Over 1000 civilians seek protection with security forces amidst indiscriminate LTTE shelling

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A total of 1011 civilians including 458 children have fled from LTTE hostage and sought protection with the 58 Division troops operating in general area Ampalavanpokkanai South on March 15.
According to military sources, 265 men, 288 women, 240 boys and 218 girls were rescued and taken to safety amidst indiscriminate LTTE artillery shelling from the declared no fire zone. Four civilians were killed in the LTTE shell attacks and many injured ground sources said speaking with our Wanni correspondent. The injured civilians were sent for treatment at the general hospital in Vavuniya. According to revelations made by the rescued civilians, LTTE terrorists have put-up at least 10 combat training camps in general area Wellamullivaikkal, where hundreds of children, women and even elderly are forced for a 3 day crash armed training session. Following the combat training, people are thrown into the battlefront to guard LTTE trenches and bunker positions, the civilians had further said. Terrorists are running a large torture camp in general area Iranapali, the civilians were quoted saying with security forces. Meanwhile, the terror outfit is yet to reveal the status of the 15 UN aid workers and family members held hostage since the declaration of the new no fire zone in Mullaittivu, a defence official said. On Saturday (March 14) a UN aid worker who sustained injuries due to LTTE indiscriminate attacks was rescued by security forces in general area Puthukkudiyirippu. Courtesy: defence.lk