



GTF News Update
18th July 2014

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- Canada raises concerns regarding restrictions placed on NGOs in Sri Lanka; the verdict has been announced in the case of Khuram Sheikh; and Frances Harrison launches a new charity to help Sri Lankan torture survivors obtain independent medical reports:
<http://www.torturesurvivors.com/home/4582344621>

--NEWS--

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

Keheliya plays down appointments

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/07/17/keheliya-plays-down-appointments/>>

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

Govt. gets going on domestic inquiry

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/07/18/govt-gets-going-on-domestic-inquiry/>>

ABC AUSTRALIA

Sri Lankan asylum seekers: Government lawyers given Monday deadline to file defence

<<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-07-18/sri-lankan-asylum-seeker-case-deadline-set/5606792>>

GUARDIAN ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

Amnesty calls on Australia to return 153 asylum seekers to shore

<<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jul/17/amnesty-calls-australia-return-asylum-seekers-shore>>

BBC NEWS

Khuram Shaikh death: Sri Lankan politician and three men jailed

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-28350348>>

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

Khuram's brother, UK hail sentencing

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/07/18/khurams-brother-uk-hail-sentencing/>>

--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canada Concerned About Restrictions on Civil Society and Non-governmental Organizations in Sri Lanka

<<http://www.international.gc.ca/media/aff/news-communiques/2014/07/17a.aspx?lang=eng>>



UK HIGH COMMISSION IN SRI LANKA

Statement from the British High Commission on the verdict of the Khuram Shaikh trial in Colombo.

<<https://www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/verdict-delivered-of-the-murdered-british-national-in-sri-lanka>>

--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--

CNN ****COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED****

'Fascists' in saffron robes? The rise of Sri Lanka's Buddhist ultra-nationalists

<<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/07/17/world/asia/sri-lanka-bodu-bala-sena-profile/>>

SRI LANKA GUARDIAN

Sri Lanka: Time To Shake Up Sri Lanka's "Business As Usual" With India

<<http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2014/07/sri-lanka-time-to-shake-up-sri-lankas.html>>

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

The BBS and a catalyst for a Buddhist Muslim conflict

<http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=106919>

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

Sri Lankan Media Today: All Reference To Gota In My Column Have Been Axed

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/sri-lankan-media-today-all-reference-to-gota-in-my-column-have-been-axed/>>

--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>