

Reduce foreign exchange spent on fish imports - President



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa says plans should be mooted from several directions to reduce the foreign exchange spent annually on fish imports. The Government annually spends around US\$ 500 million on importing fish, dry fish, Maldivian fish and canned fish. The contribution of the fish-

ing industry to Gross Domestic Product stands at 1%. The President emphasized that the fishing industry should be placed among exports that earn foreign exchange by harnessing the fishing potential along the coastal belt around the country and the inland tank network. The President made these

remarks during a meeting to discuss future activities of the State Ministry of Ornamental Fish, Freshwater Fish and Shrimp Farming Development, Multi-day Fishing and Fish Exports held at the Presidential Secretariat on Thursday (27), the President's Media Division said.

The contribution of locally bred freshwater fish and seawater fish to the total export of ornamental fish is 95% and 98% respectively. The ornamental fish traders highlighted the possibility of exporting around 700 varieties. Breeding and exporting endemic fish to earn more foreign exchange

was discussed during the meeting. President Rajapaksa instructed the officials to explore the possibility of easing existing barriers to re-export aquatic plants after cultivating them locally. There are around 18,000 inland tanks in the country.

The number of tanks used for freshwater fishing is only around 1500. Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa said the protein requirement in rural areas can be met by identifying tanks that are suitable for freshwater fish cultivation. **TO PAGE 02**

WHITE VAN PRESS CONFERENCE

HC SERVES INDICTMENTS ON RAJITHA AND RUMI

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Colombo High Court yesterday served indictments on former Health Minister Dr. Rajitha Senarathne and former State Pharmaceuticals Corporation (SPC) Chairman Rumi Mohammed in connection with the controversial White Van Press Conference held during the Presidential Election period.

The Attorney General had filed indictments consisting of 14 counts against two accused in connection with

organising the white van press conference on November 10 ahead of the November 19 Presidential Election.

When the two accused appeared before High Court Judge Gihan Kulatunga, they were ordered to be released on previous bail conditions, which were imposed during the magisterial inquiry. In addition to the previous bail conditions, each accused were ordered to be released on a cash bail of Rs.10,000 with two sureties of Rs.500,000. The Colombo High Court

further issued an order directing Controller General of Immigration and Emigration to prevent two accused from leaving the country.

Meanwhile, the officials attached to the Court's Police Post were directed to obtain two accused's fingerprints in order to ascertain their previous conviction records. The case was fixed for September 21 as a calling date.

The indictments had been filed against Rajitha Senarathne and Rimi Mohammed **TO PAGE 02**



Former Health Minister Rajitha Senarathne leaving the Colombo High Court yesterday. Picture by Hirantha Gunathilaka

President to visit Lankagama site

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is scheduled to visit the Lankagama site skirting the Sinharaja forest on an inspection tour today (29), said Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera, giving an assurance that the incident that arose in Lankagama would be managed while protecting the environment and resolving the

people's issues. The second day of the Vote on Account debate was held in Parliament yesterday (28) and Minister Amaraweera made these comments joining the debate.

He also noted that he had received complaints regarding an environmental destruction in the Anawilundawa area in the Puttalam District, pledging that he would not allow any environmental damage to take place during his tenure. **TO PAGE 02**

Vote on Account passed

Parliament yesterday approved the Vote on Account of the Government. The Vote on Account of the Government seeking approval to spend a sum not exceeding Rs.1300 billion for the period from September 1 until the budget for 2020 is passed was presented to Parliament on Thursday. Subsequent to being taken up for debate over two days the Vote on Account was passed last evening without a division.

Japanese PM Abe resigning for health reasons

JAPAN: Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced Friday he will resign, ending his record-breaking tenure in a bombshell development that kicks off a leadership race in the world's third-largest economy.

Abe said he is suffering a recurrence of the ulcerative colitis that forced him to cut short a first term in office, and that he no longer felt able to continue as Prime Minister.

"Now that I am not able to fulfil the mandate from the people with confidence, I have decided that I should no longer occupy the position of the prime minister." While speculation about Abe's political future has grown in recent weeks, after he twice visited hospital for unspecified health checks, the resignation nonetheless came as a surprise.

Even as recently as Friday morning, the government's spokesman had appeared to dismiss concerns about Abe's health and suggested he would stay on. But Abe made clear that would not be possible, apologising for once again cutting short his tenure.

"I would like to sincerely apologise to the people of Japan for leaving my post with one year left in my term of office, and amid the coronavirus woes," he said, bowing deeply. **TO PAGE 02**



Health authorities conducted random sample testing for coronavirus at the Manning Market in Pettah, Colombo yesterday. Nearly 200 people randomly selected from vendors, workers and consumers were subjected to PCR tests.

August 17 power outage: Final report within three weeks

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The final report of the Independent Committee on total power outage that occurred on August 17, 2020 is scheduled to be submitted within three weeks, Committee Chairman, State Secretary, Ministry of Power K.H.D.K. Samarakoon said.

He was addressing a special media conference held yesterday at the Government Information Department to unveil the Interim Report of the committee appointed to probe recent power failure. **TO PAGE 02**

Prison guard arrested with heroin

SHAVINI MADHARA

A prison guard attached to the Colombo Remand Prison was arrested with 94 g and 132 mg of heroin in Borella.

The arrest was made on a tip off received by the Western Province North Crimes Division, the Police media spokesman's office said. The suspect is a 49-year-old resident of Sirisara Uyana in Borella. The suspect will be produced before the Maligakanda Magistrate's Court. The Western Province North Crimes Division is investigating.

New examination dates

- Grade 5 Scholarship Exam on October 11, 2020
- GCE A/L Exam from October 12, 2020
- GCE O/L Exam for from January 18, 2021

The Grade 5 Scholarship Examination for the year 2020 will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2020 and the GCE Advanced Level Examination from October 12, 2020 to November 06, 2020.

Accordingly, school holidays will be granted from October 10, 2020 to November 08, 2020, the Education Ministry announced yesterday.

In a press communiqué the ministry said the third school term will begin on November 9, 2020 and end on December 23, 2020.

The 2020 holiday season runs from December 24 to January 1, 2021. Accordingly, the new school term of 2021 will commence on January 4. **TO PAGE 02**

Associate of three underworld gangsters arrested

ANURADHA PRIYADHARSHANA - Karadeniya Group

A close associate of three powerful underworld gang leaders 'Podi Lasi', 'Karadeniya Sudda' and Dasan Manawadu, was arrested with a stock of ammunition by the Jayawardenapura Police Special task Force yesterday.

Among the weapons seized were three firearms including a T56 firearm with 98 bullets, 53(9mm) bullets, four (bore 12) bullets, hand grenade, two smoke grenades, one handcuff and four magazines, Police said.

The suspect was produced before the Balapitiya Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Speaker orders Prisons Dept. to allow MP Jayasekara to attend sittings

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday observed that the Prisons Department had been ordered to allow Parliamentarian Premalal Jayasekara to attend the sittings of Parliament.

He made this observation in Parliament in response to the privilege issue raised by

Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna Parliamentarian Premanath C. Dolawatta requesting the Speaker to make arrangements enabling Premalal Jayasekara to attend the sittings in the House of Parliament.

He said Ratnapura district MP Premalal Jayasekara obtained 144,207 votes at the recent General Election and was elected to Parliament. **TO PAGE 02**

Govt to present Budget in November

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI



The Government will present its first Budget to Parliament in November, Education Minister Professor G.L. Peiris said yesterday pointing out that the Government's main focus is on the country's solid economic development.

"We all know that investments are crucial for economic development. For investment, we need to win the trust of

foreign investors. In order to win their trust, political stability is imperative. Now, after a long time, we are displaying strong political stability thanks to the mandate we received," Prof. Peiris added.

Prof. Peiris requested the Opposition to accept the mandate given by the people and assist the Government to secure a bright future for the young generation. **TO PAGE 02**

All-girl quintuplets born at De Soysa Hospital

SHAVINI MADHARA

Deputy Director of the De Soysa Hospital for Women (Teaching) Dr. Pushpa Gamlathge told the *Daily News* that a 29-year-old mother gave birth to quintuplets (five girls) yesterday morning at the De Soysa Hospital for Women (Teaching).

"The 29-year-old mother is a resident of Peliyawa in Gampaha. This was the mother's first pregnancy. The mother and the quintuplets are in good health. One of the infants has a little lower weight than the normal weight and is being cared for at the hospital's Baby Care Unit," Gamlathge said.

The caesarean section for the birth of the quintuplets was performed by Dr. Prabodhana Ranaweera.

Gevindu raises issue of USAID "assistance"

No foreign force can undermine independence of House - Speaker

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday asserted that he would not let any force undermine the independence of Parliament or its members.

He made this observation yesterday in response to a query made by SLPP National List MP Gevindu Kumaratunga raising a privilege issue in the Parliament. Kumaratunga also queried if the Speaker Abeywardena would intervene to get the Parliament free

from the situations that are antithetical to national interests caused by his predecessor by allowing the foreign institutions and the persons paid by foreign institutions to function in the Parliament affecting its independence and Supremacy. **TO PAGE 02**

Fonseka tells Wigneswaran

Do not degrade Sinhalese and make racist statements in Parliament

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI



Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) Gampaha District MP Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka reacting to a previous statement made in Parliament by TMTK MP C.V. Wigneswaran warned him that degrading the Sinhalese and making racist statements undermining the Sinhalese in Parliament will

get him nowhere and will not be tolerated.

Participating in the debate on the Vote on Account in Parliament yesterday, Field Marshal Fonseka said, "It is sad to observe MP Wigneswaran making such a statement undermining other communities with the help of MP Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam. I would like to let them both know that we consider it an insult to us. **TO PAGE 02**

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Denigrating the Motherland in this House is a violation of the honour of this August Assembly. According to Wigneswaran, the oldest language in this country is the Tamil language. That means according to him, the Sinhala people came to this country after the Tamils. I would like to remind him that we would never bow our heads to anyone who attempts to undermine the Sinhala nation and any such attempt to undermine the Sinhala nation would fail. Anyone who does so would not be able to exist in this country. Wigne-

swaran must remember that there were people in the past too, who tried to undermine the status quo of the Sinhalese. There was A. Amirthalingam who was in Parliament who instigated the Tamil youth against the Sinhalese. Finally, he got a bullet from the very same Tamil youth. Then there was Prabhakaran who thought that he could create a separate state in this country. You saw what happened to him. Unfortunately, despite his attempts, Wigneswaran cannot be Prabhakaran as he is too old to emulate Prabhakaran; he has

no time left for it. Hence, I urge him to be satisfied with what he has and never try to undermine the Sinhalese. If you try to do that you'll face unpleasant consequences and you will repent for your folly," Field Marshal Fonseka warned. Participating in the debate Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said the media has gone on a rampage with the controversial statements made by MPs C.V. Wigneswaran and Selvam Adaikalanathan. "There is an enormous public dis-

pleasure against what they had said. There is no need to repeat those racist sentiments. It is sad to notice that this MP too made a statement sanctioning what MP Wigneswaran said. I request them not to make such provocative statements which would pave the way for another communal conflict in this country. We have no need to experience another war in this country again. The hope of this government and the President is to create an environment where Sinhala, Muslim, Tamil, Malay and other communities could live as

one nation and each citizen enjoys their individual rights irrespective of their communal identity. We have no hope of favouring any specific community or to discriminate against any community. We know that you are making these explosive speeches to rouse communal feelings among people in your electorates and to portray yourself as the defender of your community. But those statements would result in disharmony among communities at a time when these communities are working together," Minister Amaraweera said.

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The need to build multi-day trawlers with freezers and sanitation facilities and to provide vocational training to fishermen was also discussed. It was revealed that the Fisheries Corporation is in a severe financial crisis which has resulted in its inability to provide required services to fishermen or vessels. "Those who are engaged in the sector said that freezers in working condition have been leased to the private sector for as long as 33 years during the previous administration. They say it was aimed at disrupting the fishing industry. When producing dry fish, only the fish that are not available within the country should be imported," the President said.

Plans are underway to place discarded railway carriages, buses and fishing vessels at the bottom of the seabed at 172 identified locations to establish artificial breeding centers in order to promote fishing harvest within sea limits. The President instructed the officials to meet the demand for canned fish production locally. Ships should be built domestically to assist the fishermen and fishing industry. State Minister Kanchana Wijesekera, Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundera, Secretaries to Cabinet and State Ministries, manufacturers and businessmen related to the fishing sector were also present.

OBITUARY NOTICE



MR. ALLIMUTHU LETCHUMANAN
(Former Proprietor - Sathosa Trade Centre - Colombo 11)

Mr. Allimuthu Letchumanan (former Proprietor - Sathosa Trade Centre - Colombo 11) Beloved husband of Gunabooshani, loving Father of Inthu, Shankari and Gopikanthan, Father-in-law of Jeganathan, Nirmalan Rajanathan and Shamali, Grand Father of Bavana, Adesh, Athithi Sai, Kiyathi Sai and Thejan.

Remains lie at No.15/11 B, First Lane, Palliyawatta, Hendala, Wattala. Saturday August 29 2020 and the cortege leaves for cremation from the residence at 11 am on Sunday August 30, 2020 (Kerawalapitiya Cemetery)

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However he has not yet been allowed to attend the sittings by the Prison Department although he had made an appeal before the Court of Appeal against the judgement that sentenced him. He added that there is a possibility for the Court of Appeal to decide that MP Jayasekara is innocent or to confirm the same order. Hence he should be

allowed to attend the sittings or it would be prejudicial to the people in the Ratnapura district.

State Minister S.B.Dissanayake said that there had been precedents that allowed MPs to attend the sittings, who had appealed against the judgements that sentenced them. "I am one such example," Dissanayake said.

The Speaker announced that the Prison Department had been instructed to make arrangements for Premalal Jayasekara to attend the sittings.

SLPP Parliamentarian Jayantha Kelagoda said that it would be fine if Jayasekara could attend sittings yesterday itself (28) as there was a possibility for a vote in the evening.

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Raising the privilege issue Kumarathunga said that the dignity of parliament and its MPs were affected by certain actions of the former Speaker who allowed the USAID to creep in with its own agendas to manipulate the process of parliament.

He said further that the orientation workshop held on 25 and 26 in the

Parliamentary complex was very fruitful for the newly elected MPs and he thanked the organizers on behalf of the newly elected MPs.

"However, I would like to mention three incidents that took place during the workshop harming the dignity and decorum of this august institution," Kumarathunga said. "At the commence-

ment of the workshop each participant was given a bag containing the Constitution, books and documents including the Standing Order, photographs of the old and new parliament, and a notebook carrying the logo of the USAID."

It was reported in a newspaper on June 2, 2019, that the US had been campaigning to get

certain agreements including the ACSA detrimental to the national interests of Sri Lanka. In that campaign the then US ambassador in Sri Lanka was involved in that campaign. It was also reported that the then Foreign Secretary who had facilitated the process, later joined this parliament in the post of foreign affairs consultant of the former Speaker.

Govt to present Budget in November... From Page 01

"The Opposition should give a chance to the Government to get on with its work and laying unnecessary hurdles in its path. We want to do something useful in the next four years and then you can take stock of our performance," Prof. Peiris said while participating in the debate on the Vote on Account to obtain funds for the next four months of the year. Prof. Peiris said President Gota-

baya Rajapaksa has amalgamated five different ministries to create the Education Ministry and there is a lot of work to be done in the sphere.

"The Education Ministry has got Rs 70 billion in the Vote on Account. There are many challenges ahead for this sector. Whatever political affiliation we have this is one sector that is essential to all. Accordingly, we are trying to increase the

university intake. We are also looking for opportunities to increase the number of students facilitated by the Open University," he added.

"Hopefully, we could increase the number to 15,000. Right now we lack infrastructure such as computers and lecturers. We have started to discuss with the World Bank on getting financial aid worth US\$ 300 MN for this project. It is

crucial to give priority to vocational education. There are about 65,000 who do not get the opportunity to receive vocational education. It is not their problem, but a problem where we cannot provide necessary facilities. Recently when I met United Nations resident coordinator for Sri Lanka Hanan Singer I requested UN facilitation to expand our territory education limits," Prof. Peiris said.

August 17 power outage... From Page 01

According to the preliminary conclusions of the Committee, the key reason for the nationwide power outage was due to the incorrect operation of the 'BUS Bar 2 Isolator of the Bus Coupler Bay by the Electrical Superintendent-in-Charge at the Kerawalapitiya Grid Substation at 12.30 pm.

Responding a question by a journalist who inquired how the committee identified the the Electrical Superintendent-in-Charge at the Kerawalapitiya Grid Substation as the responsible person for this, Committee member Deputy General Manager (Asset Management-Thermal, Electrical), CEB G.J. Aluthge said that he himself accepted his fault and informed about his mistake to the top management. The Committee also questioned him and he accepted his fault.

Committee member Senior Lecturer, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa Dr. D.P. Chandima said the Committee identified that there should be a protection scheme to prevent any system collapse. But the Committee has not yet confirmed whether there is an issue of protection scheme or a need to improve the prevailing scheme. It could only be confirmed after a detailed study and we hope to do it within the next two weeks and include the findings in the final report. But it is very clear that a Maintenance Protocol has not been implemented.

"At this point in time, we cannot say that the Electrical Superintendent is the only person who is responsible for this. In our conclusions, we have clearly mentioned that the Kerawalapitiya Grid substation tripping was due to not following the correct maintenance procedure by the relevant officials, including the Electrical Superintendent. The Committee also observed that there is no written maintenance protocol for this maintenance job in line with the current best practice maintenance protocols," Dr Chandima said.

Further, briefing the conclusions of the Committee, Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa Dr. Lilantha Samaranyake said that the committee is of the view that due to the Kerawalapitiya Grid substation tripping, the system frequency has increased beyond the current setting of the rate of frequency tripping relay of the Lak Vijaya Power Station. As a result, the generator-transformer circuit breakers of all three units of the LVPS made LVPS unavailable to the grid and subsequently the system failed in cascade.

He further said that the restoration of the Transmission network took six hours and 16 minutes, due to faults in the units, generation-dispatch mismatches during back start and system frequency oscillations during energizing the 220kV and 132 kV systems.

The CEBs recent failure to avoid a countrywide blackout and the longer duration taken to restore power to Colombo City in particular, indicates significant lapses in implementation of critical measures outlined in the previous expert committee reports.

Member and the Convenor of the Committee Director (Development), Ministry of Power and Energy J.G.L.Sulakshana Jayawardane said soon after submitting the report by the committee last Monday, Minister of Power Dullas Alahapperuma instructed relevant authorities to take immediate measures to implement the first two of 11 recommendations of the committee; implementation of a standard compliant, systematic, foolproof, safe procedure and maintenance protocols and the establishment of a risk management mechanism.

Committee members, Dean of the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology Prof. Rahula Attalage, Additional Director General, Department of Public Finance E.A.Rathnaseela, State Printing Corporation Chairman Eng. Janaka Rathnakumara, also addressed the briefing.

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under 14 counts including giving false statements in relation to the personal character of SLPP Presidential Candidate Gota-baya Rajapaksa.

Sakalavalli Arachchige Sarath Kumara and Watareka Gamage Athula Sanjeeva Madanayake who were present at the controversial press conference had been named as the witnesses in the case.

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Amaraweera said that measures would be taken to minimise the import of plastic such as children's toys and promote environmentally friendly products and pledged to extend his fullest support to the clay industry for the production of environmentally friendly products.

Responding to MP Wigneswaran's comments in Parliament, Minister Amaraweera also requested these MPs not to make communal comments in Parliament which would create racial tensions in the country.

New examination... From Page 01

The GCE Ordinary Level Examination for the year 2020 will be held from 2021-01-18 to 2021-01-27. This period will be declared as a special holiday for all schools.

Only students appearing for the GCE Ordinary Level Examination will be entitled to study leave from January 1, 2021 to January 17, 2021.

Schools will reopen after the GCE Ordinary Level Examination from February 1, 2021.

Japanese PM Abe... From Page 01

Abe said he would "firmly execute my duty to the end," and until the next prime minister is appointed, possibly through a leadership election involving ruling party lawmakers and members.

Some potential successors have already emerged, among them Finance Minister Taro Aso, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, former Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba and LDP Policy Chief Fumio Kishida.- AFP

FIRST YEAR REMEMBRANCE



G. P. P. NEWTON PERERA

Born 18th Jan 1931 Called to Rest 29th Aug 2019

Forever loved and Missed by, Wife Merlyn Perera (late) & Children Nirmalie Silva (late), Chandrika Dissanayake, Neomal Perera, Ruwani Weerasinghe & Son In laws Chandra Silva, Sriyal Dissanayake, Mark Weerasinghe, Daughter in Law Krishanthi Perera and Grandchildren Shehan & Nirmal Dissanayake, Dylan, Evan and Anuki Perera & Emma Weerasinghe & Great grandchildren Anna, Nicklane and Amelia Dissanayake.

Obituaries

GUNASEKERA DARSHINI. Daughter of the late Elliott and Myrtle Gunasekera, sister of Premaka Gunasekera, was called to rest. Viewing at Mahinda Funeral Parlour, Mt Lavinia upstairs from 9.15 a.m. on Saturday 29th August. Service at 3.30 p.m. Cortege leaves at 4.15 p.m. Cremation Galkissa General Cemetery at 5.00 p.m. **19A, Simon Abeywickrama Avenue, Mt. Lavinia.** 050369

PERERA - EDMUND - Beloved husband of Iranganie (nee Munasinghe), loving father of Sanjeeva (Subashan), Rajindra (Sammiddhi), father-in-law of Yolande and late Rukshan Dias, loving grandfather of Rushith Shuan, Rushendri Shenelle and Sayon Subashan. Remains lie at "The Restpect Home" by Jayarathne's. Cortege leaves parlour at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 29th August for cremation at 4.30 p.m. (New Crematorium) at Borella General Cemetery. 049010

SIRIRATNE NORMA dearly beloved wife of late Susantha Siriratne (ex Mayor, Moratuwa Municipal Council and Provincial Council member), loving daughter of late Hester & late Gladwin de Mel, sister of late Romy de Soysa, late Dr. Kenneth de Mel, late Doyne de Mel and Lorna Fernando (Australia), sister-in-law of late Alonzo de Soysa, Priya de Mel, Beatrice de Mel and Dr. Neville Fernando (Australia), passed away peacefully. Remains lie at residence for viewing. Cortege leaves at 4.30 p.m. for Burial at the Cemetery St. Peter's Church, Korlawella, Moratuwa at 5.00 p.m after the service on Sunday the 30th August 2020. **No. 33, Korlawella, Moratuwa.** 050367

EDB and Foreign Ministry accelerate efforts to boost exports

The Export Development Board (EDB) and the Foreign Ministry are working closely together to increase the country's export revenue and mitigate the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the export industry, the EDB and the Foreign Ministry issuing a joint press release said.

Sri Lanka's export income which stood at US\$ 277 Mn in April 2020 has increased to US\$ 1,090 Mn in July 2020 and is projected to grow in the coming months. There are several joint initiatives taken by the EDB and the Foreign Ministry to enhance exports. This includes identifying new market opportunities, creating awareness by disseminating market alerts, addressing supply chain issues, enhancing capacity building through webinars, and creating business linkages to support existing exporters to sustain their exports.

During the COVID-19 lockdown

which began in late March, Sri Lanka's Missions and Posts overseas continued to share updates and developments relevant to the markets they covered. These updates included available market opportunities as well as changes to trade and policy regulations during the pandemic which enabled Sri Lanka's exporters to adapt accordingly. The functioning of this mechanism also enabled Sri Lanka's exporters to share their supply capability information with buyers swiftly, via the Foreign Ministry and its network of overseas Missions. The export opportunities that were identified and made use of in this manner related in particular to face masks, protective gowns, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), rubber gloves, hand sanitizers, tea and food products. EDB being the facilitator for Sri Lankan exporters made efficient arrangements to circulate market updates rapidly among exporters

via email and its website, and made use of IT based solutions to connect exporters and importers by organizing a series of webinars in collaboration with foreign trade chambers with the assistance of Sri Lanka's Missions overseas.

Although lockdowns are easing in several countries including Sri Lanka, the EDB and the Foreign Ministry continue to collaborate with the assistance and support of the network of Sri Lanka Missions overseas to connect buyers and sellers virtually, assessing and responding to market trends. Virtual trade fairs and displays in year-long virtual shopping malls are being considered as alternative ways to physical trade fairs to link exporters with potential overseas buyers.

Webinars were organized so far for the Electrical & Electronics, ICT/BPM, Printing, Boat & Ship Building, Coconut, Ceramic and Porcelain, Logistics and Supply

Chain, Marine and Offshore Engineering and Ayurveda and Herbal products sectors which will eventually result in virtual Business to Business (B2B) meetings.

With the objective of assisting SMEs in Sri Lanka under the concept of "One Village One Product" (OVOP), EDB and the Foreign Ministry are coordinating with Sri Lanka Missions overseas on attracting investments from migrated Sri Lankans living abroad.

While these measures are being pursued to overcome the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Sri Lanka's economy, and achieve the revised export target of US\$ 10.75 Bn in 2020, further steps will be taken to work closely with other relevant local partners as well as partner nations and organizations to explore new opportunities and utilization of technology to achieve the Government's economic objectives.

BIA ready to open after completion of repatriation process

MENAKA INDRAKUMARA

The Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) is ready to open for travellers, as soon as the repatriations of Sri Lankans are completed, Media Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism Pradeep Anura Kumara said yesterday (28).

Even though there was indefinite opening in August and the first week of September, he added, "There were no dates fixed for the open-

ing, due to the repatriation process happening and thereafter the availability of quarantine centres.

Kumara said the matter has been put forward to the cabinet, and what measures will be implemented to open the airport as soon as possible. The Cabinet hasn't responded to the matter yet.

"As a ministry, we are ready to carry out the necessary measures to open the airport within

24 hours, in keeping with the health guidelines by the Ministry of Health, and other safety precautions, once we are given the green light".

He concluded by saying that the ministry is ready to open the airport, but repatriation is still ongoing, and the availability quarantine centres and the wait for five hours after PCR test is done, are matters to look into, all this had delayed in the opening of the airport.

Indian and Sri Lankan Armies conduct Webinar on COVID management

A virtual experts' level interaction through Webinar was organized between Indian Army and Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps recently. The aim of the Webinar was to discuss Standard Operating Procedures, best practices and issues concerning COVID management by both the Armies with special focus on "Force Protection and Preservation Measures".

The Webinar was inaugurated by Lt.Gen. A.K. Hooda, Director General of Medical Services (Indian Army) wherein he complimented the success achieved by Sri Lanka Armed Forces in handling the COVID-19 pandemic in Sri Lanka.

The DGMS (Indian Army) also brought out that to effectively deal with and contain the COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential that countries, especially in the neighbourhoods, join hands.

The event was graced by the presence of Maj Gen (Dr) S.H. Munasinghe, Secretary of Health, Government of Sri Lanka.

The Secretary in his address emphasised the importance of such platforms to share best practices and knowledge so as to tackle this global pandemic effectively. The Secretary also brought out that the spread of pandemic has been kept under check in Sri Lanka owing to foresight and proactive steps initiated by the Government under the guidance of the Sri Lankan President.



Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps personnel participating in a recent virtual experts' level interaction through a Webinar on COVID management with Indian Army personnel.

The event also had the participation of expert teams from both sides wherein the discussion included aspects of containment, management and mitigation measures specific to the region and as evolved by the respective Armed Forces. In addition, issues about the evolving trends of the pandemic and steps taken to ensure future management were also discussed.

India and Sri Lanka enjoy a strong and growing defence relationship pillared on extensive training and close linkages between the militaries. Both Armed Forces have been striving hard to learn from each other in the fields of anti

terrorism operations, exchange of information, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts etc.

Even now, when COVID-19 pandemic has crippled the movement of people across the world, the Indian and Sri Lankan Armies have continued their interaction through virtual platforms. It may be recalled that even in June 2020, Maj Gen H.J.S. Gunawardena, the Chief of Staff of Sri Lanka Army, had addressed a multi-nation forum, organised by National Centre of Good Governance, India on best practices to handle the pandemic.

Another testimony to the deep rooted defence cooperation between two Armed Forces was visible wherein eight officers and cadets from Sri Lanka Armed Forces were dispatched to various institutes of Indian Armed Forces on a special flight to undergo important courses. India continues to abide by her commitment to extend quality training to Armed Forces personnel even during pandemic times.

The officers and cadets have reached these institutes safely and will undergo requisite quarantine procedure before commencing with the course.

CC fulfills needs of NGOs and foreign powers - Labour Minister

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said that the Constitutional Council (CC), had become a body that fulfills the needs of NGOs and foreign powers.

He stated that the 20th Amendment to the Constitution will safeguard the sovereignty of the people by eliminating its shortcomings while preserving the positive features of the 19th Amendment.

The Minister expressed these views while participating in a function held in Bandarawela recently, a communiqué issued by the ministers media unit said.

"Our government will present a budget in November. Before that the 20th Amendment will be introduced. I am also a member of the Committee set to come up with proposals for the 20th Amendment, appointed by Parliament and the Cabinet".

The 19A gave the powers to the CC enabling it to act even above the President and it became an ineffective body for the country and went on to fulfill the needs of NGOs and foreign organisations

and forces. We hope to eliminate this anomaly and bring in the 20th Amendment in a manner that reflects the sovereignty of the people" he added.

The minister said a member of the Election Commission appointed under 19A went to court against the very Commission he represented, shattering public confidence in its independence.

The Minister pointed out that such commissions do not do justice to the people and that the CC does not have the power to oppose the arbitrary actions of the members of the Independent Commissions.

"We will not stop with the 19th Amendment alone. The entire Constitution should be amended. In particular, we need a good electoral system. We will take steps to abolish the system of preferential votes and bring in an electoral system that appoints a Member of Parliament responsible for the electorate. We need to introduce a more enlightened electoral system to the people".

Two COVID-19 patients detected

SHAVINI MADHARA

The National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 (NOCPC) said that two new COVID-19 patients were detected as of yesterday morning. One of them was a returnee from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) who was being quarantined at the Pampamadua quarantine centre and the other from Kuwait who was being quarantined at the Pelwehera centre.

Issuing a media release, the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID 19 also stated that 11 patients returned home after recovering as at 6 am yesterday morning. Out of newly recovered patients 10 are detainees from the Kandakadu Rehabilitation Centre and the other one is a returnee from abroad.

The NOCPC further stated that 7122 persons were undergoing quarantine at 69 centers under the Tri-Forces as at yesterday.

The number of patients reported from the Kandakadu cluster has increased to 639, out of which 518 are detainees, 67 are staff, 5 invited staff members, 48 close contacts and 1 close contact of the patient found from Welikada prison. A total of 604 had recovered from the Kandakadu Cluster and another 35 are still undergoing treatments, the centre highlighted.

"A total of 69 persons arrived in Sri Lanka from UAE and Doha yesterday morning. Among them, 22 returnees are from UAE and 47 from Doha. All those returnees will be directed to quarantine centers controlled by the Tri-forces upon their arrival," the NOCPC further stated.

Meanwhile, a total of 308 persons concluded their quarantine process at the military-run quarantine centers yesterday and a total of 33,695 persons had returned home after completing the quarantine process.

First Poppy flower pinned on President



Text and Picture courtesy President's Media Division

The first Poppy flower to commemorate Remembrance Day was pinned on President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday.

Chairman of the Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen's Association, Major General Upul Perera pinned the poppy flower on President Rajapaksa.

In remembrance of all the martyrs who laid down their

lives in the World Wars, Sri Lanka Ex Servicemen's Association organizes the Remembrance Day every year since 1944. The income earned on the day is used for the welfare of the family members of the deceased war veterans and disabled veterans.

Sri Lanka Ex Servicemen's Association also handed over a sum of Rs. 1 million as a donation to the ITUKAMA

COVID 19 Healthcare and Security Fund.

General Secretary of the Sri Lanka Ex Servicemen's Association, Colonel Ajith Siyambalapatiya, Treasurer Major Shanthilal Kankanamge, Chairperson of the Poppy Remembrance Day Committee Group Captain Kumar Kirinde and several other members were present at the occasion.

Case against Patali Champika, two others fixed for September 17

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against former Minister Patali Champika and two others over an alleged motor accident that took place in 2016 at Rajagiriya was yesterday fixed for September 17 by the Colombo High Court.

The case was filed against former Minister Patali Champika, his driver Thusith Dilum Kumara and ASP Sudath Asmadala over the hit-and-run accident at Rajagiriya in 2016. The case was taken

up before the High Court Judge Gihan Kulathunga.

At previous occasions, indictments were served to the all three accused and ordered to release each accused on a cash bail of Rs.10,000 and two sureties of Rs.500,000. The indictment comprising 16 charges was filed against all three accused on charges of fabricating false evidence, conspiracy of fabricating evidence and submitting false reports to the Court.

The main charge is relating

to conspiring and fabricating false evidence to claim that it was Dilum Thusith Kumara who was driving the vehicle which caused the accident and another charge relates to him allegedly conspiring to conceal evidence in order to protect MP Patali Champika from legal penalty.

ASP Sudath Asmadala was charged with producing a false report to the Colombo Magistrate's Court in order to protect former MP Patali Champika from legal penalty.

Stage drama under 'Prekshaa' Drama Festival

Under the 'Prekshaa' Drama Festival 2020, organized by the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation, 'Mahatma@Gandhi. Com' stage drama will be held at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm on August 30, 2020 at the Tower Hall Theatre in Maradana.

This was staged as a research adaptation from the original Hindi drama written by Prof. Asgar Wajahat in Delhi, India for the commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary. Veteran actor Wasantha Vittachchi plays as Mahatma Gandhi and Translation, Adaptation, Music, Production and Direction by Chair Senior Professor Upul Ranjith Hewawitanagamage,

Dept. of Hindi Studies, University of Kelaniya.

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Rs. 64,961,045/-

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Date: 27-08-2020
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Super Jackpot
Rs. 52,619,172/-

Winning Numbers
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Total Value of Prizes
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Date: 27-08-2020
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Rs. 2,921,349/-

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Rs. 12,254,329/-

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Date: 27.08.2020
Draw No.: 1023
Colour: BLUE

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Rs. 5,537,240/-

Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes. **9261**
Winning number for Rs. 100/- cash prizes. **181**

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Opposition attempted to destabilize country during COVID-19 pandemic: Dinesh

The Opposition attempted to destabilize the country economically and politically during the COVID-19 pandemic without cooperating with the President and the Prime Minister, Leader of the House and Foreign Affairs Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said yesterday.

Speaking during the second day of the debate on the Vote on Account, Minister Gunawardena pointed out that despite Opposition's obstructions President Gotabaya Rajapaksa successfully overcame the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Sri Lanka was brought back to the world map. Once against Sri Lanka appeared as one of the most successful countries that controlled the COVID-19 pandemic for which, we have to accept, we needed money, funding, so the expenditure had to be incurred by the President's orders under the Constitution. We have come today before the House to get the Vote on Account approved for the next few months. The budget shall be presented in November by the Prime Minister," Minister Gunawardena pointed out.

Speaking during the debate, Gunawardena pointed out, "While Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has presented the Vote on



Account for the coming four months, I would like to clarify as to how the Opposition attempted several times to create a financial crisis in the country over the last few months."

"On February 20, we as the government requested from the House necessary financial provisions immediately following the election of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Initially the Opposition said that it will support us, however, we had to withdraw the proposal as at the last moment the Opposition opposed it," he said.

"Now, the Opposition's main argument is that there is a legal concern in relation to utilizing funds during the period of April to August. The Prime Minister

explained that there are billions of unsettled payments due for constructions, development projects, health projects and public needs which were abandoned by the previous government," Minister Gunawardena said.

"In February, our attempt was to obtain the necessary funding to meet these needs so that the country shall not be dragged into an economic crisis. So the Opposition was taking every opportunity to destabilize the country economically, politically and socially," he pointed out.

Minister Gunawardena also said, "Now, the Opposition MPs are coming up with all kinds of arguments concerning the period of time that the President could use funds without the approval of the House. President quite correctly dissolved the Parliament so that the election could be held at an appropriate time. However our country as well as the whole world was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Entire countries, economies, airports were closed down due to the pandemic."

"The world was shocked by the pandemic. Thus the Election Commission took a decision to postpone the election. If the election was not postponed, we would have been able to elect a new House by

the end of April this year. Even to hold the election, the Election Commission requested a larger financial provision to hold the election," he added.

The Leader of the House added, "So the President was challenged to allocate large sums of money to hold the general election and to secure the citizens from the pandemic. The President successfully overcame all these challenges. The public was secured against the pandemic and the economic difficulties. It is important to remember that all the benefits were distributed equally among every community without any discrimination."

Gunawardena furthered that the Opposition which should have cooperated with the government during the pandemic did everything to create an economic crisis in the country. "They did not support the President and the Prime Minister during the time of need. The Opposition's actions and political behavior are unacceptable. The Opposition when in power did not present a budget during their rule, and to quote their own words, they did not expect a defeat in the election. The public of course gave them the answer in the general election," the minister added.



Sandasen Marasinghe, Camelia Nathaniel and Amali Mallawaarachchi

Government terminated services of state employees: Sajith

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, raising questions under Standing Orders 27(2) in Parliament, yesterday, alleged that the government had ended the services of the employees recruited by the previous government to the state sector and those recruited for full time training.

He said the President had presented the present government's policy statement on August 20 under the theme 'One Country - One Law', but accused the government of committing serious injustice.

"Around 6,800 project assistant officers were recruited by the previous government as per a Cabinet decision on a full time training basis and had reported for duty at the respective District Secretariats prior to the Presidential elections. But based on a directive issued by the Election Commission, their appointments were temporarily suspended until the presidential election concluded," the Opposition Leader said.

"However, now it's been nine months since the Presidential election concluded, but these recruits have yet not been called for service," he added.

He further said that based on a decision taken at the Cabinet meeting held on September 17, 2019, those recruited on a Temporary, Casual, Substitute, Contract or relief basis for Public Service, Provincial Public Service, Public Corporations and Statutory Boards by Public Administration Circular No. 29/2019 issued in accordance with the Cabinet Meeting recommended to confirm the Management Assistants and Primary Grade Officers who were recruited on the basis of having completed more than 180 consecutive days of satisfactory service as at 01st September, 2019, this process was temporarily suspended based on the Election Commission directive.

"As a former Housing Minister, it has come to my notice that many employees of the Housing Development Authority are unfairly treated," he said.

In addition, the Opposition Leader said that the posts of employees recruited to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, National Housing Development Authority, school health assistants recruited through the Ministry of Education, as well as archeological workers, field mosquito control assistants recruited to the Ministry of



Health, Samurdhi Bank and computer assistants, and electrical maintenance assistants recruited to the Wildlife Department, have been arbitrarily terminated as of now.

"Specifically, the termination of appointments after the government has issued an appointment letter and called for service is a grave injustice. Many of those who have been appointed have left their jobs in the private sector in anticipation of receiving government jobs, but now have to face the cancellation of their government appointments leaving them in a dire predicament," he said.

"It is normal for political parties elected to government to change periodically, but the cancellation of government appointments given by the previous government after elections is also a very wrong precedent. I look forward to the Government's response and explanation to the following questions regarding this gross injustice," Opposition Leader Premadasa noted.

He asked the government if it admits that a grave injustice has been committed towards these appointees due to the government arbitrarily terminating their appointments, and whether or not the government intends to rectify this issue.

Opposition Leader Premadasa also questioned if the government intends to make permanent those recruited under Temporary, Casual, Substitute, Contract or relief basis for Public Service, Provincial Public Service, Public Corporations and Statutory Boards by Public Administration Circular No. 29/2019 issued in accordance with the Cabinet Meeting recommended to confirm the Management Assistants and Primary Grade Officers who were recruited on the basis of having completed more than 180 consecutive days of satisfactory service as at 01st September, 2019.

He also asked the government if by cancelling the appointments given to persons who had previously been employed in the private sector and who had resigned from these jobs in anticipation of a government job these persons would be facing a dire predicament. "Doesn't the government consider this issue a humanitarian issue?" he inquired.

Government should take strict measures against child abuse: Kokila

Gampaha District Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna MP Kokila Gunawardena yesterday proposed the government to take strict measures against child abuse.

Gunawardena also said that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's battle against substance abuse and the underworld has fulfilled the hopes of thousands of parents on behalf of their children.

Speaking during the debate on the Vote on Account, MP Gunawardena said, "One of the main focuses of this government should be child abuse prevention."

"In 2019 alone, the National Child Protection Authority noted that it has received more than 9,000 child abuse cases. In addition, there are more such cases that go unreported. As a govern-

ment, we must stand against child abuse and violence against females," she added.

MP Gunawardena said that a great responsibility is on the shoulders of the 12 female MPs who have been elected to the House in the General Election 2020 to carry out welfare and development activities in relation to children and women's affairs.



Government's April - August expenditure should be corrected: Harsha

Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Harsha de Silva, joining the debate on the Vote on Account, said that the government's expenditure from April to August without a warrant from the House should be corrected so that such expenditure shall not be a precedent to a future President.

"We have a problem as to how these funds during that period were allotted and spent without the authorization of the House. The election was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So there were some legal issues concerning obtaining the funds, however, practically the government, we understand, had to obtain funds to fulfill the needs of people. We never questioned it," he said.

"So, now that we got the pandemic situation controlled, we need to legitimize these expenses. If we make it reasonable, it shall not be a precedent for a future President. We don't know what kind of Presidents shall be elected in the future," MP de Silva pointed out.

MP de Silva also criticized the government for obtaining more than Rs.1 trillion as loans within a short period of six months upon its election. In addition, he said that this Vote on Account and some more outside funding have been requested and this will increase our debt stock.

MP De Silva also requested the government to be vigilant when obtaining repo loans against the treasury bills and bonds in the US Federal Reserves. "I am not saying obtaining loans this way is correct or wrong. But as a responsible Opposition, we would like to request the government to be vigilant when obtaining these

loans. This facility was introduced for countries affected by the pandemic as a temporary solution. So my question is, are we creating a lien against our assets?"

"Now, when we issue ISPs in the open market, our sovereignty and jurisdiction are NY Courts. Therefore in any case of inability to repay they can use their jurisdiction or even administration if worse happens. This government has a great challenge in obtaining loans. If not the above mentioned method, the other way is that the government should obtain loans from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In that case, I would like to ask the government if it is planning to discuss with the IMF. I would also like to ask the government whether it has a plan to meet the debts due in the coming years," de Silva also said. MP de Silva also requested the government to disclose the balance of the special account recently opened to cater to deposits in any currency such as dollars, yen or other. He also questioned the government about its plan on deciding the legislation of the Colombo Port City. He also asked the government the incentive investment structure that they are going to introduce for the businesses to come and invest at the Colombo Port City.



Government must analyze previous regime's errors and strengthen economy: Nalaka

The present government will have to strengthen the country's local economy while analyzing the errors in previous government's economic policy implementation, Coast Conservation, and Waste Disposal and Public Sanitation, MP Nalaka Godahewa said while joining the debate on the Vote on Account, yesterday.

"I am not here to blame the previous government. However, it is important that we take examples from the errors the Good Governance Government made. From 2015, the economy of the country started to collapse. By 2019, the economic development rate of the country fell to 2.3 and became one of a country with the weakest economic development. The Good Governance Government came into power in 2015 and the first thing they did was to discontinue major development projects," State Minister Godahewa said.

"They forgot the simple theory that in order to keep the economy active, circulation of money is important.

As a result, the country's economy started to shrink. That is why after some time the previous government had to beg China to recommence projects such as Colombo Port City," he added.

"Then the Central Bank bond scam took place, and it had a major impact on the country's economy. The recurrent expenditure rose from 70%. Between 2015 and 2019, Rs.5.6 trillion was obtained as loans and taxes doubled. However, exportation did not expand and our foreign reserves fell," the state minister added.



Bandara raises concerns regarding Parliament seat allocations

Concerns were raised in the House yesterday regarding the allocation of seats to the newly-elected Members of Parliament.

Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Nalin Bandara, raising a Point of Order under Standing Orders 3(2), said it is stated that seat allocations in Parliament is done according to the discretion of the Speaker, but it does not give a detailed account of how the seats are allocated.

MP Bandara said that the seat allocation took place according to the directives of the Speaker, adding that a breakdown such as seats allocated for party leaders had not been given.

"We see that the allocation of front row seats to newcomers elected to Parliament is unacceptable, when MPs with years of experience are being given second row seats," MP Bandara said.

He charged that when one looks around in Parliament newly-elected MPs from one party have been allocated

front row seats while MPs with over 30 years' experience in Parliament have been allocated second row seats.

"This is wrong. You as the Speaker should rectify this issue as you hold the power to do so. MPs who have been in Parliament since 1988 have been pushed back to the second row. This is a wrong precedent and, if this trend is allowed to pass, we will have to face a big issue in the future where if party leaders demand one front row seat then we would have to break the walls of the House to accommodate them. Hence, I think it would be a good precedence for you to rectify this," he added.

Joining the debate, SJB MP Lakshman Kiriella said he had raised the matter with the Secretary-General of Parliament, adding that the issue would be discussed at the party leaders' meeting. He said a new interpretation about this issue was required. Accordingly, the Speaker said that the issue would be discussed at the party leaders' meeting.

Parliamentarians should abide by Constitution to preserve peace: Sabry

Parliamentarians have taken an oath to protect the Constitution and not to espouse to establish a separate state within the territory of Sri Lanka, and all should abide by the same, Justice Minister Ali Sabry said in Parliament, yesterday.

He made this observation joining the debate on the Vote on Account which lasted for the second day.

The Justice Minister said that the Members have taken oaths to uphold and protect the Constitution and not to directly or indirectly within or outside of the country to support, espouse, promote, finance, encourage and advocate the estab-

lishment of a separate state within the territory of Sri Lanka.

"If that is the case we should never by our act or conduct espouse that kind of thing," Minister Sabry said, "That will only be a play into the gallery."

He said further that the Constitution says "We, the freely-elected representatives of the people of Sri Lanka, in pursuance of such Mandate, humbly acknowledging our obligations to our People and gratefully remembering their heroic and unremitting struggle to regain and preserve their rights and privileges so that the Dignity and Freedom of

the Individual may be assured, Just, Social, Economic and Cultural Order attained, the Unity of the Country restored, and Concord established with other Nations, do hereby adopt and enact this constitution".

"Hence, we have to abide by it," Minister Sabry said. "It should not be limited only to words. I believe we have got to abide by within and outside the country."

He said, "We have had to abide by the Constitution. Sri Lanka shall give to Buddhism the foremost place and, accordingly, it shall be the duty of the State to protect and

foster the Buddha Sasana while assuring to all religions the rights granted by Articles 10 and 14(1)(e)."

"The Constitution says that every person is entitled to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, including the freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice. The Constitution says that no citizen shall be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religion, language, caste, sex, political opinion, place of birth, or on any other such grounds," Minister Sabry said.

"Now the time has reached to

read them again and understand clearly. We have got to protect the Constitution, and if so, we have to foster Buddhism. In the meantime, we have to guarantee the right to religion, as well as to treat all equally. If we read them clearly, we don't need to listen to those unnecessary statements made by a few," he added.

Minister Sabry said that he remembers a statement made by Gamini Dissanayake in 1970 in Parliament. In his statement, he quoted French revolutionist Claude Muller who said "Lets watch in which diversion the mob is running so that we can lead them", which is not leadership.

"Leaders have to find for themselves what is right for the country, and lead her for safety, dignity and integrity of this nation. That is what President Gotabaya Rajapaksa



wants. He clearly stated in this August assembly," the minister said.

"He wanted all the citizens to feel safe, secure, and dignified. That is how we can build this country. We don't want division—we want unity. Let's build inclusive nationalism," he added.

Govt. aims to drop diesel power generation to 5% by 2025: Dullas

The government's main aim is to reduce the diesel power generation from 32% to 5% by 2025, Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma said.

Tabling the report of the interim committee appointed by the Electricity Minister to probe the total power outage occurred in the national electricity supply on August 17 and joining the debate on the Vote on Account in Parliament, yesterday, he said the government had appointed a committee comprising university lecturers and experts in the field to investigate the power outage recently where the issue could not be rectified for several hours leaving the country without power.

"I received the Committee report three days ago and it was submitted to the Cabinet on Wednesday evening, and

while the committee disclosed their findings to the media last morning, I am tabling the report in Parliament," he said.

He said this will go down as a first instance a committee report has been made public in the country's history, as opposed to the many previous committees that we appointed to investigate various issues, but no one knew what happened to these reports. However, he said the government's policy is to be totally transparent and not hide anything from the consumers who have the right to know what happened, he said inviting everyone to follow his example.

Alahapperuma noted that he is bound to honour the trust placed by the people on the President and the government, adding that the government had been elected to power in a

monumental election victory. "The Presidential election was held on November 16th and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa won by 1,362,000 votes more than his contender Sajith Premadasa. However, by August 5th, within nine months, the government under the President won by a majority of 3.8 million votes. Not just that, taking into account the percentage of voters who used their vote in November which was 81%, but at the August General election only 75% had used their vote," the minister said.

"Hence, while the voter turnout at the August elections had dropped by 6% the number of votes for the government had increased from 1,362,000 to 3.8 million. This is a clear indication that not only our party supporters had

placed their trust on the president and voted for us. It shows that a large number of UNP and other party supporters too had voted for us," he added.

Minister Alahapperuma said, "We must all remember that this phenomenal victory was due to the trust placed by the people on President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Hence, we are all bound to honour that mandate and the first step is to remember that this massive victory was not because of any of us but solely because of the trust people have in the President."

Emphasizing on the current electricity crisis in the country, the Minister of Power also warned that the country could face a grave power crisis in the future if power supply is not managed efficiently.

"During the past five years not even 10 megawatts of power was added onto the national grid. I admit that the power failure was due to a human error, which is possible. However, one must acknowledge that the engineers and senior staff of the CEB are without doubt the best in this region with a wealth of experience and knowledge," he said.

"Therefore, I detest the derogatory attacks being levelled against these officers, as the issue is that our country does not have a proper power generation plan. However, our engineers have drawn up such a power generation plan but it has not been implemented due to the various political interferences. Therefore, before levelling allegations at our engineers and technicians, we

need to accept this reality. We have failed to stand up for the implementation of a national power generation plan," he added.

The minister pointed out that there is much talk about getting investment into the country but when a unit of electricity costs only Rs. 6 in India, who would want to come to invest in our country and pay Rs. 23 per unit? "This is the reality. Hence, if we are to attract foreign investment, it is absolutely imperative to bring down the cost of power. This is not an impossible task. We need to implement a national power generation plan in consultation with the electrical engineers and the PUCSL. Our

main goal is to reduce the 32% dependency on diesel power generation to 5% by 2025," the Power Minister said. "To achieve this goal we need to place our trust on renewable energy. In conclusion, the Power Minister urged the members of parliament to support the power generation national plan when it is presented to parliament as a national issue, without looking at the matter with green or red tinted glasses," he added.



Government subdued COVID-19 while developed nations failed: Dr. Bandula

The specialty of the new government is that it has been able to protect the country by controlling the COVID-19 epidemic while many developed countries had failed to do so and predicted to record unprecedented low and or minus economic growth rates by the end of 2020, Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena said in Parliament, yesterday.

He said that USA, UK, Russia, Japan, and India have been predicted to record -8%, -10.2%, -6.6%, and -12.8% by the end of this year, respectively. He added that if Sri Lanka could have recorded a plus economic growth rate as the Opposition members demanded, it could have been a world power.

"However, at a time when 821,000 people have died of COVID-19 epidem-

ic, 46 million people in USA lose their jobs, 21,000 business institutions were closed down and five million of youth lost their jobs in the UK, we have been able to control it commendably under new government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa," he said.

He made these observations in response to the Opposition member during the Vote on Account debate, replying on behalf of the Finance Minister.

Dr. Gunawardena also assured that before the Appropriation Bill for 2021 is presented, detailed figures on the income and the expenditure of the Vote on Account would be presented to Parliament for the perusal of all the Members of Parliament.

He further said that when the UNP MPs went



to courts against the government's use of funds to grant reliefs to public during the COVID-19 period, the court dismissed the cases, observing that the government had followed the proper procedures.

He added that the Opposition Leader, during his speech, said the country was driven towards economic development during their tenure of Good Governance Government and that it was the Mahinda

Rajapaksa government that was responsible for the deterioration of the economy.

Dr. Gunawardena added that anybody could read the statistics that the Gross Domestic Product was below USD 20 billion in each year following the independence achieved until 2005. Thereafter, during former President Mahinda Rajapaksa's period, it was increased to USD 80 billion.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa did all these amidst many challenges, including terrorism and global food and fuel crises, etc. "The Good Governance Government increased the GDP only by USD 4 billion during its rule," the minister said.

He said that the per capita income was increased from USD 295 to USD

3819 within 10 years of Mahinda Rajapaksa government. But it was increased only by USD 84 during the Good Governance Government's tenure. He also said that the Mahinda Rajapaksa government had taken only Rs.5 trillion loans during the 10 years and the Good Governance Government had taken Rs.6 trillion during their five years. He added that the economic growth rate was increased to 8% during the Mahinda Rajapaksa government tenure, which is one of the highest in the region, but the Good Governance Government dropped it to 3.2% during their tenure. It was only the Good Governance Government in the world that recorded such a drop of economic continuously during five consecutive years.

President to visit Lankagama site today: Amaraweera

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera said that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is scheduled to visit the Lankagama site skirting the Sinharaja Rainforest on an inspection tour today.

Taking part in the second day of the Vote on Account debate which was held in Parliament, yesterday, he assured that the incident that arose in Lankagama would be managed while protecting the environment and resolving the people's issues.

He also noted that he had received complaints regarding an environmen-

tal destruction in the Anavilundawa area in the Puttalam District, pledging that he would not allow any environmental damage to take place during his tenure.

Minister Amaraweera said that measures would be taken to minimize the import of plastic such as children's toys and promote environmentally friendly products and pledged to extend his full support to the clay industry for the production of environmentally friendly products.

Highlighting MP Vigneswaran's comments in Par-



liament, Minister Amaraweera also requested MPs not to make racial comments in Parliament which could create tension in the country.

'World Bank predicted Sri Lanka EGR would be 3.2 by year's end'

The World Bank had predicted that Sri Lanka's Economic Growth Rate (EGR) would be 3.2 by the end of this year, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa said in Parliament yesterday.

He made this observation joining the debate on the Vote on Account and said that the Asian Development Bank had predicted a negative growth of 6.1%.

He added that the Members on the government's side questioned about the sources from whom they got the data.

He said that the MPs should be trained to handle

statistics so that they could get a clearer picture of the country's economic situation. Opposition Leader Premadasa added that only then could they decide on effective steps to rectify the situation. The Opposition Leader questioned as to who would be responsible for Sri Lanka's drop from a higher-middle-income nation to a lower-middle-income one. He added that Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's proposal to provide 160,000 jobs is welcomed, but the fact that more than 100,000 jobs have been lost due to COVID-19 crisis should not be forgotten.

Vigneswaran's speech garners condemnation from Government, Opposition

The controversial speech made by Jaffna District MP C.V. Vigneswaran during the inaugural session of Parliament was a hot topic in the second day of the debate on Vote on Account held yesterday.

On Thursday, several government and opposition MPs and ministers condemned MP Vigneswaran's speech, pointing out that he is trying to fuel animosity between communities and promote racial politics. During yesterday's debate, several MPs from both the government and the opposition expressed their views on Vigneswaran's speech.

Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said, "Vigneswaran's claims about the earliest inhabitants of Sri Lanka being Tamils are untrue. I have challenged him to do a public debate on this matter. The people of the North are ready to cooperate with people in the South. They have given their preferential votes to MP Douglas Devananda more than most Tamil politicians."

"The speech made by MP Vigneswaran is not suitable during an inauguration that is why we did not argue on it that day. But we spoke about this outside the House," Minister Gammanpila said.

In the latter part of the debate, MP Vigneswaran rose to reply to the MPs who expressed their point of views on his

controversial speech. Jaffna District MP C.V. Vigneswaran said, "I met a very senior respected Sinhala Politician a day or two ago. He made a pertinent observation. He said my speeches were not vituperative nor abusive. He advised, 'Never lose sight of the need to be objective. I truly value his advice. Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and International Historians well versed in South East Asian History to report on our heritage and history.'"

"Historians must be Internationally-recognized. I for my part would like to tender a note to Your Honour to be included in the Hansard, which speaks of 'The Antiquity of the Tamil Language and Tamil Society in Sri Lanka' prepared by Emeritus Professor Pathmanathan. As for my friend Udaya Gammanpila, all his historical references are outdated. Let him study history again and then come back. An Honourable Member from Colombo named me personally yesterday and referred to certain matters against me. I may be given a few minutes in addition to my quota to reply to him," he added.

MP Vigneswaran also said, "Firstly, he said that I had forbidden Sinhalese and Muslims entering the North when I was Chief Minister. Truly, I must be a demon who had said so when my children have both married Sinhalese. Mr. Speaker, I do

not indulge in such vituperative, racial exercises. I would like to see any video or audio report of such speech if there be one to explain to the Member. I may have said that it was wrong to bring outsiders to set them up in Mahaweli Schemes contrary to International Law principles, which expects the local people to be given priority. As a Representative of Tamils, I find nothing significant to comment about this mid-term Vote on Account."

"No Government has so far rendered any significant help to pull out our war affected people from their penury stricken indigent circumstances. They are also not interested in granting economic powers to the periphery to enable them to look after themselves. You would remember the Chief Minister's Fund was refused to our Province during the time of both Governments. Hence I deem it necessary to stress on this occasion the urgent need to solve the political question of the Tamils first, which is basic to the amelioration of the conditions of our affected People," he added.

Following Vigneswaran's speech, MP D.V. Chanaka, State Minister of Aviation Services and Development of Export Zones, expressed his opinion on MP Vigneswaran's reply speech.

The State Minister pointed out that all the traditional Tamil political parties only care about increasing the number of seats they engage in the House, and are worried neither about their nation nor about their people.

He added that MP Vigneswaran, during the time he held the post of Chief Minister of the Northern Province, returned 80% of the allocations given to develop the living condition of people of the North back to the General Treasury.

"What they are trying to do is, to make the lives of these people become horrible so much that they will take the path of racism. These people who talk about separating the country and language, their children are not even living here. They talk about their language, but their children cannot even write their mother-tongue. They are leading luxurious lives while letting the people of the North live in misery," he said.

State Minister Chanaka observed that it is only but fake that these traditional Tamil political parties and politicians such as MP Vigneswaran do not want peace or democracy. The very people who supported the postponement of provincial council elections are now talking about democracy," State Minister Chanaka pointed out.



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Detailed meal expenses bill to be presented soon: Speaker

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday observed that he would present a detailed bill of the expenditure on the food in the House of Parliament in the near future.

He said further that, however, the cost of meals per MP is around Rs.296. He added that the cost had been incorrectly calculated by the officer by dividing the entire food cost in the Parliament by 225.

He made these observations in response to members' expressions of displeasure over a statement by an officer of the Parliament that said a sum of Rs.3,000 is spent on the meal of each MP daily. Several members expressed their displeasure over the same matter on Thursday, too.

SLPP MP Gevindu Kumarathunga said that the statement by one of the staff members of Parliament during the workshop for newly-elected MPs said that a single meal meant for an MP costs more than Rs.3,000. It has attracted public displeasure, he added.

Thereafter, raising the same issue said that generally he brought his meal from home. "But most of the MPs cannot do it as they are living far away from their homes," MP Dolawatta said. He added that such a meal cannot cost Rs.3,000 at least it cannot be Rs 950 either."

He added if the statistics are correct, those who procure the food might be earning unlawful profits. Even the media personnel get the meal for Rs.150. The Speaker's statement was carried in the media without giving a prominence.

Joining the issue Samagi Jana Bal-



wegaya MP S.M. Marikkarra said that the quality of the meal provided from Parliament was low. They cannot be Rs.3,000 as they cannot be tallied with those meals of a star hotel. He added that the officer who calculated the per-head expenditure might have done so by dividing the cost of the meal, including the 2,000 employees of the Parliament by 225. That is grave injustice by the MPs.

He said the cost of the meal should be around Rs.200 or Rs.300. He added that the Parliament never even provides seasonal fruits for dessert; only pineapple, papaya and banana.

The Speaker observed that members were correct, and that the cost of the meal of each MP seemed to be of Rs.296. He added that the cost had been incorrectly calculated by the officer by dividing the entire food cost in the Parliament by 225. He added some of the Parliamentarians as a habit, never took meals from the Parliament. He added that the media too should be cautious when they carry news items.

Meanwhile, SLPP MP Anura Priyadarshana Yapa said that the issue was created by an officer by stating incorrect facts and figures. Generally, to ensure security, food is provided in Parliaments across the world. The Indian Parliament provides food free of charge.

"We don't want food free of charge, but at least 75 won't take meals a day," MP Anura Yapa Abeywardena said. "However, action should be taken against the officer who made incorrect statements without proper knowledge of the matter," he added.

Parliament approves appointment of Members to six committees

Parliament yesterday approved the proposal made by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to appoint MPs to six committees, a Parliament press release stated.

The Legislative Standing Committee will consist of 17 Members. It will be officially chaired by the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, and 15 other members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, the statement read.

The Committee on Standing Orders of Parliament shall consist of 12 members. The Committee will be chaired by the Speaker and consists of the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, and nine other members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection. The House Committee will consist of 15 mem-

bers to serve in the first session of the Ninth Parliament and will be chaired by the Speaker, the press release said.

The Committee on Ethics and Privileges to be appointed to serve in the first Session of the Ninth Parliament will consist of 16 Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection. Its chairman will be nominated by the members at the first meeting.

The Committee on Public Petitions will consist of 23 members. Its chairman will also be appointed by its members at the first meeting, the statement said.

The Backbencher Committee shall consist of the Chief Government Whip, the Chief Opposition Whip, eight Backbenchers from the Government, and eight Backbenchers from the Opposition, it added.

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A timely proposal

The Cabinet of Ministers has approved a proposal made by the Minister of Highways Johnstone Fernando to construct three flyovers above the railway lines across Uttarananda Mawatha and Justice Akbar Mawatha close to the Slave Island Railway Station, Co-cabinet Spokesman and Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila has said.

Considering the heavy traffic congestion that is prevalent during peak hours near the railway lines across Uttarananda Mawatha and Justice Akbar Mawatha, a decision had been taken to implement this project and call bids from eligible local contractors for the construction of three flyovers under the project at a total cost of Rs 6 billion.

This is a long overdue project. One report mentioned that the level crossing here is closed around 110 times on any given weekday as Slave Island is one of the busiest railway stations in the country. With two heavily-used railway lines crossing a busy road, it is also a dangerous traffic island where accidents have occurred between trains and vehicles. This project should therefore be expedited for the benefit of all road users and the benefit to the economy will be obvious in terms of fuel and time savings. It will be worth spending Rs.6 billion in the long term.

It is also worth noting that the contracts will be awarded to local companies. For far too long, we have awarded contracts to foreign companies, which usually means a loss of valuable foreign exchange. In fact, only local companies should be considered for fully Government-funded projects in the future. This should also be enshrined by law as part of a national development policy, so that a future Government cannot change it.

The only exception would be fully foreign funded projects, where the relevant foreign Government or lending agency generally has the right to nominate their preferred consultants and contractors. Even in such instances, the foreign companies must be urged to form partnerships with, and give subcontracts to local contractors who are now second to none in the world. In fact, many of our leading local contractors are engaged in big projects abroad.

Minister Johnstone Fernando has already taken several steps in this direction. The Yahapalana Government virtually abandoned the Central Expressway Project (CEP) which it began with much fanfare back in 2015 and now the responsibility has fallen on the shoulders of the affable new Highways Minister to see it through to completion. Here too the Minister has decided to award the contracts for the Kadawatha-Meerigama stretch to local contractors. Earlier, the Government decided to allocate Rs.32 billion for expediting the stalled project. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, who recently inspected the progress of the CEP, has also instructed officials to expedite it. It should see completion within the next few years. The Government must also accelerate the construction of other highway and expressway projects including the Ruwanpura (Ratnapura) Expressway, the Marine Drive extension, the Kelani bridge expansion, Port City Access Roads and proposed elevated roads to several suburbs of Colombo. It is also important to decide on the viability of the proposed Colombo-Malabe Light Rail Transit project and if it is not economically justifiable, to consider an elevated road or another alternative.

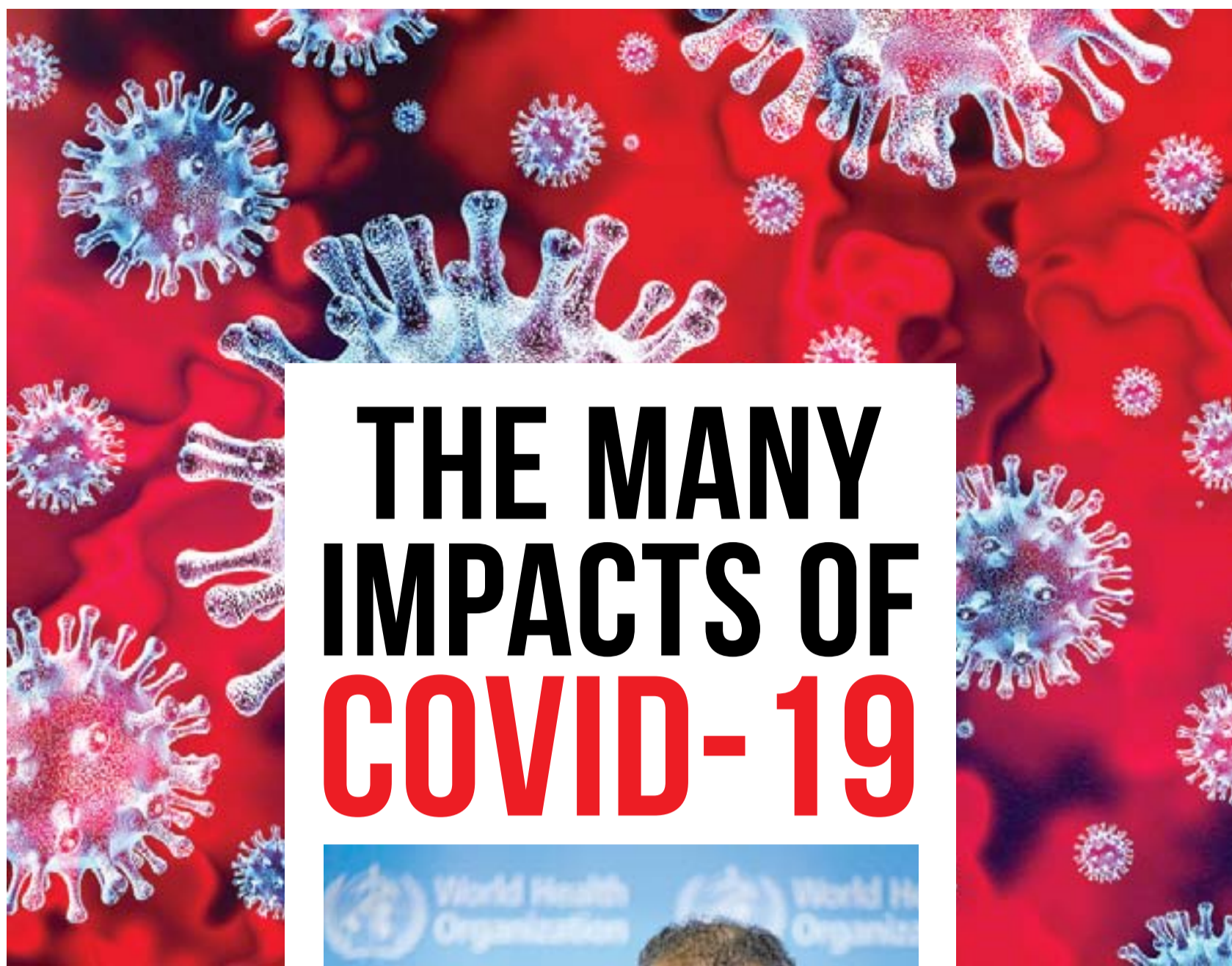
While it is extremely important to develop expressways and city roads to minimise traffic congestion and cut down travel times, one must not lose sight of the fact that there are many remote villages which lack even basic access roads and bridges. We often see on TV News video clips of villagers wading through streams and rivers or walking through narrow gravel roads to reach the nearest town, which can be 10-15 Km away. Not even a three wheeler can reach some of these villages. This can lead to life and death situations for pregnant women and critically ill patients.

The Government has now taken this factor into account and started a programme to develop 100,000 Km of rural roads, access roads and by lanes. Moreover, a separate State Minister has been appointed for this subject, given its importance in the overall scheme of national development. This too is a long overdue project that must be expedited. The Provincial Councils and Local Bodies have to play a major role in this programme, since it is local-level people's representatives who know the requirements best.

Roads are not just a means of getting from A to B. They help bring people and communities closer together. A simple bridge can link two villages, thereby creating new social and economic opportunities. Every new or renovated road is actually a business opportunity, for they bring cities to the doorstep of the villages. Easier access to the nearest city or town is a great boost to the rural farmer, entrepreneur or the self-employed. This in turn is a boon to the economy, which is heading for renewal in the post-Coronavirus era. Every new road should lead us towards prosperity.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When you build a road you're building
the future development of your city.
- Richard Lamm



THE MANY IMPACTS OF COVID-19

Dr. VICTORIA PANOVA

Over 23 million people worldwide have been infected by the COVID-19 disease. Nevertheless, World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom is optimistic that the health crisis will end within two years. But as the pandemic rages on, peoples and countries are gradually adapting to the new normal.

During the initial days of the pandemic, some expressed hope that the world would come together to fight the common enemy—like COVID-19—given its visible and immediate consequences. Instead, there was a rise of national egoisms and intensified conflicts all over the world, preventing an efficient joint response. The pandemic has made all existing domestic and international weaknesses clear and visible. It has precipitated an economic crisis, deepened political chaos and environmental problems, and exposed healthcare system deficiencies in most countries.

NO LEADER, NO ALLY

There are several angles to consider when discussing the global impact of the pandemic. First, although countries initially considered joining forces to mitigate the risks from the virus, this was soon superseded by growing global turbulence and enhanced confrontation—rising tensions between the US and China, border clashes between India and China, US-Iran jostling over the nuclear deal, continued tensions in the West Asia region, among others.

Another important issue to consider is the US's abandonment of its global leadership position, and the ensuing chaos, confusion and disappointment among allies and others alike. While Washington did not show any empathy for—or willingness to take on the financial burden of—other countries during the crisis, Beijing—the next potential 'big power'—was not seen as reliable or appropriate to take on the global leadership mantle. China's moves to assist other countries tackle the pandemic—which originated in Wuhan—were met with suspicion.

Finally, a major collateral consequence of the pandemic is the re-ideologisation of international politics, with geopolitical opponents being blamed primarily as a political tool.

For instance, over the past few months, the US has actively blamed the Communist Party of China for the pandemic, presenting it as intent on destroying the very essence of American values and lifestyle.

At the same time what exacerbated a bad situation is the lack of trust on all levels—between allies, in multilateral institutions and in government. Externally, there is a growing divide between close allies. Seemingly neutral areas like the internet or financial systems have seen new ideas, such as China and Russia intensively working on their own payment systems for integration within the BRICS over fears of being cut off from the SWIFT financial system.

International guarantees, obligations and agreements no longer glue the system. There is deep uncertainty over the future of the disarmament regime after the expiration of the START 3 (a US-Russian arms agreement) in 2021, since the Open Skies Treaty is already compro-



WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus



A woman in a face mask walks by a sign posted on a boarded up restaurant in San Francisco, California during the novel coronavirus outbreak. - AFP



COVID-19 has caused a shift from hard security issues to socio-economic and humanitarian factors. Non-military issues have become sensitive topics for most countries, and the race to announce a COVID-19 vaccine is the newest addition to international politics. Russia raised the stakes by claiming to have registered the world's first vaccine (named Sputnik V).

mised and Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces deal having been killed as well.

At the citizen level, the lack of trust has led to bloody protests and Black Lives Matter movement in the US, which spilled over to Europe; a tense situation in Hong Kong with China's controversial moves, among others. While the core causes for these and other citizen-led movements are different, it cannot be ignored that the pandemic has placed a heavier burden on the gen-

eral public, allowing for the unrest to ignite faster.

US PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a big impact on the upcoming US presidential elections. The US has seen over 5.5 million people being infected by the virus, and over 175,000 deaths. Even though US President Donald Trump's economic packages allowed for those who lost their jobs during the pandemic to receive extra unemployment ben-

efits, socio-economic hardships will likely be the determining factor in the presidential polls, and of Trump's electoral fate. Yet, neither Republicans nor the Democrats have a strategy to come out of the crisis. At the recent Democratic National Convention, Joe Biden appealed to the American people as a "warrior of the light" to fight the "knight of darkness" (Trump), with some ideas for the economy but not much else. The problem with both political parties is that they look into and appeal to the past but do not propose innovative solutions to systemic problems.

NEW SECURITY CONCERNS

COVID-19 has also caused a shift from hard security issues to socio-economic and humanitarian factors. Non-military issues have become sensitive topics for most countries, and the race to announce a COVID-19 vaccine is the newest addition to international politics. Russia raised the stakes by claiming to have registered the world's first vaccine (named Sputnik V).

New technologies and digitalisation are also areas for rivalries among countries and national security concerns to play out. The US's decision to sanction Chinese tech giants ZTE and Huawei, its addition of 38 companies to the BIS Entity List, and potential ban of Chinese apps like TikTok or WeChat must be seen in this light. India too has banned several Chinese apps over national security concerns. This complements China's restrictions of Google and Facebook, and the overall functioning of the Great Firewall. Although the tech race is not new, the issue has gained recognition amid the pandemic as digital technologies were the only way to continue any sort of communication and activity—e-commerce, e-learning, videoconferencing or telemedicine—during the worldwide lockdown.

FAILURE OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Crucially, the pandemic has also demonstrated the lack of systemic and credible responses from the existing international institutions. There have been tussles among the G7 nations over the US's plan to invite India, Australia, Russia and South Korea to the summit. At the same time, the WHO has drawn a lot of flak over its handling of the pandemic, with the US refusing to pay and then moving to leave the organisation, and Brazil threatening to do the same, even as other countries agreed that reform was needed. Although the BRICS New Development Bank should be commended for assisting member states in their fight against COVID-19, a 2018 initiative to create a joint vaccine centre has not been realised, even during the current pandemic.

The BRICS grouping still has the opportunity to offer new solutions to this unprecedented crisis at the upcoming summit, else it risks becoming another inefficient institution.

The pandemic has laid bare the societal illnesses of our global community. Existing instruments and pills will not help to cure the patient, instead doctors need drastic upskilling. Innovative solution need to be complemented by a willingness and commitment to make them work. Are we ready for that?

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BLACK LIVES PROTESTS HIT U.S. POLL POLITICS

ON MY WATCH

BY LUCIEN RAJAKARUNANAYAKE

As the Democratic and Republican Conventions in the US wind up, new Black Lives Matter protests following the shooting of an unarmed black American, could lead to major political confrontations in the coming presidential election.

There are continuing protests in the US after the police shooting of a black American at Kenosha city in Wisconsin last Sunday. While protests during the day are peaceful, those after the curfew at night have been violent, with two persons killed and one injured.

The protests followed the police shooting of Jacob Blake, an unarmed black American, seven times in the back as he opened the door of his car, when armed policemen were following him. Three of his children were in the car. The police later found a knife in victim Blake's car, but no other weapons. It is learnt that Jacob Blake was attempting to settle a domestic dispute among two other persons when the police drew their weapons on him.

Many sports events in Basketball, Baseball and Soccer have been postponed as players and teams did not wish to play in the situation following the shooting of Blake, as the Black Lives politics keeps more activated. There are fears the protests would move to a major political confrontation in the US, in the context of the rising public feelings, and the Trump campaign moves, with the approach of the US presidential election in November.

US President Donald Trump has sent federal law enforcement to Kenosha, tweeting they were to combat "looting, arson, violence, and lawlessness on American streets".

Shortly after Mr. Trump's tweet, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers said he had authorised 500 National Guard troops to support law enforcement efforts amid concerns about further violence.

Protests have also spread to a number of other US cities, including Portland, Oregon and Minneapolis, Minnesota, where the police killing of unarmed black man George Floyd in May sparked Black Lives Matter protests across the US and globally.

Mr. Blake is recovering in hospital and is conscious, but his lawyers fear it will take a "miracle" for him to walk again, with reports of him being paralysed below the waist due to spine injuries.

Wisconsin's Attorney General has now named the officer who shot a black man on Sunday, sparking days of demonstrations. The Policeman had shot Jacob Blake seven times in the back as he opened the door of his car.

A 17-year-old was arrested on Wednesday after two people were killed and another injured amid unrest on Tuesday night. The 17-year-old from Antioch, Illinois, had been arrested over the deaths of a 26- and 36-year-old during Tuesday's protests. The injured individual is also 26 years of age. The teenager is held on suspicion of first-degree murder.

The Attorney General has said there are some people "involved in destructive activity who are not from the city of Kenosha or not from the state of Wisconsin"... "All they are doing is creating chaos," he said, adding that the people of Kenosha "deserve to have the opportunity to grieve, protest peacefully [and] call for the change they want to see."

A spokesman for the Wisconsin Professional Police Association told the BBC individuals and groups were exercising their own form of vigilantism because law enforcement was spread very thin across the city.

Meanwhile, the National Basketball Association (NBA) postponed Wednesday's three play-off games after the Milwaukee Bucks called off their Basketball fixture in protest at the shooting of Jacob Blake.

In baseball, at least two MLB games were called off after teams decided not to play, and five MLS matches have been postponed.



Donald Trump and Joe Biden

Also, Japanese Tennis player Naomi Osaka has pulled out of a WTA match on Thursday. She tweeted that she would no longer play her semi-final in the Western & Southern Open in New York, saying that "as a black woman... I feel as though there are much more important matters at hand that need immediate attention, rather than watching me play tennis".

The Seattle Mariners announced they had decided not to play the second game in their MLB series against the San Diego Padre. "With our community and our nation in such pain, we wanted to draw as much attention to the issues that really matter, especially racial injustice and systemic oppression."

Major League Soccer said that five matches had been postponed in the current situation.

Former US President Barack Obama, a



Black Lives Matter protests following the police shooting of Jacob Blake in USA.

dedicated basketball fan, tweeted his support of the walkout.

TRUMP: ELECTION STEAL WARNING

US President Donald Trump, nominated by the Republican Party as its candidate for the November presidential election, has warned that the opposition Democrats may "steal" the election, and of alleged threats from widened postal voting, raising much concern in the US about the outcome of the poll result.

He told delegates at the party convention that the Democrats are "using Covid to defraud the American people," and that mail-in ballots could lead to voter fraud.

An unprecedented number of Americans are expected to vote by mail as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. President Trump has claimed through the past months that voting by post would lead to voter fraud, while experts and voting officials have dismissed the claim that mail-in voting leads to fraud as a false conspiracy theory.

Opinion polls suggest he is lagging behind Democratic challenger Joe Biden, the former vice-president to Barack Obama, has gained a 10-point lead in several polls.

When questioned on his acceptance of the election result, Mr. Trump has not said he will agree with it. He has said it will have to be seen.

Addressing delegates in person at the party conference Mr. Trump accused Democrats of "using Covid to steal an election" and that "The only way they can take this election away from us is if this is a rigged election," he said. "We're going to win."

Mr. Trump had also warned of a "rigged" election in 2016, as he trailed Hillary Clinton in the polls. But in 2016 the polls were far less clear and just a few percentage points separated Mr. Trump and then-rival Hillary Clinton at several points as election day neared.

Mr. Trump has repeatedly asserted that expanded mail-in voting - which is expected to be more prevalent this year amid the coronavirus pandemic - will lead to "the most corrupt election" in US history. Ellen Weintraub, commissioner of the Federal Election Commission, has said: "There's simply no basis for the conspiracy theory that voting by mail causes fraud. None."

Mail-in voting is used by the US military, and even Mr. Trump himself and members of his family.

A recent slowdown in mail deliveries due to cost-saving measures in the US postal system has fuelled concerns that ballots might not be returned by election day.

Several states have sought to change their election laws to allow ballots to be counted days after the forthcoming presidential vote, which some analysts fear could lead to delays in declaring the presidential victor.

Current Polls suggest American voters have serious doubts about the president on the current issues facing the people, most caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.

NAVALNY PROBE CALL

There is a rising call from many countries for a full and transparent inquiry into the suspected poisoning of the Russian opposition activist and strong Putin critic, Alexei Navalny, who is being treated in Germany, brought there for treatment from the Siberian city of Omsk, where he was treated by Russian doctors.

The call for a transparent probe comes from Germany, France, UK, US and Norway.

Mr. Navalny fell ill on a flight from Tomsk to Moscow last Thursday. His supporters suspect poison was placed in a cup of tea at Tomsk airport.

The Kremlin has dismissed accusations that President Vladimir Putin sanctioned the poisoning of critic Alexei Navalny. The Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the allegations were untrue and could not be taken seriously. He questioned why the German doctors had rushed to that opinion.

His condition is serious but not life-threatening, the Berlin doctors say.



Sonia Gandhi

Mr. Navalny, 44, made his name by exposing official corruption, labelling Mr. Putin's United Russia as "the party of crooks and thieves". He has served several jail terms which he says were the result of politically motivated charges.

The pressure on Moscow mounted after Charité hospital in Germany revealed its findings. Chancellor Angela Merkel called for a thorough investigation into Navalny's condition. Officials in France, UK and Norway echoed her sentiment, and the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the US "stands ready to assist" with a probe if reports of a poisoning "prove accurate".

Pompeo's deputy Stephen Biegun met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and other diplomats on Tuesday. According to Russia's Foreign Ministry, Biegun warned that if Navalny's poisoning is confirmed, the US could take steps that will exceed Washington's response to findings of Russia's meddling in the 2016 US presidential election.

The Kremlin said on Tuesday there were no grounds for a criminal investigation so far since it hasn't been fully established what caused the politician to fall into a coma. Peskov said Navalny's condition may have been triggered by other causes.

Merkel's spokeswoman, Ulrike Demmer, said on Wednesday there was no reason to doubt the German doctors' findings. "From the side of the German government, there is the fullest trust in the work of the doctors," Demmer said, adding that Germany takes the clinical evidence of a poisoning "very seriously."

The German Charité hospital says that "clinical evidence suggests an intoxication through a substance belonging to the group of cholinesterase inhibitors".

The exact substance has not been identified. The inhibitors can be used to treat conditions like Alzheimer's but can also be used in nerve agents. They block a crucial enzyme meaning that muscles, particularly those associated with breathing, can go into spasm.

Mr. Navalny's wife, Yulia, has said she feared Russian doctors had delayed his transfer as authorities were trying to wait for evidence of any chemical substance to disappear.

GREECE - TURKEY

Greece and its EU allies held war games in the Mediterranean Wednesday while Turkey conducted drills with the US navy nearby, as the row between the two neighbours over gas and maritime borders increased this week with threats to peace in the Mediterranean region.

The convergence of a growing number of warships on an energy-rich but disputed patch of sea between Cyprus and Crete came as NATO and a host of European officials called for cooler heads to prevail.

Greece and Turkey are rivals through centuries with a litany of disputes—despite both being members of the NATO military alliance. They nearly went to war over some uninhabited islets in 1996, and earlier this month frigates from the two sides collided while

Turkey was searching for energy in the eastern Mediterranean.

The threat of another conflict could imperil Europe's access to a wealth of new energy resources and draw in nations such as Egypt and war-torn Libya.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said he was "personally regularly in contact with Ankara and Athens". After failed shuttle diplomacy aimed at getting the two sides talking again Tuesday, Berlin on Wednesday criticised the naval exercises as "not helpful".

The emerging crisis is quickly rising to the top of the agenda not only regionally but also in Brussels and Washington. Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said after telephone talks with US President Donald Trump that Athens was "ready for a significant de-escalation—but on condition that Turkey immediately stops its provocative actions".

But Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan insisted Wednesday that Ankara would not accept preconditions such as suspending its gas exploration before resuming dialogue. Turkey will "make no concessions on that which is ours," Erdogan said.

Greece was able to secure the support of EU military powerhouse France in three days of war games starting Wednesday that also includes Italy and Cyprus.

The Turkish Defence Ministry conducted its own drills with an Italian navy vessel on Tuesday. And the same US destroyer that took part in the exercises with Turkey had staged air and sea manoeuvres with the Greek navy south of Crete on Monday.

The seeming shifts in allegiance highlight Rome and Washington's desire to avoid challenging Erdogan because of Turkey's importance to conflicts in Libya and the Middle East.

But France has joined Greece in shadowing the Turkish vessels and is openly warning Erdogan against overplaying his hand. The Mediterranean "should not be a playground for the ambitions of some—it's a shared asset", French Defence Minister Florence Parly said.

Greece is expected to once again push for penalties against Turkey at an informal meeting of EU foreign ministers in Berlin on Thursday and Friday. Turkey has been isolated at such meetings because it is a member of NATO but not the EU bloc.

Its accession talks to the EU have stalled as Erdogan pushes ahead with a more nationalist and diplomatically aggressive course that plays well to his conservative base at home. But the EU has refrained from heavily sanctioning Turkey and has only targeted two energy executives for their role in drilling work near Cyprus.

In past disputes, Erdogan has repeatedly used the threat to open Turkey's borders and allow millions of refugees—many of them from Syria—to enter the EU. "If we say we will do something, we will do it, and we will pay the price," he said Wednesday.

INDIA - CONGRESS LEADERSHIP

Sonia Gandhi will continue to lead India's main opposition Congress Party as its "interim" president, as the party decided after a stormy seven-hour meeting of its top leaders in New Delhi.

The Congress Working Committee has unanimously requested Sonia Gandhi to lead the Indian National Congress until such time as circumstances permit an All India Congress Committee session to be convened, the party has announced.

This decision followed the Italian-born Sonia Gandhi asking the party to "relieve her from the duty of party president" and look for a replacement. Her call came after almost two dozen Congress leaders called for better decision-making in the party. Signatories to the letter expected the Gandhi family to either play a proactive role or step down, stating that more than 300 regional Congress politicians also supported this call.

This is a major challenge to the Nehru-Gandhi family, which produced three Indian prime ministers and has dominated the party

for much of the period since independence in 1948.

Sonia Gandhi, 73, is the widow of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated. Their son Rahul Gandhi has also served as Congress president, which he gave after the party's defeat at the last polls.

It is not clear when or whether an election would take place, but Congress politicians hope to persuade Rahul Gandhi to take up the leadership, even though he has repeatedly refused such a move.

At present, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has defeated the Congress in two national polls in 2014 and 2019. The Congress managed to win 44 seats in the 543-member parliament in 2014, and in the 2019 polls gained only 52 seats.

BELARUS PROTESTS

As protests continue in Belarus against President Lukashenko who has been in power for 26 years, the figurehead of the popular protests - Sviatlana Tikhonouskaya, who was defeated in the recent polls, has said Belarusians would "not relent" in the face of state violence as she addressed Members of the European Parliament on Tuesday.

In a speech delivered via video link from exile in Vilnius, Lithuania, she urged MEPs to continue their support for what she called Belarus' "democratic revolution"... "Belarus has woken up. We are not the opposition anymore. We are the majority now. The peaceful revolution is taking place," she said.

She reiterated the demands of protesters in the Eastern European country for free and fair elections as well as the end of intimidation and violence carried out by state actors, calling on the world to respect the "serenity of Belarus."

Meanwhile, Nobel Prize-winning Belarus writer Svetlana Alexievich has been summoned by Belarus investigators over membership of the new opposition coordinating council aiming to facilitate a transition of power in the country.

The 72-year-old author and journalist won the prestigious Nobel Prize for Literature in 2015. She is known for her work which depicts life after the Soviet Union. Her best-known prose is "Voices From Big Utopia". Much of her work criticises political regimes in Belarus and the Soviet Union.

AFRICA - NO POLIO

Africa has been declared free from wild polio by the independent body, the Africa Regional Certification Commission.

Polio usually affects children under five, sometimes leading to irreversible paralysis. Death can occur when breathing muscles are affected.

Twenty-five years ago thousands of children in Africa were paralysed by the virus. The disease is now only found in Afghanistan and Pakistan. There is no cure but the polio vaccine protects children for life.

Nigeria is the last African country to be declared free from wild polio, having accounted for more than half of all global cases less than a decade ago.

Polio is a virus which spreads from person to person, usually through contaminated water. It can lead to paralysis by attacking the nervous system.

More than 95% of Africa's population has now been immunised. This was one of the conditions that the Africa Regional Certification Commission set before declaring the continent free from wild polio.



Brenton Tarrant

CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

A white supremacist who killed 51 people at two mosques in New Zealand will serve life in jail without parole - the first person in the country's history to receive such sentence.

Australian Brenton Tarrant, 29, admitted to the murder of 51 people, attempted murder of another 40 people and one charge of terrorism, in his terrorist attack on two mosques at Christchurch, New Zealand last March. The attack was live streamed by him.

The judge called Tarrant's actions "inhuman", saying he "showed no mercy".

Tarrant's sentencing also marks the first terrorism conviction in New Zealand's history.

"Your crimes are so wicked that even if you are detained until you die, it will not exhaust the requirements of punishment," said Judge Cameron Mander in a Christchurch court on Thursday.

A sentence without parole means the offender will not be given the opportunity to leave prison after serving only a portion of their total sentence.

New Zealand does not have the death penalty as part of its justice system.

ART FOSTERS BUDDHIST - CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE IN SRI LANKA

Aruni Ruwandathi, a Christian graduate student, was surprised to find a bas-relief sculpture of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at Tulana in Kelaniya.

Buddhist monk Ven. Uttarananda Thera had depicted the Biblical scene on a wall at Tulana Research Centre for Encounter and Dialogue. When monks go looking for food with their begging bowls, the master of the house washes their feet as they enter and offers them food, recalling the image of Christ washing his disciples' feet.

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"The teacher shouldn't wash the feet of his disciples. The disciples should wash the feet of their master. Ven. Uttarananda Thera has depicted the image of washing of the feet in a Buddhist way," he said.

Father Pieris said this artwork is part of the creative Buddhist-Christian dialogue in the era of globalization. "It shows how Buddhism and Christianity can act as a source of hope to people who suffer from

socio-economic injustice, religious-political conflicts and environmental crises," he said.

Tulana Research Centre for Encounter and Dialogue was established for Buddhist-Christian inter-faith relations in 1974.

The Second Vatican Council (1962) recommended that the Church should everywhere become a native church integrated into indigenous cultures.

Inculturation has enabled the Church to transform from universal standards to local cultural variations. For instance, the architecture of St. Philip Neri Church in Kalutara in Colombo Archdiocese recalls the Paththirippuwa of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy.

The Paththirippuwa is an octagonal pavilion and one of the three main structures which comprise the temple in the palace complex of the former kingdom of Kandy.

The tooth was brought to Sri Lanka in the fourth century. Since ancient times, it has played an important role in local politics because whoever holds the relic rules Sri Lanka.

A pair of large lotus-shaped punkalasa and a highly ornate semi-circular sandakada pahana (moonstone) at the entrance of St. Philip

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Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour

Neris Church recall the entrance of ancient Buddhist monastic buildings. The lotus is a symbol of spiritual awakening in Hinduism and Buddhism.

Nuwan Manathunga, who has studied Catholic history, said the Sandakada Pahana, a Buddhist symbol, can be seen at the entrance to several churches and Christian institutions.

The architecture of the Cathedral of Christ the Living Savior was formed as a Buddhist temple, while Trinity College chapel in Kandy is a rediscovery of ancient Buddhist heritage. The Holy Rosary Church in Colombo is another church reflecting Buddhist architecture.

Manathunga said these churches are a result of the concept of inculturation advocated by the Second Vatican Council, with each culture expressing Christ's message in its own way and fostering a living exchange between the Church and diverse cultures.

"Christians want to practice their religion in the context of Sri Lanka and to be close to non-Christians. Unfortunately, extremist Buddhist monks think that Christians have stolen Buddhist culture," he said.

"Extremist monks have attacked symbols found at the entrance of churches in the last few years. They claimed that churches should not use their symbols," Manathunga said.

Buddhists represent 70 percent of Sri Lanka's 21 million population, while Muslims account for 10 percent and Christians 7 percent.

Catholicism was promoted by Father Jacome Gonsalves, a missionary from India who came to Sri Lanka in 1705. The Oratorian priest from Goa introduced Pasan (lamenting hymns) when he came to assist St. Joseph Vaz, the first saint of the island, who landed in 1686.

Father Gonsalves studied Sinhala



The bas-relief sculpture of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at Tulana in Kelaniya.

under Buddhist monks and learned to read Sinhala and Tamil classics. He wrote 22 books in Sinhala, 15 in Tamil, four in Portuguese and one in Dutch by using local culture.

He composed nine sets of Pasan to be recited between sermons. These original songs were collected in a book, Desana Navaye Pasan Potha (Book of Dirges), still used to this day. The Portuguese introduced Catholicism to Sri Lanka in 1505.

However, the Dutch, who took over in 1658, introduced Protestantism and persecuted Catholics.

St. Joseph Vaz, an Oratorian priest, went around the country reviving the faith in secret.

Starting as a lone missionary in a forbidden land, he later won the friendship of the Buddhist king of Kandy from where he ran eight missions serving more than 60 mission stations. (UCA)



Trinity College Chapel

Enhancing Historical India –SL educational collaboration at Sri Palee College through ISLF and ITEC

Dr. Sushil Kumar, First Secretary, Technical Cooperation in the High Commission of India visited Sri Palee College and Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo, Horana on August 26, 2020 and discussed matter related to bilateral educational cooperation.

The Foundation Stone for Sri Palee College was laid by Nobel laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and Wilmot A. Perera in 1934. With the support of the High Commission of India, Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Library and Resource Centre in the college was renovated in 2016. During the meeting with M. D. Jayasiri, Principal and other teachers of the Sri Palee College, both sides discussed facilitation of exchange

visits by students and faculty under the India – Sri Lanka Foundation (ISLF) and English language training for teachers of the college under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme.

Discussions were also held with Prof. Ranjan Hettiarachchi, Rector and senior academics from Faculty of Performing Arts and Faculty of Mass Media of the Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo, Horana for infrastructure development of the Campus and capacity building of academicians. Recalling the historical connect between Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and Wilmot A. Perera, both sides decided to enhance bilateral collaboration in areas of education, art and culture.



Dr. Sushil Kumar poses for a picture with Principal M. D. Jayasiri and other teaching officials near the statue of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore.

Anawilundawa Reserve mangroves ecosystem illegally cleared



DILSHAN THARAKA

An area of 0.6976 Hectares of the mangroves ecosystem in Anawilundawa Reserve has been illegally cleared by unauthorized persons on August 25.

Wildlife and Forest Conservation Minister S.B Ratnayake issuing a press release stated that reportedly, this area was illegally cleared for a prawns farming project by a group and the incident was reported to wildlife officials on August 26.

Following that, the relevant authorities were informed by Minister C.B Ratnayake to cease this activity completely and commence investigations against the persons who were involved in this activity.

An area of 1397 Hectares in the Anawilundawa area was named as a reserve in May 11, 1997 under the provisions of the Fauna and Flora Ordinance. Accordingly, Minister Ratnayake pointed out that destroying this natural mangroves system is an illegal act as well as a crime against the ecosystem.

Accordingly, the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation and other authorities were instructed by Minister Ratnayake to take illegal action regardless of status against the persons behind this activity.

Pictures by Priyankara Kalupahana



Sri Lanka donates Ceylon Tea to Royal Hospital Chelsea

As a gesture of goodwill to appreciate the service rendered by the iconic veterans of the British Army, a donation of Ceylon tea was made by Sri Lanka to the Royal Hospital Chelsea on August 26, 2020.

The Sri Lanka Tea Board and seven leading tea producers in Sri Lanka, namely, Vintage Teas Ceylon Ltd, Tea Trends Export Ltd (New English Teas), English Tea Shop, Dilmah Ceylon Tea, Mlesna Ceylon Ltd, Stassen International Pvt Ltd and Akbar Brothers contributed to this generous donation.

High Commissioner Saroja Sirisena, Deputy High Commissioner Samantha Pathirana, Minister (Commercial) Lakmini Mendis and Minister Counsellor (Defence) Swarna Bothota presented the donation on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka.

The donation was received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Gary Lashko, Professor Deborah Sturdy OBE, Major Philip Shannon and three Chelsea Pensioners.

Tea drinking was a long-established tradition in the British Army, with reports that tea was liberally distributed among the men on the morning of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

The Royal Hospital Chelsea established in 1692 is a retirement home and nursing home for some 300 veterans of the British Army including those who have served in Korea, the Falkland Islands, Cyprus, Northern Ireland and World War II.

This donation is emblematic of Sri Lanka's commitment to the longstanding bilateral relations with the UK.

China, Sri Lanka to strengthen cooperation in fighting COVID-19 pandemic

Chargé d'affaires of Chinese Embassy Hu Wei congratulated the newly re-appointed Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi and extended China's full support to the latter's Ministry. Health Secretary Dr. S.H. Munasinghe also joined the discussion.

Hu Wei highly appraised the Minister Wanniarachchi's re-assumption of office an important decision made by the new government, which shows full recognition and confidence of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and the general public on the Health Ministry's efforts fighting the COVID-19. Although the coronavirus is still raging across the world, China and Sri Lanka however are among the first few to have successfully controlled the pandemic.

China stands ready to work continuously with Sri Lanka to enhance epidemic cooperation and health collaboration including developing indigenous medicines.

Minister Wanniarachchi appreciated the valuable support from the Chinese government and people helping Sri Lanka fighting the



Chargé d'affaires of Chinese Embassy Hu Wei with Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi and Health Secretary Dr.S.H. Munasinghe.

COVID-19 over the past half year, and highlighted that the ministry would like to strengthen cooperation with the Chinese side in fight-

ing the pandemic as well as improving health services so as to bring more benefits to the two countries and two peoples.

Norway commends Sri Lanka for containing COVID-19 spread, conducting peaceful election

Norwegian Ambassador Trine Jørnli Eskedal told Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa that Sri Lanka has had great success in containing the spread of COVID-19 with early and rapid mobilization.

Ambassador Eskedal said so when she made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees on Thursday evening.

She congratulated Prime Minister Rajapaksa on winning the Parliamentary election and commended the well-organized election, held in a peaceful manner by adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines.

She also noted that Sri Lanka has had great success in preventing the spread of COVID-19 with early and rapid mobilization, a press communiqué issued by the Prime Minister's Media Unit said.

Ambassador Eskedal stated that Norway is looking forward to working with the new government, and appreciate the good bilateral relationship and long-term partnership with Sri Lanka.



Norwegian Ambassador Trine Jørnli Eskedal paid a courtesy call Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees on Thursday evening. Picture courtesy Prime Minister's Media Division

She underscored that the two countries have a number of areas of common interest, such as sustainable ocean economies, private sector cooperation, and development. She also highlighted the potential for further developing the commercial relations between the two countries, as Norwegian investors are especially interested in ICT, renewable energy, solar, wind and hydropower, as well as the maritime sector. The Ambassador stated that from 2013 to 2019, USD

2.3 million has been disbursed to the Sri Lankan fisheries sector, and that in September, Norway expects to sign a new agreement with Sri Lanka on the development of fisheries management tools.

Prime Minister Rajapaksa and Ambassador Eskedal discussed the economic impact of COVID-19 too. Ambassador Eskedal said that in April this year, Norway took the initiative for a UN multi-donor trust fund on COVID-19 to assist countries in need

to tackle the long-term socio-economic consequences of the coronavirus crisis. Sri Lanka has received USD 1 million from this fund so far.

She also pointed out that with COVID-19, there is a need to strike the right balance between national security and individual freedoms, and expressed good wishes for the Prime Minister and the new government to use the clear mandate they have received to provide better lives and an inclusive society for all Sri Lankan people.



Ambassador of the Russian Federation Yury Materiy paid a courtesy call on Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardane at the Speaker's VIP room in Parliament yesterday. State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness Dr. Nalaka Godaheva and Secretary General of Parliament Dammika Dassanayake were also present at the meeting.

Multimodal Transport Centre proposed

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Galle Central Special Correspondent

A Multimodal Transport Centre is proposed to be constructed at Devata close to the entrance to the Southern Expressway linking Sri Lanka's first E class highway, Coastal railway and Galle-Matara highway, Urban Development Authority (UDA) Southern Provincial Director Janaka Ranaweera revealed.

He was speaking at the Galle District Coordinating Committee (DCC) meeting held recently under the Co-Chairmanship of Southern Province Governor Willie Gamage and Galle district parliamentarian Sampath Athukorala.

"The preliminary arrangements have been already initiated. A part of the Colonial Post Office building

complex in the Galle Fort which collapsed recently will be renovated and converted into multi-development project over which an agreement has been reached with the Postal Department. The respective proposal has been submitted to the Management Board for approval," Ranaweera further said.

He further said that a massive urban development project had been formulated and would be implemented soon.

"We have already started the removal of old police barracks which are located in the heart of Galle city. We have identified an area at Devata just 04 kilo meters away from Galle town which is an ideal location for the proposed Multimodal Transport Center," he added.

Permit holders allowed to purchase motor vehicles at a discounted market price

Officers having motor vehicle permits on concessionary terms can use their permits to buy unregistered cars/cabs in Sri Lanka at a discounted market price equivalent to the tax relief mentioned in the permit, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday.

In this regard The Trade and Investment Policy Circular dated 28.08.2020 has been published on the website of the Ministry of Finance.

As per its provisions, the concessionary motor vehicle permits issued under Trade and Investment Policy Circular No. 01/2018 (as amended) and Public Administration Circular No. 22/99 (as amended) which have not been utilised so far can be used to buy an unregistered car locally from an authorized Vehicle Dealer at a market price that is reduced to a value similar to the tax relief mentioned in the permit.

The Ministry of Finance said in future it will take action to grant the tax relief mentioned in the relevant permit for the importation of cars by authorized vehicle dealers.

JICA supports Sewerage Master Plan of NWSDB

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has extended their support for the development of Sewerage Master Plan to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) since 2015, and Master Plan has been completed.

On August 13, Takashima Kiyofumi, Senior Representative of the JICA Sri Lanka office handed over the final documents of the Master Plan to NWSDB Chairman Nishantha Ranatunga at the Head Office of the NWSDB - Ratmalana. NWSDB General Manager Eng. R.H. Ruvinis, Eng. T.S. Wijethunga - Addl. GM (PandP), Eng. N.H.R. Kulanatha - Addl. GM (Sewerage), Eng. T.W.S. Perera - Addl. GM (WSP), Eng. Jaliya Seekkuge-DGM (ADB-JICA), Eng. S. Jayasinghe - AGM(JPU), Eng. K.P.P. Dharmasena - AGM (Sewerage), Eng. C. Ruwanpathirana - Eng (JPU) and Eng. M.G. Hemachandra - Senior Project Specialist (JICA) participated in the event.

In 2010, the Sri Lanka Govern-



Takashima Kiyofumi, Senior Representative of the JICA Sri Lanka office handing over the final documents of the Master Plan to the NWSDB.

ment declared water and sanitation to be an "inalienable right" and set the goal of developing the infrastructure to provide access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities for the entire country by 2025. Currently, only 2.4 percent of the population of Sri Lanka has access to pipe sewerage. However, the piped water supply coverage is around 48 percent. There is a big

gap between pipe water and pipe sewerage.

Considering the above circumstances, the JICA has provided technical cooperation to carry out the studies as stated below:

1. Strategic Master Plan under the Sewerage Sector for the whole island
2. Five Cities Master Plan for high priority five cities
3. Detail study for most prioritized two cities.
 - Additional Study on Kotte Sewerage Development
 - Additional Study on Nuwara Eliya Sewerage Development

The NWSDB and many other stakeholders such as Kotte and Nuwara Eliya Municipal Councils worked together for the development of this Master Plan to improve wastewater management and sanitation in Sri Lanka.

The Strategic Sewerage Master Plan will be a catalyst to develop the sewerage sector in Sri Lanka by providing direction for wastewater infrastructure planning, investment, and implementation for an extended planning horizon.

The review of existing infrastructure, identification of future needs, and appropriate treatment process and setting of development priority in this exercise will ensure benefits to public health and meeting of environmental goals.

Dilan Perera at SLPP press

Monkey crop raids are as serious as elephant crop raids

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

Former Minister and Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) member Dilan Perera yesterday said at a press conference that the endemic Toque macaques or rilawu monkeys invading and destroying the crops of farmers is a problem to be dealt with as seriously as the problem of elephant crop raids in their villages.

The press conference was held at the SLPP office in Battaramulla. Also present were Rohana Dissanayaka and Sahan Pradeep.

"While it apparently seemed funny to some of you living in Colombo that when a separate state ministry was declared for the construction of elephant fences, the elephant invasions has been a very serious problem to farmers in our villages," said Perera who represents the Badulla district.

"It was indeed the biggest problem in provinces like ours," he said, adding, "it was listed as one of the key issues affecting the public by the President, and a separate ministry was thus designated to resolve this topic on a firm footing by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. This is the result of President Rajapaksa paying attention to the people's appeals during

the election campaign during which he spent much of his time listening to them than speaking to them.

"It was in view of the identified issues that the Cabinet and State Ministries were nominated to cover all sectors of our country," he pointed out.

"Appointing a separate minister for the elephant fence in our province is not a joke at all."

"I personally am not against the appointment of separate ministers to take protective measures against monkeys and even peacocks that attack our farmers' crops, because these are real problems that our farmers face," he said.

"I mean, it's okay to focus on these areas as well. The President has launched a government programme to elevate the country's local industries with a specific plan for the growth of national economy, and has named responsible ministers to contribute to that plan," he said.

"Those in the Opposition who are looking at this program now understand very well the essence of this program. But because they understand its value, they do the usual to ridicule it out of political frustration," he said.

Fined for illegally entering National Park

NAVARATNA BANDARA

Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

Dehiaththakandiya Court District Judge Wasana Nawaratna fined a man Rs. 15,000 who

pleaded guilty for entering the Maduruoya National Park illegally. The court confiscated his bicycle as well.

He has been identified

as R.M. Sinhapala, a resident of Dambana. He was arrested by the Wildlife Conservation Department in Deketha. Officials seized his bicycle as well.

Proposals to resolve human-jumbo conflict called

NIMAL WIJESINGHE

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed the wildlife conservation authorities and government agents to implement a safe strategy in order to resolve the growing human-elephant conflict within the next two years.

Anuradhapura Government Agent R.M. Wanninayake told the *Daily News* that the divisional heads of the Wildlife Conservation Department and the divisional secretaries in the district have been asked to propose short- and long-term solutions to tackle this problem.

"This issue is needed to be given top priority since the menace affects agriculture-based livelihoods in rural areas. Farmer organizations have been blaming wildlife officials for not paying due and immediate attention to their complaints regarding the incidents of invasion of wild elephants into villages," the Government Agent said. "It is true that the number of conservation officers and other physical resources at the department is inadequate to cater to the district which consists of 22 Divisional Secretariat divisions where this issue is

very common. In the North Central Province, the number of deaths of wild elephants reported in the last 10 years is 869 and the human death toll is 301," Wanninayake emphasized.

He said during the last seven months, 12 humans and 26 wild elephants have died in the Anuradhapura District and in the Polonnaruwa District, 5 humans and 27 wild elephants died.

Wanninayake said some areas where no conflict was reported earlier, are now being invaded by wild elephants. According to him, as a relief measure, the construction of the 650km-long electric fence in the district is in progress. The authorities have been instructed to provide an adequate number of elephant crackers to the needy, and increase patrolling in the affected divisions. He said the provincial wildlife authorities have been advised to form an emergency operation unit in the district to attend to the emergency calls over unexpected invasions of wild elephants. "The relevant authorities shall pay special attention to last year records regarding the conflict in the Anuradhapura District," Wanninayake said.

Teaching appointments for English Diploma holders

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As a solution to the problem of English teacher shortage in the Southern Province, Southern Provincial Education Department is making arrangements to recruit 350 English diploma holders as primary teachers, a ministry official said.

"Applications have been called from English Higher National Diploma holders and 595 candidates have already tendered their applications. At present, those applications are being processed and the qualified candidates will be sent to the Southern Province Public Service Commission (SPPSC) which will arrange a placement test for the prospective applicants," the official further said.

When contacted SPPSC Secretary K.L. Dayananda, he said the respective test would be held at the end of September this year.

Over 240 dengue cases in K'gala

S.M. WIJAYARATNE

Kurunegala Corr.

About 248 dengue patients have been identified in different parts of the Kurunegala District during this month. Of them, 14 are receiving treatment at the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital. About 678 dengue patients were detected in the Kurunegala District during the past eight months and about 451 dengue patients received treatment at the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital. Of them, two have died of dengue, Dr. Chandana Kedangamuwa, Deputy Director of the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital told the media yesterday (28).



Former Director General of the Media Centre for National Security Lakshman Hulugalle assumed duties as the Sri Lanka Consul General for Sydney, New South Wales and Queensland recently.



An exhibition of products made by women who followed a self-employment course conducted by the Women Affairs Development Unit of the Central Province Industries Ministry, was held at the entrance to the Kandy District Secretariat auditorium. District Secretary Tissa Karunaratna was the chief guest. (Picture by Ajith Gangoda - Ududumbara Group Correspondent)

Episcopal Consecration of Monsignor Anton Ranjith Pillainayagam today

New chapter of Colombo Archdiocese history

E. WEERAPPERUMA

The Episcopal Consecration of Monsignor Anton Ranjith Pillainayagam will take place today (29) at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, Colombo.

Members of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Sri Lanka along with a limited number of priests and religious leaders representing the Archdiocese and other dioceses are expected to be present at the consecration ceremony. His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo will be the officiating prelate at the Episcopal Consecration.

Karampom, also known as the "Little Vatican" in Kayts, Jaffna, the birthplace of the Auxiliary Bishop-Elect Anton Ranjith hailing from Our Lady of Refuge Parish, Jaffna, has been the fertile land claimed to have given seven bishops so far and Msgr. Pillainayagam is the eighth. He is a close relative of Trincomalee Bishop Emeritus His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kingsley Swampillai.

Anton Ranjith is one of the twins born to Michael Anthony Pillainayagam, an officer attached to the Central Bank of Ceylon, Colombo, and Miriam Dharma Pillainayagam on September 23, 1966. Ajith, his brother, now lives in Canada.

Pillainayagam family, temporary residents in Kotahena, paved the way for their two sons to enter St. Benedict's College in 1973 to begin their schooling. But with the sudden death of their father, Mrs. Pillainayagam, the mother of the two small kids went back to Jaffna and the children were admitted to St. Patrick College, Jaffna. They completed their primary and secondary education at that school.

Master Anton Ranjith left St. Patrick College, after sitting for Advanced Level Examination

(1985) and entered St. Francis Xavier Major Seminary to pursue his priestly studies. Having completed his studies in Philosophy, he sought permission from the Local Bishop to enter University Studies as he had been selected. But the Local Bishop refused permission and he left with a heavy heart, on the advice of a priest who guided him. He then entered Jaffna University and obtained his BSc Degree in Mathematics (Statistics) from Jaffna University.

Due to escalating violence in Jaffna, Anton with his mother came to Colombo. Ajith, his brother was already residing in Colombo at that time. Having found shelter in Wellawatte, Anton was looking for employment and at the same time, he began giving tuition. The idea of entering the Vineyard of the Lord, as a priest, was still with him. He conveyed his desire to become a priest to a trusted person and found the way to enter Borella Minor Seminary in 1975, with the help of Bishop Emeritus Swampillai and ever willing the then Colombo Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando. He began learning Sinhala and then joined the Our Lady of Sri Lanka Seminary in Kandy, in the same year to pursue his Scripture and Theological studies.

At the completion of the Theological studies, with Baccalaureate in Theology from the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome, he received his diaconate and was ordained a Priest of God on September 16, 2000, by Archbishop Fernando who had gladly admitted him to be a candidate to the

priesthood from Colombo Archdiocese, five years earlier.

Having spent a few years as a member of the tutorial staff of Catholic Colleges in Colombo, Fr. Anton was sent to United Kingdom Middlesex University in 2004, to continue his studies in Education. Having obtained his Masters in Educational Science, he returned to the country in 2005. Back in Sri Lanka, he served in the tutorial staff of Colombo Catholic Colleges including both St. Joseph's Maradana and St. Peter's Bambalapitiya. He was serving as the Rector of St. Sebastian College, Moratuwa, when His Holiness Pope Francis on July 13, named him the Third Auxiliary

Bishop of Archdiocese of Colombo. His appointment as the Third Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo opens a new chapter as there is a very large number of Tamils living in the Western Province who will have a Shepherd who not only understands Tamil language but also their rites, rituals and customs. Thus, the appointment of Msgr. Anton Ranjith Pillainayagam is undoubtedly a beginning of a new era in the Sri Lanka Catholic Church history and that of the Colombo Archdiocese, as well. He, a man all the way from the Jaffna Peninsula born and bred, belonging to another community manifests well and enlightens the true meaning of the word "Catholic". It is a historical fact that the



Bishop of Archdiocese of Colombo.

Catholic Church takes her roots on the Sri Lanka soil during the arrival of missionaries beginning from St. Joseph Vaz, whom His Holiness Pope Saint John Paul II, named as the Apostle of Sri Lanka, when the Sainly Pope came to Sri Lanka in 1995 to beautify the then Ven. Joseph Vaz, who laboured sacrificing his life and time to spread the 'Good News' - the 'Word of God'.

The influx of missionaries to the land of our birth, helped the faith flourish in the midst of calamities and persecution during the times of foreign powers ruling the destinies of Sri Lanka and at a time then Ceylon as one missionary territory to the then diocese of Cochin, established on February 4, 1557, by Pope Paul IV, appointing

a Dominican priest Very Rev. Fr. Dom George Temudo as its administrator. According to available Church records, Pope Gregory XVI on December 3, 1834, created an independent diocese in Sri Lanka. On February 17, 1845, taking a further step, the Holy See created the Colombo Diocese. Pope Leo XIII elevated Colombo Diocese to the status of Metropolitan Archdiocese on September 1, 1886. Pope Pius XII changed the name, to be known as Archdiocese of Colombo, in Ceylon, on December 6, 1944 and Pope Paul VI, on May 22, 1972, the very day Sri Lanka became a Republic, took steps to simply refer to it as the Archdiocese of Colombo.

A historic event took place with the transfer of Sri Lanka Church affairs to the native Sri Lankans, with the appointment of Coadjutor Bishop Thomas Benjamin Cooray OMI, then serving under the then Archbishop Jean Marie Masson OMI. Archbishop Thomas Cooray (1944-1976) entered history as the second Sri Lankan to be a bishop and once more created history by becoming the first Sri Lankan to become a Cardinal.

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A move that will forge better North-South relations

A Tamil priest has been appointed an Auxiliary Bishop in Colombo Archdiocese in a move expected to improve North-South relations in Sri Lanka.

Father Anton Ranjith Pillainayagam, 53, will serve as the third Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese. The Bishop-elect, who has a background in education, is fluent in Tamil, Sinhala and English.

His Episcopal Consecration will be held at St. Lucia's Cathedral in Kotahena today (29).

Father Ranjith was appointed head of the Tamil section at St. Joseph Vaz Deva Dharma Nikethanaya, an institution of theological sciences, in 2006.

Sri Lanka's 26-year civil war had a significant impact on the relationship between people in the North and the South.

"He will have a good opportunity to re-establish the broken brotherhood of North and South. I see this as a rare opportunity for the Church to create a bridge between the Sinhalese and Tamils in the North," said R. Shanmugam, a Tamil Catholic teacher.

In 2009, the Government declared the end of the war with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), also known as the Tamil Tigers, after killing their leader Velupillai Prabhakaran.

The war began in 1983 with Tamil militants seeking to carve out a separate Tamil homeland in the country's North and the East.

The 26-year civil war caused significant hardships for the economy of the country, environment and population.

According to the UN, the conflict claimed the lives of at least 40,000 civilians, while independent reports put the figure at over 100,000.

Father Crispin Leo said the new Bishop would be an asset to the Archdiocese by contributing his youthful

and visionary ideas for an active and fruitful missionary church.

Father Lal Pushpadewa Fernando, Director of the National Commission for Social Communications, said Father Ranjith is very straightforward and a man who can handle many tasks. "Most of his life experience is in education. He is especially responsible for the discipline of children, guiding their spirituality and their formation," said Father Fernando.

Ranil Abesuriya, who studied under the new Bishop, said Father Ranjith helped them to recognize the need to reach out and meet the needs of multicultural and multi-ethnic communities. "There is a large Tamil Catholic community in Colombo and they need a shepherd to look after them, fulfilling their spiritual needs," said Abesuriya. There are about 1.2 million Catholics in Sri Lanka representing around six percent of the population.

Father Ranjith was ordained on September 16, 2000, in St. Lucia Cathedral in Colombo. Just after his ordination, he joined the staff of St. Peter's College in Colombo where he worked until 2004.

From 2006 to 2007, he worked at St. Sebastian's College in Moratuwa before joining St. Joseph's College in Colombo where he worked until 2012. From 2012 to 2014, he served as Vice Rector of St. Peter's College in Colombo, then returned to St. Joseph's as Vice Rector, a post he held until 2019.

He completed his primary and secondary education in Colombo and Jaffna. He studied philosophy at St. Francis Xavier Major Seminary in Jaffna and theology at the National Seminary of Ampitiya in Kandy. He obtained a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Jaffna and a master's degree in education from the University of Middlesex in the UK. (UCAN News)

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Samsung Sri Lanka launches Galaxy Note20, Note20 Ultra 5G



Vignettes of the launch

Samsung, Sri Lanka's No. 1 smartphone brand opened pre-bookings for its flagship Galaxy Note20 and Galaxy Note20 Ultra – the ultimate smartphones for work and play which are both 5G ready devices.

Samsung is also offering the newly launched Galaxy Buds Live free on every purchase of the Note20 Ultra while Free Galaxy Buds+ come with the Note20. The series will be available in new Mystic colours-soft neutral tones that transcend changing trends with a brand new Timeless Premium Design that has a textured haze effect that cuts down on fingerprints and smudges.

"In Sri Lanka, we have a huge base of Note loyalists, who upgrade their Galaxy Note year after year because it offers what no other smartphone does – ultimate power and productivity. Galaxy Note20/Galaxy Note20 Ultra 5G take power and productivity to the next level and, help consumers maximize work and play while they stay connected. This year, we are also launching Galaxy Note20 Ultra 5G and Note20 5G, our first 5G ready smartphones in Sri Lanka," said the



Managing Director of Samsung Sri Lanka, Kevin YOU.

The series comes in two versions: Galaxy Note20 Ultra, designed for Note fans who demand the ultimate in power and productivity, and Galaxy Note20, for broader Note users looking to maximize their time for work and play.

A favourite among Note loyalists

and multi-taskers, the Galaxy Note20 series' enhanced S Pen offers the ultimate writing experience. To help you capture, edit and share your ideas whilst Samsung Notes app features auto-save and syncing capabilities.

Turn your phone into the Ultimate Gaming package: Flagship level processor (7nm), game booster and

responsive 120Hz display puts gaming to a whole new level. For the first time in the Note series, Galaxy Note20 Ultra 5G offers a vivid and bright Dynamic AMOLED 2X display and adaptive 120Hz refresh rate delivering buttery smooth visuals on our best screen yet. Galaxy Note Ultra comes with Corning Gorilla Glass Victus, which is the toughest-ever glass on a smartphone. Samsung's Galaxy 5G leadership delivers next-level power for what you love to do thanks to 5G (once 5G is commercially available in Sri Lanka).

The Galaxy Note series is available at island-wide authorized dealers of Softlogic Mobile Distribution and John Keells Office Automation which can easily be identified by the Samsung logo placed outside the shop. Also available at authorized partners - Softlogic Retail, Singer, Singhagiri and Damro. Network Partners are Dialog and Mobitel and through the online portals; Samsung E-Store, Daraz.lk, MySoftlogic.lk and mcentre.lk. Customers could reach out for any assistance by contacting the Samsung customer hotline which offers extended working-hours.



Daraz Fashion Week till Aug. 31

Sri Lanka's largest online market, Daraz, will open its best fashion deals on Daraz Fashion Week till August 31. Powered by Emerald as the main partner, Daraz Fashion Week Sri Lanka will bring about the best deals for some of the most favoured fashion brands in Sri Lanka.

This year promises the largest variety of men's and women's clothing, fashion accessories, jewelry, bags, shoes, watches, sun glasses and many more fashionable items. With mega deals and offers of vouchers valued up to Rs. 1 million, all purchases on Daraz Fashion Week come with island-wide free shipping.

The best value online fashion event is also giving off an out of this world offer where shoppers can enjoy 25% discount from 25 leading fashion brands. Emerald, Signature, Vantage, LICC, Avirate, Dilly & Carlo and P. G. Martin will be part of the One-rupee game, in which shoppers who take part stand a chance to win vouchers worth Rs. 7,500. In addition,

those who guess the nearest price of the LICC, Emerald and MIIKA gift boxes, also have an opportunity to walk away with the gift box.

DarazMall, the exclusive platform featuring leading brands by authorized dealers, gives a 14 days return policy for all fashion purchases during this period. One of the key brands from DarazMall, Emerald, has tied up with Daraz Fashion Week as Platinum partner, while LICC, P. G. Martin, Signature and Giordanojoin as Gold partners. The Silver partners are Zara Garments, MIIKA, Avirate, Vantage, Trendy Clothing and Zanzea.

Daraz Fashion Week is further enabled by leading Sri Lankan banks who have partnered to offer 10% off on credit cards. These banks include Commercial Bank, HSBC, Sampath Bank, Bank of Ceylon, Seylan Bank, Cargills Bank, FRIMI, NDB Bank and DFCC Bank. Moreover, Master Card owners will enjoy a further 12% discount on all Master Cards, complying to terms and conditions.

Hemas FMCG Shield Soap helps to protect children from Covid-19



Shield, the new health oriented anti-bacterial and germ killing health soap launched recently by Hemas FMCG has once again joined the nation's journey in combatting Covid-19.

Supporting the country during the pandemic and to prevent the spread of the virus among citizens, Hemas FMCG had successfully completed a range of initiatives during the past few months; a large quantity of Hemas FMCG personal care items including Shield soap packs were donated to the Sri Lankan Army for use in the Quarantine Centres, Shield hand sanitiser packs were distributed to officers-in-charge of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama and District General Hospital, Negombo, while a large quantity of Shield soap packs were also handed over to the Navy General Hospital Welisara for use by frontline staff.

Hemas FMCG acknowledges the importance of supporting children return to education and normalcy by reopening schools in a phased manner. Authorities have also emphasised the habit of regular hand washing with clean water and soap in playing a crucial part in ensuring school communities have a safe and Covid-19 free environment.

Continuing its commitment to assist authorities, Hemas FMCG stepped forward to help children return to school through the donation of hand washing units and Shield soap packs. Hemas donated Shield soap packs to schools in the Western province, covering all schools which are part of the Colombo North region consisting of more than 15,000 students at an event held at St. Anthony's Sinhala Vidyalaya in Grandpass recently.



The donation was in response to a special request made by educational authorities. Principals of these schools were present at the event to receive the packs of Shield soap. Hemas is committed to continue to distribute the soap packs to other schools in the island when classes resume.

Commenting on the project, Fiona Juriansz Munasinghe, Director Marketing at Hemas Manufacturing said, "Many parents are concerned about sending their children back to school. Our donation of Shield soap will provide schools the necessary support to instill confidence in both the parents and children that every possible effort is being made to ensure they can learn in a safe environment whilst keeping themselves protected."

Subir Chowdry, Sales Director at Hemas Manufacturing added, "As a local company we are dedicated in supporting the nation and are fully geared to provide the necessary assistance to the Education ministry in their endeavours to help children return to school."

Hemas Shield soap is dermatologically tested and proven to be safe and non-irritant to the skin.

Webinar on Investment opportunities in Tajikistan held

Sulton Rahimzoda, Extraordinary Plenipotentiary and Ambassador of Tajikistan to India with concurrent charge of Sri Lanka and Nepal and the Tallam Group organised a webinar to highlight "Investment opportunities in Tajikistan". Industrialists, businessmen, entrepreneurs and investors from India, Sri Lanka and Nepal were the target audience. The event was targeted to creating awareness about the business potential and exciting opportunities in the Tajik Republic.

Speaking from Tajikistan's capital city Dushanbe, Sharaf SHERALIZODA, First Deputy Chair of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management emphasised on the historical and strategic partnership of

Tajikistan with other countries in the region. The participants were briefed with investment policy, guarantees and preferences for investors as well as existing investment projects in the Republic of Tajikistan.

Special attention has been given to the upcoming sectors for investment such as manufacturing, energy, tourism, information technology, banking, and pharmaceuticals which are of big interest to investors in the present scenario.

"Abundance of hydro electric resources make Tajikistan an attractive option for companies in the energy sector", Ambassador Rahimzoda informed the participants.

Gold, silver, aluminium, coal and precious stone deposits are profitable areas to be pros-

pected. Transport, infrastructure and tourism development are the priority of the government.

High level meetings of the Tajik President with Head of States of India and Sri Lanka in recent times have emphasised on cordial ties between Dushanbe and the region. "Industrialists and investors will enjoy a first mover advantage by entering into partnerships at this time when the Tajik economy and infrastructure is poised for growth and development", said Sumit Bothra, CEO Inspireedge.

Karthik Tallam, MD Tallam Group remarked "The geographical and cultural proximity between us could spur many people to look towards Tajikistan as a new market, followed by a new chapter in trade and investments."

Dr. Dilhan Jayatilleke elected as Executive Vice President and Treasurer, JCI

Dr. Dilhan S. Jayatilleke who well known in various service oriented and professional circles was unanimously elected as the Executive Vice President and National Treasurer of Junior Chamber International (JCI) Sri Lanka.

He hails from JCI Colombo Chapter to which he joined in 2015. During year 2016, he was appointed as Director – Individual of JCI Colombo.

In the very next year; 2017 he was the Chapter President of prestigious JCI Colombo the pioneering Chapter that introduced Jaycees to Sri Lanka in 1954. He served



the National Board of JCI Sri Lanka for the First time as National Treasurer in 2018. Prior to that, he was the Treasurer of JCI Sri Lanka

Training Institute during year 2017.

Under his Chapter Presidency in 2017, he was able to lead JCI Colombo to be at Second Place among the Best Chapters as per the '100% Chapter Excellency' programme. In the same spirit, Dr. Jayatilleke is expected to take JCI Sri Lanka to much greater heights in the capacities of Executive Vice President and National Treasurer.

JCI is one of the strongest Youth Organizations in Sri Lanka and in the world where it is present in over 100 countries.

SriLankan Airlines flies to selected int'l destinations

August 27 2020, Colombo: SriLankan Airlines wishes to inform our valued customers that the airline continues to fly to selected international destinations including Italy-Milan, United Kingdom-London, Japan – Tokyo, Maldives- Male, Germany- Frankfurt, France- Paris and Australia-Sydney during the current global lockdown period.

Passengers who are intending to travel with us to these destinations and beyond could book their tickets from our ticket office in Colombo, Galle, and Kandy or your preferred travel agent.



Inaugural #FEEDME FESTIVAL aims to inspire entrepreneurs

'FEEDME FESTIVAL' will take place on August 30 Sunday from 10 A.M. to 4P.M. at the Prana Lounge (Horton Place).

FEEDMEFESTIVAL was founded to bring together talented home chefs and give them a common platform to showcase their delicious food.

Rayhana Jiffry and Shifani Mahroof, co-founders of the #FEEDMEFESTIVAL had this to say:

"#FEEDMEFESTIVAL is where people will come together to support these small businesses, hear their stories and be inspired to discover their

own hidden talents – be it the inner-artist, musician, cultivator and so on."

We'd like #FEEDMEFESTIVAL to be an example of people taking matters into their own hands and making the most of a less than ideal situation. We'd like to thank our families, friends, vendors and sponsors for the

overwhelming support. The attention this event has drawn is just phenomenal."

The event is limited to 21 stalls (from 75+ applicants) due to space constraints and the necessary COVID-19 prevention precautions. "Our only regret is the inability to

accommodate more stalls but we're confident that a successful first run will allow us to host many more of these festivals in the near future."

#FEEDMEFESTIVAL has been sponsored by Anim8, Standard Holdings, Colombo Eatery, SAASH Photography, Emenze and Olu.



Trump says Biden a threat to the "American Dream"



US President Donald Trump gestures after he delivered his acceptance speech for the Republican Party nomination for reelection during the final day of the Republican National Convention. - AFP



First Lady Melania Trump (2nd R), Barron Trump (R) and Tiffany Trump look on as US President Donald Trump kisses grandson Theodore James Kushner after he delivered his acceptance speech for the Republican Party nomination for reelection on Thursday. - AFP

US: US President Donald Trump tore into his election challenger Joe Biden in a bruising speech Thursday accepting the Republican nomination for a second term against a backdrop of racial tensions and the deadly coronavirus pandemic. The former celebrity real estate developer spoke at a grandiose event staged at the White House – the first time a President has ever held a party convention at the executive mansion – and followed up with a vast fireworks display on the National Mall.

In his 70-minute address, Trump went after Biden as hard as he could, attacking him by name dozens of times in an attempt to define the veteran centrist former vice president, who leads in polls ahead of the November 3 election, as a radical leftist.

"No one will be safe in Biden's

America," he said. "This election will decide whether we save the American Dream," Trump said, rejecting Biden's main campaign slogan about saving America's soul.

"He's the destroyer of America's jobs and given the chance, he'll be the destroyer of American greatness." The relentless verbal assault contrasted with Biden's own acceptance speech at the Democratic nomination last week, which lasted only 25 minutes and, while delivering caustic critiques of the Trump Presidency, avoided mentioning his name.

Despite Trump's warnings of chaos, his bid for reelection is already taking place amid levels of turmoil the country hasn't seen for decades.

COVID-19 has killed more than 180,000 Americans so far, while the

nation's painful reckoning over racial justice was playing out outside the White House where a Black Lives Matter protest, complete with shouting and vuvuzela trumpets, was audible inside the fences.

Trump spoke from the White House's South Lawn, which he had transformed into a flashy event center for the final night of the Republican convention.

Trampling over long-running presidential custom to separate the so-called "people's house" from political campaigning, Trump had some 1,500 white chairs laid out in front of the stage bedecked with rows of US flags and two giant video screens.

The immense fireworks displayed featured Trump's name written in fiery letters in the sky. Before Trump

appeared from the White House in a made-for-Hollywood moment alongside his wife Melania, warm-up speakers including his powerful daughter Ivanka prepped the message of Democratic mayhem. And when Trump finally came to deliver the main speech, he did not hold back.

"If the left gains power, they will demolish the suburbs, confiscate your guns," he said, branding Biden as a man with a history of "betrayals" and "blunders."

But Biden mocked Trump's apocalyptic warnings.

"When Donald Trump says tonight you won't be safe in Joe Biden's America, look around and ask yourself: How safe do you feel in Donald Trump's America?" Biden tweeted.

- AFP



In this file photo Democratic nominee for President Joe Biden stops to talk to a young boy as he tours his old neighbourhood in Scranton, Pennsylvania July 9, 2020. - AFP

Biden to campaign in person in battleground states

US: Joe Biden said Thursday he will soon campaign in person in battleground states that could decide the US presidential election, a change of course for the Democrat who has largely hunkered down during the coronavirus pandemic.

The new events, expected to begin next month, would be the first substantial campaign stops for Biden since March when he, Democratic nomination rival Bernie Sanders and President Donald Trump abruptly suspended in-person campaigning due to the health crisis.

"I'm going to be going up into Wisconsin, and Minnesota, spending time in Pennsylvania, out in Arizona, but we're going to do it in a way that is totally consistent with being responsible," the 77-year-old former vice president told reporters.

Biden, speaking during a virtual fundraising event, said he would get out and meet people in communities and local businesses, but not at "irresponsible rallies," a likely reference to the large campaign gatherings that Trump has hosted in recent months in defiance of the Covid-19 threat.

"I'm a tactile politician. I really miss being able to, you know, grab hands, shake hands," said Biden, who is known for his blue-collar roots and thrives on personally connecting with voters on the campaign trail.

"You can't do that now. But I can in fact appear beyond virtually, in person, in many of these places."

Biden made clear he would adhere to local guidelines and arrange to host events "without jeopardizing or violating state rules about how many people can in fact assemble."

He said the first excursion into swing states – where polls show Biden holding slight leads over Trump – would occur "after Labor Day," which is observed on September 7. Trump is "virtually throwing every major rule in the dustbin," Biden said, referring to US government norms separating official business from politics. "He's totally irresponsible."

The Democratic convention was held last week, almost entirely online. The party had intended to gather in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for its political jamboree but the pandemic upended those plans.

Even after the in-person convention was largely scrapped, Biden had planned to deliver his address from Milwaukee, a sign of commitment to win back the state of Wisconsin which had flipped to Trump in 2016. But Biden reversed that call and delivered his speech from a near-empty hall close to his home in Wilmington, Delaware, drawing scorn from Trump and other Republicans. - AFP

NATO chief urges Russia not to meddle in Belarus crisis

Putin vows military support for Lukashenko

GERMANY: NATO Chief Jens Stoltenberg on Thursday called on Russia not to meddle in the crisis engulfing Belarus following a disputed presidential election.

"Belarus is a sovereign and independent state. And nobody, including Russia, should interfere there," Stoltenberg was quoted as telling Germany's bestselling Bild daily.

Russian President Vladimir Putin earlier Thursday vowed military support for close ally and Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko, while urging a peaceful resolution to the unrest and protests that erupted after the disputed August 9 vote.

In an interview with Bild, Stoltenberg said it would be "unacceptable" for the Belarusian regime to use violence to quash peaceful opposition protests.

"President Lukashenko and the regime in Minsk must ensure that the people of Belarus can also decide and determine the future of Belarus," he was quoted as saying, in comments translated into German.

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed military support for embattled Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko on Thursday, while urging a peaceful resolution to unrest and demonstrations that erupted after a disputed election.

After the August 9 Presidential poll, Lukashenko claimed a landslide reelection with some 80 percent of the vote.

The 65-year-old Belarusian strongman's relationship with Putin had soured ahead of the ballot because Minsk refused closer integration with Russia – and even claimed Moscow had sent mercenaries across the border to organise riots.

Yet Putin on Thursday promised military backing for Belarus and said Russia had set up a reserve group of law enforcement officers to deploy if the post-vote situation deteriorated.

"It won't be used unless the situation starts to get out of control," Putin said, unless "extremist elements ... begin setting fire to cars, houses and banks, begin seizing administrative buildings". - AFP



Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke on the Belarus issue in an interview with Rossiya 24 TV Channel at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence outside Moscow on Thursday. - AFP

Australia ready to repatriate New Zealand mosque gunman

AUSTRALIA: Canberra is open to the idea of New Zealand sending the Australian-born gunman behind the Christchurch mosque massacre back home to serve his life sentence, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Friday.

White supremacist Brenton Tarrant was sentenced to life without parole on Thursday for the attacks on two mosques last year that killed 51 Muslim worshippers.

Soon after the punishment was handed down, New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters said Tarrant, 29, should be transferred to the Australian prison system.

"The Islamic community and all of New Zealand has already suffered enough without having to pay astronomical prison costs to keep him safe in our prison system," Peters said.

Australia's Morrison said he had received no request to transfer Tarrant but he was prepared to talk about the prospect with his New Zealand counterpart Jacinda Ardern.

"Whether he is held in Australia or New Zealand, look we're open to that discussion," he told Seven News television.

"That obviously has a lot of implications, these sorts of decisions. The prime minister of New Zealand and I will talk about those issues."

He said the wishes of survivors and bereaved family members would be paramount in any decision on Tarrant's future.

"Most of all we are concerned about what the



Survivors and members of the public react after the judgement and the last day of the sentencing hearing for Australian white supremacist Brenton Tarrant in Christchurch on Thursday. - AFP

views of the families would be for those affected and we want to do the right thing by them," he said.

Tarrant, a former gym instructor from the rural New South Wales town of Grafton, moved to New Zealand in 2017 and immediately started planning an attack on the country's Muslim community.

Government documents show it is costing around NZ\$4,900 (US\$3,240) per day to keep

Tarrant behind bars, compared to NZ\$302 for a regular prisoner.

The documents say he is "likely to have needs and present risk at a level of severity beyond any" managed in New Zealand before. Tarrant is likely to be kept in isolation for his own safety at New Zealand's only maximum-security prison in Auckland, where 80 percent of inmates are Maori or Pacific islanders. - AFP

Mali' ousted President released before ECOWAS Summit



Mali' ousted President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita

MALI: Mali's new military rulers said that former President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, who was detained during the country's coup on August 18, had been freed.

The announcement came on the eve of a summit by Mali's neighbours, who are to decide whether to ratchet up pressure on the fledgling junta.

Keita's ouster by rebel troops sent shockwaves through the region and in France, which sees Mali as a linchpin in its campaign against jihadism in the Sahel, where more than 5,000 French troops are based.

"President IBK is free in his movements, he's at home," a spokesman for the junta, Djibrila Maiga, told AFP, referring to Keita by his initials, as many Malians do.

The junta, calling itself the National Committee for the Salvation of the People (CNSP), said on Facebook it was "informing public and international opinion that former

president Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has been released and is currently in his residence".

A Keita relative, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the 75-year-old former leader had returned overnight to his house in the Sebenikoro district of the capital Bamako.

The source did not say whether he was still subject to any restrictions.

Keita, Prime Minister Boubou Cisse and other senior officials were seized by young officers who mutinied at a base near Bamako.

In the early hours of August 19, Keita appeared on national TV to announce his resignation, saying he had had no other choice, and wanted to avoid "bloodshed".

His release – and other leaders – is a key demand of Mali's neighbours, its ally France and international organisations, including the African Union and European Union.

His son Karim, an MP whose flam-

boyant lifestyle made him the target of protestors demanding his father's resignation, has fled to a "neighbouring country," sources familiar with his whereabouts told AFP Thursday.

Former Nigerian president Goodluck Jonathan, heading a team from the regional bloc ECOWAS, was given access to the former president last Saturday, and said he seemed "very fine."

The announcement Thursday came on the eve of a virtual summit by the 15-nation ECOWAS – the Economic Community of West African States – which has imposed sanctions against Mali for the coup.

Those measures include a closure of borders and a ban on trade that threaten to worsen Mali's already severe social and economic troubles. Jonathan's three-day mission to Bamako founded on the question of the transition to civilian rule. The junta have promised to enact a political

transition and stage elections within a "reasonable time" but not spelt out details.

Discussing progress with Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari, Jonathan said the coup leaders wanted to stay in power for a three-year transition period, an offer rejected by the mediators, according to a statement from the presidency.

"We also told them that what would be acceptable to ECOWAS was an Interim Government, headed by a civilian or retired military officer, to last for six or nine months, and maximum of 12 calendar months," Jonathan was quoted as saying in the presidency statement late Wednesday.

Keita was elected in 2013 as a unifying figure in a fractured country and was returned in 2018 for a second five-year term.

But his popularity plummeted as he failed to counter a bloody jihadist campaign that has claimed thou-

sands of lives and driven hundreds of thousands from their homes, and to reverse the country's downward economic spiral.

The army announced that four troops were killed and 12 wounded in an ambush on Thursday that it attributed to "terrorists," its typical term for jihadists.

It was the second time that the armed forces have suffered a loss on this scale since the coup. Both attacks have happened in central Mali, a volatile, ethnically diverse region. In a visit to the Estonian capital of Tallinn on Thursday, the head of the French armed forces, Francois Lecointre, said, "Our wish is to maintain the Malian army's commitment in the fight against armed terrorist groups."

"We are going to see if the Malian armed forces are able to maintain the momentum... we have told them that this appears essential to us," said Lecointre. - AFP

Wisconsin gunman charged, allegedly shot protester 5 times

US: One of the victims in the deadly shootings at a protest Tuesday night in Kenosha, Wisconsin, was shot five times, including in the head, and a second was shot in the chest, according to a criminal complaint filed Thursday. The violence occurred late Tuesday night near a gas station in Kenosha, some 40 miles south of Milwaukee, amid a third night of protests in Kenosha over the police shooting of Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old Black man, who remains hospitalized in serious condition. The two victims died from their injuries, according to the Kenosha Police Department. A third gunshot victim was taken to a hospital with "serious, but non-life-threatening injuries," police said. Cellphone video from Tuesday night's protests showed a white man, armed with a semiauto-

matic rifle, running past police and being chased by demonstrators. The footage showed the man trip and fall and appear to open fire on protesters. He then is seen running away. The alleged gunman, identified as 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse of Illinois, surrendered to authorities in Antioch, Illinois, before dawn Wednesday, according to Antioch Interim Police Chief Geoff Guttenschow. Rittenhouse was arrested based on a warrant issued by authorities in Wisconsin's Kenosha County, charging him with first-degree intentional homicide. He's also being held on a charge of "fugitive from justice," for purposes of extradition to Wisconsin, Guttenschow said. Charges against Rittenhouse were officially filed in Wisconsin on Thursday, and included two homicide counts and one attempted

homicide count. Rittenhouse was also charged with two counts of recklessly endangering safety and possession of a dangerous weapon by a juvenile. A criminal complaint filed Thursday identified the two people killed as Joseph Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber, and the injured victim as Gaige Grosskreutz. Rosenbaum followed Rittenhouse and threw a plastic bag at him in the parking lot of the auto repair shop Car Source Auto Service, according to the complaint. Based on a video prosecutors reviewed, Rosenbaum approached Rittenhouse following a loud bang. After four more bangs, Rosenbaum fell to the ground. After allegedly shooting Rosenbaum, Rittenhouse made a phone call and said, "I just killed somebody," the complaint said. An autopsy found

that Rosenbaum was shot five times - in the right groin, back, left hand, left thigh and right side of his forehead, according to the complaint. Rittenhouse was then chased by protesters and fell, according to the complaint. At that point, Huber tried to pull Rittenhouse's gun away when he was allegedly shot and killed, according to the complaint. Rittenhouse then allegedly shot Grosskreutz, who had his hands in the air, in the right arm, according to the complaint. Huber's autopsy showed he had a gunshot wound to his chest that perforated his heart, aorta, pulmonary artery and right lung, the complaint said. The long gun allegedly used in the shootings was a Smith & Wesson AR-15 style, .223 rifle, court records show. - YAHOO NEWS



Two men hug each other in a show of solidarity in front of a message painted on the boarded up door in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Thursday. Activists have been marching in Kenosha protesting the shooting of Jacob Blake who was shot in the back in front of his three children by a police officer. - AFP

At least 90 killed in Pakistan floods



A vehicle caught in the Karachi floods on Thursday.

People make their way through a flooded road after monsoon rains in Pakistan.

PAKISTAN: Three days of monsoon rains have killed at least 90 people and damaged at least a thousand homes across Pakistan, the country's national disaster management agency has said. Streets and homes were flooded with sewage water in Karachi. Of the total rain-related casualties, 31 deaths were reported in southern Sindh province, while 23 people

died in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, according to the agency. It said 15 deaths were reported in south-western Baluchistan province and eight in Punjab province. Thirteen more people died elsewhere in the north of the country. Troops, rescuers and volunteers from the radical Islamist group Tehreek-e-Labbaik were seen evacuating people

from inundated residential neighborhoods in Karachi as some families waded through waist-high water. Hundreds of people were forced to take shelter in the houses of relatives in the country's largest city. According to the disaster agency, troops using boats evacuated 300 people from rain-hit district of Dadu in Sindh province, while 1,245 people were evacuated from

Karachi's rain-hit areas, where residents said they were still waiting for help. Advertisement Scores of vehicles were seen submerged in water in Karachi. The rains are expected to continue this week in Karachi, Prime Minister Imran Khan, earlier this month sent troops to help local authorities in pumping out rainwater from inundated residential areas.

Monsoon rains are lashing Pakistan at a time when authorities are trying to contain the spread of the coronavirus, which caused more than 6,200 deaths since February when the country reported its first case. Pakistan reported nine more Covid-19 deaths Tuesday, one of the lowest numbers of daily fatalities since March. - AFP

Mega POWER DRAW NUMBER : 594
OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DATE 2020.08.27

English Letter: Z Super Number: 17 Winning Numbers: 09 43 47 70

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
1st PRIZE: If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	01
2nd PRIZE: If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	06
3rd PRIZE: If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	162
4th PRIZE: If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	367
5th PRIZE: Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	8,025
6th PRIZE: If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	5,923
7th PRIZE: Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	148,872
8th PRIZE: Only English Letter are correct	20.00	27,271

BIGGEST PRIZE IN SRI LANKA NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE **Rs.231,138,266.35**

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE **Rs.12,241,901.20** NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE **Rs.11,364,712.40**

Total Prizes Won in This Draw **Rs.6,599,780.00**

27.08.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 764,519
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 29,580,610.00
Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 28

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DRAW NUMBER: 2522 DRAW DATE: 27.08.2020
 ENGLISH LETTER: R WINNING NUMBERS: 13 33 36 40
 COMBINATION PRICE NO. OF WINNERS
 1st Prize: If all 4 numbers correct Rs. 1,000,000.00 -
 2nd Prize: If letter & any 3 numbers correct Rs. 100,000.00 09
 3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers correct Rs. 2,000.00 198
 4th Prize: If letter & any 2 numbers correct Rs. 1,000.00 433
 5th Prize: If any 2 numbers correct Rs. 100.00 10905
 6th Prize: If letter & any number correct Rs. 40.00 7179
 7th Prize: If any number correct Rs. 20.00 180946
 8th Prize: If only the letter is correct Rs. 20.00 32974
TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 232,644
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 7,385,060.00
SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 63,223,434.40
 Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes of Rupees Five Lakh and above are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA DRAW NUMBER : 4227 OFFICIAL RESULTS
 DATE: 27-08-2020
 WINNING LETTER: G WINNING NUMBERS: 1 7 3 5 1 9
 Prize structure - from right to left
 1st Prize: 1 7 3 5 1 9 Rs. 2,000,000/- 01
 2nd Prize: 7 3 5 1 9 Rs. 100,000/- 11
 3rd Prize: 3 5 1 9 Rs. 10,000/- 112
 4th Prize: 5 1 9 Rs. 1,000/- 1,107
 5th Prize: 1 9 Rs. 100/- 10,959
 6th Prize: 9 Rs. 20/- 108,601
 Prize structure - from left to right
 7th Prize: 1 7 3 5 1 Rs. 10,000/- 11
 8th Prize: 1 7 3 5 Rs. 1,000/- 108
 9th Prize: 1 7 3 Rs. 100/- 1,121
 10th Prize: 1 7 Rs. 50/- 10,791
 11th Prize: G Rs. 20/- 43,348
Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.10,331,490.00
The Super Prize of next draw Rs.27,830,266.00

සමපාති DRAW NUMBER: 2020/08/27 DRAW DATE: 016
 English Letter: K Winning Number: 18 20 42 49

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs.1,000,000/-	Each 05
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs.50,000/-	Each 05
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs.1,000/-	Each 102
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs.500/-	Each 191
5th Prize: If 2 numbers are correct	Rs.100/-	Each 4,626
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs.40/-	Each 2,503
7th Prize: If 1 numbers is correct	Rs.20/-	Each 62,910
8th Prize: If only English letter is correct	Rs.20/-	Each 9,389

SPECIAL DRAW
 1st Prize: 4 9 9 7 Rs.1,000.00 30
 2nd Prize: 9 9 7 Rs.500.00 280
 3rd Prize: 9 7 Rs.50.00 2,856
Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 2,769,000/-
Super Prize for the next Draw Rs. 6,229,149.30

Vasana Sampatha Official Results Draw No. 1608 Date 2020.08.27
ONCE A HERO English Letter: D Winning Nos.: 08 30 58 66

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
01 Prize	If only Four Numbers are correct	1,000,000/-	0
02 Prize	If Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	100,000/-	02
03 Prize	If only Three Numbers are correct	2,000/-	72
04 Prize	If Two Numbers and English Letter are correct	500/-	180
05 Prize	If only Two Numbers are correct	100/-	4,327
06 Prize	If one Number and English Letter are correct	60/-	2,456
07 Prize	If only One Numbers are correct	20/-	63,681
08 Prize	If only English Letter is correct	20/-	10,380

Total prize money won in this Draw Rs. 2,495,280.00
Next Super Prize Rs. 23,221,560.90

COVID-19 CONTACTS SHOULD BE TESTED - WHO



The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website earlier this week shifted from its position that all close contacts of known Covid-19 cases should be tested, suggesting that those with no symptoms "do not necessarily need a test."

When asked about the shift, the WHO's Covid-19 technical lead Maria Van Kerkhove did not mention the US situation specifically but told reporters the UN health agency recommends that "contacts, if feasible, should be tested, regardless of the development of symptoms."

"We know that people who have symptoms transmit, and we know that people who don't have symptoms can transmit the virus as well," she said.

The WHO had developed guidelines for countries at different stages in their outbreaks, leaving it up to them to adapt their testing strategy to their needs and capacities, depending on the intensity of transmission, she said.

To date, the novel coronavirus has

killed more than 826,000 people of the over 24 million infected since the disease first surfaced in China late last year.

While the main focus of testing is on those who develop symptoms, Van Kerkhove said that especially when investigating clusters of cases, "testing may need to be expanded to look for individuals who are on the more mild end of the spectrum or who may indeed be asymptomatic."

"What is really important is that testing be used as an opportunity to find active cases so that they can be isolated and so that contact tracing can also take place," she said.

"This is really fundamental to breaking chains of transmission."

The controversial policy shift at the CDC was made quietly on its website on Monday amid reports of political interference from the White House.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly said that the United States should do less testing, and has blamed mass testing for making



it appear as though the country is doing poorly against the pandemic.

This is not true: though the United States is testing at a high level, its outbreak is worse than any other country in the world, with more than 5.8 million confirmed cases and almost 180,000 deaths.

Anthony Fauci, who leads the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, voiced concern

Wednesday that the new CDC recommendations "will give people the incorrect assumption that asymptomatic spread is not of great concern. In fact, it is."

The CDC has previously emphasized that between 40-50 percent of people with Covid-19 are asymptomatic, and therefore getting tested is important to stop the spread of the virus. - AFP

European nations beef up virus measures

FRANCE: Major European nations France, Germany and Spain announced tougher infection control measures Thursday, joining the ranks of countries battling an increase of coronavirus cases.

France expanded a mask-wearing order across the capital Paris and raised the number of regions in the "red zone" to 21 as new cases across the country tipped above 6,000.

Germany trailed a 50-euro (\$59) fine for those caught without a mask where it is compulsory and said fans may have to stay away from sports stadiums until at least December.

Madrid said children as young as six will be required to cover their nose and mouth at Spanish schools, while Britain reversed earlier guidance that pupils aged 11-18 did not need to wear masks.

Countries worldwide are struggling to balance the need for populations to get back to work and study with keeping cases under control - fearing above all a return to draconian lockdowns.

The pandemic has killed more than 826,000 people worldwide since surfacing in China late last year, and more than 24 million infections have been recorded.

While travel has been blamed in part for the rise in cases in Europe, attempts to salvage at least some of the vital tourist trade were not enough for Paris.

Fourteen million fewer tourists explored the French capital in the first six months of 2020 compared to last year, Ile-de-France (Paris region) president Valerie Pécresse said.

"We have seen the pandemic shatter an extremely dynamic and flourishing sector," Pécresse added.

The impact has been felt by global businesses tied to travel, with aircraft engine maker Rolls Royce losing £5.4 billion (\$7.1 billion) in January-June, while Air



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New Zealand lost US\$300m over its full financial year.

Adding to a growing list of country-by-country travel restrictions, Britain said Thursday it would require arrivals from the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Jamaica to quarantine themselves from Saturday.

Outlining tougher restrictions Thursday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said "we are calling on people to avoid travel to risk areas wherever possible".

Paris is one of the hardest-hit regions in France, where official figures released in France on Wednesday showed more than 5,400 confirmed new cases in just 24 hours - the highest level since May.

Sylvie Soufir argued that the government "should have (ordered mask-wearing) a long time ago" and Prime Minister Jean Castex has warned a new lockdown cannot be ruled out.

One of those French regions affected by tighter regulations includes Nice which hosts the start of the postponed Tour de France on Saturday.

Four members of the Lotto support team were sent home to self-isolate after positive pre-race tests.

In Brussels, meanwhile, European Commission trade boss Phil Hogan had to step down, faced with a public outcry after he admitted to breaching Ireland's coronavirus restrictions.

Keeping mask-wearing and other restrictions in place, Rwanda has lengthened its evening curfew and restricted travel to the hard-hit Rusizi district.

Authorities blamed a recent spike in cases on complacency and fatigue with social distancing measures.

In South Korea, the parliament was shut down on Thursday and a group of lawmakers were in self-quarantine, as the country recorded more than 400 new coronavirus infections.

The United States, however, broke with the toughening trend even though it leads the world in virus deaths and infections.

US authorities now say asymptomatic people don't need to test for COVID-19 if they have been exposed to someone diagnosed with the virus, with US media reporting the White House intervened to reverse previous recommendations.

President Donald Trump has long been accused by critics of trying to play

down the scale of the pandemic and focus on economic recovery ahead of his re-election bid in November.

The World Health Organization (WHO) appeared to rebuff the US move by saying that people exposed to someone diagnosed with coronavirus should be tested whether they show symptoms or not.

"What is really important is that testing be used as an opportunity to find active cases so that they can be isolated and so that contact tracing can also take place," said the WHO's Covid-19 technical lead Maria Van Kerkhove.

"This is really fundamental to breaking chains of transmission."

WHO also said it was setting up a committee to consider changing the rules on declaring an international health emergency, following criticism of its Covid-19 pandemic response.

New claims for jobless benefits in the US dropped to around one million in the week to August 22, official data showed Thursday, and economies have picked up generally since April-June albeit more slowly in recent days as cases rise again. - AFP

Brazilian island reopens, with a COVID-19 catch

BRAZIL: Fernando de Noronha, a tropical island off Brazil known as one of the world's most coveted travel destinations, said Thursday it is reopening to visitors, with a catch: they have to have had COVID-19.

The island, part of a pristine volcanic archipelago that limits tourism to several hundred arrivals per day, closed five months ago to stop the spread of the new coronavirus.

Officials said in a post on the island's Instagram account that it would begin reopening in phases from September 1, with strict health controls to "guarantee everyone's protection."

"In this first phase, only tourists who have already had COVID-19 will be

allowed to disembark," it said. Visitors will be required to present a positive test result for the virus along with their payment of Fernando de Noronha's environmental conservation tax.

Known for its wild, undeveloped beaches, breathtaking scenery and national marine reserve, Fernando de Noronha is home to slightly more than 3,000 permanent residents. But its boutique hotels are typically packed with jet-setters from Brazil and abroad.

The island closed to visitors on March 21, and residents who were on the mainland were barred from returning from April to mid-June.

Those arriving on the island are now issued an ID bracelet they must wear



until public health officials give them the all-clear, either after completing quarantine or obtaining two negative test results for the virus. Brazil has the

second-highest number of virus infections and deaths in the world, after the United States: nearly 3.8 million and 120,000, respectively. - AFP

Madagascar Govt. blames deadly prison breakout on virus

MADAGASCAR: Madagascar's justice ministry on Thursday blamed coronavirus for a prison break that ended with police shooting more than 20 inmates last weekend.

Dozens of prisoners attacked guards with rocks and a stolen gun on Sunday as they tried to escape from Farafanga prison in the south-east of the Indian Ocean island.

Police opened fire on the mutineers, killing 20 on the spot and wounding at least eight others.

Three others have since died from their injuries.

Justice Minister Johnny Andriamahafarivo on Thursday said prisoners at the "already overpopulated facility" had been pushed to the brink by coronavirus.

"The reason for the escape stems from the inmates' unhappiness," Andriamahafarivo told reporters in the capital Antananarivo.

"They are no longer allowed to go outside because of coronavirus and all trials have been suspended because of lockdown."

The minister said security forces had acted to "restore order and



public security" and that their armed response was "justified" given the "violence of the evasion".

Amnesty International (AI) has accused the government of neglecting "squalid detention conditions" in Madagascar jails.

In a statement on Tuesday, the watchdog condemned the "unlawful lethal force" by security forces and called for an independent probe into the deaths.

"This should be a wake-up call for the government to urgently and comprehensively tackle its prison

crisis," said Amnesty International regional director Deprose Muchena. Pre-trial detention rates are extremely high in Madagascar, with notoriously overcrowded facilities, according to Amnesty.

There were 350 prisoners at Farafanga before the breakout, of which more than a dozen are still on the run.

Andriamahafarivo admitted the facility was run-down, noting that rocks used for the revolt came from the prison's decaying pavement. - AFP



El Salvadorian sisters Matilde and Marlene perched on top a tree to get a better connection.

They attend online classes up a tree

EL SALVADOR: Two sisters in western El Salvador are taking their love of learning to great heights: every day they climb a mountain, then scramble up an olive tree to get a signal to access their online college lessons.

Thousands of El Salvadorans living in rural areas have faced the same juggling act since March, when authorities closed schools and universities to halt the spread of the novel coronavirus.

It's especially hard to get a strong phone signal to access the internet in the El Tigre canton, near the border with Guatemala, where the Matilde and Marlene Pimentel live.

"For most of us living in rural areas it's difficult (to study.) There's no (internet) connection," Matilde, 22, who's studying mathematics in college, told AFP.

She's joined on her daily escapade by 19-year-old Marlene, who is studying statistics.

The seventh and eighth of 10 chil-

dren, these ladies are aiming to be the first members of their family to graduate from the state University of El Salvador.

Their touching story came to light when police officer Castro Ruiz stumbled across Matilde "in the middle of nowhere" while patrolling the El Tigre mountain.

Finding the young woman on a path leading to a lush olive tree, "my first impression was that something had happened to her," Ruiz told AFP.

When he asked her what had happened, her reply stunned him: "I just want to study."

Touched by such a "positive story," the officer took a photo and published it on Facebook, where it went viral.

To reach the peak of the mountain in the middle of the rainy season, the sisters walk a kilometer along a slippery path while avoiding snakes hiding in the undergrowth.

They tackle the journey weighed

down by a foldable table and chairs, while trying to keep the rain off their heads with an umbrella.

"This is the only way to get a little bit of a signal, and sometimes even here it doesn't work," Marlene told AFP, speaking from her perch in the olive tree.

She admits to being afraid of falling out of the tree, and scared of the "venomous animals" lurking in the grass in this lush area.

When not studying, the sisters sell bread at the weekend to help out their father, who grows sweetcorn, beans and squash.

El Salvador is divided almost in half lengthwise by volcanoes that disrupt mobile phone signals.

According to Internet World Status, almost 60 percent of El Salvador's 6.6 million resident use the internet. The coronavirus pandemic has left 463 million children worldwide unable to attend online classes, a UNICEF report out Wednesday said. - AFP

Team - work key to success of Colombo FC and Blue Eagles SC

ALTHAF NAWAZ

It was a splendid team effort that enabled both Colombo Football Club and Blue Eagles Sports Club to reach the grand final of the Vantage FFSL President's Cup to be played on September 2 (Wednesday) at 6.30 p.m. at Sugathadasa Stadium under lights.

Colombo FC with no less than six players in their ranks, representing the national team, was the pick of the sides to be the favourites of winning this tournament. Skipper Charitha Ratnayake who plays in the key centre back position, is highly regarded as a cool customer. He has held his nerve to guide them under difficult circumstances to reach this stage of the tournament, where they are just one step away from becoming the Champions of this inaugural tournament, which is being conducted by the Football Governing body FFSL, after the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic since last March.

Hassan Roomy with an uninterrupted tenure of eleven years as the coach, has strived hard to formulate this unit as a major force to reckon with, while winning several major titles for them. They won two while losing one match in the first round



Action from the Colombo FC vs. Red Star SC soccer match played on Thursday.

of this tournament. Interestingly they lost their last first round match to their rivals Blue Eagle SC going down 0-2. They kept the momentum and went on to oust the reigning F.A.Cup Champions Police Sports Club with a convincing 3-0 victory before reaching the semi-finals.

The semi-final encounter was a nerve tingling affair which went to the wire after a 2-all draw by the full time. But pendulum swung their way and they just managed to notch up a close 3-2 victory over Red Star Sports Club, who were unfortunately not to make it into the finals after putting up a belligerent performance.

Blue Eagles Sports Club on the other hand was fortunate enough

to be selected at the eleventh hour, after their protest against New Star Sports Club for fielding an overaged marquee player went in favour of them and they were pushed into the semi-finals slot. Eventually, they are the only team to remain unbeaten so far in the tournament from the inception.

They were leading 2-0 until the 50th minute of the game against Java Lane SC in the semifinals. Java Lane bounced back gallantly to force a 2-all draw by the full time. But some accurate penalty kicking by Blue Star lads saw them outsmart their rivals with a close 4-3 win.

Their strength lies with the strikers who are speedy and very dangerous in loose play. They have throttled many opponent teams. Twenty teams from various parts of the country took part in this tournament which commenced on the 9th of this month played in three stages.

All teams received a cash reward after each match as a source of encouragement. by the last stage, these two finalists have got over 1.8 million rupees. This tournament will also enable the national selectors to spot the talented players for the national pool.

Education and Sports Ministries have to work together to develop school sports, says Namal

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Education Ministry and Sports Ministry have to work together to develop school sports said Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa at a discussion held at the Education Ministry yesterday.

Education Minister Prof G. L. Peiris, State Minister Thenuka Vidanagama and senior officials of the Education Ministry also graced this occasion.

Sports Minister Rajapaksa further said they that he was more concerned about the twenty five National sports schools and pointed out the importance of the restructuring of the National sports Schools. Actually only 24 National Sports Schools are active under the Education Minis-

try. Especially today the admission system of the grade eight students for this National Sports School creates more difficulties. However we have already made plans to sort out this issue. The new plans we have already handed over to the Education Ministry Secretary for their consideration said the Sports Minister.

Meanwhile the Sports Minister said their plan is to work together with Defence Ministry to fulfil the infrastructure for the National Sports Schools. We already know about their requirements such as Hostel facilities and other infrastructure to develop the National Sports Schools.

In addition we have already planned to get qualified coaches for



Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa (on left) flanked by Education Minister Prof G. L. Peiris at the discussion.

these schools. If we can get good coaches for these schools I am sure we can get better results at International level added Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa.

The members of the National Sports Council and Sports Ministry Secretary Anuradha Wijekoon also participated at this important discussion held at the Education Ministry.

AGM of Automobile Association on August 31

BERNARD PERERA

The President and the Secretary of the Nuwara Eliya Motor Racing Club which requested for an interim order to prevent the holding of the annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka Automobile Association was turned down by the Appeal Court yesterday. The verdict was delivered by Justice A.H.M.D. Nawaz and Justice Sobitha Rajakaruna. The respondents for the case included the Sports Minister and twenty nine others.

As the decision has been given in favour of the SLAS it will hold the Annual General Meeting as scheduled at the Sports Ministry Auditorium on August 31.

Amana Bank advance to quarter finals

Amana Bank scored a comfortable nine wicket win over Stafford Motors in the pre-quarter-final of the 18th MCA 'E' Division 25 over League Tournament 2020 held last weekend (23rd August) to qualify for the quarter-finals.

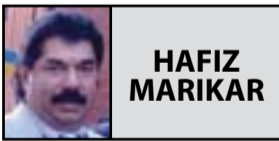
An impressive opening stand of 133 runs in 117 deliveries between Azlan Samsudeen (61 not out) and Kevin Asoka (51), and Shamsul Muneer's career best of 5 for 20, helped secure this easy win in 19.5 overs against Stafford Motors who made 135 for 9 in 25 overs.

Prior to this, Amana Bank had a close fought win over Virtusa to qualify for the pre-quarter-finals, which was the first match played after COVID-19 pandemic. The all-

round performance of Waseem Sinnen brought about this win for Amana Bank.

Commenting on this achievement Skipper Ramesh Fernando said, "Firstly, I would like to thank the Mercantile Cricket Association for resuming this tournament and giving the cricket enthusiasts an opportunity to mark their presence in the field again." Adding to that he also mentioned that "with this young and talented team we have got, we are aiming for the championship of the 'E' Division which will be the first cricket title ever for Amana Bank." Amana Bank will play their quarter-finals against Commercial Leasing and Finance in the coming weekend at D S Senanayake College Grounds.

When Sri Lanka emerged runners up at the 1974 Rugby Asiad



HAFIZ MARIKAR

Sri Lanka Rugby under its new president Rizly Ilyas is hoping to bring back the Asiad to Sri Lanka, which it first hosted in 1974. Sri Lanka Rugby is sure to receive maximum support from the new Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa who is also a great rugby follower in this endeavour.

The first-ever Rugby Asiad to be held in our country was in 1974, where Sri Lanka enjoyed one of their finest moments on the rugby field finishing second to Japan. That was the fourth edition of the tournament, and was played at Longden Place where eight teams were divided into two pools. Sri Lanka who headed their group "A" beat Singapore 10-4, Laos 39-3 and Malaysia 12-6 and lost the final to Japan 6-44. Third place went to South Korea who beat Malaysia 41-0. This tournament was the biggest ever rugby competition to be hosted by the country. Group B comprised Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Thailand. The final placing: 1) Japan, 2) Sri Lanka, 3) South Korea, 4) Malaysia, 5) Singapore, 6) Hong Kong, 7) Thailand, 8) Laos.

In this Asiad Indrajith Coomaraswamy led the side, and late Col Bertie Dias one of the finest rugby coaches in the country was in charge of the team. The credit for Sri Lanka's performance should go to Dias, who took great pains to

mould them into a formidable outfit.

It was YC Chang who was tipped to lead the country, but he was deprived of this opportunity because he was suspended for walking out of a game which CH & FC played against Havelocks due to a referee's error. That was the level of discipline at that time. The decision to stage the Asiad in Colombo was made during the third Asian tourney held in Hong Kong in 1972 in which Sri Lanka took part under the captaincy of Chang. On arrival from Hong Kong, Mahes Rodrigo, manager of the team disclosed: "Three countries opposed Sri Lanka's bid to stage the 1974 Asiad in Colombo. They were however out voted."

In Sri Lanka's first match Singapore led 4-3 with about ten minutes from the final whistle and it was Kandy SC's second rower Lanil Tennakoon who fired a penalty from 40 metres out to give Sri Lanka the much needed lead. Then in the last minute skipper Indrajith Coomaraswamy went over for a try, which was unconverted to make the final score 10-4. In the next game Sri Lanka beat Laos by 39 points to 3, and against Malaysia which was the decider of Group "A", Sri Lanka won 12-6 to qualify to play Japan in the final. Malaysia scored first through a penalty by fly half Franki Wong and mid-way in the half Charles Wijewardena fired a penalty to make it 3-all. Minutes before half time Sri Lanka scored through Jeffery de Jong - a difficult conversion was goaled by Wijewardena to give Sri Lanka a 9-3 lead. After the turn around, Franki Wong

scored his second penalty goal; the score read Sri Lanka 9 Malaysia 6. Minutes from this penalty Wijewardena put the issue beyond doubt with another superb penalty kick at goal to give the win.

The final was played at Longden Place in front of a massive crowd. It was Sri Lanka who drew first blood through a penalty from Wijewardena, and in the first half the Japanese scored 18 points against Sri Lanka's 3. At the final whistle the score read Japan 44 (4 goals, 5 tries) to Sri Lanka's 6 (2 penalties).

The 1974 squad comprised players of the calibre of Nizar Hadji Omar, Alphonso Rodrigo, Jeyar Rodriguez, Lanil Tennakoon, Maiya Gunasekara, Indrajith Coomaraswamy, Jeffrey Yu, Anton Benedict (Forwards), Hanzil Samad (Scrum half), Hafi Abdeen, Jeffrey de Jong, Didacas de Almeida, Omar Sharif, Mahesh Sabaratnam, Charles Wijewardena (backs). The others in the squad were Nimal Malagamuwa, Brian Baptist, M.F. Fernando, Clifford Elhart, Shafie Jainudeen and GB Gunadasa. Except for Nimal Malagamuwa everyone got a break to play in the Asiad.

The 1974 Asiad tournament committee was headed by Mahesh Rodrigo, who had veterans like EL Mathysz, JDN Banks, A Raymond, Bentley Barsenbeck, Nimal Maralande, Gen. Denzil Kobbekaduwa, Dr. L.D. Dissanayake, Com. Malcolm Marshal, Brig. P.D. Ramanayake, Maj. Sena de Silva, P. Mahendran, Flt. Lt. P. Wijesuriya, C.G. de Silva, Lt. A Doray and S.D. deSoysa.

Sri Lanka Rugby has a long history, dating back to the days of British colonialism. Sri Lanka discovered the game of rugby a same time as India, and the first rugby club, Colombo Football Club, was founded in Sri Lanka in 1879 (in 1896 the Colombo Football Club amalgamated with the Colombo Hockey Club to become the Colombo Hockey and Football Club) CH & FC. The first rugby match played between two selected teams on June 30 that year between Colombo and a 'World' Team.

The first ever club game to be played was on September 7 1880 between Dickoya MCC and Dimbulla ACC at Darawella, with Dickoya winning the game by 9 points to 3. In 1891 rugby was introduced to Kandy Boys High school by L. E. Blaze, now known as Kingswood College, Kandy.

Kingswood College played the first high school rugby match in the country against their home town rivals Trinity College in 1906. The match ended in a 6-all draw.

The Ceylon Rugby Football Union was founded 10 August 1908. In 1974 it changed its name to the Sri Lanka Rugby Football Union. In 1932 the Ceylon RFU XV won the All India Cup at all India Rugby Football Tournament in 1997, Sri Lanka participated in the opening round of 1999 Rugby World Cup qualifier. After defeating Thailand and Singapore in the opening round., and saw the world ranking improve from 68th to 43rd place, and its Asian ranking improve to fifth place.

Sumith athlete, cricketer and coach par excellence

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Corr Former Roman Catholic School, Moratuwa and Moratuwa Vidyalaya Athlete and cricketer, Moratuwa Sports Club, Kalutara Public Cricket Club cricketer, Coach, District Coach and Umpire Hettiarachchige Sumith Prasanna is the present cricket Head Coach and Master in Charge of Cricket at St. John's College, Nugegoda.

His first school was Roman Catholic School, Moratuwa and his forte was Athletics. He was the under 9 and under 11 Athletic Champion at the Inter School Annual Athletics Meet and his events were 50, 75 and 100 yards.

Later he joined Moratuwa Vidyalaya and his Principal was W. Wethasinghe and at Vidyalaya he was the under 12, 14, 16 and 19 champion and later his events were 800, 1500 yards and long jump. His second love was cricket and during the intervals he used to play soft ball cricket with his class mates. This was noticed by a then senior player Lucky Rogers Fernando and he asked Sumith to attend cricket practices and he was selected for the under 15 team and after that he went on to represent his Alma Mater in the under 17 and first eleven teams.

In the mean time he continued Athletics seriously and one day former Vidyalaya and Ceylon Athlete Lakshman de Alwis visited the grounds to help the Vidyalaya Athletes and noticing the talents of Sumith he



arranged an Athletics Scholarship He went on to participate at the, Divisional, Zonal, Western and Public Schools Athletic Meets and finally he was placed third at Public Schools and he was awarded school athletic colours.

He was selected to the cricket team as a right hand opening bat and a wicket keeper He took part in the under 15 and 17 tournaments in the Astra Trophy and later Vidyalaya won the Under 19 Sharona Trophy under Lucky Rogers by beating Presidents College, Kotte and Vidyalaya were promoted to Division One and he too was a member of the Champion Team. He played in two Big Matches and his final year was under Indrajith Nishantha and he carried away the Best Fielder's Award. While at school he played for Moratuwa Sports Club under Hemal Mendis in Division Three and playing under Virantha Fernando in the Division Two. He commenced his cricket coaching with his Alma Mater and Vidyalaya were Runner Up in the under 17 division two tournament. In the following year they became under 15 division

two champions and in the next year they won the under 13 division two championship and all these three teams were promoted to division one.

Then he took up duties as the coach at Royal College, Panadura and as he was serving in the schools staff he was appointed as the Master in Charge too and he coached there for 15 years. Then he was transferred to Halim Muslim Vidyalaya, Colombo and the Principal Mr. Hakeem appointed him as the Master in Charge of Sports and later he was transferred to St. Joseph's College, Nugegoda.

During his 20 year career as a coach he was able to win 23 championships and three runners up awards in all three divisions and in 2013 Kalutara PCC became runners up in the Sara Trophy. Under his coaching Royal College, Panadura became Division Two Best Team and Division One Best Outstation Team on three occasions. Kalutara PCC became Under 23 Runners Up and two Limited Over Champions with one joint championship and one runner up.

He has produced one test and one day player Chamara de Silva and Youth and National Players Gamika Hewawasam, Manoj Chanaka, Sudesh Umayanga, Manoj Dananjaya, Kasun Samantha, Madawa Nimesh, Thenuka Dananjaya, Akila Lakshan and Prashan Kalhara to mention a few.

Inter - District Tug-O-War C'ships on Aug 29

BERNARD PERERA

The Inter District Tug-O-War championship is to take place on Aug 29 at the Sports Ministry ground Torrington Place, Colombo, commencing at 7.00 a.m.

Two categories for men and women will be held under two weight classes men 640 kgs. & women 560 kgs.

According to an official all districts have sent in their entries Explaining further he

said that the Tug-o-War is a sport that has been taken away from the national Sports Festival though it is a sport taking place in all districts.

All these players have no way of taking part in the National Sports Festival.

As such we have only to conduct the district Championship and the National Championship. The organisers hope to conduct the Awards ceremony at 5.00 p.m.

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Schools U-19 cricket tourney begins November 16



ALTHAF NAWAZ
Cricket-playing schools in the country are jubilant after the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA) finally confirmed the holding of the Inter-Schools Under-19 Cricket Tournament from November 16 onward.

After a proposal made with a new format of playing conditions-m, a one-day (50 over) tournament instead of the regular two-day format, the SLSCA committee obtained the necessary approval from the Ministry of Education(MOE) to hold the tournament as scheduled.

The tournament will commence from November 16, soon after the completion of the GCE Advanced Level Examination, and will be continued until December 31.

All schools playing in the tournament will be compelled to play four of their tournament matches within this period. With the GCE Ordinary Level Examination likely to be rescheduled for the end of January, the SLSCA has opted to resume the tournament from January 28 for a further one month, which will be February 28, where the remaining four matches of the group stage has to be completed (total of 8 matches). The knockout stage is scheduled to be finalized in the month of March, including the semi-finals and the finals.

More importantly, all matches will be played on Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays, excluding special religious holidays.

The governing body has also opted to grant permission for the schools which play their annual traditional fixtures, which will be limited unlike the past years. They have also decided to introduce a 'Demotion-Promotion' system which will be implemented only for this season.

Meanwhile, the girl's limited-over tournament will be played concurrently to the above tournament, which will follow the same schedule.

Chennai team members test positive ahead of IPL: reports



CSK were supposed to kick off their pre season camp ahead of IPL 2020 on Friday.

NEW DELHI, FRIDAY: Several members of the Chennai Super Kings contingent have tested positive for coronavirus, local media reported Friday, dealing a blow to their preparations for the Indian Premier League starting in the United Arab Emirates next month.

"A right-arm medium fast bowler, who has recently played for India, along with a few staff members have tested positive for COVID-19," a source in the IPL was quoted as saying by the Press Trust of India news agency.

A management official, his wife and at least two members of their social media team have also tested positive, the source added. A top Chennai Super Kings (CSK) official did not immediately reply to a query from AFP.

The T20 tournament, originally scheduled to start in March, was moved from India because of the rapid spread of the coronavirus across the country, the third worst-hit in the world behind the US and Brazil.

The Chennai franchise, led by former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, arrived in Dubai on August 21 and underwent the mandatory six-day quarantine as per IPL guidelines.

The Times of India said the team will now have to do another week of quarantine following the latest development, delaying their preparations for the eight-team contest.

The entire CSK squad, including support staff and officials, were tested for the fourth time Friday, the English-language daily said.

Players can only start training for the behind-closed-doors tournament after passing the tests, and in the tournament bubble they will be barred from contact with anyone who hasn't undergone the quarantine period.

Three-time winners Chennai finished runners-up in last year's competition after losing to Mumbai Indians by a run.

Outgoing President congratulates Dialog



The outgoing President of Sri Lanka Rugby, Lasitha Gunaratne met their sponsors Dialog Axiata representatives recently in appreciation of the great contributions made towards the well-being of Sri Lanka Rugby. The picture shows him presenting a memento to Supun Weerasinghe, Group CEO, Dialog Axiata PLC. Amali Nanayakkara, Group Chief Marketing Officer, Dialog Axiata PLC is also present (Third Left).

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
The election of office-bearers of the Sri Lanka Elle Federation will be held today (29) at the Annual General Meeting at Sumithra Hall, Mahara, Kadawatha commencing at 10 am. This is going to be the first election after the appointment of the new Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa.

According to the Secretary of the Elle Federation Priyantha Maddumage, most of the top posts have already been decided and officials for the other posts will be elected at the AGM.

The election will be conducted by the Sports Development Department under the observation of the elections committee appointed by the Sports Ministry.

Jayatissa Costa will be elected as president uncontested succeeding Gampaha district MP Sahana Pradeep. Priyantha Maddumage is going to be re-elected as the Secretary post and K.M S Priyankara will be elected as Treasurer (uncontested).

The other uncontested posts of this election will be Chaminda Jagath Kumara (Asst Secretary), Chamara Serasinghe(Tournament Organizer), and three executive members Thilakananda Perera, U.N Jayatissa and S. Sathyadasa and they are going to be elected to their respective posts.

However, two more Assistants Secretary posts, four Vice Presidents posts, Assistant Treasurer, and eight executive member posts will be contested from the nominations at the AGM.

The following officials will be elected uncontested today at the Elle Federation AGM.
President - Jayatissa Costa
Secretary - Priyantha Maddumage
Treasurer - K.M.S Priyankara
Asst. Secretary - Chaminda Jagath Kumara
Executive Committee members - Thilakananda Perera, U.N Jayatissa, S. Sathyadasa
Tournament Organiser - Chamara Serasinghe

Tharanga Paranavitana retires from international cricket

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Thursday announced that Tharanga Paranavitana has decided to retire from international cricket.

Paranavitana has decided to retire from international cricket. He has officially informed his intention to Sri Lanka Cricket," SLC said in a statement.

The 38-year-old represented Sri Lanka in 32 Test matches, scoring 1,792 runs which include two tons and 11 half-centuries.



Tharanga Paranavitana

Second Maliban-MCA Masters 'Sixes' today

The Senior Citizens of MCA cricketing fraternity are hurriedly getting back in to shape, dusting their boots and getting their flannels dry cleaned in readiness for the second Maliban-MCA Masters "Sixes" 2020, to be held on Saturday, 29th August, simultaneously at the MCA and DS Senanayake College grounds, commencing 8.30 am.

The following 12 teams have confirmed participation: Fairfirst Insurance (2019 joint winner), HNB "A" (2019 joint winner), HNB "B", John Keells Group, Sri Lankan Airlines "A" & "B", Deutsche Bank AG, Singer Sri Lanka, Sampath Bank & Combined Team from Janashakthi & Allianz Insurance; Airport & Aviation Services and Sri Lanka Telecom.

The special awards on offer are for the Best Batsman, Best Bowler, Most Senior player, Most Sixes & Man of the Series. Last year, Fairfirst Insurance & HNB shared brand new "Maliban Biscuits" Trophy, as the final was abandoned due to bad light.

12 Teams slotted into 04 groups will go into action at the 2nd Maliban-MCA Masters Cricket "Sixes" 2020, simultaneously at the MCA & D.S. Senanayake College Grounds, on Saturday, 29th August commencing 8.30 am. At the completion of the round robin stage, the first 04 teams of each group will advance to the Semifinals.

The five special awards on offer are for the Best Batsman & Bowler, the most Senior Player to take the field and batsman who hits the most sixes in the tournament and Man of the Series.

On Wednesday 26th August, the draw for groupings was followed by the official sponsorship handing over held at the MCA's Fine Diner "The Pitch", 6.30 pm.

The Maliban Biscuits Manufactories officials, namely Rohana Wijesooriya, Group HR & Admin Manager Gayan Dhanushka, Deputy Manager HR, Maliban Milk & Lahiru Charith, Asst Manager HR, handed over the sponsorship package to the President /MCA, Rohana Dissanayake, General Secretary / MCA, Sirosha Gunatillake & Chairman, Sponsorship Committee /MCA, Rohan Somawansa.

The Groupings:
Pool "A": Fairfirst Insurance (2019 joint winner), Sri Lankan Airlines "B" & Janashakthi Insurance.
Pool "B": John Keells Group, Singer SL, & HNB "B"
Pool "A" & "B" teams will play @ the MCA Grounds
Pool "C": HNB "A" (2019 joint winner), SL Telecom & Sampath Bank.
Pool "D": Allianz Insurance, Deutsche Bank AG & Sri Lankan Airlines "A"
Pool "C" & "D" teams will play @ the DS Senanayake College grounds. - (YK)

'No chance' Klopp rules out Liverpool move for Messi

LONDON, FRIDAY: Jurgen Klopp said on Thursday there is "no chance" of Liverpool signing Lionel Messi, but the German admits the unsettled Barcelona star would be a great addition to the Premier League.



Lionel Messi of FC Barcelona lies on the ground during the UEFA Champions League Semifinal match between FC Barcelona and FC Liverpool in May, 2019.

Messi has told Barcelona he wants to leave after growing unhappy with the club's problems on and off the pitch.

The Argentina forward has been linked with a move to Manchester City, where he could link up with his former Barca boss Pep Guardiola.

Paris Saint-Germain, Inter Milan and Juventus have also been mooted as potential destinations for Messi if he gets his wish to quit the Camp Nou.

Klopp insisted he would love to have Messi, but made it clear the 33-year-old would not end up at Anfield.

"Interest? Who doesn't want to have Messi in their team? But no chance," Klopp told reporters.

Liverpool finished 18 points ahead of second placed City last season as they won the English title for the first time since 1990.

And Klopp conceded Liverpool's bid to retain the Premier League crown would clearly be under threat if Messi joined City.

But the former Borussia Dortmund boss believes it would be a significant coup for English football to have one of the world's greatest ever players in the Premier League.

"It would obviously help Man City and make it more difficult to beat them," Klopp said. "For the Premier League it would be great, but I am not sure the Premier League needs that boost." - AFP

Jayatissa Costa to be elected President of Elle Federation

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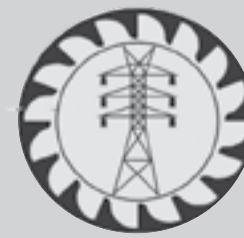
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2020.09.04 2020.09.11 2020.09.18 2020.09.25	HT Line from Weddagala (Gangalagamuwa) Tea Factory to Kudumeeriya - Feeder No. 06 Kudumeeriya.
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2020.09.14 2020.09.28	HT Line from Project Junction to Kukule Dam Kukuleganga Dam Site Control Room, Jathuwangoda, Kukuleganga Project Office.
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2020.09.17	HT Line Ketawala DDLO to Kanegalle Substation – Feeder No. 08 Rathnapura Ambethenna Sudagala Kanegalle (North).
2020.09.18	HT Line From Rathganga DDLO to Nawinna Helakanda Substation – Feeder No. 08 Balangoda Nawinna Helakanda.
2020.09.28	HT Line From Paragala Vithanakanda Substation to Pallawakanda DDLO – Feeder No. 08 Rathnapura Paragala Vithanakanda, Kanegalle.
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ELAPATHA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.09.03	HT Line From Elapatha AGA to Dellabada (South) Substation (Kehelawitiyagama) – Feeder No. 01 Rathnapura Dellabada South.
2020.09.14	HT Line From Haldola Substation (Kehelawitiyagama) – Feeder No. 01 Rathnapura Haldola Rajasisugama, Millawitiya Samangama, Dambuluwana Kahawatta, Namallawaka, Dimiyawa, Dimiyawa II, Raddella.
2020.09.11	HT Line from Digana Link Set to Karawita DDLO Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura Kurudukolaniya, Lokadeniya, Niriellawatta, Diganakanda.
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2020.09.08 2020.09.22 2020.09.29	HT Line from Kotamulla DDLO to Hangamuwa Substation Feeder No. 01 Rathnapura Aluketiya, Hangamuwa, Magurugoda, Pannila Digana, Bataendiriya.
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2020.09.08 2020.09.22	HT Line from Watapotha Tea Factory to Yatagara Substation – Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura Yatagara.
2020.09.26	HT Line from Wewalkandura to Delwala – Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura Delwala, Delwala II, Delwala Kanda.
2020.09.15 2020.09.29	From Doloswala Rubber Factory to Waththehena – Feeder No. 06 Rathnapura Pitakele Ambegala, Manandola, Galwanguwa, Waththahena, Nahalwathura.
EHELIYAGODA AREA	
EHELIYAGODA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
11.09.2020	Marabe, Napawala Temple (Uduwaka), Iddamalagoda, Uduwaka 3rd Mile post Napawala New, Walawita.
25.09.2020	Paleegala, Bulugahapitiya, Paleegala New Miyanakoladeniya, Boraluwa Paleegala.
29.09.2020	Deheragoda, Matuwagala, Pahalagama, Hiriwinna Walawwa, Paranagama, Ellawala Ihalagama, Mudunkotuwa, Pitakanda Ellawala, Hirigolla, Hiriwinna Rubber Factory, Pahala kanda, Nabokka, Nelna Farm, Ellawala.
KAHAWATHTHA AREA	
KAHAWATHTHA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.09.24	Neelagama Tea Factory, Panawenna, Ketethanna, Temple View Tea, New BCAJ Tea, New Panawenna, Sadasilugama, Wanniarachchigama, Handurukanda, Kiribathgala, Godagama, Godagama Circuit Banglo, Doralawitiya, Tea, Kahawatta Mobilite, Pelmadulla Rubber, Kahawatta Filing Station, Kahawatta Town & Division, Kahawatta Town Kattange 01, Kattange 02, Debulwala, Nellandura, Opatha Line No 60, Opatha Rubber, Makadura, Wellandura, Hakurudeniya, kalalella, Madampe, Atakalanpanna, Airtel, madampe, Panawala, Buluwana, Nugawela, Yainna, Co – op Tea, Palansuriyagama, Bungiriya, Guruge Housing Scheme, Yainna Water Board Madalagama, UdaHupe, Daluggala, Nawalakanda Tea, Andana Hospital, Panapitiya Poronuwala, Sri Godakubura.
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2020.09.29	Ellepolala, Horaketiya, Kandekatiya, Madola, Udawela, Kandeviharaya, Udawela Akarella, Akarella I, Akarella II, galhira, Dunukaragoda, Thenakubura, Delgashandiya, Dandiniya, Hathalla, Polbokka, Ampitithenna, Asamanakanda, Nelagama, galasspola, halhimma, wallaketiya, Paragahamadhitha, Gavaranhena II, Hunuwala, Thennayaya.
BALANGODA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.09.10	Naluwela, Rathmalawinna, Samanalagama, Hatharabage, Thunkida, Ulupitiya, Passaramulla, Usimbkolaniya, Aluthnuwara Devalaya, Denagama Road, Seelagama Agaleagama, Seelagama Gilma, Belihuloya, Ehalagalagama, Landuyaya, Diyathalawa, Weheragoda, Uwakosgama, Halpe Banglo, Budunwela, Nelliwala, Puwakgahawala, Pabhahinna, Kingchiagune Paswedapola, Muththeituwegama, Kubalgama.
2020.09.17	Massenna, Ananda Mithre Mawatha, BalangodaPola, Balangoda Town Area, Balangoda New Bus- Stand Balangoda Court, Balangoda U.C, IG Rest, Milk Board, Jaka Lank Garment, Kiyannem, Kiyannem, Karavketiya, Dehigasthalawa, Hapughakumbura, Kumaramaga, Thotupolathenna, Kirimethenna, Degadura, Dangasmandiya, Dahamana, Galgoda, Mawela, Rukaththanawelage, Dailog Tower Randola, Mahawalathenna, Mahawalathenna Hospital, Imbulamuru, Agalakumbura, Mudalindaramaya, Depelamulla, Anadamethgama Oluganthota, Wewathenna, Godakumbura, Delgasthenna, Morahela, Morahela Udawela, Atawkwala Nelliwala, Nelliwala Siththaragawela, Gurubewila, Pinnawala, Pinwatta Temple, Meddegama, Pabagolla.
EMBILIPITIYA AREA	
EMBILIPITIYA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.09.03 2020.09.17	HT Line from Urupareththa DDLO to Uswewa (Sub Station's mention as below) Urupareththa, Gemunupura, Padalangala Hospital, Kuttigala, Jayathimapiyagama, Army Camp - Kuttigala.
2020.09.08	HT Line from near CTB Depot Substation to Kiralawelakatuwa Substation. (Sub Station's mention as below) Kiralawelakatuwa, Bodiraja Mawatha.
2020.09.22	HT Line From Embilipitiya Grid Substation (Feeder No 6) to ABS Gangeyaya. (Sub Station's mention as below) Moraketiya VG Rice Mills, Kethsirigama Cannal 21, Darshanagama, Guru Ara, Rathnawera Filling Station Substation, Bimro Tile, 500 Acres Hingura Ara, Hingura Ara Galwanguwa, Kethsirigama.
2020.09.25	HT Line From Circuit Junction DDLO to Mullagasyaya. (Sub Station's mention as below) Kawanthissapura, Mullagasyaya, Papolwatta Mahabodiya, Mahapelessa.
2020.09.28	HT Line from Kuttigala DDLO to Jayathimapiyapura Army Camp substation (Sub stations mention as below) Jayathimapiyapura, Army Camp Kuttigala.
UDAWALAWA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.09.09 2020.09.23	HT Line From Udawalawa Primary Substation to Inland Fisheries Substation (Sub Station's mention as below) Udawalawa Electricals.
2020.09.15	HT Line From Maw Ara Boundry meter to Udawalawa Grid Station. (Sub Station's mention as below) Katupilagama Water pump, Kowlara Water Pump, Koulara School, Kowl Ara Gamunu Mawatha, Sewanagala, Makuluwagama, Walawegama, Ekamuthugama 2, Ekamuthugama 1 Forest, Anandagama, Sampathgama 7 Post, Ginigalpelassa, Mutuminigama, Thalpathgama, Dalukketiya, Sewanagala Suger Factory, Sewanagala Housing Scheme, CEB Quaters, Udawalawa Forest, Udawalawa Dam Site, Habaraluwewa Water Pump, Habaraluwewa Mayuragama, Chandiamramya, 10 Mile Post, Mobitel Tower, Centuriya wild, Kiribbanara, Katupilagama, Nelumsirigama, 05 Post Thanamalwila Road, Samanalagama.
2020.09.15	HT line From Kowul Ara Substation to Gamunu Mawatha Substation (Sub Station's mention as below) Gamunu Mawatha Substation
GODAKAWELA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.09.01	HT Line From Pollamura, Kapugala Junction to Weligepola. (Sub Station's mention as below) Pollamura Udagangoda, Weligepola, Weligepola Town, Koongasthenna, Panana Medagama, Panana Hapugasthenna, Ilukkumbura.
2020.09.03	HT Line From Godakawela, Niyangama to Warayaya (Sub stations mention as below) Pallegama, Niyangama, Welkeniyaya, Warayaya, Elamalpe.
2020.09.03	HT Line From Godakawela DDLO to Manikkawela DDLO. (Sub stations mention as below) Godakawela Town 2, Godakawela Mobilite.
2020.09.08	HT Line From Thalagaskanda Junction DDLO to Delwalakanda, Akarella. (Sub stations mention as below) Thalagaskanda, Kularathnagama, Pitakanda, Medaganoya, Godowita, Udarawala, Koongahayata, Buluwela Ranwala, Ranwala Hospital, Delwalakanda, Akaralla Nekethwalakada.
2020.09.04 2020.09.18	HT Line From Thelisskatuatura. (Sub stations mention as below) Thelisskatuatura.
2020.09.29	HT Line From Koongahayata DDLO to Akarella. (Sub Station's mention as below) Delwalakada, Akarella Nekethwalakada.
2020.09.14	HT Line From Thunthota DDLO to Kumburugamuwa. (Sub Station's mention as below) Airtel Tower, Tigo tower, Manamperigama, Miyanakola Deniya, Pallekanda, Pilagolla, Henaggegodda, Helaudakanda, Kumburugamuwa I, II, Waulpane, Kumburugamuwa School, Bogahakumbura, Welewatta.
KOLONNA CONSUMER SERVICE CENTRE	
2020.09.10	HT Line From Kolonna Kadapola DDLO to Kampane. (Sub stations mention as below) Kalugahahena Kempene, Kempene, Dapane Omalpe, Batahenkanda Dorapane, Dapane North, Kooppakanda, Puwakketiya Walakada, Kelikanda, Sapugahalandugoda, Kella - I, Kella - II, Udahagoda, Habbeliara, Alubowelketiya, Alubowelketiya - II, Ambagahayaya, Karagahayaya, Wedigala, Ginigalagoda, Kapukanda, Katuwedagama, Kolonna Hospital, Nandanagama, Madana.
2020.09.07	HT Line From Panamura to Helwala Boundry Meter (Sub Station's mention as below) Wisamithura, Pepolwathuyaya, Panamura, Jandura, Athgala, Botiyawewa, Kalugoda, Gurumada Walalagoda, Ambagahawehera, Mulandiyawala I, Mulandiyawala II, Bulathwelkanda, Sudugala, Malpalawala.
2020.09.10 2020.09.22	HT Line From Kella Junction to Kooppakanda (Sub Station's mention as below) Kalugahahena Kempene, Kempene, Dapane Omalpe, Batahenkanda Dorapane, Dapane North, Kooppakanda, Walakada, Kelikanda, Sapugahalandugoda, Kella - I, Kella - II, Udahagoda.



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ELECTRICITY INTERRUPTION NOTICE - SEPTEMBER 2020

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

Electricity supply of undermentioned areas will be interrupted during 08.00 am to 05.00 pm on given dates for essential maintenance & construction works.

Date	Location
Ambalangoda Area	
Elpitiya C.S.C.	
2020.09.03	AE070 Dadivila, AE075 Gonathippala
2020.09.14	AE490 Thalgaspe, AE495 Udovita, AE500 Kellapaiha, AE510 Kallapatha T/F, AE505 Kellapatha Deniyawatta, AE522 Vithanachchigoda, AE520 Amaragama, AE521, AE530 Amugoda, AE540 Dikhen, AE545 Oluwila galpoththawala, AE550 Himbatugoda, AE570 Metiviliya subagama, AE575 Metiviliya kandegedara, AE560 Pitigala Thotupala road, AE590 Mayami garment, AE600 Athukorala T/F, AE605 Karawwa, AE608 Ganima punchi Idikada, AE610 Hattaka, AE620 Uhanovita, AE630 Pitigala North
2020.09.15	AE020 Ambana sinha kaway, AE025 Ambana Giribima RE, AE027 Ambunkanda
2020.09.17	AE150 Lifestyle fac, AE155 Pathirajagama Tele, AE156 Dialog Tower, AE160 Divithur (wewa rauma), AE165 Ethkadura, AE170 Mayyokkahena
2020.09.21	AE500 Kellapatha, AE510 Kallapatha T/F, AE505 Kellapatha Deniyawatta, AE520 Amaragama, AE522 Vithanachchigoda
2020.09.23	AE250 Kudagala, AE260 Thilak T/F, AE270 Pituwala, AE272 Pituwala 2
2020.09.29	AE180 Kurudugaha gantry sub, AE185 Thalawa, AE186 Suprim park
Ambalangoda Area	
Induruwa C.S.C.	
2020.09.02	AI360 Sea food, AI400 Kosgoda slt, AI410 Beach resort, AI405 Hebitat Kosgoda, AI415 Egodaduwa, AI420 Duwemodara
2020.09.07	AI675 Dedduwa, AI677 Lunugaga Estate, AI600 Dorawara, AI585 Mullegoda, AI590 Gonagalpura, AI595 Ganagala hospital, AI580 Dombagahawaththa, AI555 Sumangiri, AI560 Etawalawatta, AI550 Celtell, AI570 Etawalawaththa, AI665 Selestia International, AI660 Kommale, AI650 Galapatha, AI620 Elasto, AI630 Textrip Limited, AI610 Swasthi mill, AI225 Benthota Bridge, AI430 Aida Bentota, AI230 Tourist Board
2020.09.10	AI175 Borluketiya, AI180 Parappuwa, AI730 Pilekumbura, AI725 Green Garden, AI720 Miriswaththa, AI710 Horawala, AI712 Silver Garden, AI715 Mahavila, AI706 Katuwatta, AI705 Capital Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, AI700 Thudawa, AI695 Haburugala school, AI440 Obadawaththa, AI630 Textrip Limited, AI780 Lihiniya Surf, AI750 Taj Exotica, AI790 Seranbid Hotel Limited, AI760 Benthota beach road, AI770 Sea sand, AI670 Adaganthota
2020.09.14	AI675 Dedduwa, AI677 Lunugaga Estate, AI600 Dorawara, AI585 Mullegoda, AI590 Gonagalpura, AI595 Ganagala hospital, AI580 Dombagahawaththa, AI555 Sumangiri, AI560 Etawalawatta, AI550 Celtell, AI570 Etawalawaththa, AI665 Selestia International, AI660 Kommale, AI650 Galapatha, AI620 Elasto, AI630 Textrip Limited, AI610 Swasthi mill, AI670 Adaganthota
2020.09.18	AI525 Habakkala, AI530 Maha Iduruwa, AI540 Udumulla, AI520 Induruwa Beach, AI514 Emaraled Bay, AI515 Aida yalagma, AI510 Yalagama, AI508 Wispering Palm, AI505 Tempal tree Induruwa (Pvt) Ltd, AI502 Galbada New Hotel, AI500 Iduruwa, AI498 Royal beach
2020.09.21	AI675 Dedduwa, AI677 Lunugaga Estate, AI600 Dorawara, AI585 Mullegoda, AI590 Gonagalpura, AI595 Ganagala hospital, AI580 Dombagahawaththa, AI555 Sumangiri, AI560 Etawalawatta, AI550 Celtell, AI570 Etawalawaththa, AI670 Adaganthota, AI620 Elasto, AI650 Galapatha, AI660 Kommale, AI630 Textrip Limited, AI610 Swasthi mill, AI665 Selestia International.
2020.09.22	AI320 Piyagama, AI330 Tharakee Garment, AI335 Ajith Gunawarana, AI340 Tristar apperal, AI353 Welangoda, AI350 Hatharamanhandiya
2020.09.24	AI175 Borluketiya, AI180 Parappuwa, AI730 Pilekumbura, AI725 Green Garden, AI720 Miriswaththa, AI710 Horawala, AI712 Silver Garden, AI715 Mahavila, AI706 Katuwatta, AI705 Capital Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, AI700 Thudawa, AI695 Haburugala school
Ambalangoda Area	
Seenigoda C.S.C.	
2020.09.09	AS005 Adagahanathota, AS10 Kohethuduwa, AS12 Thilakapura new, AS20 Thilakapura, AS15, Providencewatta, AS25 Dalukkanda T sunami, AS26 New York Village
2020.09.10	AS030 Thalgasgoda C.TB(Godahena), AS033 Palletota Bedda T sunami, AS035 Karawwala
2020.09.16	AS160 Mahaedanda, AS165 Egodawela, AS167 Amarakeerthigama, AS159 Food City, AS153 Div.Secretariat, AS155 Thalgha Watta, AS158 Anganaketiya, AS045 Mahagoda, AS040 Dangahawila, AS152 Kanumuldeniya, AS150 Borakanda
2020.09.24	AS120 Angullugala, AS130 Manadakanda, AS133 Manadakanda new
2020.09.28	AS095 Kekiriya, AS110 Magala south
Baddegama Area	
Baddegama C.S.C.	
2020.09.10	BB19 Walpitawatta Tea Factory, BB28 Andurathvila, BB48 Olympus Tea Factory, BB21 Hiru Kirana
2020.09.29	BB10 Southern Paradise, BB12 Magahena (Sirilakgama), BB15 Gonapura, BB20 Arambe Junc, BB25 Wataer Board Amugoda, BB19 Walpitawatta Tea Factory

Date	Location
Baddegama Area	
Gonapinuwala C.S.C.	
2020.09.02	BG10 Hagoda, BG15 Pahalawaththa, BG20 Rathana Udagama, BG50 Delkada, BG30 Nayagoda, BG40 Rejjipura (Kekilla Mandiya), BG79 Galathota, BG45 Regency Park, BG35 Dewapathiraja School, BG74 Monarowiyawatta 1, BG70 Agurumelebedda Land sale, BG80 Imbulgoda, BG85 Hathagoda, BG014 Flower Terrace, BG72 Belgate Park, BG75 Mawadawila, BG73 Compost Project, BG110 Monrowiyawaththa 3, BG78 Panvila, BG76 Katupolwatta new colony, BG77 Monarowiyawatta 2
2020.09.07	BG180 Arachchikanda, BG185 Nalagasdeniya, BG175 Paramount City, BG184 Pathana, BG183 Hotel Grand Palace
2020.09.09	BG140 Ginimellagaha East (Lelkada), BG120 Pituwalagoda, BG152 Kiriwellagaha, BG155 Cinemon Park, BG157 Ginimellagaha west, BG100 Sirikadura watta, BG145 Leema T/F, BG103 California watta, BG099 Yakadawala
2020.09.21	BG350 Manampita
2020.09.25	BG270 Daluwalthumulla
2020.09.26	BG090 Waragaswilawattha TSunami
Baddegama Area	
Thalgaswala C.S.C.	
2020.09.11	BT420 Matthaka, BT430 Babarawana, BT432 Batahena, BT435 Susantha T/F, BT440 Usbimjanapadaya, BT450 Edandaella, BT455 Hinidumkanda
2020.09.16	BT240 Niyagama, BT245 Niyagama TEC, BT248 Gallida, BT200 Rukadahena T/F, BT110 Perusinghe T/F, BT115 Madakadahena, BT380 Sadarn Porawagama, BT320 Engalhena, BT375 Duwegoda Porawagama, BT370 Porawagama, BT325 Katuketiya, BT315 Malinda T/F, BT310 Dodangaha watta, BT318 Diyakithulkanda, BT235 Polpeleketiya, BT190 Evergreen T/F, BT195 Gahalawatta T/F, BT120 Talawa, BT100 Udaweliwitikelawa, BT198 Horangala, BT230 Gurugodella T/F
2020.09.22	BT470 Godamuna, BT460 Godamuna T/F, BT490 Bangamukanda, BT500 Suddellawa
2020.09.25	BT305 Peradiyum Garment, BT330 Marakgoda, BT360 Marakanda, BT400 Kelistar Poddawala, BT405 Kibulawala, BT390 Banangala, BT395 Banangala T/F, BT420 Matthaka, BT365 Poddawala
Baddegama Area	
Wanduramba C.S.C.	
2020.09.03	BW315 Kumbalamalahena, BW312 Imbulgaha, BW310 Wiklo Hills T/F, BW305 Gulugahakanda, BW300 Nehinigala T/F
2020.09.05	BW80 Pethiyagoda
2020.09.08	BW395 Seenidola, BW390 Mawatha Dola, BW280 Thalawa, BW295 Midella T/F, BW292 TVP State
2020.09.15	BW200 Mabotuwana, BW205 Davidson, BW120 Mabotuwana Temple, BW110 Elabadamulla, BW125 Hathhawla, BW210 Mabotuwana Temple, BW215 Rathna, BW100 Bedimada, BW90 Janabitha, BW207 Millagasudumulla
2020.09.19	BW30 Owilana, BW35 Ihala Kimbiya (Palligoda), BW17 Umadola Pasala
2020.09.30	BW240 Nakiyadeniya SLT, BW245 Thellambura T/F
Galle Area	
Bataduwa C.S.C.	
2020.09.08	GB180 Kottawa T/F, GB170 T.R.I, GB590 Wattedehena, GB660 Godadeniya Kanda T/F
2020.09.11	GB110 Diwelwaththa, GB910 Hiyare Water Reservoir, GB670 Kekillahena, GB130 Ketandola, GB540 Menikkanda, GB545 Dialog Base Station, GB120 Ganawila, GB700 Beddegedara, GB610 Kadugashena, GB611 Bathalawatta, GB612 J M C Metal Crusher
2020.09.22	GB451, GB560 Jayasundara Oil Mill, GB500 Pinnaduwa, GB450 Manawila, GB720 Thalagaha, GB190 Dehiduwa, GB940 NWSDB (Kowalana), GB520 Wiyagama
2020.09.24	GB 410 D.S.I. Factory, GB420 D.S.I. Factory, GB421 D.S.I. Factory
2020.09.26	GB530 Grand Garment, GB300 Watereka, GB740 Ananda Mw, GB320 Hapugala, GB770 Ruhunu University (Engineering Faculty), GB321 Univasl city, GB630 Apegama, GB490 SOS, GB310 Watereka School, GB305 Kalupahana Sub, GB680 D.S.I (Hill side), GB870 Samson Rubber (D.S.I.)
2020.09.29	GB620 Arachchikanda, GB921 Mount plesent, GB920 NWSDB, GB330 Ruhunu University, GB331 Ruhunu University Hostel, GB760 Sarasavi Asapuwa, GB600 Molligoda, GB730 VTC
2020.09.30	GB30 Walahanduwa T/F, GB970 Katupolawaththa, GB40 Southern Court
Galle Area	
Galle C.S.C.	
2020.09.03	GG440 Thotagoda, GG420 Labuduwa, GG435 Dakshinapaya, GG470 High Tech, GG465 PVC Factory, GG405 Panviladuwa, GG410 Ruhunu Private Hospital, GG402 Faculty of Medicine (Hostel), GG400 Faculty of Medicine

Date	Location
2020.09.06	GG380 Karapitiya I, GG392 Karapitiya Londry, GG395 Cancer Hospital, GG390 Karapitiya II, GG382 Karapitiya Hospital Accident Ward
2020.09.23	GG45 Yaggaha
2020.09.26	GG375 Jambuketiya, GG385 Dolahena, GG535 Piyadigama, GG540 Wliipitmodara, GG543 Noorus serandeeep, GG550 Elabada, GG545 Maha Hapugala, GG560 Plywood, GG570 Ukwatta, GG580 Navy Camp, GG450 Army Camp Boosa, GG590 Timber Corporation
2020.09.28	GG285 G Metal Crusher, GG290 Telecom Unawatuna, GG280 Ceylon Granaite, GG275 Unawatuna Hotel, GG250 Eramudugaha, GG259 Butique Resort, GG265 Agnus Hotel, GG260 Rumassala, GG270 Celtell
Galle Area	
Habaraduwa C.S.C.	
2020.09.02	GH055 Singer Kade Jun, GH57 Galpoththa, GH065 Akkara 50
2020.09.09	GH150 Dikkumbura Sub, GH158 Pelawatta, GH156 Vithanage Metal Crusher (Village), GH160 Andugoda, GH165 Children Village Ibbawala, GH167 Thasma International, GH520 Kabalana, GH530 Kathalugoda, GH533 Alawathukissa, GH535 Paragan Poshhena, GH540 Ayojanagama, GH550 Danduhela, GH560 Gurullawala(Atanikita), GH565 Singapore Village, GH555 Sumithurugama, GH570 Handunnagoda, GH720 Pelessa, GH725 Areedee Hotel
2020.09.12	GH150 Dikkumbura Sub, GH670 Idurannawila II (Redi Kade), GH680 Idurannawila I, GH685 Panugalgoda, GH660 Nakanda II (Methsiri), GH650 Nakanda I (Olaganduwa), GH620 Digaredda
2020.09.15	GH125 Ganegoda, GH140 Deegoda
2020.09.18	GH005 Kahanda Kanda, GH10 Kahanda, GH12 Kalana, GH11 Kushani Metal, GH16 Koggala Village, GH15 Polhena
2020.09.20	GH491 Hotel School, GH490 Plastic Shells, GH495 Koggala Garment New, GH485 Oxygen Disconnected, GH480 Ace Distriparks, GH475 Uni Plastic 2, GH470 Uni Plastic, GH450 Asha Lanka, GH460 Packing Trplant, GH400 Miller Lanka, GH410 Asia Text, GH430 Fashion Trends, GH420 Koggala Power Loom, GH380 Koggala Garment, GH370 Koggala Manufactures, GH395 Nobel wear, GH360 Youngau Lanka, GH390 D.M.R. Apperal, GH350 Tharaki Garment, GH355 S.T.Y. Garment, GH760 Brandex, GH405 Orient Garment, GH400 Miller Lanka, GH706 Ace Apperel, GH715 Strain tec, GH705 Unichela, GH356 Alfa textiles (Pvt) Ltd, GH340 Austr Lanka, GH700 B.O.I Admin Complex, GH397 Kansai paint, GH455 AGT Hand Care, GH465 ATG, GH450 Asha Lanka, GH470 Uni plastic, GH440 Poli tex, GH320 Koggala Beach, GH315 Vocational Training, GH310 Tisara hotel, GH311 Tisara Beach hotel, GH325 Koggala villa, GH330 Fortress hotel, GH690 Sinha Deewaragama, GH710 Thiththagalla, GH730 Meepe gedara, GH735 Homagudumulla, GH520 Kabalana, GH510 Kataluwa, GH525 S.K. Watta, GH500 Giniwella, GH515 SSR Garment, GH516 Kabalana Beach Hotel, GH530 Kathalugoda, GH533 Alawathukissa, GH535 Paragan poshena, GH540 Ayojanagama, GH550 Danduhela, GH560 Gurullawala(Atanikita), GH565 Singapore Village, GH555 Sumithurugama, GH570 Handunnagoda, GH720 Pelessa, GH725 Areedee hotel, GH580 Welhengoda, GH585 Kottagoda, GH590 Meegahagoda, GH595 Maliyagoda, GH600 Eluketiya, GH605 Karandugoda, GH610 Eluketiya, GH611 Ahangama new, GH613 Ahangama Police, GH614 Ahangama Town, GH615 Insight Resort, GH618 Mosvold Villa, GH630 Ahangama Kanda, GH635 Vocational Training Center, GH640 Goiyapana, GH645 Duwa Villa, GH511 Mahawalavva, GH512 Kataluwa new, GH513 VC Village, GH620 Digaredda
2020.09.24	GH120 Kodagoda, GH122 Devellegale, GH130 Delgahathota, GH135 Ellalagoda, GH070 Ethgadara
2020.09.25	GH277 KK Beach Hotel, GH275 Hadiwatta, GH273 Nilasevana 1, GH274 Nilasevana 2, GH270 Habaraduwa, GH300 Koggala Air Force (Magaltota), GH260 Pitiduwa, GH305 Koggala Air Force, GH307 Air Force 2
2020.09.30	GH520 Kabalana, GH530 Kathalugoda, GH533 Alawathukissa, GH535 Paragan poshena, GH540 Ayojanagama, GH550 Danduhela, GH560 Gurullawala(Atanikita), GH565 Singapore Village, GH555 Sumithurugama, GH570 Handunnagoda, GH720 Pelessa, GH725 Areedee Hotel
Galle Area	
Thawalama C.S.C.	
2020.09.10	GT70 Unity, GT80 Hecokvally, GT85 Mahabodiwatta sub, GT90 Malhathawa, GT95 Hiniduma Church, GT268 Moragaha Kanda, GT266 Kukul Kanda, GT255 Mahakanda, GT260 Mahakanda T/F, GT263 Kalubovitiyana Dialog, GT267 Kadhingala
2020.09.14	GT140 Habarakada, GT150 Diyadola, GT151 Manuka Metal Crusher
2020.09.17	GT304 Lankagama, GT160 SLT Tawalama, GT165 Shihara T/F, GT170 Malgalla, GT185 Halwitigala new, GT181 Banathabalingama, GT182 Baduwila, GT180 Halwitigala T/F
2020.09.29	GT96 Lucky, GT98 Nugagala Mawatha, GT100 Hiniduma Police, GT110 Hingalgoda T/F
2020.09.30	GT304 Lankagama
Hambanthota Area	
Hambanthota C.S.C.	
2020.09.06	HA005 Ussangoda, HA006 BAFF Plymec, HA202 Sadapahanagama, HA201 Laugts salt, HA200 Akkara 50 Tsunami Village, HA205 Ambalathota CTB, HA206 Mayura rice mill, HA197 Medilla, HA195 Lima junction, HA187 Godawaya Temple, HA185 Godawaya, HA190 Dehigaha landa, HA182 Walawa, HA180 Waralanda, HA037 Sampath bank Ambalanthota, HA038 Bashawa, HA045 Waduruppa hospital, HA040 Therapuththa, HA035 Ambalanthota Market, HA060 Ambalanthota water old plant, HA050 China GEO (Disconnect), HA055 Ambalanthota water Enia plant, HA032 Rangiri town, HA031 Rangiri temple, HA030 Puhulyaya, HA033 Cargils, HA025 Mallika mill, HA020 Thawaluvila, HA013 Ambalanthota AGA office, HA015 Malpeththawa, HA010 Akkassa, HA012 Hotel kalutota, HA011 Senaka hotel, HA155 Julpallama, HA156 Kudu bolana, HA160 Udu beragama, HA161 Hathare ela, HA162 Co-op mill (Disconnected), HA158 Boralukanda, HA163 Baragama Lake, HA165 Pahala Beragama (Gajanbapura), HA170 Dehemipura, HA175 Arawanamulla side
2020.09.07	HA070 Melekolaniya Paliya, HA068 Punchipaliya, HA065 Melekolaniya Nondikade, HA080 Walewaththa, HA075 Bolana water, HA084 Karagasara, HA085 Modara piliwana, HA091 Sethparagama, HA090 Weerahaema, HA092 Beragama hospital, HA095 Madayamala landa, HA100 Koggalla, HA102 Kadawara South, HA105 Kadawara North, HA152 Madunagala, HA145 Kadikona, HA146 Ruhunupura water, HA140 Adi s Ela, HA130 Ridiyagama water purification plant, HA137 Punchiheneyagama, HA135 Reedyagama diyawara, HA138 Ridiyagama water pumping house, HA125 Ridiyagama Niwarthana, HA136 Ridiyagama, HA150 Habaraththawala
2020.09.13	HA130 Ridiyagama Water Purification, HA120 Ahabadavila, HA125 Ridiyagama Niwarthana, HA160 Udu beragama, HA140 Adis Ela, HA150 Habaraththawala, HA115 Thudawamulla, HA110 Ridiyagama farm, HA105 Kadawara North, HA102 Kadawara South, HA100 Koggalla
2020.09.18	HH470 Ralabandana, HH445 Sahinda salt, HH450 Koholankala salt, HH455 Salt work shop, HH460 Nawalak salt, HH465 8 paththiya
2020.09.19	HH548 Pathiyalage gama, HH549 Keligama, HH550 Keliyapura, HH554 STF camp panwewa, HH552 SMS holding gannoruwa, HH560 Gannoruwa school, HH561 Mahanama metal crusher, HH565 Maha hedilla, HH570 Katanwewa
2020.09.20	HH320 Samodagama, HH350 Hambanthota Town, HH330 Peacock Beach Hotel, HH325 Bobuwetiya, HH345 Telicom Exchange, HH335 Cargils, HH340 CEB, HH352 Isuru medi house, Ara Bokka Toll Gate, HH355 B.O.C, HH354 Telecom office, HH372 Naval harbour (Disconnect), HH360 Hospital, HH361 Hospital New Ward, HH365 Idivinna Ground, HH370 Lion Post, HH371 Oil Farm
2020.09.25	HH495 Ruwanpura, HH500 Sthuthi village entrance, HH501 Sthuthi village culture center, HH505 Methsewana, HH510 Koholankala, HH515 Udamalala (Arama rd), HH518 Weheragala aranya, HH520 Julgamuwa, HH525 Pallemalala, HH533 Sobithagama, HH535 Weligatta, HH534 Thurusewana, HH537 Waligatta Agro campus, HH538 Bondala saltan factory, HH539 Boondala saltan village, HH540 Boondala village, HH545 Siryagama

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Hambanthota Area	
Katharagama C.S.C.	
2020.09.02	HK267 Sithuminagama, HK270 Padawgama, HK275 Udamaththala
2020.09.03	HK265 22 junction water board, HK280 Ruhunuputha garment
2020.09.09	HK147 Gestupana, HK150 Sella Town, HK154 Sella shopping complex, HK148, HK153 sansung chiththa, HK151 Kohombadigana, HK152 Dambe
2020.09.23	HK325 Ellagala D-03
Hambanthota Area	
Sooriyawewa C.S.C.	
2020.09.02	HS180 550 Yaya
2020.09.03	HS235 Higgas junction, HS233 Suranga Mill, HS234 Lakshan Rice Mill, HS220 Bediganthota -(Watawana), HS217 China State Construction, HS227 Bediganthota School, HS230 Bediganthota
2020.09.04	HS280 Hatporuwa, HS290 Sri Wijayagama, HS300 Mahagama Pola, HS310 Mahagama ELS, HS320 Mahagama Gal Mola, HS330 Samadipura, HS340 Haburugala 700, HS187 Udugama Junction, HS188 Mahapelassa II wewa, HS190 Madunagala, HS192 Madunagala Hot Water Springs, HS193 Seenimodarayaya, HS191 Office & Accommodation Camp, HS195 Nabadagaswewa Highway, HS194 Safari Park Ridiyagama, HS196 Karandulena
2020.09.06	HS415 Samanmalgama, HS420 Weeriyagama, HS430 suruwirugama (11th Pole)
2020.09.10	HS365 Nugegalayaya Water Pump, HS370 Nugegalayaya
2020.09.13	HS460 Meegahajandura, HS 463 TRT Project Site, HS458 Meegahajandura Water Pump (Ground), HS457 Meegahajandura Media center, HS456 Meegahajandura Stadium Water Pump, HS455 Meegahajandura Ground, HS450 Weli Wewa, HS452 Sadarivigama, HS448 Edisankanda, HS447 Kothalawala Campus, HS446 ELS Minerals (Pvt) Ltd, HS445 Mahameunawa, HS440, Suruwirugama, HS435 Samajasewapura, HS432 E-Wis-Hatpaha
2020.09.16	HS10 Burutankanda, HS17 Telavilla-Water Treatment Plant, HS20 Telavilla, HS25 Sahasragama
2020.09.17	HS035 30 Wewa
2020.09.28	HS162 Mashion Party Junction, HS165 Sajiro Garment, HS170 Sinha Mill, HS180 550 Yaya, HS185 Viharagala D/5,D/6, HS186 Viharagala D/10, HS200 Viharagala 4 Way Junction, HS210 Aliolu Ara, HS215 Viharagala School, HS196 Karandulena, HS194 Safari Park Ridiyagama, HS187 Udugama Junction, HS188 Mahapelassa II wewa, HS190 Madunagala, HS195 Nabadagaswewa Highway, HS192 Madunagala Hot Water Springs, HS193 Seenimodarayaya, HS191 Office & Accommodation Camp, HS217 China State Construction, HS235 Higgas junction, HS233 Suranga Mill, HS220 Viharagala 4 Way Junction, HS230 Bediganthota, HS227 Bediganthota School
2020.09.30	HS090 Mahawelikanda Area, HS096 Wewa Gama, HS093 Weli ara
Hambanthota Area	
Thissamaharamaya C.S.C.	
2020.09.05	HT095 Kerenodaya, HT170 Yodakandiya, HT172 Taulla resort, HT180 Diwaragammanaya, HT175 Uddagandara, HT176 Wilamulle, HT189 Senewirajagama, HT190 Koragahaulpatha, HT188 Samapathagama, HT187 Somasamidugama, HT186 Wanamal, HT177 Sadaneelagama, HT190 Koragahaulpatha, HT192 Magulmahaweharaya(yalawanijiwi), HT185 Veweyaya, HT100 Welipothewela, HT105 Walgampaththuwa(Lukasgoda), HT108 Diyasayaya, HT125 Halmillewa (Attikkawa), HT195 Yala, HT196 Yala village, HT410 Hotel botique, HT411 Wild coast lodge, HT420 Hilton Hotel, HT198 Yala Army Camp, HT199 Yala holiday resort(yala safari), HT194 Jetwin hotel, HT197 Palathupana salt, HT430 Palatupana Salt - 2, HT193 Jungale resort, HT415 Governor's camp, HT191 Gurugoda, HT110 Welipothewela new, HT120 Unawa, HT115 Nedigamvila navoda (Water Board), HT121 Ikkapallama, HT123 Double Bokkuwa,
2020.09.08	HT235 Ekamuthugama, HT240 Sadungama
2020.09.11	HT356 Mola junction, HT365 Colany 08, HT370 Colany 19, HT371 Colany 18, HT369 Samanpura
2020.09.22	HT005 Colony-11 (Adalla), HT010 Air-Force Camp - I, HT043 Sirijayagama, HT45 Open prison, HT50 Saliyapura, HT055 Uduvila(gangarama), HT60 Gange yaya(rathnelumwalayaya), HT085 Koththamaliyaya, HT090 Kasigama old, HT389 Happy Kent Hotel, HT386 Priyankar new, HT385 Priyankara, HT387 Oak Ray Hotel (Bulk), HT388 Hotal thamarind tree, HT390 Sadagirigama, HT400 Highbiscuss, HT401 Chandrika hotel, HT395 Sadagirigama Junction
2020.09.23	HT300 Anjaligala, HT301 Kurulugama, HT303 Ellagala water board
2020.09.24	HT281 Panawala junction, HT283 W.H.G Rice mills 2, HT282 W.H.G Rice mills, HT285 Pannegamuwa town new, HT287 Villa safari, HT292 Co-operative Village, HT291 Helabana, HT290 Pannegamuwa junction old, HT295 Pannegamuwa Co-operative rice mills, HT297 17th Pole, HT320 Kendagasmankade (Colony 2), HT325 Ninteenth bridge, HT328 Nelumpokunagama, HT330 Lunugamwehera police station, HT334 Lunugamwehera Yowun Senankaya
2020.09.26	HT200 Kasingama town, HT226 Tikiriudanapura, HT225 Tissa rest house, HT210 Kachcharigama, HT215 Celinco, HT216 Cargils, HT220 Pehekamhala, HT223 Helambagaswela, HT208 Tissa Temple, HT205 CEB Tissa, HT230 Yatala, HT233 Rain tree, HT231 Yayagoda, HT235 Ekamuthugama, HT240 Sadungama, HT255 Dambewelena, HT245 Gemunupura, HT250 Vijithapura, HT280 Debarawewa Irrigation(Polgahawelena), HT265 Debarawewa Water Board-2(bulk), HT260 Debarawewa Water Board-1(Village), HT275 Debarawewa Hospital, HT271 Debarawewa Junction, HT270 Debarawewa Telecom, HT077 Gagasiripura, HT075 Medawelena(Gagasiripura), HT080 Akkara80, HT070 Rubberwatta old(yakadapalama), HT065 Rubberwatta new(senapura)
Matara Area	
Matara C.S.C.	
2020.09.02	MM477 Narangahane, MM478 Sudamge waththa
2020.09.05	MM110 Hunnangoda Metal Crusher, MM130 Southern Group, MM390 Maddawatha/PPP Jinadasa workshop, MM380 Weherahena Junction, MM360 Ruhunu University 01,02, MM450 Rassandeniya, MM370 Kubalgama, MM360 Ruhunu Campus, MM365 Ruhunu University 2, MM120 Piladuwa substation, MM215 Weladampala junction, MM216 China Railway-Weladampala, MM220 Nawimana upapola, MM224 Freelan, MM225 Pomarama Upapola, MM230 SKP diyagaha old, MM240 Diyagaha new, MM245 Deeyagaha andadola, MM395 Karmika vidyalaya
2020.09.14	MM315 Aladeniya, MM310 Kakanadura Farm, MM317 Red Rose Garden, MM320 Bandarawatta, MM340 Kosnemma substation, MM337 Dumindu Hotel, MM335 Katuketiya substation, MM330 Walpita, MM345 Kokawela substations, MM350 Baddegama Medda substation, MM348 Nature Garden substation
2020.09.17	MM10 Gabadaveediya, MM40 Petroleum, MM20 Walpola, MM30 Olcott, MM35 Weragampitiya
2020.09.20	MM160 Kotuwa, MM165 GA Office, MM170 Kotuwa New, MM168 Kotuwe Kade Fort, MM163 AG Office
2020.09.24	MM215 Weladampala junction, MM224 Freelan, MM220 Nawimana, MM225 Somarama, MM230 SKP Diyagaha Old, MM240 Diyagaha new, MM245 Deeyagaha Andadola, MM250 Weherahena Temple, MM225 Pomarama Upapola, MM290 Kekanadura Galmola, MM249 China Weraduwa, MM260 Makawita, MM263 Makawita new Upapola, MM270 Karmanthapura, MM275 Jj Mills Garment, MM295 Hewagewaththa, MM285 Nakuttiya, MM287 China Railway New Nakuttiya

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Matarara Area			
Hakmana C.S.C.			
2020.09.05	MH290 Galbada		
2020.09.11	MH277 Alakunuhena		
2020.09.19	MH10 Ellewela, MH65 Kongala New		
2020.09.21	MH15 Harshanathagama, MH20 Narawelpita		
2020.09.22	MH40 Beruwela New, MH50 T-com Hakmana, MH205 Walakanda, MH208 Walakanda China Project		
2020.09.23	MH277 Alakunuhena		
2020.09.24	MH290 Galbada, MH295 Waljambugaha Hena		
Matarara Area			
Hiththetiya C.S.C.			
2020.09.17	MT150 Hunukotuwa, MT190 Harishchandara		
2020.09.21	MT283 Epatawatta Thalaramba, MT285 Prawns breeding farm		
Matarara Area			
Kamburupitiya C.S.C.			
2020.09.02	MK186 Bandipita Dialog tower, MK185 Mahahena Benthishena		
2020.09.04	MK160 Ransegoda, MK178 Bedde Pansala		
2020.09.05	MK210 Sapugoda, MK130 Gathara		
2020.09.07	MK143 Adapana New, MK150 Adapana Estate		
2020.09.08	MK195 Beragama, MK200 Ranagala		
2020.09.09	MK180 Kotahore, MK183 Uggashena		
2020.09.14	MK110 Kaburupitiya Town, MK120 Kaburupitiya Telecom		
2020.09.15	MK240 Thube Malana, MK260 Narandeniya		
2020.09.16	MK270 Ieriyathota, MK273 Iriyathota Aranya		
2020.09.17	MK278 Horapavita New, MK280 Horapavita		
2020.09.18	MK253 Dolehena, MK255 Karaputugala		
2020.09.25	MK035 Udamanana School, MK045 Batuvita Janawasaya, MK030 Batuvita, MK040 Pethumgama		
2020.09.30	MK080 Janashakthigama, MK085 Masmulla, MK070 Ullala Mahena, MK75 Kahagala Beeradeniya, MK65 Mapalana School		
Matarara Area			
Dikwella C.S.C.			
2020.09.02	MD032 Kapugamedara waththa, MD030 Kapugama, MD031 Jayabodiya road, MD025 Gamdoragama new, MD020 Gandragama Garment, MD010 Sudugala		
2020.09.12	MD070 DG Garment, MD060 Thalalla water supply, MD055 Thalalla Timber, MD065 Crown city, MD050 Thalalla ice, MD040 Gandara, MD075 Panara, MD081 Thalalla Wajirawansa mw, MD078 Thalalla Hotel rd, MD080 Thalalla tec, MD085 Gramamandaparamaya, MD091 Subodarama rd, MD120 Kottagoda, MD121 Suduwella, MD125 Pathegama South, MD130 Goda Uda, MD140 Belideniya, MD150 Arapotha, MD145 Hunna deniya, MD141 Liyanapathirana godalla, MD142 Anivilla Hotel Lunukalapa, MD175 Polgahamulla New, MD170 Maliyadda, MD180 Polgahamulla, MD181 UT Hotel Batheegama, MD195 Akurabebila new, MD191 Putugaha hena, MD261 Concerting mix, MD264 Metal Crush Gamage Land, MD242 Joolgoda, MD240 Ruhunu oil mills, MD250 Mins, MD231 Mudiyansege watta, MD210 Dickwella Water Suppiy, MD230 Telicom Dickwella, MD220 Dickwella town, MD200 Dickwella village, MD185 Batheegama, MD395 Welihitiya (Siri sumana), MD330 Wewrukannala, MD338 Wewrukannala railway, MD386 Lebeema, MD380 Aluthgoda, MD390 Dodampahala, MD415 Pehembiya, MD225 Cargills food city, MD385 Kemagoda, MD391 Minikirula, MD405 Nuwan ice, MD400 Nilwella, MD410 Nilwella Garment, MD417 Mawella rd New, MD351 China National Bean Yard Aluthgoda		
2020.09.22	MD245 Pitadeniya Metal Crush, MD265 Dialog tower Dandeniya, MD266 Meegasdeniya Metal crush, MD260 Kirinaliya, MD162 Thilina metal crush, MD190 Akurabebila, MD161 Lolanara, MD165 Pubudugama, MD160 Rathmale, MD163 Bambaranda Railway, MD325 Walakanda East, MD323 Maga Batching Plant		
2020.09.23	MD275 Radmpala Water Board, MD305 Galhengoda, MD310 Dandeniya, MD315 Kendagaha colaniya, MD420 Kaluhenkolaniya, MD319 Walakanda, MD320 Muruthgaspitiya		
Matarara Area			
Mulatiyana C.S.C.			
2020.09.03	ML390 Diddinipotha, ML385 Roypuraya		
2020.09.08	ML390 Diddinipotha		
Tangalle Area			
Angunukolapelessa C.S.C.			
2020.09.02	TA560 Debokkawa sub, TA568 RDA Suriyapokuna, TA565 Suriyapokuna sub, TA575 Debokkawa New, TA570 Nelan Farm sub, TA578 Suriyapokuna junction, TA578 Suriyapokuna junction, TA580 Buweli area sub, TA585 Thelabuyaya sub		
2020.09.03	TA138 Daha amuna NEW, TA140 Netalaporuwa, TA145 Bogamuwa		
2020.09.07	TA490 Porondugama sub, TA491 Wellodaya		
2020.09.10	TA105 A/Palassa coperative, TA110 Aluthwewa Temple sub, TA620 Higway Aluthwewa, TA605 Palugahawela sub, TA610 Helekada Fishing Village, TA115 Helakanda south (keththarmaya), TA117 Habarthwela		
2020.09.16	TA721 Liyana katuwa		
2020.09.18	TA045 Murawesihena, TA050 Siyambalakatuwa, TA053 Murawesihena New, TA055 Kachchigalara		
2020.09.22	TA560 Debokkawa sub, TA568 RDA Suriyapokuna, TA570 Nelan Farm Sub, TA578 Suriyapokuna Junction		
2020.09.23	TA492 Kongscenti		
2020.09.25	TA260 Lunama Sub		
2020.09.30	TA595 Kulasinghegama sub, TA600 Pahalagama sub, TA603 Higway Dadenigama, TA605 Palugahawela sub, TA608 Higway Karagahwela sub,		
Tangalle Area			
Beliatta C.S.C.			
2020.09.04	TB085 Athapattu Metal Crusher, TB080 Unana, TB075 Weheragodella, TB365 Polythene Factory, TB370 Dedduwawala Water		
2020.09.16	TB290 Beliatta Post, TB300 Kudaheella Water, TB310 Kudaheella, TB320 Godakumbura Water, TB323 Godakumbura Block Land, TB325 Singhapura, TB330 Ambala, TB345 Dolahena, TB335 Isurupura		

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2020.09.20	TB410 Watarakgoda, TB385 Beliatta AG office, TB390 Kambussawala, TB400 Mahaheella Water, TB405 Watadeniya, TB540 Pallattara		
2020.09.22	TB420 Panamulla, TB430 Ambagasdeniya, TB435 Ambagasdeniya Water, TB440 Eldeniya, TB450 Upasakagoda, TB460 Nayakawatta, TB465 Thennapalla		
2020.09.23	TB560 Palankada, TB288 Halpandeniya, TB280 Nugewela, TB285 Kudabedigama, TB275 Ihala Beligalle, TB260 Beligalle, TB263 Singer Watta Metal Crusher, TB265 Yakwewa, TB270 Wadiya		
Tangalle Area			
Middeniya sub C.S.C.			
2020.09.11	TM190 Walipitiya, TM200 Mellaketigoda (Adalugoda), TM195 Mellaketigoda Jun, TM205 Dawatayaya		
2020.09.19	TM124 Middeniya (Near The Sampath Bank), TM125 Middeniya Town, TM160 Middeniya (Water Supply), TM165 Middeniya College, TM170 Hellala Temple, TM175 Hellala (Water Supply), TM180 Hellala New, TM182 Middeniya New, TM185 Adalugoda New		
2020.09.21	TM067 Thalawa Hospital, TM070 Thalawa Near The School, TM075 Samarasinghe Metal Crusher, TM077 Thalawa (Dambaralla Rd)		
2020.09.26	TM187, TM275 Ambagasara Junction, TM280 Ambagasara, TM285 Ambagasara (Water Supply), TM290 Labuhengoda, TM295 Ritigahayaya, TM300 Halmillayaya, TM305 Thalwaththa, TM310 Mimanpoladeniya Dialog, TM315 Daramitiara (Near 20 Mile Post)		
2020.09.28	TM005 Nelna Farm, TM010 Rathmalwala Water Pump, TM015 Rathmalwala, TM020 Kendaketiya, TM025 Rathmalwala Canal, TM030 Dabarella, TM035 Morakanu Wewa, TM040 Dabarella New, TM045 Kariyamaddiththa, TM050 Koodagoda		
Tangalle Area			
Tangalle sub C.S.C.			
2020.09.09	TT150 Henahaduwa Technical, TT140 Palathuduwa, TT110 Marakolliya Water Pump, TT120 Marakolliya, TT115 Kapuhenwala, TT118 Lagoon Paradise, TT125 Yourth Service Centre, TT126 Foreign Employment, TT130 Godigamuwa Yayawaththa, TT135 High Education, TT051 Boraluwa, TT050 Netolpitiya, TT100 Medagama, TT040 Pinhena, TT030 Welriara, TT020 Weliwenna, TT010 Miyami, TT015 Wadigala, TT005 BAM Export		
2020.09.12	TT560 Dabeera Tsunami Scheme		
2020.09.14	TT071 Wadamuduwa, TT072 Mukalana, TT080 Thalunna, TT090 Ganewela		
Tangalle Area			
Walasmulla C.S.C			
2020.09.03	TW090 Kappitiyawa, TW85 Puwakgasara, TW095 Weeraketiya Metal Crusher, TW100 Morakandegoda, TW107 Iththademaliya new, TW110 Iththademaliya, TW105 Suneethagama, TW115 Udakirivila, TW120 Koholana		
2020.09.08	TW190 Muruthawela water supply, TW195 Bowala Pinthaliya, TW210 Namanaliya, TW200 Bowala new, TW205 Omara new, TW196 Paththuwatta, TW197 Bowala water pump, TW215 Weedikanada (udahagoda), TW406 Medagoda pelawela		
2020.09.09	TW780 Wakamulla water supply		
2020.09.10	TW352 Doduwala, TW354 Pissu badda, TW355 Warapitiya		
2020.09.13	TW062 Aggrahera, TW765 Red Heart Garment, TW770 SLBC Kadavarawatta, TW775 Sirikadaurawaththa, TW780 Wakamulla Water Supply, TW406 Medagoda pelawela, TW785 Gorugodella, TW050 Yagasmulla, TW055 Kotabova		
2020.09.15	TW441 Morakandagoda Dialog		
2020.09.23	TW063 Kondagala		
2020.09.29	TW487 Wawwa		
Akuressa Area			
Akuressa C.S.C.			
2020.09.02	WA535 Araliyahena - Kokmaduwa, WA545 Kananke Wewalawatta, WA710 Vilpita yahamulla, WA725 Kithanawala, WA720 Nisansalagama, WA715 Pahala Athuraliya, WA735 Athuraliya T/F, WA730 Athuraliya, WA740 Devengoda		
2020.09.07	WA435 Labuwalhena, WA580 Horagoda		
2020.09.09	WA693 Vilpita, WA700 Younsaviyagama, WA690 Batugoda		
2020.09.10	WA556 Richland Court, WA560 Jonidel Estate, WA575 Adikariwilagama		
2020.09.11	WA500 Semidale		
2020.09.12	WA595 Nape, WA135 DSM Garment, WA160 Polhena sub, WA165 Cheap Side, WA180 Akurassa Town sub, WA170 Telecom Akurassa Town sub, WA150 Telecom tower sub, WA140 Kallawellagoda sub, WA130 Poramba sub, WA345 Jananandagama sub, WA350 Goluwatta sub, WA360 Panadugama sub, WA355 Dadley Senanayaka Mw. sub, WA365 Godapithena sub, WA370 Imbulgoda sub, WA375 S.L.S T/F Sub, WA380 Hikgoda sub, WA390 Diyalape sub, WA395 Illupella, WA400 Neraluwa, WA405 Eramudugoda, WA420 Maliduwa, WA422 Ruhunupputha T/F, WA425 Kohagoda, WA426 Kohagoda Dickhena, WA430 Bopitiya, WA437 Dehigahahena, WA435 Labuwalhena, WA438 Katanvila T/F, WA445 Kodagoda T/F, WA440 Baragama, WA446 Kohugoda Udaha Kanda, WA447 Dolamawaththa, WA455 Wilagama, WA454 Kodagoda Metal Crusher, WA453 Dedyagala T/F, WA450 Dedyagala, WA120 Ganhela sub, WA125 Etakatukumalan sub, WA090 Hulandawa sub, WA075 Kekiliyagama sub, WA080 Belment sub		
2020.09.15	WA520 Korahillagoda		
2020.09.28	WA660 Elgiriya		
Akuressa Area			
Deniyaya C.S.C.			
2020.09.10	WD120 Danlanda (Old), WD130 Danlanda (New), WD140 Kekundeniya		
2020.09.11	WD175 Pothotuwa new, WD180 CTC, WD532 Andaradeniya New, WD535 Andaradeniya TF, WD540 Aninkanda, WD543 Imbulwarawa, WD545 Uliinduwarawa, WD550 Panil Kanda TF, WD553 Jathunkanda, WD555 Kasthanagahawatta, WD560 Hayes Estate, WD585 Hayes Estate New, WD590 Buthkanda, WD593 Buthkanda New, WD595 Keenathenna, WD570 Dialog Broad Brand (MTV), WD575 Hiru FM, WD573 T.N.L., WD582 CSN, WD583 Derana TV (Siyatha), WD580 Swarnawahini (ETV), WD535 Nathagala, WD535 Kurulugala (Rukmalyaya)		
2020.09.15	WD430 Gatebaruwa, WD440 Telecom Kotapola		
2020.09.17	WD763 Olagandeniya, WD765 Mederipitiya, WD767 Dombagoda		
2020.09.18	WD660 TEL: Sinharaja, WD665 Rain Forest ECO, WD650 S.L.B.C. (ITN), WD655 S.L.R.C., WD648 Patna, WD645 Selvakanda, WD638 New Colony, WD640 Viharahena, WD635 Kurulugala (Rukmalyaya), WD600 Deniyaya Hospital, WD610 Enasal Watta, WD625 Kandilpana, WD620 Seetha Eliya, WD630 Beverley, WD632 Nathagala, WD631 Beverley Lower		

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2020.09.24	WD411 Galdola New, WD412 Thammenna Watta, WD413 Weraluwa, WD415 Horagala, WD416 Illukpitiya, WD417 Thumbeula
2020.09.25	WD520 Handford, WD530 Yatulla
2020.09.29	WD150 Kobomella, WD173 Pinnaketiya, WD174 Nawalahena
2020.09.30	WD710 Deniyaya Town, WD670 Willie Group, WD730 Rathnayaka TF, WD735 Cavasion, WD745 Nishshankapura, WD700 Kiriweldola, WD705 Keeriwalgama, WD690 Vilaboda, WD750 Gangoda, WD760 Sirisiliya, WD763 Olagandeniya, WD765 Mederipitiya, WD767 Dombagoda, WD768 Keralgoda, WD770 Bogoda, WD780 Wathurawa, WD790 Pallekanda, WD785 Athuregedara, WD720 New Gamini, WD680 Richland, WD740 Lumbini TF
Akuressa Area	
Morawaka Sub C.S.C.	
2020.09.04	WM060 Pitabaddala, WM062 Mapudanella, WM220 Dankoluwa, WM246 Rajawaththa, WM252 Siyabalagoda west, WM255 Ellagawa T/F, WM257 Dialog Tower, WM260 Dehigaspa, WM265 Dehigaspe Adawila, WM263 Dehigaspe Thumbodiya
2020.09.19	WM300 Kodikaragoda, WM290 Nilwala TF, WM285 Alapaladeniya New, WM280 Alapaladeniya, WM266 Mapanapa, WM267 Eedandukitha, WM270 Southern Hill, WM250 Banagala, WM245 Yati Banagala, WM240 Ketawalawatta, WM010 Mahendara, WM020 Nil-Ella, WM25 Pahuruthota, WM30 Sothen Group, WM35 Thalpekumbura, WM40 Kandedola, WM45 Kudagalhena, WM50 Gorakawela, WM55 Naththawela, WM56 Nawagammana Naththavila, WM57 CATIC, WM60 Pitabaddala, WM62 Mapudanella, WM190 Darangalla III, WM191 Darangala Junction, WM193 Darangala IV, WM195 Project 48 Daranala, WM200 Darangala II, WM202 Yapanaya Place, WM205 Gurubebila, WM210 Keerthigama, WM220 Dankoluwa, WM230 Haththaotuwa, WM233 lhalathinagama, WM234 Thanipitahena, WM235 Siyabalagoda east, WM236 Mahapothuwila, WM237 Kotagala, WM241 Elmaldeniya, WM246 Rajawaththa, WM252 Siyabalagoda West, WM255 Ellagawa T/F, WM257 Dialog Tower, WM260 Dehigaspa, WM262 Dangala, WM263 Dehigaspe Thumbodiya, WM265 Dehigaspe Adawila, WM305 Morawaka Town, WM310 Morawaka Watta, WM315 Dialog Tel: Morawaka, WM320 Kosnigoda, WM325 Three Times, WM327, WM330 Tel: Morawaka, WM335 Millawa, WM336 Millawa west, WM337 Nilmini TF, WM338 Polgasvila, WM339 Wanduruwel Deniya, WM340 Dishan Valley, WM355 Morawaka Kanda, WM360 Nayamulla, WM365 Gurubebila
2020.09.24	WM370 Porupitiya, WM350 Pelawatta, WM346 Uwaragala, WM345 Paragala, WM347 Polgaha Kanda
Akuressa Area	
Pasgoda Sub C.S.C.	
2020.09.04	WP090 Ginnaliya, WP091 Green Lanka TF, WP092 Mellamulla, WP093 Diganagoda (Batapothdeniya)
2020.09.25	WP002 Ambagasthenna, WP005 Panakaduwa, WP007 Urawa (Green House), WP008 Urawa
2020.09.29	WP037 Bengamuwa New
Akuressa Area	
Weligama C.S.C.	
2020.09.03	WW015 Jagartons Hotel Ahangama, WW020 Midigama (old), WW255 Polwaththa Denipitiya, WW257 Polwatta new

Date	Location
2020.09.04	WW555 Batapotha, WW570 Kanukatiya Tea Factory
2020.09.12	WW023 Midigama Tea Estate 1, WW024 Midigama Tea Estate 2, WW026 Midigama Tea Estate 4 (Pavithragaraya), WW030 Midigama-wekanda, WW040 Orient Garment, WW047 Centra park-Midigama, WW105 Loadstar HT Center, WW100 Ibbawala, WW097 Ibbawala new (Helabima), WW102 Target Agriculture, WW098 Ibbawala Golden Gate
2020.09.16	WW090 Batawala Pathegama, WW085 Pitiduwa, WW095 Pathegama (Saw Mills)
2020.09.21	WW335 Mirissa Digana, WW355 Water pump Udupila, WW350 Udupila Mirissa ice, WW355 Target Agriculture, WW360 Mirissa Udupila, WW365 New School Complex Mirissa, WW362 Udupila Jayalathgama, WW349 Mirissa new, WW348 Cargils food city, WW359 Bellana Regency Pvt. Ltd, WW368 Bandarmulla new, WW337 Mirissa Hospital, WW340 Mirissa Harbour, WW347 Navy Villa (Mirissa Harbour), WW345 Ruhunu Thushara ice, WW344 Rathnavila, WW356 Paradise Hotel, WW346 Mirissa Palace, WW358 Sunbeam, WW367 Sunset Hotel Bandaramulla, WW366 Ceylon Moove
2020.09.22	WW450 Menikwatta Jayawickramapura, WW460 Chalimount Karmanthapuraya, WW465 Arpidag Tyre Charly Mount, WW300 Welihinda (Bodagala), WW265 Denipitiya Junction, WW267 Miami Export, WW270 Kapuwatta Rice Mill, WW280 Koledanda, WW283 Pallala, WW284 Dodanduwa, WW285 Kaudanella, WW290 Welipitiya Junction, WW520 Welipitiya Water Pumphouse Old, WW522 Welipitiya Water Pumphouse New, WW525 Kokmaduwa New, W310 Meeruppa, WW320 Polwathumodara(Eluwawala), WW330 Polwathumodara 2, WW255 Polwatta Denipitiya, WW257 Polwatta new, WW250 Maduragoda, WW252 Kohongamuwa, WW205 Cargills Food city, WW180 Galedanda, WW167 Super Market Complex, WW170 Telecom, WW155 Urban Council, WW150 Main Street Pump House, WW140 Kushtarajagala, WW130 Bay Beach, WW078 Ayurvi Weligama, WW077 Cape Hotel New Golden Hotel, WW060 Resort Hotel - Kubalgama, WW075 Cape Hotel Weligama, WW120 By pass, WW065 Gurubebila Tsunami, WW050 Gurubebila Kadabedda, WW070 Kubalgama, WW080 Batawala junction (Puwakwatta), WW085 Pitiduwa, WW090 Batawala Pathegama, WW095 Pathegama (Saw Mills), WW010 Jayawijayagama, WW015 Jagartons Hotel Ahangama, WW020 Midigama (old), WW200 Galbokka, WW220 Fertilizer Complex, WW213 Weligama hotel properties, WW165 Sanru v Hotel Beach resort, WW207 Samaru Beach, WW215 Bay Hotel Weligama, WW221 Pradeshiya Sabha, WW223 Weligama Leasure Resort, WW224 Jagabey resort, WW222 Aussies Swiss beach resort, WW225 Mandara Resort, WW227 Weligama Beach Resort, WW467 ANS Rubber, WW160 Samaraweera Palace Pelena, WW260 Denipitiya (Piyasiri), WW214, WW210 Ice Plant (Pelena), WW212 Pelena round the bound
2020.09.23	WW190 Wellakka, WW235 Mudugamuwa new, WW228 Mudugamuwa Malwathugoda, WW230 Mudugamuwa, WW240 Jaburegoda Hiyalgoda, WW110 Ranamaduragama, WW245 Jaburegoda New.

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Notice to All Share Holders of
The Kandy Nursing Homes (Pvt) Ltd.
No. 25, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Kandy.

Development and Restructuring Programme

Notice is hereby given to all Shareholders, that it is the intention of the Board of Management of Kandy Nursing Home (Pvt) Ltd., No.25, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Kandy to undertake a meaningful Development and Restructuring Programme with the participation and concurrence of all The Shareholders of the Kandy Nursing Homes (Pvt) Ltd.

In order to assist the Board of Directors in this regard, and as an initial step, all Share Holders are kindly requested to inform their present address in detail to The Chairman / Managing Director at the registered office of The Company within 30 days of this notice at No. 25, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Kandy.

Secretary
The Kandy Nursing Homes (Pvt) Ltd.

NOTICE

I, **Somasundaram Theneesh** inform the General Public of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that under Case No. 4473 of the National Medicinal Regulatory Authority, I was fined Rs. 20,000.00 by the Mount Lavinia Magistrate and Apologize to the General Public that hereinafter there shall not be a repetition on my part in this connection.

Somasundaram Theneesh

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**TENDER NOTICE****(NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)****Moragahakanda Kaluganga Development Project**

On behalf of the Project Procurement Committee (PPC), Moragahakanda -Kaluganga Development Project, Ministry of Irrigation, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, sealed Bids will be received by the Project Director, Koongahawela up to 10.00 hrs on 21st September 2020 for the following works.

Item No.	Description	Contract No	Non Refundable Tender Fee per set of a Bidding Document	Required CIDA/ ICTAD Grade, Field of Registration
01	Construction of D8 - SBC2 -DAH, and D1-T2-DAH canals including earth work and Structures and installation of field canal structures and earth work in FC1-D8-SBC2,FC2,SBC2,FC1-D1-T2,FC2-D1-T2,FC4-D1,T1 and FC5-Di-TI under Dahamwewa unit in Medirigiriya New Development Zone.. (Estimated value is Rs. 25.94 Million excluding VAT and Contract period 150 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/779	Rs. 7,000.00	C5 & C4 Irrigation
02	Clearing Grubbing Light Jungle of Irrigable Lands under Bandarawewa Unit, Medirigiriya (Block 07-A, Block 08-A and Tank 04) (Estimated value is Rs. 10.23 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 120.0 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/780	Rs. 3,500.00	C6 & C5 Irrigation work
03	Gravel Surfacing of Sub Branch Canal Road (Ch.0+000km -Ch.3+340km), Gravel Surfacing of Hamlet 05 & 06 Road (Ch.0+000km -1+680km), Asphalt surfacing of Nabadawewa unit Center Road (Ch.0+000km to Ch.0+720km) and construction of Bisopura Pola road (Ch.0+000km -Ch.0+401km) in Medirigiriya (Sys."D") Under MKDP (Estimated value is Rs. 27.31 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 150 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/781	Rs.7,400.00	C5 & C4 Irrigation work
04	Construction of Two No. of Drainage under crossing at 7+600km and 8+000km in Bisopura Sub Branch Canal 02 under Medirigiriya New Development Zone. (Estimated value is Rs. 12.40 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 120 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/784	Rs.4,000.00	C6 & C5 Irrigation work
05	Construction of Medirigiriya -Kanthale Road via Agbopura from Ch.7+200 to 8+200km under MKDP. (Estimated value is Rs. 68.96 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 180 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/785	Rs. 15,250.00	C4 & above Road work
06	Construction of Proposed Gymnasium and construction of Canopy Roof along the Corridors at Laggala Hospital Complex under MKDP (Estimated value is Rs. 6.79 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 120 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/713-A	Rs.2,500.00	C7 & C6 Building work
07	Construction of Lel Oya to Laggala New Proposed Rd from 1+700km to 2+550km (Stage 02) Under MKDP (Estimated value is Rs. 86.78 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 180 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/794	Rs.18,000.00	C4 & above Road work
08	Construction of Proposed Toilet Block, Water Tower, Vegetable Washing Area, Bisopura Pola Area and Construction of Balance Work of RPM Quarters at Bisopura in Medirigiriya System "D" Under MKDP (Estimated value is Rs. 4.81 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 120 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/796	Rs.2,000.00	C8 & C7 Building work
09	Surfacing of Road Section Millaghamulathenna to Akkara Panaha (0.9 km) Road (Estimated value is Rs. 18.86 Million excluding VAT and Contract period is 150 days)	MKDP/PD/CON/NCB/2020/797	Rs.5,500.00	C6 & C5 Road work

Bidders who have the Grade and field of registration under the ICTAD scheme of registration mentioned in the above table against the work only will be eligible for bidding.

5% preference (Regional preference) will be granted to the regional contractors for the contracts with a value up to 50.0 million.

Prospective bidders can obtain the bidding Documents by a written request on a company/firm letter head, addressed to the Project Director, Moragahakanda -Kaluganga Development Project, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Irrigation, Koongahawela from 02nd September 2020 to 18th September 2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working days, on payment of a non-refundable Tender fee as given above per set of Bidding Documents for each bid. Bidders are free to bid for more than one tender but selections will be made according to the capacity limits of the bidders.

Bidding Documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of Project Director, Moragahakanda -Kaluganga Development Project, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Irrigation, Koongahawela on normal working days from 02nd September 2020 to 18th September 2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 Hrs.

Sealed Bids in duplicate clearly marked the contract name and the number on the top left corner of the envelop may be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to the Project Director, Moragahakanda -Kaluganga Development Project, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Irrigation, Koongahawela, before the closing time of specified date of submission. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized representatives, not exceeding two (02) in numbers are permitted to be present at the opening of tenders.

For further details, please contact Project Director, Moragahakanda-Kaluganga Development Project, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Koongahawela on, Tel. 066-2053612 or 066-2053913.

Project Director,
Moragahakanda Kaluganga Development Project,
Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka,
Koongahawela.

(Tel. 066-2053612)

CHANGE NAME

I, KARISHMA SHANIYA HOSSEN (holder of NIC No. 937764243V) of No. 93/17, Nedurupitiya, Kandana (post), in the Gramaseva Division of Nedurupitiya - 187 within the Divisional Secretariat Limits of Ja-Ela in the District of Gampaha, Western Province, hereby give notice to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and to the General Public that I use my full name henceforth as KARISHMA SHANIYA PEREIRA, with effect from today.
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**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

IMPROVEMENT & PRINTING OF
"MEDICAL FITNESS CERTIFICATE" WITH SECURITY FEATURES

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the National Transport Medical Institute invites well experienced and reputed printing companies to submit their tender to print the medical fitness certificates of National Transport Medical Institute. Medical certificate should be printed on a security paper with security features.

The bidders can examine the present medical certificate at the time of collecting the tender document.

- Submit your tender proposal on the specimen forms obtained from the Accounts Division, National Transport Medical Institute upon payment of Rs. 3,500.00 non-refundable payment and Rs. 226,800.00 as the bid security deposit. (90 days valid).
- Please mention "Printing of Medical Fitness Certificate with Security Features" on the upper left hand corner of the envelop. Tender form to be filled and returned in duplicate under registered post or drop in the tender box at Accounts Division of the Institute to receive on or before 2.00 p.m. on 21st September 2020.
- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all bids or cancels the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a tender without assigning any reasons.

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee
National Transport Medical Institute,
170, High Level Road, Nugegoda.
Tel: 0112 814862

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**Tender Notice**

Ministry of Plantation Industries

Elkaduwa Plantations
Limited

**Tender Invitation for Cutting and Removal of Timber Trees****Tender No. EPL/PL/TB/T-04/2020 – Timber**

Sealed tenders are invited for the cutting and removal of Trees that are dangerous to the Transmission Lines and that have fallen in the following estates managed by the Elkaduwa Plantations Limited.

Estate	Kind of Tree	No. of Trees	Other Details	Lot No.	Refundable Deposit (Rs.)
Hapugasptiya	Rubber, Kenda, Jack and Boodaliyaa	181	Trees that are dangerously situated to the Electricity Transmission Line	1	100,000/-
Selagama	Jack, Albisia	11	Trees dangerous to the houses of employees	2	10,000/-
Hapugasptiya	Mal Maara	1	Felled Hazardous Tree	3	2,500/-
Hapugasptiya	Jack	3	Felled Hazardous Trees	4	5,000/-
Pitakanda	Jack	1	Felled and trunked Jack Tree	5	5,000/-
Pitakanda	Gravilia	16	Trees dangerous to Housing Scheme	6	5,000/-
Ratwatte	Alastonia Albisia, Eucalyptus Gravilia, Sapu	52	Trees of Forest Management Plan	7	100,000/-
Ratwatte	Albisia, Gravilia, Sapu	23	Trees of Forest Management Plan	8	50,000/-
Ratwatte	Albisia, Gravilia	14	Trees of Forest Management Plan	9	20,000/-
Millawana	Teak	50	Trees of Forest Management Plan	10	100,000/-
Millawana	Teak	35	Trees of Forest Management Plan	11	75,000/-
Millawana	Mahogany	19	Trees of Forest Management Plan	12	25,000/-
Millawana	Coconut, Jack, Rubber Branches and other Trees	32	Fallen Trees	13	25,000/-

Tender Forms and Conditions may be obtained from 31/08/2020 up to 12.30 p.m. on 10/09/2020 from the relevant estate offices or from 31/08/2020 up to 12.30 p.m. on 11/09/2020 from the Head Office of the Elkaduwa Plantations Limited, No. 320, Janawathu Piyasas, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/-.

Duly perfected sealed tenders will be received by the Chairman, Tender Board, Head Office of the Elkaduwa Plantations Limited to receive up to 1.00 p.m. on 11/09/2020 and the tenders will be opened at 1.00 p.m. on 11/09/2020 in the presence of tenderers. Decision of the Chairman of the Tender Board is final.

Chairman
Procurement Board
Elkaduwa Plantations Limited
Operations Office
Ratwatte
Ukuwela

Tel. No. 066-2242522 – Operations Office
066-3669882 – Hapugasptiya Estate
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Department of Sports Development

Procurement Notice

Invitation of Quotations to Obtain Security Services for Premises belonging to the Department of Sports Development 2020/2021

Quotations will be received, under the National Competitive Bidding Procedure, to obtain Security Services for places belonging to the Department of Sports Development at No. 09, Philip Gunawardene Mawatha, Colombo 07, namely, Old Hostel, Sports Union Building, Torrington Stadium, National Sports Museum at No. 33, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07, Hockey Pavillion at No. 100/10, Reid Avenue Hostel at No. 100/08, Vehicle Parking near Reid Avenue Hostel, Beliatta D.A. Rajapakse Sports Stadium Complex, Matara Kotawila District Sports Complex, Polonnaruwa District Sports Complex, Kalutara District Sports Complex, Kilinochchi District Sports Complex, Ratnapura District Sports Complex and Galle District Sports Complex.

- Relevant Bid Documents can be obtained from **31.08.2020 up to 21.09.2020 (between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.)** on office days, on submission of the Receipt to the Procurement Section, which is received from the Shroff of the Accounts Section of the Department of Sports Development on the Second Floor of the Ministry of Sports, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 7,500.00.
- All Bidders should submit a Bid Security for **Rs. 200,000.00** obtained from any commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, drawn in favour of the Director General of the Department of Sports Development and in accordance with the format stated in Annexure 01. This Bid Security should be valid from 21.09.2020 up to 31.12.2020.
- Quotations prepared in two copies as the original and duplicate, on the specified form should be submitted. Bids will be accepted up to 11.00 a.m. on 21.09.2020. Bids sent by registered post should be addressed to Director General, Department of Sports Development, No. 09, Philip Gunawardene Mawatha, Colombo 07. If delivered personally, Bids should be placed in the Tender Box kept at the Accounts Section of the Department of Sports Development on the Second Floor of the Ministry of Sports.
- The cover containing the Bid should be marked **"Quotation for Maintaining Security Services for 2020/2021"** at the left-side top corner. Bids received will be opened at **11.00 a.m. on 21.09.2020** and Bidder or one of his authorized Representatives can be present at the opening.

**Director General
Department of Sports Development,
No. 09, Philip Gunawardene Mawatha,
Colombo 07.**

Tel - 0112-697001 / 0112-694566
Fax - 0112-669881 / 0112-693229

Employment Opportunities



**UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA
FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY**

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Walk-in-Interview for appointments to the following posts will be held on 03/09/2020 at 9.30 a.m. at the Board Room of Faculty of Agriculture, Kilinochchi Premises, University of Jaffna.

- Temporary Assistant Lecturer & Temporary Demonstrator in Engineering Technology
- Temporary Demonstrator in Biosystems Technology
- Temporary Demonstrator in Inter Disciplinary Studies

Qualification:

- A degree with Specialization in the relevant subject with First or Second Class (Upper Division) Honours;
OR
- A degree with Specialization in the relevant subject with Second Class (Lower Division) Honours;
OR
- A degree with Specialization in the relevant subject without Honours or any other degree with at least Second Class Honors and (b) a recognized postgraduate degree in the relevant subject.

Note I: Special Consideration will be given in Engineering Technology to those who have degrees in Technology or Engineering in one or more of the following fields;

- Building Construction / Civil Engineering
- Automobile Technology / Mechanical Engineering
- Electro Technology / Electrical & Electronic Engineering (Priority will be given to candidates with expertise on Electronics & Tele communication)

Note II: Special Consideration will be given in Bio systems Technology to those who have degrees in Bio systems Technology specialized in one or more of the following fields;

- Food Production Technology
- Commercial Green farming Technology

Note III: Special Consideration will be given in Inter Disciplinary Studies to those who have studied Mathematics, Statistics, Physics and ICT related field in undergraduate studies;

Note - Candidates who are awaiting the results of the final degree examinations may also present for the positions of Temporary Demonstrator.

SALARY SCALE: Temporary Assistant Lecturer Rs. 49, 860/- p.m (fixed)
Temporary Demonstrator Rs. 40, 920/- p.m (fixed)

In addition to the above salary, the allowances approved by University Grants Commission will also be paid.

Candidates are requested to appear with relevant certificates, NIC and **Self-prepared applications.**

**Registrar
University of Jaffna.**



**National Transport Medical Institute
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Carriages and Automotive Industries)**



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, National Transport Medical Institute will receive sealed bids for supply of following item for year 2020.

Item	Pack Size Unit / Vials	Quantity Per Order	Annual Requirement	Non refundable fee Rs.	Refundable deposit Rs.
1) Blood Glucose Test Strips (Vials)	25 Strips	170000 (6800 Vials)	2040000 (81600 Vials)	3,500.00	458,265.60
2) Blood Grouping Reagents	Kit (A, B, D)	600 kits	7200 kits	3,500.00	558,096.00
* Anti D (RH1) IgM 1, Anti D (RH1) IgM 11 and Anti D (RH1) IgG were also offered along with other three main types of reagents. (twenty samples should supply for each order)					
3) Hypodermic Needles 25 G X 1" (Boxes)	100 Pcs (1 Box)	170000 (1700 Boxes)	2040000 (20400 Boxes)	3,000.00	124,032.00
4) Microscope Slides (Box)	72 Pcs	70 Boxes	840 Boxes	500	2436.00
5) Absorbent Cotton Wool (Ball)	500 g	80 Pcs	960 Pcs	500	8390.40
6) Latex Surgical Gloves (100 Pcs)	100 Pcs (1 Box)	M - 40 S - 60 L - 3 EXL - 57	M - 480 S - 720 L - 36 EXL - 684	1000	36,480.00
7) Surgical Spirit (L)	5L	20 (20x5) L	60 (60x5) L	500	4860.00

Bids should be prepared as per the particulars given in the bidding documents available to prospective Bidders on working days between 09 30 hours and 15 00 hours from Accountant, National Transport Medical Institute, No. 170, High Level Road, Nugegoda. These could be purchased on cash payment of a non-refundable Bid fee per set as mentioned above. A refundable deposit (valid for 90 days) should be submitted with the tender documents. Offers received without enclosing original payment receipt are liable to be rejected.

All bids should be accompanied by a Bid Bond as specified in the Bidding documents.

Sealed bids may be sent by post under Registered Cover or may be personally dropped in the Box available for this purpose at Account division, 2nd Floor, National Transport Medical Institute, No. 170, High Level Road, Nugegoda. Please mention "Supply of Medical Laboratory Items (Item No)" on the upper left hand corner of the envelop.

Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 21st September 2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders or their authorized Representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of Bids.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee
National Transport Medical Institute,
170, High Level Road, Nugegoda.
Tel : 0112 814862**



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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS

Reference No: FI/PU/T-08-2020

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, National Institute of Business Management, 120/5, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07 invites sealed bids from eligible qualified bidders for the following requirements.

Bid No.	Item Name	Quantity Nos,	Non-Refundable Tender Fee (LKR)	Bid Security (LKR)
FI/PU/T-08 2020	Desktop Computers (Use for Graphic Designing)	33	1,000.00	85,000.00

Bidder Should

- Be a registered company or an against for supplying above or similar type of Desktop computers
 - Have a financial capability to supply
 - Have recent five years' experience in supplying similar type of similar type of Desktop Computers
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedures.
 - Interested bidders can be inspect the bidding documents free of charge from procurement division at National Institute of Business Management (NIBM), 120/5, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo-07. From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on any working day from 29.08.2020 to 18.09.2020.
 - A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Assistant Director – Procurement, National Institute of Business Management (NIBM), 120/5, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo-07. **From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on any working day from 29.08.2020 to 18.09.2020.** upon payment of a non-refundable deposit fee (cash) as mentioned.
 - All bids must be accompanied by a bid security form of a bank guarantee, issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
 - Duly Completed original bids should be delivered with duplicates in separate covers marked as "Original and Duplicate" and enclosed in one envelop marked with the caption "Bids for Desktop Computers" on the left side of the envelop, to the address given below by registered/Speed/courier post or should be placed in to a box available at the same address at or before 10:30 am on 18th September 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives at the same address.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee
National Institute of Business Management (NIBM)
120/5, Wijerama Mawatha,
Colombo-07.**



National Transport Medical Institute
(Ministry of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services,
Carriages and Automotive Industries)



REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2021 / 2022

Applications are hereby invited from recognized business organizations / institutions / persons that are willing to apply for the registration as supplier fill in order to supply the following goods and services to the National Transport Medical Institute situated at No. 170, High Level Road, Nugegoda for the period of 2021/2022.

Goods

1. Chemicals and Reagents to the Laboratory / Laboratory Equipment etc.
2. X-Ray films, E.C.G. paper rolls & E.C.G. Gel
3. Medical Equipment
4. Computers / Fax Machines / Computer Printers
5. Computer Peripherals
6. Stationery / Computer Stationery
7. Office Equipment / Furniture & Fittings
8. Steel Cupboards / Steel cabinets / Chairs
9. Electronic Equipment and Items
10. Building Materials
11. Bed Sheet Suppliers / Curtain
12. Uniforms & Office T-shirt
13. Signboards / Banners etc.
14. Office Chemical Items
15. Air Conditions
16. Printing Envelopes / Letter Headings and Other Specific Printing

Services

17. Repairs to Office Equipment / Furniture & Fittings
18. Vehicle Repair, Services and Spare Parts
19. Construction / Painting / Repairs Contractors
20. Computers & Printers Network Servicing & Maintenance
21. Advertising
22. Janitorial Services
24. Security Services
25. Courier Services
26. Transport Services
27. Air Condition Repair & Maintenance
26. Consultancy Service (ICT / Civil Engineering / Legal / Survey Electrical Engineering / Bio Chemicals / Automobile Engineering)

Applications should be made separately for each subject of the above items on the prescribed registration forms to be obtained from the Accountant, National Transport Medical Institute upon payment of Rs. 500.00 per form. To register in favour of Business names, a copy of the Business Registration Certificate should be submitted along with the Registration form. Applications without these documents will be rejected.

The NTMI reserves the right to call for quotations from any outside supplier, if desired and to reject any application without giving any reason whatsoever. Suppliers who fail to perform their services to the satisfaction of the NTMI will be struck off the list of suppliers without notice. Applications should be submitted on or before **30th September 2020**, under registered cover marked "Registration of Suppliers for the year 2021/2022" on the left-hand corner of the envelope to reach.

Registered suppliers will have to supply for the below mentioned branches.
Nugegoda, Werahera, Gampaha, Ratnapura, Kandy, Kegalle, Kurunegala, Galle, Matara, Matale, Hambantota, Monaragala, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Anuradhapura, Puttalam, Vauvniya, Mannar, Mulathiv, Jaffna, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchiya

The Chairman
National Transport Medical Institute
No. 170, High Level Road, Nugegoda.
T.P. 0112814862

NEGOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

TENDER NOTICE

CALLING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DUDLEY SENANAYAKE CENTRAL MARKET BUILDING AT KAAMACHCHODE, SEA STREET, NEGOMBO (STAGE I)

Sealed Bids are hereby invited from eligible and qualified Contractors / Bidders for the Construction of Dudley Senanayake Central Market Building (Stage I) at Kaamachchode, Sea Street, Negombo.

Consultancy Firm / Institution for the Project will be the Design Consortium (Private) Limited

Scope of Work :

Total floor area of the land intended to be built the proposed building will be around 2850 sq. meters. The total height of the proposed building will be 22 metres. This building will be comprised of shops at ground floor, reception hall at the first floor and a small theatre at the second floor.

Proposed building will be basically included with RCE Posts and Masonry Walls with the slab structure. Scope of work comprises of all the Civil and Mechanical Engineering works, electrical and plumbing Engineering works, etc. for the Stage I of the constructions of the project. Period of construction will be 09 months.

If it is not the same party, the successful Contractors will have to take over the project from and out of the Piling Contractor.

Bidding will be conducted through a Competitive Bidding Procedure.

Qualifications :

To be eligible to qualify for the award of the contract, the successful Bidders should not have been blacklisted by the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), and should meet the following eligibility criteria :-

- * Registration of the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) : Grade C2 or above.
- * Should have successfully completed, as main Contractor, three (03) Projects of similar nature and complexity and the cost value of not less than Rs. 600 Million of Building Construction works, projects in the past 10 (ten) years or a Project of higher value during a proportionate period of works.
- * The Bidder/Contractor should have financial stability condition and should submit a financial stability report with the audited accounts.

Only the applications that have fulfilled the above eligibility criteria will be taken into consideration for evaluation for the contract.

01. To obtain Bidding Documents the updated CIDA (Construction Industry Development Authority) Registration Book should have to be submitted by the Bidders.
02. Bidding documents could be obtained from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** during office hours from **28.08.2020 to 18.09.2020** on working days from the Engineering Division of the Negombo Municipal Council (NMC), Thelwatta Junction, Negombo, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 60,000.00 (Rs. Sixty Thousand only).
03. Duly completed sealed Bids in duplicate should either be sent by Registered Post addressed to the Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Negombo or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Negombo to be received at or before **2.00 p.m. on 21.09.2020**.
04. Bids thus received will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids and late Bids received after the closing time will be rejected.
05. The caption to the effect, "**Construction of the Kaamachchode, Dudley Senanayake Central Market Building**" should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing Bids.
06. Negombo Municipal Council (NMC) reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid or all the Bids.
07. Bidder or his/her authorized Agents only are permitted to be present at the occasion of opening of Bids.

Further details and informations could be obtained by the interested Bidders during office hours upon contacting the Municipal Engineer, over the following Telephone No.

Municipal Engineer - 031-2220053
E-mail - nmcengineer@gmail.com

N.B.R.V. Fernando
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Municipal Council,
Negombo.

At the Municipal Office,
Negombo.

On 25.08.2020

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