

Sri Lanka's Genocidal Land Grabs: Jan - Oct 2013

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Overall 86 incidents of land grab were reported during the first 9 month of 2013. *Chart 1* visualizes the number of reported incidents of land grab each month from January to September 2013. It shows a decrease of reported land grabs towards April, which begins to increase in May, arriving at a maximum number of incidents in June. In July once again the number of incidents decreases and in September reaches another maximum.

No. of reported incidents of land grab each month from January - September 2013

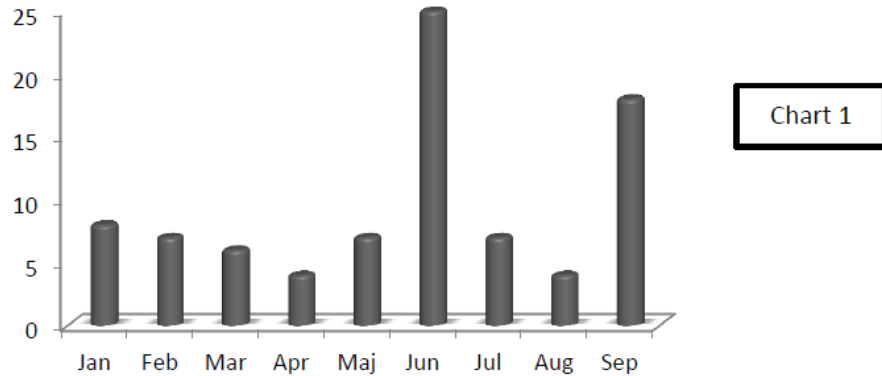
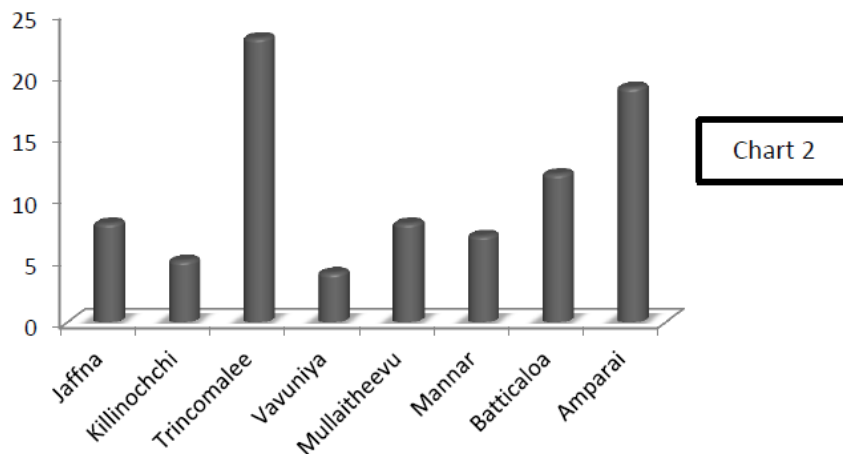


Chart 2 illustrates the number of reported incidents of land grab in each district from January until September 2013. A maximum number of incidents can be seen in the districts of Trincomalee and Amparai. Whereas we can summarize that the eastern coastal area with Batticaloa, Amparai and Trincomalee are highly affected in comparison to the northern or the western parts of the Island.

No. of reported incidents of land grab in each district from January - September 2013



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Chart 3 illustrates the aim of such reported incidents (colonization, militarization or inappropriate industrialization) during January to September 2013. The chart shows, that 71% of the land grabs in 2013 has been through colonization and 23% through militarization.

Aim of reported incidents of land grab from January - September 2013

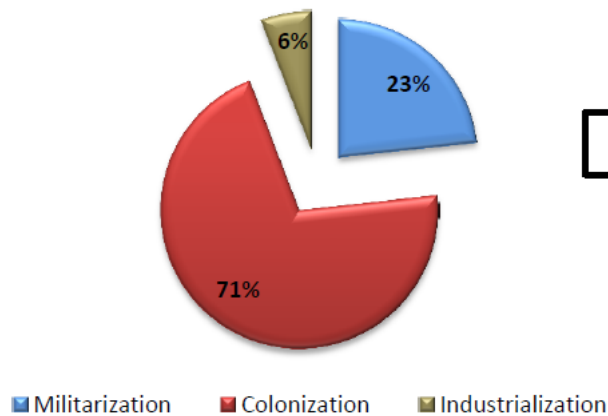


Chart 3

In Picture 1 and 2 each of the incidents of land grabbing during the first 5 months of 2013 is depicted in the map of the island called Sri Lanka. In picture 2, the border which divides Sri Lanka from traditional Tamil homeland, Tamileelam, is shown. All the red spots represent an incident of land grabbing. As the Sri Lankan government is strongly implementing a Sinhalization process, the names of many villages in the traditional Tamil homeland are renamed into Sinhala names. For this reason there had been difficulties in precisely locating some marked incidents of land.



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