



**GTF News Update**  
**7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- In an interview with *The Island* newspaper, GTF Spokesperson, Suren Surendiran, calls on the Government of Sri Lanka to engage with the impending OHCHR investigation:  
[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=104644](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=104644)

--NEWS--

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

**Govt. was notified about UN team: OHCHR**

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/48168-govt-was-notified-about-un-team-ohchr-.html>>

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

**Preparations for UN inquiry gather steam**

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/06/09/preparations-for-un-inquiry-gather-steam/>>

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

**New UN Human Rights High Commissioner expected to be tougher than Pillay**

<[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=104727](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=104727)>

COLOMBO PAGE

**Norwegian peace envoy says ready to testify at any international tribunal on Sri Lanka**

<[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_14A/Jun08\\_1402237959CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_14A/Jun08_1402237959CH.php)>

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

**Crime among Sri Lanka soldiers on rise**

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2014/06/crime-among-sri-lanka-soldiers-rise-2014636328915708.html>>

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

**17,000 Sri Lankan Tamil refugee children left in limbo**

<<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/17000-sri-lankan-tamil-refugee-children-left-in-limbo/article6090441.ece>>

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

**Commission says witnesses are safe**

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/06/08/commission-will-protect-witnesses/>>



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

**Decriminalize!**

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-65875-news-detail-decriminalize.html>>

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

**Sri Lanka arrests scores of Indian fishermen**

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia/2014/06/sri-lanka-arrests-scores-indian-fishermen-201468143938309860.html>>

**--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--**

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

**13A is not an Appendix - M.A. Sumanthiran**

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/89-65852-news-detail-13a-is-not-an-appendix-ma-sumanthiran.html>>

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

**Peace would have been won without bloodshed**

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/89-65843-news-detail-peace-would-have-been-won-without-bloodshed.html>>

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

**Government Braces For Pillay's Parting Shot**

<<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/06/08/government-braces-for-pillays-parting-shot/>>

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

**Govt Should Assist UN Probe**

<<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/06/08/govt-should-assist-un-probe/>>

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

**Cracks within UPFA widen as Pillay finalises probe team**

<<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/140608/columns/cracks-within-upfa-widen-as-pillay-finalises-probe-team-102640.html>>

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

**Challenging Modi In Colombo**

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/challenging-modi-in-colombo/>>

OPEN DEMOCRACY \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**A do and don't do list for the new High Commissioner**

<<http://opendemocracy.net/openglobalrights-blog/david-petrasek/do-and-don%E2%80%99t-do-list-for-new-high-commissioner#.U5LZZ0eSpOg.twitter>>

**--KEY CAMPAIGNS (FOR YOUR ACTION)--**

Sri Lanka Campaign

**FREE JEYAKUMARI**

<<http://www.srilankacampaign.org/takeaction.htm>>

Minority Rights International



**CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHTS OF UPCOUNTRY TAMIL TEA PLANTATION WORKERS**

<<http://www.priceoftea.com/>>

Amnesty International

**SRI LANKA: ENSURE TAMIL DETAINEES ARE CHARGED OR RELEASED**

<<http://takeaction.amnestyusa.org/siteapps/advocacy/ActionItem.aspx?c=6oJCLQPAJiJUG&b=6645049&aid=15438>>

Avaaz petition

**SRI LANKA: PUT WAR CRIMINALS BEHIND BARS - PETITION TO UNHRC TO INVESTIGATE MURDER OF 17 ACF (ACTION CONTRE FAIM) AID WORKERS IN 2006**

<[http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Sri\\_Lanka\\_Mettez\\_les\\_criminels\\_de\\_guerre\\_derriere\\_les\\_barre\\_aux/?wPqnBdb](http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Sri_Lanka_Mettez_les_criminels_de_guerre_derriere_les_barre_aux/?wPqnBdb)>