

Mullivaikkal · May 2009 — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- UK MPs
- Lords
- Devolved members
- FCDO advisers
- Journalists

Best used for

- Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day (18 May) statements
- Calls for international accountability mechanism
- Letters to FCDO on UNHRC resolution 51/1 implementation
- Adjournment debates on Sri Lanka

Tier-A evidence anchors

- UN Report of the Secretary-General's Panel of Experts on Accountability in Sri Lanka (2011) — The foundational Tier-A document. Credible allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity by both parties. — https://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/Sri_Lanka/POE_Report_Full.pdf
- OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL) 2015 — The most extensive UN investigation. Specific patterns of violations documented. — <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sri-lanka/oisl>
- OHCHR Sri Lanka Accountability Project — periodic reports — <https://www.ohchr.org/en/countries/sri-lanka>
- UN Human Rights Council Resolution 51/1 (2022) — Current Council mandate on accountability and reconciliation. UK is a co-sponsor. — <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/regular-sessions/session51/list-reports>
- International Crisis Group — Sri Lanka: A Bitter Peace (2010)
- Amnesty International — When Will They Get Justice? (2011)

Policy asks

- UK Government (FCDO): Publicly support renewal and strengthening of the OHCHR Sri Lanka Accountability Project mandate at the next UN Human Rights Council session.
- UK Government (FCDO): Publish UK assessment of Sri Lanka's progress against the benchmarks in UNHRC resolution 51/1.
- UK MPs: Mark Mullivaikkal on 18 May with a Hansard-recorded statement that cites a Tier-A UN source.

Draft parliamentary questions

- [FCDO] What assessment has the Government made of the implementation of UN Human Rights Council resolution 51/1 on Sri Lanka?

- [FCDO] What recent representations has the Government made to Sri Lanka on demilitarisation of the Northern and Eastern provinces?
- [FCDO] Will the Government support renewal and strengthening of the OHCHR Sri Lanka Accountability Project mandate at the next UNHRC session?

Civic remembrance

18 May is the date Tamil communities worldwide mark the end of the war and remember civilian dead. The figure most widely cited (40,000+ killed in the final months) comes from the UN Panel of Experts 2011 — cite the source, not the number alone.

Pack rules

- Never use the figure '146,000' or any aggregated death toll without naming the originating body. The UN PoE 2011 figure is 'tens of thousands' with 40,000+ as a credible estimate.
- Never frame Mullivaikkal as a closed historical event. The accountability file is open — UN OHCHR continues to report.
- Pair every 'Tamil civilian' reference with acknowledgement of Muslim and Sinhala civilian harm where Tier-A sources document it.
- Youngest named custodial-execution case panel: the killing of Balachandran Prabhakaran (12) in Sri Lankan state custody in the final days is a Tier-A finding on the STATE (Callum Macrae, No Fire Zone, Channel 4, 2013; UN PoE 2011; OHCHR OISL 2015). It sits inside the state-accountability spine at /unmai/desk/final-days-custody/balachandran. Never framed as a moral offset to LTTE-side conduct. Never introduces a new family name; the Manoharan/Balachandran name is on the public Tier-A record already.

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