

Civilian Safety After Militarisation · Sri Lanka NE — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- UK MPs
- FCDO South Asia
- APPG for Tamils
- Foreign Affairs Committee
- Home Office (FATF/APG focal point)
- EU EEAS

Best used for

- FCDO written questions linking civilian-safety failures in the NE to the unfinished demilitarisation curve
- Submissions into the FATF/APG Mutual Evaluation civil-society process (structural risk indicators only — never named entities)
- Westminster Hall debates pairing PEARL/Adayaalam militarisation evidence with SIPRI/IISS published force-strength data
- Foreign Affairs Committee evidence on monitored demilitarisation comparators (Aceh 2005, Northern Ireland 1998)

Tier-A evidence anchors

- Staniland — Networks of Rebellion (2014) — Peer-reviewed comparative-politics standard on post-conflict armed orders and shadow economies.
- Schultze-Kraft — Crimilegal orders (2017) — Defines settlements where state, security forces and criminal economies operate as one system.
- SIPRI — Military Expenditure Database (Sri Lanka)
- IISS — Military Balance 2024 (Sri Lanka)
- PEARL — Withering Democracy / Normalising the Abnormal
- Adayaalam — NE monitoring

- NDDCB — Handbook of Drug Abuse Information
- ICG — Sri Lanka NE policing briefings
- Verité Research — Public Finance Monitor
- Aceh — Helsinki MoU (2005) + AMM Final Report (2006)
- Northern Ireland — Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement (1998) + Patten Report (1999)
- South Africa — TRC Final Report (cautionary comparator)
- UN IDDRS — Integrated DDR Standards
- FATF/APG — Mutual Evaluation methodology
- World Justice Project — Rule of Law Index

Policy asks

- UK Government (FCDO): Raise Sri Lanka's force posture in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in bilateral dialogue, benchmarked against the UN IDDRS reference standards for monitored demilitarisation.
- UK Government (FCDO): Request that Sri Lanka publish a phased, monitored timetable for base-footprint reduction and civilian-policing reform in the North-East, modelled procedurally — not constitutionally — on the Aceh AMM monitoring framework.
- UK Government (Home Office, FATF/APG focal point): Encourage civil-society submissions of STRUCTURAL risk indicators into the next APG Mutual Evaluation cycle for Sri Lanka, scoped strictly per FATF methodology — never as named allegations.
- UK MPs (APPG for Tamils): Host one Westminster panel pairing SIPRI/IISS published force-strength data with PEARL/Adayaalam NE field evidence — institutional credibility first.
- Foreign Affairs Committee: Frame committee analysis on monitored demilitarisation transitions: Aceh 2005 (positive), Northern Ireland 1998 (slow, published), South Africa 1994 (cautionary).

Draft parliamentary questions

- [FCDO] What assessment has the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office made of the Government of Sri Lanka's progress on monitored demilitarisation in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, benchmarked against the United Nations Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards?
- [FCDO] What discussions has the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office had with Sri Lanka on publishing a phased timetable for reduction of base footprint and reform of civilian policing in the North-East, with international monitoring?
- [FCDO] What weight does the Government give to findings published by the International Crisis Group, PEARL, the Adayaalam Centre for Policy Research, and the Sri Lankan National Dangerous Drugs Control Board when assessing the civilian-safety consequences of continued militarisation in the Northern Province?
- [Home Office] What representations has the Government made on the inclusion of structural civil-society submissions in the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering Mutual Evaluation cycle for Sri Lanka?

Civic remembrance

This pack does not propose any deployment. It does not name. It does not aggregate. It reads what HRCSL, NDDCB, SIPRI, IISS, PEARL, Adayaalam, ICG and the Tamil Guardian have already published — and what Aceh, Northern Ireland and South Africa have already demonstrated — and asks the UK to treat civilian-safety failures in the NE as a structural signal of an unfinished transition, not as a Tamil cultural failing or a Sinhalese moral problem.

Pack rules

- Never name individuals, gang members, alleged collaborators, serving officers, or units.
- Never produce or aggregate crime, troop, or expenditure figures in TLTE voice — cite SIPRI, IISS, NDDCB, ICG, PEARL, Adayaalam, Verité.
- Never disaggregate crime by ethnicity.
- Never propose UCP, NGO, diaspora or TLTE deployment. The pack is policy submission only.
- Never frame the criminal ecosystem as a Tamil cultural failing — Staniland/Schultze-Kraft frame is mandatory.
- Civic submissions to APG/FATF processes must follow FATF methodology — structural indicators only, never named allegations.

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