

GENERAL JAGATH JAYASURIYA MILITARY CAREER



Sri Lanka, May 2008: Jagath Jayasuriya is wearing a black beret. On his right is Shavendra Silva (58 division commander) and on Silva's right is Jagath Dias (57 division commander).

① Jagath Jayasuriya ② Shavendra Silva ③ Jagath Dias

As Army Commander, Jagath Jayasuriya appoints a 5 member initial fact finding inquiry to look into (a) civilian casualties in the final phase of the civil war and (b) to investigate the Channel 4 TV station video of executions of naked bound Tamils by soldiers. The inquiry exonerated the military in terms of its overall conduct of the war⁴ but never reported back on the allegations of summary excutions.

Note: This is Jagath Jayasuriya commissioning an inquiry into his own conduct as commander. Moreover at least 4 of the 5 members of the inquiry into the war were themselves actively involved in its conduct and therefore had serious conflicts of interest.

Security Force Commander Jaffna

7 AUGUST – 15 JULY 2009
Commander, Vanni Security Force HQ, (also known as “Joseph Camp”) with overall command of offensives in the final war during 2008-9 in the Vanni region of Northern Sri Lanka.

Appointed Chief of Defence Staff of the Sri Lankan Army.

Promoted to General.

Commander 52 Division

15 JULY
Appointed 19th Commander of the Sri Lankan Army.

Promoted to Lieutenant General.

JUNE
Jagath Jayasuriya retires from the Sri Lankan Army.

AUGUST
Cases filed against Jagath Jayasuriya in Latin America.

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017