

Demilitarisation of the North-East — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- UK MPs
- FCDO
- Defence Committee
- International Development Committee

Best used for

- Adjournment debates on Sri Lanka
- FCDO PQs on military footprint and land return
- Letters supporting OHCHR Accountability Project mandate renewal
- Briefings on civilian safety in the Northern and Eastern Provinces

Tier-A evidence anchors

- OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL) 2015 — section on militarisation
- OHCHR periodic reports on Sri Lanka — post-2015
- Adayaalam Centre for Policy Research — Mullaitivu / Northern militarisation studies
- PEARL — Withering Hopes (post-war militarisation analysis)
- International Crisis Group — Sri Lanka: A Bitter Peace (2010)
- Sri Lanka 2030 pledge to right-size the security sector — official statements

Policy asks

- UK Government (FCDO): Publicly press Sri Lanka to publish a transparent, time-bound demilitarisation plan with civilian-led oversight in the North-East.
- UK Government (FCDO): Support OHCHR Accountability Project reporting on military land occupation and Sinhalisation patterns.
- UK MPs: Table written PQs on UK assessment of base footprint reduction and land return progress since 2015.

Draft parliamentary questions

- [FCDO] What recent representations has the Government made to Sri Lanka on demilitarisation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces?
- [FCDO] What assessment has the Government made of the pace of military land return to private owners in the Northern Province?
- [FCDO] Will the Government support continued OHCHR reporting on military presence and land occupation

in Sri Lanka?

Civic remembrance

Demilitarisation is not anti-military — it is pro-civilian. The ask is sequenced reduction, civilian oversight, and land return, not the removal of a national army.

Pack rules

- Never name serving police or military personnel. Never publish base coordinates beyond what UN reports already disclose.
- Always frame this as multi-community: Tamil, Eastern Muslim, Up-country Tamil, and multi-faith clergy share the civilian safety interest.
- Pair every UK FCDO ask with a Tier-A UN or OHCHR citation.

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