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PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED ISLANDWIDE

STATE PARDON FOR FINE DEFAULTERS

By Aanya Wipulasena

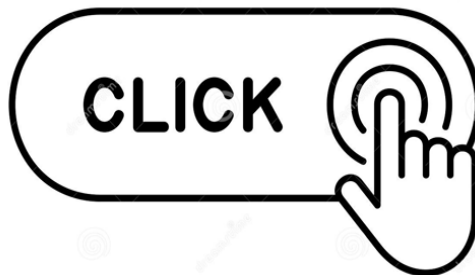
The Government yesterday sanctioned the release of all remand prisoners who are unable to pay their fines and held in jails throughout the country, a senior most official said.

The move is also aimed at reducing the present overcrowding in the country's jails and as a precaution over the looming Covid-19 threat, Prisons Spokesman, Chandana Ekanayake said. He told the Sunday Observer that a directive in this connection has been sent to the jail authorities...

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EASTER SUNDAY ATTACKS

THREE LANKANS CHARGED IN U.S.



LOCAL PROBE

By Aanya Wipulasena

Three Sri Lankans have been charged with terrorism offences, including conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organisation (ISIS), a media release from the De-

far and Milhan are charged with aiding and abetting the receipt of military-type training from the ISIS.

"The defendants named in the complaint, along with other suspects linked to the attacks, currently are detained in Sri Lanka,

where a criminal investigation is ongoing," the statement added.

The attacks killed over 250 people and injured hundreds more. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attacks two days after they were carried out in Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa. SEE PAGE 2

TO ACHIEVE HERD IMMUNITY AGAINST COVID-19

Seventy percent need to be vaccinated - GMOA

By Nadira Gunatilleke

Sri Lanka needs to purchase 40 to 50 percent of the vaccines needed to achieve herd immunity, a senior official of the Government Medical Officers' Associa-

tion (GMOA) said yesterday.

The World Health Organization (WHO) provides 20 percent of the vaccines free and the remaining which is another 40 to 50 percent needs to be purchased, (GMOA) Editor... SEE PAGE 2



Former Directors of Edirisinghe Trust Investments (ETI) Finance Ltd. who were re-arrested on Friday were produced at the Hultsdorp Magistrate's Court yesterday. Four former Directors of ETI Finance, Nalaka Edirisinghe, Jeevaka Edirisinghe, Anjalee Edirisinghe and Asanka Edirisinghe were arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department on the directive by Attorney General Dappula de Livera. The suspects who were taken into custody on charges of criminal misappropriation, cheating, money laundering and other offences were remanded till January 12. Here aggrieved depositors protest in front of the court house demanding justice, as the suspects are being escorted in. (Pic Rukmal Gamage)

MORE RAIN FORECAST



Showers are expected to enhance over the island to some extent, due to the low-level atmospheric disturbance to the south-east of Sri Lanka, during the next few days.

Evening thunder showers can be expected in Colombo till January 13. The weather will be partly cloudy throughout the week.

The sea areas around the island can be moderate.

The public should take adequate precautions to minimise damage caused by temporary localised strong winds and lightning during thunder showers.

Source-www.weather.com, www.meteo.gov.lk

DESPITE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Govt ready to face any challenges - Cabraal

By Uditha Kumarasinghe

State Minister of Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal said there is no challenge the Government cannot face as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and it anticipates having at least 5.5 percent economic growth this year. SEE PAGE 2



TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Jayasekara did not attend Parliament week

By Uditha Kumarasinghe

State Minister Dayasiri Jayas-



informed on Jayasekera's health condition till Friday (January 8) evening.

INDONESIAN PLANE GOES MISSING



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DEMOCRATS PLAN TO INTRODUCE ARTICLE OF IMPEACHMENT

Twitter permanently suspends Trump's account

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (BBC)

