

SDIG HAD DELETED ALL DATA FROM HIS MOBILE - CID

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Presidential Commission of Inquiry



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All data in the mobile phone of former State Intelligence Service (SIS) Director SDIG Nalintha Jayawardena had been deleted when it was handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for inspection.
The OIC of the Digital Forensic Laboratory of the CID Sampath

Kumara Senarathne made this revelation at the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) Probing the Easter Sunday Attacks after submitting its report to the Commission on Wednesday.
None of the data in that mobile phone was recoverable as it had been converted to the factory version by SDIG Jayawardena.

The Commission in September this year ordered the Police Unit of the PCoI to take into its custody the personal mobile phone and the laptop used by the former SIS Director which had several recorded important phone conversations stored.
"These devices must be opened before a representative of Jayawarde-

na, two officers of PCoI police unit, a CERT official appointed to assist the current SIS Director. Any relevant data, in conversations recorded or in messaging applications, between January 1 and December 31, 2019, must be extracted in front of these individuals," the PCoI Chairman ordered. **NEWS 02**

US\$ 1 billion investment for Colombo International Finance Centre

The first investment within the Colombo Port City will commence with the one billion dollar Colombo International Finance Centre (CIFIC) Mixed Development Project.
The agreement between Browns Investments, the strategic investment arm of the LOLC Group, and China Harbour Engineering Company Lim-

ited (CHEC) was signed under the witness of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and China's Ambassador Sri Lanka Qi Zhenhong.
"Attracting Foreign Direct Investment is a key priority for our Government, and this landmark project is a strong indicator that Sri Lanka is now back in business," Prime Minister Rajapaksa said. (See page 17) **NEWS 02**

COVID mum gives birth to four

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
A COVID-19 infected mother gave birth to quadruplets at the De Soya Maternity Hospital in Colombo yesterday (17).
The hospital's Obstetrician and Gynecologist Ruwan Pathirage told the 'Daily News' that the 29-year-old moth-



er being treated after being diagnosed as COVID-19 positive had given birth to two boys and two girls yesterday morning. **NEWS 02**



Limit movement, celebrations this season: Cardinal

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Rajitha requested all those celebrating Christmas to limit movements during the festive season.
He announced that Christmas masses can be held in areas not under lockdown with a maximum limit of 50 persons. Speaking at a media briefing yesterday (17) morning the Cardinal requested from the public to celebrate this Christmas remembering those who have been severely affected by COVID-19 pandemic specially the poor. **NEWS 02**

Macron tests positive for COVID

French President Emmanuel Macron has tested positive for COVID-19 after experiencing symptoms, his office said Thursday.
"The President of the Republic has been diagnosed positive for COVID-19 today," the statement from the Elysee Palace read.
It said the president was diagnosed after he was tested "at the onset of the first symptoms." **NEWS 02**



EU,WHO in Euro 2 mn help for COVID-19 response efforts



EU's Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Denis Chaibi presenting the agreement to Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Ministry Secretary Maj. Gen. (ret'd) Dr. Sanjeeva Munasinghe looks on.

The World Health Organization country office for Sri Lanka (WHO), with financial support worth EUR 2 million from the European Union (EU), will help improve emergency response capacities in Sri Lanka to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.
The support will focus on several key areas, including enhancing the effectiveness of COVID-19 case management as well as preventing infection. Developing the system's case management processes will enable better planning, coordination, and decision-making; additionally, a key component of the grant, the advancement of a learning management system, will sustainably increase the health system's capacity to respond to public health emergencies in the future.
The funding will also advance existing communication and community engagement efforts, ensuring the generation of relevant and accessible communication materials and supporting the mobilization of vulnerable individuals, young people, and community-based organizations to lead community-level prevention and control measures. **NEWS 02**

AG to file action after Commission probe report

Easter Attacks: 33 suspects to be charged

ASELA KURULUWANA

Thirty three out of 267 suspects arrested in connection with the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks are to be charged for homicide, Public Security Minister Rear Admiral (Retired) Sarath Weerasekera told the Malwathu and Asgiriya Chief Prelates on Wednesday.
He further said that the Attorney General had received eight Police investigation files into the Easter Sunday bomb blasts.
The Minister called on Malwathu Chapter Chief Prelate Most Ven. Thibbotuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Thera and Asgiriya Chapter Chief Prelate Most Ven. Warakagoda Sri Gunaratana Thera after worshipping the Dalada Maligawa. **NEWS 02**

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Nine Ampara villages and Alupotha isolated
Nafeerwatta in Wellawatte also locked

Nine villages in the Ampara district and a Grama Niladhari Division in the Moneragala District were isolated from yesterday, the National Operations Centre for the prevention of COVID-19 said.
Accordingly, three villages in Akkaraipattu police jurisdiction area, three villages in Adalchenai Police jurisdiction area and three villages in the Alayadivembu Police area were isolated from yesterday morning after escalating the COVID-19 situation in those areas.
In addition, Alupotha Grama Niladhari Division in the Moneragala District and Nafeerwatta area in the Wellawatte Police Division were designated as isolated areas from yesterday.

Canned fish declared unfit resent

LAHIRU FERNANDO
The first consignment of canned fish from China declared to be unfit for human consumption and rejected by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) was re-shipped to China yesterday.
The SLSI found Arsenic in these cans and rejected 48 of such containers for being in non-compliance with the Sri Lanka Standards Criterion SLS 591:2014. Two containers were sent back yesterday and the rest is expected to be sent within this month, Customs spokesman, Additional Director General Sunil Jayaratne said.
The Consumer Protection Unit of Sri Lanka Customs conducted investigations into the matter. **NEWS 02**

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