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Jaffna Regional Office Opening

The Office on Missing Persons (OMP) is opening its regional office in Jaffna at **No 124, Adiyapatham Road, Jaffna** on 24 August 2019. This will be third regional office of the OMP to open this year. Presently the OMP has regional offices in Matara and Mannar. The inauguration will be under the patronage of Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of Parliament and Chairman of the Constitutional Council. Minister Hon. Mano Ganesan will also participate.

The OMP has a primary mandate to search for and trace the fate and whereabouts of missing and disappeared persons in Sri Lanka. The establishment of the OMP is an acknowledgement of the widespread disappearances that have occurred over four decades in multiple contexts in Sri Lanka and is an explicit recognition of the responsibility of the State to provide answers to the thousands of affected citizens in our country.

The regional offices shall ensure greater access to the OMP by families of the missing and disappeared. They will provide a range of services including accepting complaints from family members, following up with district level state agencies on administrative issues faced by families and carrying out inquiries on individual cases. As the OMP continues to establish its offices and operationalise its mandate, it remains committed to protecting the rights of victims and their families.