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General Security Situation

Security situation is tense and the level of threat is high in the areas where fighting occurs in the North and East, including in the districts of Killinochchi and Mulathivu due to possible air strikes. Exchange of shelling between the LTTE and the SLA continues. Security is tightened in towns with large presence of military and Police. Restriction of movements into the affected areas is still in force in Jaffna, and essential movements are only allowed into the LTTE controlled areas in the East with the approval of ASC. Protest demonstrations have been organized by the Muslim community after the prayers in the Muslim areas in the Eastern Coastal. Most of the shops are closed and lack of transport facilities is observed.

GOSL Access & Curfews

Phase III

Jaffna

Curfew is imposed effective 2100hrs to 0400hrs. Power supply is available in the District for 24 hrs. Dialog mobile service is active in Jaffna.

Vadamaradchi East and areas near the FDL inaccessible.

Stanley Road in Jaffna Town closed from Aariyakulam Junction to KKS Road Junction.

Jaffna KKS Road is closed to normal traffic beyond Tellipallai Junction.

Jaffna Karainagar Road closed from Pommaiveli to Kallundai Bridge

Check points

Jaffna Point Pedro Road– Irupalai, Kopay, Neervely, Puthoor, Vallai

Jaffna Chavakachcheri Road (A9) – Ariyalai, Navatkuly, Kaithadi,

Jaffna Palali Road – Arasadi, Kopay, Kadduwan

Point Pedro KKS Road – Point Pedro, Valveddithurai.

Jaffna Kayts Road – Pannai, Allappitty, Kayts

Jaffna Karainagar Road – Vaddukkoddai, Moolai

Killinochchi

Movement is restricted North of Elephant pass and Poonahary as advised by local security counterparts due to the exchange of shelling and continues fighting.

Vavuniya

Omanthai crossing Point on A9 road is open for UN / INGO + Civilians



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Mannar

Uyilankulam crossing Point on A 14 road is open for limited hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (0900 to 1700 hrs) mainly for government staff.

Trincomalee

Along the A6 road to Trincomalee (from Colombo) there are two main Military / Police check points in Agdopura (84th mile post) and Sardhapura (7th mile post). At both check points passes are required to be obtained. UN agencies are exempted from the registration for passes. There is no curfew in Trincomalee District.

Batticaloa

SLA check point at Black Bridge on A 5 Road is open with prior approval procedures.
SLA check point at Vavunathivu is open with prior approval procedures.
SLA check point at Mankerny is closed currently.

Ampara

It is advisable to use Bibile road instead of Mahaoya during missions to Ampara. Only field trips are allowed through Mahaoya road with the approval of then ASC.

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Colombo

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Other Areas in Phase I

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UN Security Advisories

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Jaffna

All UN staff members to be in their residences and compounds by 1800 hrs. Very essential missions may continue, subject to ground situation, on a daily basis. Missions should leave by 0900hrs and return by 1600hrs the latest. Heads of UN Agencies in the Peninsula should strictly adhere to UNDSS Advisory dated 28.11.2006. Point Pedro Kodikamam Road via Idaikkuruchchi, Nawatkadu should be avoided at all cost. Movement along A9 is upto Chavakachcheri Town only.

Killinochchi

Movement towards Elephant pass and Thadduvaankotti from Paranthan is subject to prior approval by the ASC.



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From 09:00hrs to 12:00hrs, all movements via Puthukkudiyiruppu Junction to the Puthtukkudiyiruppu Hospital restricted due the protest marching, against the killing of people in Padakuththorai of Mannar district by SLAF aerial attacks.

Vavuniya

The restricted areas for UN vehicles are from Nedunkeny town – across to Mulliyawalai town, both areas fall within the LTTE controlled area.

Mannar

The Madhu road is remaining closed. Silawathurai-Mullikulam road is restricted. ASC has advised that movements in and outside of the district should be for essential travel only, specially mission movement to Madhu area, agencies should get ASC approval.

Trincomalee

Restricted areas for UN vehicle movements remain to be: Sampoor, Eachchilampattu and Mavil Aru in Trincomalee district.

UN missions to Seruwilla and Thoppur are approved only in convoy.

Batticaloa

Movements to Vavunatheevu, Vakarai and A-5 Road, need prior ASC approval.

It is reported that the roads are blocked at Kalmunai and other locations due to hartal in most of the Muslim areas of Ampara. Large security force presence and agitated crowds are observed. Travel between Batticaloa and Ampara is restricted until further notice. Alternative routes via Pollonnaruwa and Maiyangana to be used.

Ampara

Travel to and from Ampara it is advisable to use Bibile road instead of Mahaoya due to security situation. Only field trips approved along the Mahaoya road.

It was reported that the Police does not permit UN vehicles to proceed towards the coastal areas in Ampara as a precautionary measure due to hartal. Therefore, the ASC has restricted all UN movements to coastal and Muslim areas until further notice.

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It is advised not to travel outside cities outside the hours of day light (ie in dark)



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Other Areas in Phase I

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- All incidents related to UN staff, lost of items, including vehicle accidents are required to report to UN DSS as per the procedures.

Security Incidents

Phase III

Jaffna

On 4th January 2007 at 0130hrs.at Nayarmankaddy,Jaffna a youth was abducted by unknown persons.

On 4th January 2007 at 0200hrs at Kokuvil a University Student was arrested by SLA.

On 4th January 2007 at 2230hrs.at Kodikamam four Brothers were cut with swords by a unknown gang.

Kilinochchi

On 04 Jan 2007, following the unmanned craft circled at 05:30hrs, SLAF fighter jets striked at Alambil, 6th mile pot of Mullaitivu district around 07:15hrs. The local media indicated that 7 personal were injured and some Tsunami construction houses and temple were damaged. This has not been independently verified.

On 04 Jan 2007, early morning and evening heavy shelling heard in the north Kilinochchi of Poonahary and Pachchilaipalli AGA division

On 04 January 2007, at 09:30hrs, there was a demonstration march took place from Puthukkudiyiruppu Hospital to Puthukkudiyiruppu Junction organized by the unions of public federation in Mullaitivu. The local media indicated that around thousand people participated the procession against the killing of 16 people in Padakuththorai in Mannar district by the SLAF on 02.01.2007. Reportedly, an effigy of Sri Lankan President was burned during the demonstration.

Vavuniya

On 04th Jan 2007 around 1030hrs at Pirappumadu 11Km northeast of Vavuniya a claymore mine explosion targeting SLA vehicle was reported. It caused death to one SLA and two soldiers were injured.

Mannar

It was reported that following the air strikes at Pariharikandal and Illupaikadavai, about 269 members of 63 families have fled from Kokupudayan in Musali Division in Mannar district and sought refuge in Neelamadu in Nanattan Divisinal Secretariat Division in Mannar district.

Trincomalle

On 05th Jan 2007 around 11:30 hrs, at Allesgarden, it was reported that 02 naval Officers were injured due to an grenade attack launched by unidentified persons.



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Batticaloa

On 03rd Jan-07 at 1600 hrs at Pethalai, Valaichenai in Batticaloa, unidentified armed men abducted a student on his way to attend some personal errand.

Ampara

It is reported that the Muslims are carrying out a hartal in the areas to protest against the execution of the former President in Iraq. Most of the shops in the Muslim areas and coastal areas of Ampara are remained closed, with lack of public transport.

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Colombo

It is reported that the Muslims after the Jumma prayers at Maradana Mosque plans to carry out a protest march from Maradana to US Embassy in Colombo to protest against the execution of Iraq former President. The affected areas will be Maradana, Colombo Fort and Colpitty from 1400 to 1600 hrs.

Other Areas in Phase I

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