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Parliament functions under health guidelines - Secretary General

Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake stated yesterday that the Proceedings of Parliament will continue in adherence with health guidelines specified by the health authorities.

Subsequent to three Members of Parliament being infected with

the COVID-19 virus, there was speculation that Parliament was unlikely to convene next week as several MPs had come into contact with Sri Lanka Muslim Congress Leader and Parliamentarian Rauff Hakeem who tested positive for COVID-19.

Dasanayake said that discussions had been held with the health authorities regarding the situation, adding that all the places where the COVID 19 infected MPs had been to, had been disinfected by now. **▶ PAGE 02**



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COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 HEALTH GUIDELINES

SPECIAL OPERATION IN WP TO INSPECT INSTITUTIONS



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CAMELIA NATHANIEL

A special operation is underway in the Western Province to inspect all institutions.

Police Spokesman Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Ajith Rohana said that the institutions and supermarkets will be inspected to determine if they are

complying with the COVID-19 health guidelines as specified in the Gazette Notification issued on October 15, 2020.

"Certain guidelines and health regulations have been promulgated in respect of the institutions. Specially, there are certain guidelines that need to be ful-



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About 95% of schools in country reopened - GL



SCHOOLS REOPEN UNDER STRICT HEALTH GUIDELINES: While protecting children under strict health guidelines, schools (other than the ones in the Western Province and isolated areas) were reopened yesterday under the 'New Normal' situation. Here, children adhering to health guidelines prior to entering schools in Dambulla and Anuradhapura. Pictures by Kanchana Ariyadasa and Amila Wanasinghe

150 lawyers to be recruited to Police



CHAMINDA PERERA

In a bid to streamline the legal services provided by the Police to the public, 150 lawyers are to be recruited to the Police Department as Chief Inspectors on a request made by Justice Minister Ali

Sabry, PC, to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. According to Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC, this decision will help make the Police closer to the public and formalize the legal activities conducted by the Police department. **▶ PAGE 02**

AG's Dept. will not pursue case against Pillayan

T.L. JAWFARKAN

Batticaloa Group Correspondent

The Attorney General informed the Batticaloa High Court yesterday that it will not pursue the case filed against former Chief Minister of the Eastern Province MP Sivanesthurai Chandrakanthan alias Pillayan and four others in connection with the murder of former TNA MP Joseph Pararajasingam.

The case was taken up before Batticaloa High Court Judge T. Susaidasan yesterday. **▶ PAGE 02**

Govt. should deliver on its promises - Sajith

ASELA KURULUWANSHA

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa called on the public to empower him to liberate the country from a political, social and economic downturn.

He said that the Govern-



31 MPs undergo self-quarantine

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Minister of Water Supply Vasudeva Nanayakkara tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday after PCR tests were conducted on a number of MPs.

The Speaker's Office said Minister Nanayakkara was among direct contacts of Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) MP Rauff Hakeem, who recently tested positive.

State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekera tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday and on Sunday MP Rauff Hakeem confirmed that he had been infected. **▶ PAGE 02**



Saliya and Kuvera hand over nominations for BASL election

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

President's Counsel Saliya Pieris and President's Counsel Kuvera de Zoysa yesterday tendered their nominations for the post of President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) for the year 2021-2022. **▶ PAGE 02**



Japan finds new Coronavirus variant

Japan's National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID) said it had detected a new variant of the Coronavirus in four travelers arriving from Brazil.

The newly-discovered mutant strain of COVID-19 was found to share some of the mutations in common with those of concern for increased infectivity, the institute said, forming a highly infectious

Sampayo released on bail

D. MIHINDU KULA - Kochchikade Corr

Former Superintendent of the Negombo Prison Anuruddha Sampayo and six others were released yesterday on strict bail conditions by the Negombo High Court over the case filed against corruption and misconduct at the Negombo Prison. **▶ PAGE 02**

Jaffna University students end hunger strike

NORTH SPECIAL Cor. Rasul Dilhara Gamage

A group of students at the Jaffna University who were on a hunger strike ended their protest action after the Vice Chancellor of the University laid a foundation stone to reconstruct the library building. The Union

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