

Pattern Watch · Quarterly Brief — seven structural patterns across NE, Hill Country, diaspora — MP Evidence Pack

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Audience

- UK MPs
- APPG for Tamils
- FCDO
- International Relations Cttee (Lords)
- JCHR
- EU GSP+ monitoring
- Canada SDIR

Best used for

- Written questions on the PTA -> PSTA substitution after OHCHR's Feb 2026 PSTA comments
- Written questions on disparate-impact effects of FIU NRA 2024/25 on diaspora corridors
- Standing-orders requests on UK alignment with the renewed OHCHR Sri Lanka mandate
- GSP+ Working Group submissions on the PSTA Bill and the cultural-heritage reclassification pattern
- APPG quarterly evidence sessions on NE, Hill Country and diaspora developments

Tier-A evidence anchors

- Sinhalization of the North-East: A Multi-Pronged Pattern
- Adayaalam Centre for Policy Research — North-East monitoring updates
- Socioeconomic Conditions Faced by Women and Children in Tea Estates in Sri Lanka
- Pattern Watch desk (TLTE) — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/unmai/desk/pattern-watch>
- Coupling Lab (TLTE) — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/unmai/desk/pattern-watch/couplings>
- External-Actors Atlas (TLTE) — <https://docs.tlte.cloud/atlas/external-actors>
- OHCHR A/HRC/60/21 — <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/reports/ahrc6021-situation-human-rights-sri-lanka>
- OHCHR · Comments on PSTA Bill — <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/countries/sri-lanka/ohchr-comments-sri-lanka-psta.pdf>
- HRW · Proposed Counterterrorism Law Risks More Abuses — <https://www.hrw.org/news/2026/01/18/sri-lanka-proposed-counterterrorism-law-risks-more-abuses>
- ICJ · CTID must cease harassment of Tamil photojournalist —

<https://www.icj.org/sri-lanka-counter-terror-police-must-cease-the-harassment-of-tamil-photojournalist-kanapathipillai-kumanan/>

- PEARL · Anti-Development Machine (Jan 2026) — <https://pearlaction.org/>
- Verite Research · Hill Country Tamils Legal & Policy Issues — https://www.veriteresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/VR_EN_RR_Jul2022_Hill-Country-Tamils.pdf
- FIU/CBSL · NRA on ML/TF/PF 2024/25 — <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/news/fiu-of-srilanka-releases-the-executive-summary-of-the-national-risk-assessment>
- POAC · Arumugam & Others v SSHD (OPEN) — [https://siac.decisions.tribunals.gov.uk/Documents/Arumugam%20%20&%20Others%20v%20SSHD%20-%20OPEN%20Judgment%20\(2\).pdf](https://siac.decisions.tribunals.gov.uk/Documents/Arumugam%20%20&%20Others%20v%20SSHD%20-%20OPEN%20Judgment%20(2).pdf)
- UK Home Office · CPIN Tamil Separatism v9 — <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/68b01d75861ad497c23c76e8/LKA+CPIN+Tamil+Separatism.pdf>
- Freedom House · Transnational Repression 2025 — <https://freedomhouse.org/report/special-report/2026/collaboration-and-resistance-tracking-transnational-repression-2025>

Policy asks

- UK Government (FCDO): Maintain UK support for the OHCHR Sri Lanka mandate (A/HRC/RES/57/1, renewed under HRC 60/1) and report annually to Parliament.
- UK Government (FCDO): Request that OHCHR include a Pattern Watch-style structural synthesis in the next periodic Sri Lanka report.
- UK Government (Home Office): Review CPIN Tamil Separatism v9 against the August 2025 CTID interrogation pattern documented by ICJ.
- UK Government (DBT): Raise disparate-impact concerns with FATF/APG regarding the SL FIU NRA 2024/25 classification of diaspora remittance channels.
- EU GSP+ monitoring: Include the Proposed Counter-Terrorism Act in the next GSP+ Working Group on Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights.

Draft parliamentary questions

- [FCDO] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment has been made of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' February 2026 comments on the Proposed Counter-Terrorism Act of Sri Lanka.
- [FCDO] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations have been made to the Government of Sri Lanka regarding the continued use of the Prevention of Terrorism Act in the period since the most recent OHCHR report on Sri Lanka.
- [Home Office] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance the Department has issued to caseworkers regarding the August 2025 Country Policy and Information Note on Sri Lanka — Tamil Separatism, version 9.
- [DBT] To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment has been made of disparate-impact effects of the Sri Lankan Financial Intelligence Unit's 2024/25 National Risk Assessment on Tamil diaspora communities in the United Kingdom.
- [FCDO] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what HM Government's response is to reports that Interpol Red Notices have been used by certain states to target diaspora dissidents, with reference to the January 2026 Disclose investigation.

Civic remembrance

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Pack rules

- Never names individual officials, journalists, survivors, or families of the disappeared.
- Never aggregates counts across sources — cites Tier-A figures verbatim.
- All coupling claims are labelled as hypotheses requiring corroboration; never asserted as confirmed coordination.
- Never proposes sanctions on serving officials; signposts to existing UK SAML A and Canada SEMA frameworks where relevant.
- Never frames any pattern as Tamil-vs-Sinhalese; always state behaviour under international law with external-actor enablement.
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