



GTF News Update
18th June 2014

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- Please find the link to the speech by the leader of the Tamil National Alliance, Hon. Mr Sampanthan MP, on the Parliamentary motion on non-cooperation with the OHCHR Investigation:
<http://www.tamilguardian.com/files/File/Aluthgama%20antiMuslim%20riots%20June2014/TNA.pdf>

--VIDEO--

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

Who is behind Sri Lanka's religious violence?

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/insidestory/2014/06/who-behind-sri-lanka-religious-violence-2014617174319873584.html>>

--NEWS--

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

UNSG urges SL Govt. to ensure safety of all Sri Lankans

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/48552-unsg-urges-sl-govt-to-ensure-safety-of-all-sri-lankans.html>>

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

Bring The Aluthgama Perpetrators To Justice: Organisation Of Islamic Cooperation

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/bring-the-aluthgama-perpetrators-to-justice-organisation-of-islamic-cooperation/>>

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

US and EU call for restraint in Lanka

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/06/18/us-and-eu-call-for-restraint-in-lanka/>>

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

Death toll rises to 4 from Aluthgama riots

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/06/18/death-toll-rises-to-4-from-aluthgama-riots/>>

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

President assures impartial inquiry into Aluthgama unrest

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/latest-top-stories/item/30385-president-assures-impartial-inquiry-into-aluthgama-unrest.html#sthash.Bzqaai9M.dpuf>>

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

Karunanidhi condemns Aluthgama incident



<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/breaking-news/item/30384-karunanidhi-condemns-aluthgama-incident.html>>

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

“UN Investigation Is Not ‘Against’ Sri Lanka, It’s Against Perpetrators” TNA Tells Parliament

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/un-investigation-is-not-against-sri-lanka-its-against-perpetrators-tna-tells-parliament/>>

COLOMBO PAGE

Pillay welcomes Jordan's Prince Zeid as new UN human rights chief

<http://www.colombopage.com/archive_14A/Jun17_1403029486CH.php>

--COVERAGE OF GTF STATEMENT ON INTER-COMMUNAL VIOLENCE--

SRI LANKA GUARDIAN

<<http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2014/06/gtf-joins-international-condemnation-of.html>>

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

<http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=105290>

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

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/gtf-condemns-on-going-attacks-upon-non-buddhist-religious-communities-in-sri-lanka/>>

TAMIL GUARDIAN

<<http://www.tamilguardian.com/files/File/Aluthgama%20antiMuslim%20riots%20June2014/gtf.pdf>>

SEITHY

<<http://www.seithy.com/breifNews.php?newsID=111477&category=EnglishNews>>

--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Sri Lanka: Act now to prevent further bloodshed in anti-Muslim violence

<<http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/sri-lanka-act-now-prevent-further-bloodshed-anti-muslim-violence-2014-06-17>>

--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--

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

Aluthgama violence: Where was Sri Lanka’s President?

<<http://groundviews.org/2014/06/18/aluthgama-violence-where-was-sri-lankas-president/>>

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

How must we respond to religious extremism and incitement to violence?



<<http://groundviews.org/2014/06/17/how-must-we-respond-to-religious-extremism-and-incitement-to-violence/>>

NEWSWEEK ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Celebrities Join the Fight to Stop Rape as a Weapon of War

<<http://www.newsweek.com/celebrities-join-fight-stop-rape-weapon-war-255054>>

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

Will people sacrifice Mahinda to avoid sanctions?

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/42-66506-news-detail-will-people-sacrifice-mahinda-to-avoid-sanctions.html>>

--PARLIAMENT--

UK PARLIAMENT

Statement by Foreign Secretary, Rt. Hon William Hague MP, on 'Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict' conference and questions on Tamils/Sri Lanka

<<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140616/debtext/140616-0001.htm#14061619000002>>

Question by Lee Scott MP, Chair of Tamil APPG, regarding request for a debate on sexual violence in conflict issues in Sri Lanka

<<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140612/debtext/140612-0002.htm#14061257001844>>

Question by Shadow Foreign Secretary, Rt. Hon Douglas Alexander MP, on suitability of President Rajapaksa for position of Chair of Commonwealth

<<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140616/text/140616w0002.htm#1406176000073>>

--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