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**GTF News Update**  
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**--INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION--**

CHANNEL 4 NEWS

**Sri Lanka's election could change everything... and nothing**

< <http://www.channel4.com/news/sri-lanka-presidential-election-rajapaksa-sirisena-tamil> >

NEW YORK TIMES

**Reports of Army Deployment in Sri Lanka Investigated Ahead of Election**

< <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/08/world/asia/reports-of-army-deployment-in-sri-lanka-investigated-ahead-of-election.html> >

NEW YORK TIMES

**Monitors Say Voters Obstructed in Sri Lankan Election**

< [http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/01/07/world/asia/ap-as-sri-lanka-election.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/01/07/world/asia/ap-as-sri-lanka-election.html?_r=0) >

WASHINGTON POST **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Why M.I.A. is angry about Sri Lanka's election**

< <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/worldviews/wp/2015/01/07/why-m-i-a-is-angry-about-sri-lankas-election/> >

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

**Death threats against activists highlight risk of violence around elections**

< <http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/sri-lanka-death-threats-against-activists-highlight-risk-violence-around-elections-2015-01-07> >

ASIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**Death threats issues to three human rights activists**

< <http://www.humanrights.asia/news/ahrc-news/AHRC-STM-005-2015> >

ASIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**Severed dog heads symbolize a "radical wrong"**

< <http://www.humanrights.asia/news/ahrc-news/AHRC-STM-003-2015> >

BBC

**Sri Lanka's Mahinda Rajapaksa faces crucial poll**

< <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-30715792> >

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

**Sri Lanka's last-minute contender**

< <http://blogs.aljazeera.com/blog/asia/sri-lankas-last-minute-contender> >

THE DIPLOMAT **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Sri Lanka: A Free and Fair Election?**

< <http://thedi diplomat.com/2015/01/sri-lanka-a-free-and-fair-election/> >

THE TELEGRAPH

**Sri Lanka's controversial president Mahinda Rajapaksa risks losing power**

< <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/srilanka/11331267/Sri-Lankas-controversial-president-Mahinda-Rajapaksa-risks-losing-power.html> >

THE GUARDIAN \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Fears of violence as polling stations open in Sri Lanka election**

< <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/08/fears-of-violence-as-polling-stations-open-in-sri-lanka-elections> >

REUTERS

**Sri Lankan president's bid to stay uncertain as election starts**

< <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/01/08/uk-sri-lanka-election-idUKKBN0KG1ZG20150108> >

BLOOMBERG \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Battle for Sri Lanka Power Pits President against Ex-Ally**

< <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2015-01-07/battle-for-sri-lanka-power-pits-president-against-former-friend.html> >

ABC NEWS \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**President Faces Fierce Battle in Sri Lanka's Election**

< <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/president-faces-fierce-battle-sri-lankas-election-28062419> >

THE NEW YORKER

**Will Sri Lanka Elect the Devil It Knows?**

< <http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/will-sri-lanka-elect-devil-knows> >

REUTERS

**Sri Lanka presidential election brings country to crossroads**

< <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/07/us-sri-lanka-election-idUSKBN0KG1ZI20150107> >

YAHOO NEWS \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sri Lanka winner must address Tamil issue: BJP**

< <https://en-maktoob.news.yahoo.com/sri-lanka-winner-must-address-tamil-issue-bjp-080039235.html> >

KHALEEJ TIMES \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sri Lankans hope for change as elections start**

< [http://www.khaleejtimes.com/nation/inside.asp?section=community&xfile=/data/community/2015/January/community\\_January4.xml](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/nation/inside.asp?section=community&xfile=/data/community/2015/January/community_January4.xml) >

**--INDIAN MEDIA COVERAGE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION--**

DECCAN CHRONICLE \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sri Lankan Tamils defy alleged intimidation to vote**

< <http://www.deccanchronicle.com/150108/world-neighbours/article/sri-lankan-tamils-defy-alleged-intimidation-vote> >

THE HINDU \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sri Lanka votes in tightest election in decades**

< <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/south-asia/sri-lanka-votes-in-tight-presidential-poll/article6767055.ece> >

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

**Sri Lankan presidential elections: Voting progressing smoothly**

< <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/Sri-Lankan-presidential-elections-Voting-progressing-smoothly/articleshow/45803966.cms> >

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

**Sri Lanka election: President Mahinda Rajapaksa's bid to stay uncertain as election starts**

< <http://indianexpress.com/article/world/asia/sri-lanka-election-president-mahinda-rajapaksas-bid-to-stay-uncertain-as-election-starts/> >

NDTV \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sri Lankan President Votes, Says Confident of Re-election**

< <http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/sri-lankan-president-votes-says-confident-of-re-election-645738> >

DECCAN CHRONICLE \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sri Lanka presidential polls today, litmus test for Mahinda Rajapaksa**

< <http://www.deccanchronicle.com/150108/world-neighbours/article/sri-lanka-presidential-polls-today> >

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

**Sri Lanka Votes Peacefully to Elect President**

< <http://www.newindianexpress.com/world/Sri-Lanka-Votes-Peacefully-to-Elect-President/2015/01/08/article2609737.ece> >

THE HINDU \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**It's Rajapaksa vs. anti-incumbency**

< <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/its-rajapaksa-vs-antiincumbency/article6764700.ece> >

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CEYLON TODAY

**Over 70% voter turnout**

< <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-81785-news-detail-over-70-voter-turnout.html> >

ADA DERANA \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Positive trend of high voter turnout as at 2.00 p.m**

< <http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?mode=beauti&nid=29337> >

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

**What's in the final victory?**

< <http://www.dailymirror.lk/60663/what-s-in-the-final-victory> >

THE ISLAND

**Vote early!**

< [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=117275](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=117275) >

THE ISLAND

**Discouraging northern electorate: Army rejects poll monitors' allegations**

< [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=117276](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=117276) >

COLOMBO TELEGRAPH \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Polls Chief Forces Rupavahini to apologise For Sajith P Crossover Stunt Propaganda**

< <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/polls-chief-forces-rupavahini-to-apologise-for-sajith-p-crossover-stunt-propaganda/> >

COLOMBO TELEGRAPH **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Proves who's Behind Fake Sirisena**

< <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/proves-whos-behind-fake-sirisena/> >

GROUND VIEWS **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Why people seek a change**

< <http://groundviews.org/2015/01/08/why-people-seek-a-change/> >

**--OTHER NEWS--**

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

**Vatican team in Lanka on Friday**

< <http://colombogazette.com/2015/01/07/vatican-team-in-lanka-on-friday/> >

**--VIDEO--**

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

**Sri Lanka votes in tight presidential poll**

< <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia/2015/01/sri-lanka-set-tight-presidential-poll-201517222939705581.html> >

**--EDITORIAL--**

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

**Go and vote, what is at stake is your sovereignty**

< <http://www.dailymirror.lk/60659/go-and-vote-what-is-at-stake-is-your-sovereignty-editorial> >

**--WEBSITE--**

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