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Sri Lanka: Inquiry into armed conflict flawed

On 7 September 2011, in Geneva, Amnesty International will launch a report exposing fundamental flaws and weaknesses of Sri Lanka's Lessons Learned and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC), the state inquiry into the country's civil armed conflict.

When will they get justice? Failures of Sri Lanka's Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission examines the shortcomings of the LLRC's proceedings, and raises significant questions about the LLRC's credibility as an effective commission of inquiry into alleged human rights violations.

The LLRC was set by President Mahinda Rajapaksa in May 2010, and has received submissions from thousands of people, including alleged victims and perpetrators of war crimes, who have sat before the LLRC or submitted written statements to it.

Further information:

- *When will they get justice? Failures of Sri Lanka's Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission* will launch at a press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva at 10:30 on Wednesday, 7 September 2011.
- Interviews with Sri Lankan Human Rights Defenders are available
- Amnesty International spokespeople are available for interview

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