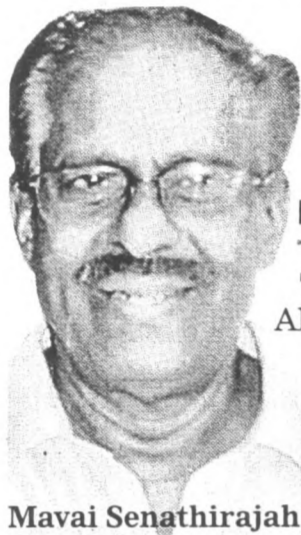


TNA REJECTS CASUALTY CENSUS

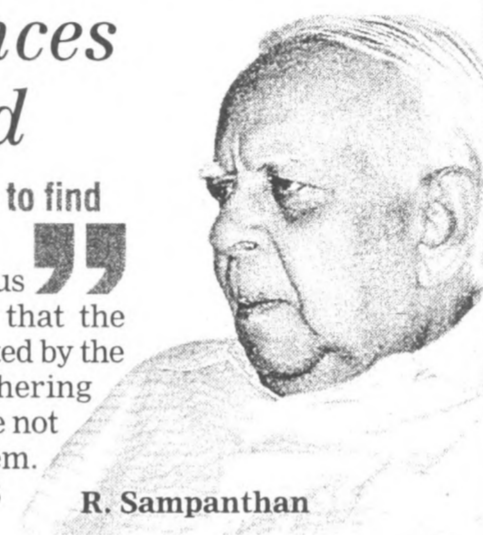
Circumstances of disappearances and deaths not accommodated



Mavai Senathirajah

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The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) has decided to reject the census taken by the Department of

“The PSC was not a genuine process to find a solution to the ethnic problem”
Statistics regarding human and material losses incurred by the civil war. TNA Parliamentary Mavai Senathirajah said the five-party amalgam had decided not to cooperate with the census on the grounds that the procedures adopted by the officials in gathering information were not agreeable to them. Contd. on page 6



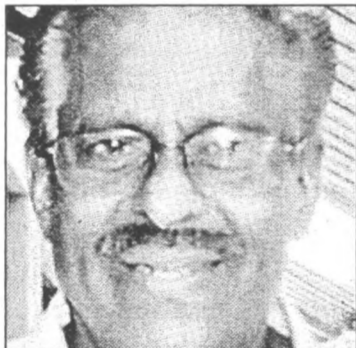
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He stated that the circumstances of incidences of disappearances and deaths were not being accommodated in the census process and this was not acceptable to the Alliance.

TNA Parliamentarian M.A. Sumanthiran said in Vavuniya on Tuesday that the de-

cision to reject the census was taken at the special meeting of TNA leaders held in Vavuniya on Tuesday. TNA Parliamentarians, the Chief Minister of the Northern Province, the NPC Ministers and members participated at this meeting chaired by TNA leader R. Sampanthan.



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The Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) was not a genuine process to find a solution to the ethnic problem and a reasonable political solution could not be found through the PSC, Sumanthiran said. The TNA would take a decision in due course on the PSC, he added.

However, Vanni District Parliamentarians Selvam Adaikalanathan and Vinonagarathalingam were conspicuously absent at the meeting. “Land-grabs by the state, excessive army presence and women’s affairs were also discussed extensively among other things at the meeting” Sumanthiran said.



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“People expelled from Valikamam and Sampur should be able to return to their original places, army presence in the north should be reduced, safety of women should be assured, and the various impediments to carrying on enterprises should be eliminated, he said at the media briefing

It was also decided that serious disciplinary action would be taken against the local government members of the TNA who voted against budget proposals presented

in TNA-controlled institutions. Chief Minister C.V. Wigneswaran did not attend the press conference held after the meeting.

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Nov 28, 2013: Department of Census and Statistics will begin an islandwide census today to assess the human and property damages occurred during nearly three-decade long civil war conflict.

In accordance with one of the recommendations being made in the LLRC report, the Department of Census and Statistics will commence a nationwide census today to ascertain details of people injured, disabled, and missing since 1983 up to May 2009, the government announced.

The islandwide census will collect detailed information on the deaths, missing persons, injured and/or disabled persons, and damages to the property.

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