



**GTF News Update**  
**8<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**--HIGHLIGHTS--**

- GTF's written submission on Sri Lanka to the UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Select Committee is available as a pdf here: (<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/foreign-affairs-committee/the-fcos-human-rights-work-in-2013/written/9129.pdf0>) or via html (<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/foreign-affairs-committee/the-fcos-human-rights-work-in-2013/written/9129.html>)
- Key news includes the on-going visit of Cyril Ramaphosa, South Africa's Special Envoy to Sri Lanka, to the island to discuss reconciliation issues and the current concerns regarding Australia's asylum policy. GTF Spokesperson, Suren Surendiran, speaks to the Independent on this issue: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/australasia/australian-court-to-decide-on-fate-of-153-asylum-seekers-governmant-wants-to-send-back-to-sri-lanka-9590764.html>
- Also attached is a translated article by Victor Ivan, entitled 'The Shadow of Gotabhaya', which appeared in the Sinhala weekly Ravaya at the end of last month.

**--NEWS--**

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

**Cyril, North CM discuss Tamil issues**

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/07/08/cyril-north-cm-discuss-tamil-issues/>>

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

**Ramaphosa gets busy on arrival; meets MR, Ranil**

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/07/08/ramaphosa-gets-busy-on-arrival-meets-mr-ranil/>>

THE INDEPENDENT \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Australia facing international condemnation after turning around Sri Lankans at sea**

<<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/australasia/australian-court-to-decide-on-fate-of-153-asylum-seekers-governmant-wants-to-send-back-to-sri-lanka-9590764.html>>

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

**Abbott defends move on Sri Lankans**

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/07/08/abbott-defends-move-on-lankan-boat/>>

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

**Refugees get temporary reprieve in Australia**

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2014/07/australian-court-rule-asylum-seekers-20147844259336513.html>>



BBC NEWS

**Australia asylum: Court given 72-hour warning pledge**

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-28205702>>

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

**It's no-go for NGOs!**

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/07/08/its-no-go-for-ngos/>>

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

**NGOs only asked to stick to mandate- Military**

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/latest-top-stories/item/31080-ngos-only-asked-to-stick-to-mandate-military.html>>

AP NEWS

**Sri Lanka Buddhists want Pope Francis to apologize**

<<http://asiancorrespondent.com/124527/sri-lanka-buddhists-want-pope-francis-to-apologize/>>

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

**Temporary army camp in Aluthgama**

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/breaking-news/item/31085-temporary-army-camp-in-aluthgama.html>>

LANKA SRI NEWS

**Al-Jazeera Media Journalist is under Intensive Investigation**

<<http://www.lankasrinews.com/view.php?2040IRdacl5Y434e3yMQ3022YmB2ddcdBml30eC6AAae4yY5B4ca3lOm23>>

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

**UNP MP to resign over police inaction**

<[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=106415](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=106415)>

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

**Fishermen issue: Jayalalitha seeks quick steps by PM**

<<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/fishermen-issue-jayalalitha-seeks-quick-steps-by-pm/article6187508.ece>>

--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--

UN REFUGEE AGENCY

**Returns to Sri Lanka of individuals intercepted at sea**

<<http://www.unhcr.org/53baa6ff6.html>>

--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--

INTER PRESS SERVICE

**Single Mothers Battle on in Former War Zone**

<<http://reliefweb.int/report/sri-lanka/single-mothers-battle-former-war-zone>>



HUFFINGTON POST **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Welcome to Britain!**

<[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/frances-harrison/sri-lanka\\_b\\_5561538.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/frances-harrison/sri-lanka_b_5561538.html)>

**--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)>