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GTF News Update
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--GTF IN THE MEDIA--

THE ISLAND

Presidential poll: EU intervenes as campaign ends

< http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=117208

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THE ISLAND

Prof. G. L. Peiris counters Opposition argument - Geneva probe:

< http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=117227

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--VIDEOS--

INSIDE STORY - AL JAZEERA

Is Sri Lanka's Mahinda Rajapaksa in trouble?

< <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urDdEIwVLPY> >

--INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION--

BLOOMBERG **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

China's Indian Ocean Influence at Risk in Sri Lanka Election

< <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2015-01-06/china-push-for-indian-ocean-influence-at-risk-as-sri-lanka-votes.html> >

ABC NEWS **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka's Tamils Say They'll Back President's Challenger

< <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/sri-lankas-tamils-back-presidents-challenger-28049333> >

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Sri Lanka: Violence, Intimidation Threaten Vote

< <http://www.hrw.org/news/2015/01/06/sri-lanka-violence-intimidation-threaten-vote> >

THE GUARDIAN **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka election set to be closest and most significant in decades

< <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/06/sri-lanka-election-closest-most-significant-decades> >

REUTERS

Sri Lanka's political outlook shaky, whoever wins knife-edge election

< <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/07/sri-lanka-election-idUSL3N0UI06H20150107> >

THE INDEPENDENT **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka elections: The 'traitor' standing between President Rajapaksa and an unprecedented third term

< <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/sri-lanka-elections-the-traitor-standing-between-president-rajabaksa-and-an-unprecedented-third-term-9961382.html> >

AL JAZEERA **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka on tenterhooks as election nears

< <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2015/01/sri-lanka-tenterhooks-as-election-nears-20151661719220491.html> >

ABC NEWS **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Monitors: Military Presence May Deter Sri Lankan Voters

< <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/monitors-fear-military-presence-deter-sri-lankan-voters-28024350> >

DAILY MAIL **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka deploys commandos after violence-hit campaign

< <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-2898936/Sri-Lanka-deploys-commandos-violence-hit-campaign.html> >

NEW YORK TIMES

As Vote Nears, Astrologer for Sri Lanka's President Faces Ultimate Test of His Skills

< http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/07/world/as-vote-nears-astrologer-for-sri-lankas-president-faces-ultimate-test-of-his-skills.html?_r=0 >

AL JAZEERA **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Ahead of Sri Lanka election, president in unexpectedly tight race

< <http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/1/7/sri-lanka-electionsrajabaksa.html> >

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lankan Presidential Election Puts Political System to a Vote

< <http://www.wsj.com/articles/sri-lankan-presidential-election-puts-political-system-to-vote-1420590270> >

INTER PRESS SERVICE **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Spectre of Violence Hangs Over Sri Lanka Polls

< <http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/01/spectre-of-violence-hangs-over-sri-lanka-polls/> >

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Sri Lanka votes: President Mahinda Rajapaksa fights for his political life

< <http://www.smh.com.au/comment/sri-lanka-votes-president-mahinda-rajabaksa-fights-for-his-political-life-20150107-12iqe5.html> >

ARAB NEWS **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka President Rajapaksa faces poll battle as war effect wanes

< <http://www.arabnews.com/world/news/685291> >

FINANCIAL TIMES **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka opposition backs anti-corruption probes

< <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/ab92eb9e-9629-11e4-a40b-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3O80je9fN> >

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka Braces for Pope Francis Visit amid Political Turmoil

< <http://www.ibtimes.com/sri-lanka-braces-pope-francis-visit-amid-political-turmoil-1775108> >

FINANCIAL TIMES **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

January 6, 2015 6:04 pm Sri Lanka squares up to a critical election

< <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/b2820b5c-959c-11e4-b3a6-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3O80je9fN> >

WORLD BULLETIN **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka ruling party accused of violating election rules

< <http://www.worldbulletin.net/news/152368/sri-lanka-ruling-party-accused-of-violating-election-rules> >

--INDIAN MEDIA COVERAGE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION--

HINDUSTAN TIMES **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

SL polls: Delhi officially mum but watches closely

< <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/as-sl-votes-delhi-officially-mum-but-watches-closely/article1-1303991.aspx> >

HINDUSTAN TIMES **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Rajapaksa's 2 terms were absolute misery for all: Sri Lanka Tamil MP

< <http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/rajapaksa-s-2-terms-were-absolute-misery-for-all-sri-lanka-tamil-mp/article1-1304101.aspx> >

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

SL Prez Poll Divides Astrologers, Pollsters

< <http://www.newindianexpress.com/world/SL-Prez-Poll-Divides-Astrologers-Pollsters/2015/01/06/article2605849.ece> >

TIMES OF INDIA **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Rajapaksa faces toughest challenge as Lanka goes to polls

< <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/Rajapaksa-faces-toughest-challenge-as-Lanka-goes-to-polls/articleshow/45790172.cms> >

TIMES OF INDIA **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Kumaratunga faces flak over 'Mister' Prabhakaran

< <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/Kumaratunga-faces-flak-over-Mister-Prabhakaran/articleshow/45786705.cms> >

--SRI LANKAN MEDIA COVERAGE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION--

CEYLON TODAY

COMPILED BY MIRUDHULA THAMBIAH AND PRANAVESH SIVAKUMAR TNA wants all in N&E to vote for Maithripala Sirisena

< <http://ceylontoday.lk/51-81601-news-detail-compiled-by-mirudhula-thambiah-and-pranavesh-sivakumar-tna-wants-all-in-ne-to-vote-for-ms.html> >

GROUND VIEWS **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Karma and Politics

< <http://groundviews.org/2015/01/05/karma-and-politics/> >

FINANCIAL TIMES **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

CMEV concerned over possible military intervention in voting

< <http://www.ft.lk/2015/01/07/cmev-concerned-over-possible-military-intervention-in-voting/> >

COLOMBO TELEGRAPH **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

8th Jan: The Change We Need

< <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/8th-jan-the-change-we-need/> >

THE ISLAND

Days of the Rajapaksas numbered – Sirisena

< http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=117193
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CEYLON TODAY

How North views the polls

< <http://ceylontoday.lk/51-81493-news-detail-how-north-views-the-polls.html> >

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

Rights group notes harassment

< <http://colombogazette.com/2015/01/06/rights-group-notes-harassment/> >

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

Government slams UN comments

< <http://colombogazette.com/2015/01/07/government-slams-un-remarks/> >

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TIMES OF INDIA ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Sri Lankan Navy chase away Tamil Nadu fishermen

< <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Sri-Lankan-Navy-chase-away-Tamil-Nadu-fishermen/articleshow/45773204.cms> >

TAMIL GUARDIAN

Army scuffle in Killinochi injures two children

< <http://www.tamilguardian.com/article.asp?articleid=13357> >

DAILY MIRROR ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Journalist assaulted

< <http://www.dailymirror.lk/60621/alist-assaulted> >

COLOMBO PAGE

Pope will not cancel his visit to Sri Lanka

< http://www.colombopage.com/archive_15A/Jan07_1420615395CH.php >

--EDITORIAL--

THE ISLAND

Calm before the storm

< http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=news-section&page=news-section&code_title=42 >

--ANALYSIS--

EURASIA REVIEW ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

India-Sri Lanka: Rajapaksa's Handling Will be the Key

< <http://www.eurasiareview.com/06012015-india-sri-lanka-rajapaksas-handling-will-key-analysis/> >

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