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**GTF News Update**  
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## --GTF IN THE MEDIA--

THE ISLAND

**GTF eager for talks between new SL government and Tamil Diaspora groups**

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**Tamil diaspora keen to engage**

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## --INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION--

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**Ban commends success of Sri Lanka presidential election, peaceful transfer of power**

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

**Groundswell Chooses Democracy in Sri Lanka**

< [http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/12/world/asia/groundswell-chooses-democracy-in-sri-lanka.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/12/world/asia/groundswell-chooses-democracy-in-sri-lanka.html?_r=1) >

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**Wooing Sri Lanka from China's Embrace**

< <http://www.bloombergvew.com/articles/2015-01-11/sri-lankas-new-president-offers-a-fresh-start> >

ABC NEWS

**Sri Lanka's newly-elected president Maithripala Sirisena secures parliamentary majority**

< <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-01-11/sri-lankas-newly-elected-president-secures-parliament-majority/6011284> >

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

**Sri Lankan Surprise**

< <http://www.wsj.com/articles/sri-lankan-surprise-1421015602> >

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**Parsing the Sirisena win in Sri Lanka: Is this good for India?**

< <http://www.firstpost.com/world/parsing-sirisena-win-sri-lanka-good-india-2039835.html> >

FORBES \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sri Lanka's Victory for Democracy**

< <http://www.forbes.com/sites/alyssaayres/2015/01/09/sri-lankas-victory-for-democracy/> >

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**Sri Lanka's Rajapaksa 'sought army help after poll defeat'**

< <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-30763699> >

THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD

**McCully praises peaceful elections in Sri Lanka**

< [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=11384926](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11384926) >

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**Sri Lanka to investigate alleged coup attempt by former president**

< <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/11/sri-lanka-new-government-investigate-alleged-coup-maithripala-sirisena-mahinda-rajapaksa> >

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**The Guardian view on the end of the Rajapaksa era in Sri Lanka**

< <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/jan/11/guardian-view-on-end-of-rajapaksa-era-sri-lanka-sirisena> >

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**Sri Lanka's new president promises 'no more abductions, no more censorship'**

< <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/10/sri-lanka-president-maithripala-sirisena-promise-change> >

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**Sri Lanka's new president welcomes dissidents home**

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**Sri Lanka's new government promises end to repression**

< <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/11/us-sri-lanka-rights-media-idUSKBN0KK0G020150111> >

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**Sri Lanka's life after Rajapaksa**

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**Sri Lanka's new president welcomes dissidents home**

< <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-2904333/Sri-Lankas-new-president-gets-mending-ties.html> >

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< <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/10/sri-lanka-new-era-president-maithripala-sirisena> >

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

**Sri Lanka's surprise political transition**

< <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/01/11/sri-lankas-surprise-political-transition/> >

ASIAN MIRROR \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**SLFP Splits into Two: Mahinda Re-appointed As Chairman by One Faction**

< <http://www.asianmirror.lk/news/item/6412-slfp-splits-into-two-mahinda-re-appointed-as-chairman-by-one-faction> >

ASIAN MIRROR \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Maithripala Becomes Chairman of SLFP: Over 20 MPs Join President**

< <http://www.asianmirror.lk/top-news/item/6410-maithripala-becomes-chairman-of-slfp-over-20-mps-join-president> >

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**New Defence Secretary Basnayake Replaces Gotabhaya**

< <http://www.asianmirror.lk/news/item/6379-new-defence-secretary-basnayake-replaces-gotabhaya> >

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

HINDUSTAN TIMES \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sirisena is new Sri Lankan president: What it means for ties with India**

< <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/sirisena-is-new-lankan-prez-what-it-means-for-india/article1-1305199.aspx> >

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**New President in Sri Lanka Puts China's Plans in Check**

< <http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/new-president-in-sri-lanka-puts-china-s-plans-in-check-646675> >

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**Britain asks Sri Lanka to join United Nation probe**

< <http://www.deccanchronicle.com/150111/world-europe/article/britain-asks-sri-lanka-join-united-nation-probe> >

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

**New Sri Lanka President moves in to negotiate and form cabinet**

< <http://indianexpress.com/article/world/asia/new-lanka-leader-moves-to-form-cabinet/> >

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

**How opposition's secret move led to Rajapaksa's exit**

< <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/How-oppositions-secret-move-led-to-Rajapaksas-exit/articleshow/45839494.cms> >

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**Sri Lanka votes for Sirisena: What went wrong from Rajapaksa**

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**Democratic Resurgence in Lanka**

< <http://www.newindianexpress.com/columns/Democratic-Resurgence-in-Lanka/2015/01/12/article2614820.ece> >

**--SRI LANKAN MEDIA COVERAGE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION--**

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**TNA meets new President tomorrow**

< <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/150111/news/tna-meets-new-president-tomorrow-130436.html> >

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**JVP, TNA won't accept Cabinet posts**

< <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/150111/news/jvp-tna-wont-accept-cabinet-posts-130471.html> >

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

**Post Election: Real Vs Perceived Risks**

< <http://groundviews.org/2015/01/11/post-election-real-vs-perceived-risks/> >

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**SLFP split again; 11 more pledge support to MS**

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**Wigneswaran calls for patience and trust**

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**Basil Rajapaksa leaves for US**

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**Pro-govt watchdog demands tough action against corrupt politicians, officials**

< [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=117482](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=117482)

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**TNA assures Ranil on the north**

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**Mahinda's final night at Temple Trees...**

< <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-82018-news-detail-mahindas-final-night-at-temple-trees.html> >

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**No Military escorts for Ministers**

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**UPFA supports Common Opposition's 100-day programme**

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**Election was not fully democratic**

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**The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) wants CJ Shirani back**

< <http://www.dailymirror.lk/60963/basl-wants-cj-shirani-back> >

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**Facing arrest KP has fled Lanka**

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**Probe into individuals spreading false rumours on Jaffna situation**

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**Warm welcome for Pope Francis**

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**Inside Story: New era for Sri Lanka?**

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**CAN THE UPFA be the Opposition?**

< <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/89-82022-news-detail-can-the-upfa-be-the-opposition.html> >

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**The time for change has dawned -JHU parliamentarian Champika Ranawaka**

< <http://www.sundayobserver.lk/2015/01/11/pol03.asp> >

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**High Security Zones must stay, give back other lands – Ranawaka**

< <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/89-82021-news-detail-hszs-must-stay-give-back-other-lands-ranawaka.html> >

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**A Challenge for Change**

< <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/a-challenge-for-change/> >

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**Attacks on the media**

< [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=news-section&page=news-section&code\\_title=55](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=news-section&page=news-section&code_title=55) >

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**Maithri- from Farmer's Son to President**

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THE ISLAND

**A Time for Reconciliation and the TNA Joining the Cabinet**

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**The North Factor in the Presidential Pools**

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