

TAMILS IN THE ISLAND OF SRI LANKA (CEYLON), WITH MONTENEGRO, KOSOVO AND BOUGAINVILLE

COMPARISON OF THE RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION

	Montenegro	Kosovo	Bougainville	Tamil Eelam <i>(North East)</i>
	<i>(Independent state since 21 May 2006)</i>	<i>(Verge of Independent)</i>	<i>(Peace agreement August 2001. Referendum for independence in 10-15 years)</i>	<i>(De-facto government for more than 16 years. No initiative by the International Community, for the Tamils to have their right to self-determination)</i>
Sq. Kilo meters	13,812 km ²	10,887 km ²	10,570 km ²	19,509 km ²
Capital	Podgorica	Pristina	Arawa/ Buka	Trincomalee
Annexed with	Yugoslavia in 1945	Serbia in 1989	Papua N/Gunina in 1973	Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in 1948
Conflicting people	Serbs vs Montenegrins	Serbs vs Kosovons	Papuans vs Bougains	Singhalese vs Tamils
Population	730,000	600,000	200,000	(17,103,000?? (93% Tamil in the North East)
Domination by	Serbs	Serbs	PNG Defence Forces	Singhalese of Sri Lanka
Military Composition	-----	100% Serbs	100% PNGs	99% Singhalese
Colonisation	-----	Kosovo region by Serbs	-----	North East by Singhalese
Settlers	Serbian	-----	-----	500,000 Singhalese
Armed conflict	-----	March 1998	1989	July 1983 to May 2009
Freedom fighters / Political party)	Socialist People's - Party of Montenegro	KLA – Kosovo Liberation - Army	Bougainville Revolutionary - Army (BRA)	Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam - LTTE
Economic embargo	-----	not enforced	enforced in 1990	From 1987 to May 2009
Freedom of movement	-----	denied	denied	denied
Civilians killed	-----	over 5000	20,000	nearly 200,000
Disappearances	-----	over 4000	figures not known	50,000
Mass graves	-----	526	-----	many
Internally displaced	-----	250,000 single displacement	70,000	over 800,000 multiple displaced
Refugees	-----	61,000	40,000	over 800,000
Property damaged	-----	figures not known	figures not known	over ten billion US Dollars
Houses destroyed	-----	128,000	-do-	over 300,000
Attack on religious	-----	500	-do-	2375 (both Christian and Hindu-Saivites)
Village demolished	-----	figures not known	-do-	more than 500
Political prisoners	-----	-do-	-do-	over 15000 (at present)
Rape	-----	-do-	-do-	+50,000
Visit by High Commissioner	-----	visited	-----	visited non conflict areas in September 2007
UN/EU intervention	Yes	yes	yes	none
UN Resolutions	Yes	yes	yes	One in May 2009 in favour of the government
Negotiations started in	2002	1989	July 1997	1927

(Tamil Centre for Human Rights – TCHR, France – Februaru 2012)