

# Daily News

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## Census on deaths, damages during conflict period

An island-wide census will be carried out next month on the deaths/injuries to persons and property damage during the conflict period as recommended by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC). This census to be conducted jointly by the Public Administration and Home Affairs Ministry and the Department of Census and Statistics will cover the conflict period from 1983 up to the end of war in May 2009, according to the Government Information Department. To page 10

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President Mahinda Rajapaksa, soon after the end of the 30 year war with the LTTE terrorists, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2 of the Commission of Inquiry Act (Chapter 393) appointed the Lesson Learnt and Reconciliation Commission LLRC to inquire and report on the following matters that may have taken place during the period between February 21, 2002 and May 19, 2009. i. the facts and circumstances which led to the failure of the ceasefire agreement operationalized on February 21, 2002 and the sequence of events that followed thereafter up to the May 19, 2009;

ii. whether any person, group, or institution directly or indirectly bear responsibility in this regard;

iii. the lessons we would learn from those events and their attendant concerns, to ensure that there will be no recurrence;

iv. the methodology whereby restitution to any person affected by those events or their dependents or to heirs, can be effected;

v. the institutional, administrative and legislative measures which need to be taken to prevent any recurrence of such concerns in the future,

and to promote further national unity and reconciliation among all communities, and to make any such other recommendations with reference to any of the matters that have been inquired into under the terms of this Warrant.

The Commission in its final report had recommended the conduct of a professionally designed household survey covering all affected families in all parts of the island to ascertain first-hand the scale and the circumstances of death and injuries to civilians as well as damage to property during the conflict period, the Department stated in a media release.

The National Plan of Action for the implementation of the LLRC recommendations prepared by a Task Force headed by the Secretary to President Lalith Weratunga has already been approved by the Cabinet.

According to the Director General of Department of Census and Statistics a steering committee has been appointed under the Public Administration and Home Affairs Ministry Secretary to conduct the census and the Committee has devised a centralized system of data collection at the national level integrating all information with regard to missing persons.

"This scientifically designed census will help arrive at an exact decision on the persons missing and dead during the conflict period", Director General of Department of Census and Statistics said. He told news.lk that one of the objectives of this exercise was to pay compensation to the affected families through Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms Ministry. The public are requested to cooperate in conducting this Census by providing accurate information to the respective Grama Niladhari who will visit their houses.

Shaveendra, Miditha, Ranalie Srima, Dilanka, and Dilanthini great grandmot Chanudi and Dilneth. Cortege leaves resi at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday 27th Febru internment at St Anthony's Church Kad Moratuwa. 46, Galpotta Road, Kad: Moratuwa. 2652270 / 2652980.

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MAURICE A. PERERA (Proprietor, M Travels, Kandy). Beloved husband of R much loved father of Devapriya, Saku and Hemanthi, father-in-law of Vinodhani ra, Anver Jafferjee and Sean Wanigas adored grandfather of Christopher (and shini), Fallon (and Nikab), Sean (USA), M (Australia), Danesh, Naresh, Naomi and D shi, great-grandfather of Aaryan, Aadhyan Kyle, brother of the late Kingsley Pereira Sumana Kulatunga, brother-in-law of L Pereira and the late Richard Kulatunga, R Seeva, Lalitha Tillain and Eddie tillain, unc Rajhu, Shyamali, Hasitha and Geetha. Cor leaves Nuwara Mal Salawa (Funeral lour), Hospital Road, Kandy on Thur 28th of February at 2.30 p.m. for Crematio Mahaiyawa Cemetery at 3.00 p.m.

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