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Further information on UA 320/98 (ASA 37/28/98, 23 December 1998) and follow-ups (ASA 37/02/99, 11 January 1999, ASA 37/03/99, 15 January 1999 and ASA 37/04/99, 27 January 1999) - Fear of Disappearance

**SRI LANKA** Pakiyaratnam Yogeswaran  
Subramaniam Atpudarasa  
Selvarasa Tamilchelvam  
Lakshman Ketheeswaran  
Nadarasa Rajaratnam  
Veeraiah Udayakumar  
Ponnathurai Ravindran (alias Ravi)

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Amnesty International has learned that Selvarasa Tamilchelvam and Subramaniam Atpudarasa were released from the "Lucky House" PLOTE camp in late March 1999.

The whereabouts of the five other people reported to have "disappeared" is still unknown.

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

- welcoming the news that Subramaniam Atpudarasa and Selvarasa Tamilchelvam have been released but expressing concern for the safety of Pakiyaratnam Yogeswaran, Lakshman Ketheeswaran, Nadarasa Rajaratnam, Veeraiah Udayakumar and Ponnathurai Ravindran (alias Ravi);
- urging that those held in unauthorized places are transferred to regular places of detention or released;
- asking to be informed of the outcome of the investigations into the "disappearances" recently reported from Vavuniya;
- urging that those responsible for these "disappearances" be brought to justice.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 May 1999.