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Amid the floods, the lucky few



Vanni uprooted families, resettled in haste by the Sri Lanka government without any basic facilities or proper structures, have sought refuge under trees as persistent rain, gale and floods destroyed their temporary tents and tin-roofed shacks. There are no solid buildings for them to seek shelter in as all of them were razed to the ground by the Sri Lankan Army during the last phase of the war on Vanni, press reports said. The families resettled in areas around Mannar, Mullaitheevu and Kilinochchi are suffering in the onslaught of unrelenting rain. Temporary tents and shacks constructed with tin sheets for roofing donated by India have been totally destroyed in the rain and ensuing floods. The government, intent on showing the international community that it is resettling uprooted people from Vanni, had taken them there without making any prior arrangements for their shelter, local reports said, adding that many are seriously considering returning to Vavuniya. *Photo AFP / Getty Images*