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## WESTERN PROVINCE CURFEW EXTENDED TILL NOVEMBER 9

**EHELIYAGODA, KURUNEGALA MC AREA, KULIYAPITIYA UNDER LOCKDOWN**

**TRAVEL BETWEEN DISTRICTS RESTRICTED**

**THOSE UNDER SELF QUARANTINE TO GET RATION PACKS**

**HOME DELIVERY OF ESSENTIALS ALLOWED**

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The quarantine curfew enforced in the Western Province has been further extended until November 09, Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva announced yesterday.

In a special statement aired yesterday, he noted that the curfew in the Western Province which was scheduled to be lifted at 5.00 am today (02) would be further extended until 5.00 am on November 9.

The quarantine curfew on



the Western Province was imposed on October 29. Lt. Gen. Silva in his statement said, "The curfew in the Western Province was

supposed to be lifted at 5.00 am today (2). However, the government decided to extend the curfew considering COVID-19 especially in Province."

"The high positive cases thereby, it decided to few in order

spread to other areas as well as to ensure that this does not spread within the West-

**New hotline 0117 966 366 for COVID medical assistance**

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Persons who are having symptoms of COVID-19 are requested to call the hotline number 0117 966



seek medical assistance at hospitals. Army Commander Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva said in his statement that the curfew in the Western Province which was scheduled to be lifted at 5.00 am today (02) would be further extended until 5.00 am on November 9.



### Random test finds COVID case found from Horana garment factory

PRIYADHARSHANI KAHAWALA, Ingridya Central group corr.

Health authorities yesterday said an employee in a leading garment manufacturing facility in Horana had tested positive for COVID-19 and they find it difficult to identify how she had contracted the virus.

Kalutara Regional Health Services Director Dr. Udaya Ratnayake said the patient has had no connections with the Brandix cluster in Minuwangoda or the Peliyagoda fish market cluster.

Dr. Ratnayake said the patient was found during a random PCR test. **TO PAGE 02**



The Colombo Chief Magistrate's Courts complex was disinfected with the partnership of the Justice Ministry and the Police Department yesterday. Justice Minister Ali Sabry PC and Western Province Senior DIG Deshabandu Thennakoon and court officials were present. **Pictures by Hirantha Gunathilake.**

### COVID recoveries top 4,900

5,738 under medication to date

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The number of Coronavirus recoveries in the country has increased to 4,905 with 506 recoveries reported yesterday, the Health Ministry Epidemiology Unit stated.

The country's confirmed COVID-19 positive cases stands at 10,663 and 5,738 of them are still under medical care.

The National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) yesterday stated that the total number of COVID-19 positive cases reported from Minuwangoda garment factory stands at 7,185. Of them, 1041 are factory employees and other 6,144 are locally-identified contacts of those garment factory-infected employees.

Around 718 quarantined individuals after PCR tests left for their homes yesterday. Of them, three are from Mirigama Teachers' Training School QC. **TO PAGE 02**

### Trippers to Nuwara Eliya placed under quarantine

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Fifteen persons who had visited Nuwara Eliya in violation of the quarantine curfew imposed in the Western Province to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic had been placed under quarantine in the hotels where they were staying. Nuwara Eliya SSP Buddika Udugamasooriya said the travellers had arrived there from Mount Lavinia, Dehiwala and Kaduwela on October 28 and 29 by passing main roads and violating health regulations. **TO PAGE 02**

### UNP calls on Govt to unveil viable plan to contain COVID

SHIROMI ABEYASINGHE

The United National Party urged the Government to publicly unveil their plan to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Despite repeated statements by the Government that the authorities had controlled the spread of the virus, recent media reports have highlighted the irresponsible manner in which the Government has approached this crisis. **TO PAGE 02**



The rehabilitation of the Neluwa-Lankagama road, which has been a long-standing need for the people in the isolated village of Lankagama bordering the Sinharaja Forest range, is in its final lap. The road will be completed within 90 days under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's directive. **Picture by Raveendra Liyanage.**

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### President initiates new measures on home quarantine to ease burden

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday arrived at a number of decisions which will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country without making any impact on the public lives and the economy.

It has been observed that the government's initiative to put close contacts of COVID-19 patients into house quarantine, is bringing results, he said.

The President was of the view that this process should be further strengthened and those in house quarantine should be reg-



ularly monitored by the Medical Officers of Health, Public Health Inspectors, Police and the Army. **TO PAGE 02**

### Bless the public, chant Rathana Suthra - PM

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday requested from Maha Sangha to chant *Rathana Suthra* at every temple to invoke blessings on the public and the country during this pandemic situation. Observing that it is a trying time for the country and all other nations in the world, PM Rajapaksa requested Maha Sangha to chant *Rathana Suthra* every day to bless people's health and good life.

Chanting of *Rathana Suthra* is presently carried out by many temples in the country.

### Gampaha district to get Rs. 5,000 allowance by November 10

IRANGIKA RANGE and DINULI FRANCISCO

The second phase of the distribution of Rs.5,000 allowance for the Gampaha district will commence tomorrow (3) and the payments will be completed within a week, Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said. The allowance of Rs. 5,000 will be provided for families who lost their livelihoods due to the imposition of the quarantine curfew in the Gampaha district. **TO PAGE 02**



### Company IDs are curfew passes for essential services - DIG

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA

The Police Headquarters has issued a special circular regarding the issuance of curfew permits.

Employees of 84 state corporations, statutory boards, media and other institutions have been permitted to use their official identity cards as curfew passes, Police Media Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said.

The Police Media Spokesman pointed out that the issuance of this circular was



due to the fact that in spite of the extension of the curfew, the maintenance of public corporations, statutory boards, mass media outlets and other institutions is essential for the management of the public. **TO PAGE 02**

### Stock Market to operate as normal

All Stock Market operations will continue as normal on Monday November 2, 2020 and onwards, the Colombo Stock Exchange said in a press release yesterday.

### 105 Police personnel contract COVID

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA

One hundred and five Police officers have been tested positive for the COVID-19 virus so far, the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 (NOCPCO) said.

According to the NOCPCO, ten officers were identified as

infected yesterday. Two Police officers each from Colombo Crime Division, Modara Police and Dematagoda Police and one Police officer each from Port Police, Maligawatta Police, Maradana Police and Grandpass Police have been diagnosed with the COVID-19, source said. All associates of those police officers have been quarantined. **TO PAGE 02**

