

Enforced Disappearances — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- UK MPs
- FCDO
- All-Party Parliamentary Groups on Sri Lanka and on Tamils

Best used for

- International Day of the Disappeared (30 August) statements
- PQs on UK engagement with the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances (CED)
- Letters pressing Sri Lanka to ratify the optional protocols to ICPPED
- Support letters for ITJP / PEARL / OMP-facing families

Tier-A evidence anchors

- UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances — Sri Lanka country reports
- OHCHR OISL 2015 — patterns of enforced disappearance
- ITJP — disappearance dossiers
- PEARL — Withering Hopes and successor reports
- Office on Missing Persons (Sri Lanka) — official caseload statements
- Families of the Disappeared — continuous roadside protest (2017–present)

Policy asks

- UK Government (FCDO): Publicly press Sri Lanka to ratify the optional protocols to ICPPED and accept the competence of the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances to receive individual communications.
- UK Government (FCDO): Publish UK assessment of OMP independence, mandate, and resourcing.
- UK MPs: Mark 30 August with a Hansard-recorded statement citing UN WGEID or OHCHR.

Draft parliamentary questions

- [FCDO] What recent representations has the Government made to Sri Lanka on the work of the Office on Missing Persons?
- [FCDO] Will the Government press Sri Lanka to ratify the optional protocols to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance?
- [FCDO] What assessment has the Government made of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances' most recent country observations on Sri Lanka?

Civic remembrance

Families of the Disappeared have held continuous roadside protests in the North-East since 2017. The case file is not historical — it is open and walking.

Pack rules

- Never name a disappeared person or their family member. Always route to ITJP / PEARL / OMP / OHCHR / UN WGEID for intake.
- Cite the OMP figure verbatim, with date and source URL. Never aggregate or estimate a 'true' total — the honesty-index is the point.
- Never frame the OMP as a closed accountability mechanism. It is one institution among several and has been credibly critiqued.

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