

University Teachers for Human Rights (Jaffna) — UTHR(J)

UTHR(J) is the contemporaneous documentary anchor for Tamil-side human-rights monitoring through the conflict period. Its successive bulletins and reports — published at significant personal cost to the authors — are cited across the OHCHR OISL, ICG, Amnesty, and academic literature as a Tier-A independent source for events the state denied and armed organisations sometimes obstructed.

UTHR(J) sits structurally between Tamil community accountability and state accountability: it documented violations by the Sri Lankan state, by the IPKF during 1987–1990, and by armed Tamil organisations. The case file cites UTHR(J) extensively precisely because of this triple independence. The Civic Protection Doctrine (/doctrine/civic-protection) treats UTHR(J)'s methodology as a historical reference for non-state, non-armed, contemporaneous civic documentation under conditions of risk.

§1 What UTHR(J) documented

Disappearances, torture, extrajudicial killings, displacement, communal violence, and command-responsibility patterns — by state, IPKF, and armed organisations — throughout the conflict period. The bulletins are published at uthr.org and are reproduced in the case file's citations registry.

§2 Why it matters now

UTHR(J) is the case file's anchor against any narrative — state, armed-Tamil, or diaspora — that treats one side's record as the only record. The case file is not a Tamil-grievance archive; it is a record of what happened, who did it, and where the accountability gap sits. UTHR(J) modelled that posture under conditions far harder than the present diaspora environment.

Sources

- UTHR(J) — successive bulletins and reports at uthr.org.
- OHCHR OISL — extensive citation of UTHR(J) material.

What this is not

- This article does not name UTHR(J) authors. The historical record is publicly available.
- This article does not endorse the conclusions of any specific UTHR(J) bulletin.