



GTF News Update
11th July 2014

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- GTF and Tamil National Alliance (TNA), speaking to *The Island* and in support of the recent high level South African delegation to Sri Lanka to discuss reconciliation issues, say it is the responsibility of the Government of Sri Lanka to ensure the required political will to resolve the national issue: <http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=106534>
- Despite serious concerns of TNA and the Tamil community in North, the Government of Sri Lanka has re-appointed Major Gen (Retd.) Chandrasiri as Northern Provincial Governor.
- Amnesty International begin appeal regarding the serious issue of asylum seekers at risk of return to Sri Lanka:
<<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/ASA12/003/2014/en/8cc91d75-f243-4194-be98-88fcb3d693b9/asa120032014en.pdf>>

--NEWS--

THE ISLAND **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

TNA, diaspora assure support, urge GoSL to reciprocate

<http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=106534>

DAILY FT **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

SAfrican initiative to complement Geneva, Indian processes

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/07/11/safrican-initiative-to-complement-geneva-indian-processes/>>

THE NATION **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Chandrasiri reappointed as Northern Province Governor

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/breaking-news/item/31151-chandrasiri-reappointed-as-northern-province-governor.html#sthash.qturiSuG.dpuf>>

ASIAN MIRROR **COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED**

Despite TNA's Resistance Gen. Chandrasiri Re-appointed As Governor Of North

<<http://www.asianmirror.lk/news/item/1960-despite-tna-s-resistance-gen-chandrasiri-re-appointed-as-governor-of-north>>

COLOMBO PAGE

All NGOs in Sri Lanka are required to work within their annual Action Plan - External Affairs Ministry

<http://www.colombopage.com/archive_14B/Jul11_1405061280CH.php>



NEWS FIRST ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Australian Government will not comment on asylum seekers, says Julie Bishop

<<http://newsfirst.lk/english/2014/07/australian-government-will-comment-asylum-seekers-says-julie-bishop/44033>>

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

Govt. to probe CHOGM bus imports

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/49560-govt-to-probe-chogm-bus-imports.html>>

--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--

AUSTRALIA TAMIL CONGRESS

Minister Morrison's Comments Nothing More than Propaganda

<<http://www.australiantamilcongress.com/en/index.php/newsletter-footer/321-minister-morrison-s-comments-nothing-more-than-propaganda>>

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SRI LANKA

Press Statement -NGOS

<<http://www.mea.gov.lk/index.php/en/media/media-releases/4917-press-statement->>

ASIA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

AHRC Replies to Defence Ministry letter that seeks to restrict NGO freedoms

<<http://www.humanrights.asia/news/ahrc-news/AHRC-STM-133-2014>>

--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--

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

Nimal Siripala on Ramaphosa visit, intl. conspirators and freedom of speech

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/07/11/nimal-siripala-on-ramaphosa-visit-intl-conspirators-and-freedom-of-speech/>>

--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