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TAMIL TIGERS yesterday forced at least 10,000 Tamil refugees at Madu Road camp to demonstrate against the government decision to resettle them in Vavuniya, said a military spokesman.

The government has finalised arrangements to resettle them in Vavuniya where they lived earlier. These areas have now been cleared.

There are about 30,000 Tamil refugees in Madu Road

camp, looked after by the UNHCR. But the access and surrounding areas are being controlled by the Tigers.

Tigers virtually control this area. Therefore, the refugees have to oblige them said the military spokesman.

Tigers had forced these refugees to demonstrate saying that they could not go back to their villages.

This is to keep their (Tigers) grip tight in Madu Road camp, where Tigers are said to grab government and NGO relief to the refugees, said sources in Anurad-

hapura.

Even if a section of the refugees go back to their villages under an attractive subsidy package by the government, Tigers will lose both their control and the income, the military said.

Yesterday the UNHCR officials were in Vavuniya, to discuss with the authorities about the next move, sources said.