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Census on conflict deaths to dispel exaggerations

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The nationwide census starting this week on deaths and damage to property during the conflict in the North, East and South from 1982 to 2013 will dispel exaggerations on the figures, a minister said yesterday.

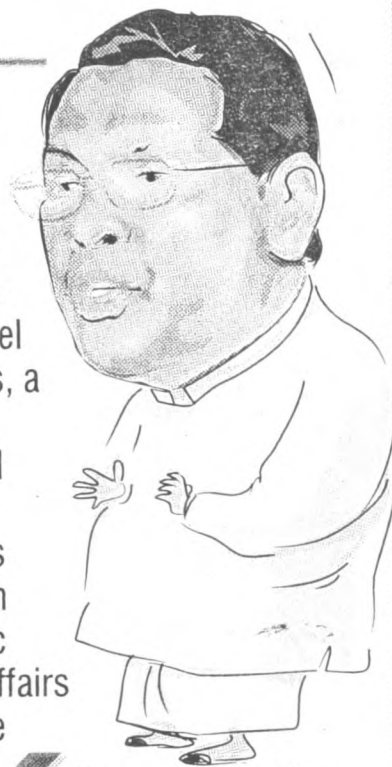
Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister John Seneviratne said the Census and Statistics Department in collaboration with the Public Administration and Home Affairs Ministry would carry out the nationwide 'Census on Deaths and Injuries to Persons and Property Damage Due to the Conflict'.

He said the survey would cover all

25 districts and the enumerators would mainly comprise 14,000 Grama Niladharis.

"The main objective of this exercise is to obtain a clear picture of the conflicts in the North, East and in the South as there has been extremely negative and exaggerated data on deaths, injuries and damage caused to people and properties," the minister said.

He said the local and foreign media had put the death toll during the separatist war alone at between 40,000 and 150,000, which was not the correct figure. These incorrect figures had caused much damage to Sri Lanka and had given a completely negative picture on the conduct of the 30-year long separatist war.



“Census on the conflict-related deaths and injuries to people and property damage”



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