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The Human Rights Situation in Sri Lanka, June 2012

A statement for the June Human Rights Council Session

Sri Lanka is not fulfilling many of its international human rights obligations. Impunity remains

the norm for gross violations of human rights, including alleged war crimes. Gross and

systematic human rights violations continue to take place. Sri Lanka's armed conflict ended in

2009, but its legacy of unlawful detention practices continues; arbitrary arrest and detention,

torture and other ill-treatment and custodial killings remain hallmarks of Sri Lankan policing.

The number of reports of enforced disappearances in the past six months is alarming; political

activists critical of the state continue to be victims. Intimidation and smear campaigns against

human rights defenders and journalists in government-owned newspapers have included

attacks on individuals advocating for human rights accountability before this Council.

Full Report

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/ASA37/009/2012/en/292a44d4-894c-4d8c-bf24-a78329e67ca6/asa370092012en.pdf>