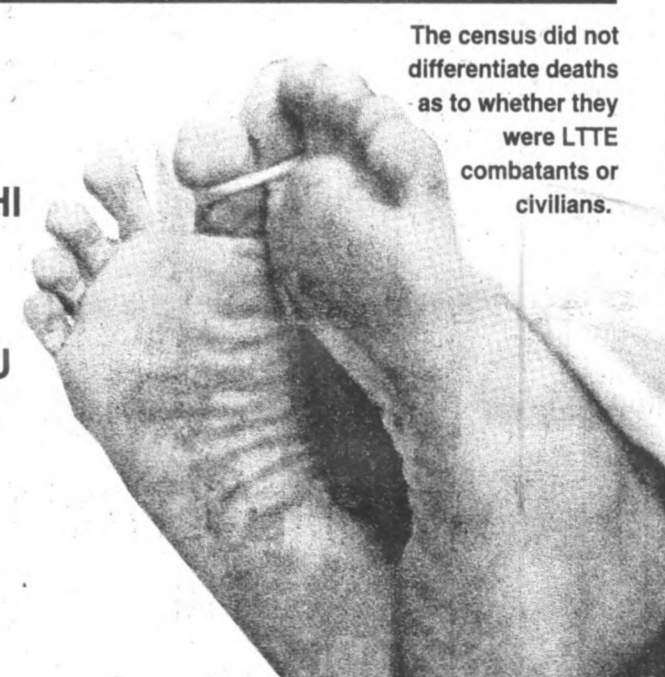
The number of deaths due to natural causes stood at 9,341 while 11,032 were mentioned as other deaths in 2005 - 2009.

The Census and Statistics Department had carried out the census project of Enumeration of Vital Events (EVE-2011) in the Northern Province from June 10 - August 15.

- Family members reported details of deceased or untraceable persons when such death or intractability has taken place while they were still members of the family and the basic information gathered at district level
- The population and vital events in the Northern Province which were not recorded since 1981 due to acts of terrorism in the province for three decades.



It has been reported with 4,156 cases of untraceable persons during this period from 2005 to 2009 and also that a majority, 63%, of such untraceable persons were reported to have been last sighted in 2009. However it should be noted that due to the conditions that prevailed in this province there had always been a degree of untraceability among the people throughout and the causes of such untraceability may be due to natural disasters like Tsunami as well.



**YEAR 1983**  
 In July 1983, the LTTE launched a deadly ambush on the Sri Lanka Army outside the town of Thirunelveli, killing an officer and 12 soldiers. This is considered the beginning of the civil war.

**YEAR 2009**  
 In May 17, 2009 the Sri Lanka Army, Navy, Air Force, Police and Civil Defence Forces jointly defeating the cycle of LTTE terrorism that gripped the country for over 30 years emerged victorious and grabbed the attention of the entire world.

**SECURITY FORCES DEATHS**  
 6,261 personnel of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces had lost their lives and 29,551 were wounded during fighting between July 2006 - May 2009



**WORLD'S BIGGEST RESCUE MISSION**  
 Government forces begin the world's biggest hostage rescue operation on April 19, 2009. LTTE have taken civilians as a human shield. Forces have completed the rescue operation on May 17, 2009 after freeing all civilians trapped by LTTE. Troops rescued 179,290 civilians within 28 days.

**UN EXPERT PANEL REPORT**  
 "A number of credible sources have estimated that there could have been as many as 40000 civilian deaths. Two years after the end of the war, there is still no reliable figure for civilian deaths, but multiple sources of information indicate that a range of up to 40000 civilian deaths cannot be ruled out at this stage" - (May 2011)