

Covering period 1982-2009 ...

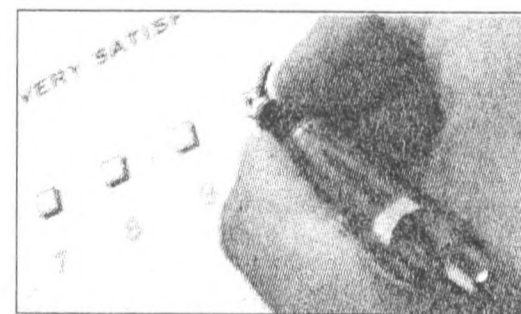
MAJOR WAR DAMAGE COUNT

Survey begins today

Full period of conflict covered

The scale and circumstances of death and injury to civilians during the period of conflict will come under a full survey commencing today (28). This is pursuant to the recommendation of the National Action Plan prepared by the Task Force headed by Secretary to the President Lalith Weeratunga to implement LLRC recommendations.

The professionally conducted survey will cover all affected families in all parts of the island to ascertain first



hand the scale and circumstances of the death of civilians, as well as damage to property during the period of conflict.

The information will be collected from family units that have experienced damage to life or property during the past 31 years.

According to Director General of Census and Statistics D.C.A Guna-wardena officials from the department are currently being trained to identify the family units and collect information from as far back as 1982 to date. Department of Census and Statistics will conduct an island-wide census to

assess the human and property damage that occurred during nearly three-decade long conflict. The census has to be completed within six months. The nationwide survey is a key recommendation of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC).

Accordingly, the island-wide census will collect detailed information on the deaths, missing persons, injured and/or disabled persons, and damages to the property. To page 13

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The census, to be conducted jointly by the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs and the Department of Census and Statistics, will cover the conflict period from 1983 up to May 2009. The census will be conducted at Grama Niladhari Division level and Grama Niladharis will be appointed as enumerators. According to the Director General the survey would be carried out in 14,022 Grama Niladhari Divisions, island wide, and 16,000 officials would be deployed to collect information.

The government calls on the general public to cooperate in conducting this Census by providing accurate information to the respective Grama Niladhari who will visit their houses in due course. www.priu.lk