

Census on human and property damages due to conflict - 2013

The Task Force which is appointed for the implementation of the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission and headed by the Secretary to the President has prepared a National Action Plan for which Cabinet approval has been granted on 26th July 2012.

The responsibility to conduct a Census to assess the human and property damages has been assigned to the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs and the Department of Census and Statistics. This Census which has to be completed within six months is scheduled to be held in October, 2013.

Information to be collected

At this island-wide census, detailed information with regard to;

1. deaths
2. missing persons
3. injured/disabled persons and,
4. damages to property,

due to internal conflicts in the island from 1982 onwards will be collected.

Census Methodology

The census will be conducted at Grama Niladhari Division level and it is expected to appoint Grama Niladhari as enumerators. Mainly, information will be collected from family units and it is expected to conduct the census within a short period. The taking of the census includes two main activities as follows.

1. Initially family units with damages to a person(s) or property during the conflict period will be identified. For this purpose all residential units will be listed.
2. Secondly, detailed information will be collected from family units with damages to person(s) and property.

In addition to that, information will be collected from the persons staying at special institutions such as elders' homes, children's homes and religious places where conflict affected people are residing.

Field activities

Grama Niladharis and other government officers where necessary, will be appointed as enumerators of this Census. The responsibility of conducting the Census and providing necessary guidance at District and Divisional Secretary's Division will be entrusted with the regional administrative structure comprising of the District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries respectively.

The Department of Census and Statistics will be responsible for providing necessary technical advice as well as training of Grama Niladaries and supervision of field work. The progress of implementation of the recommendations is reviewed by the Presidential Secretariat.

Public Assistance

Public assistance is crucial for the successful implementation of this important census. Public will be made aware of the census through electronic and print media. Accordingly you can contribute to this national venture by providing correct information to the Grama Niladari who comes to collect information in due course.