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MINISTER SARATH WEERASEKERA TO MEET AG TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON EASTER SUNDAY ATTACKS

INVESTIGATIONS TO BE COMPLETED



By Uditha Kumarasinghe

Minister of Public Security Rear Admiral (Retd.) Sarath Weerasekera told Parliament yesterday that he would personally meet the Attorney General tomorrow, December 7 to look into the progress of the legal

action against the suspects allegedly held responsible for the eight multiple terror attacks on Easter Sunday last year.

Responding to a question by SJB parliamentarian Niroshan Perera, the Minister said at present 171 suspects are being held in remand

sion is conducting hearings. When the Commission proceedings are finalised, we will be able to complete the investigations within a short time, he said. Minister Weerasekera said the Easter Sunday attacks were due to the collapse of the...

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KUSHANI ROHANADHEERA APPOINTED DSG PARLIAMENT



Attorney-at-Law Kushani Rohanadheera has been appointed Deputy Secretary General and Chief of Staff of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena approved the appointment, on the recommendation of the Secretary General of Parliament, Dhammika Dasanayake.

Rohanadheera was appointed to fill the vacancy created by former...

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President Gotabaya Rajapaksa visited the historic Anuradhapura Sacred Area and performed religious rites at the Sri Maha Bodhi and Ruwanwelisya yesterday morning. Here the President inspects the Anuradhapura Sacred Area Development Master Plan with Chief Incumbent of the Ruwanweli Raja Maha Vihara, Ven. Pallegama Hemarathana Thera. The project which costs Rs. 450 million will be completed under three phases before December 2024. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development Mrs. Anjali Devaraj, Chairman, Urban Development Authority Harshan Silva and Director General Prasad Ranaweera were also present.

'Safe and Secure' certification unfair - ASMET

By Aanya Wipulasena



The 'Safe & Secure' certification marginalises small and medium establishments, posing another hurdle for them to resume business when the airports open for tourists early next year, President of the Association for Small and Medium Enterprises in Tourism (ASMET) M. B. Jayarathna said.

The certification is issued to tourism establishments through an independent auditing firm

(KPMG) to ensure that they conform to Covid-19 health protocols. According to Sri Lanka Tourism, 'unsatisfactory operational practices detected during periodic spot audits or through reported violations or complaints...

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UNP appoints acting Gen Secy

By Aanya Wipulasena

The United National Party (UNP) announced yesterday (5) that Prasanna Shamal Senarath was appointed acting General Secretary of the party till December 31.

The new appointment was made after former MP Akila Viraj Kariyawasam resigned from the position. "I was given the appointment yesterday (5) evening. The party was anyway going to appoint new members for next year," he told the Sunday Observer. He

said the letter did not specify that he was the 'acting' General Secretary.

Kariyawasam resigned as the UNP's General Secretary on November 23. UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe reportedly did not accept...



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Prasanna Shamal

TREATING COVID-19 PATIENTS IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS



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