

HRTF list of detainees in army detention camps

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The Army had detained 2224 persons in camps in the North-East region Human Rights Task Force (HRTF) Chairman, former supreme Court Judge, J. F. A. Sosa said in his annual report released yesterday.

The report on the period between August 10 last year to August 10 this year stated that 2224 persons were detained in 13 Army camps in the north-east region.

The largest number of detainees were at the Military police camp in Batticaloa. A total of 982 persons had been detained there. The report stated that detainees were also at Trincomalee camps (141), Seven Islands camp (16), Vanni camp (60), Ampara detention camp (27), Hardy camp (6),

Batticaloa Army prison camp (142), Kommathurai camp (50), Trincomalee Army prison camp (718), Plantain Point camp (7), and Thandikulam (75).

The report also claimed HRTF officials had visited all camps where detainees were in those detained also included some women "The Island" understands.

The detained had been described by the military as suspected Tigers or others involved in rebel activity in the north-east region.

The HRTF had set up offices at Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Ampara, Kalmunai and a sub office at Kattankudy to help those affected by anti-Tiger operations in the North East. And at the same time offices had also been established at Kandy, Matara and Anuradhapura.

A total number of 66 personnel were attached to these offices.

The report further stated that 960 Tamils were detained at detention camps at Kalutara and Magazine prisons.

They were among 1545 detainees in detention and rehabilitation camps in various parts of the country.

The report also claimed that HRTF offices had received 2351 complaints of missing persons within twelve months ending August 10 this year. "There have been 556 complaints of other nature," the report stated.

The largest number of complaints had been received by the Batticaloa office followed by Kandy (689), Kalmunai (296), Trincomalee (215), Anuradhapura (203) and Matara (116).