



GTF News Update
9th July 2014

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- Cyril Ramaphosa, South Africa's Special Envoy to Sri Lanka, concludes visit to the island following discussions on reconciliation issues.

--NEWS--

THE HINDU **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

South Africa to keep India posted on reconciliation efforts in Sri Lanka

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/south-asia/south-africa-to-keep-india-posted-on-reconciliation-efforts-in-sri-lanka/article6192538.ece?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS&utm_campaign=RSS_Syndication>

COLOMBO GAZETTE **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Cyril to brief Zuma on Sri Lanka visit

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/07/09/cyril-to-brief-zuma-on-sri-lanka-visit/>>

CEYLON TODAY **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Humanitarian issues need solutions first

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-67854-news-detail-humanitarian-issues-need-solutions-first.html>>

DAILY FT **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

TNA hails talks with S African envoy

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/07/09/tna-hails-talks-with-s-african-envoy/>>

BBC NEWS

Australia asylum: Minister in Sri Lanka amid row

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-28223598>>

THE NATION **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Morrison hails "very close cooperation" with SL on asylum-seeker boats

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/breaking-news/item/31099-morrison-hails-%E2%80%9Cvery-close-cooperation%E2%80%9D-with-sl-on-asylum-seeker-boats.html#sthash.fUueTJil.dpuf>>

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

OHCHR expresses concern over return of SL asylum seekers

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/49446-unhrc-hails-ausie-hc-decision.html>>



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

Australia has committed 'piracy on the high seas': Malcolm Fraser

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/49470-australia-has-committed-piracy-on-the-high-seas-malcolm-fraser.html>>

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

"Let NGOs Operate Freely" US Tells Sri Lanka

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/let-ngos-operate-freely-us-tells-sri-lanka/>>

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

Obama nominates Sison to top UN Security Council post

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/latest-top-stories/item/31092-obama-nominates-sison-to-top-un-security-council-post.html#sthash.8tLVAbsq.dpuf>>

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

Dalai Lama statement misleading: PNM

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/49400-dalai-lama-statement-misleading-pnm.html>>

--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Australia: Handover of Sri Lankan asylum seekers a dangerous precedent

<<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/australia-handover-sri-lankan-asylum-seekers-dangerous-precedent-2014-07-08>>

--PARLIAMENT--

UK PARLIAMENT

Baroness Tonge (Indp. Lib Dem) on reparations for survivors of conflict related sexual violence in Sri Lanka

<<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140707w0001.htm#14070733000301>>

--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)