



GTF News Update
19th June 2014

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- Further coverage of aftermath of inter-communal violence in Sri Lanka. In addition, the Sri Lanka Parliament approves motion to reject the forthcoming OHCHR investigation on Sri Lanka.

--VIDEO--

AL-JAZEERA **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Sri Lanka army 'blocks' return of Tamils

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/video/asia/2014/06/sri-lanka-army-blocks-return-tamils-201461818134154167.html>>

BBC NEWS ASIA

Sri Lanka Muslims call for UN help over sectarian violence

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-27916617>>

--NEWS--

COLOMBO GAZETTE **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Anti-BBS monk kidnapped, attacked

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/06/19/anti-bbs-monk-found-assaulted/>>

COLOMBO GAZETTE **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Muslim council for hate groups ban

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/06/19/muslim-council-for-hate-groups-ban/>>

THE ISLAND **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Rauff wants two top UN officials to scrutinise GoSL conduct

<http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=105344>

REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

SECTARIAN VIOLENCE IN SOUTH DECLARED OFF-LIMITS FOR MEDIA

<<http://en.rsf.org/sri-lanka-sectarian-violence-in-south-17-06-2014,46465.html>>

DAILY FT **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Parliament approves move to reject UNHRC probe; Opposition cries foul

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/06/19/parliament-approves-move-to-reject-unhrc-probe-opposition-cries-foul/>>



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

Motion against UNHRC probe passed by 134 votes

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/breaking-news/item/30389-motion-against-unhrc-probe-passed-by-134-votes.html>>

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

UNP Explains Why It Abstained From Vote On Non-Cooperation With UN Investigation

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/unp-explains-why-it-abstained-from-vote-on-non-cooperation-with-un-investigation/>>

BBC NEWS ASIA

Pope Francis Asia trip to honour Korean 'martyrs'

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-27917368?OCID=twitterasia>>

SRI LANKA NEWS FIRST

UN Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs to visit Sri Lanka

<<http://newsfirst.lk/english/2014/06/un-assistant-secretary-general-political-affairs-visit-sri-lanka/40549>>

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

ADB gives 'to-do list' to Sri Lanka

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/06/19/adb-gives-to-do-list-to-sri-lanka/>>

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

MR invites ADB President to visit Northern Province

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/48598-mr-invites-adb-president-to-visit-northern-province.html>>

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

TN fishermen release: Jayalalithaa fires letter to Modi

<<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/tn-fishermen-release-jayalalithaa-fires-letter-to-modi/article6129808.ece?homepage=true>>

--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--

US DEPARTMENT OF STATE

U.S. Department of State condemns continued violence in Sri Lanka: Statement made by Spokesperson Jen Psaki during Daily Press Briefing held on June 17, 2014

<<http://srilanka.usembassy.gov/tr-17june14.html>>

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

"Sri Lankan Government: Take Urgent Action To Stop Attacks On Muslims" Say 300 Sri Lankans

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/sri-lankan-government-take-urgent-action-to-stop-attacks-on-muslims-say-300-sri-lankans/>>

--PARLIAMENT--

UK PARLIAMENT

Question by Jim Cunningham MP on sexual violence issues in Sri Lanka



<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140618/text/140618w0002.htm#14061892000104>>

--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_barre_aux/?wPqnBdb>