



**GTF News Update**  
**26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- GTF Spokesperson, Suren Surendiran, speaks to *The Sunday Leader* on the expanded mandate given to the Missing Persons Commission and the appointment of three foreign experts to assist with its work: <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/07/27/more-questions-than-answers-suren-surendiran/>

--NEWS--

TAMIL GUARDIAN

**Only an international independent investigation will provide truth and justice – GTF**  
<<http://www.tamilguardian.com/article.asp?articleid=11661>>

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**Diaspora Can Make Submissions**  
<<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/07/27/diaspora-can-make-submissions/>>

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**Solheim Ready To Testify**  
<<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/07/27/solheim-ready-to-testify/>>

COLOMBO PAGE

**Sri Lanka Army rejects US Embassy claim on Commission to Investigate Missing Persons**  
<[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_14B/Jul27\\_1406447031JV.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_14B/Jul27_1406447031JV.php)>

GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA

**Next public sittings of Missing Persons Commission in Mannar**  
<<http://www.news.lk/news/business/item/1935-next-public-sittings-of-missing-persons-commission-in-mannar>>

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

**Govt. busted millions in lobbying**  
<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-69083-news-detail-govt-busted-millions-in-lobbying.html>>

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

**Basil lauds the media for responsible reporting**  
<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/news-online/item/31746-basil-lauds-the-media-for-responsible-reporting.html>>

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**Sri Lanka police deny arresting media personnel coming to capital for workshop**  
<[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_14B/Jul27\\_1406438052CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_14B/Jul27_1406438052CH.php)>



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

**Abbott defends treatment of SL migrants**

<<http://www.dailymirror.lk/news/50226-abbott-defends-treatment-of-sl-migrants.html>>

IBN LIVE **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**'India told Lanka to resolve Tamil issue for better trade'**

<<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/india-told-lanka-to-resolve-tamil-issue-for-better-trade/488439-3.html>>

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

**UK hopes Lankans respect all faiths**

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/07/28/uk-hopes-lankans-respect-all-faiths/>>

**--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--**

UK LABOUR PARTY

**'Black July' message from Rt. Hon Ed Miliband MP**

<<http://www.tamilguardian.com/files/File/Labour%20party/Message%20from%20Rt%20Hon%20Ed%20Miliband%20MP%20on%20Black%20July.pdf>>

**--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--**

THE SUNDAY TIMES SRI LANKA **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Losing diplomatic war**

<<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/140727/editorial/losing-diplomatic-war-108652.html>>

GROUNDVIEWS **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**The Advisory Council of Experts: A council, a council, my kingdom for a council?**

<<http://groundviews.org/2014/07/25/the-advisory-council-of-experts-a-council-a-council-my-kingdom-for-a-council/>>

THE SUNDAY TIMES SRI LANKA **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Crisis-riddled Govt. goes into denial mode**

<<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/140727/columns/crisis-riddled-govt-goes-into-denial-mode-108659.html>>

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**'People Will Decide' – Suresh Premachandran**

<<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/07/27/people-will-decide-suresh-premachandran/>>

**--PARLIAMENT--**

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Questions on Sri Lanka by Claude Moraes MEP**

<<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+WQ+E-2014-005338+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=en>>



--KEY CAMPAIGNS (FOR YOUR ACTION)--

Sri Lanka Campaign

**FREE JEYAKUMARI**

<<http://www.srilankacampaign.org/takeaction.htm>>

Minority Rights International

**CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHTS OF UP-COUNTRY 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)>