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PM, Swiss Ambassador discuss tourism, investment, COVID-19 assistance

Calling on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in Colombo yesterday morning, the Ambassador to Switzerland in Colombo Dominik Furgler discussed a number of areas to further cooperation between the two countries, including investment, exports, tourism and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ambassador commended the manner in which the Government is responding to the Coronavirus outbreak by publishing clear rules and enforcing them.

Prime Minister Rajapaksa said that while lockdowns and health precautions can be difficult on everyone, some-

times it's necessary to keep people safe. "I admire the way you deal with the COVID," Ambassador Furgler said. "I feel safer this way." To contribute to the Government's efforts to contain the outbreak, the Swiss Government is providing assistance to Sri Lanka with equipment which would enable

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US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrives today

The Secretary of State of the United States of America Mike R. Pompeo will undertake an official visit to Sri Lanka on October 27-28, 2020, on an invitation extended by his Sri Lankan counterpart, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry said.

During his visit, Pompeo will hold official discussions with the Sri Lankan leadership as well as with his counterpart.

The discussions during the visit



Once Final Report on Easter Sunday attacks PCol is submitted

GOVT. TO BOLSTER DEFENCE, ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS

CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE

Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Chairman and Education Minister Professor G.L. Peiris yesterday said the Government will focus on strengthening defence and administrative mechanisms once the Final Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCol) into the Easter Sunday terror attacks

is submitted. Minister Prof. Peiris said that the Government will also consider amending existing laws, if required, after the Presidential Commission report on the Easter Sunday terror attacks is forwarded.

The Minister noted that people have become skeptical over national security due to the information revealed during the Commission pro-

ceedings. "The Government is taking all measures to prevent such attacks in the country again," he said.

Addressing a press conference at the SLPP headquarters in Battaramulla yesterday, the Minister stressed that all those who were involved in the Easter Sunday terror attacks will be brought to book regardless of their stature.

He said that those who were involved in the attacks as well as those responsible for aiding and abetting the massacre that took more than 250 lives will also be severely dealt with.

Minister Rohitha Abeysunwardena and SLPP General Secretary and Parliamentarian Sagara Kariyawasam were also present.

Z-Score cutoff marks - 2019 G.C.E. A/L

The Z-Score cutoff marks of the 2019 G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination have been released online, an official of the University Grants Commission (UGC) said yesterday.

The Z-Score cutoff marks have been released separately, as the examination was held under new and old syllabus.

Please refer pages 17, 18, 19 for Z-Score cutoff marks for the new syllabus. The cut off marks for the old syllabus will be published tomorrow.

CEB to expedite construction of 100-kilowatt solar power plants

CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE

Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation former Minister Basil Rajapaksa has instructed the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) to expedite the construction of 100-kilowatt solar power plants and connect them to 7250 transformers across the country within the next three years.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa Colombo Archbishop Brian Ngozi Urtal Market and State Enterprise Reform Minister's Secretary Gamini Sodara
Prime Minister's Media Unit (See page 03)

Joint programme to deliver medicines to homes

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Health Ministry and the Postal Department of Sri Lanka have jointly arranged a programme to distribute medicines to the homes for those receiving treatment from government hospitals and do not have enough medicine for their daily use. Director General of Health Services Dr. S. Sridharan said.

This programme is scheduled to commence today in the Kalutara and Karunegala Districts in addition to the Colombo and Gampaha Districts.

Kosgoda Police staff swapped with new set of officers

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Correspondent

Forty-nine officials including the Officer in Charge of the Kosgoda Police who are currently under quarantine for suspected for COVID-19 were replaced by another set of officers including an Acting OIC selected from nearby Police stations in the area, Galle Division DIG Niwan Wedasinghe said.

Following the new measure by the DIG, the Kosgoda Police Station continued its functions as usual without interruption.

"The Kosgoda Police OIC and his staff had to undergo quarantine as two

Several politicians named for failing to appear before Political Victimization PCol

PAHAN WIJESEKERA

Chairman of the Presidential Commission investigating (PCol) the incidents of political victimization and retired Supreme Court Judge Upali Abeyratne yesterday said that Parliamentarians Patali Champaka Ranawaka, Rauff Hakeem, Sarath Fonseka,

New Constitution need of the hour - Amaraweera

DINULI FRANCISCO

A new Constitution is of paramount importance to the country and the need of the hour, the Minister of Environment Mahinda Amaraweera said.

The Minister also denied the accusations leveled up against the Government stating that the Government had a deal with the Parliamentarians of the Opposition that voted in favour of the 20th Amendment. "The Government did not pay



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Parliament premises to undergo complete disinfection process

Parliament premises is to undergo a complete disinfection process today (26) and tomorrow (27).

Parliament is closed for two days from yesterday.

No Parliamentary democracy in country - Ruwan

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