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Sri Lanka Air Force bombed the 'Voice of Tigers' (VOT) radio station in the outskirts of Kilinochchi town on November 26, 2007, the day prior to the annual heroes' day speech by the leader of the LTTE. The UNESCO condemned this attack on the ground that it was a civilian target and therefore against International Humanitarian Laws governing armed conflicts. Drawing parallels from similar attacks on enemy communication and propaganda facilities in other conflicts around the world this paper argues that the aerial attack on the VOT was legitimate under International Humanitarian Laws.