

**Disappearances in Sri Lanka from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (based on English media reports)**

(A previous list covering October 2011 to March 2012 was published on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 and is available at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/88059136/Disappearances-in-Sri-Lanka-from-Oct-2011-%E2%80%93-March-2012-based-on-media-reports>)

	Name	Date / time	Where	Incident type	Details	Title with source/link
<b>JULY 2012</b>						
1.	Unknown (School Girl aged 15 years)	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Jungle area at Mangulpokuna, Welikanda (Pollonnaruwa district)	Foiled abduction	Army soldier captured while trying to abduct and abuse the girl.	Soldier arrested for abducting, molesting schoolgirl <a href="http://www.lankanewspapers.com/news/2012/7/77535.html">http://www.lankanewspapers.com/news/2012/7/77535.html</a>  Soldier captured trying to abduct girl – <a href="http://srilankamirror.com/news/276-soldier-captured-trying-to-abduct-girl">http://srilankamirror.com/news/276-soldier-captured-trying-to-abduct-girl</a>
2	Unknown (8 year old boy)	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Wariyapola (Kurunegela district)	Foiled abduction	Boy was taken in a motor bike and then in a van with the intention of obtaining a ransom of Rs 2.5 million. He was released and the police arrested one person in connection with the kidnapping	School Boy kidnapping attempt foiled. –  <a href="http://srilankamirror.com/news/249-schoolboy-kidnapping-attempt-foiled">http://srilankamirror.com/news/249-schoolboy-kidnapping-attempt-foiled</a>

3	Mr. Shantha Wijesooriya (journalist, Lanka X news)	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Nugegoda area (Colombo district)	Foiled abduction	Freed himself after a scuffle with his abductors. The attempt was made by a group of men in civil attire who tried to bundle him into a white van.	<p>Sri Lanka: A Journalists abduction attempt thwarted - <a href="http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/out-of-focus/item/854-sri-lanka-a-journalists-abduction-attempt-thwarted">http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/out-of-focus/item/854-sri-lanka-a-journalists-abduction-attempt-thwarted</a></p> <p><a href="#">ACHR</a>: Shatha makes written complaint</p> <p><a href="http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1207/S00424/sri-lanka-shantha-makes-written-complaint.htm">http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1207/S00424/sri-lanka-shantha-makes-written-complaint.htm</a></p>
<b>JUNE 2012</b>						
4	Unknown (Buddhist Preachers son in law)	24 <sup>th</sup> June	Opposite his house in Galle (Galle district)	Abducted and released	The wife of the allegedly abducted person has said her husband was forcibly put into a vehicle and taken away while he was opposite the house. He was released a couple of hours later. The wife has given the registration number of the vehicle alleged to have been used for the abduction.	<p>Sanctimonious Preacher's son in law abducted <a href="http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newstop/item/804-sanctimonious-preacher%E2%80%99s-son-in-law-abducted">http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newstop/item/804-sanctimonious-preacher%E2%80%99s-son-in-law-abducted</a></p> <p>Police investigate alleged abduction <a href="http://www.dailynews.lk/2012/06/27/news24.asp">http://www.dailynews.lk/2012/06/27/news24.asp</a></p>
5	Unknown (A woman)			Abducted, not clear whether released.	Resident of Akmeemana abducted along with the preacher's son in law.	

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6	Unknown (A woman)	27 <sup>th</sup> May	Waduluwatte area, Grandpass, (Colombo district)	Abducted and released.	An unidentified group had abducted her in a van and released her at the Ingurukade area later that night.	Woman abducted and later released <a href="http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-7105-news-detail-woman-abducted-and-later-released.html">http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-7105-news-detail-woman-abducted-and-later-released.html</a>
7	Ms. Selvarasa Archana Ambiga (23 year old woman)	27 <sup>th</sup> May	Kokkuvil Nallayan area (Jaffna district).	Abducted	Abducted by a group in a white van while traveling with her father in a motor cycle.	Jaffna Girl abducted in white van <a href="http://www.srilankabrief.org/2012/05/jaffna-girl-abducted-in-white-van.html">http://www.srilankabrief.org/2012/05/jaffna-girl-abducted-in-white-van.html</a>  Youth Abducted by 5 persons in white van <a href="http://adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=18229">http://adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=18229</a>
8	Unknown (A youth)	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Along Bodhiya Road , Udahamulla (Colombo district)	Abducted and released	Abducted and released. Victim has said he was abducted by two individuals in civil attire, detained in an old bus and taken to another place known to the police, questioned and brutally assaulted. Mirihana police is alleged to be responsible for abduction and victim was released on instructions by the SSP of the District.	Police discipline hits rock bottom as govt, gazes on fine collection by any means. <a href="http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newsstop/item/590-police-discipline-hits-rock-bottom-as-govt-gazes-on-fine-collection-by-any-means">http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newsstop/item/590-police-discipline-hits-rock-bottom-as-govt-gazes-on-fine-collection-by-any-means</a>

9	Archayan Prabakaran (A 14 year old boy)	25 <sup>th</sup> May	While at the Jaffna bus stand waiting to return home after school.  Jaffna District	Abducted and released.	Son of Cultural Officer of the Indian Consulate in Jaffna. Was released after the army and the police conducted a search operation.	Son of Indian cultural officer abducted in Jaffna - <a href="http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-6942-news-detail-son-of-indian-cultural-officer-abducted-in-jaffna.html">http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-6942-news-detail-son-of-indian-cultural-officer-abducted-in-jaffna.html</a>  Child Abductions on rise in SL  <a href="http://www.srilankabrief.org/2012/05/child-abductions-on-rise-in-jaffna.html">http://www.srilankabrief.org/2012/05/child-abductions-on-rise-in-jaffna.html</a>
10	Unknown (A boy)		Valveddith-thu'rai (Jaffna district)	Abducted and rescued.	The father followed the abductors vehicle to Kilinochchi and confronted the abductors in the presence of police who handed over the son to the father.	
11	Senthooran (14 year old boy)	19 <sup>th</sup> May	While on his way to Uduppiddi American Mission school, located at Navu'ndil (Jaffna)	Missing.	Suspected abduction.	

12	Ms. Lakmini Anupama Panditharane (UPFA member of the Bulathsinghala local Council)	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Near a Vihara (temple) in Thebuwana (Kaluthara district)	Abducted and released.	Abducted by a group who came in a motor vehicle. Released on 29 <sup>th</sup> May. She was formally arrested on 18 <sup>th</sup> June.	Govt being served a dose of its own medicine? <a href="http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newstop/item/398-govt-being-served-a-dose-of-its-own-medicine?">http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newstop/item/398-govt-being-served-a-dose-of-its-own-medicine?</a> PS woman member who claimed she was abducted last month now arrested in a cheating case <a href="http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&amp;page=article-details&amp;code_title=54853">http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&amp;page=article-details&amp;code_title=54853</a>
13	Unknown (A woman)	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Udugama area (Galle district)	Abducted and found by police the next day	Abducted by an unidentified group in a van who forcibly entered their residence and found the next day. The victims are mother and son.	4 suspects arrested for abduction <a href="http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-6757-news-detail-4-suspects-arrested-for-abduction.html">http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-6757-news-detail-4-suspects-arrested-for-abduction.html</a>
14	Unknown (A 2 ½ year old boy)	19 <sup>th</sup> May				4 suspects arrested for abduction <a href="http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-6702-news-detail-four-suspects-arrested-for-abduction.html">http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-6702-news-detail-four-suspects-arrested-for-abduction.html</a>
15	Unknown (A 20 year old girl)	Not mentioned . Around the 12 <sup>th</sup> of May	Not mentioned (Anuradhapura district)	Abducted and sexually abused. Missing.	The girl had been abducted, and sexually abused. Anuradhapura police have apprehended seven suspects.	20 year old abducted, sexually abused. <a href="http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-6176-news-detail-20-year-old-abducted-sexually-abused.html">http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-6176-news-detail-20-year-old-abducted-sexually-abused.html</a>

16	Mr. Stanley Liyanage (witness of the museum theft)	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Fort (Colombo district)	Abducted and released	Abducted by an unidentified group with police identification in a three-wheeler. Beaten and sustained injuries. Released on 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at the Gadaladeniya Junction (Kandy District)	Guard who witnessed museum theft released by abductors  .- <a href="http://www.srilankabrief.org/2012/07/guard-who-witnessed-museum-theft.html">http://www.srilankabrief.org/2012/07/guard-who-witnessed-museum-theft.html</a>
17	Unknown (60 year old Millionaire Businessman)	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Unknown - He had left Wellawaya in Moneragela district to Anuradhapura (Anuradhapura district)	Missing	He has not returned home from Anuradhapura since 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Old Chicago is modern SL in crimes- Millionaire gone missing - <a href="http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newstop/item/268-old-chicago-is-modern-sl-in-crimes-millionaire-gone-missing">http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newstop/item/268-old-chicago-is-modern-sl-in-crimes-millionaire-gone-missing</a>
<b>APRIL 2012</b>						
18	Mr. Sivalingam Sivakumaran	13 <sup>th</sup> April	Kerudaavil Village, Vadamaarachi, (Jaffna District)	Abducted and Killed	Tortured body found on 18 <sup>th</sup> April inside a bush 2 km from his house in Kerudaavil village. Residents suspect the SL army.	Tamil Student abducted, killed near SL military zone in Jaffna <a href="http://www.srilankabrief.org/2012/04/tamil-student-abducted-killed-near-sl.html">http://www.srilankabrief.org/2012/04/tamil-student-abducted-killed-near-sl.html</a>

19	Mr. Chrishnan Ananda	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Near Wadullawatte, Grandpass (Colombo district)	Abduction	Was abducted by 3-4 people in a van	Man abducted in Grandpass <a href="http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-4300-news-detail-man-abducted-in-grandpass.html">http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-4300-news-detail-man-abducted-in-grandpass.html</a>
20	Mr. Premakumar Gunaratnam	6 <sup>th</sup> April	From his residence in Kiribathgoda (Colombo district)	Abducted and released on 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Was grabbed by 6-8 gunmen outside his house, stripped and then sexually tortured during his detention.	White van brings fear in post war Sri Lanka – <a href="http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newstop/item/176-white-van-brings-fear-in-post-war-sri-lanka">http://srilankaxnews.com/index.php/newstop/item/176-white-van-brings-fear-in-post-war-sri-lanka</a>  Latest victims of a heinous trend: Abduction of political activists Premakumar Gunaratnam and Dimuthu Attygalle <a href="http://groundviews.org/2012/04/07/latest-victims-of-a-heinous-trend-abduction-of-political-activists-premakumar-gunaratnam-and-dimuthu-attygalle/">http://groundviews.org/2012/04/07/latest-victims-of-a-heinous-trend-abduction-of-political-activists-premakumar-gunaratnam-and-dimuthu-attygalle/</a>

21	Ms. Dimuthu Attyagala	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Abducted while travelling from the People's Struggle Movement (PSM) office headquarters in Madiwela Kotte (Colombo district)	Abducted and released on 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Abducted by a group who interrogated her on PSM party activities and released four days later Madiwela Kotte (Colombo district)	<p>Dimuthu claims abductors quizzed premkumar and her - <a href="http://english.srilankamirror.com/2012/04/dimuthu-claims-abductors-quizzed-premakumar-her/">http://english.srilankamirror.com/2012/04/dimuthu-claims-abductors-quizzed-premakumar-her/</a></p> <p>Dimuthu Attyagala addresses press conference after being released <a href="http://transcurrents.com/news-views/archives/10964">http://transcurrents.com/news-views/archives/10964</a></p>
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