



# Weekly Report

## Global Initiatives on Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity

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- 1** Parliamentary Initiative
- 2** UN Initiative
- 3** NGO Initiative

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*"It is more dangerous to be a woman than to be a soldier in modern conflict." - Patrick Cammaert (2008, former Deputy Force Commander of the UN Mission to the DR Congo)*

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### ***Sexual violence during wartime: A crime against humanity, a global issue***

- Discussion about the prevention of sexual violence during wartime organized by the All-Party Parliamentary group for the Prevention of Genocide and other Crimes Against Humanity.
- Speakers included David Anderson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development); Furio De Angelis (UNHCR Representative in Canada); Julia Nolan (Head of the Foreign Policy Team, British High Commission in Canada); Hilmi Zawati (President, International Legal Advocacy Forum); Andras Vamos-Goldman (Executive Director, Justice Rapid Response).
- International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence in Conflict will be launched in June 2014 in London.
- Source: All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity

### ***UN rights council approves inquiry into alleged abuses in Sri Lanka war***

- On March 27, 2014, United Nations Human Rights Council voted to open an international inquiry into alleged war crimes committed by both the Sri Lankan Government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in the final stages of the Sri Lankan conflict.
- The Council reiterated its call on the Sri Lankan Government to implement the constructive recommendations made in the report of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47447&Cr=sri+lanka&Cr1=-.UzTOYPldUrV>

### ***"Enough is enough": the women of the DRC demand an end to sexual violence & conflict***

- A fact-finding mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo organized by the International Campaign to Stop Rape & Gender Violence in Conflict and the Nobel Women's initiative called on the government of the DRC and the international community to put women at the centre of peace efforts and bring an end to rampant sexual violence.
- "We are here to support the courageous women who have survived rape and other forms of sexual violence—and are now working to help other survivors ... They have told us: 'enough is enough'—no more war on women's bodies."
- Source: Nobel Women's Initiative Media Room

<http://nobelwomensinitiative.org/2014/02/enough-is-enough-the-women-of-the-drc-demand-an-end-to-sexual-violence-conflict/?ref=196&ref=204>