

he [heavy militarisation of Sri Lanka's northern province](#) after the civil war's bloody end in 2009 has been the subject of growing domestic and [international concern](#)

. The large numbers of military personnel in the north, and the deep involvement of the military in the province's governance, endanger the re-establishment of democratic institutions that is necessary to lasting peace (see our Nov 2013 report

[Sri Lanka's Potemkin Peace: Democracy Under Fire](#)

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