

Country Profiles

Sri Lanka

Capital : Colombo
Land Area : 65,610 sq km
Head of Government : President HE Mrs Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga (since 12 November 1988)
Population : 20,064,776 (July 2005 est.)
Major Languages : Sinhala (official and national language) 74%, Tamil (national language) 18%
Note: English is commonly used in government and is spoken competently by about 10% of the population.
Major Religion(s) : Buddhist 69.1%, Muslim 7.6%, Hindu 7.1%, Christian 6.2%, unspecified 10% (2005)
Date of Joining : 1948

[Map](#)

[Letter to the Speaker of Parliament regarding the Constitutional Council](#) - 13th April 2006.

[CHRI Submission to CMAG](#) : February 1998

Articles from CHRI Newsletter :

- = [Lawyers vs. Law](#) : Naomi Gunasekara, Journalist, BBC World Service, CHRI Newsletter, Volume 6, Number 1, Summer 2004
- = [Sri Lanka's International Delegations on hold](#) : CHRI Newsletter, Volume 6, Number 2, Summer 2004

Articles from E-Magazine:

- = [Did you know? CHRI](#), Commonwealth Police Watch E-Magazine, Vol. 1, December 2004
- = [Government urged to conduct investigations on police officers accused of torture](#), CHRI, Commonwealth Police Watch E-Magazine, Vol. 1, December 2004

Bills/Laws/Acts from RTI:

- = [Draft Freedom of Information Bill](#) developed by a small committee of civil society representatives
- = [Critique of the draft Freedom of Access to Official Information Bill 2003](#) (Sri Lanka), Submitted to the