Bishop seeks safe passage for civilians

Jaffna's Bishop Thomas Savundranayagam met a government delegation on Thursday to discuss possibilities of opening a safe passageway from the North to Colombo.

"There are about six hundred thousand innocent people who have no safe passage. Even I come through a difficult route. It takes about three days to reach the destination", the Bishop said.

He said he had also spoken to the LTTE on the matter and was awaiting a response from all sides.

Thousands of Catholics in the North are expected to visit Colombo next month to participate in the ceremony where the visiting Pope John Paul will beatify Fr. Joseph Vaz.