

SRI LANKA MUSLIM PEACE SECRETARIAT - SLMPS

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The Mission

- To assist Sri Lanka Muslims to participate independently in the peace process.

Objectives

- To mobilize Muslim resource persons at village level and prepare the necessary documents for the peace talks.
- To mobilize resources for the resettlement and rehabilitation of internally displaced Muslims.
- To ensure suitable power sharing arrangements for the Muslims in Sri Lanka.
- To internationalize the Muslim question by an effective lobby campaign.
- To document the human rights violations committed against the Muslims.
- To ensure positive co-existence between all communities in Sri Lanka.

The ethnic conflict in Sri-Lanka has had a terrible effect on the Muslims, particularly in the North-East. The forcible eviction of more than one hundred thousand Muslims, the attack on the mosques and killing of hundreds of Muslims while in prayer, the confiscation of land and attack on un-armed Muslim civilians have caused fears among the Muslims. The violence perpetuated by the Tamil militants against the North-East Muslims during the last two decades has cautioned the Muslims to be vigilant in the future. The primary concern of the Muslims in the North-East is the safety and security of our people, claim for our homelands and our inalienable right for internal self-determination.

The Muslims have always sought to resolve issues through non-violent means. Diplomacy has been instrument of Muslim relationships based on the principle of co-existence between all communities living in Sri Lanka. Unfortunately, however, the violence perpetrated against the Muslims in the last two decades has shown us that we have not succeeded in drawing attention to our problems internationally. When more than hundred thousand Muslims were forcibly evicted from the Northeast by the Tamil militants, there was very little protest from International bodies. Further, the refugees did not flee to other countries and they found refuge in our own country. We have learnt over the years that the natural mechanisms including the Government, have failed to afford adequate protection to the Muslims as also the leadership of the Tamil people, who were keen to win back their rights by suppressing the Muslims. To ensure adequate protection, we have no option but to make use of the protocols and instruments available to us internationally under the Charter of the United Nations. The Charter provides for protection of minorities and several other United instruments can be utilized to internationalize the Muslim question. We need,

therefore, to ensure that we represent our case in all United Nations bodies and other International fora. A lobby also must function to inform other international institutions regularly. While intending to reach out to the world in this manner, we are also quite aware that internationalization alone will not bring practical solution to the problems faced by the Muslims in Sri Lanka. It is imperative to work out special programs and proposals aimed at providing durable settlement of such problems and for initiating and sustaining a dialogue process with other communities and the government based on the principals of equality, mutual accommodation and pluralism.

Activities

Sri Lanka Muslim Peace Secretariat will engage in the following activities:

1. It will establish a documentation center, which will systematically collect information and data for the resettlement of internally displaced Muslims in the North-East. This data will be obtained through an established network of information monitors and networks.
2. It will establish a database of all relevant information with regard to the Muslim question. The database will develop chronology of events with regard to Muslim question.
3. Situation Reports will be published monthly to be sent to all relevant organizations, such as international bodies, foreign diplomatic missions, media and international and local human rights organizations.
4. The organization will also create a lobby for representing the Muslim question internationally particularly in the Human Rights Commission and also donor community and other relevant international organizations. The organization will hold periodic seminars and workshops to educate all stake holders with regard to Muslim question.
5. SLMPS will also develop programs and proposals intended to find lasting solutions to the problems affecting the Muslim Community and will get in motion dialogue process with organizations and leaders representing other communities and the government.
6. The SLMPS will have international Advisory Council, which would consist of eminent human rights and peace activists as well as international dignitaries in order to achieve all its objectives. SLMPS will also develop and expand a civil society base, which could take forward initiatives on the Muslims questions.

PROJECT PLAN

Activities

1. Mobilizing Muslim Resource Persons at the village level and Establishing Branches
2. Organising Seminars And Workshops on Muslim Security, Land, Resettle, Power Sharing and Facilitate the Peace Process

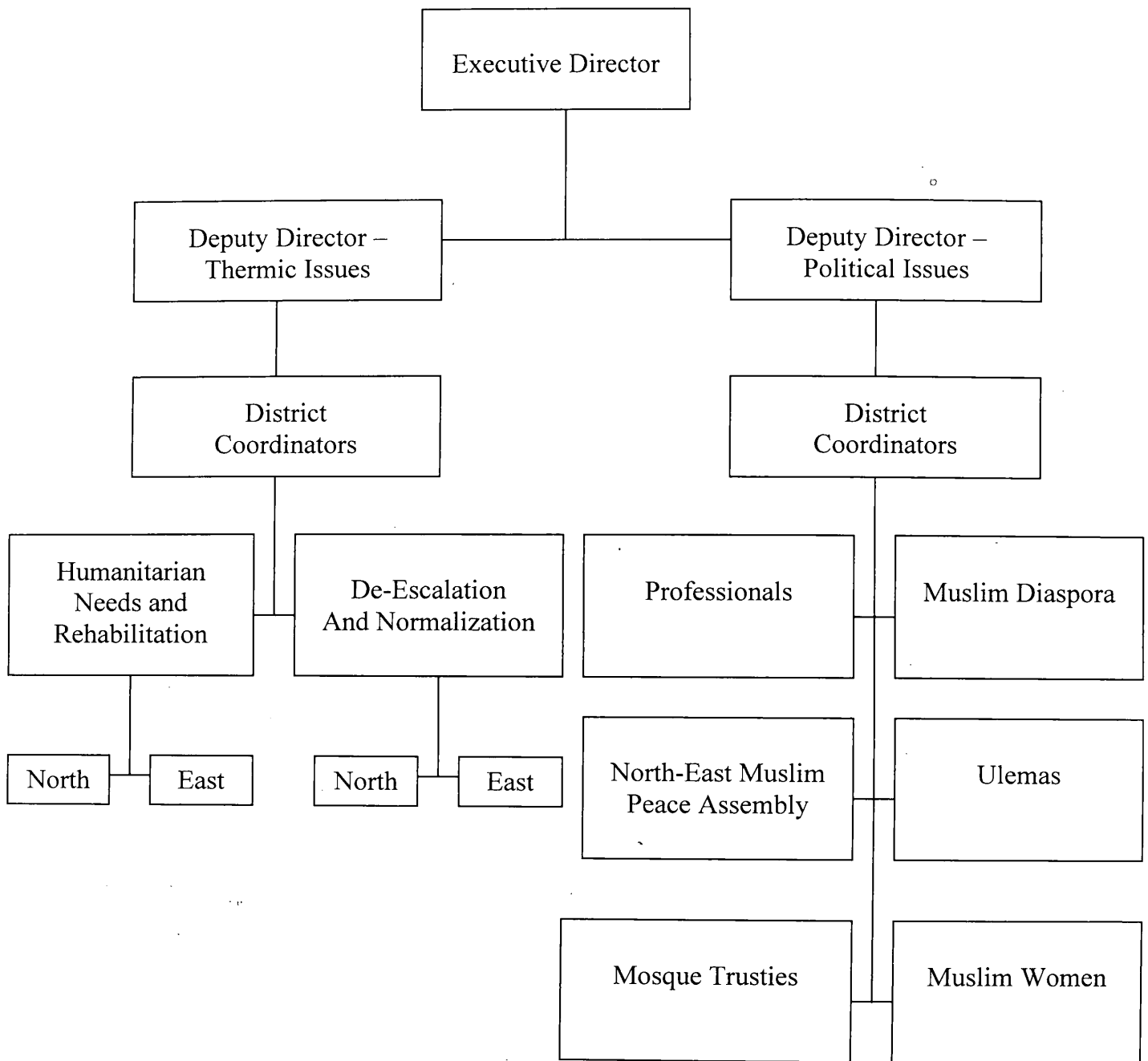
Publication of Reports

1. Monthly Situation Report
2. Annual Report
3. Annual Audited Statement

Internationalization

1. Briefing Diplomats and International Organisation about Muslim Issues
2. Visits – Representation to the International working group on Minority and Human Rights Commission and Peace Organisation

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ANNUAL BUDGET

1	Capital Expenditure	<u>1st Year</u> <u>(SLRS)</u>	<u>2nd Year</u> <u>(SLRS)</u>	<u>3rd Year</u> <u>(SLRS)</u>
	Computer	160,000.00	80,000.00	160,000.00
	Printer	40,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00
	Photo-copy machine	400,000.00	30,000.00	-
	Fax machine	50,000.00	-	-
	Office Tables & Chairs	90,000.00	40,000.00	-
	Filing Cabinets	60,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Office Utensils	25,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Telephone Line	75,000.00	-	-
	Website	120,000.00	-	-
	<u>Total</u>	<u>1,020,000.00</u>	<u>220,000.00</u>	<u>240,000.00</u>
2	Recurrent Expenditure			
(a)	<u>Establishment:</u>			
	Rent @ 100,000/-	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00
	Electricity @ 20,000/-	240,000.00	240,000.00	240,000.00
	Water @ 10,000/-	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
	Telephone @ 20,000/-	240,000.00	240,000.00	240,000.00
	Fax	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
	E-mail	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
	Internet	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
	Website	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
	Security	180,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00
	Maintenance	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
	Documentation - Stationeries	720,000.00	720,000.00	720,000.00
	Seminars & Conferences	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00
	Foreign Visits	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
	Transport	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>5,460,000.00</u>	<u>5,460,000.00</u>	<u>5,460,000.00</u>
(b)	<u>Salaries:</u>			
	Executive Director	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00
	Deputy Directors - 2	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00
	District Coordinators - 7	2,100,000.00	2,100,000.00	2,100,000.00
	Book-Keeper	360,000.00	360,000.00	360,000.00
	Office Staff - 2	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
	Secretary	360,000.00	360,000.00	360,000.00
	Office Peons - 2	240,000.00	240,000.00	240,000.00
	EPF/ETF - 20%	1,212,000.00	1,212,000.00	1,212,000.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>7,272,000.00</u>	<u>7,272,000.00</u>	<u>7,272,000.00</u>
	<u>Grant Total</u>	<u>13,752,000.00</u>	<u>12,952,000.00</u>	<u>12,972,000.00</u>
		US\$ 137,520/-	US\$ 129,520/-	US\$ 129,720/-

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DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

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INTRODUCTION

The ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka has had a terrible effect on the Muslims in the Northeast. In the South, Muslims have been victims of riots and pogroms. In the North East the ethnic cleansing of more than one hundred thousand Muslims, destruction of the mosques and other places of worship, the confiscation of lands, properties and attacks on innocent civilians by the Tamil militants has caused fear and insecurity in the hearts of the Muslims. Muslims have to be vigilant in the future. Our primary concern is the safety and security of our people, rights for our homeland and self-determination.

Muslims have not resorted to arms to protect and advance our interests. Our only protection and security is in advancing our cause through international solidarity and respect for human rights. Sri Lanka is now entering a decisive moment in its history where the Government of Sri Lanka and the LTTE will be engaged in negotiations to end the protracted war in Sri Lanka. The question of power sharing, protection and security for the Muslims will be paramount in the minds of the Muslim community. The MRO intends to be fully involved in the debate as it sees the ongoing negotiations as a crucial component in terms of human rights protection. MRO is dedicated to promote the rights of Muslims by ensuring a systematic monitoring of the ongoing situation, establishing a documentation center and ensuring the peoples of Sri Lanka and the International community are fully informed about the situation.

DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

- The Muslim Rights Organization is keen to establish a documentation centre, which will systematically collect information and data on the Muslim question. A database of all relevant information will develop a chronology of events with regard to the evolution of the Muslim question, maintain a record of media reports, and develop standard formats for the recording of human rights violations.
- The documentation will conform to the international standards in documentation. It will seek the assistance of other documentation organisations to guide us in our work.
- A situation report will be published monthly to be sent to all relevant organisations, such as international bodies, foreign diplomatic missions, media and intentional and local human rights organisations.

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APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

1. **Organization Name:** Muslim Rights Organisation.
2. **Project:** Document Centre.
3. **Organization Address:** 57, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 10,
Sri Lanka.
4. **Telephone Number:** 2696147 / 2697032
5. **Fax Number:** 2696147
6. **Email Address:** muslimrt@sltnet.lk
7. **Contact Person:** Mr. M.I.M.Mohideen.
8. **Estimated Budget (Detailed budget attached):** SL Rs. 10,000,000-00
9. **Muslim Rights Organisation Contribution:** SL RS. 1,000,000-00
10. **Total Cost of Project:** SLRS. 11,000.000-00.
11. **Nature of Muslim Rights Organisation Contribution:**
Computers – 285,000/=, Typewriter – 25,000/=, Telephones – 50,000/=, Fax – 20,000/=,
Photocopy Machine – 300,000/=, Steel Cabinets – 45,000/=, Office Tables & Chairs –
275,000/=

BUDGET FOR ESTABLISHING A DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

NO.	DETAIL BUDGET	TOTAL (Rs.)
I	Capital Expenditure	
1	Documenting of Existing Records & Reports	5,000,000.00
2	Filing Cabinets 10 @ 13,450	135,400.00
3	Website	75,000.00
	Total	5,210,400.00
II	a Annual Recurrent Expenditure	
	<u>Establishment:</u>	
1	Rent @ 40,000 x 12	480,000.00
2	Electricity @ 10,000 x 12	120,000.00
3	Water @ 5,000 x 12	60,000.00
4	Telephone @ 10,000 x 12	120,000.00
5	Fax @ 5,000 x 12	60,000.00
6	E-mail @ 5,000 x 12	60,000.00
7	Internet @ 5,000 x 12	60,000.00
8	Website @ 15,000 x 12	180,000.00
9	Stationeries @ 25,000 x 12	300,000.00
10	Situation Report @ 25,000 x 12	300,000.00
11	Seminars & Conferences @ 100,000 x 4	400,000.00
12	Transport @ 50,000 x 12	600,000.00
	Total	2,740,000.00
	b Salaries:	
1	Executive Director @ 50,000 x 12	600,000.00
2	Documentation Officer @ 25,000 x 12	300,000.00
3	Computer Operators-2 @ 15,000 x 12	360,000.00
4	Secretary @ 25,000 x 12	300,000.00
5	Driver @ 15,000 x 12	180,000.00
6	Office peon @ 7,500 x 12	90,000.00
7	EPF/ ETF 12%	219,600.00
	Total	2,049,600.00
	GRAND TOTAL	10,000,000.00

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Chairman/ Managing Director .. 011925

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