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## DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SRI LANKA

Five Tamil students were killed and two others were seriously injured in January 2006 by the Sri Lankan security forces. To date, no one has been brought to justice for these violations – merely one example of the lack of accountability that plagues Sri Lanka.

On 2 January 2006 a grenade was thrown from an auto rickshaw at a group of students in Trincomalee. At least three were injured. Between 10 and 15 uniformed officers, believed to be police from the elite Special Task Force, arrived. They forced the students into their jeep, beat them with rifle butts and then pushed them out onto the road. According to a witness, the security forces personnel then shot dead five of the young men: Shanmugarajah Gajendran, Lohitharaja Rohan, Thangathurai Sivanantha, Yogaraja Hemachandran and Manoharan Rajihar. Two other youths survived with injuries.

The security forces initially claimed the five had been killed when the grenade exploded, which they alleged the students had been carrying. However, a postmortem later revealed that they died from gunshot wounds. Three had been shot in the head.

### TAKE ACTION NOW!

Please sign and send this postcard to the Sri Lankan President.

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#### Dear President,

I urge that the Sri Lankan government provide accountability for human rights violations by:

- initiating, implementing and supporting a national policy aimed at bringing perpetrators of human rights violations to justice.
- establishing and supporting an adequately resourced, carefully instituted and technically well-supported witness protection system.
- requesting and supporting an independent field monitoring presence mandated to monitor abuses by all parties, to conduct investigations and assist national institutions to deliver justice in relation to grave violations of human rights.

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**His Excellency  
President Mahinda Rajapaksa  
Presidential Secretariat  
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