

உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவை  
**Global Tamil Forum**



**GTF News Update**  
**16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

Please find below the GTF news update for 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014. Also includes key news from the previous two weeks.

--HIGHLIGHTS--

- The terms of reference for the OHCHR investigation on Sri Lanka have been released: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/OISL.aspx>. Submissions of evidence to the investigation can be submitted up until midnight, Geneva time, on **30 October 2014**.

--VIDEO--

Speech by TNA MP, M.A. Sumanthiran

**Vision and Reality**

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpUoKoiLOYI&feature=youtu.be>>

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

**Sri Lanka minorities hit by economic hardship**

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/video/asia/2014/08/3710164928001-2014836375233397.html>>

--NEWS--

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

**Interim report of Disappearance Commission delayed further**

<<http://www.nation.lk/edition/latest-top-stories/item/32434-interim-report-of-disappearance-commission-delayed-further.html#sthash.BRRQiYNJ.dpuf>>

THOMSON REUTERS \*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\*

**Sri Lanka accuses UN rights chief of prejudice in war crimes probe**

<<http://www.trust.org/item/20140814144911-xodsr/?source=fiTheWire>>

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

**UN committee questions government**

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/08/17/unhr-committee-questions-sri-lanka/>>

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**Lanka says probe travesty of justice**

<<http://colombogazette.com/2014/08/18/lanka-says-probe-travesty-of-justice/>>

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

**Civil society activists slam MR regime**

<<http://www.ft.lk/2014/08/13/civil-society-activists-slam-mr-regime/>>



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

**'Commission On Missing Persons' Suggest Denial Of Truth On Part Of Those Who Appointed It: Bishop Rayappu**

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/commission-on-missing-persons-suggest-denial-of-truth-on-part-of-those-who-appointed-it-bishop-rayappu/>>

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

**Mere eyewash, void of truth, justice**

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-70188-news-detail-mere-eyewash-void-of-truth-justice.html>>

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

**Rapes surge in Sri Lanka amid weak laws**

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2014/08/rapes-surge-sri-lanka-amid-weak-marital-laws-201481772359790802.html?>>

AFP

**Court stops Sri Lanka deporting foreign refugees**

<<http://reliefweb.int/report/sri-lanka/court-stops-sri-lanka-deporting-foreign-refugees>>

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

**UN says Sri Lanka is violating refugee laws**

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia/2014/08/un-says-sri-lanka-violating-refugee-laws-201481372316778892.html>>

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

**Presidential polls TNA undecided on fielding candidate**

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-70600-news-detail-presidential-polls-tna-undecided-on-fielding-candidate.html>>

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

**BBS to field Presidential candidate**

<<http://www.ceylontoday.lk/51-70684-news-detail-bbs-to-field-presidential-candidate.html>>

BBC ASIA

**India MPs protest over 'defamatory' Sri Lanka article**

<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-28638110>>

THE SUNDAY LEADER **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**India Still For Devolution Of Powers**

<<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/08/17/india-still-for-devolution-of-powers/>>

COLOMBO PAGE

**India has built 14,500 houses for war displaced in northern Sri Lanka - envoy**

<[http://www.colombopage.com/archive\\_14B/Aug16\\_1408170197CH.php](http://www.colombopage.com/archive_14B/Aug16_1408170197CH.php)>

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

**An FTA with China before end of 2014 says Prof G L Peiris**

<[http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=108605](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=108605)>



--STATEMENTS/LETTERS/REPORTS--

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION – COLOMBO

**Joint statement following the disruption of a civil society meeting**

<<https://www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/joint-statement-following-the-disruption-of-a-civil-society-meeting>>

SRI LANKA CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

**Losing Battles but Winning Wars: How the Sri Lankan Government is Crushing Dissent - report**

<<http://www.internationalpolicydigest.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/1407532883544.pdf>>

INFORM

**Repression of Dissent in Sri Lanka - report**

<<http://srilankabrief.org/sri-lanka-hr-reports/>>

CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES

**Condemnation of violent attack on discussion with families of the disappeared**

<<http://www.cpalanka.org/condemnation-of-violent-attack-on-discussion-with-families-of-the-disappeared/>>

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

**Full Text: Letter Censored By SL Media – International Bar Writes To Rajapaksa On Reported Surveillance Of BASL President**

<<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/full-text-letter-censored-by-sl-media-international-bar-writes-to-rajapaksa-on-reported-surveillance-of-basl-president/>>

Joint Letter from the Members of the Northern Provincial Council and the Eastern Provincial Council, Sri Lanka

**Our Request Related to OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka War-Crimes**

<[http://www.tamilguardian.com/files/File/SriLanka\\_NpcEpc\\_JointLetterTo\\_OHCHR\\_17August2014.pdf](http://www.tamilguardian.com/files/File/SriLanka_NpcEpc_JointLetterTo_OHCHR_17August2014.pdf)>

--OP-EDS/OPINION/INTERVIEWS--

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

**Rampant militarisation of state apparatus**

<<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/rampant-militarisation-of-state-apparatus/article6272975.ece?homepage=true>>

INDEPENDENT **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Hidden from view, Sri Lanka is trampling over the rights of its Tamil population**

<<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/hidden-from-view-sri-lanka-is-trampling-over-the-rights-of-its-tamil-population-9662359.html>>

EYE SRI LANKA **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Local and foreign HR Committees no beauty contests: Jayantha Dhanapala**

<<http://www.eyesrilanka.com/2014/08/04/local-and-foreign-hr-committees-no-beauty-contests-jayantha-dhanapala/>>



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

**Prioritising Truth in Post-War Sri Lanka**

<<http://groundviews.org/2014/08/12/prioritising-truth-in-post-war-sri-lanka/>>

THE SUNDAY LEADER **\*\*COMMENTS CAN BE POSTED\*\***

**Between Two Probes**

<<http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2014/08/17/between-two-probes/>>

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

**Indifference to the plight of the desperate**

<<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/140817/columns/indifference-to-the-plight-of-the-desperate-111008.html>>

SOUTH ASIA ANALYSIS GROUP

**BJP doing a volte-face on Lanka's ethnic issue**

<<http://www.southasiaanalysis.org/node/1580>>