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AUSTRALIAN TAMIL CONGRESS

**Sri Lanka still unsafe for Tamil asylum seekers to return**

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CEYLON TODAY

**Sumanthiran lobbying in Geneva**

< <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/print20170101CT20170331.php?id=15662> >

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

**Sri Lankan government sends back families of missing Tamils with yet another promise**

< <http://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2017/feb/18/sri-lankan-government-sends-back-families-of-missing-tamils-with-yet-another-promise-1572060.html> >

THE SUNDAY TIMES

**Enforced disappearance: Bill holds superiors also accountable for the crime**

< <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/170219/news/bill-holds-superiors-also-party-to-such-crimes-229647.html> >

CEYLON TODAY

**Former President Chandrika Kumaratunga's remarks on 'war widows' irk military**

< <http://www.ceylontoday.lk/columns20160321CT20170330.php?id=655> >

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

**Army refutes allegations of sexual exploitation of Tamil women**

< [http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=Army\\_refutes\\_allegations\\_of\\_sexual\\_exploitation\\_of\\_tamil\\_women\\_20170218\\_04](http://www.defence.lk/new.asp?fname=Army_refutes_allegations_of_sexual_exploitation_of_tamil_women_20170218_04) >

THE ISLAND

**President admits severe criticism of recent HC appointment justified**

< [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=160486](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=160486) >

COLOMBO GAZETTE

**Mahinda Rajapaksa slams irregular appointment of High Court judge**

< <http://colombogazette.com/2017/02/19/mr-slams-irregular-appointment-of-high-court-judge/> >

THE ISLAND

**The problem of circumventing Geneva**

< [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=160468](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=160468) >

THE ISLAND

**Foster reconciliation, abandon discrimination**

< [http://www.island.lk/index.php?page\\_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code\\_title=160610](http://www.island.lk/index.php?page_cat=article-details&page=article-details&code_title=160610) >

THE SUNDAY LEADER

**Central Bank briefs Cabinet on looming economic crisis**

< <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2017/02/19/trumps-sri-lanka/> >

COLOMBO GAZETTE

**US House of Representatives to strengthen US-Lanka ties**

< <http://colombogazette.com/2017/02/20/us-house-of-representatives-to-strengthen-us-lanka-ties/> >

COLOMBO GAZETTE

**Indian Foreign Secretary holds wide ranging talks in Colombo**

< <http://colombogazette.com/2017/02/20/indian-foreign-secretary-holds-wide-ranging-talks-in-colombo/> >

THE SUNDAY TIMES

**Central Bank briefs Cabinet on looming economic crisis**

< <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/170219/columns/central-bank-briefs-cabinet-on-looming-economic-crisis-229533.html> >

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