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Further information on UA 121/95 (ASA 37/09/95, 26 May 1995) - Deliberate and arbitrary killings / Fear of further killings

SRI LANKA **42 villagers of Kallarawa, Trincomalee**

Many members of the Urgent Action Network have received a response to UA 121/95 in the form of a long statement issued by the International Secretariat of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

The statement sets out the LTTE's observations on UA 121/95, which had called for an immediate halt to the deliberate and arbitrary killing of non-combatant civilians following the killing of at least 42 Sinhalese civilians at Kallarawa in the east of Sri Lanka on 26 May.

On 8 September, Amnesty International issued a substantive reply to the LTTE leadership, addressing the LTTE observations and reiterating Amnesty International's concerns about the killings at Kallarawa.

Amnesty International continues to monitor this case, but no further action by the Urgent Action Network is requested at present. Thank you to all who sent appeals. The correspondence between LTTE and AI has been published in a document entitled "Sri Lanka: Correspondence with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam on human rights abuses" (ASA 37/18/95, September 1995) and can be obtained from your Section office.