

## French FM sends special envoy to Sri Lanka

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French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner has decided to send a special Human Rights Ambassador to Sri Lanka in order to gather from the authorities, the NGOs and the population information, evidence and proposals that will allow France to help Sri Lanka speed up the voluntary return of refugees and strengthen the rule of law.

Issuing a special statement French Foreign Minister said that Human Rights Ambassador François Zimeray is visiting Sri Lanka from November 5 to 7. Kouchner accused the Sri Lankan authorities of holding tens of thousands of people prisoner in camps and keeping under the control of armed forces.