

IMADR Reiterates its Grave Concern Over the Enforced Disappearances in Sri Lanka

“Enforced and involuntary disappearance is a long-standing and ongoing problem in Sri Lanka, while the culture of impunity and lack of rule of law hamper its solution. This fact should be brought to the attention of the international community.”

IMADR’s written statement submitted to the 19th session of the Human Rights Council on February 28, 2012, concludes with the above statement. IMADR has remained deeply concerned over the long-standing and unresolved human rights violations in Sri Lanka. Despite credible documentation about the grave human rights situation in the country and strong calls for a genuine solution, the government of Sri Lanka has not taken any decisive actions, or listened to the conscientious voices arising from within and outside the country.

According to the recent report of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, *“5,671 cases of disappearance in Sri Lanka still remain outstanding; between November 13, 2010 and November 11, 2011, 59 cases were transmitted to the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL), no reply was given by GOSL, and no case was clarified; no response was given by GOSL to the general allegation, prompt intervention letter, and request for a visit given by the Working Group.”*

We invite you to read the statement for more details.