

Ceasefire Agreement, February 2002

The February 2002 Ceasefire Agreement, facilitated by Norway and monitored by the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM), produced six rounds of formal peace talks (Sattahip, Rose Garden, Oslo, Hakone, Berlin, Tokyo) and the Oslo Declaration's reference to a federal solution. The agreement collapsed by 2006; the talks produced no implemented federal architecture.

The 2002 ceasefire is the most fully documented negotiated framework on the narrowing timeline because the SLMM compiled a public ruling log on every reported violation (3,830 ruled against the LTTE, 351 ruled against the Sri Lankan armed forces, over the agreement's life). The federal direction agreed at Oslo (December 2002) was never legislated. The case file uses the SLMM record as a Tier-A empirical anchor for the asymmetry-of-implementation pattern: the agreement produced ceasefire compliance from both sides as the dominant outcome, and produced zero federal-architecture legislation from the state.

§1 What the SLMM record shows

The Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission's published ruling log is one of the few full-period independent monitoring datasets on the conflict. It rulings on the conduct of both parties to the agreement. The case file does not aggregate the SLMM rulings into a TLTE-voice number; it links to the SLMM archive at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the academic processing by ICG and Goodhand.

§2 Why the federal direction did not legislate

The Oslo Declaration (December 2002) recorded that both parties had agreed to explore a federal solution within a united Sri Lanka. No constitutional amendment, draft bill, or parliamentary motion implementing a federal architecture was ever tabled in the period 2002–2006. The narrowing timeline records this as the third post-Vaddukoddai instance (after 1985 Thimpu and 1987 Indo-Lanka Accord) in which a Tamil-side framework was provisionally agreed and then not legislated.

Sources

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- ICG, Sri Lanka: The Failure of the Peace Process (2006).
- Goodhand, Stabilising a Victor's Peace? Sri Lanka After the LTTE (2010).

What this is not

- This article does not endorse the LTTE or any other party to the agreement.
- This article does not aggregate ceasefire-violation counts in TLTE voice. All counts attributed to SLMM.