



Greens to call for Sri Lankan War crimes Probe

Greens Senator Sarah Hanson Young is set to put forward a motion on June 21st urging the Australian Government to lobby the U.N to investigate alleged war crimes in Sri Lanka. Citing a recent report by the ICG that highlighted the complicity of Sri Lankan Government and Military officials in atrocities committed during the final phase of the armed conflict, the motion has been praised by members of Australia's Tamil Diaspora.

"Indonesian Solution" proving a failure: Aus Media

The Australian has questioned the effectiveness of Australia's agreement with Indonesia to intercept asylum seekers after reports confirmed that several on board a boat that drowned on its way to Australia last week were from the Jaya Lestari, the wooden cargo vessel towed to Merak in Java after a request last year from Kevin Rudd.



Japan tells the world to forget Sri Lanka's crimes

Japanese peace envoy Yashushi Akashi, in his visit to Sri Lanka, told the international community to "not dwell on the past" ignoring the thousands of Tamils who were massacred, abducted, raped, detained, displaced and ill treated by the Sri Lankan government. Being the largest donor and support to Sri Lanka, Japan backed Colombo's rejection of a UN request for an independent inquiry, vowing instead to watch over Rajapakse's self appointment reconciliation commission. [More...](#)



UN to select investigation panel despite SL's knock-backs

[Navi Pillay](#), UN High Commissioner for Human rights, has repeated calls for independent international accountability despite Sri Lanka's vehement rejections and efforts to conduct their own investigation. UN political chief, [Lynn Pascoe](#) has further met with Rajapakse to discuss the necessity of an independent panel while [Ban Ki Moon](#) remains undeterred in his efforts to select an investigation panel.

Lack of clean water for returning Tamil IDPs

Resettled residents of Kilinochchi, who spent the last year in open air prison camps enduring appalling living conditions, now face the challenge of accessing clean water. Civilians, many with shrapnel injuries from the last months of war, are being forced to walk over a mile for clean water. [More...](#)



Asin under fire over scheduled shooting in SL

Tamil actress Asin is scheduled to visit SL for the shooting of the movie "Ready", despite recent protests over the massacre of SL Tamils. Asin, who had previously joined Tamil superstars in boycotting the IIFA awards in SL, could face the wrath of the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, which has banned any movie starring celebs who attended the awards earlier this month. [More...](#)

Cultural & religious attack on Tamils in Sri Lanka

Rukshan Fernando, a human rights activist and director of the Law and Society Trust speaks about 'Sinhalisation' in provinces of Northern Sri Lanka. [Read article](#)

Road Signs

"Tamil language signs have disappeared; everything now is in Sinhalese. The military claim that Tamil terms are too long and complicated and that's that."

"Signs also mention older Sinhalese names in an attempt to show that these lands are Sinhalese lands."

History, Society & Religion

"In the city of Killinochi, a large arch was put up, saying 'May Buddhism shine'." Yet, most people in the area are either Hindus or Christians."

"Buddhist temples have been rebuilt and are spotless, whereas the



places of worship of other religions are not allowed to do the same. And the difference is clearly visible since soldiers are involved in the work at Buddhist sites."

Monuments

"Soldiers are building all sorts of monument hailing the victory of the government and the army over the Tamil Tigers. For locals, they are a symbol of their domination, also because no one is allowed to build anything to commemorate Tamil war dead."

Rajiv Logan presents 'Once in Vanni'

An art piece portraying the emotions of a Tamil child refugee at the

Dario Palmero Refugee Art Exhibition 2010

Saturday, 19 June, 2-5pm

Uniting Church 264 Pitt Street, Sydney