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AG WRITES TO PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY

MCC, MCA INCONSISTENT WITH CONSTITUTION

VIEWS OF RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

DILSHAN THARAKA
Attorney General Dappula De Silva has yesterday advised the Secretary to the President that the US Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Compact and Programme Implementation Agreement and Articles of Association of the MCC are inconsistent with the

Written Laws and the Constitution of Sri Lanka. Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne said that after considering all the observations made by the relevant Government agencies and the relevant ministries and the report of the Commit-

tee appointed by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, a series of 20 pages of instructions and observations were given in writing to the Secretary to the President Dr. P.B. Jayasundera by the Attorney General.

Prior to that, the new Government also put on hold a Cabinet Decision taken by the former Ychhapana government to sign the MCC Compact Agreement. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa assured that the Government will safeguard the country's sovereignty and declared that the MCC agreement will not be signed by his administration under any circumstances. **▶ PAGE 02**



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Pakistan PM Imran Khan here in February

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan is scheduled to visit Sri Lanka in February, according to official sources. He will be the first Head of Government to visit Sri Lanka since the pandemic struck last year. "The visit is likely towards the end of Febru-



ary," an official source Foreign Affairs Ministry told *The Hindu* on Monday. Khan's visit, will likely coincide with the early days of the 46th UN Human Rights Council session in Geneva, where a new resolution on Sri Lanka may be adopted by members. Pakistan is currently **▶ PAGE 02**



Navy rescue operation to locate sunken fishing vessel

Sri Lanka Navy (SAR) operation fishing boat waters, about the IMBL ne resisting ar

Grace period to settle electricity bills for isolated area consumers

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
The Cabinet of Ministers approved proposals made by the Power and Tourism Ministers to provide relief for electricity consumers affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Co-Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said.



inform the decisions taken at this week's Cabinet meeting he said **▶ PAGE 02**

PCOI Recommendations to implement decisions

Cabinet approval has been granted to implement the decisions and recommendations of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry to Investigate Incidents of Political Revenge, Co-Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said. **▶ PAGE 02**

Mandatory training for youth still on hold - Minister

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
Co-Cabinet Spokesman, Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said the government had still not decided on the mandatory military training for all over 18 years. The Minister said that it was a proposal made by Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekera and a final



decision has not been taken in this regard. "But as a government, it is not wrong to consider the proposal since even highly democratic countries have already implemented this concept of mandatory military training for youth. Some highly democratic countries impose a punishment on youth who refuse to undergo the mandatory **▶ PAGE 02**

Contempt of Court action against Dr.Padeniya fixed for inquiry

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA
The Contempt of Court case filed against Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) President Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya for allegedly undermin-

Sign Language to be legalised

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
The Cabinet approved a proposal by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa as Finance Minister to make provision by an Act of Parliament for sign language to be a recognised means of communication and to advice the Legal Draftsman to draft the relevant bill. The Cabinet of Ministers approved a proposal to accept Sign Language as a recognised as a language on September 8, 2010. **▶ PAGE 02**

Recruiting lawyers to Police not within my scope - Minister

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI.
The news in media and social media that said Justice Minister Ali Sabry was

involved in recruiting 150 Attorneys-at-Law as Assistant Superintendents of Police (ASP) was incorrect, misleading and done with the malicious intention of mud slinging, said Justice Minister Ali Sabry told Parliament yesterday. **▶ PAGE 02**



Government has deceived the people again - JVP

A.A.L.DIAS,
Matale district group corr. Although more than a year has passed since the present government came into power, they have so far failed to provide the people with the relief they prom-

ised, Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) General Secretary Tilvin de Silva said. It shows not only the failure of this government but also their incompetence. At the same time, this government is **▶ PAGE 02**

Biden takes oaths as US reaches 400,000 COVID deaths

With the United States approaching a once-unthinkable coronavirus pandemic death toll of 400,000 people, Joseph R. Biden Jr., on the eve of his inauguration as President, is assuming the role of mourner in chief and projecting an air of command of the issue that has vexed the Trump administration for the past year. The president-elect will arrive in the nation's capital Tuesday



evening for a somber inauguration-eye ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial, where 400 lights will be illuminated along the perimeter of the reflecting pool. Each is meant to represent 1,000 Americans who have died during the pandemic. On Monday night, as President Trump ordered an end to the ban on travellers from Europe and Brazil that had been aimed at stopping **▶ PAGE 02**

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