

Government Ministries grant the Occupation Military contracts, without calling for tenders, to build houses for IDPs who have been denied aid and livelihoods

A. Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Reconciliation and Hindu Religious Affairs had been awarding the military with building contracts without calling for tenders for several years. Ministry of Health also started awarding building contracts to the military:

i. Army to Construct Hundred Houses for Displaced Civilian with Government Funds, 12 July 2016,

http://www.cimicjaffna.com/Cimicnews_2016_07_12.php

ii. Most Sought Service Provider Vests 100 New Houses in Displaced Jaffna People, 1 Nov 2016, http://www.cimicjaffna.com/Cimicnews_2016_11_01.php (100 houses)

iii. Most Sought Service Provider Vests another 33 New Houses for Displaced Jaffna People, 12 March 2017,

http://www.cimicjaffna.com/Cimicnews_2017_03_12.php (33 houses)

iv. Army Assistance to Upgrade Health Facilities in Jaffna Peninsula, 25 September 2017, http://www.cimicjaffna.com/Cimicnews_2017_09_25.php

v. Army assistance to construct six new houses in Karainagar – Jaffna, 24 October 2017, http://www.cimicjaffna.com/Cimicnews_2017_10_24.php (6 houses)

vii. Second Stage of Nallinakkapuram Model Village Project Handed Over to Civilians, 31 March 2018,

http://www.cimicjaffna.com/Cimicnews_2018_03_31_02.php (25 houses)

B. The government tried to oppress the North with metal houses contracted to be built by an international company, Arcelor-Mittal, but Tamils and conscientious Sinhalese had to fight hard to stop it: <http://www.tiki-toki.com/timeline/entry/717900/Building-65000-pre-fabricated-steel-houses-in-Northern-Sri-Lanka/>