

**EXTERNAL**

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**24 October 1996**

**Further information on UA 222/96 (ASA 37/17/96, 20 September 1996) -  
"Disappearances"**

**SRI LANKAKrishanthy Kumarasamy (f), aged 18, student  
Rasammah Kumarasamy (f)  
Pranaban Kumarasamy, aged 16, student  
Kirupakaran Sithamparam, aged 35, peon (office messenger)  
Subramaniam, municipal council worker  
Ganeshu Sri Ram, student**

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According to several sources, the bodies of Krishanthy Kumarasamy, her mother, Rasammah Kumarasamy, her brother, Pranaban Kumarasamy and their neighbour Kirupakaran Sithamparan were recently found in shallow graves during investigations into their "disappearances". The precise location of the graves and time of their discovery is not yet known.

Krishanthy Kumarasamy had "disappeared" after she was stopped at an army sentry point at Kaitadi, Jaffna district, on 7 September 1996. Her mother, brother and neighbour went missing on the same day after they made inquiries at the sentry point.

Following appeals from local members of parliament and human rights organization, an investigation into their "disappearances" had been initiated by the military police. It is reported that two soldiers and two policemen have been taken into custody in suspicion of being responsible for their arrest and subsequent killing in detention. Another member of the security forces may be taken into custody soon in connection with the case. There is no further news about the fate or whereabouts of Subramaniam and Ganeshu Sri Ram.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:**

- acknowledging reports that investigations into the "disappearances" of Krishanthy Kumarasamy, her mother, brother and neighbour have resulted in their bodies having been found in shallow graves;
- welcoming the news that members of the security forces suspected of being responsible for their "disappearances" and subsequent killing in custody have been taken into custody;
- urging that a speedy, impartial and independent investigation under a civilian authority be established forthwith to ascertain the precise circumstances of their "disappearances" and killing;
- seeking guarantees for the safety of witnesses;
- urging that those responsible will be brought to justice in civilian courts;
- requesting to be informed of the fate or whereabouts of Subramaniam and Ganeshu Sri Ram.

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