

# They are free at last

These pictures portrayed below are more effective than words in telling the story of nearly 200,000 northern civilians who have sought refuge in the authorities after years of suffering under Tiger clutches. Welfare villages in Chet-tikulam and Manik Farm in Vavuniya have become their safe haven.



A Children's park setup at the Kadrigamar IDP centre



Preparing food

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Classes conducted for IDP children



IDPs playing cricket



Attending religious ceremonies at the kovil



A woman and children after a bath



A fish market



All medical facilities provided for IDPs



People thronging the Lak Sathosa outlet



A civilian who escaped LTTE bondage reading a newspaper



People in the common kitchen



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