



## Sydney's Brama Jegan seeks Senate seat

Brama Jegan, a 30 year old ex-banker and journalist, has been anointed as a Greens Senate candidate, nominating refugee policy as her main political focus. [More...](#)

## SLA evict war refugees to establish military quarters

Three lawmakers from the Tamil National Alliance party reported hundreds of resettled Tamil refugees being forced to return to camps and some 3000 IDPs barred from returning to their villages to make way for the establishment of military quarters. "The people were highly distressed and were literally rolling on the ground and weeping," the Tamil National Alliance said. [More...](#)

## Tamils testify before dubious Govt.-appointed commission

Witnesses told the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission of family members abducted by the [notorious white van gangs and the military](#) during the final stages of the war. "My husband was abducted in a white van on September 4, 2008 by an unidentified gang" cried Umakanthan Naguleshwari.

The US and rights groups have criticised this govt-appointed panel based on Colombo's [failure of past investigations](#), suspicious refusal to conduct an independent investigation and vehement [protests lead by a government minister against any UN](#) involvement.



## Fonseka's conviction: A warning to any against Rajapakse

President Rajapakse has formally stripped ex-army chief, Fonseka, of his rank, pension and prestige after a court martial found him guilty of engaging in politics while in uniform. Rajapakse ordered for Fonseka's arrest days after he angered the government by announcing that he would testify before any international war crimes tribunal. [More...](#)

## The Elders slam SL for ongoing persecution and lacking reconciliation



['The Elders', a council of retired global leaders led by Desmond Tutu has slammed the GoSL, for lacking post-war reconciliation. Their most concerning issues are:](#)

- The persecution, intimidation, assassination and disappearance of government critics, political opponents, journalists and human rights defenders.
- Ongoing detention of an estimated 8,000 suspected ex-combatants without charge or access to legal representation, their families or independent monitors.
- The GoSL's failure to withdraw wartime emergency laws more than a year after the war.
- Lack of action by the GoSL to address the political marginalisation of ethnic minorities that was at the root of Sri Lanka's thirty years of war.
- Unacceptable behaviour towards the UN—including a siege by demonstrators of UN offices in Colombo following the appointment of a panel of experts.

## M.I.A : "Sri Lankan Govt. threatening fans with jail time"

In an interview with *The Guardian*, M.I.A accused the GoSL of forcing her fans to remove her videos from YouTube, Facebook and Myspace. "They've Facebooked and MySpaced my fans saying, 'If you support this person you'll get done for terrorism because under the PTA [Prevention of Terrorism Act] you're supporting someone who supports a terrorist group and you're a terrorist...'" [More...](#)



## Facts about Asylum seekers



**David Koch, Australian TV celebrity blogs about [Some facts about asylum seekers](#).**

- ♦ The UNHCR reports that only 0.5% of global asylum applications are made to Australia
- ♦ Australia is ranked 47th in the world for taking in refugees. The top countries are Pakistan, Iran, Syria, and Germany.
- ♦ Australia has an annual immigration program of 200 000, but takes less than 4000 asylum seekers.
- ♦ 90% of 'boat people' are eventually found to be legitimate asylum seekers, fleeing persecution and death in their home country. This is who Abbott wants to just 'turn around'.
- ♦ In 2009, South Africa took in 222,324 asylum seekers. France took 42,118. Australia took 3,441.
- ♦ But we did resettle 11,080 refugees from overseas.
- ♦ Australia was one of the first nations in the world to sign the UNHCR's convention for Refugees, which agrees to accept asylum seekers without refusal.
- ♦ Australia has an army deployed in Iraq but is refusing to recognise the refugee status of Iraqi asylum seekers.
- ♦ 97% of illegal immigrants arrive in Australia through airports on a tourist visa and then overstay.

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Bob Brown with NSW Senate candidate Lee Rihlanen

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- ✓ Increased compulsory superannuation contributions
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- ✓ Helping to provide high quality and affordable education to all families
- ✓ Providing real and effective solutions to combat climate change

This is why we ask you to **Vote 1** the Greens on August 21st 2010.

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- ♦ Today some 80,000 Tamils continue to languish in military run interment camps, yet the Australian Government remains silent
- ♦ Today over 700 children remain in detention, some for over a year for over 1 year. The Australian Government is not providing any leadership to alleviate the suffering of asylum seekers, while the Liberal Party continues to push its slogan of "Stop the Boats"
- ♦ The Australian Government continues to remain silent despite mounting evidence of War Crimes and Human Rights Violations committed by the Sri Lankan armed forces and the Government
- ♦ The Greens party are the ONLY major party to show solidarity with us during and post the war in Sri Lanka, exemplified by the recent motion support the War Crimes Investigations by the UN and the Greens presence at vigils and Tamil forums around Australia.
- ♦ As well as this, the Greens are the ONLY major party showing any leadership in address the very real threat of climate change and fighting for the rights of Indigenous Australians

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