



**GTF News Update**  
**11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Please find below the GTF news update for 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**--HIGHLIGHTS--**

- Further coverage of GTF's and diaspora organisations meeting with UK FCO Minister with responsibility for Sri Lanka, Rt. Hon Hugo Swire MP:
  - Colombo Gazette, 'GTF says UK meet sent clear message',  
<http://colombogazette.com/2014/10/12/gtf-says-uk-meet-sent-clear-message/>
  - Sunday Leader, 'UK Disregards Proscription Of GTF', <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/10/12/uk-disregards-proscription-of-gtf/>
- Sri Lanka's Colombo to Jaffna railway re-opens: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-29592232>

**--NEWS--**

TAMIL GUARDIAN

**NPC rejects Rajapaksa invite as Tamils 'continuing to be marginalised'**

<<http://www.tamilguardian.com/article.asp?articleid=12507>>

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

**MR: Give up Eelam; will give up Presidency**

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/53618-mr-give-up-eelam-will-give-up-presidency-.html>>

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

**MR says Wigi, NPC hampering progress**

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/10/12/mr-says-wigi-npc-hampering-progress/>>

AL-JAZEERA **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Sri Lanka bans foreigners from ex-war zone**

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia/2014/10/sri-lanka-bans-foreigners-from-ex-war-zone-201410129845173632.html>>

THE ISLAND **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Presidential election likely before Jan. 13 – Minister Rambukwella**

<[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=112011](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=112011)>

SRI LANKA GUARDIAN

**BBC Tamil Service Facing Closure**

<<http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2014/10/bbc-tamil-service-facing-closure.html>>



CEYLON TODAY **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**High unemployment**

<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-75233-news-detail-high-unemployment.html>

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

**AI launches new campaign on Lanka**

<http://colombogazette.com/2014/10/13/ai-launches-new-campaign-on-lanka/>

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

**Don't take alleged attack on Nonis seriously: Keheliya**

<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/53588-dont-take-alleged-attack-on-nonis-seriously-keheliya.html>

THE SUNDAY LEADER **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**BA Says Move Not Political**

<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/10/12/ba-says-move-not-political/>

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

**Sri Lanka welcomes 100,000th Chinese tourist**

<http://www.ft.lk/2014/10/13/sri-lanka-welcomes-100000th-chinese-tourist/>

**--OPINION/EDITORIAL/INTERVIEW--**

THE SUNDAY TIMES SRI LANKA **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Sri Lanka needs tightening, not relaxation, of the electoral scheme**

<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/141012/columns/sri-lanka-needs-tightening-not-relaxation-of-the-electoral-scheme-122079.html>

THE SUNDAY TIMES SRI LANKA **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**President going ahead with January poll, questions over Pope's visit**

<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/141012/columns/president-going-ahead-with-january-poll-questions-over-popes-visit-122138.html>

GROUNDVIEWS **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**In conversation with Nimalka Fernando: Life as an activist in Sri Lanka**

<http://groundviews.org/2014/10/10/in-conversation-with-nimalka-fernando-life-as-an-activist-in-sri-lanka/>

THE SUNDAY LEADER **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**UNHRC Is Simply Evaluating Sri Lanka's Compliance To A Covenant – Yolanda Foster**

<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/10/12/unhrc-is-simply-evaluating-sri-lankas-compliance-to-a-covenant-yolanda-foster/>

**--STATEMENTS/SPEECHES--**

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA – SRI LANKA

**Inauguration of Pallai-Jaffna reconstructed railway track and signal system built by IRCON International Ltd under concessional Indian Line of Credit**

<http://www.hccolombo.org/news/display/3354945>



FORUM ASIA

**Human Rights Committee NGO Briefing: Challenges and attacks against civil society in Sri Lanka**

<<http://www.forum-asia.org/?p=17812>>

GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

**Sri Lanka Must Learn From The Past**

<<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/08/24/sri-lanka-must-learn-from-the-past/>>

--WEBSITE--

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](http://www.globaltamilforum.org).

--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 16<sup>th</sup> October, 6:30-8:30pm

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