

# Sri Lanka Brief

## Daily Update



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<p><b>Sri Lanka Ends Presidential Term Limits - New York Times</b>          Sri Lanka's Parliament passed a proposal on Wednesday to remove presidential term limits from the Constitution, paving the way for the popular president to run for a third term and cement his grip on power.  <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/09/world/asia/09srilanka.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/09/world/asia/09srilanka.html</a></p>	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> amendment / International press</b></p>
<p><b>New powers for Sri Lanka President – Channel 4</b>          Sri Lanka's parliament has today approved constitutional reforms which will enable President Mahinda Rajapakse to seek a third term and will give him sweeping powers over formerly independent institutions  <a href="http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/politics/international_politics/sri+lankan+president+rajapakse+given+new+powers/3762952">http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/politics/international_politics/sri+lankan+president+rajapakse+given+new+powers/3762952</a></p>	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> amendment / International press</b></p>
<p><b>Sri Lanka MPs vote in sweeping powers for president - BBC</b>          Sri Lankan MPs have approved proposals to let President Mahinda Rajapaksa seek an unlimited number of terms, in a move critics say could lead to dictatorship.  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-11225723">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-11225723</a></p>	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> amendment / International press</b></p>
<p><b>Sri Sri Lanka removes 2-term limit for presidency - AP</b>          Sri Lanka's Parliament has voted to eliminate a two-term limit for the presidency. The move that will tighten President Mahinda Rajapaksa's hold on power, and some critics say they fear the country could be headed toward dictatorship.  <a href="http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jSHzhjNFO118ZH7MMuqP6F_uO_HAD9I3P9GG0">http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jSHzhjNFO118ZH7MMuqP6F_uO_HAD9I3P9GG0</a></p>	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> amendment / International press</b></p>
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution of Sri Lanka</b>  <a href="http://www.tamilnet.com/img/publish/2010/09/18th-Amendment-to-Sri-Lanka-Constitution.pdf">http://www.tamilnet.com/img/publish/2010/09/18th-Amendment-to-Sri-Lanka-Constitution.pdf</a></p>	<p><b>The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment</b></p>
<p><b>Fresh amendments may pave way for military rule in Sri Lanka: Sarath Fonseka</b>          Sri Lanka's detained former army chief Gen Sarath Fonseka today described as "last nail in the coffin of democracy" the constitutional reforms enabling President Mahinda Rajapaksa to seek a third term and cautioned that this could pave way for a military rule in the country  <a href="http://www.dnaindia.com/world/report_fresh-amendments-may-pave-way-for-military-rule-in-sri-lanka-sarath-fonseka_1435366">http://www.dnaindia.com/world/report_fresh-amendments-may-pave-way-for-military-rule-in-sri-lanka-sarath-fonseka_1435366</a></p>	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> Amendment / Sarath Fonseka</b></p>
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