

High Security Zones and military land occupation

Designated zones in the North-East — initially during the armed conflict, persisting post-2009 — within which the Sri Lankan military occupies private and public land and restricts civilian movement.

HSZs are the post-war architecture by which civilian Tamil land remained under military control after the active conflict ended. The Demilitarisation Desk maintains the standing civic file; the case file records the structural feature.

§1 Structural feature

Land release has occurred piecemeal and unevenly across the Northern and Eastern Provinces. Verité Research, CPA and Adayaalam have documented the gap between the announced release figures and verified ground-level release. The case file defers to those organisations on figures and to OHCHR (2015, 2026) on the underlying violation framework.

Sources

- Adayaalam — militarisation research.
- CPA — land restitution monitoring.
- OHCHR OISL — HSZs as violation framework.

What this is not

- This article does not film, photograph or geotag specific HSZ locations or serving personnel.
- This article does not aggregate land-release counts in TLTE voice.