

'101 East' covers Sri Lanka one year on

Al Jazeera's "101 East" interviews resettled IDPs who speak of their heart breaking losses over the year and the ongoing struggle to rebuild their lives from rubble without support. In his first international interview after the conflict, Mahinda Rajapakse caters his responses to suppress the international community by blatantly denying any wrong doing from his government. [Click to watch video...](#)



Tamil protests deter celebs from attending IIFA awards



Shah Rukh Khan has joined Bollywood's A-listers Aamir Khan, Deepika Padukone, Katrina Kaif, Abhishek, Aishwarya and possibly Amitabh Bachchan, along side top Tamil film stars in pulling out of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards ceremony in SL. In protest over IIFA's choice to host the ceremony in a country under fire for war crimes and human rights violations, the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce (SIFCC) have announced that "films featuring the personalities who participated In the IIFA will not be screened in South India" [More...](#)

SBS's Insight discusses "boat people" issue

Members of the Australian community were joined by UNHCR representatives, former Liberal minister of immigration, Phillip Ruddock, Labor minister Chris Evans, and former asylum seekers including Tamils from Sri Lanka, to debate various issues faced by asylum seekers, exposing the extreme conditions they have had to face. [Watch...](#)



WSWS exposes IDP reality in Kilionchichi

Reporters from the World Socialist Web Site (WSWS) have managed to uncover the harsh reality behind the government's promise of 'support' for the released IDPs upon their return. Ground research in Kilinochchi has revealed the absence of funding by the GoSL has led to a lack of clean running water, with NGO's the only source of food, building materials and other vital provisions. [More...](#)

UNs push for war crimes probe a 'Hindrance':SL

The Sri Lankan government has accused UN human rights chief, Navi Pillay, of being unfair and hounding Sri Lanka on human rights issues. The outburst comes amid mounting pressure from Amnesty, the ICG and HRW for an independent investigation into war crimes committed by the GoSL. [More...](#)

'Blood on Water' sparks outrage in Colombo

NDTV highlights SL's treatment of Tamils on either side of Palk Strait. [Click image to watch video...](#)



Fears for Tamil refugees in detention

A Tamil refugee being held in Indonesia has suffered a [nervous breakdown](#), forcing her to be separated from her children. The incident follows confirmed reports in Sydney of a [Tamil refugee giving birth whilst detained at Villawood](#).



Sri Lanka vs Israel

Sri Lanka's Model of counter-insurgency:

- The intentional shelling of civilians
- The intentional shelling of hospitals
- The intentional shelling of humanitarian operations
- The blockade of humanitarian aid

During the last three months of the war against the LTTE, the Sri Lankan Government placed an embargo on food and medical products entering Tamil areas.

Similarly, for nearly three years, Israel, which is the occupying power in the Gaza Strip, has implemented a policy of banning all movement of goods and people. [Israeli authorities face international condemnation](#) after the recent massacre of passengers on board a [flotilla](#) carrying 10,000 tonnes of aid and supplies to rebuild the Gaza strip.

The **Israeli military** have also been accused of using powerful shells in civilian areas, using banned weapons such as phosphorus bombs, holding Palestinian families as human shields, attacking medical facilities, including the killing of 12 ambulance men in marked vehicles and killing large numbers of police who had no military role.

The [Amnesty International's Annual report](#) stated that Israeli forces committed acts of torture, held prisoners without trial and forcibly evicted Palestinians.

The [International Crisis Group report](#) expressed fears that the Sri Lankan way of dealing with insurgency will spread and it is apparent the Sri Lankan and Israeli security forces have committed and continue to carry out comparable large scale human rights violations. There is an urgent need for an independent investigation into war crimes under International law.



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