

8 February 2003

The Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) held the fifth and shortened session of peace talks at the Norwegian Embassy in Berlin on 7 – 8 February 2003. The discussions focused on complex issues in a spirit of cooperation and conciliation.

The parties expressed their concern about the situation at sea and their strong commitment to ensure that an incident such as the one which resulted in the tragic loss of three lives on a Sea Tiger vessel near the Delft islands does not recur. Recognising the gravity of the consequences of incidents of this kind, the parties agreed that a meeting will be held soon between the GOSL, LTTE and Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM), to work out effective safeguards.

The parties reviewed progress reports on the work of the Sub-Committee on Immediate Humanitarian and Rehabilitation Needs in the North and East (SIHRN). Both parties underscored the urgent need to commence humanitarian and rehabilitation activities in the north and east. The parties reported that the agreement on World Bank custodianship of the Northeast Reconstruction Fund (NERF) is close to finalisation and will be signed within the next week. The parties once again appealed to the international community to make funds available rapidly for immediate humanitarian and rehabilitation needs in the north and east.

The parties reported that the implementation of the Action Plan for Accelerated Resettlement in the Jaffna district (ARP) is ahead of schedule. The seven Assessment Teams, comprising representatives from the GOSL, LTTE and UNHCR, have completed preliminary needs assessments and are identifying the activities required to facilitate resettlement. The parties also reported that the concept papers approved at the previous meeting of SIHRN on 15 – 16 January have been developed into proposals for concrete projects that can be approved and begun immediately. As requested by SIHRN at the last meeting, the report on the return of displaced Muslims in the Northern Province has been submitted for their consideration.

The parties agreed to establish three committees, one in each district of the Eastern Province, to address land issues and other areas of mutual concern. The committees will consist of six representatives of the Muslim population and six representatives of the LTTE. The work of the committees will start immediately. Similar committees will be appointed to address such issues relating to other communities as and when required.

Following a thorough discussion of human rights, the parties agreed to ask their international Human Rights Adviser, Mr. Ian Martin, to draw up a roadmap for human rights issues in the peace process. The draft roadmap will be prepared for discussion in the sixth session of talks in Japan in March and will include

- substantive human rights activities and commitments to be implemented throughout the negotiation process
- effective mechanisms for the monitoring of human rights
- training of LTTE cadres and GOSL officials in human rights and humanitarian law
- training of police and prison officers.

Both parties agreed that children living in the north east of Sri Lanka have been the most seriously affected by the war between the GOSL and the LTTE. UNICEF estimates that there

are 900 000 children in the north east all of whom have been seriously affected. These children are at risk for malnutrition, poor health care and education facilities, continued displacement, loss of parents and families, and land mines. The agreed LTTE has agreed to work with UNICEF to draw up an action plan for children affected by the armed conflict in the north east. Such an action plan will include an intensified effort by the LTTE to stop underage recruitment. The LTTE restated its pledge to bring such a practice to an end. The action plan will include a credible review mechanism. The LTTE has agreed to a complete cessation of recruitment of, and recruitment campaigns aimed at, persons under 18 years of age. In this context, the LTTE has handed over 350 children who had joined the organisation, for reunification with their parents or guardians. The plan will also include rehabilitation assistance, including provisions for schooling, vocational training, employment facilitation, health and psychosocial care.

The parties intend to commence a discussion on the fiscal aspects of a federal structure at the next session. It was noted that the LTTE has already taken action to set up a Political Affairs Committee with a view to addressing in depth issues pertaining to alternative structures of powersharing.

The parties confirmed that subsequent sessions of peace talks will take place on 18 – 21 March 2003 in Japan. The seventh session will be held on 29 April – 2 May 2003.



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3rd March, 2003

Hon. A. Rauf Hakeem,
Minister of Port Development & Shipping,
Eastern Development & Muslim Religious Affairs,
45, Layden Bastian Road,
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Dear Sir,

Committees to Address Land Issues in the Eastern Province

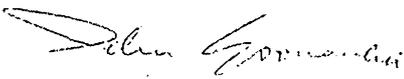
At the fifth Session of Peace Talks held in Berlin (7 – 8 February, 2003) the following decision was reached.

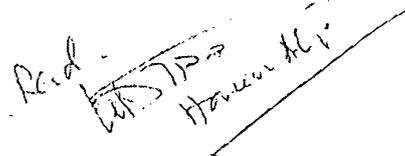
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I shall be grateful if you could let us know the steps that have been taken towards appointing these committees for the three districts of the Eastern Province, and any other steps towards implementing this decision.

An early reply is appreciated since progress on the implementation of this decision would need to be placed at the next session of talks in Japan.

Yours sincerely,


for Director General



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**Ambassador Bernard Gunatilleke,
 Director General,
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Dear Sir,

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**Nominations for Citizens Committee to represent the
 Muslim Community in the AMPARA District**

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Further to the decisions taken at the Berlin Talks, I have been instructed by my Hon, Minister to draw your kind attention to forward the following names to you to be nominated to represent the Muslim Community in the Ampara District in the above Committee.

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| Dr. A.L.M. Jameel | 37, Cassim Road, Kalmunai | 067-21054 |
| Mr. M.A. Noohulebbe | Division 3, Oluvil | 067-55086 |
| Mr. I.M. Ibrahim, | Lake Road, Sammanthurai | 067-60698 |
| Mr. S. Muthumeeran | Division 12, Nintavur | 067-50042 |
| Moulavi S.M.A. Kareem | Division 1, Pottuvil | |

Thank you
 Sincerely yours

M T Hasen Ali
 Private Secretary to Hon. Minister

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19 February 2003

**Ambassador Bernard Gunatilleke,
Director General,
Peace Secretariat,
Colombo.**

Dear Sir,

**Nominations for Citizens Committee to represent the
Muslim Community in the Batticaloa District**

Further to the decisions taken at the Berlin Talks, I have been instructed by my Hon. Minister to draw your kind attention to forward the following names to you to be nominated to represent the Muslim Community in the Batticaloa District in the above Committee.

Mr. U.L.M. Mubeen,	Central Lane, Off Old Road, Kattankudi 4
Mr. M.Y. Ahamed Lebbe	Divisional Secretariat, Kattankudy
Mr. M.T.M. Fareed,	Thaikka Road, Valaichchenai
Mr. P.A. Jalaldeen,	91, Main Street, Oddamavadi
Mr. S.H. Abu Haniffa,	Munaya Valavu Cross Road, Eravur.
Mr. M. Musthaffa.	Darussalaam, Main Street, Eravur.

Thank you
Sincerely yours

**M T Hasen Ali
Private Secretary to Hon. Minister**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING BETWEEN LTTE AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM
THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN AMPARA DISTRICT.

Date: 07.05.2003.

Present:

SLMM

Mr. Karl Julisson

Mr. Terje Halvorsen

MUSLIM DELEGATION

Mr. M.I.M. Mohideen

Dr A.L.M.Jameel

Mr. A. Noohulebbe

Mr. I.M. Ibrahim

Mr. S. Muthumeeran

Mr Moulavi S.M.A. Kareem

Dr.S.A. Jabar

LTTE DELEGATION

Mr. T. Ramesh, Military leader Batticaloa/Ampara

Mr. E. Kowsalyan, Political leader Batticaloa/Ampara

Mr.T. Stanly, Military leader, Ampara

Mr. S. Wawa, Political leader, Ampara

Mr. T. Henry, in charge of economy, Ampara

Mr.V. Nivraj, in charge of Administration, Ampara

Hon. A.Chandra Neru, TULF MP for Digamadulla district

Special invitees: G.L Ariyadasa, asst. Land Commissioner, Kachchery Ampara

U.L. Abdul Rasheed, Subject Clerk Tamil/Muslim area Ampara.

Meetings secretary: H.M Rasheed

Decisions and recommendations:

CASE 1.

SUBJECT:

The settlement of disputes between Tamils and Muslims in Ampara district with emphasis on land disputes.

AGREEMENT;

Ampara district will be divided into four (4) zones and committees formed in each zone.

The four zones are as follows:

1. Pottuvil and Lauhagala DS division area
2. Addalaicenai, Akkaraipattu, Aalayadivempu and Thirukkivil DS division area
3. Nintavur, Karativu and Kalmunai DS division area
4. Sammanthurai, Navithanveli, Ampara, Damana, Uhana, and Irakkamam DS division area

Six (6) persons from each party will be nominated but both parties have selected the following persons to be the head of each zonal committee.

Zone 1: From LTTE, Mr. Jarnathan.

From Muslim side, Mr. Careem Moulavi

Zone 2: From LTTE side, Mr. Wawa.

From Muslim side, Dr. Jabbar

Zone 3: From LTTE side, Mr. Nivaraj

From Muslim side, Dr. Farouk

Zone 4: From LTTE side, Mr. Henry

From Muslim side, Mr. Ibrahim

On May 15th heads of both parties will meet in DS office Aalayadivempu, headed by Mr. Wawa from the LTTE and Mr. M.I.M. Mohideen from the Muslim side. At that meeting both parties will hand over a list with all nominees for the zonal committees.

The zonal committees will meet as follows:

Zone 1. on May 19th in the Pottuvil DS office

Zone 2 on May 20th at Akkaraipattu DS office

Zone 3 on May 21st at the Karativu DS office

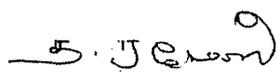
Zone 4 on May 22nd at the Ampara Kachcheri

For the next meeting of this main committee both parties agree to submit their agendas to the SLMM by May 30th 2003. SLMM will then inform the proposed agenda to both parties before June 3rd.

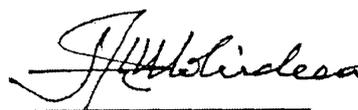
It was decided by both parties that the next meeting of this main committee will be held on the 10th of June 2003, at the same time and the same venue. All the DS's on the Ampara district coastal belt will be invited. These meetings should be coordinated by the GA of Ampara and land commission representative should be present.

Head of the LTTE delegation

Head of the Muslim delegation

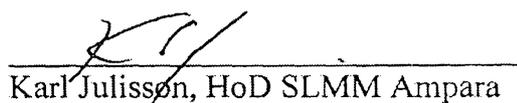


Mr. Ramesh



Mr. Mohideen

On behalf of SLMM


Karl Julisson, HoD SLMM Ampara

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD BETWEEN THE LTTE AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN AMPARA DISTRICT

Date: 14th of August 2003

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Alayadivembu DS Office.

Present:

SLMM

Ms. *Agusta Petursdottir*

Ms. *Rikke Kjaer*

SLMM's interpreter, Mr. *Mohamed Rashid*

MUSLIM DELEGATION

Mr. *M. I. M. Mohideen*

Mr. *A. Noohulebbe*

Mr. *I. M. Ibrahim*

Mr. *S. Muthumeeran*

Mr. *S. M. A. Careem Mulavi*

LTTE DELEGATION

Mr. *Kowsalyan*

Mr. *Wawa*

Hon. *A.C. Chandra Neru, M.P*

DS DELEGATION

Mr. *S. Arulrajah,*

DS Alayadivembu

Mr. *A. K. Thavarajah,*

DS Thirukkovil

Mr. *I.L.Anver,*

A.D.S,Pottuvil

Mr. *I.M.Haniffa*

DS, Irakkamam

Mr. *I.L.M.Samsudeen*

DS, Akkaraipattu

Mr. *U.L.A.Azeez*

DS, Addalaichchenai

Mr. *S.L.M.Hasheem*

DS, Nintavur,

Mr. *S.Ramakhrishna*

DS Karaitivu

Mr. *A.Munsoor*

DS Sainthamaruthu

Mr. *A.H.M.Ansar*

DS Kalmunai

Mr. *Alageratnam*

DS Kalmunai-Tamil Division

Mr. V. Vinyagamoorthy, CO Alayadivembu
Mr. K. Gunarathinam, CO (land)
Mr. K. Maheshwaran, ADP
Mr. P. Nadarajah, DS Office, Navithanveli
Mr. P. Kovindasamy DS Office, Navithanveli

Special invitees:

Mr. G. L. Ariyadasa, Ass. Land Commissioner, Ampara

Decisions and recommendations

Ampara Zonal Committee, Zone 1

No meeting held.

Kalmunai Zonal Committee, Zone 2

SUBJECT 1: (Case No: 2 from Zonal Meeting on 12th August 2003) Paddy Land belongs to Meenachi Amman Kovil in Nintavur Area.

AGREEMENT: Agreed with the decision arrived at in the Zonal Committee Meeting on 12th August

SUBJECT 2: (Case No. 4 from Zonal Meeting on 12th August 2003) –The land belongs to Sainthamaruthu Mosque.

AGREEMENT:-The decision will be announced at the next Zonal Meeting.

Mr. Wawa and Mr. I.M. Ibrahim would represent the respective community and probe an inquiry in detail. Also DS-Karaitivu will arrange a reconciliation meeting between the Karaitivu people and the Sainthamaruthu mosque Trustees

SUBJECT 3: Property owned by Tharavakkarai Kovil to be handed back from occupant, Mr. Aliyar of Kalmunai. Documents to be produced by LTTE to Kalmunai DS and to Muslim Delegation on or before 16th of August 2003.

AGREEMENT: DS, Kalmunai would submit the Report to the next Zonal meeting

SUBJECT 4: Muslims are using state-owned land in Pereya Neelavani Area reserved for Ayurvedic Hospital. As the plans for the Hospital are abandoned existing use may continue. When/if new project is proposed; both parties' consent must be obtained.

AGREEMENT: Subject closed

SUBJECT 5: Land gifted to Madrasa by Meerasahibu Neina Mohamed partially used by Tamil occupant. Both parties will visit and look at the site in question.

AGREEMENT: DS-Kalmunai and Mr. Wawa will take up the case with the party concern and resolve the matter.

SUBJECT 6: (Case No. 10 from Zonal Meeting on 12th August 2003) Dispute about purchase-price of Shop Premises no. 52 and 53.

AGREEMENT: Case closed, pending the result of judgment .

Akkaraipattu Zonal Committee, zone 3

No meeting held.

Fresh Meeting will be held on 26th of August 2003, 10.00 am, at Akkaraipattu DS

SUBJECT 6:-(from last meeting) Claim by Komathaveli to a part of land currently belonging to C.T.B. Bus stand.

Case pending in Government courts.

SUBJECT 7 from last Zonal meeting: Damana Tamils on Permits are issued to Singhalese for sugar cultivation.

To be taken up at the next Zonal meeting.

Pottuvil Zonal Committee, Zone 4

SUBJECT 1: Opening of about 9000 hectares of uncultivated land in Pottuvil area for cultivation. LTTE agreed to open about 3000 acres with the LTTE guaranteeing no obstacle from their part to the cultivators. Opening of remaining about 6000 acres as and

when the situation improves. Both parties visit the site before 15.th AUGUST, date to be given by LTTE to SLMM, no date given until today.

AGREEMENT: As per agreed at the Pottuvil Zonal; Committee Meeting on August 7th, the LTTE agreed to allow cultivation of those paddy lands except DHARAMPALAI and UDUMPANKULAM.

It was agreed that there would be no obstruction from the LTTE side.

In the future, by considering the situation the LTTE would relax their position and allow the farmers to cultivate step by step in the remaining area of Dharampalai and udumpankulam..

Both parties will inspect the rest of the land for allowing cultivation and meet at Thirukkivil DS on 21st of August 2003 at 9.00 am.

Muslim parties requested Komari, Thangavelayathuparam, Majeed Puram, also to be released.

The request would be considered.

SUBJECT 2: Dispute between school and library at Pottuvil about land for extension to be resolved between the respective authorities. The Zonal Committee to be kept informed.

AGREEMENT: Both parties agreed to visit the area on 21st of August 2003.and the DS Pottuvil and the Zonal director of Akkaraipattu to decide

SUBJECT 3: Commissioner of LRC to be requested to find alternative land to resettle muslim permit holders..

AGREEMENT: The Government Agent Ampara would request the LRC to identify alternate state land to be given to these allottees in 1978.

SUBJECT 4: Pasture Land at Oorani belonging to Addelaichenai MPCs.

Addelaichenai DS. must submit the relevant document to this forum

AGREEMENT: Due to the DS Addilaichenai's absence this point matter was postponed till the next Zonal meeting.

SUBJECT 5: (SUBJECT 3 from District Meeting on 10.07.03)- Timithar Estate

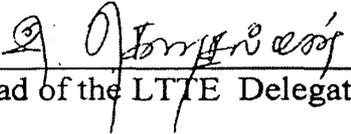
AGREEMENT: To visit the site on 22nd of August 2003 at 15.00 hrs. Both parties meet at Thirukkivil DS.

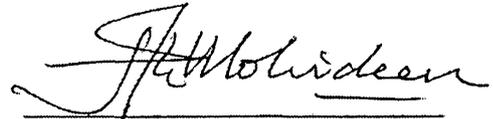
The next Zonal Committee meetings will be held as follows:

Zone 1, Ampara on	29. August
Zone 2, Kalmunai,	4 th September
Zone 3, Akkaraipattu	26 th August
Zone 4, Pottuvil	2 nd September

The next District Meeting will be held on 16th September

Both parties will submit their agenda to the SLMM not later than Tuesday 9th September


Head of the LTTE Delegation


Head of the Muslim Delegation


Ms. Augusta Petursdottir
On behalf of SLMM
Acting Head of Ampara District

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