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Global Tamil Forum



GTF News Update
8th & 9th October 2014

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- Global Tamil Forum is pleased to announce our **newly redesigned and relaunched website is now online**. For up-to-date information on our work, please visit: www.globaltamilforum.org.
- News reports on 7TH October meeting held between GTF, other Tamil groups, and the UK's Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Rt. Hon Hugo Swire MP:
 - Tamil Guardian, 'UK strongly supports the international inquiry reiterates FCO minister, meeting with Tamil diaspora'
<http://www.tamilguardian.com/article.asp?articleid=12477>
 - Colombo Gazette, 'UK affirms its backing to OHCHR probe'
<http://colombogazette.com/2014/10/07/uk-affirms-its-backing-to-ohchr-probe/>

--NEWS--

REUTERS

Sri Lankan president considers early election, ally says, amid signs of fading popularity

<http://news.yahoo.com/sri-lankan-president-considers-early-election-ally-says-071401517--business.html?soc_src=copy>

GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA

Judge Sri Lanka in proportion to the challenges it has faced as a country emerging from a 30 year terrorist conflict - Amb. Aryasinha to HRC n Geneva

<<http://news.lk/news/sri-lanka/item/3459-judge-sri-lanka-in-proportion-to-the-challenges-it-has-faced-as-a-country-emerging-from-a-30-year-terrorist-conflict-amb-aryasinha-to-hrc-n-geneva>>

COLOMBO GAZETTE **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

UN committee denies judging Sri Lanka

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/10/08/un-committee-denies-judging-sri-lanka/>>

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Concerns over threats to NGOs in Lanka

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/10/07/concerns-over-threats-to-ngos-in-lanka/>>

COLOMBO TELEGRAPH **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Human Rights Defender In Vavuniya Assaulted

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/human-rights-defender-in-vavuniya-assaulted/>>



SRI LANKA MIRROR ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

No other relief except international aid - Sandya Ekneligoda

<<https://www.srilankamirror.com/news/17283-no-other-relief-except-international-aid-sandya-ekneligoda>>

DAILY MIRROR SRI LANKA ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

BBS wants Sri Lanka named 'Sinhale'

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/53426-bbs-wants-sri-lanka-named-sinhale.html>>

DAILY FT ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Hindu group turns down deal with BBS

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/10/09/hindu-group-turns-down-deal-with-bbs/>>

GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA

Only UNHRC failed to recognize freedom enjoyed by Sri Lanka with eradication of terrorism - President

<<http://www.news.lk/news/politics/item/3436-only-unhrc-failed-to-recognize-freedom-enjoyed-by-sri-lanka-with-eradication-of-terrorism-president>>

COLOMBO GAZETTE ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Britain hopes Lanka backs moratorium

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/10/09/britain-hopes-lanka-backs-moratorium/>>

DAILY MIRROR SRI LANKA ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

MR can't seek SC opinion on 3rd term: Ex-CJ

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/53452-mr-cant-seek-sc-opinion-on-3rd-term-ex-cj.html>>

ASIA MIRROR ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Sarath N Silva Lashes Out At Mohan Peiris Over Trip To Vatican

<<http://www.asianmirror.lk/top-news/item/4048-sarath-n-silva-lashes-out-at-mohan-peiris-over-trip-to-vatican>>

SRI LANKA MIRROR ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Church in Lanka launches 100 days of special preparation for the Pope's visit

<<https://www.srilankamirror.com/news/17311-church-in-lanka-launches-100-days-of-special-preparation-for-the-pope-s-visit>>

DAILY FT ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Branson says he will invest in Sri Lanka "if the conditions are right"

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/10/09/branson-tells-he-will-invest-in-sri-lanka-if-the-conditions-are-right/>>

--STATEMENTS--

ASIA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Prageeth Eknalogida's case exposes lack of consensus against enforced disappearances

<<http://www.humanrights.asia/news/ahrc-news/AHRC-STM-180-2014>>

TAMIL CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM



Oral Statement to the Human Rights Committee on Sri Lanka's 5th Periodic State Report on the ICCPR

<<http://tamilguardian.com/files/File/TCSF/TCSF%20HRC%20ICCPR%202014.pdf>>

NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL

Oral Statement by the Norwegian Refugee Council – Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

<<http://reliefweb.int/report/sri-lanka/oral-statement-norwegian-refugee-council-internal-displacement-monitoring-centre>>

HIGH COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN, COLOMBO

Pakistan to Build 220 Houses for Homeless Sri Lankans in Mannar and Nanattan

<<http://www.pakistanhc.lk/2014/10/pakistan-to-build-220-houses-for-homeless-sri-lankans-in-mannar-and-nanattan/>>

--COURSES--

SCHOOL OF AFRICAN AND ORIENTAL STUDIES – UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Introduction to Tamil Course

<<https://www.soas.ac.uk/languagecentre/languages/tamil/tamil-beginners-course.html>>

--EVENTS--

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Panel Discussion: Sri Lanka and the Office of the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights Investigation

Thursday 16th October, 6:30-8:30pm

<<http://www.r2pasiapacific.org/docs/Events%202014/sri-lanka-panel-flyer.pdf>>