

Reply to a general allegation

111. On 6 December 2016, the Government of the Russian Federation transmitted a reply to the general allegation sent on 1 December 2016, concerning reported obstacles to implementing the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. In its reply, the Government states that it cannot comment on the general allegation, as it contains “unacceptable wording relating to the territorial status of the Republic of Crimea, namely a reference to General Assembly resolution 68/262”.

Observation

112. The Working Group thanks the Government of the Russian Federation for the reply received, yet regrets that no substantive information on the allegations was included therein. The Working Group reiterates that references to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea should be understood in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014.

Sri Lanka**Standard procedure**

113. The Working Group transmitted 55 cases to the Government. A summary of these cases is included in annex I.

Information from sources

114. Sources provided information on one outstanding case.

Other letter

115. On 2 December 2016, one “other letter” was sent to the Government of Sri Lanka concerning the Policy and Legal Framework of its proposed Counter Terrorism Act.

Syrian Arab Republic**Standard procedure**

116. The Working Group transmitted 22 cases to the Government. A summary of these cases is included in annex I.

Information from sources

117. Sources provided information on two outstanding cases.

Sudan**Urgent action**

118. On 21 December 2016, the Working Group transmitted, under its urgent action procedure, a case to the Government of the Sudan, concerning Ibrahim Adam Mudawi, allegedly abducted on 7 December 2016 at the Khartoum University campus, by members of the National Intelligence and Security Services.

Joint urgent appeal

119. On 17 November 2016, the Working Group transmitted, jointly with two other special procedure mechanisms, a joint urgent appeal concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and enforced disappearance of 10 Sudanese doctors.

120. On 12 December 2016, the Working Group transmitted, jointly with four other special procedure mechanisms, a joint urgent appeal concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest

Annex I

Standard procedure cases

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

1. The Working Group transmitted 34 cases to the Government, concerning:
 - (a) Kim Kwang Bok, allegedly arrested by the National Security Agency (NSA), from her house in Okcheon, Baegam County, Yanggang Province, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in 2011;
 - (b) Kim Gwang Jae, allegedly arrested by the National Security Agency (NSA) from his home in Roha-ri, Kwaksan County, North Pyongan Province, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in August 1999;
 - (c) Lee Dong Cheol, allegedly arrested by the National Security Agency (NSA) from his home in Hamheung, South Hamkyung Province, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on 9 May 1980;
 - (d) Lee Hye Gyeong, allegedly arrested by the National Security Agency (NSA) from her house in Hoiryeong, North Hamkyung Province, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in May 1996;
 - (e) Myeong-hwan Choi, a national of the Republic of Korea, allegedly abducted by soldiers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea while on a fishing boat on Incheon Port, on 12 April 1967;
 - (f) Cheol-gyu Kim, a national from the Republic of Korea, allegedly abducted by soldiers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea while fishing on the "Changmyeong" boat, on 2 July 1968;
 - (g) Gil-yun Park, a national from the Republic of Korea, allegedly abducted by soldiers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea while out on the "Huiyoung 37" fishing boat, on 6 January 1971;
 - (h) Gwan Su Oh, a national from the Republic of Korea, allegedly abducted by soldiers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea while out on the "Geumgangsán" fishing boat, on 22 June 1970;
 - (i) Jang-woon Park, a national of the Republic of Korea, allegedly abducted by soldiers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea while out on the "Gilyong" fishing boat, 22 January 1966;
 - (j) Kyeon-hwa Shin, allegedly abducted together with three other persons, from her home in Chongjin, North Hamkyung Province, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, by security agents of the National Security Agency (NSA);
 - (k) Jong-ho Kwak, a national of the Republic of Korea, allegedly abducted by soldiers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea while out on the "Boseung 2" fishing boat, on 20 March 1964;
 - (l) Kim Byeong Jae, allegedly arrested by the National Security Agency (NSA) from a tractor manufacturing factory in Kwaksan County, North Pyongan Province, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in August 1999;
 - (m) Jae-dong Lim, a national of the Republic of Korea, allegedly abducted by soldiers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea while on the "Youngchang" fishing boat, on 30 October 1968;
 - (n) Sung-mahn Kim, a national of the Republic of Korea, allegedly abducted by soldiers of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea while on the "Myeongduk" fishing boat, on 20 November 1965;

(kk) Hasnain Afzal Raza, allegedly arrested at the Expo Centre near Johar Town Lahore, by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 29 November 2012;

(ll) Izzat Khan, allegedly abducted at the Ali Market in Mingora, Swat District, by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 29 November 2012;

(mm) Shahzad Murtaza Alvi, allegedly abducted from Jakab Abad Railway Station, by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 10 June 2007;

(nn) Sher Bahadour, allegedly abducted from his home by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 8 November 2009;

(oo) Muhammad Safdar, allegedly abducted by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 2 April 2010;

(pp) Shah Nazar Khan, allegedly abducted by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 11 September 2008;

(qq) Masood Khan, allegedly abducted at the Muslim Abad, Hawailian, Abbotabad, by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 29 May 2010;

(rr) Muhammad Faheem, allegedly abducted by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 15 August 2011;

(ss) Noor Syed, allegedly abducted from the Hajji Camp, Truck Adda, near the Children Hospital in Peshawar, by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 20 June 2009;

(tt) Younas, allegedly abducted from his home by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 7 July 2009;

(uu) Fazal Wadood, allegedly abducted by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 29 November 2012;

(vv) Sultan Mehmood, allegedly abducted from his home by officials believed to be from an intelligence state force of Pakistan, on 7 July 2009.

Sri Lanka

4. The Working Group transmitted 55 cases to the Government, concerning:

(a) Pushparasa Kanapathipillai, allegedly abducted from his home by men believed to be from the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), on 31 March 2008;

(b) Ravikumar Kandasamy, allegedly abducted by the Army after surrendering in a military controlled area at the end of the war, on 18 May 2009;

(c) Thavaseelan Selvaraja, allegedly abducted by the Manmunai Special Task Forces, on 18 March 2007;

(d) SusaiyakkobuKinsly Joseph, allegedly abducted by Sri Lankan Navy officers, on 11 May 2008;

(e) Krishnakumar Rudramoorthy, allegedly abducted by the Sri Lanka Army in the Mullaithivu District, Northern Province, on 18 May 2009;

(f) Selliah Visvanathan, allegedly disappeared after surrendering to the Sri Lankan Army, on 18 May 2009;

(g) Umapathy Pararasasingam, allegedly disappeared after surrendering to the Sri Lankan Army, on 17 May 2009;

(h) Pavanesan Punniyamoorthi, allegedly abducted by officials from the Sri Lanka Government, on 28 October 2006;

- (i) Kumuthini Punniyamoorathi, allegedly disappeared from Mullivaikal, Mullaithivu District, when it was overrun by the Sri Lanka military, on 16 May 2009;
- (j) Santhakumar Krishnapillai, allegedly abducted by the Sri Lankan Army after having surrendered, on 17 May 2009;
- (k) Rasaiya Erathanan, allegedly last seen at the Sri Lanka Army checkpoint located in Omanthai, Vavuniya District, Northern Province, on 23 June 2009, after allegedly being abducted by the Sri Lanka Army;
- (l) Anthony Kandiah, allegedly abducted by the Kitul Special Task Force at Uragamam, Batticaloa District, on 02 December 2008;
- (m) Ramana Sinnathambi, allegedly last seen at the Sri Lanka Army (SLA) checkpoint in Omanthai, Vavuniya district, on 23 May 2009, in the presence of persons wearing the SLA uniform;
- (n) Anthony Muththukaruppan, allegedly arrested by the Sri Lankan army, on 26 March 2009;
- (o) Soosathasan Anthony, allegedly disappeared in the military controlled area of Pallimunai, Mannar, on 18 May 2008;
- (p) Atputhaseelan Manuel Pathinathan, allegedly last seen with the Sri Lankan Army in Mullivaikal, on 6 January 2009;
- (q) John YogarasaNadarasa, allegedly abducted by the Sri Lanka Army in Mannar, Northern Province, on 14 August 2007;
- (r) Sevvil Marukan Satkunasingham, allegedly last seen on 10 October 2012, in Puthukudiyiruppu, Mullaithivu District, with persons dressed in Sri Lanka Army uniforms;
- (s) Kandasamy Thivichandran, allegedly arrested by Sri Lankan Army officials after surrendering on 17 May 2009;
- (t) Kellen Mary Santhiyogu, allegedly last seen with the Sri Lanka Army (SLA) in the Omanthai Army Camp;
- (u) Harry Muhunthan Thavarasa, allegedly arrested in Batticaloa by two members of the Batticaloa Police, on 3 May 2009;
- (v) Sutharsan Ramachanthiran, allegedly abducted by the Sri Lankan military in the army-controlled area of Karaiyan Mullivaikal, Mullaithivu, on 14 May 2009;
- (w) Arjun Sanmugarasa, allegedly arrested by the Sri Lankan Military after he surrendered in Mullivaikal, Mullaithivu, on 19 May 2009;
- (x) Nagalingam Mahalingam, allegedly abducted by the Sri Lankan Military in the area of Karaiyan Mullivaikal, Mullaithivu, on 14 May 2009;
- (y) Emmanuel Fernando, allegedly arrested at his house by men from the Sri Lankan military, on 21 November 2008;
- (z) Kumarasuwami Ganeshwaran, allegedly arrested by Sri Lankan military officers, on 16 May 2009;
- (aa) Paran Sanmuganathan, allegedly abducted by the Sri Lankan military, on 6 July 2009;
- (bb) Stanly Soosaiyappu Leon, allegedly abducted by suspected policemen from the Kotahena Police Station in Colombo, on 25 August 2008;
- (cc) Roshan Stanly Leon, allegedly abducted by suspected policemen from the Kotahena Police Station in Colombo, on 25 August 2008;
- (dd) Sivakaran Sivabalan, allegedly arrested by two officers of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) from Vavuniya, at his house in Pesalai, Mannar, on 13 June 2009;

- (ee) Nitharshan Esthogupillai, allegedly arrested by the Sri Lanka Army while at the Mathalan Hospital in Suthanthirapuram, Mullaithivu, on 7 May 2009;
- (ff) Mohamed Naleer Mohamed Hakeem, allegedly abducted by Sri Lankan security forces, on 21 March 2009;
- (gg) Kirusnakumar Uruthramorththi, allegedly abducted by the Sri Lankan military after having surrendered, on 18 May 2009;
- (hh) Nalinikanth Anthonyjesuratnam, allegedly last seen after he was taken away for questioning by suspected soldiers of the Sri Lanka Army, at the Ananda Coomaraswamy IDP camp in Vavuniya District, on 25 May 2009;
- (ii) Rajeswaran Padmalingam, allegedly abducted by a white van, while he was riding a bicycle on Court Road, on 27 May 2008;
- (jj) Davalan Krishnapillai, allegedly abducted by members of the Mylanbaweli Special Task Force (STF), on 26 April 2007;
- (kk) Sathiadevan Velmurugu, allegedly last seen in the Unichchai jungle with two armed men, suspected members of the Maha Oya Special Task Force (STF), on 7 June 2008;
- (ll) Manoharan Subramaniam, allegedly abducted from his home by suspected officers from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), on 24 March 2009;
- (mm) Jenaraj Yogaraja, allegedly abducted from his fishing boat, by the Navy, on 1 April 2009;
- (nn) Imparaja Rajakopal, allegedly abducted by an identified member of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), on 15 February 2015;
- (oo) Gobinath Sellathurai, allegedly abducted by members of the Sri Lanka Army, on 24 April 2009;
- (pp) Jayanthi Thavapalan, reportedly last seen by relatives in October 2009, at the Padaviya Hospital, in Trincomalee District;
- (qq) Ravichanthiran Priyatharsini, allegedly last seen on 18 May 2009, at the Ramanathapuram Welfare Centre IDP camp, in Vavuniya District, Northern Province, in the custody of Sri Lanka Army personnel;
- (rr) Jevachandran Ramajah, allegedly disappeared in Mullivaikal, Mullaithivu District, on 17 May 2009;
- (ss) Gajendiran Kuperan, allegedly abducted by the Sri Lankan military, on 3 April 2009;
- (tt) Santhamary Dayasiri, allegedly last seen boarding a white bus with her two-year old son, after surrendering to the Sri Lanka Army at the Vattuvakal checkpoint, in Mullaithivu District, on 18 May 2009;
- (uu) Kalaichudar Dayasiri, a two year old boy, allegedly last seen boarding a white bus with his mother, after she surrendered to the Sri Lanka Army at the Vattuvakal checkpoint, in Mullaithivu District, on 18 May 2009;
- (vv) Mathivathani Sivagnanam, reportedly in the custody of the Sri Lanka Army at the end of the war, in 2009;
- (ww) Kaveenthran Kathiresan, allegedly last seen in the Government controlled area of Mullivaikal, Mullaithivu District, Northern Province, on 18 May 2009;
- (xx) Mathi Kanapathy, allegedly last seen at a LTTE bunker on 15 April 2009, before the LTTE surrendered to the Sri Lankan army;
- (yy) Karthika Thissaiveerasingham, allegedly last seen in June 2009 at the Vavuniya Government Hospital, in the Northern Province, reportedly under the custody of the police;

(zz) Kavitha Sivapalarasasekaram, allegedly last seen leaving the LTTE-controlled area to surrender, on 16 May 2009;

(aaa) Rasitha Sivapalarasasekaram, allegedly last seen leaving the LTTE-controlled area to surrender, on 16 May 2009;

(bbb) Kathiravel Rasaratthinam, allegedly disappeared by people in military uniform at the checkpoint in Omanthai, on 19 May 2009;

(ccc) Ratnam Ratnarajah, allegedly arrested by the Vavuniya Police, on 23 June 2009.

Syrian Arab Republic

5. The Working Group transmitted 22 cases to the Government, concerning:

(a) Mahmoud Bakkar, allegedly arrested by members of the Syrian Army and the Security Forces at a checkpoint in Qatana, Rif Dimashq Governorate, on 25 December 2011;

(b) Abdel Hamid Al Salloum, allegedly arrested by members of the Syrian armed forces in Al Jabriya, Qalaat al-Madiq Nahiyah, Hama Governorate, on 20 March 2012;

(c) Abdul Rahman Al Jawalak, allegedly arrested by the Syrian Air Forces Intelligence at a checkpoint on the Maardes bridge, in Suran town, Hama Governorate, on 22 January 2012;

(d) Abdul Aziz, allegedly arrested by members of the Syrian armed forces in Al Jabriya, Nahiyah, Hama Governorate, on 20 March 2012;

(e) Ahmad Shamma, allegedly arrested by Members of the Syrian Army, the Military Intelligence Division, and other unidentified members of security forces, at a checkpoint in Tadmor roundabout, Homs, on 19 May 2013;

(f) Ahmed Al Othman, allegedly arrested on the road of Muhradah Jabriya in Hama, by members of the Air Forces Intelligence, on 30 August 2012;

(g) Abdul Aziz Bakkar, allegedly arrested by members of the Syrian Army and of the Security Forces, in his house in Al-Buwaydah al-Sharqiya, on 26 November 2011;

(h) Jassim Al Shehab, allegedly arrested at a checkpoint located in Teir Maalah, Homs governorate, by officers of the Military Intelligence Division, on 11 April 2011;

(i) Mohammad Saadouni, allegedly arrested by soldiers of the Syrian Army, Regiment No.44 (Special Unit), on 11 June 2015;

(j) Khalid Hussein, allegedly arrested at a checkpoint in Achrafieh, a neighbourhood in Aleppo, by members of the Popular Committees, which are local militias supported by the Syrian Government and merged into the National Defence force in 2012, on 14 October 2014;

(k) Samer Al Tosh, allegedly arrested by a Syrian army high officer, in Juret Al Shayah, Homs, on 3 March 2014;

(l) Majed Al Husni, allegedly arrested from his home in Homs by armed members of the political security forces of the Government, on 26 July 2015;

(m) Ahmad Swaidan, allegedly arrested by Syrian army when passing a checkpoint controlled by the Government forces in the Daraa Al Mahata neighbourhood, Daraa city, on 7 November 2014;

(n) Dima Khabazeh, allegedly arrested at the Jisr Al Shogor city water-company checkpoint, which at the time was allegedly controlled by the Army, on 5 November 2014;

(o) Tamer Abdul Rahman, allegedly arrested by armed members belonging to the political security forces of the Government when passing a checkpoint, on 8 May 2014;