

GAMINI MARAPANA, PC TELLS SC

NO REFERENDUM NEEDED FOR 20A

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Most of the provisions sought to be amended through the 20th amendment are provisions introduced into the Constitution by the 19th Amendment which was enacted into Law without being placed before the People at a referendum, President's Counsel Gamini Marapana submitted to the Supreme Court yesterday. President's Counsel Gamini

Marapana with Navin Marapana PC made these remarks while appearing for Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris, an intervenient petitioner into Special Determination petitions filed challenging the 20th Amendment to the constitution.

Marapana said that any Constitutional amendment has been enacted into Law and placed on the Statute book, without it having been placed

before the People at a Referendum, the said amendments in the Constitution can be subsequently amended without the need for a referendum.

"This position has been affirmed by a Bench of five Judges of Supreme Court, in SC Special Determination 8/ 2000 when dealing with the proposed 17th Amendment to the Constitution," Marapana added. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

FURTHER HEARING FIXED FOR MONDAY

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed for Monday (05) further hearing into 39 Special Determination petitions filed challenging the constitutionality of the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

When the petitions took up for further hearing for the Attorney General commenced making his oral submissions and sought further time to elaborate his position regarding the 20th amendment to the constitution.

In his initial submissions, Attorney General Dappula de Livera informed the Court that the bill would restore certain provisions prevalent in the 1978 Constitution. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday chaired the second forum of "Gama Samaga Pilisandara" (Dialogue with the Village) at the Nagavanarama Viharaya in Vilgamuwa in the Matale District. The President instructed officials to find suitable alternative lands to those who lost their lands due to the Moragahakanda Reservoir project. He also directed the regional political authorities to summon all relevant officials to one place and solve land related issues of the people. Picture courtesy President's Media Division.

Largest pharmaceutical manufacturing facility opens at Pitipana

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Sri Lanka's largest pharmaceutical manufacturing and research facility was declared open at Pitipana, Homagama by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday.

The construction of the state-of-the-art manufacturing plant and research and development facility located within

the Sri Lanka Institute of Nano Technology (SLINTEC) Park in Homagama began three years ago and USD 13.8 million was spent to complete the work.

The factory was built by Morison PLC, the largest oral solid dosage pharmaceutical manufacturer in Sri Lanka and a subsidiary of Hemas Holdings PLC. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

'THINAKARAN' SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT 'VADAKKIN UDAYAN' RE-LAUNCH



Our sister paper 'Thinakaran' yesterday re-launched a special supplement titled 'Vadakkinn Udayan' at a ceremony held at 'Kailasapathy' Auditorium of the Jaffna University. Lake House Chairman and Managing Director W. Dayaratne PC presented the supplement to Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella. Minister Douglas Devananda, State Minister S.Viyalendran, Deputy Chairman of Committees Angajan Ramanathan, TNA MPs Mavai Senathirajah, Selvam Adekkalanathan and members of the Lake House Board of Directors also participated in the event.

Children should enjoy freedom and happiness - PM

The country urgently needs an education reform that will enable children to enjoy freedom and happiness, said Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa during the World Children's Day national celebration at the 'Ape Gama' premises yesterday (02).

The Prime Minister said that education reform would affect the future of this country more than constitutional reform, stating that, "No matter how much of our national income is allo-



cated for education, it is of no use if children do not have the freedom to study."

The Prime Minister pointed out that the era of rebuilding the country has dawned and we must ensure that from the turmeric plants growing in our backyard to the uniform materials worn by students are all produced locally.

A commemorative stamp and the first day cover were launched to coincide with World Children's Day 2020. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

HC dismisses case against Johnston

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Colombo High Court yesterday dismissed the case and ordered to release Minister Johnston Fernando from a corruption case filed by the Bribery Commission.

The case was taken up before the High Court Judge Adithya Patabendige and he observed that the manner in which the case was filed against Minister Johnston Fernando in the Magistrate's Court was unlawful and ordered to release Minister Fernando from the case. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



House to take up full day Adjournment Debate on "Foreign Agreements"

Parliament will take up a full day Adjournment Debate next Thursday on "Foreign Agreements," the Parliament Communication Department said in the press release yesterday.

The Party Leaders have decided to facilitate the debate on a request made by Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella. The debate will be held from 10 am to 4.30pm. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Bus goes down precipice: 48 including 30 children injured

ASELA KURULUWANS AND SHAVINI MADHARA

Forty eight people including 30 school children were injured when a bus skidded off the road and went down a precipice on the Hatton-Dayagama Road in Hatton yesterday morning. The accident took place at around 7.00 am yesterday (02).

One of the school children who was admitted to the hospital has been transferred to the Kandy National Hospital for further treatment. The driver and conductor of the bus were also injured in the accident and were admitted to the Dikoya Base Hospital. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Four arrested over Rs.30 mn Katana robbery

CAMELIA NATHANIEL AND CHANDRIKA PERERA

Police had arrested four persons on Thursday (01) in connection with the robbery of a businessman's house in Akkara Panaha in Katana recently. The robber gang had entered the house of the businessman and threatened the occupants with weapons and stolen over Rs. 30 million last Wednesday (30). **▶ TO PAGE 02**



CSE ASPI Best Performing Index globally in September

The benchmark All Share Price Index (ASPI) of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) recorded significant gains outperforming all other main indexes around the globe during the month of September. The ASPI gained 12% in September

and in value terms by Rs. 279.6 billion. The S&P SL20 index, which features the CSE's 20 largest and most liquid stocks, has also gained in September by 4.39%, closing at 2,463.27 points as of 30th September. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

PCoI probing Easter Sunday attacks told

'Former President tried to escape from responsibility for attacks'

DILSHAN THARAKA

Former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando testifying before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks said that former President Maithripala Siri-

senia tried to escape from responsibility while former IGP Pujith Jayasundara and my self were apportioned blame for the Easter Sunday attacks.

"Former President Maithripala Siri-sena was preparing **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Call to expedite passage of Animal Welfare Bill

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Namal Rajapaksa yesterday (2) said President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa have instructed that the Animal Welfare Bill be expedited. The objective of the Bill is to strength-

en the law on the prevention of cruelty towards animals and secure the welfare of all animals, by clearly defining offences and introducing stringent penalties, while also establishing a National Animal Welfare Authority with comprehensive powers to address all cruelty issues. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

International Day of Non-Violence Stop fighting and focus on COVID-19 common enemy - UN Chief

Calling for a global ceasefire to become a reality by the end of the year, the Secretary General of the UN António Guterres in his message for the International Day of Non-Violence emphasized that

"On this year's observance, we have a special duty: stop the fighting to focus on our common enemy: COVID-19. Highlighting the remarkable power of non-violence and peaceful protest, the International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Int'l Organizations commend Govt's COVID-19 containment measures

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

International Organizations of United Nations in Sri Lanka have commended the Sri Lankan Government for the successful COVID-19 containment measures implemented through timely and centralized action, making use of the effective health system prevalent in the country. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Trump, First Lady test positive for COVID-19

US: US President Donald Trump has tested positive for COVID -19 along with First Lady Melania Trump but is "well" and will continue to perform his duties while quarantined at the White House, his doctor said Friday.

Trump, who first announced the news of his positive test shortly before on Twitter, wrote: "We will get through this TOGETHER!" The White House canceled his planned

campaign rally in the crucial swing state of Florida on Friday.

Just 32 days before the November 3 election against Democrat Joe Biden and behind in the polls, it also looked certain that Trump would have to cancel a slew of other trips scheduled for this weekend and next week. The shock news came right after one of Trump's closest advisors, Hope Hicks, was reported Thursday to have come down with the virus.



Hicks traveled with Trump to Cleveland for his first debate with Biden on Tuesday. She was with him again for a campaign rally in Minnesota on Wednesday. -AFP



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Mr. Marapana further added that the 13th Amendment to the Constitution became a part of the constitution, without the need for an approval of the people at a Referendum.

President's Counsel Sanjeeva Jayawardena appearing for Ven. Omare Kassapa Thera stated that Dr. Jayampathi Wickremaratne, the one of architects of the 19th amendment had accepted the fact that unexpected issues had arisen due to the 19th amendment to the constitution.

Former President Maithreepala Sirisena had also blamed the 19th amendment for its ineffective nature. This amendment caused the split between the President and the Prime Minister. The Easter Sunday terrorist attack occurred when the President and Prime Minister were not properly functioning, he further added.

Jayawardena denied the facts that the new bill would prevent citizens from initiating fundamental rights jurisdiction against the President. He argued that the President's arbitrary power had been challenged on a number of occasions even prior to introducing the 19th amendment to the constitution.

Jayawardena said the original constitution of 1978 did not have an institution called the Constitutional Council but it was introduced under the 19th amendment to the constitu-

tion. He said members of the Constitutional Council acted with affiliations to political parties rather than being independent. Mr. Jayawardena submitted to the court that the concept of Urgent Bill was included in the 1978 original constitution and 1972 first Republic Constitution.

"This provision was introduced on the basis of urgent necessities. There was an urgent necessity for enacting new laws following the Easter Sunday attack and Corona pandemic. It is not ousting or reducing the powers of the Supreme Court. It is reinstating the status quo that prevailed in the 1978 constitution," Jayawardena said.

Expressing his views regarding the dual citizenship provision, Sanjeeva Jayawardena stated public representatives have to go before people and get elected and an issue will not arise in accordance with Article 26(1) of the constitution. President's Counsel Kushan de Alwis appearing for intervention petitioner W.A.D. Weeratileke told the Supreme Court that people have given mandate to the government to repeal the 19th Amendment during the last Presidential Election and it was affirmed during the August 5 General Election.

This Bill is not a motherless bill. It is a Bill endorsed by 6.9 million people on two occa-

sions. Therefore, there is no necessity to go for a referendum. A special majority in Parliament is sufficient to become a law, Mr. Alwis said. Senior Counsel Rajpal Abeynayake appearing for Interventor Petitioner D.M. Dayaratne told the Supreme Court that the 19th Amendment to the constitution was emerged as a result of personal interests of the leaders of the Yahapalanaya regime. He said Petitioners are attempting to make out that the 19th Amendment is sacrosanct and written in stone. Replying to a statement made by President's Counsel Kanagaswaran Kanagaswaran who appeared for one of the petitioners, Mr. Abeynayake informed court that there is no need for going to Nawarangala where the 1972 first republic constitution was enacted, to repeal the 19th amendment. "19th amendment was made into law not by going to Nawarangala. I would say Parliament was made into a Rangahala (theatre) through the provisions of 19th amendment to the constitution", Abeynayake said.

Rajpal Abeynayake further said that the new bill would deal with the restoration of the power of the president to hold Ministerial portfolios including the Minister of Defence. Abeynayake stated that 19th amendment put the country in anarchy and it led to the Easter Sunday attack. He argued that there is no anything wrong in the 20th Amendment as it takes back the powers delegated to the Constitutional Council. He said through the 19th

amendment President's powers were delegated to the Constitutional Council.

Counsel Abeynayake further stated that the reinstatement of the presidential immunity on Fundamental Rights litigation was in order, as this was a mere exemption and restriction curtailing Fundamental Rights litigation, and that there were many others similar restrictions, such as the constraint against invoking Fundamental Rights in matters that involve parliamentary privilege, etc. Counsel Abeynayake further stated that such was made of the public trust doctrine, but that economic rights were important in considerations involving justice. He said the Petitioners' voiced the 'Devo Vasatu Kalena' invocation made at the promulgation of the Constitution, but ignored the fact that in modern Constitutionalism, justice involved economic justice, that was balanced with entitlement rights.

President's Counsel Shavindra Fernando appearing for SLPP General Secretary Sagara Kariyawasam said the 20th amendment to the constitution has no new provisions which could refer for a referendum. No new provisions introduced through the 20th amendment. All provisions are within the constitution, which were part of the constitution, he said. Fernando further said that going for a referendum is a burden to the people since people have given a clear mandate against the 19th amendment to the Constitution.

Call to expedite passage... From Page 01

"Several organizations and volunteers have been pushing for this bill to be passed for the last 10 years, but it has not yet seen the light of day. The Prime Minister had a meeting in March this year regarding this Bill. Taking everything into consideration, hopefully this Bill can be finalized and presented in Parliament in the next couple of months," he told the *Daily News*.

The Animal Welfare Bill is proposed in place of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance of 1907, which is insufficient when dealing with the types of cruelty animals face today.

He added, one way of protecting wildlife is bringing forward this legislation, and introducing strict regulations. "Citizens should also be responsible. The law itself cannot prevent cruelty to animals.

I think education and awareness are very important, concerning this matter," he added. Rajapaksa said the National Youth Services council is working with other relevant organizations to educate and create awareness among the youth on responsible behaviour towards the environment and wildlife. "We are also looking at getting the Youth Parliament's involvement in this regard," he added. Minister Namal Rajapaksa tweeted recently of his meeting with Minister Ali Sabry and animal rights activists on the Animal Welfare Bill.

The current British-colonial laws to prevent cruelty to animals in Sri Lanka have not been updated since 1907, and are completely inadequate to deal with today's challenges like elephant riding, factory farming, and unethical wildlife tourism.

'Former President tried to escape from... From Page 01

to contest the next Presidential Election for the second time but as the attacks would have affected his chances of running for the Presidency again, the responsibility for the attacks fell on us," he alleged.

Fernando said that after the bomb attacks that took place on April, 21, 2019, former President Maithripala Sirisena had made a statement to the media after he returned to Sri Lanka that the former Defence Secretary and the former IGP should bear the responsibility for the attacks. He directly named us as the accused without conducting preliminary investigations into the attacks.

There was a rift between me and the former President Maithripala Sirisena. Some political groups had conspired to create a rift between me and the former President. The

rift between us had got worse. The major factor for this country is the politics in the country," he said.

Testifying further, the former Defence Secretary said that the intelligence services had been weakened since the 'Yahapalana' Government came to power and that the state intelligence had not found any intelligence regarding the Easter attacks until the attack, adding that both reports that the intelligence which was forwarded by the State Intelligence Service were based on information received from abroad.

"I did the best I could as secretary. Only the state intelligence service provided me with information. Military intelligence has never provided me with intelligence. We discussed important information provided by State intelligence at intelli-

gence meetings. Sri Lanka is a country that has had peace for 10 years. There were no reports of such an attack," he added.

When asked by President's Counsel Anil Silva appearing on behalf of former President Maithripala Sirisena whether he was in charge of security, Fernando said that it was a matter of criticism. When the President went abroad, his powers were not delegated to anyone. He told the Commission that if not formally assigned, the president would have powers wherever he was in the world. "I was not assigned responsibilities by the President when he went abroad. I am the Secretary of the Ministry of Defense. Here, I highlight how ethical it is to name us to take the responsibility for the attacks without even taking state-

ments of other relevant persons. There is a system in which secretaries are bound by working responsibilities," he said.

Attorney-at-Law Madhu Jayatileke appeared for former Director of State Intelligence Senior DIG Nilantha Jayawardena raised a question that the head of state intelligence informed about this when there was a Motorcycle explosion on April 18 and prior to the Easter attacks several incidents took place at Mawanelle Aliy Junction, Vavunathivu Bridge and many other places. Couldn't connect those dots and roll these one by one? Responding to the query Fernando said that "I'm not here to connect the dots. The state intelligence service is there for that. I cannot take responsibility for them. If the information received from April 4 to

20 had been corroborated, we would have minimized this to some extent. The former Defence Secretary was in the dark until he was informed through a WhatsApp message on April 20. The IGP and the Army Commander had been informed about this. The Secretary of Defense is to blame for what happened without saying anything. He said that if the attack had not been carried out by doing so, the Defense Secretary would have done the wrong thing by creating national disunity and problems. These things should be done very carefully."

Former Defence Secretary Hema Siri Fernando while responding to cross-examination informed the Commission that it was difficult for him to speak loudly due to his poor health condition.

CSE ASPI Best Index ... From Page 01

The average number of trades carried out in a trading day during the month of September was 20,607 which is 96% higher than the Year-to-date average number of trades done per day indicating a significant improvement in trading activity and investor engagement during September. In terms of market turnover, a Rs. 50 billion consolidated turnover was recorded during the month of September.

Commenting on the performance, CSE Chairman Dumith Fernando said, "We are extremely happy that the local stock market has continued its upward trajectory since reopening on the 11th of May and outperforming global giants. The continued low interest rate environment has led to more financial assets being moved from low yielding fixed income assets into the share market and we expect that to continue into the coming months. We have also witnessed much stronger confidence levels in the earnings growth of listed corporates as a result of the post-COVID bounce back and lower financing costs. Companies are being rewarded by investors who continue to expect strong earnings in coming quarters."

Children should... From Page 01

State Minister Piyal Nishantha presented the commemorative souvenir to the Prime Minister launched to mark World Children's Day. The Prime Minister also handed over eco-friendly People's Bank tills made of clay to three children.

"I am very happy that this event for children at such a location on World Children's Day gives them the opportunity to appreciate our

culture rather than a lecture being organized at a lecture hall. I also appreciate the efforts by our minister to enable these children to showcase their aesthetic abilities. I can see that there are children here of all races and religions and this is something I am very pleased to see," he said.

Referring to the days of the war, the Prime Minister told the children of the hardships people

had to face with so many checkpoints and dangers.

He said that his only ambition was to rid the country of the war and ensure a peaceful future for our future generations. "I made a promise in 2015 that our future generations would not be burdened with the war and today these children before me are free of that danger. Some of you were not even born back in 2015. Moreover, back then only a part of the country even had electricity. Only 5% of the country's population were computer literate. Yet, we have ensured

that the present generation does not have to face these problems," the Prime Minister said, noting that as a result the students were able to engage in online learning during the Covid-19 pandemic without any issue.

The Prime Minister said that from childhood children are divided according to religion and race with separate schools for the various races and religions.

Hence, he said when children grow up how can they be expected to unite when they have been trained to be divided from their

early childhood. Therefore, he said that he believes that this segregation and division should be stopped from childhood and all children should be trained from their young age to live together with all religious and racial denominations of this country without any division.



House to take... From Page 01

"The Committee on Parliamentary Business chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, decided to hold the next Sittings of Parliament from Tuesday (6) to Friday (9). As per the decisions taken at the meeting, the second reading of the Finance (Amendment) Bill and the regulations submitted to the Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act will be taken up for debate on October 6. The Adjournment debate by the Government will be taken up for debate from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm accordingly.

"The Second Reading of the Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill, the Second Reading of the Economic Service Charge (Amendment) Bill and the Second Reading of the Ports and Airports Development Levy (Amendment) Bill is scheduled to be taken up for debate on October 7. In addition, five Resolutions under the Appropriation Act are also scheduled to be taken up for debate. The Adjournment debate by the Government will be taken up for debate from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

"Votes of Condolence on the late Members of Parliament, Surangani Ellawala, K. P. Silva, R. W. Rajapaksha is scheduled to be taken up in Parliament on October 9," the release said.

Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena, Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando, Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella and Committee Members Chamal Rajapaksa, Douglas Devananda, Dulias Alahapperuma, Wimal Weerawansa, Mahinda Amaraweera, Prasanna Ranatunga, Mahinda Samarasinghe, Gyanthana Karunatileka, Anura Dissanayaka, Dilan Perera, Mano Ganesan, M. A. Sumanthiran was present at the said meeting.



Further hearing fixed for Monday... From Page 01

The Attorney General is to resume his oral submission next Monday as well.

Twenty intervenient petitioners including Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris, Minister Gamini Lokuge, Attorney Sagara Kariyawasam, Ven. Omare Kassapa Thera, W.A.D.

Weeratileke, M. Dayaratne and P.G.B. Abeyratne sought court's permission to intervene into these Special Determination petitions.

The Supreme Court five-judge-bench comprised Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya, Justices Buwaneka Aluwihare, Sisira de Abrew, Pri-

yantha Jayawardena and Vijith K. Malalgoda. President's Counsel Sanjeeva Jayawardena, Shavindra Fernando PC, Kushan de Alwis, Gamini Marapana PC, Navin Marapana PC, Senior Counsel Rajpal Abeynayake and Kaushalya Nawaratne appeared for the

intervenient petitioners. Attorney General Dappula de Livera with Acting Solicitor General Sanjay Rajaratnam, Additional Solicitor General Indika Demuni de Silva, Additional Solicitor General Farzana Jameel appeared for the Attorney General.

Bus goes down... From Page 01

Doctor at the Dikoya Hospital said that the condition of the other students and passengers receiving treatment at the hospital was not in critical condition.

Police investigations have revealed that the accident had taken place due to a technical fault in the front wheel of the bus. Among the students injured in the bus accident were students of Podais Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, Ginigathena Central College and several other schools, police said.

Passengers say that the road is in a dilapidated condition and that the bus may have fallen into potholes.

Stop fighting and focus on common... From Page 01

the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

"On this year's observance, we have a special duty: stop the fighting to focus on our common enemy: COVID-19.

There is only one winner of conflict during a pandemic: the virus itself. As the pandemic took hold, I called for a global ceasefire. Today we need a new push by the international community to make this a reality by the end of this year. Cease-fires would ease

immense suffering, help to lower the risk of famine, and create space for negotiations towards peace," said the Secretary General.

"Deep mistrust stands in the way. Yet I see reasons for hope. In some places, we see a standstill in the violence. A

great many Member States, religious leaders, civil society networks and others back my call. Now is the time to intensify our efforts. Let us be inspired by the spirit of Gandhi and the enduring principles of the UN Charter," he said in his message.



Int'l Organizations... From Page 01

A group of representatives of International organizations of the United Nations in Sri Lanka who met Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi for a special discussion on the future development plan of the country's health sector, expressed their fullest support for the future development activities carried out by the Ministry.

The discussion was held at the Ministry of Health yesterday (2).

Dr. Razia Pendsey, Resident Representative of Sri Lanka to the World Health Organization, and Resident Coordinator of the United Nations, Hana Singer, International Technical specialist expert of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Dr. Jairo Andres Villamil-Diaz, Policy Expert and Team Leader of the United Nations Development Program. Mr. Fadhil Bakeer Markar, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Environmental, Political, Agricultural Sciences Sun and Mr. Xuebing participated in this occasion.

The representatives further appreciated the health policies implemented by the present government headed by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, for the development of the country's primary health development program, they pledged to provide financial assistance for the expansion of public health services. Speaking at the occasion, Xuebing of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization() pledged to assist the government to implement a food security program targeting the children. WHO Resident Representative in Sri Lanka Dr. Razia Pendsey, said that special assistance was provided for Sri Lanka to control COVID 19 in Sri Lanka and she also said that steps will be taken to continue this program in Sri Lanka. Fadhil Bakeer Markar said that a program has been set up to implement infrastructure and special projects in Sri Lankan hospitals.

Largest pharmaceutical... From Page 01

Sri Lanka is importing USD 1.8 billion worth pharmaceutical drugs annually and this company will help manufacture a share of them and reduce the imports. The company will also accept orders from foreign countries.

Ministers Dr. Bandula Gunawardena, Wimal Weerawansa Pavithra Wanniarachchi, and Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals State Minister Prof. Channa Jayasumana and

Hemas and Morrison PLC top management also participated.

The facility is expected to start commercial production early next year, supporting the Government's aim to manufacture essential medicines locally.

Four arrested over Rs.30 mn Katana... From Page 01

The police had recovered a portion of the stolen cash, jewellery and the car in which the robbers had arrived and a motorcycle.

Police said that seven suspects were involved in the robbery and one of the four arrested suspects is an Army deserter.

The mastermind of this robbery and two others are still at large and the Police have deployed two teams to arrest them. In addition, technical teams have also been deployed to analyze the techniques used by the robbers, the weapons used, and

others involved or assisted in the robbery.

Police had also recovered Rs.7,235,380 and a part of the stolen jewellery, said Police Media Spokesman SSP Jaliya Senaratne, addressing a media briefing yesterday.

He said that the Police had come to know about the whereabouts of the mastermind of this robbery and he would be arrested soon. The gang of thieves had stolen Rs.19 million in cash and jewellery from the businessman.

The four suspects who have been arrested are resi-

dents of Gampaha, Eppawala, Seeduwa and Nikaweratiya areas. The motorcar used for the robbery was found at the residence of the suspect in Gampaha. The Army deserter is a resident of Seeduwa but he was arrested in the Mawathagama area where he was hiding. The motorbike was recovered from the residence of the suspect from Eppawala.

The investigations are being carried out on the directives of Colombo Senior DIG Deshabandu Tennakoon, under the leadership of the Negombo SSP Saman Siger



by a team of Police officers of the Katana Police led by OIC Chief Inspector Dilan Rajapaksa.

At the time of the robbery, the businessman and his family members were in the house and the robber gang had threatened them with pistols and stolen the valuables. According to Police, the robber gang had arrived in a small blue car and two motorbikes.



HC dismisses case... From Page 01

The case was filed by the Bribery Commission under Section 70 of the Bribery Act, during the period of the former Director General of Bribery Commission Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe against Minister Johnston Fernando, allegedly causing a Rs.40 million unlawful loss to the government by employing 153 employees of the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment (CWE) for election work during the period 2010 to 2014, while he was serving as the Cooperative and Internal Trade Minister.

At a previous occasion, a revision application filed by Minister Johnston Fernando challenging a Chief Magistrate's Court order that the Magistrate's Court has decided to continue the case even though his lawyers have filed a preliminary objection stating that the manner in which the case has been filed is illegal.

In his petition, the Minister said that the Bribery Commission filed a case against him in the Colombo Magistrate's Court alleging that the government had incurred a loss of Rs.40 million by employing 153 employees of the CWE.

In this case, the Counsel for Johnston Fernando raised a preliminary objection to the effect that in any event the prosecution cannot maintain the case as they had failed to comply with the mandatory provisions of Law required under the law. It was contended that the Former DG had filed the action maliciously and without obtaining a mandatory direction under Section 11 of the Bribery Act. Under this provision the Director General cannot institute an action without the three Commissioners approving a prosecution. It was further contended that when a prosecution is initiated in a Magistrate Court it was mandatory to obtain the sanction of the Commission and that the former DG Bribery had filed this action without such sanction.

Minister Johnston Fernando has asked the Colombo High Court to declare the decision of the Magistrate's Court illegal and acquit him of the charges.

President's Counsel Kalinga Indatissa with Samantha Premachandra, Kalpana Indatissa and Razana Salih appeared for Petitioner Minister Johnston Fernando. Deputy Director General Ganga Heiyanthuduva appeared on behalf of the Bribery Commission.

FM tells 4th World Conference on Women

'Sri Lankan women contributing for betterment of society'

The Government will facilitate the contribution of Sri Lankan women to the betterment of our society as an equal player, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said.

He was addressing the High-Level Meeting on the 25th Anniversary of the 4th World Conference on Women held on Thursday under the theme "Accelerating the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

Excerpts of his speech are given below.

"Undoubtedly, the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action, which was adopted during the 4th World Conference on Women in 1995 is a landmark global agenda for the empowerment of women. This comprehensive policy document remains relevant today as it was 25 years ago, as a source of guidance and

inspiration for the advancement of women and the achievement of gender equality, globally.

"While recognizing that vital steps have been taken by the global community towards achieving gender equality and empowering women, we also acknowledge that challenges and obstacles continue to remain, impeding the socio-economic and political development of women.

"Across every sphere, from health to economy, negative impacts of COVID-19 have affected women and girls worldwide. It is therefore essential to keep gender equality and women in the forefront amidst global efforts to recover from this pandemic.

"Historically, Sri Lanka has demonstrated its commitment and political will to promote gender equality and the empowerment



of women, being cognizant of their invaluable contribution to the social and economic development of the country.

"It is very encouraging to note that the women in Sri Lanka, comprising more than half of our population, have achieved social development indicators such as literacy rates, social inclusion and life expectancy, which are on par with the developed countries.

"I am very proud to acknowledge the achieve-

ments of women in my country, who play a significant role in every sphere. Sri Lankan women were granted voting rights (universal franchise) in 1931. Sri Lanka produced the first female Prime Minister in the world in 1960. Sri Lankan women have continued to hold several high-ranking positions in the country as Members of Parliament and local Government, Secretaries to Ministries, Heads of Diplomatic Missions, and the Judiciary.

Women represent half of the working population in the country and excel in higher education. Their contribution to the national economy is very significant. Women represent 34.5% of the labour force while 39 percent of the expatriate workforce consists of women.

"The Government, headed by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who has received an overwhelming mandate by the Sri Lankan people, is committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), among which the fifth Goal is to "achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls."

"In our Government's National Policy Framework ("Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour"), 10 key policy areas have been identified to achieve a fourfold outcome of 'a productive citizenry, a contented family, a disci-

plined and just society and a prosperous nation'. In this framework, priority has been given to gender-based equality, empowerment of women and minimization of gender-based violence.

"In line with the above policy framework, the Government will facilitate and ensure the contribution of Sri Lankan women to the betterment of our society as an equal player, in an environment where women will make their own decisions and will be free to reach their aspirations and will not be subject to any violence or discrimination.

"In conclusion, Sri Lanka reaffirms its commitment to the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, which should be our shared commitment towards a inclusive and sustainable development."

Namal calls for strict rules and regulations against cyber bullying

MEKA INDRAKUMAR

Advocating against cyber bullying, Youth and Sports Affairs Minister Namal Rajapaksa recently posted on social media that strict rules and regulations should apply against cyber bullying.

He said he too had faced instances where he became a victim of cyber-bullying, adding that cyber bullying must be considered a serious offence.

The Minister speaking to the *Daily News* yesterday on the issue, said cyber bullying has become a universal issue, just like wildlife, environment and drugs.

"The misusing of social media and misperception of freedom of speech have become a part of this, we have come to a point to strengthen regulations and make stricter laws. One is data protection, and educating the younger generation on how to productively use social media and to strengthen the rules and regulations regarding cyberbullying, child pornography and the misuse of various online platforms".

He added, the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs together with the ministry of justice, are working with other relevant ministries, to tackle the menace.

"The Ministry of Youth is a wide scope, and whatever reflects on the youth fits the parameter of the ministry. As a ministry, it is the responsibility to coordinate all this, and to safeguard the youth from whatever is potentially damaging".

The ministry is working with several departments, organisations and inter-ministries to identify the cases of cyber-bullying.

"At one-point, cyber-bullying was never taken seriously, today it has gone to an extent from prominent personalities to anyone to everyone isn't spared online. The law should be made stricter, and all the amendments will be made to the existing laws. We are hoping by next year beginning to see tangible results for these."

Warrant issued on Arjuna recalled

SHAVINI MADHARA

The warrant issued for the arrest of former Parliamentarian Arjuna Ranatunga was recalled by the Colombo Chief Magistrate Mohomed Mihail yesterday. The warrant was issued for the arrest of the former MP for failing to appear before Court.

Former MP Arjuna Ranatunga was not present before the court to provide evidence with regard to a case filed against Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Colombo Municipal Councillor Kulatissa Deeganage, his nephew Gayan Kulawansa Kulatissa and eight others. The Magistrate had earlier issued notices on the former MP to appear before the court yesterday.

All the eight suspects are currently out of bail. Colombo Municipal Councillor Kulatissa Deeganage and others have been accused of forcibly entering the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation premises and behaving in an unruly manner creating unrest.

Magistrate fixed further inquiries for January 18.

'Sri Lanka recognizes legitimate right of Palestinian people'

Sri Lanka recognizes the legitimate and inalienable right of the people of Palestine to statehood and to the natural resources in their territory, the Sri Lankan Mission in Geneva told the 45th Session of the Human Rights Council.

Participating in the General Debate on the human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories, Sri Lanka reiterated that any form of annexation, irrespective of its size, would constitute a violation of international law, jeopardize prospects for a peaceful settlement to the issue and cause destabilization of peace and security in the Middle East region.

Excerpts of the statement are given below.

"Recent UN reports, including by the Secretary General, have indicated continued human rights viola-

tions of the Palestinian people in the OPT.

We therefore urge Israel to abandon completely its annexation plans as well as similar activities, and respect the rights of the Palestinian people to fundamental freedoms and security.

We echo the expectation of the Secretary General that the recent agreement would lead to an opportunity for re-engagement for constructive and meaningful negotiations to resolve conflict in line with the two-state solution based on relevant UN resolutions and international law.

"We note with concern the worsening humanitarian crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and in Israel consequent to COVID-19 and urge both parties to work in cooperation with the international community in the fight

against the pandemic. We appreciate the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for responding to the new humanitarian challenges in the OPT and call the international community for strengthened support to their activities.

"While recognizing the legitimate and sensitive security concerns of both the Palestinian and the Israeli peoples, Sri Lanka observes that uncertainty that continues in the region will only contribute to further deepening the crisis, and we encourage both parties to exercise maximum restraint.

"Sri Lanka remains committed to supporting a negotiated settlement fully in line with the internationally agreed parameters of two states living side by side in harmony with one another on the basis of the 1967 borders".

Study on causes of frequent tree falls in Colombo

The Special Assignments and Environmental Unit of the Presidential Secretariat conducted a study on Colombo's main roads to identify the causes of frequent tree falls on rainy days and to provide solutions to such problems.

Over the past few days, 27 large trees had fallen in Colombo. The study was conducted at Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Gregory's Road, Thunmulla and other such areas where tree falls were frequently reported.

The study revealed that decaying of roots, aging trees and the growth of various parasites in them had contributed to the problem. The

Unit will continue the study to identify measures to remedy the problems and protect the people's lives and property. Parallel to this programme, the safe removal of fallen trees and branches in the vicinity of Vihara Maha Devi Park was also carried out.

The study programme was conducted after Senior Superintendent of Police Roshan Rajapaksa was appointed Director of the Special Assignments and Environmental Unit. Royal Botanic Gardens Deputy Director Dr. Achala Attanayake and officers representing Colombo Municipal Council also participated.



Senior Superintendent of Police Roshan Rajapaksa who was appointed Director of the Special Assignments and Environmental Unit with Royal Botanic Gardens Deputy Director Dr. Achala Attanayake and officers representing Colombo Municipal Council on a study tour of Colombo.

Fourth Sri Lanka - Japan Dialogue on Maritime Security, Safety and Oceanic issues held

"The Fourth Sri Lanka - Japan Dialogue on Maritime Security, Safety and Oceanic Issues" was held in the form of a video conference on Thursday (1).

The Dialogue was attended by representatives from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense and Japan Coast

Guard from the Japanese side, and Ministry of Foreign Relations, Ministry of Ports and Shipping, Sri Lanka Army, Navy and Air Forces, Department of Sri Lanka Coast Guard, Merchant Shipping Secretariat, and Sri Lanka Ports Authority from the Sri Lankan side respectively.

During the Dialogue, active discussion was held on the current views of Indo-Pacific, while agreeing to expedite bilateral and multilateral cooperation in order to realize rule-based free and open Indo-Pacific and Quality Infrastructure development.

Both sides welcomed the progress of cooperation being made in the domains of maritime security and safety, and exchanged views on the initiatives and cooperation between the two countries in the areas of anti-piracy and maritime crimes, among others.

SLAF resumes Udawalawe Forest reforestation programme

The Sri Lanka Air Force Command Agro Unit in collaboration with the SLAF Station Weerawila has resumed a reforestation programme at selected land sites within the Udawalawe forest reserve on 29 September 2020.

Under the leadership and initiative of Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sumangala Dias, the SLAF Command Agro Unit has planted

seedling of Mee, Palu, Kohomba in one Arce in the forest reserve. These lands were previously used for illegal cannabis plantations. However, the SLAF Intelligence Operatives together with troops from the Sri Lanka Police Special Task Force had successfully destroyed eight identified Cannabis Cultivation Sites within the Udawalawe Forest on August 20, 2020.



Air Force personnel participating in the reforestation programme.

Dr. Saman Weerasinghe appointed Advisor to PM



Former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia Dr. Saman Weerasinghe receiving his Letter of Appointment from Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees.

Former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia Dr. Saman Weerasinghe who is also the Chairman of the Kelaniya Rajamah Viharaya Dayaka Sabhawa has been appointed by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa as his Advisor with effect from Wednesday(30).

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa had handed over his Letter of Appointment at Temple Trees. Dr. Weerasinghe had served as the Adviser to the former President (Current PM Rajapaksa) between 2010 to 2015. He had later been appointed as the Sri Lanka Ambassador to Russia from December 2015 to March 2018.

Dr. Saman Weerasinghe, who served as the President's International Adviser from May 2018 to November 2019, has been committed to enhancing Sri Lanka - Russia economic, cultural and humanitarian relations for the past 30 years.

The Russian Federation, on the recommendation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, has awarded Dr. Saman Weerasinghe the 'Order of Honor of the Russian Federation', the highest award given to a foreigner.

Dr. Saman Weerasinghe is an Honorary Graduate of the Moscow Medical University and the recipient of a Russia-Sri Lanka Full Scholarship in 1983.

Dr. Saman Weerasinghe, General Secretary of the Sri Lanka-Russia Friendship Association is a distinguished past pupil of Mahinda College, Galle.

Suspect arrested with ICE

SHAVINI MADHARA

A suspect was arrested with 500 grams and 110 milligrams of Crystal Methamphetamine commonly named as "ICE" in Kibulapitiya, Katana on Thursday. The suspect was identified as a 35-year-old resident of Negombo. The suspect was produced before the Negombo Magistrate's Court yesterday. Negombo Police is conducting further investigations into the incident.

Two people have also been arrested while in possession of Crystal Methamphetamine in Borupana, Mount Lavinia. This arrest was made by the Mount Lavinia Crimes Investigation Division. Police seized 10 grams of ICE with the possession of both suspects. The suspects were in the 24-38 age group. The arrested two were produced before the Mount Lavinia Magistrate's Court yesterday and police are investigating.

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The handicaps of the police

It has long puzzled ordinary folk in this country as to how crime suspects accompanying policemen to point out location of arms caches get themselves conveniently bumped off. The stock response has always been that the suspects suddenly pulled out a hidden firearm and attempted to shoot the officers with them. Now we have a clear explanation from no less a personage than Senior DIG Western Province Deshabandu Tennakoon for this phenomenon. Appearing on a talk show on a private TV channel, the other day, Tennakoon said there were 27 contract killers on the loose, a majority of them with military training, who are considered extremely dangerous. "These men are capable of carrying out drive in shootings. They can manoeuvre a motorcycle with one hand, and, at the same time, shoot with a rifle with the other". Hence, policemen have to act fast in self defence and have been ordered to shoot at the first sign of a threatening move by those in their custody.

This explanation is indeed intriguing. It is common knowledge, nay a ground rule, that all suspects accompanying police officers to locations of arms caches are manacled, which make it next to impossible to pull out a fire arm and turn it on the accompanying police party (even remand prisoners are manacled when they are brought to court houses). Besides, prior to these forays the suspects are obviously thoroughly frisked for any hidden weapon, particularly given the frequency in which such episodes were taking place. Is the Senior DIG suggesting that the Police party and the criminal they are accompanying to locations of hidden weapons were getting on like a house on fire and it was at the point of detection that the suspect turns hostile and tries to attack the officers concerned? What about the countless instances where suspects had died while in police custody. Were they too having weapons hidden on their person while being confined to their cells? Those who have met with such a fate in the past could certainly not have been as dangerous as the 27 professional killers the Senior DIG mentions. True, the police is today performing a thankless job and undergoing grave risks in their campaign to eradicate underworld crime and the narcotics business. They (police) today, as at no other time before, are fighting against severe odds in their anti-crime operations due to the exponential growth of the underworld that is being fueled by drug money. Hence, there is no doubt that they are carrying out their duties under tremendous strain and tension which may result in certain excesses. If, as the Senior DIG mentioned, there are 27 contract killers who, perhaps, enjoy killing, on the loose, the police, certainly, have their work cut out. This could well be one of the reasons for some of the officers to be trigger happy and act on impulse.

This is all the more reason for the police service to undergo a complete overhaul to make it equal to the task of meeting with the new challenges and new dimensions crime has assumed. The police service has come a long way from the days when serious crime were few and far between and where only those arousing sensationalism such murder due to love affairs and poisoning of paramours / mistresses held the attention of the nation. Hence there is a dire need for a police service to be up to the task to face the serious challenges thrown.

True, there are dedicated and efficient police officers in the service who are wedded to their duty and are above corruption. They deserve all praise and plaudits. Unfortunately they too are being tarred with the same brush today due to the acts of the few bad eggs. Perhaps the liberal recruitment done to the police service during the war years may have paved the way for the corrupt elements to enter the service and tarnish the image of the police service as a whole.

Rewards to police officers too have come under scrutiny recently following revelations that certain Narcotic Bureau officers recently arrested for colluding with drug lords had been recipients of rewards and Presidential awards. Rewards, if at all, should be given to police informants who lead the police to crime detection. It is these elements who are at risk from the criminals and money given to them cannot be begrudged. Besides, police officers should not be paid additionally for what is, after all, performing their official duties.

As already stated, the police, as a whole, needs a thorough shake up to meet the new challenges and changing scenario, with crime interwoven with the drugs trade and sophisticated weapons in free circulation. Special training needs to be given to the new recruits to the police service to make them adapt to the new realities. Stringent measures should be taken by the authorities to weed out corruption in the police service. Steps should also be taken to make the police officers a satisfied and contented lot by increasing their salaries and other emoluments and grant them their due promotions. This, perhaps, may keep them out of temptation's way.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The police must obey the law while enforcing the law. - Earl Warren



THE 19TH AMENDMENT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

Guest Column

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Part 2

Article 33 of the Constitution makes provision for powers and functions of the President. The 19th Amendment by Clause 5 has repealed that Article, and new Article 33 is substituted therefore under the title 'Duties, powers and functions of the President'. Further the 19th Amendment in Clause 5, partly repealed Article 33, by adding a new sub-article as the first sub article to Article 33, while re-numbering the existing sub Article 1 of Article 33, as sub Article 2.

The new sub Article (1) of Article 33, carried the achievement of a number of national aspirations as the duties powers and functions of the President. These were included under Clause 5 of the 19th Amendment. They included (a) to ensure that the Constitution is respected and upheld, (b) to promote national reconciliation and integration; (c) to ensure and facilitate the proper functioning of the Constitutional Council and the institutions referred to in chapter VIIA and (d) on the advice of the Election Commission to ensure the creation of proper conditions for the conduct of free and fair elections. Several other powers were given to the President in a new Article 33(2) regulating and providing for his links with Parliament.

Article 33 of the 1978 Constitution was further amended by the addition of a new Article 33A in Clause 6 of the 19th Amendment. By that Article 33A the President was made responsible to Parliament for the due exercise performance and discharge of his powers, duties and functions under the Constitution and any written law including the law for the time being relating to public security.

The Article 33A is important as a constitutional device to engage answerability of the President to Parliament, for his actions and for the exercise of his / her Presidential powers and obligations to those who hold the franchise for electing a President. Article 42 of the 1978 Constitution also imposes a responsibility of the President to prevent for the exercise of his functions under the Constitution and any written law. Under the 17th and 18th Amendments aforesaid Article 42 remained un-amended. It is also noted here that Article 42 of the 1978 Constitution is identical to Article 91 of the 1972 Constitution.

The President and the making of Cabinet of Ministers

Principally, the Cabinet of Ministers is charged with the responsibility of chartering the direction that the Government should take in guiding and controlling that chosen direction. (19th Amendment, Article 42(1)). By making the President a Member of the Cabinet as its Head, his function and his role in directing and controlling the government of the Republic subject to parliamentary control and is governed by Parliament.

The 19th Amendment places a constitutional limitation on the number of Cabinet Ministers that the President may appoint. In a new Article 46(1), the 19th Amendment limits the number of Ministers of Cabinet ranking to 30 and the number of Ministers without Cabinet ranking together with Deputy Ministers to an aggregate not

to exceed 40. These numbers are applicable where there is a single party forming the Government. (19th Amendment, Article 41(1)).

The Constitution recognizes the formation of national government, when a recognized political party or an Independent group which obtains the highest number of seats in Parliament forms a coalition government among themselves or with other recognized political parties having numbers elected to Parliament (Article 46(5)). Where such a government is formed, then it is left to Parliament to determine the number of Cabinet Ministers, Ministers outside the Cabinet and Deputy Ministers that the President may appoint. (Article 46(4)). The President has a power to consult the Prime Minister regarding the structuring of the Cabinet of Ministers. But this appears from the wording found in Article 43(1) of the 19th Amendment that it is not a prerequisite but merely a power that the Constitution in the 19th Amendment gives him.

In the appointment of non-Cabinet Ministers the President has an option of seeking the advice of the Prime Minister. It appears from the wording of Article 47(1) of the 19th Amendment that he may seek the advice of the Prime Minister only by way of an option left to him. Equally, the President has an option to consult the Prime Minister when assigning subjects and functions to the non-Cabinet Ministers appointed under paragraph (1). It therefore appears that the President's participation in the Cabinet making under the 19th Amendment is not necessarily consistent.

President's immunity: Section 35

The immunity of the President was found in both the 1972 Constitution (Article 23 (1) and the 1978 Constitution (Article 35). While Article 23(a) of the 1972 Constitution had two sub-Articles, Article 35 of the 1978 Constitution has three sub-Articles. It is noted here that the first two sub-Articles of Article 35 of the 1978 Constitution are identical with the two sub-Articles of Article 23 of the 1972 Constitution.

In *Kumaratunge v Jayakody and Another*, the Court observed that Article 35(1) of the 1978 Constitution provided a wider ambit of immunity than the scope of immunity provided under Article 23(1) of the 1972 Constitution. It is suggested that narrow-

er scope of immunity was sufficient to protect a President who had no executive powers but remained as an extension of the constitutional embodiment of the former Governor General (*Kumaratunge v Jayakody and another*). The President's immunity under Article 35 of the Constitution was limited to instituting proceedings *de novo* and the continuation of proceedings begun prior to swearing in as the President. Where the same person is elected as the President for the second term of office the immunity continues into that second term as well without a break in the continuity of his originally acquired immunity.

Some of the matters that fall under Article 35 of the Constitution may entail functions that must necessarily be performed by persons other than the President himself. These are persons such as the permanent Secretaries and other functionaries who carry out the orders and respond to the request issued by the President. They are unable to claim the benefit of the immunity under Article 35. In this respect presidential immunity is quite unlike the judicial privilege available to functionary who executes a judicial order in good faith.

Article 35 has now been repealed and replaced by a new Article 35 found in Clause 7 of the 19th Amendment. Article 35 of the 19th Amendment has three sub-Articles. Article 35(1) has two provisos. The principal sub Article, 35(1) of the 19th Amendment adopts Article 23(1) of the 1972 Constitution. In two provisos to the main sub Article (35) the 19th Amendment, first excludes the application of President's immunity where a citizen claims by an Application to the Supreme Court, that under Article 126, there had been a violation of that citizen's Fundamental Rights. Such an action should be commenced against the Attorney-General. Second, proviso excludes from the Supreme Court its own jurisdiction to pronounce upon the exercise of the President's power to 'declare war and peace' under Article 33(2) (g). That provision is found as a new sub-Article, also in the 19th Amendment, replacing the original Article 33 of the 1978 Constitution.

The President has no immunity from proceedings where his own election as President is being challenged or any matters pertaining to that election has given rise to any other legal proceedings, including any appeals that may result. (Article 130 (a) and (b)) Exception is also found in the amended Article 35(3) in Clause 7 of the 19th Amendment where the President exercises his rights under Article 129, where: In all proceedings that fall under Article 35(3), included in Clause 7, of the 19th Amendment, the application of the presidential immunity is excluded.

Immunity does not render acts committed, obligations assumed duties breached, privileges and powers misused, in law, a nullity. It merely makes the person clothed with immunity

been shielded from legal proceedings during the pendency of that immunity. Whenever that shield is lost and the person loses that immunity, the person becomes liable to legal proceedings for any and all liabilities incurred during the period in which he had protection of the community. Others are thereafter enabled to commence proceedings against a former President. Immunity therefore is a transient condition which the law provides to a selected group of persons.

The Constitutional Council

The Constitutional Council was first introduced in Chapter VIIA of the 17th Amendment. Chapter VIIA was inserted immediately after the last Article 41 of Chapter VII of the 1978 Constitution under the 17th Amendment. Apart from the above amendment, the 17th Amendment effected amendments to several other Chapters of the original 1978 Constitution. Constitutional Council was renamed in the 18th Amendment as "The Parliamentary Council". Besides that change the 18th Amendment maintained the general structure and the amplitude of its application in the manner in which it was found, originally in the 17th Amendment.

Prior to its enactment in the 17th Amendment the suggestion of a Constitutional Council was made in the Draft Constitution of 2000 which was not adopted by the Parliament. When it was first enacted under Chapter VIIA of the 17th Amendment, the Council was comprised of ten members, while the membership of the Council under the 18th Amendment had been reduced to five. The 19th Amendment re-established the initial ten member council with the same composition of members, drawn from the same sources as it was originally established.

Aside from the Constitutional Council, the 19th Amendment in a Schedule, established nine Commissions. The 19th Amendment retained the same Commissions in the Schedules found in the 17th and 18th Amendment but added two extra commissions, in the 19th Amendment; namely: the Audit Commission and the National Procurement Commission.

The President shall appoint only on a recommendation of the Constitutional Council both the Chairman and the members to the nine Commissions named in the Schedule. (Ibid, 19th Amendment Clause 41B (6)). Additionally appointments of officers to positions stipulated in Parts I and II of the Schedule and to Article 41C, of the 19th amendment shall be made by the President with the approval of the Constitutional Council. It was realized in the recent past that these provisions when implemented caused serious obstacles when exigencies services needed.

It is well known that how the constitution of Election Commission with three Members (quorum three members) in practice became a serious issue worsened further by one Member conduction on occasions partial role and going even to the Judiciary against the majority view of the Election Commission.

The IGP with allegations against him still cannot be removed by the President. Although the 19th Amendment gave wide powers to the Audit Commission, misuse of public funds and financial frauds appears to still remain. It is the general public perception that role of the Audit Commission is not up to the public expectations. The alleged political interference as reported also adversely affects the integrity and independence of at least some Commissions.

To be continued

PRINCIPALLY, THE CABINET OF MINISTERS IS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHARTERING THE DIRECTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE IN GUIDING AND CONTROLLING THAT CHOSEN DIRECTION. (19TH AMENDMENT, ARTICLE 42(1)). BY MAKING THE PRESIDENT A MEMBER OF THE CABINET AS ITS HEAD, HIS FUNCTION AND HIS ROLE IN DIRECTING AND CONTROLLING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL AND IS GOVERNED BY PARLIAMENT.

ON MY WATCH

BY LUCIEN RAJAKARUNANAYAKE

The first debate in the US Presidential Election and the low tax payments by President Donald Trump, the continuing spread of Covid 19 globally with deaths passing 1 million, and the fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute are the key features in international affairs this week.

A *New York Times* report that President Donald Trump paid just \$750 in federal income tax the year he entered the White House and the one after — and no income tax at all in 11 of the 18 years that the NYT reviewed — has raised doubts about Trump's self-image as a shrewd and successful businessman, and is having an impact on the coming presidential election just one month away on November 3.

That NYT report coming just weeks before Trump's re-election bid has intensified the spotlight on Trump the businessman. It deepens the uncertainty surrounding a tumultuous presidential campaign set against the backdrop of the Covid 19 pandemic, racial unrest in American cities, and a battle over the Supreme Court seat left vacant by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

There are strong feelings among the Republican pro-Trump and Democratic pro-Joe Biden rivals over the Trump decision to name Justice Amy Coney Barrett, a Conservative favourite from the Court of Appeal, to succeed the strongly liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the US Supreme Court, less than a week after Justice Ginsburg died. This was against a strong public call to let the next Supreme Court Justice be nominated by whoever wins the coming presidential poll. This was in keeping with the Republicans refusing to consider the nomination of a Justice to the Supreme Court, by former President Barack Obama, a Democrat, several months before the last presidential poll in November 2016.

President Donald Trump's bullying, cajoling and constant interruptions in the first 2020 general election debate this week with former Vice President Joe Biden, has raised new issues about the conduct of the coming election and its outcome.

Asked directly whether he will tell his voters not to engage in any sort of violence or "civil unrest" while the votes are being counted on and beyond November 3, President Trump not only refused to do so, but also reiterated his call to his supporters to go to polling places and "watch" people casting votes.

Asked whether he is "going to tell your people to take to the streets" if the election results are either not decided on November 3 or not decided in his favour, Trump responded this way: "It means you have a fraudulent election. You're sending out 80 million ballots." He is sending a strong message that the massive postal voting, due to Covid 19, would lead to bad voting patterns, fraud, and a very delayed result. He has not agreed to accept the official result, raising concerns about the next presidency.

COVID 19 GLOBAL SPREAD

The Covid 19 deaths globally exceeded 1 million this week, with its spread continuing with 34 million plus global cases. The US remains the country with the largest number of cases - 7, 233, 050 and 206,928 deaths, and the numbers continuing to rise. India ranks second with 6, 312,504 cases and 98, 700 deaths, with questions raised on the numbers infected. Brazil is the third infected with 4, 900,000 and 143,952 deaths. Russia is fourth with 1,170,700 cases and 20,630 deaths.

The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has said: "Our world has reached an agonizing milestone: the loss of one million lives from the COVID-19 pandemic...It's a mind-numbing figure. Yet we must never lose sight of each and every individual life."

"They were fathers and mothers, wives and husbands, brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues. The pain has been multiplied by the savageness of this disease."

India's total number of novel coronavirus cases passed five million on this week, as the pandemic extends its grip on the vast country at an ever-faster rate. It added one million cases in 11 days. The world's second-most populous country with more than 1.3 billion people has reported 98,000 deaths, while 3.8 million people have recovered, according to Johns Hopkins University.

The sharp increase has taken India from the seventh most affected country in the world at the end of May to the second-highest today.

If India continues to average the 90,000 daily cases it is seeing today, it would overtake the United States within weeks and become the most affected country in the world.

Confirmed cases are the number of people who have tested positive. Given that there is no standardised global measurement for testing, this figure is expected to be a lot higher.

Epidemiological models suggest that the daily number of actual cases could be nearly 10 times more.

In the US, the Covid 19 spread is having a major impact of the US presidential election, with President Trump having to answer for the continuing rise in deaths. At least 974 new coronavirus deaths and 41,983 new cases were reported in the US on Sept. 30; over the past week, there have been an average of 43,258 cases per day, an increase of 11 percent from the average two weeks earlier.

As of midweek, more than 7,262,600 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least



President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden participating in the first 2020 US Presidential Debate at the Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio on September 29, 2020.

US POLLS HEATED ON MANY TRUMP ISSUES



Heavy fighting continues between Armenia and Azerbaijan in Karabakh.

206,800 have died, according to a NYT database.

States in the Northeast, where infections were highest this spring, have reported relatively low case numbers for months. Some places that suffered the most in early summer, including Arizona, Florida and California, have since seen steep declines. But some of that progress has been offset by rising case numbers on the Great Plains and in some Southern states.

Deaths, though still well below their peak spring levels, averaged around 850 per day in mid-September, far more than were reported in early July.

The UN Secretary General also said: "We can overcome this challenge...But we must learn from the mistakes. Responsible leadership matters. Science matters. Cooperation matters — and misinformation kills."

"As the relentless hunt for a vaccine continues — a vaccine that must be available and affordable to all — let's do our part to save lives...Keeping physical distance. Wearing a mask. Washing hands."

"As we remember so many lives lost, let us never forget that our future rests on solidarity — as people united and as united nations."

ARMENIA - AZERBAIJAN

The UN Security Council has called on Armenian and Azerbaijani forces to "immediately stop fighting" over the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The council's 15 members called on both sides to immediately stop fighting, de-escalate tensions and return to meaningful negotiations without delay. They "strongly condemn the use of force and regret the loss of life and the toll on the civilian population" in the region.

However, the Azerbaijani and Armenian forces continue to battle after many were killed in an outbreak of heavy fighting that has raised fears of an all-out war between the longtime enemies. More than 120 deaths have now been reported in the heaviest fighting in years over Nagorno-Karabakh.

The former Soviet rivals have been locked since the early 1990s in a territorial dispute over the Armenia-backed secessionist enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, with deadly fighting flaring up earlier this year and in 2016.

The mountainous enclave is recognised as part of Azerbaijan, but has been run by Armenians since a war ended in 1994.

The region declared its independence from Azerbaijan after a war in the early 1990s that claimed 30,000 lives but is not recognised by any country — including Armenia — and is still considered part of

Azerbaijan by the international community.

With each side blaming the other for the latest fighting, world leaders have urged calm as fears rise of a full-scale conflict that could draw in regional powers — Russia and Turkey. Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has expressed strong support for Azerbaijan, with reports of Turkish military drones used to help the Azerbaijani troops, and Armenian reports that a Turkish military aircraft had put down an Armenian aircraft, denied by Turkey.

Russia has offered to host talks on ending the fighting between Azerbaijan and Armenian forces in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh. Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov made the offer in calls to both governments, his office said — adding that he had urged a halt to "warlike rhetoric".

The escalation has stirred an outpouring of patriotic fervour in both countries. Fighting between Muslim Armenia and majority-Christian Armenia threatened to embroil regional players Russia, which is in a military alliance with Armenia, and Turkey, which backs Azerbaijan.

France, Germany, Italy, the United States, the European Union and Russia have urged a ceasefire.

Both Armenia and Azerbaijan rejected international calls for negotiations and a halt to fighting as fierce clashes continue.

BELARUS

The UK and Canada have imposed travel bans and asset freezes on Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, his son and other senior officials over accusations their government rigged an election and committed violence against protesters.

Tuesday's sanctions were the first to be implemented by major Western powers over the crisis in Belarus, a close Russian ally.

UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said the sanctions were part of a coordinated approach with Canada "in a bid to uphold democratic values and put pressure on those responsible for repression". He called Lukashenko's rule "violent and fraudulent" and the sanctions are meant to send a clear message that "we don't accept the results of this rigged election... We will hold those responsible for the thuggery deployed against the Belarusian people to account."

The British measures include a travel ban and asset freeze on eight officials from the Belarusian government, including Lukashenko, son Victor Lukashenko and Igor Sergeenko, the head of the presidential administration. Canada's list includes Lukashenko and 10 others.

However, there have been no sanctions on Belarus by the European Union, although many EU member country lead-



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson



Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah

ers, including France and Germany, have called for diplomatic actions against the Belarus leader.

LEBANON

French President Emmanuel Macron has accused Lebanon's leaders of betraying their promises over their failure to form a government in the wake of the Beirut port blast. He gave the country's political class a further four to six weeks to implement his roadmap but ruled out immediate sanctions.

Lebanon's premier-designate Mustapha Adib stepped down on Saturday, saying he had been unable to form a reform-minded government.

"They have decided to betray this commitment (to form a government)," Macron told reporters, declaring he was "ashamed" of the country's leaders. "I see that the Lebanese authorities and political forces chose to favour their partisan and individual interests to the detriment of the general interest of the country," he added.

He also sent a pointed warning to the Iran-backed Shiite group Hezbollah, which was well represented in the outgoing government, and some analysts accuse of holding up the process.

Hezbollah should "not think it is more powerful than it is... It must show that it respects all the Lebanese. And in recent days, it has clearly shown the opposite," said Macron.

The August 4 explosion of hundreds of tons of ammonium nitrate at the Beirut port killed more than 190 people, wounded thousands and ravaged large parts of the capital. The country is in the midst of a huge economic collapse, an inability to carry out proper governance, and the failure to obtain foreign assistance to meet its needs.

KUWAIT

Kuwait's ruling Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah has died. He was a leader regarded by many Gulf Arabs as a good diplomatic operator and a humanitarian champion.

Sabah, 91, had ruled the Gulf Arab oil producer and a US ally since 2006 and

steered its foreign policy for more than 50 years. He sought to balance relations with Kuwait's bigger neighbours — forging the closest ties with Saudi Arabia, rebuilding links with former occupier Iraq and keeping open dialogue with Iran. He tried to mediate in a Gulf dispute that saw Riyadh and its allies impose a boycott on Qatar.

The Emir, an unwavering champion of Arab detente amid wars and regional tumult, helped lead his country out of the ruin of Iraq's 1990 invasion to renewed riches and a Gulf mediator role, first as its top diplomat and later as ruler. Keenly aware of Kuwait's small size and huge oil wealth, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah saw astute diplomacy as crucial to its recovery from Iraq's seven-month occupation, navigating frequent tensions between much larger neighbours Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran.

A succession is not expected to affect oil policy or foreign investment strategy through the Kuwait Investment Authority, one of the world's biggest sovereign wealth funds. Oil policy is set by the country's Supreme Petroleum Council, which is appointed by the Emir.

He was critical of the Saudi-led military campaign in Yemen and took a strong stand for Palestinian rights as other Gulf states welcomed Israeli overtures, and, in the case of the UAE and Bahrain, sealed diplomatic accords. Sabah also diverged from other Gulf leaders in refusing to back Syria's rebel fighters with arms, as he believed that would only fuel the conflict there. Instead, he made fundraising for humanitarian aid in Syria one of Kuwait's priorities.

His designated successor, his brother, Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah, has already been chosen as the next Emir.

UK LAW PASSED

UK MPs have given their backing to PM Boris Johnson's hugely controversial Internal Market Bill, with the government's plans to override parts of its Brexit agreement with the EU.

Amid concerns that the move would break international law, the legislation was passed in the House of Commons by 340 votes to 256, and will now go to the House of Lords.

The government says it will help protect the integrity of the UK. But opposition Labour, Liberal Democrats, the SNP and the EU argue that — in allowing the government to undo parts of a treaty signed by the EU and UK — it could damage the country's international reputation and standing.

The UK's five living former Prime Ministers — Sir John Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron and Theresa May — have spoken out against the bill. The House of Lords is likely to make many changes to the Bill, seeking to move it away from violating international agreements.

The parliamentary debate on the Bill came as the EU and the UK began a ninth — and final — scheduled round of talks aimed at securing a trade deal.

The post-Brexit transition period — in which the UK has kept to EU trading rules and remained inside its customs union and single market — runs out at the end of the year.

Britain has offered a three-year transition period for European fishing fleets to allow them to prepare for the post-Brexit changes, seen as part of an 11th-hour deal sweetener.

The catches of EU fishermen would be "phased down" between 2021 and 2024 to offer time for European coastal communities to adapt to the changes. The lengthy transition period is contained in a new negotiating paper tabled before the current round of negotiations in Brussels between the teams led by the UK's chief negotiator, David Frost, and his EU counterpart, Michel Barnier.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - INDIA

The complete freezing of Amnesty International India's bank accounts by the Government of India, which it came to know on September 10, 2020, brings all the work being done by the organisation to a grinding halt. The organisation has been compelled to let go of staff in India and pause all its ongoing campaign and research work.

This is the latest in the incessant witch-hunt of human rights organisations by the Government of India over unfounded and motivated allegations, Amnesty International India has said.

"The continuing crackdown on Amnesty International India over the last two years and the complete freezing of bank accounts is not accidental. The constant harassment by government agencies including the Enforcement Directorate is a result of our unequivocal calls for transparency in the government, more recently for accountability of the Delhi police and the Government of India regarding the grave human rights violations in Delhi riots and Jammu & Kashmir. For a movement that has done nothing but raise its voices against injustice, this latest attack is akin to freezing dissent," said Avinash Kumar, Executive Director of Amnesty International India.

The Indian government said the accusations were "unfortunate, exaggerated and far from the truth".

Rebutting the AI claims, the Delhi police told *The Hindu* newspaper that Amnesty's report was "lopsided, biased and malicious".

Responding to Amnesty's announcement the government said the group had broken the law by circumventing rules around foreign donations.

"India, by settled law, does not allow interference in domestic political debates by entities funded by foreign donations," the Ministry of Home Affairs said in a statement.

"This law applies equally to all and it shall apply to Amnesty International as well."

9TH YEAR REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVING AMMA MRS. CONSTANCE RATNAYAKA ELLAWALA



THE WORLD CHANGES FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

OUR LIVES FROM DAY TO DAY, BUT THE LOVE & MEMORY OF YOU, SHALL NEVER PASS AWAY.

TO INVOKE BLESSINGS ON YOU AMMA THERE WILL BE A DANA TO MAHA SANGA ON THE 4TH OCTOBER MAY AMMA ATTAIN THE SUPREME BLISS OF NIRVANA

YOUR EVER LOVING DAUGHTERS VEJAYANTHIE, VISAKHA, GRAND DAUGHTERS RAMYAA, KOSALAA, SON-IN-LAW CANAN

DEATH NOTICE



SOURJAH

- Dr. Robert Grant

Dearly beloved husband of Inez (nee Jackson-Smale) and much loved father of Michael Rohan (Sydney) and Lalin Mark (Dallas), father-in-law of Deanne and Susan, loving Grandpa of Mark, Kirsten and Sarah, and brother-in-law of Jeanne Jackson-Smale, passed away in Sydney, Australia aged 95.

Virtual Condolence & Memories book:

<https://www.remembr.com/Robert.sourjah>

South Korean Ambassador presents credentials to President

Woonjin Jeong, Ambassador of South Korea to Sri Lanka, officially began his duties after presenting his credentials to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at a ceremony held at the President's House on Tuesday.

President Rajapaksa warmly welcomed the newly-appointed Ambassador of South Korea, Germany, Holy See, and Switzerland to Sri Lanka. He expressed his wish to expand and strengthen bilateral and multilateral relations in line with the foreign policy of the government.

The President wished the Ambassador success in his new assignment as Ambassador of South Korea to Sri Lanka.

Ambassador Woonjin Jeong conveyed the cordial greetings and best wishes from Moon Ja-in, President of South Korea, to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The Ambassador said, "I am deeply impressed by the effective measures taken by the Sri Lankan government to cope with COVID-19. There has been no single infection case among the Korean community in Sri Lanka. On behalf of my country, Korea, I would like to thank the President and the Sri Lankan Government for protecting Korean residents here in Sri Lanka amid the COVID-19 pandemic."

Ambassador Woonjin Jeong expressed his gratitude towards the anti-COVID-19 Task Force team, the police, the military, and the medical staff of Sri Lanka for their dedication in combating the coronavirus and protecting the people, including Korean residents in Sri Lanka.

He further stated that the Republic of Korea has also successfully coped with COVID-19 like Sri Lanka, and that there was no single COVID-19 case from around 600 Sri Lankan workers repatriated from Korea



South Korean Ambassador Woonjin Jeong presenting credentials to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

until now. Twenty-three thousand Sri Lankans live in Korea very safely. He emphasized that Korea and Sri Lanka are among the safest countries in the world at present when it came to the ongoing pandemic.

The Ambassador further stated that since his arrival in July, he has witnessed the post-general election situation in Sri Lanka. He was impressed by the trust placed by the Sri Lankan people on their government, and in turn the government has displayed more confidence based on the public trust to implement policies effectively.

The Ambassador assured President Rajapaksa that during his tenure, he would like to contribute to the realisation of the vision of the government of Sri Lanka, "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour"—to help it a great success.

The Ambassador further stated that he pays attention to the key fields of FDI, export, tourism, and expansion of migrant workers that Sri Lanka has

placed priority in. The Ambassador recalled that he invited and greeted the first batch of Sri Lankan migrant workers who departed to Korea last week at the Korean Embassy before their departure. It was a great occasion that marked the re-initiation of the bilateral labour cooperation, which was suspended due to the COVID-19.

Sri Lankan migrant workers have significantly contributed to the economic development of both countries. He noted that they remitted a substantial amount of 520 million USD from Korea to Sri Lanka in 2019.

The Ambassador concluded his remarks by reiterating the strong friendship shared between the two countries.

The Ambassador takes this opportunity to further strengthen the long-standing friendly ties and work with the Sri Lankan government closely. The Ambassador was accompanied by his spouse, Soojung Hahn, at the ceremony.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday paid floral tributes to the bust of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement, at Temple Trees. Gandhi's 151st birth anniversary was observed yesterday. Picture courtesy Indian High Commission



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa declared open Sri Lanka's largest pharmaceutical manufacturing and research facility at Pitipana, Homagama yesterday.

Stray cattle threaten pedestrians, motorists in Ampara

Road accidents due to stray cattle have increased along the coastal belt of the Ampara District.

Stray cattle in Addalachenai and Akkaraipattu areas are a threat to pedestrians and motorists, and the issue has caused many accidents. Many appeals to the authorities regarding the subject are yet to be answered, and drivers and pedestrians are critical of the authorities due to this ongoing issue.

"Cattle owners are not worried about the road accidents that are taking lives. They are not mindful about their cattle; about tethering and maintaining them at the



Stray cattle on the Akkaraipattu - Kalmunai Road. Picture by Addalachenai Central Corr.

proper places, without allowing them loiter in public places," residents said. As a result, the numbers of accidents occurring on roads are many due to the stray cattle nuisance, they added.

According to residents, it is the duty of the Road Development Authority (RDA), while others say that it is the function of the Local Government bodies to control the stray cattle issue.



A group of representatives of International organizations of the United Nations in Sri Lanka met Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi for a special discussion on the future development plan of the country's health sector at the Ministry of Health yesterday (2).

Remembrance



Dr. Keerthi Jayakody

17th Year



Soma Jayakody

7th Year

A Dharmadesana will be held on 3rd of October 2020 and Sanghika Dhana on 4th October 2020.

Remembered with love and gratitude by daughters, son, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great grand daughter.

May they Attain Supreme Bliss of Nirvana



United Nations Children's Fund Representative in Sri Lanka, Tim Sutton, and Louise Moreira Daniels, Chief of Social Policy at UNICEF - Sri Lanka, paid a courtesy call on State Minister of Money, Capital Market, and State Enterprise Reforms, Ajith Nivard Cabraal, at the Finance Ministry on Wednesday.

Lankan envoy calls on Turkish Industry and Technology Deputy Minister

Sri Lankan Ambassador to Turkey M. Rizvi Hassen paid a courtesy call on Turkish Deputy Minister of Industry and Technology Hasan Buyukdede on Tuesday.

The Deputy Minister expressed his willingness to exchange expertise in the field of science technology, establishment of free zones and industrial zones, and technological know-how on the SME sector.

He also requested to expedite signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries' Standards Insti-



tutions. Counsellor (Commerce) of the Embassy, Yoshitha Jayasuriya, and

Director General of EU & Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Industry and Tech-

nology, Mustafa Erdogan, also participated in the meeting.

Man arrested with 12-bore gun in Yakkalamulla

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Police arrested a person with an unlicensed foreign-made 12-bore gun on Thursday in Rathabalaketiya, Yakkalamulla.

The suspect, who was arrested on a tip-off, is a fisherman. He had allegedly used the gun for hunting animals, police revealed.

Investigations are continuing.

Obituaries

DEBORAH - RAJAMANI - Safe in the Arms of Jesus - Beloved wife of late P.S.R. Rajamani, loving mother of Christina (UK) and Sharon, mother-in-law of Frank (UK) and Vijila, loving grandmother of Allan, Anushka, Benjamin and Avril - Beloved great grandmother of Joshua, Reginald, Caleb and Ruakh. Remains will lie at **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour' Borella** for last respects on Saturday 3rd October 2020. Funeral Service at the parlour at 4.30 p.m. (the same day) followed by burial at 5.00 p.m. at the General Cemetery - Kanatte (Anglican Section). 060647

DE SILVA - YVONNE - Beloved wife of Rex, loving mother of (late) Nishantha, Anslem (OIC CCD Sri Lanka Police), Senali, Melani (Attorney General's Department), mother-in-law of Kamini (SriLankan Airlines), Nishamani, Henry and (late) Nishantha (Brant), sister of Tancy, dearest grandmother of Nishika, Judy Shehara, Matheesha, Shehara, Sachin, Hashini, Abishek and Niketh, expired. Cortège leaves residence (No. 51, St. Mary's Road, Mount Lavinia) in Saturday the 3rd of October at 3.30 p.m. for burial at St. Mary's Church, Ratmalana. 060830

REV. SISTER MARY - PERERA - of Mercy Perera of St. Agnes Convent, Bolawalana expired. Her mortal remains to be laid to rest at **Good Shepherd Convent, Nayakanda**. Holy Mass on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. followed by burial. 060817

OBITUARY NOTICE

Born 13 01 1938



Died 01 10 2020

EMILDA FERNANDO (nee ANTHONY)

Loving wife of late Quintus Fernando, mother of Rupini, Anne Surangi (UK), Priyangi, Prasadini (NZ) and Sampath (Seylan Bank), mother-in-law of P.I.O Fernando (Milco), Bernard (UK), Aruna, Pubudu (NZ) and Rochelle (BOC), sister of late Millner Anthony, Ethel De Zoysa, late Stanley Anthony, Roland Anthony (Attorney-at-Law), late Cletus Anthony, late Claudius Anthony, Bernie Seneviratne (Canada) and Bertyl Anthony, passed away peacefully on 01st October 2020. Cortège will leave from 74/17, Jaya Rd., Udahamulla, Nugegoda on Sunday 4th October 2020 at 2.30 p.m. to St. Anne's Church Cemetery - Catholic Section for Burial.

Two arrested for selling liquor during 'Poya'

PRIVADARSHANI KAHAWALA, Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

A person who had been arrested before for selling liquor at high prices during Posa, Esala, and Nikini Poya days, has been arrested again for sell-

ing liquor in the same manner yesterday by Aluthgama Police. A woman was also arrested along with him; they are residents of the Aluthgama Darga Town and Bondupitiya areas. The suspects had been selling

380ml bottles of arrack at Rs.1,000. Police also found four bottles of liquor hidden near the gate of the house. The suspects are to be produced before the Kalutara Magistrate soon. Aluthgama Police are investigating.

Dr. Nandaka Abeygunawardena

Pioneer Interventional Radiologist

It is now one year since the passing of pioneer radiologist Dr. Nandaka Abeygunawardena, and this is the ideal time to remember him with gratitude.

Dr. Abeygunawardena joined the Department of Radiology of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka in early 1990s. He was able to win the hearts of all categories of staff who remember him as dark pleasant gentleman with a wide-open friendly smile.

By this time, the field of interventional radiology was beginning to creep up as a branch of Radiology and he himself took the challenge of establishing it initially at the National Hospital.

As there was no organised training programme for Interventional Radiology available in the country then, he made contacts with experts in the field to learn from foreign colleagues.

Therefore, he was able to commence both basic and advanced interventional radiological procedures starting from the grass-root level. He is regarded with respect as the father of interventional radiology in Sri Lanka.

With his keen interest and untiring efforts, he was able to procure a state-of-art digital angiography machine to the main radiology department NHSL. This tremendously boosted the interventional radiology capabilities of his unit. With this new tool, he was able to perform

neurological and head and neck interventions.

Therefore, he was much sought-after and the eminent neurosurgeons at that time were able to get the benefit from neuro-imaging. All neuro surgeons and their patients were well aided by him in management of arteriovenous malformations, cerebral aneurysms, etc. His unparalleled interventional skills helped him perform these advanced procedures with minimal or no complications.

He was a great teacher and mentor to his juniors and the present leading interventional radiologists in the country are his erstwhile trainees. Dr. Abeygunawardena was very proud to see his trainees becoming skillful interventionalists in various hospitals in the country. Through his strenuous efforts many interventional radiology centres were established all over the country, taking vascular and interventional radiology further into the community.

Dr. Nandaka Abeygunawardena, was born as the second child in a middle-class family in Tangalle in 1959. His father was administrative officer and Government Agent and young Nandaka had his primary education at a local school. Later, he joined Ananda College to complete his GCE Advanced Level and qualified to enter the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo.

After passing out as an MBBS Doctor

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acquired colour Doppler ultrasound scanners.

He assumed duties at his last destination the National Hospital of Sri Lanka at the interventional unit. We were lucky enough to be his students and first to learn techniques of Interventional Radiology from him.

He became the Consultant-in-Charge of the Interventional Unit, where he developed the centre to be a unit of excellence. He has passed his 'Shilpa' and art to all training equally without any reservation. He was appointed the head of Department of Radiology at the National Hospital, which is the largest such unit in the country. Later he also

functioned as the Secretary and finally, as Chairman of the board of study of Radiology. He was the main person responsible for postgraduate training and conducting examinations during his tenure.

Dr. Abeygunawardena retired at the age of 55 and his farewell ceremony was attended by a large number of radiologists from all over the country, which was in fact, testimony to his illustrious career. He mostly spent his retirement leading a time full of religious engagement and attending to patients occasionally.

Reminding us the uncertainty of human life, he was later diagnosed with urethral cancer, which he accepted with courage. He underwent many surgical procedures, especially due to pressure from his students and colleagues, though he understood the uncertainty of life.

Dr. Abeygunawardena passed away while undergoing treatment in the presence of his former students and family. He always used to advise us: "Do your job properly, and always be honest to yourself".

These words still echo in our ears. May he attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana!

His grateful trainees,
DR. CHANDRASIRI LOKUBALASOORIYA
DR. ARUNA PALLEWATTE

Prof. W.S. Fernando

Versatile Academic

It is no doubt that Prof. W.S. Fernando was a remarkable individual. To be an academic is no easy task, but he bore it well. Sadly, a few weeks ago, Prof. Fernando passed away after contributing immensely to the lives of many students for over four decades.

He joined the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon as a visiting lecturer in 1984. Up until his retirement in 2012, Prof. Fernando conducted lectures in the areas of Physical Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, and Mathematics to the undergraduates of the Graduateship Programme in Chemistry (GIC).

I was introduced to Prof. Fernando back in 2003 as a freshman when he came to teach us Molecular Spectroscopy. Prof. Fernando was always

admired for his way of lecturing and presenting. His explanations were to the point and comprehensive. As undergraduates, we had the privilege of having extensive discussions with him regarding the topics he taught during class.

All he needed to clarify our doubts was a piece of white chalk and a blackboard. He did not have to refer to any textbook, which was an indication of the depth of knowledge that Prof. Fernando had.

Back in the day, there were two senior academics assigned per physical chemistry lab. On some occasions, it was Prof. W.S. Fernando along with Prof. J.N.O. Fernando, Founder of CCS, who taught our labs. They were two of the best physical chemists that we had back

then. Therefore, it became a unique educational experience for us. Prof. Fernando executed his duties as a visiting Professor of the institute while holding several noteworthy positions at the University of Sri Jaywardenepura.

He was appointed as the Head of the Department of Chemistry from 1990 – 1998, and Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences from 1998 – 2004. He served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and acting Vice-Chancellor on several occasions as well. Regardless of the weight of his responsibilities, Prof. Fernando never missed any of his lectures or practicals.

As students, we were grateful for the commitment and effort that he put into his lecture hours. Prof. Fer-

nando was always a lecturer who did not hesitate to recommend his students. Many of us have received letters of recommendation from him to pursue our doctoral studies.

Even before his demise, Prof. Fernando visited the Institute premises frequently. He constantly asked about the current status of research being done at the Institute, and whether we were actively conducting research at the Institute premises. Prof. Fernando was also the Chairman of the Royal Society of Chemistry (Sri Lanka section).

Prof. Fernando was a humble and simple individual. He treated every-

one he met with the same respect, regardless of whether it was a student or a lab attendant. His personality as a senior professor reflected well in his actions and deeds.

SAMEERA R. GUNATILAKE,
Senior Lecturer,
Institute of Chemistry Ceylon



IN THE COURT OF APPEAL LIST OF CASES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA) SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. COURT NO. 301 AT 09.30A.M. FOR SUPPORT 1. 172/20 Writ of Cert A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA) SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. COURT NO. 301 AT 10.00 A.M. FOR JUDGMENT 1. 90/19 Writ of Cert (A.H.M.D. Nawaz J.)(P/CA) TO BE MENTIONED 1. 412/95 (F) DC 2. 252/18 Writ of Cert with WRT 251/18 3. 512/19 Writ of Cert 4. 524/19 Writ of Cert 5. 42/20 Writ of Cert 6. 101/20 Writ of Cert 7. 184/20 Writ of Cert 8. 185/20 Writ of Cert 9. 06/17 TAX FOR SUPPORT 1. 78/18 Writ of Cert 2. 79/18 Writ of Cert 3. 291/19 Writ of Cert 4. 333/19 Writ of Cert 5. 59/20 Writ of Cert 6. 62/20 Writ of Cert 7. 134/20 Writ of Cert 8. 203/20 Writ of Cert 9. 237/20 Writ of Cert 10. 306/20 Writ of Cert

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1. 376/18 Writ of Cert (Mahinda Samayawardhana J.) 2. 88/15 Writ of Cert (Mahinda Samayawardhana J.) 3. 161/16 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeyesekera J.) 4. 345/18 Writ of Cert (Arjuna Obeyesekera J.) TO BE MENTIONED 1. 207/12 Writ of Cert 2. 227/13 Writ of Cert 3. 12/16 Writ of Cert FOR ARGUMENT 1. 308/13 Writ of Cert 2. 341/15 Writ of Cert 3. 161/18 Writ of Cert 4. 399/18 Writ of Cert CIVIL APPEAL WESTERN PROVINCE (COLOMBO) LIST OF CASES FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 LAFFAR THAHIR (H.C.J.) SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON (H.C.J.) (AT 10.00 A.M.) TO BE MENTIONED LA 103/18 HCCA/Colombo 155/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo LA 196/19 HCCA/Colombo LA 197/19 HCCA/Colombo 213/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo LA 128/19 HCCA/Colombo LA 85/20 HCCA/Colombo LA 84/20 HCCA/Colombo LA 02/20 HCCA/Colombo FOR ARGUMENT 77/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo 139/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo 245/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo 87/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo 65/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo

ADA KOTIPATHI - SATURDAY
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Draw Number : 371 | Colour : Blue
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Winning Numbers 18 19 29
Fate Number 3
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,465,900/-
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Result Hotline: 0112 333 778
Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

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IRANGIKA RANGE

MINISTERS' spotlight

The Government will be widely lauded for its commitment for the development of local productions, especially traditional industries, through the removal of every barrier that hinders the maximum production of local industrial items.

In an interview with the *Daily News*, Clay, Cane, Brass, Furniture and Rural Industry Promotion State Minister Prasanna Ranaweera said he will make serious and sincere efforts for the promotion of local industries by giving necessary recognition and an intensive to the local people in order to uplift their livelihoods.

Plans include supporting and initiating innovation platforms, offering domestic and international market access training; and minimising transaction costs of industries.

Q. You have been entrusted with the task of protecting and reviving our traditional industries such as cane, brass, pottery and furniture. But, most of these industries have collapsed and the lives of those who depend on them have been disrupted. What are your plans to revive these industries and uplift the livelihoods of these people?

A: On the instructions of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, we have already formulated long-term and short-term strategies to revive these industries with the aim of increasing their contribution to the National economic development and foreign exchange earnings. Most Small and Medium-scale Enterprises (SMEs) are engaged in our traditional industries. They play an important role in our economy through the generation of employment, contributing to the growth of GDP, embarking on innovation and stimulating other economic activities.

Unfortunately, today, all industries have faced a massive setback due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, pottery, cane and brass are deeply connected to Sri Lankans from the ancient time. We were a significant manufacturer of these products while considerable innovation also took place in the past. But, with the introduction of the open economy in 1977, the demand for the locally-produced goods was reduced as a result of the dumping of low-quality imported products into the local market.

Cane, pottery, brass and furniture manufacturers are affected by unregulated imports which bring low-quality products into Sri Lanka. Most local manufacturers were discouraged and many local production companies had to shut down gradually due to this reason. So, our only wish is to bring that prosperous era back which appreciates and respects local culture and traditions.

The long-term plan includes the promotion of traditional industries and handicraft sectors in order to pave the way for enhanced democratization of economic structures through improved access to productive resources and a more balanced distribution of income.

The National Development Plan focuses on entrepreneurship development programmes, skills development and training programmes, the improvement of technology and quality, modernization of facilities, development of industrial estates and regional industrial estates, supporting potentially viable industries, the prevention of excessive competition through tariff measures, improvement of marketing opportunities for SMEs, promotion of exports, development of buy-back and subcontracting arrangements, fiscal assistance and tax incentives, securing bank loans and credit guarantee schemes and in-depth research on SMEs including surveys.

Under the short-term plan, we hope to manufacture giftware, educational toys, utility items, wooden gift and packaging materials, household pottery accessories such as mugs, teacups, pots, dishes, and saucepans, bathroom accessories, brooms, ekel brooms, mats, clay ornaments such as terracotta pots and vases and ornamental items made by pottery, cane and brass to fulfil the local demand. Then, it will be eventually expanded to the international market.

NEW LEASE OF LIFE ENSURED FOR LOCAL INDUSTRIES

- State Minister Prasanna Ranaweera

Q. What are your plans for accelerating the skills of craftsmen and finding them local and foreign market opportunities?

A: It is necessary to conduct training programmes to build local capacities and transfer the necessary knowledge needed to work with raw materials in order to develop industries, and create an eco-friendly practice in pottery, cane and brass processing. Innovative thinking is needed in terms of designs and product ideas and the use of the latest technology is a must for the craftsmen engaged in these industries. Sri Lanka has many skilled design students who only need some exposure and freedom to bring out their ideas. Since most of them are from rural areas, we need to educate them on the latest technology and improve the value addition of their products to enter the export market.

We also expect to direct local pottery manufacturers to produce gift items and jewellery made out of pottery. They have a huge demand in the world market and we want to introduce them to the local market initially, targeting Valentine's Day that falls on February 14 next year. Plans are also afoot to allocate stalls to display the products made out of clay, cane and brass in supermarket networks in the country.

Apart from that, we annually conduct an awarding ceremony to facilitate our local craftsmen. In addition, we expect to have an auction to facilitate the craftsmen to display and give the best prices for their products.

Most craftsmen in the rural areas do not have access to training programmes on the latest technology, innovation and value addition. We must educate them by providing training programmes. Our products have a huge demand in the international market. Close coordination between the provincial ministries and line ministries in the development of local industries and the need to attract the youth to the field is important. Children need to be educated about the importance of traditional industries from the young age. Traditional industry is also an appropriate subject for research dissertations of university students. It can make a considerable contribution to the development of the industry.

Local industries struggle to tap into the global market even though they have the capacity to cater to foreign demands. Connections to global value chains have to be made easier to access and streamlined. To address the lack of networking, collaboration and industry-wide support for creative industries, a strong professional association should be established by the sector so that the sector itself can voice overall concerns, monitor growth, steer development and act as a collective bargaining body to represent industry interests. So we have Vidhatha Center comprising experts of many fields. I hope to gain their expertise for the development of these industries. We discussed with the Moratuwa University, ITI, Esthetic University and IDB to provide necessary technology and training to craftsmen.

Q. Why did the Government decide to abolish the 19th Amendment and bring in the 20th Amendment?

A: People of this country gave the biggest mandate to the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Government because of our promise to abolish the 19th Amendment which has led the country into chaos. However, there are several positive features including Right to Information, and Government audit and they should be retained for the benefit of the country and its people.

The former regime brought the 19th Amendment not to build up the country but to take revenge from the Rajapaksa family. Sri Lanka will only be able to address the shortcomings of the previous administration and deliver a strong Government only after repealing the 19th Amendment. Some of the appointments made by the Constitutional Council (CC) established under the 19th Amendment raised concerns about its function. Some appointments made to Independent Commissions have also led to controversy. We do not want representatives from NGOs for these Commissions and we need representatives responsible for the President, Prime Minister and the entire Parliament.



The State Minister during an inspection tour.

We have initially given priority for the production of essential items for households, schools, banks, state and private institutions, hospitals, police stations and religious places. We feel it is a victory if every house, school and all other private and state institutions could start using coir brooms, pottery items and other household pottery, cane and brass items instead of products made of plastic by 2021. That is our target and all possible facilities will be given to local manufacturers to achieve this target from next year.

Q. Have you identified the problems faced by rural craftsmen and what are the solutions given to them?

A: I have visited a number of areas famous for various crafts. They face numerous problems which differ from each other. Some manufacturers have a problem in finding raw materials while some others have difficulties in finding market facilities for their products. Some of them have a difficulty of adopting new technology and value addition to improve the quality of their products while some of them are suffering from financial burden. So, we should establish a joint mechanism with the help of all related stakeholders, mainly the authorities that give approval for raw materials such as the Environment Ministry, Wildlife Conservation Department, Trade Ministry, Police Department, banks,

training institutions, institutions which provide technical assistance such as the IDB, EDB, and ITI; to create easy access for local industrialists for finding raw materials, obtaining financial assistance, training and marketing opportunities.

In the near future, I will convene all these relevant stakeholders and craftsmen to my Ministry for a discussion to address these issues.

Q. The lack of raw materials has resulted in craftsmen giving up the industry. How do you address this problem?

A: Most of these traditional arts and crafts of rural folks are on the decline due to a combination of factors - the difficulty of obtaining raw materials, competition from cheaper mass-produced items in the market, the reluctance of the part of the youth to continue these craftworks, mainly due to status and income reasons. The shortage of raw materials is the main obstacle in the industry.

As cane is not commercially cultivated in Sri Lanka, there is a shortage of cane. The cane craft industry must depend on the cane that grows in the wild. Since cane grows mostly in conservations, it is necessary to obtain the approval of the Wildlife Conservation Department. That makes our craftsmen desperate. Therefore, we need to intervene in this problem and create proper coordination

between the Wildlife Conservation Department and the craftsmen.

On the other hand, there are clay deposits in Kelaniya, Nikapatha in Haputale and Biyagama. Clay deposits are in abandoned fields in Biyagama. However, permission should be taken from the Agriculture Department to dig clay. Now, we expect to come up with a proposal that inland fishery be commenced in these large pits created by the removal of clay. Actions will be taken to identify clay deposits and legal permits will be given to the persons who have been registered under the National Crafts Council in order to eliminate any mafia in this process.

Q. One of the main problems of craftsmen is lack of short-term and long-term financial assistance for them to have access to new technology and markets. How do you assist them financially?

A: We had a discussion with the People's Bank to introduce a loan scheme to these manufacturers in order to ease their financial burden. If we can give them necessary financial assistance, technology and marketing opportunities, the recognition of the craftsmen and demand for their products both in local and foreign markets will definitely increase.



State Minister Prasanna Ranaweera inspecting local products. (Pictures by Ministry Media Division)

Coconut Home Garden Project in Northern Province

Harmony sprouts from coconut seedlings

Dr. LALITH PERERA
Additional Director
Coconut Research Institute

It is a beautiful morning in the latter part of 2017; I was travelling to the Northern Province and had a stopover for breakfast at the Coconut Cultivation Board's guesthouse at its Palai coconut estate. I was with a few others who were also going to Jaffna to attend a Steering Committee meeting of a proposed development project on the revitalization of coconut in the northern part following the armed conflict.

I was the Head of the Genetics and Plant Breeding Division of the Coconut Research Institute (CRI). Janaka Dharmakeerthi, the then Additional Secretary of the Plantation Industries Ministry was also with us. Though there were several programmes in the project, Dharmakeerthi asked me if hybrid coconut seedlings could be given to poor families in that area.

During that time, the CRI owned only one coconut seed garden which was at Ambakelle. They produced a limited number of hybrid seeds; that resulted in the short supply of



A few pictures from their coconut seedling distribution programme.

seedlings for coconut growers in the main coconut-growing areas. However, at that time, there was the CRI's Pallama Seed Garden, which was being established with several mother palms in the bearing stage. "If funding and support can be given, I can convert Pallama into a hand pollination unit and produce hybrid seeds under the Northern programme," was my reply.

Dharmakeerthi immediately offered me Rs. five million to proceed. With this initial funding and the funding received

as part of a treasury-funded project to the CRI, and with the full-pledged support from the then CRI Chairman Jayantha Jayewardene and the then CRI Director, Dr. Priyanthi Fernando, we developed the Pallama Seed Garden into a hand pollination unit and geared a massive hand pollination programme to achieve 100,000 coconut hybrid seedlings within the project period. Since then we have completed the distribution of two seedlings each to 15,000 families in the Jaffna Peninsula.

Roshan Jayathilake, Seed and Seedling Certification Officer CRI as the chief project-implementing officer rendered a dedicated service to the project.

Seedling transport and distribution activities were assisted by the Coconut Cultivation Board and Government Agents (GAs) in the respective GA divisions in the Jaffna Peninsula, who welcomed the programme and helped immensely in coordinating the seedling distribution work. Another 20,000 seedlings are

to be distributed in the Jaffna Peninsula in the next few weeks to complete 35,000 families there.

A programme is underway to distribute 30,000 seedlings to 15,000 families in Kandy, Kegalle and Ratnapura districts as a separate project using seedlings produced from the same project for which approval is granted by CRI Chairman Director Jayantha Wickramasinghe and CRI Director Dr. Sanatani Ranasinghe. Dr. Athula Nainayake and Dr. Kasun Meegahakum-



bura are coordinating the seedling distribution work in Kandy, Kegalle and Ratnapura districts.

I recently informed Dharmakeerthi about the progress of the project. His reply was "Thank you Dr. Perera, I highly appreciate your efforts. It's not only coconut that is grown in the Northern Province, but also National harmony."

With the strengthening of the home garden programme, it is expected to increase the National coconut production, harness the full potential of hybrid coconuts and make poor families self-sufficient in coconut and reduce the burden of demand for coconut from small home gardens leaving surplus nuts to the important coconut processing sector.

THALIF DEEN

The coronavirus pandemic, which has claimed the lives of over one million people worldwide and destabilized the global economy, also upended the UN's ambitious socio-economic goals, including the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger by 2030.

While extreme poverty rates have fallen in past years, says Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, "it is projected that between 70 and 100 million people could be pushed into extreme poverty as a result of the pandemic."

And by the end of 2020, she warned, an additional 265 million people could face acute food shortages.

According to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, ocean levels are rising quicker than expected, "putting some of our biggest and most economically important cities at risk." More than two-thirds of the world's megacities are located by the sea. And while the oceans are rising, they are also being poisoned," Guterres warned.

And, as the planet burns, one million species in the world's eco-system are in near-term danger of extinction. Meanwhile, the international community has failed to live up to its commitments – and meet all of its targets – on biodiversity.

Just ahead of the first-ever UN Biodiversity Summit on September 30, Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly lamented the fact that none of the 20 biodiversity targets agreed by the Member States in Aichi, Japan a decade ago, "have been fully achieved".

"Words and good intentions are clearly not enough. They will not clean the oceans, save elephants, or prevent deforestation. Only our actions can do that," he declared.

The recently-released United Nations' Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 reveals that biodiversity is declining at record rates, and only six of the 20 goals laid out by 2010's Aichi Biodiversity Targets have been "partially achieved".

The study shows some areas of progress, but it found "the natural world is suffering badly and getting worse." And if the world continues on its current trajectory, biodiversity – and the services it provides – will continue to decline, jeopardizing the achievement of the UN's highly-touted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it warned.

Asked for the reasons for this shortfall, Dr. Anne Larigauderie, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) told the IPS the Global Outlook confirms and builds on the findings of the IPBES Global Assessment Report – including the new report card on the progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity targets.

"One of the reasons for this shortfall is that we, collectively, including Governments, but also the private sector, have failed to seriously address the direct causes of biodiversity loss, including land use change

Biodiversity still under threat

Ten-year commitment to biodiversity misses targets



(deforestation, urban sprawl etc.), overexploitation of resources (terrestrial and marine), and climate change, as well as the underlying causes, which relate to our economy, institutions, governance, and which are all deeply anchored in our values and behaviours."

"We need to better understand and address the causes of these losses and act upon them. Another main reason is that considerations about biodiversity and nature's contributions to people have still not been brought to the centre of decision-making," she noted.

Dr. Larigauderie pointed out that the "health of our natural environment very directly influences almost every aspect of development – from food and water security, to livelihoods, health and even peace and security."

To achieve SDGs requires nature to be a key consideration in decisions, policies, investments and actions across all parts of the economy and society.

"This is how we can achieve the transformative change needed to address our increasingly frayed rela-

tionship with the rest of nature," she declared.

Meanwhile, a study released mid-September noted that, since 1993, and the Convention on Biodiversity, up to four dozen animal species have been saved.

This was done, said the President



Coral Reefs restoration at the coast of Banaire in the Caribbean. (Credit: UN Environment Programme)



of the General Assembly, with local, national and international action and included habitat protection, species reintroduction, and legal protections, amongst other efforts.

"This demonstrates that we can deliver," he declared.

The goal is to build political momentum for the Convention on Biodiversity's Conference of the Parties (COP15), in Kunming, China in 2021, where world leaders will agree to an ambitious plan of action on biodiversity.

"Kunming needs to turn biodiversity into a household concern and political issue. Everyone must realize the risks of inaction," said Bozkir.

Asked how devastating has been the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the state of biodiversity worldwide, Dr. Larigauderie said direct impacts of the pandemic on global biodiversity are not yet well-researched – "but we are all aware of anecdotal evidence, both positive and negative, such as reports about the resurgence of nature in some areas and improved air quality, as well as increased waste related to disposal of personal protective equipment and the unfortunate and unjustified targeting of some species of wild animals."

"But the way you phrase the question is also indicative of a challenge – the impact of COVID-19 on people and economies cannot be separated from a proper analysis of its impact on biodiversity, because the two are totally interlinked."

She argued that lockdown has essentially halted eco-tourism in many areas, not only damaging livelihoods but also massively reducing resources available to conservation.

Stimulus packages to drive economic recovery contain within them either nature-positive measures or more regressive ones that could in fact raise the risk of future pandemics by accelerating nature loss, she declared.

IPS: What are your expectations of the UN's first-ever Summit on Biodiversity which is aimed at providing political direction and momentum for the development of a post-2020 global biodiversity framework?

Dr. Larigauderie: To achieve the SDGs requires the implementation of an ambitious and well-resourced post-2020 biodiversity framework. The UN Nature Summit is the best opportunity for decisionmakers in Government, the private sector and civil society to already raise the lev-

els of ambition for the negotiations next year and to recommit to policies, decisions and actions informed by the best-available science and expertise.

IPS: How adequate is the proposed funding for actions related to biodiversity – estimated at between US\$ 78 – US\$ 91 billion per year – compared with the estimated US\$ 500 billion spent on fossil fuels and other subsidies that cause environmental degradation?

Dr. Larigauderie: The IPBES mandate is to provide evidence and policy options for better-informed decisions – we do not prescribe or make normative judgements. That said, the IPBES Assessment Report on Land Degradation and Restoration found, for instance, that on average, the benefits of restoration are 10 times higher than the costs, and, for some regions the cost of inaction in the face of land degradation is at least three times higher than the cost of action.

The IPBES Global Assessment Report also identified the removal of harmful incentives and the promotion of nature-positive ones as some of the specific possible actions that would drive transformative change for people and nature. Harmful subsidies include, for instance, Government grants for pesticides, to unsustainable fishing, and to fossil fuels, which all drive the loss of biodiversity.

IPS: Any indications of the new set of targets currently under negotiation, for 2021-2030, and to go before the 15th Conference of Parties of the Convention of Biological Diversity, scheduled to be held in Kunming, China, in May 2021?

Dr. Larigauderie: These are exactly the discussions that have started and will continue under the Open-Ended Working Group on the post-2020 biodiversity framework and which have already resulted in a publicly available zero-draft of the framework to be negotiated, and subsequent comments thereon.

(Source: IPS)



Europe clamps down as pandemic worsens

China enjoys post-virus Golden Week

SPAIN: Europe was facing up Thursday to ever-worsening pandemic indicators, notably in Spain, Britain and France, as China revelled in its first post-coronavirus Golden Week holiday, with hundreds of millions on the move around the country.

By 2000 GMT Thursday the pandemic had killed at least 1,019,267 people around the world and infected over 34 million, according to an AFP tally based on official sources.

French authorities said they may place Paris on maximum virus alert as soon as Monday, potentially requiring all bars to close as the number of cases surges.

Spain, fighting a second wave of the virus, also extended drastic restrictions across its capital, despite fierce opposition from Madrid's regional authorities, and most other regions have agreed to tighten curbs in areas of rapid contagion.

In Britain, chief scientific adviser Patrick Vallance told reporters "things are definitely heading in

the wrong direction" as the government extended lockdowns to several towns in northern England, effectively putting more than a quarter of the country under tighter coronavirus restrictions.

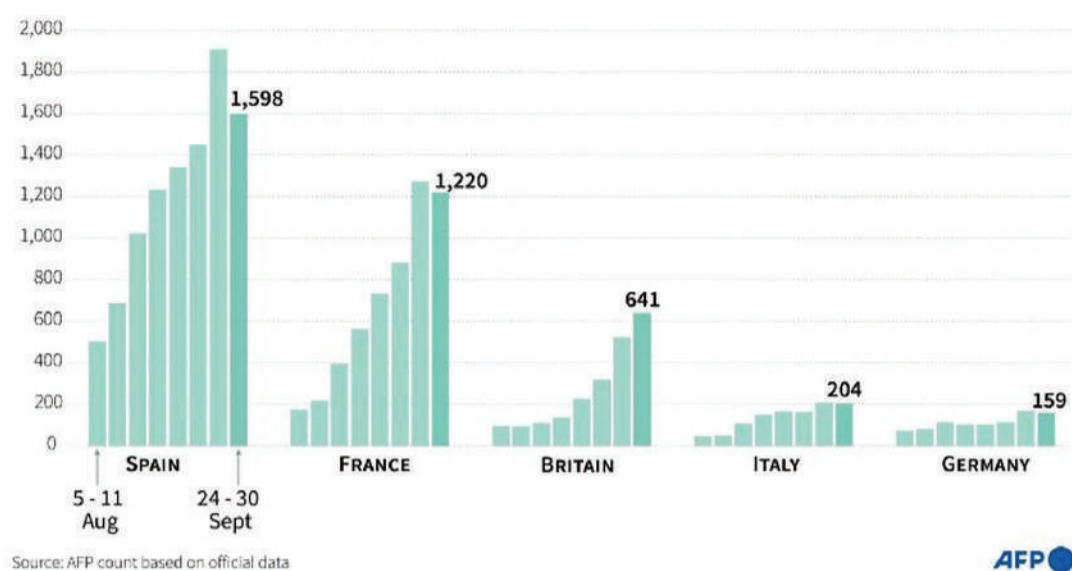
And the Slovak and Czech governments both decided to impose states of emergency, starting Thursday and next Monday respectively, to allow them to take quick decisions in the face of considerable upticks in infections and deaths. On the other side of the globe in China, where the outbreak began late last year, the Golden Week holiday marking the 1949 founding of the People's Republic took on added significance this year.

"People are travelling with a vengeance!" said Huo Binxing, a banker from Beijing who was heading to Lhasa in Tibet. "It's our first chance to unwind after such a stressful period."

While it reopened its borders to all African countries, South Africa is barring tourists from around 50 nations with high infection rates, including Britain, France, India,

Covid-19: incidence rate in Europe

Change in the number of new cases reported per week per million inhabitants, in selected countries



Source: AFP court based on official data

Russia and the US. In India, meanwhile, new research suggested that a small group of super-spreaders was responsible for

almost two-thirds of coronavirus cases in the world's second-most populous nation. The study, published in the journal Science,

found that eight percent of all people carrying the virus were responsible for 60 percent of new infections. - AFP



Russia's EpiVacCorona vaccine.

SECOND RUSSIAN VIRUS VACCINE PASSES EARLY TRIALS

RUSSIA: Early clinical trials of a second Russian coronavirus vaccine have proved successful, its developer said Thursday after Russia boasted of approving the world's first vaccine.

Russia's Vektor - a top-secret state virology research centre in Siberia - said that early-stage trials were successful for its own experimental vaccine, named EpiVacCorona.

"The first two phases of clinical trials demonstrated the effectiveness and safety of the EpiVacCorona vaccine," Vektor's press department told the Interfax news agency.

Russia announced in August that it had developed the world's first registered vaccine - named "Sputnik V" after the world's first satellite.

It raised concerns among Western scientists by announcing that the vaccine - developed by Moscow's Gamaleya research centre - had received approval before full clinical trials have been completed.

Vektor said it would be possible to make the final conclusions about the efficacy of its vaccine, based on peptides that trigger an immune response, after post-approval clinical trials have been completed.

Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko told President Vladimir Putin this week that Vektor's vaccine could be approved by the ministry in three weeks.

Vektor said post-registration clinical trials would begin on 5,000 volunteers in Siberia.

The lab said there would be a separate clinical trial involving 150 volunteers who are over 60 years of age.

After that Vektor will begin placebo-controlled trials on 5,000 Russian volunteers between the ages of 18 and 60.

The EpiVacCorona vaccine is a two-component vaccine, and the interval between the administration of the first and second components is 21 days.

Russia plans to manufacture an initial 10,000 doses, Vektor said, with production expected to begin in November.

Vektor declined to comment when contacted by AFP and referred all queries to Rospatentnadzor, the country's consumer safety watchdog.

The watchdog declined immediate comment.

The Vektor laboratory complex conducted secret biological weapons research in the Soviet era and stockpiles viruses ranging from Ebola to smallpox. It is located outside the Siberian city of Novosibirsk.

- AFP

Vienna unveils 'vaccine tram'

AUSTRIA: Usually, Vienna's trams can be seen gliding past Baroque palaces, but this winter, one of them will take on a new role: helping Viennese get the seasonal flu vaccine.

The "vaccine tram" was unveiled on Thursday as part of a campaign being launched by the city to provide residents with free vaccinations and thereby reduce any potential pressure on hospitals from coronavirus patients.

The Viennese are being urged to either register for a

spot on the tram or to head to one of several health centres and around 600 doctors' offices where the vaccine is being administered.

"We think we can have a threefold increase of the vaccination rate this year and we hope to motivate many Viennese to get vaccinated," Michael Ludwig, Vienna's mayor, said at an event to unveil the tram.

He added that the city has acquired 400,000 vaccines, enough to cover about 25 percent of the population. "The aim is to get a large

number of Viennese residents inoculated... so that the capacities in the hospitals remain free because we don't know what this winter will hold," in terms of coronavirus infections, Ludwig said.

Currently, Vienna accounts for more than half of Austria's coronavirus infections, with close to 4,500 active cases.

Medical experts have warned that the medical system could come under strain if it is forced to deal with an influx of seasonal flu and coronavirus patients at the same time. - AFP



Vienna's "vaccine tram"

Grim Biden, Trump take fun out of legendary NY political dinner



There was no room for humour at the 2020 AI Smith Dinner when President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden spoke.

US: US President Donald Trump and challenger Joe Biden couldn't eat and didn't tell a single joke: welcome to Thursday's grim 2020 version of the legendary annual - and usually laughter-filled - AI Smith Dinner.

For decades, the dinner organized by the Catholic Church in New York has brought presidential candidates to join a throng of wealthy and powerful guests raising money for charity - and raising the roof with jokes.

This year, COVID-19 restrictions meant that Trump and Biden appeared only virtually. Their speeches were delivered by video and contained no punch lines.

"I know there is disappointment that the dinner tonight couldn't continue as normal, for us to sit together and put politics

aside for the night," Biden, himself a Catholic, said.

"These are difficult times," he said, painting a picture of tragic coronavirus losses around the country, where more than 200,000 Americans have died.

Trump's video followed. It was equally somber but even more openly political, with several direct appeals to Catholic voters to vote for him.

"I hope you remember that on November 3rd," he said of claims that he secured extra funding for Catholic-run schools.

Biden is leading Trump in every significant national poll, but the Republican president's claims to be the potential victim of mass fraud is raising concerns that he will not recognize the election's results and stand down if he loses. - AFP

Lebanon, Israel announce talks on disputed maritime border

LEBANON: Lebanon and Israel said Thursday they will hold US-brokered negotiations on their disputed maritime border, in what Washington hailed as a "historic" agreement between two sides technically still at war.

The issue of the sea frontier is particularly sensitive, as Lebanon wants to drill for hydrocarbons in a part of the Mediterranean disputed by Israel.

The United States will act as a facilitator during the talks to be held at the UN peacekeeping headquarters in the southern Lebanon border town of Naqoura, Lebanon's Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri told a news conference in Beirut, without giving a date.

US envoy David Schenker said a tentative date for the discussions had been set for Octo-

ber 14, but would be confirmed. In Israel, Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz said in a statement that there would be "direct negotiations". But an adviser to Berri, Ali Hamdan, said the talks would be "indirect".

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo welcomed what he called a "historic" agreement between the two countries to discuss their disputed borders, a "result of nearly three years of intense diplomatic engagement". In a statement, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said he "welcomes" the agreement, adding that talks will be held "at the premises of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in Naqoura," southern Lebanon.

The UN "will remain fully committed to supporting the process as requested by the par-



Israel's Rosh Hanikra border crossing with Lebanon shows the Naqoura border town in southern Lebanon where Lebanese and Israeli delegates are to hold UN-mediated talks on their disputed border.

ties and within its capacity and mandate," he added.

Berri said a framework agree-

ment had been reached to start the negotiations, and read out a September 22 copy of it. - AFP

Over 32,000 fires in Brazil's Amazon last month

BRAZIL: The number of forest fires in Brazil's Amazon increased sharply in September, figures released Thursday show, fueling growing criticism of President Jair Bolsonaro's environmental policies.

The National Institute of Space Research (INPE) said satellite imagery showed an increase of 61 percent in the number of fires in September, compared to the same period last year.

Satellites used by the institute detected 32,017 outbreaks last month in the Amazon, compared to 19,925 in the same month in 2019.

In the first nine months of the year, the total number of fires increased by 14 percent over the same period in 2019, the INPE said.

Despite the data from INPE, a world-renowned public body, Bolsonaro has continued to denounce a campaign of "disinformation" about the Pantanal and the Amazon.

In a video address to a UN biodiversity summit, President Bolsonaro said Brazil was "firm in its commitment to sustainable development and preserving our environmental wealth."

He accused "certain Non-Governmental organizations" of perpetrating "environmental crimes" to stain the country's image.

Most of the Amazon fires consist of agricultural burning on illegally deforested areas, even though the government banned all burning for four months from July.

Further south, in the Pantanal - the world's largest wetlands - the number of fires have almost tripled to 8,106, making September 2020 the worst month since the INPE began compiling statistics on the fires in 1998.

The situation in the Pantanal, straddling Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia, has been exacerbated by the worst drought in half a century.

The fires have ravaged 23 percent of the Brazilian part of the



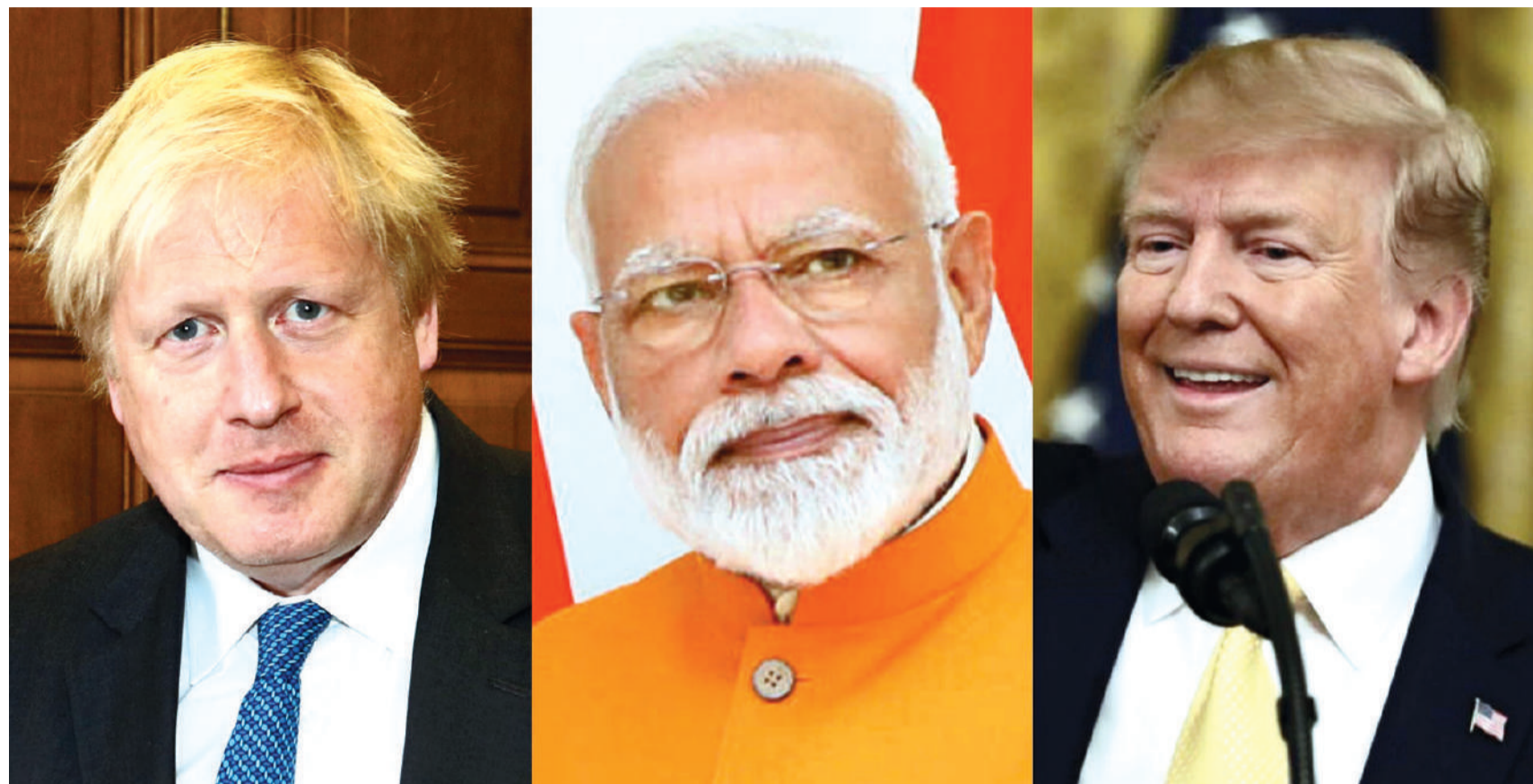
Pantanal, according to data collected by scientists at the Laboratory for the Application of Environmental Satellites (LASA).

The wildfires that devastated the

rainforest last year triggered an international outcry, forcing Bolsonaro onto the defensive. He ultimately deployed the army to the Amazon to fight the fires. - AFP



MODI, JOHNSON, EU CHIEF AND KREMLIN WISH TRUMP 'SPEEDY RECOVERY'



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump

INDIA, UK, BELGIUM: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished Donald Trump a quick recovery on Friday after the US president revealed he has tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

"Wishing my friend @POTUS @realDonaldTrump and @FLOTUS a quick recovery and good health," Modi said on Twitter.

Trump, 74, first announced on Twitter that he and First Lady Melania Trump, 50, had tested positive for the

virus. "We will get through this TOGETHER!" Trump wrote.

The Indian and US leaders appear to enjoy warm relations, with Modi hosting Trump at a huge US-style rally in his home state of Gujarat in February.

In September 2019 Trump and the Indian premier attended a similar event in Houston, Texas dubbed "Howdy Modi" in front of a huge crowd of Indian Americans.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who had his own brush

with death from Covid-19 this year, on Friday wished US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump a rapid recovery.

"My best wishes to President Trump and the First Lady. Hope they both have a speedy recovery from coronavirus," Johnson tweeted.

Meanwhile, EU chief Charles Michel on Friday wished President Donald Trump and his wife Melania a quick recovery after the US first couple tested positive for Covid-19.

"Wishing @realDonaldTrump and @FLOTUS a speedy recovery. Covid-19 is a battle we all continue to fight. Everyday. No matter where we live," Michel said in a tweet.

Russia wishes US President Donald Trump a "speedy recovery" after he tested positive for Covid-19, the Kremlin spokesman said Friday.

"Of course we wish President Trump a speedy and easy recovery," President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov told journalists. - AFP



Belarus Opposition Leader Svetlana Tikhonovskaya

Belarus Opposition Leader takes risky diplomatic path

POLAND: Once a political novice, Belarusian Opposition Leader Svetlana Tikhonovskaya is joining Europe's diplomatic big leagues but risks undermining her own cause in the process, experts said.

After meeting French President Emmanuel Macron, the self-proclaimed victor of Belarus's Presidential election in August is set to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The high-profile meetings are part of a campaign focused on European leaders with the aim of pressuring Belarus's long-term leader Alexander Lukashenko into holding new elections.

But Tatiana Kastoueva-Jean, head of the Russia/NIS (Newly Independent States) Centre at the French Institute of International Relations, said this diplomacy could be "dangerous".

"These meetings with Western leaders could be considered a provocation by Russia and by Lukashenko and partly justify their claim that the West is interfering," she said.

The concern is shared in diplomatic circles.

Tikhonovskaya fled Belarus in the aftermath of the August 9 election amid a deadly crackdown against unprecedented mass protests calling for an end to Lukashenko's 26 years in power.

She crossed into EU and NATO member Lithuania and

has received strong support from the ex-Soviet Baltic state, as well as from the leaders of Poland, which also neighbours Belarus.

While the EU does not recognise the result of the election, it has stopped short of calling Tikhonovskaya the victor and is instead pushing for fresh elections with international monitors.

Her efforts have prompted scorn from Lukashenko and Russia.

This week, Lukashenko was quoted by his spokeswoman as saying that Macron was "paying too much attention" to Tikhonovskaya and this could "create a problem in his personal life".

On the day of the meeting, Putin condemned "unprecedented external pressure" on Belarus and said Russia's support was "all-weather".

His spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Macron "seems to support this Belarusian citizen". Tikhonovskaya herself, who only joined the Presidential election campaign after her blogger husband was detained when he tried to register as a candidate, has said she does not have political ambitions beyond a new vote.

The 38-year-old former English teacher has said she will not be a candidate in the election, which she wants held by the end of the year. - AFP

Thailand's annual buffalo festival races on

THAILAND: Thailand's annual water buffalo racing festival ploughed ahead on Thursday despite coronavirus travel restrictions leaving the event with a fraction of its usual tourist crowds.

The sturdy bovines used as draught animals in farms across the kingdom until they were largely replaced by tractors and modern machinery just a few decades ago.

But farmers in Chonburi province near Bangkok have kept up

traditional buffalo racing as a way to mark the start of the annual rice planting season and the end of Buddhist Lent.

Prized buffaloes pulling carts joined festive floats decorated with mythical naga serpents, while dancers in traditional golden costumes marched in a parade before the competition began.

The beasts thundered down the 100-metre track with jockeys balanced precariously on their rumps before leaping off at the finish line.

The course is typically caked in shin-deep mud but was bone dry for this year's event after a stretch of sweltering heat, and fire trucks were on hand to cool off the four-legged competitors.

This year's festival was capped off with a "beauty pageant" to judge the most attractive buffalo.

"They were so well-decorated in (costumes) and flowers it took me a while to realise there were buffaloes underneath," British expatriate Robert Owen told AFP. - AFP



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01.10.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 429,077

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 17,354,410.00

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MEGA POWER
DRAW NUMBER : 629
OFFICIAL RESULTS
DATE 2020.10.01

English Letter: T
Super Number: 05
Winning Numbers: 30, 41, 71, 75

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
1st PRIZE: If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	-
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	95
4th PRIZE: If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	172
5th PRIZE: Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	4,398
6th PRIZE: If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	2,882
7th PRIZE: Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	71,631
8th PRIZE: Only English Letter are correct	20.00	13,126

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE Rs.51,533,169.20

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE Rs.10,803,608.80

NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE Rs.18,264,730.40

Total Prizes Won In This Draw Rs.3,031,220.00

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA
DRAW NUMBER : 4262 OFFICIAL RESULTS
DATE:01-10-2020

WINNING LETTER: C
WINNING NUMBERS: 7 0 8 1 3 8

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Number	Prize Money	No. of winners
1st Prize	7 0 8 1 3 8	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	0 8 1 3 8	Rs. 100,000/-	07
3rd Prize	8 1 3 8	Rs. 10,000/-	70
4th Prize	1 3 8	Rs. 1,000/-	713
5th Prize	3 8	Rs. 100/-	7,208
6th Prize	8	Rs. 20/-	70,381

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Number	Prize Money	No. of winners
7th Prize	7 0 8 1 3	Rs. 10,000/-	08
8th Prize	7 0 8 1	Rs. 1,000/-	73
9th Prize	7 0 8	Rs. 100/-	743
10th Prize	7 0	Rs. 50/-	6,969
11th Prize	C	Rs. 20/-	28,058

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.7,378,330.00

The Super Prize of next draw Rs.18,095,917.00

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தரு திரி சம்பத DARU DIRI SAMPATHA
DRAW DATE 2020/10/01
DRAW NUMBER 021

English Letter: M
Winning Number: 01 12 34 61

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs.1,000,000/- Each	-
2nd Prize: If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs.50,000/- Each	04
3rd Prize: If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs.1,000/- Each	55
4th Prize: If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs.500/- Each	105
5th Prize: If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs.100/- Each	2605
6th Prize: If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs.40/- Each	1375
7th Prize: If 1 numbers is correct	Rs.20/- Each	34,905
8th Prize: If only Super number is correct	Rs.20/- Each	5263

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 1,426,360/-

Super Prize for the next Draw Rs. 6,747,233.60

Vasana Sampatha
Official Results
Draw No. 1618
Date 2020.10.01

English Letter: W
Winning Nos. 01 02 30 55

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
01 Prize	If only Four Numbers are correct	1,000,000/-	-
02 Prize	If Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	100,000/-	01
03 Prize	If only Three Numbers are correct	2,000/-	49
04 Prize	If Two Numbers and English Letter are correct	500/-	108
05 Prize	If only Two Numbers are correct	100/-	2,402
06 Prize	If one Number and English Letter are correct	60/-	1,482
07 Prize	If only one Number are correct	20/-	36,543
08 Prize	If only English Letter is correct	20/-	6,063

Total prize money won in this Draw Rs. 1,433,240.00

Next Super Prize Rs. 24,107,921.40

Govisetha
DRAW NUMBER 2557 DRAW DATE 01.10.2020

ENGLISH LETTER: D
WINNING NUMBERS: 09 23 37 74

COMBINATION	PRICE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRIZE: IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2 PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	04
3 PRIZE: IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	116
4 PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	250
5 PRIZE: IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	6215
6 PRIZE: IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	4027
7 PRIZE: IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	102339
8 PRIZE: IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	18555

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 131,576

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 4,085,260.00

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 60,309,462.80

Armenia-Azerbaijan clashes rage



Macron denounces 'jihadist' deployment

AZERBAIJAN: Armenian and Azerbaijani forces intensified their shelling Thursday as French President Emmanuel Macron said jihadist militants had been deployed to Nagorny Karabakh in a "serious new" development.

The West and Russia renewed calls to halt several days of fighting over the disputed Nagorny Karabakh region that has left more than 130 dead.

In a joint appeal, Russian President Vladimir Putin, US President Donald Trump and Macron urged the two sides to return to negotiations aimed at resolving their longstanding territorial dispute.

The French leader said in a separate statement that Syrian jihadist militants had joined the fighting in Karabakh via Turkey, describing the deployment as a "serious new fact, which changes the situation".

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani leader Ilham Aliyev have both rejected the idea of holding talks.

Russia suggested it was making progress in diplomatic efforts with Turkey, a firm supporter of Azerbaijan in the conflict.

The rival Caucasus nations have been locked in a bitter stalemate over Karabakh since the collapse of the Soviet Union when the ethnic Armenian region broke away from Azerbaijan.

Armenian Deputy Prime Minister Tigran Avinyan said on Facebook that 1,280 Azerbaijani troops had been killed and 2,700 wounded since Sunday, as both sides have made claims of heavy casualties inflicted on their opponent.

In turn, Azerbaijan's Defence Ministry said its forces had carried out "crushing artillery strikes" on Armenian forces.

Karabakh's declaration of independence from Azerbaijan sparked a war in the early 1990s that claimed 30,000 lives, but it is still not recognised as independent by any country, including Armenia.

- AFP

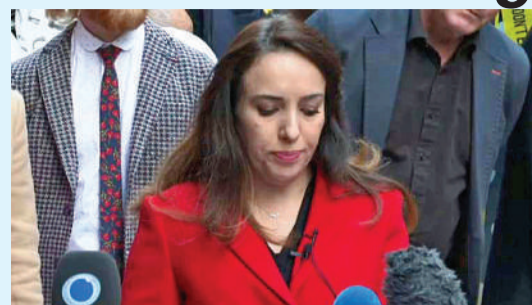
Heavy fighting in Nagorny Karabakh



Image satellite: Sentinel 3. The relief of terrain is exaggerated to assist viewing.

Map locating the separatist region of Nagorny Karabakh in Azerbaijan, which has a majority Armenian population.

Assange faces wait for US extradition ruling



WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's partner, Stella Morris, makes a statement outside the Old Bailey in London on October 1, 2020.

UK: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange faces several more months in prison after a British judge said she would decide whether to extradite him to the United States next year.

Judge Vanessa Baraitser said she would give her ruling on January 4, prolonging an anxious wait for his supporters who see the case as a cause celebre for press freedom.

The 49-year-old Australian was remanded in custody at the high-security Belmarsh prison in southeast London until an administrative hearing later this month.

He faces 18 charges in the United States relating to the 2010 release by WikiLeaks of 500,000 secret files detailing aspects of military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Four weeks of evidence in the extradition hearing at London's Old Bailey court ended on Thursday, having largely expanded on well-trodden aspects of the high-profile case.

Judge Baraitser had earlier agreed to a request from Assange's lawyer Edward Fitzgerald for more time to prepare his closing arguments.

Fitzgerald claims the move to extradite his client is politically motivated under President Donald Trump's administration and that circumstances may change after the US election.

- AFP

EU launches legal action over UK Brexit bill



BELGIUM: The European Union launched legal proceedings on Thursday in response to the British government's attempt to overturn parts of the Brexit withdrawal agreement.

The infringement procedure, which could come before European courts, has not derailed post-Brexit trade talks, but reflects mounting tension in Brussels as time runs short for a deal.

"This morning, the Commission has decided to send a letter of formal notice to the UK Government. This is the first step in an infringement procedure," EU chief Ursula von der Leyen said.

"The letter invites the UK Government to send its observations within a month," said von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission.

On Tuesday, British MPs backed a bill to regulate the UK's internal market from January 1, when Britain completes its post-Brexit transition period and leaves the EU single market and customs

union. The proposed text, by London's own admission, overwrites parts of the withdrawal treaty that Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed with EU leaders last year, a breach of international law.

Johnson's government has described this bill as a "safety net" in case post-Brexit trade talks fail and the EU tries to impose a customs border between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

But EU capitals – including Dublin – see these provisions as key to preventing a return of a hard border with Ireland and preserving the good relations underpinned by the Good Friday peace deal in Northern Ireland.

The EU said the bill would breach Article 5 of the Withdrawal Agreement, which states that both sides must "cooperate in good faith" to implement the deal.

If Britain does not back down, the infringement procedure could go all the way to the European

Court of Justice, which would be able to impose large fines.

But the case is a fairly standard EU procedure. Many member states face dozens of legal challenges under EU law and, for example, this is the 94th active action against the UK.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte told reporters the development was merely "a necessary administrative step".

In parallel to the battle over the bill, EU and UK negotiators Michel Barnier and David Frost are meeting in Brussels this week for their final planned round of talks on a post-Brexit trade deal.

Diplomats say these talks will not be torpedoed by the legal action but London's stance has cast a cloud over negotiations ahead of a planned EU summit on October 15.

"The discussions are carrying on today and I think they have been conducted in a constructive spirit," a Number 10 spokesman said.

- AFP

Defiant Navalny vows to return to Russia

GERMANY: Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny accused President Vladimir Putin of being behind his poisoning on Thursday, as he vowed to return to Russia to press on with his opposition campaign.

In the first media interview since his poisoning, Navalny gave harrowing details of his collapse on a flight from Tomsk to Moscow after he was poisoned by what the West identified as the Soviet-era nerve agent Novichok.

The 44-year-old anti-corruption campaigner also said he would not be cowed by the experience, pledging to get fit as soon as possible to continue his fight.

"Not returning would mean that Putin has achieved his aim. And my job now is to stay the guy who's not afraid," he told the Spiegel weekly.

"I will not give Putin the gift of not returning to Russia," he said, adding that for him "Putin is behind this act, I don't see any other explanation."

The Kremlin immediately hit back at Navalny's statements, calling them "groundless and unacceptable", while the head of Russia's lower house of parliament, Vyacheslav Volodin, said Putin had helped save the dissident's life.

Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov also claimed that Navalny was working with the CIA.

The Kremlin critic was evacuated to Berlin for treatment after he collapsed in August following a campaign trip to support opposition candidates in local elections in Siberia.

He was discharged just over a week ago and his first comments to the press came as European leaders were holding a summit during which the question of a response to Russia may be raised. Navalny had arrived in Berlin in a coma and on mechanical ventilation. He was finally discharged on September 22 after spending 32 days in the Charite hospital in the German capital, including 24 days in intensive care.

- AFP



Russian Opposition Leader Alexei Navalny

Belgian King's hidden daughter wins fight to be Princess

BELGIUM: A Belgian artist has won a seven-year legal battle to be confirmed as a princess and the official daughter of former King Albert II, her lawyer said Thursday.

Delphine Boel, 52, becomes Delphine Saxe-Cobourg after a Brussels appeal court endorsed the results of a DNA test, lawyer Marc Uyttendaele told AFP.

"The court affirms that King Albert II is her father," the lawyer said, a claim confirmed by a judicial source.

"She will henceforth bear the patronym of Saxe-Cobourg. Her other requests that she be treated on the same footing as her brothers and sister were also granted," he said.

Albert II, King of the Belgians, reigned between 1993 and 2013 before abdicating in favour of his legitimate son Philippe, the country's current monarch.

Boel, a sculptor, had been reported to be

Albert's illegitimate daughter since the 1990s – or as she once put it his "dirty laundry" – but it was only last year that a court obliged him to submit a DNA sample.

"She is delighted with this court decision, which puts an end to a lengthy procedure that was particularly painful for her and her family," the lawyer said.

"A judicial victory will never replace a father's love, but it does offer a sense of justice, which is further strengthened by the fact that many more children who have gone through similar ordeals may be able to find the strength to face them."

The lawyer said that Boel would address the media next week, when she had gathered her strength. Albert, now 86, acknowledged in January that he was Boel's father after a DNA test came back positive, ending a paternity battle that had dragged on for seven years.

- AFP



Delphine Boel and former King Albert II of Belgium.

Mecca to reopen for limited pilgrimages after 7-month pause

SAUDI ARABIA: Saudi Arabia will reopen the Muslim holy places for the year-round umrah pilgrimage on Sunday, scaled back and with extensive health precautions, seven months after coronavirus prompted its suspension.

The umrah, the pilgrimage that can be undertaken at any time, usually attracts millions of Muslims from across the globe each year.

It will be revived in three stages, with the initial phase seeing just 6,000 citizens and residents already within the

kingdom allowed to take part each day.

"In the first stage, the umrah will be performed meticulously and within a specified period of time," Hajj Minister Mohammad Benteen told state television last week.

He said pilgrims will be divided into groups to ensure social distancing within the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

Worshippers will on Sunday be able to perform the ritual of circling the sacred Kaaba – a cubic structure inside the Grand Mosque towards which

Muslims around the world pray – along socially distanced paths.

On October 18, the number of pilgrims will be increased to 15,000 per day, with a maximum of 40,000 people allowed to perform prayers at the mosque.

Visitors from abroad will be permitted from November 1, when capacity will be raised to 20,000 pilgrims, with 60,000 people allowed into the mosque.

The decision to resume the pilgrimage was in response to

the "aspirations of Muslims home and abroad" to perform the ritual and visit the holy sites, the interior ministry said last month.

It added that the umrah would be allowed to return to full capacity once the threat of the pandemic has abated.

Until then, the health ministry will vet countries from which pilgrims are allowed to enter based on the health risks.

Those wishing to perform the umrah must apply through two mobile applications: one

to register they are free from the virus, and another from which they can obtain a permit.

Saudi Arabia suspended the umrah in March and scaled back the annual hajj over fears that the coronavirus could spread to Islam's holiest cities.

The hajj went ahead in late July, on the smallest scale in modern history, with only up to 10,000 Muslims allowed to take part – a far cry from the 2.5 million who participated last year.

State media have said that a

raft of precautions have been adopted to ward off any outbreaks during the umrah.

The revered Black Stone in the eastern corner of the Kaaba – which it is customary but not mandatory to touch during the pilgrimage – will be out of reach, while the Grand Mosque will be regularly sterilised before and after each group of worshippers.

Each group will be accompanied by a health worker and medical teams will be on the ground in case of an emergency.

The pilgrimages are a massive logistical challenge, with colossal crowds cramping into relatively small holy sites, making them vulnerable to contagion.

Saudi Arabia's custodianship of Mecca and Medina – Islam's two holiest sites – is seen as its most powerful source of political legitimacy.

The holy sites are also a key revenue earner for the kingdom, whose economy has been badly hit by a coronavirus-driven collapse in world demand for oil.

- AFP

CHINA'S "GOLDEN" HOLIDAY BEGINS AMID REGULAR EPIDEMIC CONTROL

CHINA: Chinese citizens started their eight-day golden holiday on Thursday for the National Day and traditional Mid-Autumn Festival.

The long holiday is a season of tourism and consumption boom that is set to inject momentum into China's recovering economy.

Amid regular epidemic control, hundreds of millions of Chinese will be traveling for family reunions or leisure staycations after some trying months due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Xu Jie, a 35-year-old photographer with the Shanghai-based Spring Tour travel agency, celebrated the National Day with 15 local tourists. They took a city walk, strolling along the Bund, an iconic scenic spot of the metropolis. He guided the visitors to catch sight of the magnificent sunrise on the Huangpu River.

"More and more people are developing a fondness for city walks, which can help them better understand the place. Especially since the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic, most people choose not to travel abroad to avoid risks of infection," said Xu.

Spring Tour has launched such city-stroll services in Shanghai to help people develop a deeper understanding of the city's history and culture.

"Photowalks led by Xu sold out quickly after they were launched. City strolls involving coffee tasting or watching performances are also quite popular," said Ke Yiming, marketing manager of Spring Tour.

To speed up the recovery of domestic tourism amid regular COVID-19 control, China further eased restrictions by raising the limit on daily reception numbers at scenic spots, theaters and performance venues to 75 percent of their maximum



People get their food inside a Shake Shack restaurant at a shopping mall during the national "Golden Week" holiday. - AFP



Teenagers enjoying the national "Golden Week" holiday in Beijing. - AFP

capacity, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism said in mid-September.

During the holiday, the total number of domestic tourists nationwide is expected to reach 550 million. Booming travel demand has driven the speedy recovery of the country's tourism and consumption sectors.

In the third quarter, the number of tourists at the A-level tourist attractions nationwide reached about 70 percent of that during the same period last year, while the numbers at some local tourist attractions were close to the figures seen over the same period last year.

"Thanks to the new measures to boost business resumption, China will embrace a

stronger recovery of tourism and consumption," said He Jianmin, a professor at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

On Thursday, a scenic moat area along the city wall in northwest China's Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi Province, opened to the public for free after renovations.

Luo Qiang, a tourist from southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, arrived in Xi'an with his family members on Thursday morning after a 10-hour self-driving trip. They braved the drizzle to visit the city wall as the first stop of their planned six-day tour of the city.

During the first hour and a half after opening, the number of tourists exceeded 1,000,

said Cao Ling, spokeswoman for the Xi'an city wall scenic area. Strict disinfection measures were taken in all public areas each day, and the reception volume was kept below 75 percent of the maximum capacity, she said.

According to the Shanghai Municipal Administration of Culture and Tourism, on the first day of the holiday, more than 150 major tourist attractions in the city received 950,000 tourists, up 110 percent year on year. Shanghai's 90 museums held 46 temporary exhibitions and received 80,400 visitors, up 98.8 percent year on year.

The holiday features traditional customs as the Mid-Autumn Festival coincides with the National Day holiday. The traditional festival

is marked by family reunions, with people eating mooncakes and enjoying lanterns and views of the full moon.

Famous bakeries and restaurants in Shanghai have developed new flavors for mooncakes, such as cheese mooncakes, and milk-and-tea mooncakes, to attract customers.

"The sales volume of our mooncakes so far this year has surpassed that of the same period last year," said Jiang Yong, assistant to the general manager of Godly, a Shanghai-based food company with nearly 100 years in the business.

Shanghai has planned more than 140 cultural and tourism activities for the holiday, including a lantern festival, according to local officials. - XINHUA



People taking selfies in Beijing to mark the national "Golden Week" holiday. - AFP



People enjoying China's national "Golden Week" holiday in Beijing. - AFP



Tourists visit the West Lake scenic area in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province to mark the national "Golden Week" holiday. - AFP



People wearing face masks as a preventive measure against the COVID-19 coronavirus walk outside of a shopping mall complex during China's national "Golden Week" holiday in Beijing on Friday. - AFP



Visitors at a shop at Shanghai Disney Resort in east China's Shanghai to mark the holiday. - AFP



Children and parents enjoy the day during China's national "Golden Week" holiday in Beijing. - AFP

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HIRING OF AUDIT FIRM

VOICE Area Federation is a non-profit, Non-Government Organization, engaged in Child and Youth Development interventions in Puttalam District since 2007.

We wish to hire an audit firm to conduct an annual audit of financial statements, which will give the auditor their professional opinion on whether the financial statements are true and fair.

The overall objectives of the audit are:

- ◆ The auditor will perform work in accordance with applicable accounting and Auditing Standards, which encompasses financial controls, safeguarding of assets, compliance with VOICE Area Federation policies and procedures, compliance with national laws and regulations, reviewing administrative controls in the areas of the program and sponsor service and assuring that appropriate controls are in place and functioning effectively,
- ◆ The auditor will provide a complete audit report in accordance with local statutory requirements, as applicable.
- ◆ To express an opinion on the financial statements of the organization.

Year of the account to be audited;

◆ 1st of July 2019 - 30th of June 2020 financial year.

The completed audit report should be submitted to the organization before 30th October 2020.

Interest applicant should submit the proposal before 10th October 2020 to ad.voiceputtalam@gmail.com or post to below address.

Administration Officer, VOICE Area Federation, Kasisetti Bauma, Sirambiadiya, Puttalama.

You may contact Imesha Pramod for, Clarification and further information through the above mentioned mail or 071-7354582.

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Affordable, Powerful 5G Smartphone

Dialog Axiata launches Huawei Nova 7 SE

Gearing Sri Lanka to a "5G ready status" with its 5G trial network in select locations, across the country, Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider partnered Huawei to unveil the highly anticipated mid-range 5G smartphone, Huawei Nova 7 SE. Customers can now pre-order the latest Huawei 5G ready device from Dialog until 10th October 2020.

Speaking on this occasion, Chief Operating Officer of Dialog Axiata PLC, Lasantha Theverapperuma stated "Dialog is happy to introduce users to experience the enhanced 5G device capabilities at an affordable price point whilst creating easy access to its faster and latent-free 5G network as a step forward in our journey of facilitating all Sri Lankans with a world-class mobile experience. The launch of the 5G ready Huawei Nova 7 SE will mark the latest offering by Dialog in line with its

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HUAWEI NOVA 7 SE 5G

Dialog

With a battery life spanning over 24 hours, this device is reimagined and designed to keep up with a modern user's busy day-to-day life.

Huawei Nova 7 SE is available in Nova's lush colour variants-Space Silver, Crush Green and Midsummer Purple.

Customers who pre-order the device via Dialog will receive free benefits including; no down payment for pre-orders, a free Huawei Band 4, 100GB Anytime Data exclusively from Dialog (valid for 1 month), easy payment plans with leading credit cards - up to 40 months instalments with 0% interest, along with the added benefit for Dialog Club Vision members to redeem standard loyalty discounts on device purchases.

Customers can visit the Dialog Facebook Page for more information on latest Huawei Nova 7E offers.

commitment to delivering the Future, Today."

Customers can now experience the power of 5G with the Huawei Nova 7 SE smartphone on the Dialog 5G trial networks available at the Dialog Iconic, Dialog Experience Centres at Alfred House and World Trade Center, and several zones in Colombo city.

The Huawei Nova 7 SE features a 6.5 inches LTPS Full HD display with a 90% screen

to body ratio offering an endless viewing experience - ideal for gaming and watching movies. Users can also explore the boundless potential for creative expression offered by four versatile lenses as the 5G smartphone comes equipped with a 64MP AI Quad Camera set up. In addition to this, the device comes powered with an 8GB RAM and a 128GB storage and its Kirin 820 7nm 5G chipset facilitates faster processing.

U.S. stock futures, global shares fall on Trump's COVID news

U.S. and European stock futures and Asian shares fell Friday after President Donald Trump said he and first lady Melania Trump had tested positive for the new coronavirus. The future contracts for both the S&P 500 and the Dow briefly lost more than 2% but were down 1.5% as of 7:32 a.m. Eastern. Oil prices tumbled more than 3%.

Trump tweeted news of his test results just hours after the White House announced that senior aide Hope Hicks had come down with

the virus after traveling with the president several times this week.

"There was a knee-jerk risk-off reaction given the level of uncertainty but ultimately the market reaction will depend on a few questions," TD Securities analysts said in a research note.

The Nikkei 225 index shed strong early gains, losing 0.8% after the Tokyo Stock Exchange resumed trading following an all-day outage due to a technical failure. Australia's benchmark S&P/ASX 200 slipped 1%, while shares

in Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia also fell.

Beyond potential political developments, investors will be watching for job figures due out Friday.

Data released Thursday painted a mixed picture for the economy, with one report showing the number of workers filing for unemployment benefits last week fell to 837,000 from 873,000. That was less than economists expected, but incredibly high compared with before the pandemic.

Taj Samudra hosts Oktoberfest from Oct. 8

Taj Samudra Colombo will be celebrating the Oktoberfest 2020 at the Grand Marquee/North lawns. The four-day long celebration will run from October 8 between 6 P.m. to 12 midnight.

The event will have a star-studded lineup of local entertainment comprising of Infinity, Magic Box mix up, Redeemers, 2 Forty 2, DJ Shiran along with emcee Dr Sean.

An A La carte menu with appetizers, mains and desserts along with beverage counters will be on offer for all guests.

This year there will be a host of unique drinks served at the event and guests will get a chance to enjoy and discover hand crafted beverages.

Tickets can be purchased from the Events desk at the Taj Samudra Colombo and a 15% discount will be offered to all guests who purchase 5 tickets or more.

The world's largest German festival began as a wedding celebration more than 200 years ago when Bavaria's Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese



on October 12, 1810. The decision to repeat the horse races, and celebrations in 1811 was what gave birth to Oktoberfest, the largest German festival in the world.



Errol Morris, Senior Lecturer/Course Coordinator for Ticketing and Reservations, Sanka Galaboda, Course Coordinator for Ticketing and Reservations, Sharon Jacotine, Course Coordinator for Grooming and Department, Damian Jayasuriya, Senior Lecturer/Course Coordinator for Air Cargo and Logistics, Mohammed Adheeb, Senior Lecturer/Course Coordinator for Cabin Crew, Dr. Kenneth De Zilwa, Chairman, Financial System Stability Consultative Committee of the Central Bank, Minister D.V.Chanaka, State Minister for Aviation, Sudesh Rupasinghe, Country Manager for Kuwait Airways Sri Lanka and Maldives, Ramzeen Azeez, Senior Lecturer/Student Counsel, Rex Fernandez, Head of Training/Course Coordinator, Keerthi Peiris, Senior Lecturer/Course Coordinator for Customer service, Mohamed Aslam, Lecturer for Cabin Crew/Manager Operations -IAAC

IAAC holds fifth Convocation

The International Airline and Aviation College (IAAC) had its fifth Convocation at the Bishop's College auditorium hall on September 15, under strict health precautionary measures. State Minister of Aviation and Export Zones Development D.V. Chanaka graced the occasion as chief guest and gave away the awards along with professionals and personalities from the aviation industry.

The ceremony was organized to felicitate over a 100 students who obtained Diplomas in four key sub-

jects, Ground Operations, Cargo and Logistics, Ticketing and Reservations, Cabin Crew.

IAAC was inaugurated in 2015 as a premier aviation school in the heart of Colombo offering curricula in aviation to the Youth Island wide. With the inclusion of some veteran teachers and trainers who possess over three decades of experience in the industry.

IAAC is in the forefront playing a pivotal role in producing the globe's Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP). NGAP

is a project already underway under the purview of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to cater the future demands in the aviation industry. In a view of covering the young aspirants from the North, IAAC had ZOOM connectivity of all its tutorials in Jaffna.

IAAC has trained over 1000 students from all over the island since its inception. They hope to expand their educational vistas in the near future, in order to provide even better prospects to every Sri Lankan locally and internationally.

World Maritime Day celebrated for the first time in Sri Lanka



WORLD MARITIME DAY 2020

ANANDA KANNANGARA

World Maritime Day was celebrated for the first time in Sri Lanka on board the "8 Degrees Floating Boat" at Cinnamon Lakeside, recently.

This event was organised by Capt. Nish Wijayakulathilaka, the IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador and the Vice-President (Global) of the Nautical Institute (UK) to increase awareness on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security, and the marine environment.

The theme for the event was 'Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet'. The event was sponsored by Akalanka Ratnayake, Director of International Marine Service (Pvt) Ltd.

Among the highlights of the event was a panel discussion which was attended by Prof. Admiral Jayanath Colombage - FNI, Ph.D. (Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs); Dr. Leslie Hemachandra, AFNI, Ph.D. CEO Laugh Maritime- IMO Consultant; Dr. Dan Malika Gunasekara, MNI, Ph.D. - Maritime Lawyer, Owner DANMAR; Eng. Saman Kumarasinghe, Country Manager - DNV GL, and Prof. Nalaka Jayakody, FNI, DSc, Vice-Chancellor of Northshore Campus.

Prof. Admiral Colombage, answering a question on Sri Lanka's future development plans to help the economy and barriers identified to implement the same, explained that since the Far East to Europe main sea route is

just about 15 Nautical Miles South of Sri Lanka, the country can be developed to become a major maritime hub.

Dr. Hemachandra spoke on seafarer's education and said that local seafarers are highly skilled and will not be leaving the sea due to the COVID-19 pandemic for alternative jobs.

Prof. Jayakody explained reasons for the past few accidents, incidents, collisions, and the explosion of ships.

He explained that 90% of these accidents were due to human errors.

Eng. Kumarasinghe, highlighting steps that should be taken during a tanker fire, said, "The world's big countries try to save their environment by implementing very low Sulphur regulations (ECA)".

He was answering questions regarding the MT New Dimond fire and explained the fire-fighting mechanisms that were used on it.

He further explained low Sulphur fuel oil regulations, MARPOL Annex VI regulations, the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI), and the importance of ratification of IMO conventions.

Dr. Gunasekara spoke about 'UNCLOS 1982' (Salvage Convention of 1989), the Civil Liability Convention for Oil pollution damage of 1992, Fund convention of 1992, Intervention Convention of 1969, and SOLAS. High profile guests from the industry also took part in the event.



National players to compete in Commander's T20 League

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Several top national cricketers will be in action when the inaugural edition of the Army Commander's T20 League gets underway on October 5 at the Army Grounds in Dombagoda.

The tournament featuring four teams will be worked off over the course of 12 days with the final scheduled for October 17 at the Saliyapura Grounds in Anuradhapura.

The four teams, namely Northern Warriors, Eastern Warriors, Southern Warriors and Western Warriors will be captained by National players, Seekkuge Prasanna, Asela Gunaratne, Dinesh Chandimal and Thisara Perera.

Apart from Army Sports Club cricketers who have been selected to represent the four teams, the following National players have also been invited to participate in the tournament.

The Teams:

• **Northern Warriors:** Seekkuge Prasanna (Captain), Dasun Shanaka, Akila Dananjaya and Bhanuka Rajapaksa.

• **Eastern Warriors:** Asela Gunaratne (Captain), Kusal Mendis, Sandun Weerakkody and Chathurangada Silva.

• **Southern Warriors:** Dinesh Chandimal (Captain), Suranga Lakmal, Dushmantha Chameera and Wanidu Hasaranga.

• **Western Warriors:** Thisara Perera (Captain), Avishka Fernando, Dhammika Prasad and Nuwan Pradeep.

The champions will receive the Army Commander's Trophy and a cash award of Rs. 150,000 while the runners-up will be presented with a trophy and a cash award of Rs. 75,000.

In addition, special cash awards will be presented to the Best Batsman, Best Bowler, and Man-of-the-Tournament.



The team captains at the media briefing (from left), Seekkuge Prasanna (Northern), Thisara Perera (Western), Dinesh Chandimal (Southern) and Asela Gunaratne (Eastern). Picture by Samantha weerasiri

THE MATCH SCHEDULE

- October 5: Western Warriors v Northern Warriors, Southern Warriors vs Eastern Warriors.
- October 6: Eastern Warriors vs Northern Warriors, Southern Warriors vs Western Warriors.
- October 8: Western Warriors vs Eastern Warriors, Northern Warriors vs Southern Warriors.
- October 9: Southern Warriors vs Eastern Warriors, Northern Warriors vs Western Warriors.
- October 10: Western Warriors vs Southern Warriors, Eastern Warriors vs Northern Warriors.
- October 13: Northern Warriors vs Southern Warriors, Eastern Warriors vs Southern Warriors.
- October 17: Final.

Anouk Chitty secures Agora League Matchplay Golf title



The RCGC was the venue for the Agora League Matchplay Tournament.

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Sri Lankan veteran golfer Anouk Chitty put up a pleasing performance to claim major honours at the Agora League Matchplay Knock-Out Championship worked off at the Royal Colombo Golf Club (RCGC) Course.

This event was conducted by the RCGC Ladies' Section in an attempt to encourage female members to enjoy their golf with a flavour of competition and was worked off in two stages.

The first part was a round-robin stage where all the competitors were randomly included into four groups and each player competed against each other in their respective groups.

Thereafter, the points were allocated for a result in this stage, which was followed by the Knock-Out stage and the grand finale which was played on the final day.

The Knock-Out final was the highlight with the four leagues producing the Championship League, Premier League, Legends League and the Warriors League winners in stage two.

Anouk Chitty clinched the Championship League by having the better of Jin Park 3-1 while the Premier League was won by Manori Jayakody who defeated Ruwani Desinghe 2-1.

Meanwhile, the Legends League was won by Ahalya Rajan who overcame Danny Hameed 3-1 and the Warriors League was won by Niranjali Amarasinghe beating Shyama Perera 4-3.

This novel format produced nail-biting finishes in the tense Matchplay Tournament and the event was followed by a 'knowledge enhancing' session on the rules of golf presented by professional golfer Anura Rohana.

SLC Major Youth Tournament

Army SC, Lankan CC, Colts CC, Tamil Union in the lead

Army SC, Lankan CC, Colts CC, and Tamil Union are leading the points table after day Six of the Under-23 Major Club Youth Cricket Tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). In group 'A', Army SC is on top with 19 points and Lankan CC in group 'B' is retaining the top slot with 12 points. Colts CC are leading group 'C' with 19 points and Tamil Union C & AC (group 'D') with 24 points. SSC earned 24 points in 5 matches finishing at the top of group 'D'.

In the latest rankings of the top five batsmen in the tournament, Nipun Dhananjaya of SSC rules the top spot so far; Nipun Dhananjaya (SSC - 276 runs in 5 innings), Ravindu Fernando (Tamil Union - 253 runs in 5 innings) and Sakuna Liyanage (Nugegoda S & WC - 238 runs in 5 innings), Malindu Madhuranga (CCC - 223 runs in 5 innings), Nisal Francisco (BRC - 221 runs in 5 innings) are in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Amshi De Silva (CCC) is leading top bowler. Amshi

Group	M	W	L	TIE/NR	BP	Points	NRR
Group A							
Army SC	5	4	1	0	3	19	1.249
Badureliya CC	5	4	1	0	2	18	-0.054
Sebastianites C	5	3	2	0	3	15	0.962
BRC	5	3	2	0	3	15	0.353
Nugegoda S and WC	5	3	2	0	2	14	0.373
Police SC	5	1	4	0	0	4	-0.999
Navy SC	6	0	6	0	0	0	-1.606
Group B							
Lanka CC	4	2	1	1	2	12	1.259
Air Force SC	4	3	1	0	0	12	-0.250
Chilaw MCC	4	2	2	0	2	10	0.258
Negombo CC	4	1	1	2	1	9	1.770
Ragama CC	4	1	1	1	1	7	-0.979
Panadura SC	4	0	2	2	0	4	-1.199
Group C							
Colts CC	4	4	0	0	3	19	2.013
Moors SC	4	3	1	0	2	14	0.630
NCC	4	2	1	1	2	12	1.591
Kalutara Town Club	4	2	2	0	1	9	-0.007
SLPA SC	4	0	3	1	0	2	-1.848
Sareens SC	4	0	4	0	0	0	-2.633
Group D							
Tamil Union C and AC	6	5	1	0	4	24	2.048
SSC	5	5	0	0	4	24	1.414
CCC	5	3	2	0	3	15	1.885
Galle CC	5	3	2	0	1	13	0.417
Bloomfield C and AC	5	1	3	1	0	6	-2.108
Kurunegala YCC	5	0	4	1	0	2	-1.206
Kandy Customs CC	5	0	5	0	0	0	-2.201

Player	Mat	Runs	Avg	100s	50s	Club
1 Nipun Dhananjaya	5	276	69.00	-	3	SSC
2 Ravindu Fernando	5	252	84.33	1	1	Tamil Union
3 Sakuna Liyanage	5	238	79.33	2	2	Nugegoda S and WC
4 Malindu Madhuranga	5	223	55.75	2	2	CCC
5 Nisal Francisco	5	221	55.25	2	2	BRC
6 Bishan Mendis	5	214	42.80	1	1	Army
7 Kamesh Nirimal	6	204	40.80	1	1	Tamil Union
8 Kamidu Mendis	3	200	100.00	1	1	Chilaw MCC
9 Harith Fernando	5	177	35.40	2	2	Army
10 Bhagya Dissanayake	6	174	29.00	2	2	Navy

Player	Mat	Wkts	Eco	Club
1 Amshi De Silva	5	13	3.71	CCC
2 Tharush Fernando	5	12	3.38	Sebastianites
3 Sachindu Colombage	6	12	3.55	Tamil Union
4 Nipun Lakshan	5	12	6.14	Nugegoda S and WC
5 Roshan Sanjaya	4	11	3.38	Colts
6 Hashan Sadeepa	5	11	3.58	Army
7 Praveen Jayawickrama	4	11	3.96	Moors
8 Malinda Abishek	5	11	4.15	BRC
9 Lasindu Aroshana	4	11	4.69	KTC
10 Malinda Jayod	5	10	3.85	Nugegoda S and WC

wickets in 5 innings) after day six. Fixtures on Saturday (Oct 3) Ports Authority SC vs Saracens CC at Colts Fixtures on Sunday (Oct. 4) Kandy Custom SC vs Kurunegala Sebastianites C & AC vs Nugegoda S & WC at Moratuwa Air Force SC Chilaw Marians CC at MCG Katunayake

Negombo CC vs Ragama CC at Bloomfield Panadura SC vs Lankan CC at Panadura NCC vs Colts at Colts Moors vs Kalutara TC at Magona SSC vs Bloomfield at SSC Galle CC vs CCC at CCC BRC vs Army SC at Panagoda Police SC vs Badureliya CC

(YK)

Thiem, Svitolina into French Open last 16 as Nadal expects tougher task

Paris, Friday: US Open winner Dominic Thiem swept into the last 16 at Roland Garros on Friday along with women's third seed Elina Svitolina while Rafael Nadal anticipated a stiffer challenge after serene progress in his first two matches at the tournament.

Former champion Simona Halep faces a fascinating rematch with Amanda Anisimova, the American teenager who knocked her out of last year's competition.

Thiem broke down early resistance from Norway's Casper Ruud to secure an impressive 6-4, 6-3, 6-1 victory and set up a possible showdown with 2015 French Open winner Stan Wawrinka.

"I'm very happy. It was a great match and I didn't do any mistakes," said Thiem, the runner-up to Nadal the past two years.

"The conditions are very nice to play in under the roof - no wind and the court is perfect."

Wawrinka, the 16th seed, goes up against the lone Frenchman remaining in the draw, Hugo Gaston, the world number 239.

Two-time quarter-finalist Svitolina ensured she will stick around for the second week in Paris with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Russia's Ekaterina Alexandrova, the 27th seed.



Austria's Dominic Thiem returns the ball to Norway's Casper Ruud during their men's singles third round tennis match on Day 6 of The Roland Garros 2020 French Open tennis tournament in Paris on Friday. - AFP

Ukrainian Svitolina is full of confidence after capturing her 15th career WTA at Strasbourg last weekend.

"It's always really nice to have another chance to go deep in the tournament," said Svitolina.

"It's a little bit different without the crowd, so you start to treasure every match and every

Grand Slam you play." Polish teenager Iga Swiatek dismissed former Wimbledon finalist Eugenie Bouchard 6-3, 6-2 to seal a return to the last 16, matching her best result at a Grand Slam.

Later on Wednesday, 12-time champion Nadal meets 74th-ranked Italian Stefano Travaglia, who is through to the last 32 of a Grand Slam for the first time.

Unsurprisingly, Nadal has yet to drop a set in Paris against opponents with a combined ranking of 319, but the Spaniard knows tougher examinations await in his pursuit of Roger Federer's record 20 major titles.

"I've won two matches in three sets. When you win like this it's not bad, it means you don't make many mistakes and manage to make a difference," said Nadal.

"It's a good thing. I know in the next round more is going to be asked of me and I need to be ready for that."

Painful memory spurs on Halep

Halep's status as the women's favourite was reinforced following the withdrawal of Serena Williams, on top of the absence of world number one and defending champion Ashleigh Barty, as well as US Open winner Naomi Osaka.

The Romanian is riding a career-best 16-match winning streak but is well aware of the threat posed by her upcoming opponent.

Anisimova, who turned 19 in August, became the first player born in the 2000s to reach the last four at a major when she

defeated Halep in the quarter-finals last year.

"I'm going to talk with the coach. I know it's going to be tough because she's hitting the ball strong and flat, so it's going to be tough," said Halep.

"I remember the match from last year, I remember also that I didn't play what I wanted, so I will do some changes and I will just try to play better and to take my chance."

Sixth seed Alexander Zverev tackles Italian qualifier Marco Cecchinato, who famously beat Novak Djokovic on his way to a semi-final appearance at Roland Garros in 2018.

Zverev was again taken to five sets in round two - 31 percent of his Grand Slam matches have now gone the distance, compared to just nine percent for Nadal.

Kiki Bertens will attempt to move on her from her stormy win over Sara Errani after which the Dutch fifth seed departed the court in a wheelchair.

Former finalist Errani accused Bertens of faking injury during a three-hour clash which left her in cramps and the Italian screaming an obscenity.

- AFP

Chahal adds 'quicker googly' to leg-spin repertoire

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, THURSDAY: India's Yuzvendra Chahal said Thursday he had added a "quicker googly" to his leg-spin repertoire after exchanging notes with Indian Premier League teammate Adam Zampa of Australia.

Zampa joined the Virat Kohli-led Royal Challengers Bangalore last month after replacing fellow Australian Kane Richardson for the 13th edition of the Twenty20 tournament being held in the United Arab Emirates.

Chahal, who has been with Bangalore since 2014, said he had learnt a few tricks from his fellow wrist spinner.

"When we go to the nets, we do discuss the wicket and our plan," Chahal said in a virtual chat with reporters.

"I used to bowl the slower googly and now I have added the quicker googly so it gives less chance to the batsmen to judge, and if he mishits it will be easy to get them out."

A leg-spin bowler usually turns the ball away from a right-hand batsman, but the ball is called a googly when it spins the other way.

The 30-year-old Chahal, who has played 52 one-day internationals and 42 T20 matches for India since 2016, said a leg spinner brings more value in the shorter format.

Chahal has claimed five wickets for last years world spooners Bangalore this season, with the Kohli-led side winning two of their three matches so far. - AFP

Anger from Moscow, Minsk as EU sanctions Belarus

BELGIUM: The EU hit Belarus officials with long-awaited sanctions over the country's political crisis on Friday, drawing an angry response from Minsk and its ally Moscow.

After more than six weeks of diplomatic efforts, EU leaders finally persuaded Cyprus to drop its block on sanctions at a summit in Brussels, opening the way for some 40 members of President Alexander Lukashenko's regime to be listed.

The targets for the travel bans and asset freezes are officials the European Union blames for rigging the August 9 election that returned Lukashenko to power and for orchestrating a brutal crackdown by security forces on anti-regime protests that followed the vote.

Lukashenko himself is not on the list, but it does include his Interior Minister Yuri

Karayev, who the EU says was responsible for the "repression and intimidation campaign" against protesters, and Central Election Commission chief Lidia Yermoshina.

The EU's official listing blames Yermoshina for the "falsification of election results" in the poll, which Western powers have dismissed as rigged and illegitimate.

Minsk swiftly announced "counter sanctions" against the EU, though it was not clear what form these would take or what they would target. "In connection with visa sanctions adopted by the EU against a number of Belarusian officials, the Belarusian side from today is introducing a list of reciprocal sanctions," Belarus's foreign ministry said in a statement. The ministry said that by imposing sanctions the EU had "alienated" the country, which western

commentators have dubbed "Europe's last dictatorship" under Lukashenko's strongman rule.

Minsk said it would not disclose which European officials were being targeted, but threatened "even more serious consequences" if the EU expands its restrictions.

Protesters have taken to the streets of Belarusian cities since Lukashenko claimed a sixth term with 80 percent of the vote. Riot police have detained thousands of protesters, many of whom alleged torture and abuse in custody, prompting international condemnation. Russia has backed its longstanding ally Lukashenko in the crisis, offering financial backing and hinting at military support if events turn against him. The Kremlin slammed the new EU sanctions, which follow similar measures from other Western governments including Britain

and Canada. "In general, we are very, very negative about the sanctions policy... this is more a manifestation of weakness than strength," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

The EU had promised sanctions on Belarus since August, but approval was held up by Cyprus, which refused to give its backing until the bloc took more action on Turkey drilling for gas in its territorial waters.

The deadlock was finally broken early Friday after seven hours of summit haggling, with the 27 leaders agreeing a formal statement threatening Turkey with sanctions if it does not halt its activities.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said the sanctions were a "strong message of support" to supporters of democracy in Belarus.

"We hope these sanctions will encourage the Belarusian leadership to refrain from fur-

ther violence, to free all the unlawfully detained people... and engage in a genuine and inclusive dialogue with the opposition," Borrell said.

Lukashenko is the most glaring omission from the sanctions list.

Unlike Britain and Canada, which listed the veteran leader in their measures, the EU decided to spare him in the hope of persuading him to engage in talks with the opposition aimed at ending the crisis.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel will host the main Belarus opposition leader, Svetlana Tikhanovskaya for talks on Tuesday.

Tikhanovskaya, who claimed victory in the August 9 election, fled Belarus soon afterwards and has sought to keep up international pressure on the Minsk regime while protests continue on the streets.

- AFP

Israeli donors seek to save embattled Jewish-Arab hostel

ISRAEL: Israelis are mobilising to save a guesthouse touted as a model of Arab-Jewish coexistence, the survival of which is under threat because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since it first opened in 2014, Juha's Guesthouse has wooed backpackers to the impoverished Jisr al-Zarqa fishing town on Israel's northern coast by offering various activities including Arab cooking lessons.

It was launched by Ahmad "Juha" Jorban and his Israeli partner Neta Henien to harness income from tourism to fuel growth for Israel's only Arab seaside town and its 15,000-strong population.

Juha's, designated a "social business", supports local development projects, including workshops and courses to help job seekers.

But as coronavirus infections soared in Israel, authorities imposed a new national lockdown in September, including a ban on non-essential trips that has effectively kept tourists away.

As a result, the future looked bleak for the guesthouse until celebrities and anonymous donors stepped in to raise funds for its upkeep.

One of them was Israeli singer Achinoam Nini who is better known as Noa.

"I recently discovered a beautiful place in Jisr al-Zarqa, a guesthouse founded by a Jewish woman and an Arab man whose goal is to create real encounters between Jews and Arabs," she said in a video clip.

"Now, in the time of corona, the guesthouse is experiencing many difficulties and needs your help," Noa added in the footage posted online.

A crowd-funding page was set up and more than 1,200 donors have already contributed about 260,000 shekels (\$76,000).

Israeli Naama Goldman-Shwartz, 45, the manager who runs the hostel with Juha, said the fundraising provides "a little more fuel" to keep the business from collapsing.

Jorban sees the guesthouse,

the only one in Jisr al-Zarqa, as a cultural "bridge" connecting Israeli Jews with the country's Arab minority, through encounters with the locals.

"In the beginning, the idea was to develop the tourist potential of the village," said 50-year-old Jorban.

In addition to Arab cooking lessons, Arabic language classes are on offer.

"Language brings hearts together and it helps to change prejudices," said Jorban. "Most people driving along the coast never enter (the town)," Goldman-Shwartz told AFP.

Although located near the Mediterranean sea, the fishing village is a world apart from the nearby upscale Caesarea resort where Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a private home.

Jisr al-Zarqa - or Bridge Over the Blue - is one of the poorest places in Israel, better known for its social problems than its peaceful beach a short walk away.

Over the years, however, Jorban and his partners say they managed to woo thousands of tourists from Israel and beyond.

"Thanks to that we were able to change this negative image," Jorban said.

"People who come here see the village differently by the time they leave," added Goldman-Shwartz.

The hostel has 18 beds, including in five private rooms, and its exterior is painted a cheerful blue, a contrast to the dark grey of the buildings around it.

After tourists began being tempted to the hostel, cafes sprouted up along the seafront and a restaurant opened opposite the town mosque.

Local women were also encouraged to set up their own handicraft businesses, making macrame, jewelry or cooking.

Israeli Arabs, descendants of Palestinians who remained on their land following the 1948 establishment of the Jewish state, account for about 20 percent of Israel's population.

- AFP

Coronavirus curbs evokes East Germany memories: Merkel

GERMANY: German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Friday that the drastic limits placed on people's freedoms to curb the coronavirus earlier this year had weighed heavily on her, bringing back memories of life in surveillance-riddled East Germany.

Speaking on the eve of the 30th anniversary of German reunification, Merkel told the RND newspaper group she was acutely aware of the sacrifices she was asking of Germans when the country went into lockdown in March.

"That I had to tell people they could only be out in the street in a single household or just two persons at a time, that no events could take place, that children could not visit their parents in care homes - these were serious restrictions."

A pastor's daughter who grew up behind the Iron Curtain in the communist German Democratic Republic (GDR), Merkel, 66, said she reflected a lot on her childhood and youth when making those tough calls in the early days of the pandemic.

"My background has shaped me," she said, recalling "the longing for freedom during life in the GDR".

But the veteran leader, who as a young woman rejected an offer to inform for the Stasi secret police, said her experiences in former East Germany also prepared her for difficult times.

"We learned to improvise and we always managed well despite many shortages. These are skills that are useful today too." Three decades on, Germany is planning muted celebrations to remember the historic unification of the communist East with the capitalist West, as the nation battles an uptick in coronavirus infections.

The Berlin Wall fell in a peaceful revolution on November 9, 1989, paving the way for the formal reunification of Germany on October 3, 1990.

"Until the fall of the Wall, I never thought that German reunification would happen in my lifetime," said Merkel, who plans to step down next year.

"When it did become reality, it was a wonderful experience that taught me that change can be good, and change for the better is possible."

- AFP

US VP Mike Pence tests negative for COVID-19

US: US Vice President Mike Pence tested negative Friday for Covid-19, his spokesman said after President Donald Trump stunned the world by disclosing he has contracted the coronavirus.

"As has been routine for months, Vice President Pence is tested for Covid-19 every day. This morning,

Vice President Pence and the Second Lady tested negative for Covid-19," spokesman Devin O'Malley tweeted.

Among many other concerns raised by Trump's diagnosis is the issue of whether people like Pence who come into close contact with the president, who rarely wears a

mask, might also have contracted the virus. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's spokeswoman said he was tested Friday as per routine and it came back negative.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said himself that he was tested Friday and also cleared of the virus.

- AFP

Biden wishes Trump, Melania 'swift recovery' from COVID-19

US: Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden on Friday wished President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania a swift recovery from Covid-19.

"I'll and I send our thoughts to President Trump and First Lady Mel-

ania Trump for a swift recovery," Biden said as America and the world digested the bombshell news overnight that Trump has contracted the coronavirus.

"We will continue to pray for the health and safety of the president and

his family," Biden said on Twitter. Biden's running mate Kamala Harris put out a similar tweet, saying she and her husband Doug are "keeping them and the entire Trump family in our thoughts."

- AFP

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

CONSTRUCTION OF METER CUBICLES (2 NOS.) AT BINGIRIYA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO.: BOI/TS/BgEPZ/2020/07/05.001

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction of meter cubicles (2 Nos.) at Bingiriya Export Processing Zone.

The work consists of construction of two meter cubicles having a total floor area 12 m² approximately, Contract Period is 45 days.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.

Required CIDA Registration

Specialty : Building Construction
Grade : C9 or above

- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
Experience as a main Contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed works over the period of last 3 years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 on Tel. No. 011 2432549, 011-2427279, Fax No. 011-2441826 and inspect the bidding documents from the same address between 0900 hrs and 1600 hrs during weekdays.

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Director (Technical Services) Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 and Zone Office, Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, Germanwatta, Wathuwatta from 05.10.2020 until 26.10.2020 between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,500.00 plus VAT to Finance Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 8, West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 or to any Bank of Ceylon (BOC) Branch with Account Number 1431688, in the name of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka and there after presenting the original payment slip to any above given address. The method of payment will be by cash.

- Sealed Bids shall be delivered with duplicate to reach **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Center - West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01**, on or before **27.10.2020 at 1400 hrs**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

- Pre-bid meeting will be held at 15.10.2020 at 1100 hrs at the Zone Office, Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, Wathuwatta, Dummalasooriya.

- Bids shall be valid up to 26.01.2021.

- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of Rs. 15,000.00. Bid Security shall be valid up to 23.02.2021.

CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA



Lanka T10 Super League

SLC is gearing up for the launch of the Lanka T10 Super League, and therefore seeks to identify, a suitable Sports Marketing/Management Agency that will join hands with SLC;

- in procuring and managing Franchise Ownerships for the Lanka T10 Super League (Franchise Ownerships Rights), and/or;
- in partnering with SLC as a sponsor of the entire tournament, in the launch and the short, medium and long term operation, management and Brand development (Total Event Rights) of the said tournament.

The ideal Candidate should, amongst other qualifications, be able to demonstrate a strong financial background, possess a proven track record as a Sports Marketing/Management Agency, and preferably have prior experience in similar mandates and possess knowledge of the sports/Cricket marketing and sponsorship landscapes as well as access to top Global Brands. A prior successful working relationship with SLC would be an added advantage.

The Proposed Specifications of the Tournament / Format:

- 17 Games, T10 Format, Over 11 Match Days under a Double Round Robin Format plus 2 Semi Finals and a Final
- Total of 6 Teams, and each teams to feature a Squad of a total of 16 Players [including a maximum of 6 International Players from ICC's Full/Associate Member Countries] together with a Support Staff of 10 personnel including 2 overseas Coaches
- Two Venues - Dambulla & Pallekele International Cricket Stadiums

Candidates interested are called upon to submit their letters of Expression of Interest [EOI] (for either of the above rights or both) together with a summary of credentials via e-mail to SLC on slctenders@srilankacricicket.lk, to reach on or before 1.00 p.m. [Sri Lankan Time] on 12th October 2020.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) detailing SLC's Requirements and Guidelines in relation to the captioned subject will be notified to the Candidates who submit Letters of EOI.

SLC reserves the right to cancel, amend or vary this EOI at any time at its sole discretion, without assigning any reason whatsoever.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Western Province – Provincial Council

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Engineering Organization

1. The Chairman, **Procurement Committee of relevant Divisional Engineer's** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following works as described below.
2. The Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been black listed or Assigned contracts should not be defaulted or not finish in given time period or terminated prematurely and shall meet the following requirements and have a valid CIDA registration.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Name of Contract	Engineer Division	Funding Source	Minimum CIDA Registration And Specialty	Estimated cost for construction excluding VAT (Direct Construction Cost) Rs:Cts.	Non-Refundable Fee Rs:Cts.	Refundable Bid Deposits / Bid Security Rs:Cts.	Place of Issuing and submission of bidding documents and contact Phone No.
WP/DB/CON/20/53	Aththanagalla D.S. WP/GM/St. Marys Vidyalaya Urgent Construction of Retaining Wall	Gampaha	Provincial Education	C8	3,657,084.06	2000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Gampaha, Court Road, Gampaha. T.P :- 033-2222515
WP/DB/CON/20/54	Renovation of 50'x 20' Smart Class Room Building at Ellakkala M.V			C8	2,063,132.43	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/55	Wadduwa Balika Vidyalaya – Structural repair of 70*25 Class Room Building.	Panadura	Provincial Education	C8	1,771,500.00	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Panadura, Sri MahaVihara Road, Panadura. T.P:- 038-2243078
WP/DB/CON/20/56	Royal College Primary Section (Mahamaththya V.) – Structural repair of 70x25 Class Room Building			C8	1,770,250.00	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/57	Urgent Repairs for Agalawaththa Divisional Education Office	Mathugama	Provincial Education	C8	3,542,575.35	2000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Mathugama, Mathugama. T.P:- 034-2247617
WP/DB/CON/20/58	Expansion of Drug Stores at Base Hospital Horana(stage - 1)	Horana	Provincial Health	C6	8,299,614.95	3000.00	Cash deposit - 50,000.00 or Bid security – 100,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Horana, Ballapitiya, Horana. T.P :- 034-2262009
WP/DB/CON/20/59	Construction of Boundary Fence and Chain link mesh at Ayurvedic Medical Hospital Center - Millawa			C7	6,384,471.00	3000.00	Cash deposit - 50,000.00 or Bid security – 100,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/60	Urgent roof repairing of a class room building at WP/HOR/ Veyangalla M.V.			Provincial Education	C8	2,689,235.30	1000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/61	Expansion of ICU at Base Hospital – Horana stage - 1	Horana	Provincial Health	C7	7,872,979.40	3000.00	Cash deposit - 50,000.00 or Bid security – 100,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/62	Repairing of Roof 80*20' Building at Museous Vidyalaya	Kaluthara	Provincial Education	C8	2,680,625.50	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Kaluthara, Sumangala Road, Kaluthara North. T.P :- 034-2237349
WP/DB/CON/20/63	Construction of 40**48' Building at President College Koswatta			C5	22,135,304.65	5,000.00	Bid Security – 250,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/64	Repairing of Roof 80*20' Building at Diyagama MahaVidyalaya			C8	2,657,257.50	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/65	Erecting of Chain Link Fence at Neboda Ayurvedic Hospital			Provincial Health	C8	2,538,465.00	1000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/66	Roof Repair of Building – Zonal Education Office Kaluthara		Provincial Education	C8	2,696,335.65	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/67	Urgent roof repair & Column Jacketing to 90'*25' Three Storied Building at Dharmapala Vidyalaya, Kudabuthgamuwa	Battaramulla	Provincial Education	C8	1,839,244.25	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Battaramulla, Depanama, Pannipitiya. T.P :-011-2844354
WP/DB/CON/20/68	WP/JAYA/Kottawa Ananda Vidyalaya – Urgent Roof repairing of class room buildings			C8	1,768,874.00	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/69	Completion of the Ground Floor balance work and Structural work at First floor of the 90'*30' Three Storied half way Building at Sedawaththa Siddartha Vidyalaya			C6	8,987,372.37	3000.00	Cash deposit - 50,000.00 or Bid security – 100,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/70	WP/PILI/Idibadda Dammarathna Vidyalaya – Roof and other repairs of 60*20' single storied building	Rathmalana	Provincial Education	C9	1,192,006.25	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Rathmalana, No.25, Maligawa Road, Rathmalana. T.P :- 011-2622517
WP/DB/CON/20/71	WP/PILI/Sri Sunandopananda Navoddya Maha Vidyalaya Urgent Repair of 90*25' Three Storied Building			C7	6,040,567.50	3000.00	Cash deposit - 50,000.00 or Bid security – 100,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/72	WP/PILI/St.Joseph's Balika Vidyalaya Structural Repair of Three Storied Building			C8	1,801,724.00	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/73	Renovation of Sister's Rest Room and Renovation of Dental Clinic at Base Hospital Homagama	Homagama	Provincial Health	C9	1,126,765.60	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Homagama, Court Road, Homagama. T.P :- 0112855090
WP/DB/CON/20/74	Construction of Wash Room for Isolation Room and other repairs at Ward 07 – D.G.H Awissawella			C9	909,231.90	1000.00	Cash Deposit – 10,000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/75	Construction of R.C.C. Retaining Wall (Breached & Slipped Section of Existing Retaining Wall) Between the Boundary of Homagama M.M.V. & Zonal Education Office Premises			Provincial Education	C7	4,756,907.30	3000.00	
WP/DB/CON/20/76	Balance work of 90'0"x25'0" Three Storied Building at WP/KEL/Vidyaloka M.V - Kadawatha	Biyagama	Provincial Education	C8	3,569,715.83	2000.00	Cash deposit - 25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Biyagama, Udupila Road, Makola, Biyagama. T.P :- 0112963524
WP/DB/CON/20/77	Repair of ACMV System of Awissawella Theatre Complex	Homagama	Provincial Health	EM4	2,972,250.00	2000.00	Cash Deposit – 25,000.00	Divisional Engineer's Office Homagama, Court Road, Homagama. T.P :- 0112855090

4. Qualifications should be fulfilled as in the Bidding Document.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **relevant Divisional Engineer's offices** given in the Table (Column No.03) and may free inspect the bidding documents at the same office during office hours.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any prospective Bidders or their accredited agent on the submission of a written request to the **relevant Divisional Engineer** (As in the Column No.09 of the table) of the Western Province – Provincial Council upon payment of non refundable fee from **9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on any working day from **05.10.2020 until 23.10.2020**. Payment shall be made in cash.
7. Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate with separate envelopes project name written at the top left hand corner and addressed to the **relevant Divisional Engineers' Office (as indicated in Column No.09 of the table)** on or before **26.10.2020 at 10.30 a.m.** Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security/cash deposit (As in the Table).
9. Late bids will be rejected.
10. Only contractors who are residential within Western Province are qualified to bid for this contract.

Director Buildings' Office,
Engineering Organization (W.P),
5th Floor,
#204, Denzil Kobbakaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.
T.P / Fax: 0112-092510

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Hotline: 1949





TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from reputable companies who are capable of providing Kalmar spare parts to Colombo International Container Terminals Limited ("CICT").

Inquiry No	Description	Closing Date
RFQ- 05-09-20	Annual purchasing of Kalmar spare parts - 2020/2021	29 th OCT 2020

Prospective Vendors are requested to obtain Tender Documents (In Electronic Format Only) by email to Ranidu Laksiri of Procurement Department of CICT (Mob/Tel: 0766-666803, 0112-666803) (Email: ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk)

Please submit your sealed tenders to be received to below address not later than **3:00 pm (local time on 29th OCT 2020)** mentioning "Annual purchasing of Kalmar spare parts - 2020/2021" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Management Committee
Colombo International Container Terminals Limited,
Port of Colombo,
120/20, Marine Drive Road,
Colombo 01.
Sri Lanka.

Employment Opportunities



VACANCIES



SRI LANKA ATOMIC ENERGY REGULATORY COUNCIL (COUNCIL)

State Ministry of Solar,

Wind and Hydro Power Generation Projects Development

Applications are invited by the Council from citizens of Sri Lanka who possess the qualifications and experience relevant to the post as listed on the web site of the Council for the following post.

Management Assistant - MA 1-2

02 Posts

Details of the post are given under Careers on the web site of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Council of Sri Lanka www.aerc.gov.lk. Applications prepared in accordance with the sample application forms on the above website should be sent to the following address on or before 19.10.2020.

Director General,
Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Regulatory Council,
977/18, Kandy Road, Bulugaha Junction,
Kelaniya.

Tel : 011-2987860, 01-2987859, 011-2987857
Web : www.aerc.gov.lk

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

State Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government Affairs

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT - PROJECT ID: P 163305

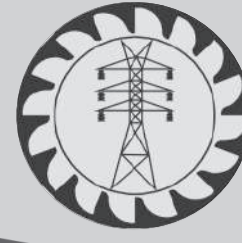
EASTERN PROVINCE, TRINCOMALEE

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the World Bank towards the cost of Local Development Support Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Credit to payment for Works given in the table below.
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of the respective Local Authorities invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works as described in table below.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the grade and specialty mentioned in the table below with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the bidding Document. Additional details are provided in the Schedule (Section 5) of the bidding document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chairman/Secretary of the respective Local Authorities listed in Table and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 09.00 hours to 16.00 hrs.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the respective Local Authorities from 05.10.2020 until 19.10.2020 from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hrs.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee, respective Local Authorities as shown in Table below at or before 15.00 hrs. on 20.10.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the table below.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at respective Local Authorities on 13th October 2020 at 14.30 hrs. Interested bidders may participate in this meeting at their own expense.

S.No. (1)	Name of the Local Authority (2)	Descriptions of Works & Bid No. (3)	Tenderable Bid Amount (Excluding VAT)/(Mn) (4)	Contract Period (5)	Required Grade & Specialty (6)	Name of Procurement Entity (7)	Place of Purchase of Bidding Document & T.P No. (8)	Price of the Bid Document (Rs) (9)	Required Bid Security		Bid Validity Period up to (12)
									Bid Security Amount (Rs) (10)	Validity Period (11)	
01	Urban Council Trincomalee	Asphalt concreting of Krishnapuri Sea Approach Road at Thirukkadaloor. LDSP/EP/TR/TRUC/2020/W/01	4.66	75 Days	C6 and C7 Road Construction	Urban Council, Trincomalee	Urban Council, Trincomalee. 026-2222275 026-2222235	2500.00	47,000.00	Till 19.01.2021	22.12.2020
02	Urban Council Kinniya	Concreting of Koopa Nagar, Jiththa Nagar internal road at Faizal Nagar LDSP/EP/TR/ KIUC/2020/W/01	5.32	75 Days	C6 and C7 Road Construction	Urban Council, Kinniya	Urban Council, Kinniya 026-2236172	2,500.00	54,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	05.01.2021
03	Pradeshiya Sabha Gomarankadawala	Concreting of balance part of Pulikandikulama main road. LDSP/EP/TR/GOPS/2020/W/01	3.22	75 Days	C7 and C8 Road Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Gomarankadawala	Pradeshiya Sabha Gomarankadawala 026-2255045	2,500.00	33,000.00	Till 19.01.2021	22.12.2020
04	Pradeshiya Sabha Kanthale	Construction of compost yard and improvement of Solid Waste Management System at Kanthale Pradeshiya Sabha, Stage I LDSP/EP/TR/KAPS/2020/W/01	8.98	90 Days	C6 and C7 Building Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Kanthale	Pradeshiya Sabha, Kanthale 026-2234275	3,500.00	63,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	05.01.2021
05	Pradeshiya Sabha Kinniya	Construction of drainage at Mahath Nagar, Kurinchakerny LDSP/EP/TR/KIPS/2020/W/01	5.12	90 Days	C6 and C7 Road & Drainage Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Kinniya	Pradeshiya Sabha, Kinniya 026-2236148 0262236149	2,500.00	52,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	05.01.2021
06	Pradeshiya Sabha Kuchchaveli	Concreting of Pudavaikattu 3rd Cross Lane with Drainage, Stage I LDSP/EP/TR/KUPS/2020/W/01	5.13	90 Days	C6 and C7 Road & Drainage Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Kuchchaveli	Pradeshiya Sabha Kuchchaveli 026-2252526	2,500.00	52,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	05.01.2021
07	Pradeshiya Sabha Morawewa	Concreting of Ethabediwewa 3rd Cross Road at Morawewa LDSP/EP/TR/MOPS/2020/W/01	3.55	75 Days	C7 and C8 Road Construction	Pradeshiyasabha Morawewa	Pradeshiya Sabha, Morawewa 026-2225830	2,500.00	36,000.00	Till 19.01.2021	22.12.2020
08	Pradeshiya Sabha Seruwila	Concreting of Mahaweligama School Road LDSP/EP/TR/SEPS/2020/W/01	3.45	75 Days	C7 and C8 Road Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Seruwila	Pradeshiya Sabha Seruwila 026-2251475	2,500.00	35,000.00	Till 19.01.2021	22.12.2020
09	Pradeshiya Sabha Thampalagamam	Concreting of Thayeeb Nagar to Thampalagamam Hospital Road at Meera Nagar LDSP/EP/TR/THPS/2020/W/01	4.40	75 Days	C7 and C8 Road Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Thampalagamam	Pradeshiya Sabha Thampalagamam 026-2246055	2,500.00	45,000.00	Till 19.01.2021	22.12.2020
10	Pradeshiya Sabha Town & Dravets Trincomalee	Construction of Concrete Surface and Box Culvert at Murugesu Road, Salli-Sampalthivu LDSP/EP/TR/TGPS/2020/W/01	5.17	75 Days	C6 or C7 Road Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Town & Dravets Trincomalee	Pradeshiya Sabha Town & Dravets Trincomalee 026-2222150	2,500.00	52,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	05.01.2021
11	Pradeshiya Sabha Verugal	Concreting of ferry road at Kallady in Verugal LDSP/EP/TR/VEPS/2020/W/01	3.75	75 Days	C7 and C8 Road Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Verugal	Pradeshiya Sabha Verugal 026-2054269	2,500.00	38,000.00	Till 19.01.2021	22.12.2020
12	Pradeshiya Sabha Muttur	Concreting of church road at Jabal Nagar LDSP/EP/TR/MUPS/2020/W/01	6.92	75 Days	C6 and C7 Road Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha Muttur	Pradeshiya Sabha Muttur 026-2238376	2,500.00	70,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	05.01.2021
13	Pradeshiya Sabha Padavi Sripura	Construction of concrete surface and box culvert from Helambawewa road to Lassanagama at Padavi Sripura LDSP/EP/TR/PSPS/2020/W/01	3.47	75 Days	C7 and C8 Road Construction	Pradeshiya Sabha PadaviSripura	Pradeshiya Sabha Padavi Sripura 025-2255209	2,500.00	35,000.00	Till 19.01.2021	22.12.2020

Assistant Project Director
Local Development Support Project (LDSP)
Trincomalee District

03.10.2020



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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

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.

CENTRAL PROVINCE

The electricity supply would be interrupted on given dates and times in the month of October - 2020

Date & Time	Effected Area
KATUGASTHOTA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Wattegama Electricity Consumer Service Center	
07 (Wednesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Watter Board High Lift Polgolla, NICD Polgolla, Water Board Low Lift Polgolla, Doragamuwa Junction, Dunkolawatta, Wattegedara, Udathalawinna New, Palleshalawinna Germent (Penguin), Sarwodaya, Galadeniya, Thunkandura, 1st Mile Post Puwakgahadeniya, Doragamuwa, Odillowa, Galambalama, Wasanakanda, D.C, S.L / PLC, D.C, S.L, Water Treatment Plant - Raithalawela,
Akurana Electricity Consumer Service Center	
07 (Wednesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Dunuwila - i, Kurundeniya, Dunuwila North, 2nd Mile Post - Dunuwila Rd, Aluthgama Hospital, Jambughapitiya, Munamale, Dambaghamuduna, Paranagama, Girakaduwa, Galadeniya, Udathalawinna New,
Madulkele Electricity Consumer Service Center	
06 (Tuesday) 12 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Panwila Angammana Galpithilla Watta, Galpithilla R.E, Pitawala Junction, Angammana
MATHALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Weragama Electricity Consumer Service Center	
06 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Karahadungala (Janapadaya), Epitamulla, Muwandeniya R.E., Neluwakanda
11 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Pattakkare, Madakumbura Udathanna, Welangaha-waththa Horagolla, Maussagala estate, Nikal Oya
Matale Electricity Consumer Service Center	
05 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Warakamura Garment, New Substation Elwala (Near Smath Mw.), City Saw Mill, Kalapitiya, Central Industries Kandy (Pvt.) Ltd, Rajarata Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.
06 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Halangoda (Udupihilla), Udupihilla (New Udupihilla), 2nd Mile Post Thenna, Koobiyangoda, Kotuwegedara, Pandiwila, Pandiwiha Ihalagama Water Scheme, Owilla (Thibbatuwawa), Thenna (Ayu Piyasa), Watagoda, Bulathwaththa RE, Watagoda, Watagoda Metal Crusher
10 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Aluvihare Colony Road, Ekanayaka Lime Works, Samandawa, Kanangamuwa - I, Kanangamuwa-II, Thotagamuwa, Bio - Foods (Pvt) Ltd., Kirigalpoththa
GINIGATHHENA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Norton Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02 (Friday) 04, 11 (Sunday) 13 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Taplow RE, Black Water MHP, Kadawala 1 MHP, Kadawala MHP 2
08 (Thursday) From 10:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Dagampitiya, Madilla RE, Kumbalmetiya, Maskeliya MHP, Tiniyagala MHP
Maskeliya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
06 (Tuesday) From 10:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Forest Bungalow, Muray Estate, Walladolid
Hatton Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Saturday) From 10:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Kolapathana, Queensberry Tea Factory, Queensberry Estate Pasumale Division, Queensberry New, Kelliewatta, Bogahawatttha Estate, Bogahawatttha Town, Bogahawatttha Cheese Factory, Dimbula Tea Factory, Stony Cliff, Thaprobane, Mount Vernon Estate, Mount Vernon - 2, Mount Vernon Upper Division, Mount Vernan RE (Middle), Craige Lea 2, Craige- Lea 1 & Patana Bazaar, Kolapathana MHP
KEGALLE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Kegalle Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Palledeniya, Habudugala, Kudugala Temple, Rosyth Estate, Kurukoththanna, Pussella, Karadetiya

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03 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Godapola, Helamada, Land Sale Batuwatta, Kumarage Mawatha, Saranapala Mawatha, Etikeeriyagolla
04 (Sunday) 10 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Bisowela Power Loom, Warakapitiya
Thulhiriya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02, 09 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Algama, Madurupitiya Algama - 01, 02, Kandegama, Paranatala, Uduwaka
02 (Friday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Dialog Tower - Egalla, Wijaya Metral - Egalla, Maspotha, Ranwala, Ragalakanda, Akwatta, Pinnagoda Kanda,
03 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Mobitel Tower - Weragoda, Demataunuwa Beligala, Madudda, Pallewela - Galkaduwa, Batuwattaketa, Palapoluwa, Beligala, Kumbalgama
Moronthota Electricity Consumer Service Center	
08 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Elagalla, Puspene Junction, Kanangamuwa
12 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Plywood (Lakmeniyar Meedeniya), Hettimulla Junction, Udumagama Village, Wadupola Janapadaya, Pandeniya, Wathura Alapalawela
Rambukkana Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02, 09 (Friday) 06 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Rangamuwa
NAWALAPITIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Gampola Electricity Consumer Service Center	
06 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Welamboda - 01, Watadeniya - Appallagoda, Hammedia Tea Factory - Gampola
08 (Thursday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Galatha Estate, Atabage Group (Galpatha)
MAWANELLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Dippitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Erapodupitiya Kalugala, Debatthgama Kalugala, Pannala, Mawathagoda, Dimoulaamuwa (Dialog), Galbokka, Horewala, Deiyawela, New Sub at Dippitiya Town, Welimanna,
05 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Ganthuna Udabage
06 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Polambegoda, Alupotha
07 (Wednesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Ambalakanda, Balungala Sangaramale, Mount Came / Tea Factory Ambalakanda - Hulankapolla
10 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Polambegoda, Alupotha
Mawanella Electricity Consumer Service Center	
06 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Jayasiri Auto Engineering, Safeway Garment, Hasan Mawatha, Venus Hall (Hemathagama Rd), Post Office Sub - Mawanella - 03, Kiringadeniya - Hasan Rd, Kottawaththa Powerloom, Nankurugaina, Water Supply Kottawaththa, Kappagoda Water Supply, Aroma Rubber Factory Sapumal Industry (Not Energized)

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08 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Hingula Town, Manikkawa New, Manikkawa, Super Feed Edanduwwa
Hemmathagama Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Asupiniella MHP
GALAGEDARA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Nugawela Electricity Consumer Service Center	
05 (Monday) 08 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Yatihalagala, Udagama, Mahatenna - 01, Seewalikanda, Inigala - II (Near Mosque), National Water & Drainage Board, Kondadeniya, Inigala
Hatharaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Kotikambe, Pelana, Kotikambe Garment, Rangamuwa
09 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kotikambe, Pelana, Kotikambe Garment, Rangamuwa
6 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 14:00 p.m	Kotikambe, Pelana, Kotikambe Garment, Rangamuwa
PERADENIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Yatinuwara Electricity Consumer Service Center	
05 (Monday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Uruluwatta, Hepana, Gadaladeniya, Pamunuwa, Mugatiyapola, Gangoda Kathanagoda, Gaguldeniya (Hiddaula), Walgama, Hiyarapitiya, Arawwawala, Rabbegamuwa, Embakka, Kahambe, New Sub Hiddaula - Ganguldeiya
06 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Sunilagama, Muruthalawa (Telecom Muruthalawa), Yahalathenna, Jayasirigama, Pelewa
Eriyagama Electricity Consumer Service Center	
05 (Monday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Keliyapitiya, New Sub Boyagama (Quarry)
06 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Muruthalawa, Puwakgahakumbura, Kaluwarawatta (Illukthenna), Pilapitiya, Kehelwela Pumping Station, Kandakaduwa Booster Pump Station, Dialog Tower Aitel - Dehideniya, Chaina Srilanka Joint Research Center, Peradeniya Training School, Peradeniya School Water Pump, Nanuoya Tea Factory, Sangabogama, University PumpHouse, Akbar Hall, Meewathura, Water Board - Meewathura, Meewathura Batching Plant
NUWARA-ELIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Rikillagaskada Electricity Consumer Service Center	
07 (Wednesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Denike, Makuruppa, Pallewela - Lamasooriya, Rikillagaskada, Hospital Rikillagaskada, SLT Rikillagaskada, Hapugasdeniya Colony, Poramadulla, Saliyapura RE, Jhonstond Estate, Middle Level Housing Scheme, Rathmetiya II (Samilco), Rathmetiya I, Rikillagaskada Jambuwatta Manapitiya, Getatuluwa, Wimalpura Stage - ii, Wewathenna, Dimbulkumbura, Kondathanna Kahatagasthenna Muwagiriathalawa, Moragolla Kondathanna, Udagalaula Pallegaula, Udawatte Road - Pallegaula Scheme, Naranbedda Garden Hotel, Moragolla Illagolla, Rammalkandura Illagolla, Alakolamadiththa Scheme, Prajammoola Water Board, Lamasuriya, Happawara, Katugashinna, Hapuwela, Proposed to handover to Ampitiya, Unantenna, Pahalawatte, Ambaliyadda, Ma Oya Water Board, Ma Oya, Hanguranketha Devalaya, Hanguranketha Garment, Hanguranketha Wewa Road, Hanguranketha MPCS, Hanguranketha Telecom, Diyathilaka Apparel, Arakgama, Kottala Uda Kotasa - Adhikarigama Road, Udawatte, Karaliyadda, Wewakele, Pannala, Naaranthalawa Malapattawa - I, Naaranthalawa Malapattawa - II, Keerthibandarpura, Vira Fashion Garment, Keerthibandarpura Dimbalawa, Ceylon National Industries (Sithara Garment), Sarasunthanna Lamasooriya,

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02 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Denike, Makuruppa, Pallewela - Lamasooriya, Rikillagaskada, Hospital Rikillagaskada, SLT Rikillagaskada, Hapugasdeniya Colony, Poramadulla, Saliyapura RE, Jhonstond Estate, Middle Level Housing Scheme, Rathmetiya II (Samilco), Rathmetiya I, Rikillagaskada Jambuwatta Manapitiya, Getatuluwa, Wimalapura Stage - ii, Wewathenna, Dimbulkumbura, Kondathanna Kahatagasthenna Muwagirithalawa, Moragolla Kondathanna, Udagalanda Pallegalanda, Udawatte Road - Pallegalanda Scheme, Naranbedda Garden Hotel, Moragolla Illagolla, Rammalkandura Illagolla, Alakolamadiththa Scheme, Prajamoala Water Board, Lamasuriya, Happaawara, Katugashinna, Hapuwela, Proposed to handover to Ampitiya, Unantenna, Pahalawatte, Ambaliyadda, Ma Oya Water Board, Ma Oya, Ma Oya MHP.
08 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Padiyapellella New, Liyanwela, Medakandura, Munwate, Dehipe, Red Cross, Bulugahapitiya, Enasal Arawa Narammadilla, Madumana, Rahathungoda, Rahathungoda Water Board, Rook Wood, Eastlanad Mukaloya, Mul Oya, Mul Oya New, Hope Estate, Pattaramale, Handawalapitiya, Handawalapitiya Wewathenna, Lookandura, Gannawa New Warakalawita, Karadagolla, Bulugahapitiya Adarsha Gammanaya,
Lindula Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Tillilcultry, Diyanilla Kelle, Eildenhall Factory, Ferham Estate, Bambarakele Factory, Melton Factory, Rahanwate Queenwood, Rahanwate Factory, Nagasena Town, Agrakanda Factory, Waltrim Factory, Henfold Factory, Henfold Calideniya, Waltrim New Factory, Maria Factory, Maria Town, Lippakele Factory, Tangakele Factory, Uvakelle Welikalle, OUVOUSING Scheme - Lindula, Uvahakelle Factory, Elgine Estate New Scheme, Oddington Estate Land Sale, Macduff Estate Tea Factory - Lindula,
Nuwaraeliya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
06 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Bambarakele Housing Scheme, S.O.S Village, Kelegala New Bonavista, Ashokarama Junction, Water Pump (Moon Plane Rd), Nazareth Farm, Mahindapura, Interfashion Co. Ltd - ii, Interfashion Co. Ltd, Base Hospital Nuwara Eliya, General Hospital Nuwara Eliya, Hawa Eliya, Ceylon Brewery, General Hospital Nuwara Eliya - ii, General Hospital Nuwara Eliya - iii, Lady Mcculum Road (Near Brewery), City Junction, CTB Depot, Seagall Residency, Petworth, Upper Lake, Lake Sub, Hadden Hill Water Pump, Stanford Star Hotel PLC, Unicview, Badulla Road (Cey Bank), Ceybank Rest, Green Hill Araliya Hotel, Araliya Green Hills Hotel Quarters, Seagal Residence (Pvt.) Ltd, Glen Fall Lane, Hotel Sunhill, Araliya Green City (Pvt) Ltd., General House, Hill Club, Grand Hotel, Central Bank, Cargills Ground, Cargills Food City, Cey Bank Rest & Holiday Home, President House, Old Bazaar, St. Andrew's Hotel, Under Bank RE, Pidurutalagala Radar Station, TV Station Pidurutalagala, Carlton Sports Network, Air Force Pidurutalagala, Vocational Training Centre, Lady Maccullum Road - ii, Municipal Council, Bus Stand, Court Complex, District Secretariat, Kachcheri Sub, Nuwara Eliya Police, Technical College - i, Technical College - ii, Bash Complex ACL, Bale Bazaar, Shopping Complex of Urban Development, Sri Lanka Telecom, Prime Minister House
07 (Wednesday) From 09:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m	Blackpool - II, Blackpool - I, Blackpool Hotel - Nuwara Eliya, Bangalahatha RE, Edinborough Estate, Nanu Oya Town, Glasgow Estate, Clarendon Estate, Nanu Oya, Glasgow Estate, Smart Fashion, Radella, Hayleys Nanu Oya, Calsay Maha Eliya Estate, Parakumpura, Abbstligh Desford, Dessford Estate
08 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Winter World Garment, Denipitiya and Sons (Pvt.) Ltd., Magastota Power Loom Magastota, Ambewela Wind Power Plant, Magastota Boat Yard, Nuwara Eliya Town - Badulla Rd, Magastota Town, Diamond Cutting, Lake Inn Hotel, Katumana RE, Seetha Eliya RE, Hotel Ashford - Welimada Rd. Nuwaraeliya, Magastota Estate, Potato Farm Meepilimana, Hujey International (Meepilimana), Eastern & Allied Agency, Jayawardanapura Rd Meepilimane, Meepilimane, Dimuthugama, Kande Ela Circuit Bungalow Kande Ela, SLBC Ambewela, Dutch Molta, Ramya Horiculture (Pvt) Ltd, Supreme Flora Ambewela Ambewela Factory New, Cattle Farm Ambewela, Youth Project Ambewela, New Zealand Farm New Zealand Farm HT, Pump House Ambewela, Ambewela Farm, Sirisamangama, Milco Ambewela, Milco (Pvt) Ltd. - Ambewela, Pattipola

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KUNDASALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Hasalaka Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Saturday) From 08:00 am to 17:30 p.m	Bomalawa Ranawiru Mawatha, Gurulupotha, Gurulupotha Rice Mill, Thuniriyaewewa, Wasgamuwa Sanctuary, Handagamuwa (3Ela), Water Treatment Plant Viharagama
04 (Sunday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Waragolla, Hasalaka Town, Paddy Marketing, Dress Well Garment, Rathnella Dambawelgolla, Mahaeswedduma, Technical College (Hasalaka), 2Ela, Hasalaka Alhena Scheme, Elotuawatta, Keenapelessa, Thorapitiya Eluka, Thorapitiya Welgahawadiya, 4 Ela, 5 th Ela Scheme, 7 Ela Welagala, 8 th - Ela Scheme, 10 Ela Ulpathgama, Mahayaya, Kudugalayaya Mahayaya North, 12 th Ela Gange Yaya, 14 Ela Ambagolla, 17 Ela, Udattawa (Diyabeduma), Udattawa Scheme, Udattawa Nelumwala, Meeghamada, Pamunupura Govigammanaya & Kandeyaya, Pamunupura Kollapitiya Scheme (Stage ii), Udawela, 25 th Ela Kumbula Ela, Ihala Kimbula Ela, Kandekubura Lihiniyakiya, Dambagahawela, Meegolla, Himbutuwagama, Dahemigama, Kolongoda (Palugolla), Wile Yaya, Wile Yaya Gange Yaya, Kolongoda town, 32 Ela, 32 Ela - Kotalliya, 34 Ela, Adagalayaya (Heenganga),
04 (Sunday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Dewagiriya, Dewagiriya Egodagama, Abenayaka Metal Crusher, Bogaswewa No.02 Scheme, Damith Metal Crusher - Guruwelayaya, Guruwelayaya Scheme, Bogahawewa (Malgammana), Maraka, Maraka Gangeyaya, Raddunuwewa Scheme, Kumbukandana Wasama, Dunuwalapitiya Gangeyaya, Water Intake - Dunuwalapitiya, Medakanda, Palupitiya, Thuniriyaewewa, Wasgamuwa Sanctuary, Handagamuwa (3Ela), Water Treatment Plant Viharagama,
06 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Alikanda Hettipola Town, Peoples Bank-Hettipola, Hettipola Telecom, New Sub Hettipola Town - i, New Sub Hettipola Town - ii, Goda Ulpotha Scheme, Namini Oya, Dewagiriya, Dewagiriya Egodagama, Abenayaka Metal Crusher, Bogaswewa No. 02 Scheme, Damith Metal Crusher - Guruwelayaya, Guruwelayaya Scheme, Bogahawewa (Malgammana), Maraka, Maraka Gangeyaya, Raddunuwewa Scheme, Kumbukandana Wasama, Dunuwala pitiya Gangeyaya, Water Intake - Dunuwalapitiya, Medakanda, Palupitiya, Thuniriyaewewa, Wasgamuwa Sanctuary, Handagamuwa (3Ela), Water Treatment Plant Viharagama, Handuganawa Aliwanguwa, Toppalapitiya, Gamburu oya (Pussellayaya), Aliyawa (Gamburu oya), Weheragala, Hibiliyakada Village, Nuwarayaya (Lediyaigala), Lediyaigala-II (57Ela-II), Karaugahawewa Wewa Para, 57Ela - I (Lediyaigala), Namini Oya - Rathkaral Wewa, Hadungamuwa Rd,
09 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Mahaweli Pump House Randenigala, Mahaweli Building Site Randenigala, N.C.C Camp Rantambe, C.E.Bcamp Rantambe, Bamiya, 9 th Mile Post Ambagaha Pellessa, New Ududumbara Rice Mill
Udadalgamuwa Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02 (Friday) 08 (Thursday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Mediwaka Gangoda, Kaluntenna, Mahawela, Udapitawala, Palle Pitawala, Hapukanda, Dewahandiya, Matiwatalenna, Kalalgamuwa, Galapitagama Miniwanguwama, Madugalle, Airtel Tower Galapitagama - Madugalla, Madugalle New, Kalawala, Udadumbara - Kalawella,
03 (Saturday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	C.T.C. Udadumbara, Thammitiyawa Poppitiya-I, Oyathenna Poppitiya Poppitiya - ii, Padupola
06 (Tuesday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Medamahauwara Hospital, Dodam Golla, Wewathenna Rajawella to Wewathenna, Medamahauwara, Thennalanda, Ambale, Kembapitiya Puwakgahadiwela, Pusgohowa, Copy Colony, Medamahauwara RBS, Bambarabedda, Dunuwila, Wendaruwa, Metideniya, Waitawala Estate, Adhi Lechchami Hydro Power Project, Bombure, Telecom Hunnasgiriya, Rambukapotha Mangoda, Hunnasgiriya, Nuwanagala Scheme Ududumbara, Nawadagala Deenston, Wetakedeniya Kandewatta, Smart Shirt, Nugetenna, Keulgama, Pittigoda (Udadumbara), Kiripattiya Rambukwella, Meeghamada Mahakumbura, Sprout Ltd (Wethalawa),
Karaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Center	
06 (Tuesday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Udawela, Pahurugolla bungalow, Pahurugolla Village, Wegala - I, Wegala Kapuhena - II
Dumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center	
02 (Friday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Mahaweli thannagama, University Form (Dodamgolla), Kardagolla Water Pump, Kardagolla Farm, School of Animal Production, Kundalagama Work Shop, Kundalagama, Nikaketiya, Dialog Telecom Base Tower Kundasale, Manikhinna Galaluwa, Bogaskumbura, Pilawala1 (Coca Cola), Nelumpathinna, Aluambe Pilawala - II, Itthamalliyagoda Water Supply, Gatenthenna, Kundasale Education Building,

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05 (Monday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Pallekele Army camp, Janasavigama - II, Pallekele Soya project I, Pallekele Soya Project - II, Prime Land Residencies, Sasa Housing Scheme, Industrial Management Dev & Training Institute, Smart Shirt Germent, International Buddhist Center, Pallekele Village, Army Camp Laksenpaya, Telecom Kundasale, Janasavigama - I, Secretarial Complex, Nihal Stores, Balagolla Kengalle Rainbow Park, Balagolla - I, Linea Clothing (Female), Linea Clothing (Male), Summer Field - i, Balagolla - ii, Cargills Ceylon, Director Jetika Kalaniketana, Ransiyagama Rd,
06 (Tuesday) From 08:00 am to 17:30 p.m	Police Hospital, S.L.Institute Of Tourism & Mgt., Himalaya Biscuits, New town Kundasale, Alahakoon new, Farm School, R.C.D.C Work shop, Mahameuna Asapuwa, Mahawatta -I, Mahawatta - ii
08 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Walala, Manikhinna Town, Manikhinna Dibulagathanna, Nikaketiya Stage - ii, Maharathanna Udagama, Buluwemuduna, Delgaslanda, Buluwemuduna Water Pump, Naranpanawa, Naranpanawa Kukuloya, Natuwakele village, Dumbara Hotel (Pvt.) Ltd., Cargills (Ceylon) PLC, Hotel Rambaken, Amunugama Rd at Near Bo-Tree, AGA Office Jc. - Naranpanawa Rd, Near Lunuketiya madiththa School, Dialog Tower - Naranpanawa, Naranpanawa Hospital Jc,
11 (Sunday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	INDO SIAM Industries Pvt.Ltd, BOI - ii, IDB - iii, Dyanamic, Water Treatment Balagolla, Water Pump (Cold). I.D.B, Crown Metal Industries, Tara Pack SC Technical Development, Kandy Plastic, Royal Pack Industrial Estate, Poly Films IDB - ii, St. Anthony's (Pvt.) Ltd., Kandyan Match Co. (Pvt.) Ltd., Indosiam (Pvt) Ltd, Lizleel Building, Glow Pack Enterprises, Keshara Minerals & Chemicals New (IDB), Xplosa Corporation, HT Bulk - Kelum Life

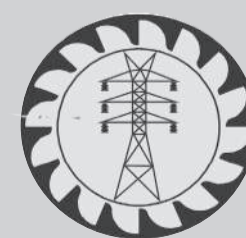
DAMBULLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA**Pallepola Electricity Consumer Service Center**

02 (Friday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Pattiwela - i, Pattiwela - ii, Pattiwela - iii (Thattankotuwa), Damunumulla, Muthuporugala Scheme, Belyakanda, Diggala, Ratamirishena, Dewahoowa Army Camp, Moragolla RE, Pibidunugama, Ralala Rotawewa, Dewahoowa 3 Ela, Pangala, Pangala - 5 Ela, Dewahoowa 5 Ela, Makulugaswewa, Heenuggala Meegahayaya Scheme-Dambulla, Ihala Diggala, Pahala Diggala, Dandubandiruppa, New Sub at Heenuggala, Makulugaswewa - Pangala Jc,
05 (Monday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Walakumbura, Hombawa, Platinum Breeders, Kospotha, Paluhombawa (Pathkolagolla -ii), Galewela Pathkolagolla iii, Andagala, Nilagama Hakirilla, Nilagama, Bambaragaswewa - i, Aluthwewa Egodayaya, Aluthwewa Etisalat & Dialog Tower, Moragolla RE, Pibidunugama, Korakagolla Galewela, Kooratiya Ihawela, Mudunapita Godalla, Platinum Breeders (Pvt) Ltd,
06 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Co-Operative - Palapathwala, Palapathwala New (Near Govijanasewa), Udugama, Kalu Palama, Hilton Colony
07 (Wednesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Wahakotte R. E., Dialog Tower - Lenawala, Siyabalagahawela Re, Wahakotte Batalayaya, Medabedda, Wahakotte Church
08 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Gammulla, Walawela, Galaudahena (Batahirawatta), Batahirawatta (Asgiriyaawatta), Dorakumbura, Atipola Dullewa, Unaweruwa, Ratninda, Matalapitiya, Atipallawa, Muduna - Walawela, Matale West Tea Factory, Earth Sky (Pvt) Ltd, Atipola - Meeghamula Jc,

KANDY CITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA**Kandy City (South) Electricity Consumer Service Center**

06 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Mawalawatta, Uda Peradeniya - 02
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If the work could be completed prior to the scheduled time, supply will be restored immediately thereafter and hence, lines should be treated as live at all times. The inconvenience caused to the consumers as a result of this interruption of electricity supply is regretted.



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Procurement Notice

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on Page No. 38 of Daily News on 02nd October 2020.

Please note that Procurement of following services & items should be corrected as :

Reference No.	Description
5. CPD/16/3150/2020	Providing Janitorial Services in Colombo City Limits Premises - 03
6. CPD/16/3050/2020	Providing Janitorial Services to Mayor's Center.
7. CPD/17/1450/2020	Procurement of Printing Materials for Municipal Press

The other contents remain unchanged.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT, PROJECT ID: P 163305

EASTERN PROVINCE, BATTICALOA DISTRICT

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the World Bank towards the cost of Local Development Support Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Credit to payment for Works under the Table given below.
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of the respective Local Authorities invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works as described in the Table below.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the grade and speciality mentioned in the Table below with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- Qualification requirements are indicated in section 4 of the Bidding document. Additional details are provided in the Schedule (Section 5) of the bidding document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Mayor/Commissioner or Chairman / Secretary of the respective Local Authorities listed in Table and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 09.00 hours to 16.00 hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the respective Local Authorities from 05.10.2020 until 19.10.2020 from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Local Authorities as shown in Table below at or before 15.00 hours on 20.10.2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security as per the information given in the Table.
- Pre bid meetings will be held at the respective Local Authorities on 12.10.2020 at 10.00 hours. Interested bidders may participate in this meeting at their own expense.

Assistant Project Director
Local Development Support Project (LDSP)
Batticaloa District.

03.10.2020

Name of the Local Authority	Descriptions of Works & Bid No.	Tenderable Bid Amount (Excluding VAT) (Mn)	Contract Period	Required Grade & Speciality	Name of Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Document & T.P No.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Required Bid Security		The Place Where Bids Should be deposited & Bids will be opened	Bid Validity Period up to
								Bid Security Amount (Rs)	Validity Period		
Municipal Council, Batticaloa.	Asphalt Paving to Palamurugam Kovil to 11th cross Road at Iruthayapuram, Batticaloa. LDSP/EP/BT/BMC/2020/01	5.24	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Municipal Council, Batticaloa.	Municipal Council, Batticaloa. 065-2222275	2,500.00	53,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Municipal Council, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
	Asphalt Paving to Padiththa Penkal Pannai Road, Panichchayady, Batticaloa. LDSP/EP/BT/BMC/2020/02	7.89	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Municipal Council, Batticaloa.	Municipal Council, Batticaloa. 065-2222275	2,500.00	80,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Municipal Council, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Urban Council Eravur.	Construction of Drainage at Alayady Road through Kalaimagal School Road. Eravur - 01 LDSP/EP/BT/EUC/2020/01	5.80	60 Days	C7 and C6 Drainage / Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Eravur Town Urban Council	Urban Council, Eravur. 065-2240486	2,500.00	59,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Urban Council, Eravur Town, Eravur, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Urban Council, Kattankudy.	Construction of Drainage to Rizvi Town in Kattankudy LDSP/EP/BT/KUC/2020/01	5.00	60 Days	C7 and C6 Drainage / Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Kattankudy Urban Council	Urban Council, Kattankudy 065-2245925	2,500.00	50,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Urban Council, Kattankudy, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Pradeshiya Sabha, Eravur Pattu.	Construction of Drainage from MMV School Road to Upparu at Sittandy 1&2, Sittandy East, Sittandy. LDSP/EP/BT/EPPS/2020/01	7.34	60 Days	C7 and C6 Drainage / Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Eravurpattu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Eravurpattu Chenkalady. 065-2240536	2,500.00	75,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha, Eravurpattu, Chenkalady, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
	Construction of concrete surfacing to Mahiyanganaiyaya Road with Box Culvert at Mangalagama. LDSP/EP/BT/EPPS/2020/02	4.50	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Eravurpattu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Eravurpattu Chenkalady. 065-2240536	2,500.00	46,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha, Eravurpattu, Chenkalady, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu North.	Construction of concrete surfacing to Internal Road, at Amanthanaveli. Vaharai. LDSP/EP/BT/KPNPS/2020/01	6.85	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Koralaipattu North Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu North Vaharai. 065-2058804	2,500.00	69,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu North, Vaharai, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu West.	Construction of Drainage Internal Road, Mancholai 207A. Oddamawady. LDSP/EP/BT/KPWPS/2020/01	2.89	60 Days	C8 and C7 Drainage / Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha	Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha, Oddamawady. 065-2257429	2,500.00	29,000.00	Till 21.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu West, Oddamawady, Batticaloa.	22.12.2020
	Construction of Drainage of Internal Road, Kawathamunai (Kahithanagar) 210B, Oddamawady. LDSP/EP/BT/KPWPS/2020/02	3.21	60 Days	C8 and C7 Drainage / Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu West Oddamawady. 065-2257429	2,500.00	33,000.00	Till 21.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu West, Oddamawady, Batticaloa.	22.12.2020
Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai.	Construction of Concrete Surfacing to Thirumurugan, Palamurugan link Road, Kirankulam South, Kirankulam. LDSP/EP/BT/MPS/2020/01	4.91	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Manmunai Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai Arayampathy. 065-2245894	2,500.00	50,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai, Arayampathy, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai South and Eruvil Pattu.	Construction of Concrete Surfacing to Mankadu, Thettativu beach link Road, Thettativu. LDSP/EP/BT/MSEPPS/2020/01	10.01	60 Days	C6 and C5 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Manmunai South and Eruvilpattu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai South and Eruvil Pattu Kaluthavalai 065-2250075	4,500.00	101,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai South and Eruvilpattu, Kaluthavalai, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai South West.	Construction of concrete surfacing to Mavada Cross Road at Munaikkadu South, Munaikkadu. LDSP/EP/BT/MSWPS/2020/01	7.59	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Manmunai South West Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai South West Kakkatcholai. 065-2056916	2,500.00	76,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Manmunai South West, Kakkatcholai, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai West.	Construction of Small Bridge at Ayithiyamalai Manipuram Joint Road, Ayithiyamalai. LDSP/EP/BT/MWPS/2020/01	4.88	60 Days	C7 and C6 Bridge Construction	LAPC, Manmunai West Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai West Vavunathivu. 065-2056992	2,500.00	49,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Manmunai West, Vavunathivu, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
	Construction of Small Bridge at Karavedy Nelluchenai Joint Road, Karavetty. LDSP/EP/BT/MWPS/2020/02	3.69	60 Days	C7 and C6 Bridge Construction	LAPC, Manmunai West Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Manmunai West Vavunathivu. 065-2056992	2,500.00	37,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Manmunai West, Vavunathivu, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
Pradeshiya Sabha, Porativupattu.	Construction of concrete surfacing to Vinayagar Road at Kovilporathivu. LDSP/EP/BT/PPPS/2020/01	8.66	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Porativupattu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Porativupattu Vellavelly. 065-2056115	2,500.00	87,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Porativupattu, Vellavelly, Batticaloa	05.01.2021
Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu.	Construction of concrete surfacing to Vishnu Kovil Road at Kalkudah LDSP/EP/BT/KPPS/2020/01	6.20	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Koralaipattu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu Valaichenai. 065-2257275	2,500.00	62,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Koralaipattu, Valaichenai, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021
	Construction of concrete surfacing to Siva Vidyalaya Road at Kiran LDSP/EP/BT/KPPS/2020/02	5.81	60 Days	C7 and C6 Highway Construction (Road)	LAPC, Koralaipattu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Koralaipattu Valaichenai 065-2257275	2,500.00	59,000.00	Till 02.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Koralaipattu, Valaichenai, Batticaloa.	05.01.2021

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- CORRECTION NOTICE -

INVITATION FOR BIDS - (IFB1)
VELANAI PRADESHIYA SABHA
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (CREDIT NUMBER - P 163305)
Reconstruction of Thodda Veethy (Stage I)
LDSP/NP/JAF/VPS/2019/01

This refers to the above titled advertisement published on Page No. 74 of Daily News on 30th September 2020.

Please note that Item No. 04 should be corrected as follows:

4) Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Chairman/Secretary, Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha, Velanai (Tel.No.: 021-2211505, Fax No.: 021-2211506, E-mail: velanai@ps@gmail.com) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below on any working day between 09.00 hrs & 14.00 hrs from 30th Sep. 2020 to 13th Oct. 2020.

The other contents remain unchanged.

**Chairman,
Local Authority Procurement Committee,
Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha, Northern Province.**

NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FROM THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

In pursuance of Section 34 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 an application has been made to the Registrar of Companies for a licence directing an association about to be formed under the name and style of NAMA SANCTUARY FOUNDATION to be registered with limited liability without the addition of the word limited to its name.

The objects for which the Association is proposed to establish are,
(i) To prevent and protect children & women from cruelty,
(ii) To prevent neglect of children & women,
(iii) To prevent the exploitation of child labour and abuse,
(iv) To rescue women and children from immoral surroundings and to shield them from immoral contamination,
(v) To stimulate public opinion and to make the community increasingly sensitive to forms of abuse that exist, but of which the evil results are not fully appreciated.

The other objects of the Company are set out in extensor in the Articles of Association, a copy of which may be inspected at the proposed registered office at No. 21, Tickell Road, Borella.

Notice is hereby given that any person, company or corporation objecting to the application may bring such objection within 21 days from the date of this notice by a letter addressed to the Registrar General of Companies, No. 400, D.R. Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10.

RNH Holdings (Pvt) Ltd
Company Secretaries
'RNH House', No. 622 B, Kotte Road, Kotte. Date: 2nd October, 2020.

NOTICE

State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction and Building Materials Industries Promotion

NATIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NHDA)

Calling applications for the leasing out of Houses / Business Premises / Places

It has been decided to call open applications, for the leasing out of following houses and trade stalls (shop units), available in the undermentioned housing schemes, belonging to National Housing Development Authority (NHDA), as described below.

Housing Scheme	No. of Houses
Soysapura Relocation Houses	- 06
Avissawella Manikkawatta	- 02
Yakkala Siyane Uyana Stage I	- 02
Kelaniya Polhena	- 01
Aaramaya Place	- 01
Housing Scheme (Shop units)	No. of Trade Stalls
Within Colombo Municipality limits	- 61
Within Moratuwa Municipality limits	- 10

Accordingly, applications are invited for the lease of undermentioned properties up to 30.10.2020. Application forms could be obtained from the Head Office of the National Housing Development Authority (NHDA), upon payment of a fee of Rs. 100.00 and only perfected applications giving full relevant details, should either be sent by registered post, to the following address or hand delivered to the Marketing Section of the Property Management Division of the Head Office. It is notified that bidders / applicants will be given leave to inspect qualification criteria, of the applications, relevant prior to the leasing of properties.

Address for which application by registered post, to be sent:

Deputy General Manager,
Property Management Division (PMD)
National Housing Development Authority (NHDA),
Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha,
P.O. Box 1826
Colombo 02.

Inquiries : Contact: R. Indika Prasad
Manager (Marketing)
Telephone No. 011-2445061

**Chairman,
National Housing Development Authority (NHDA)**

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

01. Sealed bids are hereby invited from eligible and qualified bidders for the carrying out of undermentioned works, by the Chairman, Procurement Committee (Major) of Department of the National Botanical Gardens.

Name of Work	Bid Security	Non-refundable bidding document / Application Form Fee (Rs)
Quotations for the design, manufacture, prepare and installation and fixing of furniture for Research Centre of the Dry Zone Botanical Gardens of the Department of National Botanical Gardens. (These Furniture Items should be made out of First Class Timber, in good finish and high prominent standards). Relevant requirements are as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Tables - 01 • Staff Chairs - 01 • Computer Tables - 02 • Cupboards - 07 • Visitors' Chairs - 17 • L Shape Tables - 01 • Laboratory Tables - 01 • Writing Tables - 03 • Chairs (Fabric) - 06 • Laboratory Stools - 06 • Students' Chairs - 08 • Students Tables - 01 • Racks - 01 • Dining Tables - 01 • Dining Table Chairs - 08 • Pantry Cupboards - 03 • Reception / Inquiries Counters - 01 • Lobby Chairs - 09 • Lecture Hall Chairs - 20 	Rs. 30,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00

02. Bidding will be conducted through islandwide National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.

03. A complete set of bidding documents could be obtained by interested bidders, from the Accounts Division of the Head Office, Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya on submission of a written request (which is compulsory), from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., from 05.10.2020 to 26.10.2020, by payment of a non-refundable bid application fee of Rs. 3000.00.

04. The bid security, should be obtained from a Govt. approved reputed commercial bank or else if could be deposited in cash at the Department of National Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya and bids not accompanied by the Bid Security will be rejected. Bid Security should be drawn in favour of the Director General, Department of National Botanical Gardens and it should be valid for a period of 90 (ninety) days, from the opening date of the bids.


05. Duly completed sealed bids in duplicate marked as the 'Original' and the 'Duplicate' as relevant should either be sent by registered post, addressed to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), Department of National Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 14, Peradeniya or deposited in the Procurement Tender Box (Major), kept at the office room of the Chief Accountant to be received on or before 10.30 a.m. on 27.10.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids in the presence of the bidder or his accredited agent, who choose to attend, at the opening of bids.

06. The name of the relevant procurement and the name of the relevant contractor (the institute), should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope enclosing bids.

07. The Department Procurement Committee, reserves the right to take the final decision, regarding any matter, pertaining to bids and the Director General of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, reserves the right to grant the final decision, pertaining to this notice or matters or any matter, mentioned in this notice or to the procurement relevant to the works mentioned or not mentioned in the bidding documents (Further details could be obtained over the telephone Nos. 081-2388293, contacting the Chief Accountant of the Department of National Botanical Gardens, or over Telephone No. 047-7429976, contacting the Assistant Director of the Dry Zone Botanical Gardens.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (Major),
Department of National Botanical Gardens,
Peradeniya.
30.09.2020**

Invitation for Bids (IFB)



Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Education

Loan No. and Title:	3699-SRI:Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project
Contract No. and Title:	STHRD/RJ-E6: Procurement of Equipment for Bioprocess Technology of the Department of Bioprocess Technology, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
Deadline for submission of Bids:	02.11.2020 - 14:00 hours (local time)

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) equivalent to US\$ 145 Million towards the cost of implementing the Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project (STHRD Project) under the Ministry of Education and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
- The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee on behalf of the Deputy Project Director, Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka ("the Purchaser") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **STHRD/RJ-E6 - Procurement of Equipment for Bioprocess Technology of the Department of Bioprocess Technology, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (the "Goods")**. This procurement comprises of Procurement of Equipment for Bioprocess Technology of the Department of Bioprocess Technology, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The completion period is 120 days from the date of signing of Agreement
- The bidder should have the following key qualifications to participate in this bidding:

Procurement Activity Lot Numbers and Description	Successful completion as main supplier within the last three years, of at least two contracts each valued mentioned in the following with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in Section 6. (LKR)	Minimum average annual turnover of following which is calculated as total payments received by the Bidder for contracts completed or under execution over the last three years. (LKR)
Lot 1 - Microbial Fermenter with Crossflow System	10.90 Mn.	27.25 Mn.
Lot 2 - Freeze Dryer 55°C	13.47 Mn.	33.68 Mn.
Lot 3 - Triple Quadrupole MS-MS System	11.28 Mn.	28.21 Mn.

- Open competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Procurement of Goods Single Stage — One Envelope procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
- To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, bidders should contact:
Senior Procurement Officer
Project Implementation Unit
Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project
Faculty of Technology
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
Mihintale, Sri Lanka.
ZIP code: 50300
Telephone: 0714477898
Fax: 025 226 6228
E-mail: sporj-sthrd@mohe.gov.lk
- To purchase the Bidding Documents in English, eligible bidders should write to the address above requesting the Bidding Documents for the "STHRD/RJ-E6 : Procurement of Equipment for Bioprocess Technology of the Department of Bioprocess Technology, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka" and pay a non-refundable fee of LKR 7,500/= (LKR Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) by cash or bank draft in favor of Deputy Project Director, STHRD Project, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka or deposit to A/C No. 83804379 maintained at Bank of Ceylon, Mihintale (for each document). The documents will be issued up to 15.00 hrs. on 29.10.2020 on weekdays. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
- Deliver your bid to the following address at or before 14.00 Hrs. on 02.11.2020 together with a Bid Security as described in the Section 2 of the Bidding Document.
Deputy Project Director,
Project Implementation Unit,
STHRD Project, Dean's Office,
Faculty of Technology,
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka,
Mihintale, Sri Lanka

- Completed bids should be forwarded in two copies as **ORIGINAL** and the **DUPLICATE**. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed separately and marked as the 'original' and 'duplicate' respectively in sealed envelopes. Then, both envelopes re-enclosed in one sealed envelope marked the respective contract ID on top left-hand corner of the envelope.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at the Boardroom, Faculty of Technology, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka at 10.00 a.m. on 16.10.2020.

8. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

**Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka**

Date: 03.10.2020

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AMPARA DISTRICT, EASTERN PROVINCE

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (PROJECT ID : 163305)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Name of Local Authority	Description of Works & Bid No.	Tenderable Bid Amount (Excluding VAT (Mn))	Contract Period	Bid Closing Date and Time	Required Grade Specialty	Name of Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding document and T.P No.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Required Bid Security		The Place Where Bids Should be deposited and Bids will be opened
									Bid Security Amount (Rs)	Validity Period	
Addalaichanai Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Library Building at Oluvil Stage- I (LDSP/EP/AM/ADPS/2020/01)	9.0 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C6 /C7 Building Construction	LAPC, Addalaichanai Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Addalaichanai 067-2277375	3500.00	90,000.00	15.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Addalaichanai
Akkaraipattu Municipal Council	Construction of Concrete Surfacing to Cader Odaviyar road at Akkarapattu (LDSP/EP/AM/AKPMC/2020/01)	8.0 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C6 / C7 Highway Construction	LAPC, Akkaraipattu Municipal Council	Municipal Council Akkaraipattu 067-2277275	3500.00	80,000.00	15.02.2021	Municipal Council Akkaraipattu
Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Concrete Surface to Internal Road Issanganichemai (Mothinar Road)at Akkaraipattu (LDSP/EP/AM/AKPPS/2020/01)	2.67 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 Highway Construction	LAPC, Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha, Akkaraipattu 067-2053635	2500.00	27,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Akkaraipattu
Alayadivembu Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Concrete Surfacing to Vishvakula Road & Drainage at Vachikuda, Alayadivembu (LDSP/EP/AM/AVPS/2020/01)	5.01 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C6 / C7 Highway Construction	LAPC, Alayadivembu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Alayadivembu 067-2277330	2500.00	51,000.00	15.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Alayadivembu
Ampara Urban Council	Construction of Concrete surfacing road No. 174 HG Pathurana house to 175 B Somathasa house at Thissapura (LDSP/EP/AM/AMPUC/2020/01)	2.53 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 Highway Construction	LAPC, Ampara Urban Council	Urban Council Ampara 063-2222403	2500.00	26,000.00	18.01.2021	Urban Council Ampara
Namaloya Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of dining hall and Toilet facilities building to the existing cultural hall at Paragakala Namaloya (LDSP/EP/AM/NPS/2020/01)	10.80 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C5 / C6 Building Construction	LAPC, Namaloya Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Namaloya 063-2242014	4000.00	108,000.00	15.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Namaloya
Damana Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Weekly Fair Shopping Complex at Higurana (LDSP/EP/AM/DAPS/2020/01)	9.99 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C6/ C7, Building Construction	LAPC, Damana Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Damana 063 -2240042	3500.00	100,000.00	15.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Damana
Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of concrete road Rathmalkandura House No. 89 to 251 road at Dehiattakandiya (LDSP/EP/AM/DKPS/2020/01)	4.20 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7/ C8 , Highway Construction	LAPC, Dehiatta Kandiyia Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Dehiattakandiya 067 -4549830	2500.00	42,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Dehiattakandiya
Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of concrete road Ranhelagama House No. 206 to 387 road at Dehiattakandiya (LDSP/EP/AM/DKPS/2020/02)	2.67 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 , Highway Construction	LAPC, Dehiatta Kandiyia Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Dehiattakandiya 067 -4549830	2500.00	27,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Dehiattakandiya
Irakkamam Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of concrete surface and drainage at Akbar Mosque 2nd Cross Road, Irakkamam - 02 (LDSP/EP/AM/IRKPS/2020/02)	3.65 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 , Highway Construction	LAPC, Irakkamam Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Irakkamam 063 -2250181	2500.00	36,500.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Irakkamam
Kalmunai Municipal Council	Construction of Cultural hall at Maruthamunai (LDSP/EP/AM/KMC/2020/01)	13.59 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C5 / C6 , Building Construction	LAPC, Kalmunai Pradeshiya Sabha	Municipal Council Kalmunai 067-2229275	4000.00	136,000.00	15.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Kalmunai
Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Concrete Surfacing in Mavadipalli Boundary Road at Mavadipalli, Karaitivu (LDSP/EP/AM/KTVPS/2020/01)	2.65 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 , Highway Construction	LAPC, Karaitivu Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Karaitivu 067-4929114	2500.00	27,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Karaitivu
Lahugala Pradeshiya Sabha	Renovation of Tar of Weerabodiya road at Panama , Lahugala (LDSP/EP/AM/LAPS/2020/01)	4.5 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 , Highway Construction	LAPC, Lahugala Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Lahugala 063-2051899	2500.00	45,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Lahugala
Mahaoya Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Multipurpose building at Poolawala , Mahaoya (LDSP/EP/AM/MAPS/2020/01)	6.78 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C6 / C7 , Building Construction	LAPC, Mahaoya Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Mahaoya 063 -2244091	3500.00	68,000.00	15.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Mahaoya
Nintavur Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Pre School Complex at Nintavur (LDSP/EP/AM/NTRPS/2020/01)	7.99 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C6 / C7 Building Construction	LAPC, Nintavur Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Nintavur 067-2250035	3500.00	80,000.00	15.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Nintavur
Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Shopping Complex at Bus Stand , Padiyathalawa (LDSP/EP/AM/PDPS/2020/01)	8.67 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C6 / C7, Building Construction	LAPC, Padiyathalawa Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Padiyathalawa 063-2246048	3500.00	87,000.00	15.02.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Padiyathalawa
Pothuvil Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Cemetery Road at Pothuvil (LDSP/EP/AM/PVLPS/2020/01)	4.70 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7/ C8, Highway Construction	LAPC, Pothuvil Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Pothuvil 063 -2248029	2500.00	47,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Pothuvil
Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha	Supplying & Fixing Passenger Elevator for Disabled and Elders at Office Building at Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha (LDSP/EP/AM/STRPS/2020/01)	4.48 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	EM3 / EM4 Electrical and Mechanical Services	LAPC, Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Sammanthurai 067 -2260043	2500.00	45,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Sammanthurai
Thirukkivil Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Concrete surfacing to Thirunavukkarasu Road at Thirukkivil (LDSP/EP/AM/TKPS/2020/01)	4.03 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 , Highway Construction	LAPC, Thirukkivil Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Thirukkivil 067 - 2265018	2500.00	41,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Thirukkivil
Uhana Pradeshiya Sabha	Construction of Concrete road from Nawagiriya Sri Gothama Viharaya to 33/20/02 house , Across the Bridge of Kattawadiya (LDSP/EP/AM/UHAPS/2020/01)	3.10 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 , Highway Construction	LAPC, Uhana Pradeshiya Sabha	Pradeshiya Sabha Uhana 063 - 2250355	2500.00	31,000.00	18.01.2021	Pradeshiya Sabha Uhana
	Construction of Multipurpose Building in Nugelanda- South (LDSP/EP/AM/UHAPS/2020/02)	3.48 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 , Building Construction			2500.00	35,000.00	18.01.2021	
	Construction of Concrete road with culvert from the Rajagalathenne 1/2 Community Centre building towards 34/9 home (LDSP/EP/AM/UHAPS/2020/03)	3.45 Mn	90 Days	19.10.2020 14.00 p.m.	C7 / C8 , Highway Construction			2500.00	35,000.00	18.01.2021	

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the World Bank towards the cost of Local Development Support Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Credit to payment for Works undermentioned in the above chart.
- Bidding will be Conducted Through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- The Chairman Local Authority Procurement Committee on behalf of the respective Local Authorities invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works as described in the Table above.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the grade and specialty mentioned in the Table above with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 4 of the bidding documents Additional details are provided in the Schedule (Section 5) of the bidding document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the respective Local Authorities listed in Table and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 09.00 hours to 16.00 hours.
- The bidder shall deliver to employer a bid security from any Bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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