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# **NOTABLE ECONOMIC RECOVERY** IN 3RD QUARTER 2020

A notable recovery in economic activity in the third quarter of 2020 bits witnessed according to available economic indicators, Central Bank said in a virtual meeting vesterday.

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STRONG ECONOMIC REBOUND Projected in 2021

**GROWTH** MOMENTUM SUSTAINED

MAINTAINS STABILITY



### **NEW CABINET MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SECURITY**





Rear Admiral (Retired) Dr. Sarath Weerasekara took oaths as Public Security Minister before President Gotabaye Rajapaksa yesterday. Four institutions including the Police and the Crui Security Department have been gazetted under this new Ministry. Dr. Weerasekara is also the Provincial Councils and Local Government State Minister. Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa also took oaths as the State Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management State Minister In addition to his Cabinet portfolio. The President has taken up the Defence and Technology Ministries under the revisions to the Cabinet portfolios made yesterday. (Pictures by President's Media Diriskin).

# Colombo Port operations return to normal

All operations and other services of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority's (SLPA) terminals and all other sister terminals at the Colombo Port are swiftly returning to normal. Sci Lanka Ports Authority, South Asia Gateway Terminal and Colombo International Container Terminal, Authority, South Asia Gateway Terminal and Colombo International Container Terminal, International Container Terminal, Container Terminal, and Colombo International Container Terminal, in the Port faced an impact on their operations over the last week. Subsequently, col-



### **Drone technology for** fertilizer application tested



Galle Central special correspondent For the first time in Sri Lanka

Minister Mohan P. De Silva on Wednesday (25).

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"We have good relations with Sri Lanka Ora countries interact constructively in the international arena, in particular as part of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, where Sri Lanka has Lanka's Ambassador to Russia Prof. the status of a dialogue partner," the

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### **Indian National Security** Adviser Aiit Doval here

Indian National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will be in Colombo today (27) for trilateral discussions among India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, the Defence Ministry said.

Sri Lanka is scheduled to host the Fouth National Security Advisor (NSA) Level Trilateral Meeting on Maritime Security Cooperation between India, Maldives and Sri Lanka on November 27 and 28 in Colombo.



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### Hiring less-qualified staff for overseas labour sections increased cost - Minister

RASIKA SOMARATNE

Sri Lanka had to pay around Rs.930 were either less-qualified or did not have the million annually in the past to sustain labour sections in the country's foreign missions, especially in the Middle East, Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said.

### SLAF led aerial observations to curb deforestation - Defence Secretary

### Special unit set up to net persons involved in land grab

Raising concerns on widespread illegal forest resources degradation, Defence Secretary Maj. Gen. (Retd) Karnal Gunaratre said, attention into deforestation is imperative and it is vital to identify such attempts before logging. He said the President has alerted Tri-Forces and Police to thwart such attempts and therefore it would be monitored using

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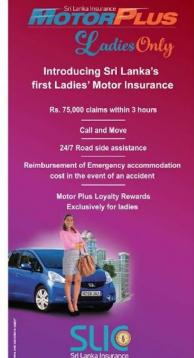
#### Petitions against cremation of COVID dead fixed for Nov. 30

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The Supreme Court three-pretions filed seeking an order staying the operation of gazette institution of the seeking an order staying the operation of gazette persons who die of COVID-19 tions to be taken up for sup-were fixed for support by the Supreme Court yesterday.

## State Bank Irregularities Probe Committee begins work

The Committee to look into the irregu-larities in State Banks will begin taking down evidence from relevant parties today(27). The Committee was appointed by Prime



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