



GTF News Update
10th June 2014

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- The 26th Session of the UN Human Rights Council started yesterday. The opening statement by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, including remarks on Sri Lanka, can be found here: <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/UNHRC-26-Opening-Statement-Human-Rights-Council.pdf>
- The Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict started today in London. Concerns have been expressed at the fact that the situation in Sri Lanka is not on the event's agenda. Full information on the Summit can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/global-summit-to-end-sexual-violence-in-conflict-latest-updates>

--NEWS--

COLOMBO GAZETTE **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

US, UK urge Lanka to support probe

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/06/10/us-uk-urge-lanka-to-support-probe/>>

CEYLON TODAY **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Silvia Cartwright on UNHRC Probe Panel

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-65982-news-detail-silvia-cartwright-on-unhrc-probe-panel.html>>

THE ISLAND **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sexual violence in conflict: GL explains why SL won't attend London conference

<http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=104836>

DAILY FT **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Visit of Pope Francis confirmed

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/06/10/visit-of-pope-francis-confirmed/>>

THE ISLAND **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

PSC, an utter waste of time; implement 13A, says UNP

<http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=104840>

TAMIL GUARDIAN

Political solution acceptable to Tamils needed to stop genocide agree Conservative MPs

<<http://www.tamilguardian.com/article.asp?articleid=11180>>



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

LTTE massacre among complaints

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/06/09/ltte-massacre-among-complaints/>>

--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Global Summit Spotlights Rape in War

<<http://www.hrw.org/node/126214>>

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

Commonwealth Secretary-General calls for decisive action by member states on violence against women

<<http://thecommonwealth.org/media/news/commonwealth-secretary-general-calls-decisive-action-member-states-violence-against-women#sthash.TMtn3oeK.dpuf>>

JAFFNA PRESS CLUB

Sri Lanka an unfit place for journalists to live in safety and security

<<https://jaffnapressclub.wordpress.com/2014/06/09/sri-lanka-an-unfit-place-for-journalists-to-live-in-safety-and-security/>>

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

A Papal prayer for Middle East peace and a visit to Sri Lanka

<<http://groundviews.org/2014/06/10/a-papal-prayer-for-middle-east-peace-and-a-visit-to-sri-lanka/>>

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

Victims of political manipulation

<<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/victims-of-political-manipulation/article6098172.ece?homepage=true>>

--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 THE PRICE OF TEA

<<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 barreaux/?wPqnBdb](http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Sri_Lanka_Mettez_les_criminels_de_guerre_derriere_les_barreaux/?wPqnBdb)