

# Abbreviations

ACMC	All Ceylon Muslim Congress
ACTC	All Ceylon Tamil Congress, the mainstream Tamil party
AIADMK	All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, a 1972 breakaway of India's main Dravidian party DMK
DMK	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, a major party in India's federal state of Tamil Nadu
ENDLF	Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front, an offshoot of EPRLF for the 1988 elections for the NEPC
EPRLF	Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, split from EROS in the early 1980s
EROS	Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students, a key militant Tamil group in the 1970s and 1980s
IPKF	Indian Peacekeeping Force, deployed in Sri Lanka by the Indian federal government to uphold the 1987 Indo-Lankan Accord
ISGA	Interim Self-Governing Authority, proposed but unimplemented framework for a political structure with far-reaching autonomous self-government for north-eastern Sri Lanka
ITAK	Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi, the main Tamil nationalist party in Sri Lanka, especially from the 1950s to the 1970s (known in English as the Federal Party)
JVP	Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, or People's Liberation Front, a Sinhala-nationalist leftist revolutionary movement that staged violent uprisings in the early 1970s and late 1980s

LTTE	Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the main armed insurgency fighting for a separate Tamil state (defeated in 2009)
NC	National Congress
NEPC	North-Eastern Provincial Council, a merger of the eastern and northern council, created through the 1987 Indo-Lankan accord with the aim to remedy Tamil nationalist grievances
PLOTE	People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, an armed movement split from the LTTE in the early 1980s
RDS	Rural Development Society, a village-level community platform
SADR	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic
SLFP	Sri Lanka Freedom Party
SLMC	Sri Lanka Muslim Congress, the main Muslim party in Sri Lanka (created 1981)
SLPP	Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, or Sri Lanka People's Front, the electoral vehicle of the Rajapaksa family
TELO	Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation, a key group in the 1970s
TgiE	Tibetan Government in Exile
TMVP	Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal, or Tamil People Liberation Tigers, the party of renegade LTTE commander Karuna, mainly catering to eastern Tamils
TNA	Tamil National Alliance, an alliance of the main Tamil nationalist parties, created in 2001 (not to be confused with the Tamil National Army, a short-lived attempt by the Indian government to arm the Tamil groups rivalling the LTTE in 1989–1990)
TRNC	Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
TUF	Tamil United Front (which later became the TULF), within which ITAK played a leading role
TULF	Tamil United Liberation Front, formerly the TUF, created by all major Tamil parties to adopt a separatist position (the 1976 Vaddukoddai resolution)
UNP	United National Party