

BREAKING NEWS- Aust. backs call for war crimes probe



Australia is set to back international calls for a war crimes investigation in Sri Lanka after a motion was passed in parliament on Thursday. Tamil groups in Australia have welcomed the passing of the motion and praised its author, Greens Senator Sarah Hanson Young. Political reactions and further details will be released in coming days. [Click here to read full version of the motion.](#)

SL threaten to block UN war crimes panel

The SL Government has said it will deny visas to a panel of experts commissioned by the U.N to investigate war crimes committed during the final stages of war. "We will not issue them with visas. We will not allow them into this country," External Affairs Minister Gamini Lakshman Peiris told reporters. [Read more...](#)

Malaysia will recognise Tamil Eelam

Professor P Ramasamy, Deputy Chief Minister for Penang Province has accused the Malaysian ruling party of working with the SL Government to oppress Tamils. "If our political coalition (Pakatan Rakyat) takes power at the federal level in Malaysia I will push for the recognition of Tamil Eelam," Ramasamy said in an interview with Tamil media. [Read more...](#)



Former PM slams treatment of refugees

Former Liberal PM Malcolm Fraser has slammed both major political parties for their treatment of refugees. "I believe playing politics with the lives of vulnerable people, seeking votes out of their misfortune, is about the worst thing any politician can do in any country in any part of the world," Mr Fraser said at the launch of Refugee Week. [Read more...](#)



SL rules out LTTE involvement in bomb attack

The SL Government has ruled out the possibility of LTTE involvement in a bomb attack that ripped through downtown Colombo on Thursday, injuring 9 people. The attack, which took place in the Pettah area, known for underworld activity, has been attributed to a "personnel vendetta" according to local police. [Read more...](#)

Movie theatre attacked after IIFA Boycott

Unknown assailants have torched a theatre in Batticaloa, a day before it was set to screen the Tamil movie Raavanan. Attackers handed out pamphlets days earlier warning local cinema owners not to show the film, accusing its star actress Aishwaraya Rai and director Mani Ratnam of humiliating SL after they boycotted the IIFA awards in Colombo in protest over the slaughter of Tamils. [Read more...](#)



Tribute to Ruban Arumugam

A week of mourning has been observed by the Tamil community to commemorate the life of Dr Ruban Arumugam, tragically killed in an automobile accident on his way home from Dubbo Base Hospital on June 22nd 2009. A brilliant pediatrician and passionate human rights advocate, Arumugams passing and contribution to the medical world were acknowledged in Australian parliament and triggered national debate over the gruelling hours faced by medical professionals.



Ruban anna I don't want to say bye

*In a world of thorns & prickles
He chooses to take one from a land
that blooms
Yet we stand strong and fight on
with memories you leave us with
Ruban anna, I don't want to say
bye*

*Our country is on fire,
Our houses no more,
Our people dying of hunger
and more
As you selflessly try and do more
Yet, He leaves you with us
no more,
Ruban anna, I don't want to say
bye*

*He can take all that blooms,
from us
But, your contagious smile, He
can not
Your blood, sweat and tears you
dread for others. He can not
The love and passion you shared
with us, He can not
Nothing can take you away from us
Your love and passion will live
forever...*

*The truth is, Ruban anna, HE can't
take you from us at all!
That's why; I don't want to say
BYE!*

*May you rest in peace! Your love
and passion will live forever....*

Rally to welcome refugees

**SAY NO TO ANOTHER TAMPA ELECTION, NO VISA
FREEZE, CLOSE THE DETENTION CENTRES**

Rally and March for 'World Refugee Week'

1pm Saturday June 26, Sydney Town Hall