



GTF News Update
17th June 2014

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- Further coverage of the inter-communal violence in Sri Lanka. GTF's statement is attached and the statement on the situation by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights can be found here: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48060#.U6Ac7vldUop>

--VIDEO--

BBC NEWS

Sri Lanka Muslims 'fear Buddhist extremists'

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-27880922>>

--NEWS--

AL-JAZEERA ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Sri Lanka riots prompt international concern

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia/2014/06/sri-lanka-riots-prompt-international-concern-201461752248175495.html>>

AFP

More deadly riots flare in Sri Lanka resort

<<http://reliefweb.int/report/sri-lanka/more-deadly-riots-flare-sri-lanka-resort>>

THE NATION ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Religious leaders condemn attacks; urge to practice restraint

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/breaking-news/item/30359-religious-leaders-condemn-attacks-urge-to-practice-restraint.html#sthash.Ev622DLZ.dpuf>>

NEW YORK TIMES

Buddhist-Muslim Unrest Boils Over in Sri Lanka

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/17/world/asia/deadly-religious-violence-erupts-in-sri-lanka.html?_r=1>

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

Alutgama violence under probe by three separate police units

<http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=105226>

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

BBS claims no hand in deadly mob attacks

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/06/17/bbs-claims-no-hand-in-deadly-mob-attacks/>>



ASIAN MIRROR **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Mawanella "BBS Rally" Called Off After Police Intervention

<<http://www.asianmirror.lk/news/item/1593-mawanella-bbs-rally-called-off-after-police-intervention/1593-mawanella-bbs-rally-called-off-after-police-intervention>>

NEWS FIRST **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Aluthgama-Beruwala police curfew re-imposed

<<http://newsfirst.lk/english/2014/06/police-curfew-back-aluthgama-beruwala/40349>>

CEYLON TODAY **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Democracy Award by Bolivian Govt. to President Rajapaksa

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/16-66494-news-detail-democracy-award-by-bolivian-govt-to-president-rajapaksa.html>>

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

Australia issues travel advisory

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/48520-australia-issues-travel-advisory.html>>

THE NATION **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Jordan's Prince Zeid confirmed as new UN human rights chief

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/latest-top-stories/item/30368-jordan%E2%80%99s-prince-zeid-confirmed-as-new-un-human-rights-chief.html#sthash.u1ERjMV7.dpuf>>

ITV

Fears that the Khuram Shaikh murder trial could collapse and start again

<<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2014-06-16/fears-that-khuram-shaikh-murder-trial-could-collapse-and-start-again/>>

--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--

UNITED NATIONS

General Assembly confirms Jordan's Prince Zeid as new UN human rights chief

<<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48064#.U6ATfVldUop>>

--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--

COLOMBO TELEGRAPH **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Why Violent Attacks Continue Against Muslims In Sri Lanka?

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/why-violent-attacks-continue-against-muslims-in-sri-lanka/>>

GROUNDVIEWS **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

The Limits of Tolerance

<<http://groundviews.org/2014/06/17/the-limits-of-tolerance/>>

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Dispatches: 40,000 Reasons Why Sri Lanka Is No Model for Nigeria

<<http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/06/16/dispatches-40000-reasons-why-sri-lanka-no-model-nigeria>>



--KEY CAMPAIGNS (FOR YOUR ACTION)--

Sri Lanka Campaign

FREE JEYAKUMARI

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

Minority Rights International

CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHTS OF UP-COUNTRY 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_barre_aux/?wPqnBdb>