

Sri Lanka

<i>Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review</i>	<i>Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review: 4</i>		<i>Cases clarified during the period under review: 0</i>		<i>Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review</i>
	<i>Cases sent under the urgent action procedure</i>	<i>Cases sent under the standard procedure</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Non-governmental sources</i>	
5,651	1	3	0	0	5,653 ⁸
<i>Number of cases on which the Government has replied</i>		<i>Multiple replies on some cases</i>		<i>Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)</i>	
45		No		0	
<i>Urgent appeal</i>		<i>N/A</i>	<i>Government response</i>		<i>N/A</i>
<i>General allegation</i>		<i>N/A</i>	<i>Government response</i>		<i>N/A</i>
<i>Prompt intervention letter</i>		<i>N/A</i>	<i>Government response</i>		<i>N/A</i>
<i>Working Group request for a visit</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>Government response</i>		<i>None</i>

Urgent actions

441. The Working Group sent one case under its urgent action procedure to the Government. It concerned Mr. **Prageeth Ranjan Bandara Ekanaligoda**, a journalist who worked for a website that supports the opposition candidate, and who was allegedly abducted near Koswatte when going home from his office on 24 January 2010, two days before the presidential elections.

Standard procedures

442. The Working Group transmitted three newly reported cases to the Government. The first case concerned Mr. **Maragathan Ravinathan**, who was allegedly abducted from his home, located in Trincomalee district, on 1 August 2008, by a group of men in civilian clothes who arrived in a three-wheeler and identified themselves as officers from the Uppuveli police station. The second case concerned Mr. **Joseph Uthayachandran**, who was allegedly abducted by State agents near his home, located in Trincomalee District, on 12 October 2008. The third case concerned Mr. **Yogachandran Velayutham**, who was allegedly abducted on his way from Muthur town to his home, located in Ralkuli, by persons on a three-wheeler who acted with the involvement of the Navy officers guarding the area on 24 February 2008.

Information from the Government

443. The Government transmitted two communications to the Working Group on 16 December 2009 and 5 February 2010.

444. In the first communication, the Government provided information on 45 outstanding cases. The information provided was considered insufficient to clarify them.

⁸ Two cases were found to be duplicated cases and were therefore deleted.

445. In the second communication, the Government requested more information on one outstanding case. In addition, the Government expressed its appreciation to the Working Group for the deletion of 171 duplicated cases. It also noted that the number of cases reported to the Working Group has been steadily declining over the last couple of years and it hoped that these will reduce to no new cases soon.

Meetings

446. Representatives of the Government of Sri Lanka met with the Working Group at its ninetieth session to discuss developments connected to its outstanding cases.

Request for a visit

447. On 16 October 2006, the Working Group requested an invitation to undertake a mission from the Government of Sri Lanka. The Government replied that it would not be possible to schedule a visit on the proposed dates, and that the interest of the Working Group would be given due consideration. Reminder letters were sent on 20 July 2009 and 16 August 2010. No reply from the Government has been received to date.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

448. Since its establishment, the Working Group has transmitted 12,230 cases to the Government; of those, 40 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 6,535 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and 5,653 remain outstanding.

Observations

449. The Working Group notes that about 80 cases of its present backlog concern Sri Lanka. It will deal with these at its ninety-third session.

450. The Working Group would like to reiterate its request to conduct a mission to Sri Lanka as soon as possible.

451. The Working Group regrets that the Government has yet to report on the further implementation of the recommendations emanating from the Working Group visits in 1991, 1992 and 1999.

452. The Working Group reminds the Government of Sri Lanka of its obligations under the Declaration to “take effective legislative, administrative, judicial or other measures to prevent and terminate acts of enforced disappearance in any territory under its jurisdiction” (art. 3).

453. The Working Group calls upon the Government to sign and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and accept the competence of the Committee under articles 31 and 32.

Annex II

[English only]

Decisions on individual cases taken by the Working Group during the reporting period

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Cases which allegedly occurred during the reporting period</i>	<i>Cases transmitted to the Government during the reporting period</i>			<i>Clarification by:</i>		<i>Discontinued case</i>	<i>Closed cases</i>
		<i>Urgent actions</i>	<i>Normal actions</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Non-governmental sources</i>			
Algeria	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Bahrain	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameroon	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Chile	0	-	-	1	0	0	0	0
China	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colombia	0	0	1	6	1	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Egypt	3	3	17	0	17	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	-	1	-	-			0
India	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Iraq	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Laos	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Libya Arab Jamahiriya	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mexico	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
Montenegro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Morocco	6	7	0	4	4	0	0	0
Myanmar	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	8	10	4	0	1	0	0	0
Philippines	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

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Saudi Arabia	0	0	2	0	1		0	0
Sri Lanka	1	1	3	0	0		0	0
Syrian Arab Republic	5	6	1	1	12		0	0
Thailand	2	2	0	0	0		0	0
Turkey	0	0	0	2	0		0	0
United Arab Emirates	3	0	3	0	0		0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	2	0		0	0
Yemen	4	4	0	0	6		0	0
Total	48	50	55	23	47		1	1

Annex III

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Statistical summary: cases of enforced or involuntary disappearance reported to the Working Group between 1980 and 2010

Countries/entities	Cases transmitted to the Government				Clarification by:			Status of person at date of clarification			
	Total		Outstanding		Government	Non-governmental sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	Discontinued cases	Closed cases
	Cases	Female	Cases	Female							
Afghanistan	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algeria	2950	19	2923	18	9	18	9	10	8	-	-
Angola	10	1	3	-	7	-	-	-	7	-	-
Argentina[1]	3449	773	3288	739	107	52	28	5	126	-	-
Bahrain	3	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Bangladesh	5	3	4	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Belarus	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bhutan	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	48	3	28	3	19	1	19	-	1	-	-
Brazil	63	4	13	-	46	4	1	-	49	-	-
Bulgaria	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
Burkina Faso	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
Burundi	53	-	52	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Cameroon	19	-	14	-	5	-	4	1	-	-	-
Chad	34	-	30	-	3	1	2	1	1	-	-
Chile[2]	907	65	806	64	78	23	2	-	99	-	-
China	117	13	29	4	77	11	51	35	2	-	-

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Seychelles	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	11	1	-	-	3	2	1	1	3	6	-
Somalia	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka[3]	12230	155	5653	87	6535	40	103	27	6445	-	-
Sudan	383	37	174	5	205	4	208	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	61	3	22	3	13	26	19	15	5	-	-
Tajikistan	8	-	6	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-
Thailand[4]	57	5	54	5	1	-	1	-	-	2	-
Timor-Leste	504	36	428	28	58	18	50	23	2	-	-
Togo	11	2	10	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	18	1	1	-	12	5	1	16	-	-	-
Turkey	182	11	61	3	71	49	70	24	26	1	-
Turkmenistan	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
Uganda	22	4	15	2	2	5	2	5	-	-	-
Ukraine	5	2	4	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
United Arab Emirates	6	-	5	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Republic of Tanzania	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
United States of America	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	31	7	20	3	10	1	5	4	2	-	-
Uzbekistan	19	-	7	-	11	1	2	10	-	-	-
Venezuela	14	2	10	1	4	-	1	-	3	-	-
Viet Nam	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yemen	159	-	2	-	135	8	66	3	73	14	-

Annex IV

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Graphs showing the development of disappearances in countries with more than 100 transmitted cases during the period 1980-2010



