

# UNHRC Accountability and Sri Lanka

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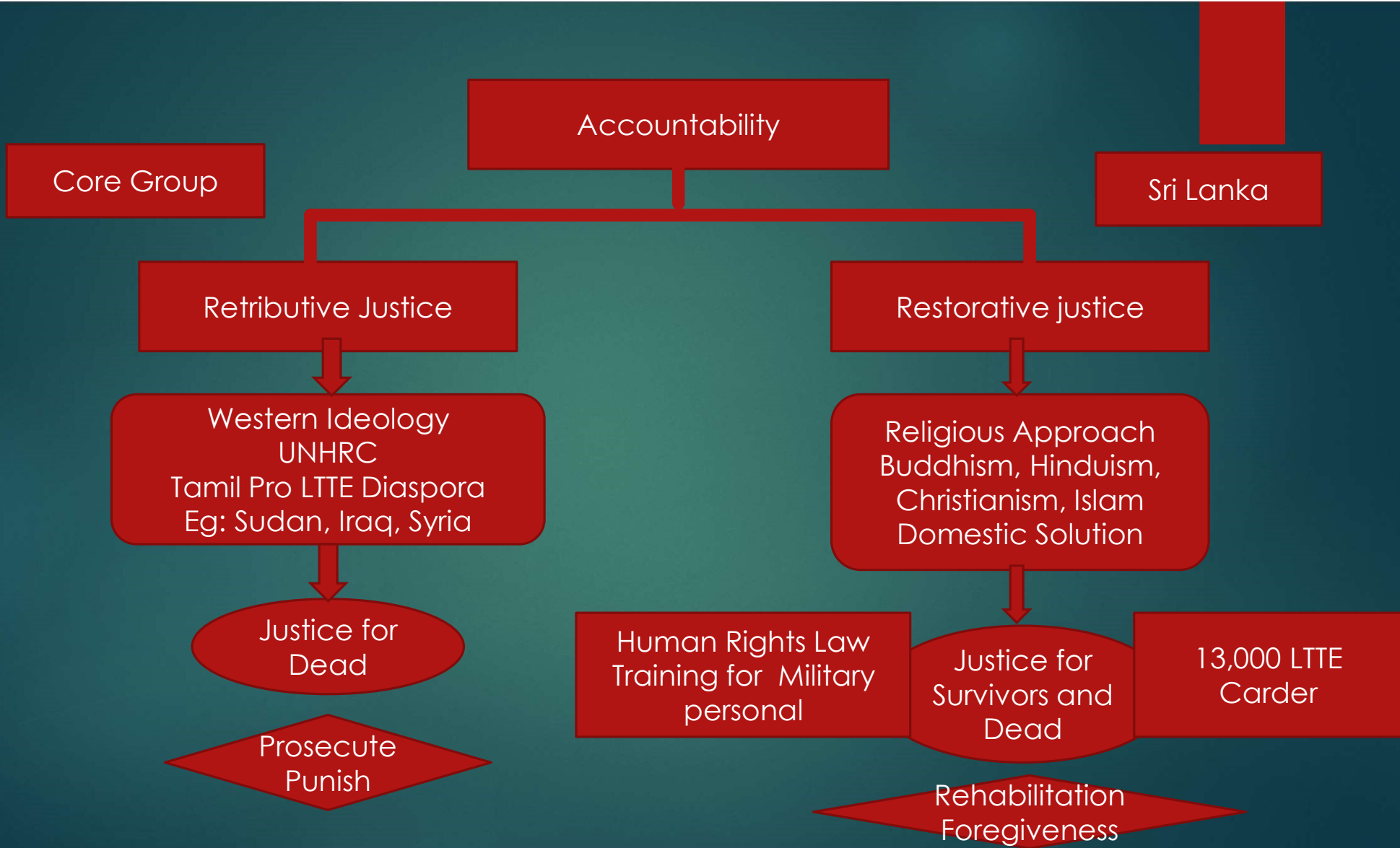
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## ▶ Office of the Missing Persons (OMP)

In this context, a draft Plan of Action has been called for by the Ministry of Justice from the OMP in order to make appropriate financial provisions for the immediate implementation of its statutory mandate. It may also be noted that a former Supreme Court Judge has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the OMP, having regard to the importance of this mechanism

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## ▶ Office of National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR)

Financial provision of over **Rs. 500 million** has already been made in this regard by the Ministry of Justice. Cabinet approval has been sought for the appointment of a senior President's Counsel as its Chairperson, and a senior civil servant as its Director General with a Board of Directors.

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## ▶ National Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL)

In accordance with the procedure mandated by the Constitution and financial provision of **Rs. 229 million** has been allocated to perform its statutory mandate 2021 budget.

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## The Office for Reparations (OR)

- ▶ Will continue functioning in accordance with its statutory mandate and for this purpose a sum of **Rs.910 million** has been allocated from the 2021 Budget.
- ▶ Guidelines have been prepared for the consideration of the applications for reparations. The Office has received **16,275** applications of which **4,358** have been processed from January – November 2020 and a total sum of **Rs. 142 million** has been paid as compensation.

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## Commission of Inquiry (COI)

Headed by a Justice of the Supreme Court, to review the reports of previous Sri Lankan COIs which investigated alleged violations of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (IHL), to assess the status of implementation of their recommendations, and to propose deliverable measures to implement them keeping in line with the new Government's policy.

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## Land

Previously held by the security forces, i.e. 89.26% of State lands and 92.22% of private lands, have already been released to the civilian owners by 31 December 2019.



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## National Authority for Protection of Victims of Crimes and Witnesses

Rs.90 million has been allocated from the 2021 Budget for its operation. The Victim and Witness of Crime Protection Act has been reviewed by an expert Committee and amendments to the current victim protection regime are under consideration for its efficacious implementation.

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## Justice sector Reforms

- ▶ It is noteworthy that the Government has increased budgetary allocation for capacity building in the justice sector from the 2021 Budget. This allocation is a 500% increase compared to the previous allocations.
- ▶ This includes the establishment of new Court houses, the digitalization of the systems, increase of judicial officers, enhanced training, law reforms, the promotion of alternate dispute resolution, and the adoption of new techniques in legal education.

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## Conclusion

- ▶ Sri Lanka has completed its obligation to accountability and reconciliation best suited for all Sri Lankans
- ▶ Sri Lanka has completed its obligations to Natural justice for Sri Lankans all ethnic groups Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims and other ethnic groups but not for UNHRC and Core group
- ▶ Core group and UNHRC on agenda manipulated by Pro LTTE Tamil diaspora.

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**We shall reject Resolution against Sri Lanka  
We request from 47 member states to not to support  
Country specific resolutions and Resolution against  
Sri Lanka.**

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**Thank You**