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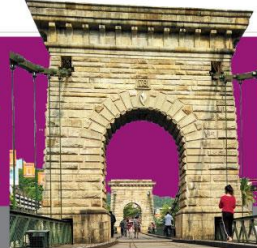
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## Nine SJB members pledge to support Govt



The nine Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) parliamentarians who voted for the 20th Amendment to the Constitution have decided to further extend their support to the Government while remaining in the Opposition. SJB parliamentarians Diana Gamage, Aravindh Kumar, Ishak Rahuman, Faizal Cassim, H.M.M.Harees, M.S.Thowfeek, Nazeer Ahamed, Ali Sabri Raheem and M.M.Musharaff voted for the 20th Amendment at the Third Reading of the vote in Parliament on October 22.

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution was passed in Parliament on October 22... **SEE PAGE 2**

## WHEN DOMESTIC COVID-19 IS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL

# REPATRIATION FLIGHTS TO RESUME IN A WEEK

ALMOST 56,000

By Aanya Wipulasena

The repatriation of near 56,000 migrant workers is expected to resume in a week when the domestic Covid-19 is brought under control, officials said.

Director General of East Asia at the Foreign Relations Ministry, Kandeepan Balasupramaniam



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person from Abu Dhabi, 18 from Doha Qatar and 11 from Chennai arrived in Sri Lanka yesterday (7). They were sent to Sri Lanka Army-run quarantine centres.

The Government launched a program last month to pay compensation up to Rs. 500,000 to families of migrant workers who died having contracted Covid-19. A fur-

ther Rs. 40,000 is paid for each family to conduct the final rites of the deceased.

Migrant workers make up 24 percent of the country's labour force, 33 percent of the total foreign exchange remittances and 8.3 percent of the GDP, with most of them working as low-skilled workers in the Middle East.

## Biden confident of victory as lead widens



DELAWARE, Nov. 7. - Joe Biden has again said he is confident of victory as he inches closer to beating Donald Trump after Tuesday's US presidential election.

The Democratic challenger now has 253 of the 270 Electoral College votes needed to clinch the White House under the state-by-state US voting system. Biden leads the vote counts

in the battlegrounds of Georgia, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Arizona.

A Biden win would see Trump leave office in January after four years. **SEE PAGE 2**



Wholesale shops in Pettah were opened last week on the Government's directive to ensure an uninterrupted supply of essential food for people while the Western Province and many other areas remained under the Covid-19 lockdown. Here traders busy loading and unloading big onions and potatoes to lorries for distribution. **(Pic Hirantha Gunathilaka)**

## COVID-19 CASES HIT 13,000

By Manesha Borham

The number of Covid-19 cases in Sri Lanka reached the 13,227 mark, health authorities confirmed. According to officials, most of the cases were in Gampaha and its suburbs.

Of the 400 new cases reported yesterday (7) morning, 203 were from the Gampaha district and 101 from the Colombo District.

Yesterday (7) evening, the Information Department announced that 257 Covid-19 cases were reported during the day, and all of them... **SEE PAGE 2**

## EVEN IF QUARANTINE CURFEW IS LIFTED Covid-19 threat looms large

The Covid-19 threat and its rapid rate of transmission would remain even if the quarantine curfew is lifted on Monday (9) in the Western Province and other police divisions, Chief Epidemiologist, Dr. Sudath Samaraweera said.

He called upon the public to follow health guidelines to check

the spread of the virus.

Dr. Samaraweera said that the quarantine curfew is expected to be lifted taking people's situation into consideration and not because the virus was brought under control. He said that Covid-19 threat is still high in the Western Province... **SEE PAGE 12**

## Worldwide Covid-19 cases to hit 50 million



The United States, following an all-time 100,000 plus active cases in each of the past

## GMOA PROPOSES MINIMUM 2 Bs AND 1C Govt commended for legalising medical qualifications

By Nadira Gunatilleke

The Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) commended the Government and Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi for legalising the mini-



## GCE O/L exam will be held as scheduled

- EDUCATION MINISTER

By Aanya Wipulasena

Minister of Education, Prof. G. L. Peiris said that the GCE Ordinary Level examination will be held as scheduled as steps are being taken to ensure that

ensure that the student's education continues unhindered despite the situation in the coun-

