



**GTF News Update**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014**

--NEWS--

LANKA SRI NEWS

**President Mahinda Rajapakse will skip the Commonwealth Games**

<<http://www.lankasrinews.com/view.php?22yMM302I0K4e2BmAca25YAdd3Y5fac2mBBBe43OIH0236AS3>>

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

**GoSL in trouble because it reneged on promises**

<[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=107219](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=107219)>

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

**Govt. reverses policy on war crimes probe in secret, says UNP**

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/07/23/govt-reverses-policy-on-war-crimes-probe-in-secret-says-unp/>>

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

**Sri Lanka hardline monk denounces Dalai Lama**

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia/2014/07/sri-lanka-hardline-monk-denounces-dalai-lama-20147221518638936.html>>

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

**No foreign funds without approval: Ministry**

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/50038-no-foreign-funds-without-approval-ministry.html>>

TAMIL GUARDIAN

**Girl was raped by Navy men for 11 days – TNA MP**

<<http://www.tamilguardian.com/article.asp?articleid=11612>>

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

**No new camps being set up in Jaffna- Military**

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/latest-top-stories/item/31559-no-new-camps-being-set-up-in-jaffna-military.html>>

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

**UK weapons to Lanka has increased**

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/07/23/uk-weapons-to-lanka-has-increased/>>

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

**India to be more supportive of Sri Lanka at UN: Swamy**

<<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/south-asia/india-to-be-more-supportive-of-sri-lanka-at-un-swamy/article6234802.ece>>



THE GUARDIAN

**India seeks access to 157 Tamil asylum seekers being held at sea by Australia**

<<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jul/23/india-seeks-access-tamil-asylum-seekers>>

NEW INDIA EXPRESS **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Jaya Urges PM to Secure Fishermen's Release from Sri Lanka**

<[http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil\\_nadu/Jaya-Urges-PM-to-Secure-Fishermens-Release-from-Sri-Lanka/2014/07/23/article2345046.ece](http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil_nadu/Jaya-Urges-PM-to-Secure-Fishermens-Release-from-Sri-Lanka/2014/07/23/article2345046.ece)>

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

**India to upgrade crèche facilities for Sri Lanka's estate Tamils**

<<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-to-upgrade-crche-facilities-for-sri-lankas-estate-tamils/article6241492.ece?homepage=true>>

--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--

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

**Don't bother about probe: Swamy**

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/50052-dont-bother-about-probe-swamy.html>>

CEYLON TODAY **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**The ghosts of 'July '83'**

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/52-68828-news-detail-the-ghosts-of-july-83.html>>

--PARLIAMENT--

UK PARLIAMENT

**FCO Oral Questions included questions on Sri Lanka by Bob Blackman MP (Conservative), Lyn Brown MP (Labour) and Barry Gardiner MP**

<<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140722/debtext/140722-0001.htm#14072251000004>>

**Petition – Human Rights in Sri Lanka, by Gareth Thomas MP (Labour)**

<<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140722/debtext/140722-0004.htm#14072262000822>>

--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)>