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Bombing of TRO Boatyard by SLAF

TRO calls on the Government of Sri Lanka and the international community to investigate the unjustifiable bombing of the TRO Boat Making Yard in Nelliyan, Vadamarachchi East, Jaffna District by Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) Kfir bombers on Friday 18 August 2006.

This was a civilian Boatyard that was constructed by TRO after the 2004 Tsunami for the purpose of repairing and constructing fishing boats for fishermen who had lost their boats and livelihoods. The Project was funded by TRO Norway and TRO Malaysia in collaboration with the Multi Marine Services (MMS) and was opened on Monday 27 February 2005.

(Tamilnet article of opening of boatyard: <http://www.tamilnet.com/art.html?catid=13&artid=14359>)

Two workers were wounded and were transported to Kilinochchi hospital. The fishing boats under construction, the boatyard building and boat building materials were all severely damaged by the bombs

TRO condemns this attack upon a civilian structure built to rehabilitate the livelihoods of tsunami affected fishermen. TRO has implemented US\$ 20 million in tsunami projects in all districts of the NorthEast with all three communities. These projects involve the construction of 6 boat building yards, donation of fishing packages to fishermen, permanent housing, pre schools, primary health care centres, multi purpose community centres and primary schools. These projects were funded by the Tamil Diaspora, UN agencies, international NGO's and other donors. TRO requests the international community to ensure that these humanitarian projects are not targeted and that safety of humanitarian workers and all civilians is ensured.

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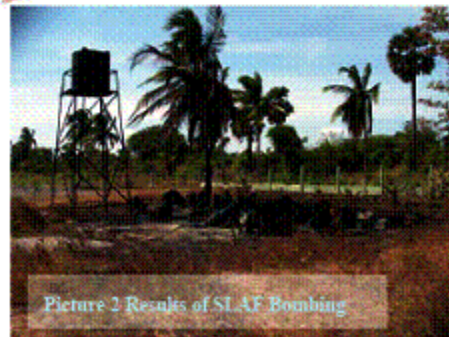
Mullaitivu Boatyard:	Funded by ActionAid International
Vaharai Boatyard:	Funded by ActionAid International
Amparai Boatyard:	Funded by ActionAid International
Eachchilampattu Boatyard:	Funded by EMERGENCY, Italy
Kilinochchi Boatyard:	TRO Denmark
Vadamarachchi East:	TRO Norway & TRO Malaysia

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Picture 1 Results of SLAF Bombing



Picture 2 Results of SLAF Bombing

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