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## Government to speed of resettlement of IDPs as family units

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By Our Colombo Correspondent Colombo, 10 June, (Asiantribune.com): Following representations made to the Government through respective Government Agents in the North and Divisional Secretaries on the desire of displaced families, now in welfare centres to return home, a high level government team will meet in Colombo tomorrow (11), to discuss modalities of resettling those persons as family units at the earliest, well informed sources disclosed. At present, it is reported that only the elderly are being allowed to return to their former places residence, while other age groups are screened for security reasons. Sources said that Special Presidential Adviser and Parliamentarian, Basil Rajapaksa who spearheads the Northern rehabilitation is in constant contact with the rehabilitation authorities in the North and Tamil intellectuals, has issued instructions to conclude the screening of civilians on security matters at the earliest for them to return to their homes. Sources said that the screening of the displaced who earlier lived in Mannar, North West of Sri Lanka had been completed and all family units have been resettled. Meanwhile, the Special Presidential Adviser Rajapaksa has drawn up a plan to provide dry rations for those civilians for six months after resettlement and also to provide infra structure requirements to rebuild their damaged houses. The respective Government Agents and Divisional Secretaries have been asked to inspect those damaged houses once representations are made to ascertain the quantum of financial assistance needed to repair those houses. Rajapaksa has also directed the Ceylon Electricity Board to repair all damaged power lines at the earliest to restore the distribution of electricity to areas where the LTTE had cut off the power supply.

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