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Executive summary

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01 · Foreword · provenance statement

The Chemmani / Kokkuthoduvai mass-grave excavations are a live, court-supervised forensic process in Jaffna with approximately 283 sets of remains on the judicial record. The site sits inside the OHCHR Sri Lanka Accountability Project (HRC res. 60/1). Independent international forensic oversight, a victim-safe DNA pathway, and continuous site protection are standing demands of named credentialed bodies — they are not TLTE's demands; TLTE endorses them.

02 · Methodology · standards · tools · evidence chain

- Urgent questions or adjournment debates on Sri Lankan mass-grave casework - Letters to FCDO on UNHRC resolution 60/1 implementation - APPG Sri Lanka briefings - Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day (18 May) statements anchored on Chemmani - Briefings to journalists covering the renewed 2024–25 exhumations

03 · Findings · discovery · preservation · verification · analysis

- OHCHR Sri Lanka Accountability Project — <https://www.ohchr.org/en/countries/sri-lanka> - HRC resolution 60/1 (2025) — standing UN mandate - Jaffna Magistrate's Court record (1999 present; renewed 2024–25) - Bishop of Mannar (Rt Rev Rayappu Joseph) 2013 LLRC testimony — standing call for independent international forensic oversight - Minnesota Protocol on the Investigation of Potentially Unlawful Death (2016) - ITJP mass-grave casework — <https://itjpsl.com/> - PEARL Action disappearances casework — <https://pearlaction.org/> - Adayaalam Centre for Policy Research, North-East monitoring - Office on Missing Persons (Sri Lanka) — statutory body

04 · Legal significance

- FCDO: Public position on UNHRC 60/1 implementation, with specific reference to mass-grave protocol compliance at Chemmani. - UK Government: Support for independent international forensic oversight, in line with the Bishop of Mannar's standing call. - APPG Sri Lanka: Standing watch on

Chemmani court phases, victim-safe DNA pathway progress, and site-protection status.

05 · Annexes · bias · privacy · chain of custody

1. To the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs: what assessment has been made of mass-grave protocol compliance at the court-supervised Chemmani exhumations, and what representations has HM Government made to the Government of Sri Lanka on independent international forensic oversight of the site? 2. To FCDO: what steps is HM Government taking to support a victim-safe DNA identification pathway for remains recovered at Chemmani, consistent with UNHRC resolution 60/1 and the Minnesota Protocol (2016)? 3. To FCDO: will HM Government publicly support the standing 2013 call by the Bishop of Mannar (Rt Rev Rayappu Joseph) for independent international forensic oversight of mass-grave sites in the Northern Province? 4. To FCDO: what evaluation has HM Government made of the chain-of-custody regime at the Chemmani site, and what intern

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