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## Dinesh briefs British and Canadian HCs

By Aanya Wipulasena

Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena raised concerns about the use of children in terrorist propaganda activities, adding that it would lead to children and youth being radicalised. During a meeting with British High Commissioner Sarah Hulton...



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## BUDGET 2021 GIVES IMMENSE RELIEF TO PEOPLE

# GOVT ANTICIPATES 5.5 PERCENT GROWTH NEXT YEAR

- AJITH NIVARD

By Uditha Kumarasinghe

State Minister of Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal said the Government in its Budget 2021 anticipates a 5.5 percent growth rate and perhaps even a higher rate next year. He said if we act together prudently, we can realise a growth even higher. Since

(SJB) parliamentarians are well aware that Budget 2021 will keep them in the Opposition for another 20 years. Naturally, they are upset. They preferred the Government to concentrate on minor issues so

ister told the *Sunday Observer* yesterday.

He said Budget 2021 has given immense relief to the people and really touched the people's hearts. It is not like reducing the price of



dhal by Rs.10 which is not a real relief. True benefit is such as when the former Mahinda Rajapaksa Government gave electricity to the people. When only 70 percent of the people had electricity, it was increased up to 99 percent. Therefore, 29 percent who didn't have electricity are now...

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## Sri Lanka Army showcases ingenuity



Displaying the ingenuity of the Sri Lanka Army, Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva is being escorted in a remote-controlled car at the opening ceremony of the Mechanical Engineering Workshop of the Sri Lanka Army Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Regiment this week. The vehicle belonging to Sri Lanka's Royal Mechanical and Electrical Engineers regiment prior to 1960 had been restored by the workshop ahead of the event. Pic by Rukmal Gamage

## Disciplinary committee report on SLMC members online - GMOA

By Nadira Gunatilleke

The report of the disciplinary committee that removed five members from the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) following a full disciplinary inquiry is available online to the public, Government Medical Officers' Association Secretary Dr. Senal Fernando said. Dr. Fernando said the General...



Dr. Senal  
Fernando

Dr. Samantha  
Ananda

## Mahara prison issue resolved

- Lohan Ratwatte



By Aanya Wipulasena

Prison Management and Prisoners Rehabilitation State Minister, Lohan Ratwatte said over 25 inmates who led the riots in the Mahara prison were identified

and transferred to the Welikada prison, adding that it is now '100 percent under control'.

"The main issue was that prisoners set to be released could not be released due to the delay in PCR testing. Up to now we have conducted about 15,000 PCR tests and after I assumed duty, we have released nearly 3,000 remand prisoners subject..."

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