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LONDON (UPI) — More than 1,000 people have been deliberately killed each month recently by security forces and pro-government groups trying to stop violent opposition in southern Sri Lanka, Amnesty International said Thursday.

The human rights organization said civilians have been victimized by the violent tactics increasingly used by both the opposition JVP People's Liberation Front and government and paramilitary forces.

Many victims have been young people suspected of supporting the

JVP, Amnesty said.

The Sri Lanka government has repeatedly denied that it sanctions illegal killings.

In other developments, at least 100 people were killed in clashes between rival Tamil rebel groups in Sri Lanka's eastern province, police and residents said Wednesday.

Twelve people were shot dead and their bodies burned when rebels attacked an opposition politician's home in the central hills, military sources said.

(With files from Reuter.)