

PRINCE PHILIP DIES AGED 99



UK: Prince Philip, the longest serving royal consort in British history and a constant presence at Queen Elizabeth II's side for decades, died Friday aged 99, Buckingham Palace announced.

The death of the Duke of Edinburgh is a profound loss for the 94-year-old monarch, who once described him as her "strength and stay all these years".

The outspoken former Navy Commander devoted much of his life as the Queen's husband to charity work - but was notorious for numerous gaffes, many deemed downright offensive.

He was admitted to hospital on February 16, and went home after a month during which he was treated for a pre-existing heart condition and an infection. Announcing his passing, BBC television played the national anthem over a picture of Philip in his prime, dressed in military dress uniform. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

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PUBLIC SECURITY MINISTER ASSURES PARLIAMENT



NO ESCAPE FOR EASTER TERROR SUSPECTS

NO ROOM FOR ANY LEGAL LOOPHOLES

108 ARRESTED, 75 UNDER DETECTION ORDERS

50 SUSPECTS EXTRADITED FROM OVERSEAS

SANDASEN MARASINGHE and CAMELIA NATHANIEL

In his winding up speech on the Report of the Presidential Commission appointed to investigate the Easter Sunday attacks (Easter PCoI), Public Security Minister Rear Admiral Sarath Weerasekera said that 108 persons had been arrested over the Easter Sunday attacks and 75

are being held under detention orders as investigations continue.

Out of the 54 held in custody overseas, 50 have already been repatriated and further investigations are continuing against many of them. "As the Easter PCoI Report has been handed over to the Attorney General (AG), he has appointed a competent set of lawyers to file the charges against them. Hence, it is unfair to blame the President or the Government over the delay in filing charges against the perpetrators as the matter is now in the hands of the AG. However, if there is a slight delay, that is certainly because the AG's Department is meticulously preparing legal action against them

making sure that there are no loopholes which the perpetrators could use to escape."

The Minister noted that the police have sent eight files with regard to 32 persons who were involved with Easter attacks to the AG for onward legal action. In the Easter Sunday attacks, 276 were killed and over 500 persons were injured. He said that it

is ironic that the Opposition is trying to point fingers at the current Government over the Easter attacks whereas had they taken proper precautions and heeded the intelligence warnings, this terrible attack could have been averted. However, Minister Weerasekera noted that after President Gotabaya Rajapaksa came to power the investigations

picked up pace and now within a short period those responsible would be charged.

He stressed that all members of the previous regime should be held responsible for the Easter attacks as they had all failed in their duty to prevent the attacks despite intelligence warnings being made available to them. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Rs.3.4 b bill for New Diamond oil spill

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula de Livera has submitted documents related to the marine pollution claim for Rs.3.423 Billion (19.022 Million USD) to the lawyers of the owners of the crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' vessel in respect of the oil spill.

The Attorney General's Coordinating Officer, State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne stated that the documents were handed over to the lawyers of the Greek company that owns the ship in connection with the recovery of Rs.3.423 billion (US \$ 19.022 million). **▶ TO PAGE 02**

CID to probe import of carcinogenic coconut oil

DILSHAN THARAKA

The CID has appointed a team of special officers headed by an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) on the instructions of Attorney General Dappula de Livera to investigate the import and distribution of substandard, carcinogenic coconut oil.

This was stated by the Attorney General's Coordinating Officer State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne yesterday.

The team was appointed by the Director of the CID on the instructions of the Attorney General to investigate the matter.

Ridiyagama farm incurs Rs.173 m loss in 2017, 2018 - COPE

It was revealed at the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) meeting recently that the Ridiyagama farm which holds cattle imported in 2015 has incurred a loss of Rs. 173 million in 2017 and 2018.

The Committee pointed out that the purchase of food items worth Rs.508,793,160 had been carried out contrary to the approval given by the Procurement Committee. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa being presented with a commemorative volume compiled under the title 'Sivdesa Sureki Siu Wasara' to mark the series of islandwide conferences organized to mark the 4th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) by the Party's General Secretary MP Sagara Kariyawasam and Media Secretary MP Sanjeeewa Edirimanne. **Picture courtesy President's Media Division**

ADDITIONAL STEPS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER - PRESIDENT

10,000 NEW RECRUITS TO POLICE; NATIONAL DRUG PREVENTION POLICY TO BE MADE PUBLIC

LIFETIME FINANCIAL BENEFITS FOR DEPENDENTS OF WAR HEROES

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said 196 new Police Stations will be established to serve citizens in different parts of the country. At the same time, 10,000 new recruits, both men and women, are being recruited to increase the Police force.

The President said a Cabinet Paper has been submitted seeking

approval to pay lifetime salaries and allowances now being paid to disabled War Heroes to their dependents for the rest of their lives upon the former's death.

This will also provide the opportunity for the dependents of the fallen War Heroes as well to receive their salaries and allowances for life. He expressed that

the requests of the families of War Heroes would be met and they do not need to resort to demonstrations adding that the true motive behind the protests is something else.

The President reminded that the current Government did not harass the protesters contrary to the practice in the past. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

About 270,000 MTs of vegetables, fruits wasted annually

Rs.20 billion annual loss to economy

In accordance with an audit conducted by the National Audit Office in 2015, the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) disclosed that about 270,000 metric tons of vegetables and fruits are being wasted annually and as a result, the loss to the Sri Lankan economy is around Rs.20 billion. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Plantation workers get increased wage

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Plantation companies have taken steps to pay workers a daily wage of Rs.1,000 approved by the Wage Management Board.

The basic daily salary of Rs.900 and an allowance of Rs.100 amounting to Rs.1,000 has been paid to workers. Earlier, estate workers were paid a daily wage of Rs.750 by the plantation companies.

In the last budget, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa proposed that the daily wage of a plantation worker be increased to Rs.1,000. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Justice must be done to Easter Sunday attack victims - Mannapperuma

SANDASEN MARASINGHE and CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Government has not done justice to the innocent victims of the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks though two years has lapsed since the incident, said Samagi Jana Balawegaya Parliamentarian Ajith Mannapperuma in Parliament yesterday.



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GCE A/Ls from October 4 to 30

The G.C.E. Advanced Level examination which was scheduled to be held in August 2021 will now be held from October 4 to October 30 this year, Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said yesterday.

Also, the Grade Five Scholarship Examination will be held on Sunday, October 3 and the GCE Ordinary Level Examination



is scheduled to begin in the last week of January 2022.

The Minister was addressing the media at the Ministry of Education, Battaramulla. Explaining the reasons for

the postponement the minister said due to the COVID-19 epidemic, it became difficult to fully cover the school curriculum.

"On average, a school operates 200 days a year. But this year it was active for about 150 days. It has been further reduced to 130 days in the Western Province". **▶ TO PAGE 02**

No UNP May Day rally this year

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

The United National Party (UNP) Working Committee has decided not to hold a May Day rally this year.

It has been decided to hold a meeting on May Day to commemorate the founding fathers of the party without much public participation and to broadcast it live on the internet.

The decision has been taken with the safety of the people in mind as the COVID-19 situation is yet to subside, a spokesman for the party said.

The United National Party celebrated May Day last year with a low key event which was broadcast online due to the pandemic.



Elect people who love country - Handunneththi

BHAKTHI MENDIS



Former Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) MP Sunil Handunneththi said the public should always elect people who love this country and have a

definite plan and a set of good policies to develop it as their political representatives.

He said it was not possible for a single person to take this country forward. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

FR petition challenges use of Sinopharm vaccine

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The People's Movement for the Rights of Patients (PMRP) yesterday filed a Fundamental Rights petition in the Supreme

Court seeking an Interim Order preventing the health authorities from utilizing the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine for COVID-19 in Sri Lanka. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Jaffna Mayor arrested

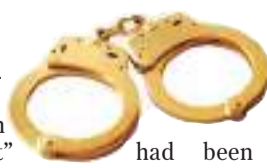
CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Jaffna Mayor V. Manivannan was arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) after he had deployed a new unit clad in uniform similar to the one worn by the LTTE "police unit" during the war.

Police Spokesman, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Ajith Rohana said that five individuals wearing uni-

forms similar to that worn by the LTTE "police unit" had been deployed for Jaffna Municipal Council work.

"A few days ago five persons clad in uniform had been deployed to the Jaffna Town in order to perform duties in respect of the Municipal Council and the Jaffna Police had received information regarding these five persons and the uniforms they were dressed in. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Drug peddler "Cheeti" arrested

SHAVINI MADHARA

Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana stated that the Special Task Force yesterday arrested wanted drug peddler Sarath Kumara alias "Cheeti".

"The 44-year-old suspect was arrested during a special raid carried out in Mulleriyawa. The suspect was found inside an underground bunker at a house," the DIG further stated.

"The suspect is believed to have been the mentor of notorious underworld leader Angoda Lokka, who is suspected to have died in India," he noted.

In addition, the arrested sus-

pect is the ninth suspect wanted in connection with the incident where Police STF seized 112 kilograms of heroin in the Weligama area last year," DIG Ajith Rohana added.

He stated that the suspect has nine pending cases on charges of robberies, ransoms and murders.

DIG Ajith Rohana further noted that the suspect had built an underground bunker in the house to hide from the police.

The STF is conducting further investigations. The suspect has been handed over to the Police Narcotics Bureau for further investigations.

No escape for Easter terror... From page 01

"In some instances, when intelligence services had identified persons who were directly involved in these extremist activities, they were simply brought to the police for a statement and then released. Who ordered these persons to be released?" he questioned.



tions. No matter who they are, those responsible will be brought before the law. I guarantee it," he added.

Minister Weerasekera categorically denied claims that the Defence Ministry or the intelligence services had paid wages to Zaharan or his disciples prior to 2015, adding that if anyone

can prove such allegations, they should come forward and do so instead of making irresponsible statements.

"After 2016 the Ibahim brothers had provided Zaharan Rs. 50 million to proceed from extremist ideology to extremist violence. Of that we recovered 30 million of that money from the possession of Zaharan and his disciples," he noted.

Prince Philip dies aged 99... From page 01

Flags were lowered to half-mast on royal and government buildings and a notice announcing his death pinned to the gates of Buckingham Palace.



in 2017 at the age of 96.

His death came just months before his 100th birthday in June - an event typically marked in Britain with a congratulatory message from the queen, who is now Britain's longest-serving monarch.

The couple, who celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary in November, had been living largely in isolation at Windsor Castle, west of London, because their advanced age put them at heightened risk from COVID-19.

Philip and the Queen received their first vaccinations against the virus in January. Philip was born on the island of Corfu with Danish and Greek royal titles. - AFP

Jaffna Mayor arrested... From page 01

The uniform worn by these five persons was similar to the uniforms worn by the LTTE "Police Unit" during the war," he added.

The Jaffna Police and the TID initiated investigations on instructions of the Minister of Public Security Rear Admiral Dr. Sarath Weerasekera. The statements of the Municipal Commissioner and others attached to the Municipal Council had also been recorded. Accordingly, the Police Spokesman said it had been revealed that the Jaffna Mayor is the person who had granted permission to recruit these five persons and the Jaffna Mayor himself had issued the uniforms.

"Thereafter, the Jaffna Police had

recorded other statements regarding the incident and last morning the Jaffna Police had arrested Jaffna Mayor Vishwalingam Manivannan in connection with the incident under the laws of the PTA and subsequent Gazette notification published on August 11th, 2011. According to the Gazette notification promulgated in terms of the provisions of the PTA No. 48 of 1979, the LTTE is a proscribed organization and in addition to that the uniforms and other symbols of the LTTE are prohibited and no one can promote the LTTE or their ideology," DIG Ajith Rohana said. The TID and the Jaffna Police are conducting investigations under the provisions of the PTA.

Plantation workers get... From page 01

After lengthy discussions between the Ministry of Labour, the plantation companies and the trade unions, the Wages Board decided to increase the daily wage of an estate worker to Rs.1,000.

The plantation workers expressing their views to the media regarding the payment of a salary of Rs.1,000 per day thanked the Government and the plantation unions for providing the much awaited salary increase.

CID commences probe... From page 01

Filing a 'B' report before Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court, the Anti-Human Smuggling Investigation Bureau (ASIB) attached to CID informed court that it has initiated an investigation against Parliamentarian Diana Gamage over a complaint that she had obtained a Sri Lankan passport after furnishing false information to the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration.



and making a false representation.

Oshala Herath had made a written complaint with CID on November 2, 2020 alleging that Parliamentarian Diana Gamage had fraudulently obtained an Official Sri Lankan passport without disclosing her British citizenship. The CID informed the court that they have already recorded a statement from the complainant in respect of his written complaint and further said his statement was accompanied by supporting documents.

According to the B report, the CID has recorded statements from officials attached to the Department of Immigration and Emigration, Thimbrigasaya and Dehiwela divisional secretariat offices and relevant Grama Niladhari officers in order to ascertain the authenticity of the documents furnished by the Parliamentarian including her birth certificate.

The CID has sought another date from the Court to report on the progress of the investigation.

Additional steps to maintain law and order - President... From page 01

President Rajapaksa made these remarks at the meeting of the Ministerial Consultative Committee meeting on Defence.

The Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence met under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Sri Jayewardeneputra Parliamentary Complex on Thursday (08).

This is the inaugural meeting of the Consultative Committee after the election of the current Parliament. The President chaired the meeting in his capacity as the Minister in charge of the subject who is usually the Chairman of the Committee. A number of issues such as National Security, Promotion of Law and Order, Salaries of War Heroes,

Drug eradication and Annual Reports of Institutions under the Ministry of Defence were discussed at the meeting.

Government MPs, Ministers and Opposition MPs were present at the meeting. Parliamentary officials noted that this was the first time in recent times that such a large number of Ministers and Parliamentarians attended the Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence.

Responding to a proposal made during the exchange of views on drug prevention, the President said that already a new National Policy on Drug Prevention has been formulated. It will be made available to the public soon. The President also pointed out the importance of using religious coun-

selling in the rehabilitation process of drug addicts.

With reference to a question arose on banning books containing ideas of religious extremism, the President said that the decision was not aimed at a specific religion but aimed at eradicating all forms of religious extremism.

President Rajapaksa emphasized the need to cultivate coconut or other suitable crops on unused lands belonging to the Security Forces and instructed the Heads of Security Forces to identify lands that could be used for this purpose.

State Minister of Defence Chamal Rajapaksa, Defence Secretary General (Retired) Kamal Gunaratne, Commanders of the Tri- Forces, the IGP



and Several high ranking officials of the Security Forces were also present at the discussion.

Following the meeting of Ministerial Consultative Committee on Defence, a commemorative volume compiled under the title 'Sivdesa Sureki Siu Wasara' to mark the

series of conferences organized island-wide on the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) was presented to the President by General Secretary of the Party, MP Sagara Kariyawasam and Media Secretary MP Sanjeeewa Edirimanne.

Rs.20 billion annual loss... From page 01

The above was mentioned at the COPA Committee chaired by Prof. Tissa Vitharana which was held recently at the Parliament Complex.



According to the report, the Post-Harvest Losses (PHL) on the vegetables and fruits in Sri Lanka is estimated at 30-40 percent.

The report further reveals that about 73% of the adult population of the country do not consume adequate amounts of vegetables and fruits and that the malnutrition level of children under the age of 5 is also approximately around 21%.

It was also revealed at the Committee on Public Accounts that Sri Lanka does not have a standard agricultural policy that covers the whole scope pertaining to the agricultural sector.

The fact that the last domestic agricultural policy formulated in 2019 is currently at the draft level and the need for an agricultural policy targeting the local and foreign markets was also brought to the attention of the Committee on Public Accounts.

The aforesaid was brought to light while taking into discussion the audit report regarding the Minimization of PHL of Vegetables and Fruits in Sri Lanka.

Another important area of focus of the Committee members was to establish an expeditious mechanism to prevent the unlimited profits made by middlemen causing a problem for both the local farmer and the consumer, minimizing post-harvest damage to vegetables and fruits in the country and the sale of agricultural products at reasonable prices.

The COPA Committee also pointed out that due to the lack of an extensive cultivation plan covering the island to meet the food demand of Sri Lankans, farmers have resorted to cultivating to their liking thus

resulting in over-harvesting of certain crops.

Though the Department of Agriculture is conducting a crop forecasting program every fortnight with a pre-announcement pertaining to the suitable vegetables to be cultivated for the next two weeks at present, it was noted that there was an inadequacy of the measures to resolve the said issue. Thus, the COPA Committee chair Prof. Tissa Vitharana instructed officials to pay further attention towards resolving the matter.

The Committee also paid attention towards obtaining the contribution of the District / Regional Agriculture Committees for this purpose; increasing the participation of agricultural officers engaged in the field of giving basic advice on cultivation plans related to vegetable and fruit cultivation, providing adequate training to a sufficient number of Agricultural Instructors, Agricultural Research and Production Assistants who are directly involved with farmers and farmers, minimizing the damage caused by the use of plastic crates during harvesting and transportation, the use of dehydration methods to reduce food waste, and formulating a proper mechanism to resolve the difference between wholesale prices in economic centers and retail prices in the surrounding area due to transportation costs as well as the large number of intermediaries.

The Committee chaired by Prof. Tissa Vitharana paid special attention to formulating a standard agricultural policy that protects both the farmer and the consumer of Sri Lanka.

State Ministers Duminda Dissanayake, Dayasiri Jayasekara, (Dr.) Sudarshini Fernandoopulle, Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Members of Parliament and a number of high-ranking officials were present.

Justice must be done to Easter... From page 01

He made these observations joining the Adjournment Motion on the report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the Easter Sunday Terror Attacks (Easter PCol) in Parliament for a sixth day.



Mannapperuma said that he could not play the same role of Ranjan Ramanayake though he was appointed to the Seat that fell vacant with the imprisonment of Ramanayake. He said that the environment is more polluted in the country than ever before.

He also said that the Government used the Easter Sunday attack to

come into power, remain in power and to suppress the issues of the people. He said that the people in the country are facing serious issues other than security of the country. He added that there is nothing for the people to consume. He added that all foods are not fit for human consumption.

He also said that the public servants are not in a position to serve the nation. He added that if the former Good Governance did not increase their salaries they would not have anything to consume. "This government is cheating the people. Now the people have realized the truth," he added.

FR petition challenges use of... From page 01

The PMRP, its President Louis Benedict and its Joint Secretary Christine Perera filed this petition naming Minister of Health Pavithra Wanniarachchi, State Minister of Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation, National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA) and its members and several others as respondents.

The Petitioners stated that it is the duty of the state to preserve the life, health and wellbeing of all its citizens. They said NMRA is made up of professionals and has been functioning as an independent body to ensure that efficacious safe and good quality medicine is available to the people.

The Petitioners further said during the pandemic, the NMRA appointed a panel of independent experts to conduct scientific evaluations of all COVID-19 vaccines.

The Petitioners said they got to know from media that a member of the NMRA, the nominee of the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians has been removed as he had opposed approval being given to use the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine for COVID-19 as there was insufficient data to evaluate its safety.

The petitioners further said as of the time of such removal, the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine had not yet been granted emergency use listing by NMRA and it appeared that no adequate data had been provided by the manufacturers of such vaccine regarding its safety and efficacy and details regarding clinical trials. The petitioners said the State Minister had made a fresh appointment to the said post.

However, petitioners said it appears to them that an expert medical panel of the NMRA had been established to consider granting approval to the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine but had not done so due to insufficient data being available to come to a decision on the safety, efficacy and immunogenicity of the Sinopharm vaccine. The petitioners said they are now aware that the several NMRA members have been removed and to date the requisite data to evaluate the safety and efficacy of the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine has not been received. The Petitioners said they believe that such a vaccine has been brought into the country without approval from the relevant experts authorized to do so.

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One of the obstacles to filling this gap with online education according to the minister was the lack of internet facilities in all parts of the island.

"Accordingly, discussions were held taking into consideration all aspects and the above decisions were reached," he added.



Rs.3.4 b bill for New Diamond... From page 01

In September 2020, the MT New Diamond's oil tanker crashed off the coast of Sri Lanka and the Attorney General had instructed the shipping company to pay the amount due to the pollution caused by the oil spill from the vessel.

Previously, the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) had sought the Attorney General's advice on taking legal action under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act in connection with the marine pollution caused by the oil spill from the vessel.

The Marine Environment Protection Authority was informed by the Attorney General to go to the location of the vessel and investigate whether the oil spill from the vessel had caused marine pollution in the area. Following that, the report on the damage caused to the marine environment due to the fire had been handed over to the Attorney General.

According to the evidence and observations submitted by the MEPA, the Attorney General maintains that it was clear that the oil spill was from

the vessel. At a previous occasion, the Greek company that owns the MT New Diamond' vessel paid Rs.442 million as initial compensation to local companies involved in extinguishing the fire.

The Navy, the Air Force, the Sri Lankan Port Authority, the Colombo Dockyard, MEPA (Marine Environmental Protection Authority) and the Coast Guard have all calculated the cost of extinguishing the fire that broke out on the vessel.

The 20 year old MT New Diamond crude oil tanker was transporting 270, 000 metric tons of crude oil from the port of Mina Al Ahmadi in Kuwait to the Indian port of Paradip when a fire broke out abroad in the eastern seas of Sri Lankan on September 3.

The vessel was sailing 38 nautical miles off Sangamankanda Point when it caught fire with an explosion in a boiler in the ship's main engine room.

A joint effort by the Sri Lanka Navy, Air Force and Indian Navy succeeded in extinguishing the fire.

Ridiyagama farm incurs... From page 01

COPE Chairman Prof. Charitha Herath pointed out that many problems have arisen due to the improper financial activities of the Board.

The COPE instructed the National Livestock Development Board to carry out its functions within the legal framework following proper guidelines.

State Minister Susil Premajayantha, Members of Parliament Eran Wickramaratne, Premnath C. Dolawatte and Shanakiyan Rasamanickam were present at the COPE meeting conducted to review the Auditor General's reports for the years 2016 and 2017 and the current performance of the National Livestock Development.

The Committee also drew attention towards the Annual Reports of the National Livestock Development Board from 2017 to 2020 not being tabled in Parliament. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the inability to table the Annual Reports is a major problem of the institution and directed the secretary to the State Ministry of Livestock and Farm Promotion and Dairy and Eggs Related Industries S. Senaratne to the expedite submission of the pending reports to Parliament.

The Committee stated that 166 vacancies had been vacant for some time and that action should be taken to fill those vacancies expeditiously. The Committee also expressed its dissatisfaction with the fact that several executive posts have been vacant for several years. The Committee observed that the Board did not have a Legal Officer and said that it was appropriate to create a new post and recruit a Legal Officer. It was revealed at the committee meeting that by December 31, 2016, buildings worth Rs. 194,565,192 and structures worth Rs. 701,358,733 had been constructed where the ownership of lands belonged to 24 farms had been

maintained by the Board from 1974 and 1992 without any formal acquisition.

The Committee disclosed that 12,617.43 hectares of land is owned together by National Livestock Development Board, Mahaweli Livestock Enterprises Ltd and Sri Lanka Poultry Development Company (Private) Limited whereby at the end of May 2019, the Livestock Development Board had 2,266.05 hectares, 9.7 hectares of Mahaweli Livestock Enterprises Ltd and 35.6 hectares Poultry Development Company (Private) Limited adding up to a total area of 2,311.35 hectares which remain unutilized land.

The Committee also drew attention to the fact that machinery capable of producing 3.75 tons of cattle feed owned by the National Livestock Development Board has been idle for several years.

Given that it was disclosed that the farms of Menikpalama, Dayagama and Ridiyagama, which have imported cattle, are in a situation where they are unable to cover at least the minimum direct cost, the Committee gave a directive to pay immediate attention to this matter.

The COPE instructed the Secretary to the State Ministry of Livestock and Farm Promotion and Dairy and Eggs Related Industries S. Senaratne to make a full review of the performance of the Wellard Project under the Board and to submit a full report to the COPE Committee as soon as possible.

The Committee also observed discrepancies in some accounts of the farms owned by the National Livestock Development Board and said those accounts should be re-examined.

National Livestock Development Board Chairman Manjula Magamage and other officials participated in this Committee meeting, the Parliament Communication Division stated in a communiqué.

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He emphasized that the country is now ruled by a group of businessmen who have gone beyond politics and that the political authorities are dancing to their tune taking decisions regarding the country's resources as well as the people's tax money as required by those businessmen.



He further stated that the politician will go to their respective electorates and become a fellow member of the village only during the election campaign period and after victory the people will have a hard time finding their political representative.

He was addressing a public meeting in Deniyaya.

Rs. 12 billion for new Kurunegala National Hospital construction

- Health Minister Wanniarachchi

The Kurunegala Teaching Hospital will be converted into a modern technological hospital at a cost of Rs. 12 billion, said Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi.

The Minister was speaking at a discussion held at the Ministry of Health yesterday regarding the construction of a new hospital in Kurunegala.

The Minister said that the hospital is located in Kurunegala where five main roads connect and is patronised by a large number of people from other districts.

"The Kurunegala General Hospital which covers an area of 35 acres is only second to the Colombo National Hospital and the Kandy Hospital. The Kurunegala General Hospital has 2,374 beds in 84 wards and units. There are six operating theatres and 65 clinics to treat various diseases. The hospital performs about 14,000 surgeries a year. The number of patients who came for treatment in 2020 was 165,875," Minister Wanniarachchi said.



Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Ports, Shipping, Roads and Highways Development Minister Johnston Fernando, State Minister of Pharmaceutical Supply and Regulation Prof. Channa Jayasumana and officials at the discussion.

"Therefore, the Prime Minister is also considering building a new hospital to replace the existing one in order to provide better health services to the people," Minister Wanniarachchi said.

Ports, Shipping, Roads and Highways Development Minister Johnston Fernando, State Min-

ister of Pharmaceutical Supply and Regulation Prof. Channa Jayasumana, Dr. Asela Gunawardena, Director General of Health Services, Janaka Sri Chandragupta and Dr. Sunil de Alwis, Additional Secretaries of the Ministry, Director of the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital and Health Ministry officials were present.

Indo-Lanka cooperation against terrorist entities

India and Sri Lanka have agreed to work jointly against the terrorist entities including Global Terrorist Groups and fugitives, wherever they are present and active.

The first delegation level virtual Police Chiefs' Dialogue between the Police Chiefs of India and Sri Lanka was held on Thursday (April 8, 2021) in a cordial and constructive environment, which is a hallmark of close and friendly relation between the two countries. The Indian delegation was led by the Director, Intelligence Bureau. Inspector

General of Police, Sri Lanka led his country's delegation.

While appreciating each other's ongoing action against the drug traffickers and other organised criminals exploiting the narrow sea route between the two countries, the two sides emphasized the need for sharing of real time intelligence and feedback. Both sides also agreed to work jointly against the terrorist entities including the Global Terrorist Groups and fugitives, wherever they are present and active.

It was decided to

strengthen the existing cooperation mechanisms, as well as designate 'nodal points' for timely and effective handling of existing as well as emerging security challenges.

The institution of Police Chiefs' Dialogue, assisted by the members of other security agencies on both sides, will further enhance the existing cooperation between the police forces of both countries and assist their efforts to ensure security of their people, the Indian High Commission in Colombo in a communique said.



The inaugural meeting of the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) appointed to ensure gender equality and to look into the discrimination against women in Sri Lanka chaired by State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID-19 Disease Control Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle was held in Parliament recently.

PSC on Gender Equality meets for first time

The Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) which was appointed to ensure Gender Equality and to look into the discrimination against women in Sri Lanka and present its recommendations to Parliament, met for the first time in Parliament recently.

The meeting was chaired by the State Minister of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID-19 Disease Control Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle.

The Committee also focused on the microfinance loans that are currently affecting a large number of women in Sri Lanka. It was also revealed that the Cabinet approval has been granted for the re-appointment of the Regulatory Authority in order to regulate Microfinance loans in Sri Lanka.

The role of the Select Committee was also discussed at length. Accordingly, it was decided that the primary role of the Committee should be to investigate wom-

en's grievances regarding all forms of discrimination based on gender, including workplace violence.

Another role of this committee is to examine and review relevant laws while establishing gender equality. The Committee will also encourage the relevant ministries and authorities to formulate plans for the establishment of gender equality and to allocate financial resources.

In addition, the Committee has a role to play in motivating for greater women's representation in decision-making bodies at the national and provincial levels, as well as in government, civil society and the private sector.

MPs Rohini Kavirathane, (Dr.) Harini Amarasuriya, M. Udayakumar, S. Sriharan, Rohana Bandara and the Secretary to the committee, Deputy Secretary General and Chief of Staff of the Parliament Kushani Rohanadheera were also present at the meeting.

Sri Lanka, New Zealand inaugurate Foreign Ministry Consultations

Enhanced trade, cooperation discussed

A wide range of matters of mutual interest were discussed at the First Round of Foreign Ministry Consultations between Sri Lanka and New Zealand held virtually on April 8, 2021.

The meeting was co-chaired by Acting Director General of the East Asia Division of the Foreign Ministry Rohana Ambagolla and the Divisional Manager, South and Southeast Asia Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand Andrew Needs.

Among the matters discussed were enhancing cooperation in multiple spheres ranging from trade, development cooperation, defence, people-to-people exchanges and education to sports and tourism. The



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two countries agreed to finalize a bilateral arrangement for establishing a constructive mechanism for enhancing trade and economic cooperation and for increasing bilateral exchanges in all areas of engage-

ment. The need for strengthening partnership on issues of shared interest in the international fora was also discussed. Sri Lanka welcomed the opening of the New Zealand High Commission in Colombo

later this year, highlighting it as an important milestone in the diplomatic relations between both countries, which would go a long way in expanding substantive interactions between Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

Senior officials of the Foreign Ministry and the Department of Commerce as well as diplomatic officers at the High Commission of Sri Lanka in Canberra, which is concurrently accredited to New Zealand, participated on behalf of Sri Lanka at the virtual meeting while New Zealand was represented by senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade and the Charge d'Affaires of New Zealand to Sri Lanka.

Diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and New Zealand were established in 1955 and the commencement of Foreign Ministry consultations has provided an ideal platform to review and expand existing bilateral partnership between the two countries.



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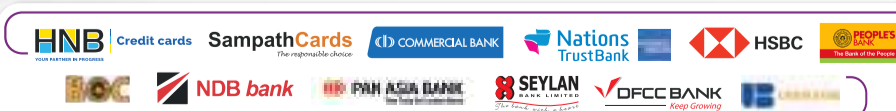
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A healthy move

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's pledge towards the creation of a robust health care system to benefit all citizens irrespective of their social status, covering all parts of the country, would be welcomed by all segments of society particularly the economically deprived. Addressing a gathering of doctors in Kandy on Thursday, the President stressed the need for the entire healthcare community including doctors and other healthcare professionals to work with the Government to address long-term problems. Medical professionals play a crucial role in our society. Their impact has been considerably heightened in the past year as a result of the pandemic. The President highlighted the numerous shortcomings he encountered during his visits to the rural areas in respect of delivery of healthcare and poor access to the health facilities for the rural populace. He said in some regions villagers had to travel 30 to 40 Kilometres to consult doctors and receive proper medical care. Hence, even though Sri Lanka has a free healthcare system these structural problems in the distribution of healthcare are a significant hurdle that should be overcome.

The President particularly stressed the need to improve healthcare delivery to the rural population and the careful attention of the medical community to guarantee good health to the entire population. After all, ensuring a healthy nation is one of the foremost goals outlined in his 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' Document.

The President's emphasis on uplifting healthcare facilities in the villages is but an echo of a perennial complaint made in this regard, most particularly about the state of rural hospitals. The President made reference to his *Gama Samaga Piliсандara* programmes during which he is able to obtain a first-hand glimpse of the problems faced by the rural community *vis-a-vis* healthcare delivery. Rural hospitals are in dire straits marked by a chronic dearth of doctors. There is a shortage of 4,000 doctors in the country mostly affecting rural hospitals which compelled the GMOA to demand that doctor's retirement age be upped from the present 61 years to 63. There is also an acute shortage of certain medicines. There is also overcrowding in rural hospitals highlighting the lack of space. Rural hospitals are given a wide berth by doctors depriving the rural community of being treated by competent specialists. Frequent strikes by doctors and medical staff cause considerable hardships to patients, most notably in rural hospitals.

In the interim, until all these ills are rectified in the long term, priority should be given to preventive health. A holistic approach is the need of the hour, where accent will be laid towards improving the health of the community obviating the need for medical care. In this respect attention should be paid to the nutritional needs of the rural community. A majority of children in villages are marked by their stunted growth. Morbidity is common among pregnant mothers in the estate community. It is only axiomatic that illnesses and disease spring from factors such as lack of nutrition and weak immune systems. Measures should be taken to cater to their nutritional needs and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Then half the battle would have been won. True, budgets reserve considerable financial provisions for nutritional needs of targeted communities. But it is also equally true that it is the rural population who are the most disease prone. Poverty levels too contribute to the lack of nutritional intake and unhealthy practices such as alcoholism. All these factors should be addressed if the goal of a healthy nation is to be achieved.

Meanwhile, the Government should address as a priority the issue of the shortage of doctors in the country. The problem, as already mentioned, is aggravated in the rural areas. The shortfall is bound to continue for some time, for according to the GMOA, many of those who pass their internships fail to join the State medical service in the first year. While the ratio of doctors in relation to population is 17 per 1,000 in most developed countries here it is less than one percent, according to reports. Attractive incentives should be provided for retaining our medical professionals. Steps should also be taken to recruit Lankan doctors serving abroad to meet the shortfall.

The impact of our medical professionals and other healthcare staff was amply showcased during the present health crisis. Their service, enduring much hardship and sacrifice at risk to their own lives stood out like a beacon for all professionals to emulate. The full value of their contribution will only be known once the country comes out of the present nightmare.

It is time that our health service is restructured in a way that would benefit all segments of the community as desired by the President. It is only the haves that receive the best attention courtesy private hospitals while those who could ill afford the costs are left in the lurch and condemned to suffer. This anomaly should be removed in a country which prides itself on its free healthcare service. Work should get started right away in redressing the balance to provide equal treatment (pun intended) to all.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Good health can be an extremely valuable savings account. - Anne Wilson Schaefer

New narco-terrorism network takes shape in South Asia

Sugeeswara Senadhira



Indian security officials believe the interception of a Sri Lankan boat carrying 300 kilograms of heroin, five AK-47 guns and ammunition off the coast of Vizhinjam in Kerala in South India on March 25 points to a network of narco-terrorism with strong links to a group in Sri Lanka. The Indian officials told the media the network of narco-terrorism has created sleeper cells in Sri Lanka and other neighbouring countries, and exports drugs to foment trouble. They added that the drug income is then used to fund illegal activities, including extremist activities.

The Indian Coast Guard and the Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB) found heroin worth Rs 3,000 crores (LKR 720 million) stashed in the boat along with AK-47 rifles and 1,000 rounds of 9 mm ammunition. "A number of incriminating documents were also seized from the occupants of the vessel," said the NCB, adding that six Sri Lankan nationals were arrested.

The investigations so far have revealed that an unknown vessel carried the heroin and arms consignment from Chabahar Port, Iran, and handed it over to the Sri Lankan fishing boat, Ravihansi, in the high seas near Lakshadweep. Ravihansi then attempted to traffic the consignment to Sri Lanka when the Indian authorities intercepted it. NCB officials said that earlier, Sri Lankan authorities, too, had seized drugs worth Rs 2.5 billion that had been smuggled from the Gwadar port.

Sri Lanka has become a vulnerable transshipment hub for Transnational Organised Crime (TOC) since the Tiger terrorists commenced drug trafficking and money laundering in the 1980s. The LTTE smuggled drugs to raise money for arms and ammunition. However, after establishing links with Norway, Canada and few other Western countries the LTTE transferred its drug money into legitimate businesses in the West.

Organised crime and new terrorism

That was the era in which the distinctions between organised crime and new terrorism, as distinguished from old terrorism in cause and effect, have increasingly become blurred. According to A. P. Wickramasekara, a Sri Lankan researcher at Naval Postgraduate School in California, referring to the convergence of TOC and new terrorism in Sri Lanka proposed three hypotheses.

First, new terrorism often avails itself of the means and methods of organised crime. Second, increasing TOC and the existing ethnic and religious disharmony pose a national security risk in Sri Lanka, increasing its vulnerability to new terrorism. Third, a lack of national strategies has prevented Sri Lanka from harnessing the instruments of national power to the fullest effect.

A case study evaluates al Qaeda and the Abu Sayyaf Group as potential examples of a TOC-new terrorism nexus. The thesis statistically proves the increasing TOC trends and provides evidence on the emerging roots of Islamic radicalization that might lead to new terrorism, which could cause serious threats for the national security of Sri Lanka.

Dr. Dhruvajyoti Bhattacharjee of the Indian Council of World Affairs pointed out that terrorism stands out to be a method of combat in which random or symbolic victims serve as instrumental targets of violence.

In his research paper, *Narco-Terrorism and South Asia*, he said Narco-terrorism could be defined as the "use of organised terror to secure control over a state by another state or organised criminal networks or by insurgents or by a combination of any or all of them to achieve fixed political, economic or social objectives based on organisational and financial empowerment through drug trafficking".

The involvement of the LTTE in narcotic transactions in the 1980s included bulk delivery of heroin and cannabis from producing areas in Asia via transit points to destinations in consuming countries, conveying relatively small consignments of heroin concealed in personal baggage from suppliers in Asian countries to intermediary contact persons in the Middle East, North Africa, South Africa and western countries, the operation of drug distribution networks dealing in consuming regions or countries and working as couriers between dealers and distributors.



The Ravihansi vessel.



Sri Lankan boat intercepted by India.

Contraband trade between India and Sri Lanka

Contraband trade between India and Sri Lanka has, for long, been a lucrative commercial enterprise, controlled, for the most part, by gangs operating from both sides of Palk Strait. While Velvetiturai is considered to have served as the foremost centre of the smugglers from Sri Lanka, on the Indian side, Chennai, Tuticorin, Pattukotai, Rameshwaram, Tiruchendur, Ramnad, Nagapatnam, Cochin and a host of smaller localities inhabited by fishing communities have figured prominently among the smuggler bases and hideouts.

The experts say although terrorism is not a recent phenomenon and has been playing an important role in the world since the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, terrorism since the 1960s is the child of the war created by the imperialist powers. The current Islamic terrorism is by and large a byproduct of the conflicts initiated by Western powers to control countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya and Iran.

The Indian Coast Guard seizure of the drugs and arms consignment on March 25 was not the first such instance. Early March, there was another seizure. Indian security sources told media that one Dubai-based smuggler was working for a multinational drug smuggling racket, and the money from this has been used to create unrest, and fund extremism. They said the money was used for the 2019 Sri Lanka Easter bombings, fuelling the farmer protest in India. According to Rakesh Asthana, the Director-General of the NCB, this network has cells in Sri Lanka, Maldives, Dubai, and East Africa.

In January this year, M. M. M. Nawas, a Sri Lankan national was arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau along with his compatriot Mohamed Afnas for alleged involvement in an international drug trafficking racket. They had travelled to Gulf nations on a fake Indian passport.

"Investigations are underway to determine the facts. Both were living in Chennai under assumed

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identities after they fled Sri Lanka," a Customs official said. "Nawas is wanted for an attempt to murder the Sri Lankan narcotics control bureau's inspector, Rangajeeva, on May 9, 2017. He went underground thereafter," the official added. Nawas is said to be a key associate of Kanjipani Imran, now lodged in jail.

The accused arranged vessels to transport drug consignments from the Gwadar port through maritime routes to transit points in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Payments were made through the 'hawala' channel via Dubai.

Imran worked with Sri Lankan underworld figure Makandure Madhush. Madhush was killed in a crossfire between the police and some drug peddlers in October last year. They had earlier operated from Dubai, where they were arrested in 2019 and extradited to Sri Lanka. "In the recent past, some point-men for drug smugglers in Sri Lanka have been found operating from Tamil Nadu," Indian security officials said, adding that a probe was underway to find out if Nawas had developed links with local criminal gangs for logistics support.

Last year, the drug enforcement agencies found that another Sri Lankan national, Angoda Lokka, a notorious drug trafficker and associate of Madhush, had been living in India since 2017. He died under mysterious circumstances in Coimbatore in July 2020. Lokka had fled Sri Lanka following an attack on a prison bus in February 2017, in which rival gang leader 'Samayan' was killed along with five other jail inmates and two prison officials. According to Indian NCB, the drug trafficking network involving Nawas has links in Afghanistan, Iran, the Maldives and Australia.

The Indian Coast Guard and NCB announced that there were six Sri Lankans in the boat 'Ravihansi' seized with heroin, five AK-47 guns and ammunition had on March 25, off the coast of Vizhinjam in Kerala. The suspects, L.Y. Nandana, H.K.G.B. Dassapriya, A.H.S. Gunasekara, S. A. Senarath, T. Ranasingha and D. Nissanka were remanded to judicial custody.



Seized 300 kg of heroin, five AK-47 guns and ammunition.

ON MY WATCH

BY LUCIEN RAJAKARUNANAYAKE

The United States and Iran have begun indirect talks in Vienna this week aimed at reviving the landmark 2015 nuclear deal.

The Vienna discussions, the most important indirect talks between Iran and the US on the deal for two years, are being conducted by the remaining signatories to the deal: Iran, France, Germany, the UK, China and Russia.

The new US special envoy on Iran, Rob Malley, has travelled to Vienna, but will not actually attend the talks, instead being available to provide input via the three European delegations.

The Iranian delegation is led by Iran's deputy Foreign Minister, Abbas Araghchi, a graduate of the University of Kent and a veteran of the talks that produced the landmark 2015 deal.

Both sides said Tuesday's talks would determine if there was a pathway to a settlement, but would not reach a settlement themselves, something that may take many months.

The last time Iran and the US came so close to resuming talks was at the UN general assembly in New York in 2019 when the Iranian President, Hassan Rouhani, rejected a French-led plan for the US and Iran to come back into mutual compliance. In response to the US decision to impose sanctions, Iran has taken a series of steps away from the deal, and is due in May to decide whether to allow UN weapons inspectors to visit its nuclear sites.

Ahead of the talks, the Iranian foreign ministry spokesman insisted the US could not attend the Joint Commission – the grouping that oversees the deal – and there would be no discussion of the possible step-by-step sequencing of how the two sides came back into the agreement.

He said the bulk of the discussions would be technical as well as legal. Iran has insisted there is no possibility of step-by-step discussions, arguing there is only one step: the removal of Trump's sanctions.

Joe Biden's administration wants to revive the accord but has said that this requires negotiations, partly because there are many different categories of sanctions, including some imposed unrelated to the nuclear deal, but linked to other deemed Iranian offences such as terrorism, missile procurement or human rights abuses.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps for instance has been designated as a terrorist organisation under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act of 2017. The Central Bank of Iran is also sanctioned for being a distribution point to groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

The presence of representatives from the Iranian Central Bank, the Iranian national oil company and the Atomic Energy Authority of Iran at the talks underlines the complexity of the technical task ahead in distinguishing sanctions linked to the deal and those that are not.

The Biden administration would also like Tehran to agree to hold wider talks about lengthening and strengthening the existing deal, something Tehran implacably opposes. The US appears to have accepted that this discussion is for a later date.

Both sides have difficult domestic audiences in their parliaments watching for any sign of backsliding. The Iranians are also expected to have national elections later this year, which could have a major impact on these talks, if not concluded earlier.

US warns China

The United States on Wednesday warned China against what the Philippines and Taiwan see as increasingly aggressive moves, reminding Beijing of Washington's obligations to its partners.

"An armed attack against the Philippines' armed forces, public vessels or aircraft in the Pacific, including in the South China Sea, will trigger our obligations under the US-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty," State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters.

"We share the concerns of our Philippine allies regarding the continued reported massing of PRC maritime militia near the Whitsun Reef," Price said, referring to the People's Republic of China.

More than 200 Chinese boats were first spotted on March 7 at Whitsun Reef, around 320 kilometres (200 miles) west of Palawan Island in the contested South China Sea, although many have since scattered across the Spratly Islands.

China, which claims almost the entirety of the resource-rich sea, has refused weeks of appeals by the Philippines to withdraw the vessels, which Manila says unlawfully entered its exclusive economic zone.

Tensions have also risen with Taiwan, which Beijing claims as part of China, with the self-governing democracy on Wednesday reporting that 15 more of the mainland's planes crossed into the island's air defense zone.

Price voiced "concern" about the Chinese moves, saying: "The United States maintains the capacity to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security or the social or economic system of the people on Taiwan."

He was using language from the Taiwan Relations Act, under which the United States is obliged to provide the island with the means to defend itself against Beijing.

President Joe Biden has vowed a robust defense of allies and, in a rare point of continuity with his predecessor Donald Trump, has supported strong pushback against Chinese assertiveness.

Netanyahu again?

Israel's president has nominated the Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, to try to form a government following the latest inconclusive election, but voiced doubt that any candidate can forge a majority coalition.

Netanyahu has criminal charges on corruption, and his case began in the court this week. The Israeli laws permit such a person to be prime minister and head a government.

"I have come to a decision based on the numbers of recommendations (from lawmakers), which indicates that Benjamin Netanyahu has a slightly higher chance of forming a government," President Reuven Rivlin said.

In Rivlin's consultations with party leaders following the March 23 vote, Netanyahu was backed by 52 lawmakers elected to Israel's 120-seat Parliament, the Knesset.

The Opposition Leader, Yair Lapid, earned 45 endorsements. There were 16 abstentions and rightwing nationalist Naftali Bennett secured seven votes from his own Yamina party.

"The results of the consultations, that were open to all, lead me to believe that no candidate has a realistic chance of forming a government that will have the confidence of the Knesset," Rivlin said. "In fact, if the law would allow me to do so, I would give the decision back to the representatives of the people."

President Rivlin referred directly to the misgivings of many Israelis about having Netanyahu try to form a government as he stands trial on corruption charges.

"I know the position held by many, that the president should not give the role to a candidate that is facing criminal charges, but according to the law and the decision of the courts, a prime minister can continue in his role even when he is facing charges."



The Meeting of the Joint Commission of the Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in Vienna to discuss the latest developments in the nuclear agreement.

US-IRAN LAUNCH INDIRECT TALKS IN VIENNA



Benjamin Netanyahu

Russian President Vladimir Putin

Alexei Navalny

Netanyahu, Israel's longest serving premier with a record 12 consecutive years in office, will have at least 28 days to negotiate a coalition agreement, a daunting task in Israel's deeply divided legislature.

Myanmar

The violence by the Myanmar junta against protesters continued this week with at least 581 killed, and more than 2,700 injured, with more international calls for the junta to curb its violence against citizens.

Myanmar's ambassador to the UK has been locked out of his country's Embassy in London, weeks after he broke with the military government by calling for the release of detained leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Protesters in several townships in Yangon are asking the public not to celebrate the annual water festival called 'Thingyan', until the country's democracy is restored. The festival is scheduled for April 13-16 and marks the beginning of the country's lunar New Year.

Myanmar's junta has placed at least 100 celebrities on its wanted list for allegedly inciting protests against its seizure of power, taking aim at those with big social media followings.

Security Forces launched a morning raid using heavy arms in the township of Kalay in the country's northwest, killing at least eight civilians. Kalay is close to the border with the Indian states of Manipur and Mizoram. There are reports of increased numbers of Myanmar citizens, including police personnel escaping to Mizoram in India, and the people in Mizoram welcoming them, defying government calls to send them back to Myanmar.

The Myanmar-based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners says 581 people have been killed by Security Forces since the Feb. 1 coup, with 2,750 people currently detained.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian says the European Union is preparing sanctions that can "be applied very quickly" against the Myanmar military's economic interests.

Security Forces have arrested one of Myanmar's best-known comedians, the Associated Press reports, amid a crackdown on those the junta considers to be inciting protests. The comedian known as Zarganar, who is 60 and has a history of activism, was taken from his home in

Yangon on Tuesday. Meanwhile, some protesters splashed red paint around the country's largest city, as a reminder that the junta has blood on its hands. Earlier authorities broke up a protest by medical workers in Mandalay.

Internet access in Myanmar has been restricted for a 51st straight night, according to NetBlocks, which describes itself as the "Internet's Observatory."

US aid to Palestine

The Biden administration has resumed U.S. assistance to the Palestinians, including to the U.N. agency that deals with Palestinian refugees, nearly all of which had been eliminated by former President Donald Trump.

The State Department announced it would provide a total of \$235 million to projects in the West Bank and Gaza as well as to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, or UNRWA. The administration had previously announced \$15 million for the Palestinians to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The resumption in assistance has raised concerns in Congress from pro-Israel lawmakers who say the money may violate U.S. law.

The Associated Press has previously reported that the administration notified Congress of its intent to ramp up aid to the Palestinians, but until Wednesday it had not publicly acknowledged any assistance other than that for COVID-19. The new assistance comes as the administration cements a new Mideast policy that in many ways is directly opposite of the one pursued by Trump.

"The United States is pleased to announce that, working with Congress, we plan to restart U.S. economic, development, and humanitarian assistance for the Palestinian people," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. He said the money includes \$75 million in economic and development assistance in the West Bank and Gaza, \$10 million for peacebuilding programmes and \$150 million for UNRWA.

Blinken sought to forestall congressional criticism by saying that "all assistance will be provided consistent with U.S. law," but Republican members of Congress are already gearing up to fight the aid.

Blinken maintained U.S. support was key to advancing American interests in the region. "U.S. foreign assistance for the Palestinian people serves important U.S. interests and values," he said. "It provides critical relief to those in



Police in Myanmar used water cannons and rubber bullets on protesters.

great need, fosters economic development, and supports Israeli-Palestinian understanding, security coordination and stability. It also aligns with the values and interests of our allies and partners."

The Biden administration has made no secret of its belief that Trump's approach to the Mideast, which alienated the Palestinians, was flawed and made prospects for peace less likely. The new assistance appears aimed at encouraging the Palestinians to return to negotiations with Israel, though there is no indication it will have that effect and Israel has yet to weigh in publicly.

Already, a handful of Republicans are preparing to challenge the aid, maintaining that it violates the so-called Taylor Force and the Anti-Terrorism Clarification acts, both of which passed with strong bipartisan support.

President Putin

Russian President Vladimir Putin has given final approval to legislation allowing him to hold office for two additional six-year terms, giving himself the possibility to stay in power until 2036.

The 68-year-old Russian leader, who has already been in power for more than two decades, signed off on the bill Monday, according to a copy posted on the government's legal information portal.

Putin proposed the change last year as part of constitutional reforms that Russians overwhelmingly backed in a vote in July. Lawmakers approved the new bill last month.

The legislation will allow Putin to run in presidential elections again after his current and second consecutive term expires in 2024.

Putin was first elected president in 2000 and served two consecutive four-year terms. His ally Dmitry Medvedev took his place in 2008, which critics saw as a way around Russia's limit on two consecutive terms for presidents.

While in office, Medvedev signed off on legislation extending terms to six years starting with the next president. Putin then returned to the Kremlin in 2012, winning re-election in 2018.

Kremlin opponents have criticised the legislation allowing him to run for two more terms, calling it a pretext to allow Putin to become "president for life".

Critic Navalny

Alexei Navalny, the strong critic of President Putin and the Kremlin, has two herniated discs in his back and is losing feeling in his hands, his lawyers have said, as concerns mount about the opposition leader's health in a Russian prison.

Olga Mikhailova, a lawyer for him, confirmed that he had been placed in a prison sick ward and had undergone an MRI after complaining of numbness and pain in his legs and back. She said a doctor had told Navalny about the herniated discs, calling them "difficult to treat".

Navalny remained feverish and still had a pronounced cough, she said, though his temperature had gone down from 102F (39C) to 99F. Tests had not yet shown that he had contracted coronavirus or tuberculosis, Mikhailova added.

Navalny has continued a hunger strike that he began last week due to what he has called substandard medical care in the IK-2 correctional facility, where he is serving a two-and-a-half year sentence for embezzlement. He has called the sentence revenge for his political opposition to the Kremlin.

Mikhailova said Navalny's condition may have been exacerbated by the poor medical care provided to him in the IK-2 prison colony. Navalny has repeatedly complained that he has not been allowed to see a specialist of his choosing, a right he says he is entitled to by law.

Mikhailova said she believed that prison authorities were afraid that a visiting specialist would show that "their awful treatment led to the deterioration in his health".

It is reported that Navalny was still on hunger strike and was losing approximately 1kg a day.

Navalny was poisoned with a novichok nerve agent last year in an attack that left him fighting for his life. After receiving treatment in Berlin, he returned to Russia in January, where he was arrested for violating his parole and sentenced to prison.

COVID spread and vaccines

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread and there is a major debate on the AstraZeneca vaccine used in many countries, including the Third World. There are reports of blood clots in some people who had been vaccinated with it, very small numbers compared to the millions vaccinated. Some European countries have stopped its use, others have stopped giving it to people over 65 years, and in other countries it is not being given to young people between 18 and 25 years.

The spread of COVID-19 is worst in Brazil with the daily death toll rising to above 4,000 and leading to a major political issue, with President Jair Bolsonaro strongly opposed to lockdown measures to contain COVID-19, as experts warned a large-scale stay-at-home was "absolutely necessary" to slow a deadly surge of the coronavirus.

The far-right president has defied expert advice on containing the pandemic, criticising lockdowns, face masks and vaccines even as the virus has claimed more than 340,000 lives in Brazil – second only to the United States.

The situation in India is also worsening with a record 115,736 new coronavirus infections midweek, taking the total to more than 12.8 million cases, data from the health ministry showed.

The death toll in the world's third-worst-hit nation after the United States and Brazil reached 166,177, including 630 new fatalities, the most in four days.

With cases continuing to surge in many parts of the country, authorities have announced strict restrictions to curb the spread of the virus. On Tuesday, the capital New Delhi imposed a night curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. until April 30, with only essential services or people travelling to and from vaccination centres allowed on the streets.

The new Secretary General of Amnesty International, Agnes Callamard, has said: "At this point in the COVID-19 pandemic, even the most deluded leaders would struggle to deny that our social, economic and political systems are broken." She said that most governments have "failed the most vulnerable, the poorest and women".

The Guardian (UK) recently reported that rich countries with 14% of the world's population have secured 53% of the best vaccines.

"The Moderna vaccine will go to rich countries exclusively; it is not even being offered to the poor. In fact, nine out of 10 people in poor countries may never be vaccinated at all. Washington is sitting on vaccines, making sure no one gets any while the US needs them. The European Union had exported 34m doses to, of all places, Singapore, Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong – countries that have no problem sourcing or paying for vaccines."

"The wealthiest western nations have wiped their hands of any responsibility to slow a pandemic they helped spread."

The Director General of the World Health Organisation has warned that the world was on the brink of a "catastrophic moral failure": But the west has passed the brink a long time ago.

COVID-19 global infections and deaths at midweek were 133,229,961 and 2,890,163. The key country figures were: US - 30,923,294 (559,117), Brazil - 13,193,205 (340,776) and India - 12,926,574, (166,862). The spread in France has led to a major lockdown, and in Italy too there are heavy restrictions of Easter celebrations.

Opposition shedding crocodile tears over Easter attacks: Sisira

The Opposition members who held press briefings without any guilt in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attacks are now shedding crocodile tears, Indigenous Medicine Promotion State Minister Sisira Jayakody said in Parliament yesterday. He was replying to SJB MP Ajith Mannapperuma during the Adjournment



Motion on the report submitted by the Presidential Commission investigating the Easter attacks. The state minister said that the Good Governance Government had enough opportunities to prevent the attacks, but allowed nearly 300 people to die. He added that those who did not take any action to

prevent the attacks were equally responsible as those who carried them out. Jayakody said that those who wanted to come to power in any way were assisted by extremists and separatists in order to bring about destruction. During their tenure, the Opposition was given very few seats, he added. The state minister pointed out that back then, the former government tactically took over the Parliamentary committees. Extremists

were then appointed to commissions, thereby weakening national security, he added. He added that thereafter, during former government's tenure, room was created for separatists and Islamic extremists funded by foreign influences. "These are the serious damages caused by the UNP and their Good Governance Government. They allowed extremists to come into the country," Jayakody said. MP Wijeyadasa Rajapakse said in

2016 that ISIS was in Sri Lanka. Mujibur Rahuman said that he was trying to create tension and Rajapakse was subsequently removed from his ministerial portfolio, the state minister said. Rajapakse also said that Azath Salley had connections with the Easter Sunday attacks' culprits, but the Good Governance Government did not punish him; they appointed him as the Western Province Governor, he added.

The state minister said that the then government also weakened state intelligence and harassed the military. He added that most of the members of the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Easter Sunday attacks were found to be close relatives of those accused of the attacks. Jayakody said the same Select Committee had members who had taken money from the suspects.



Message of Appreciation

In memory of late

Mrs Dhammika Ranjani Wijetilleke,

we wish to place on record our sincere gratitude to all those who assisted us in numerous ways during this difficult time.

A special word of gratitude to Dr. Lye of the Kidney Centre - Singapore, Dr. Chula Herath, Dr. Nawaratnam and all Medical Consultants as well as the medical teams and hospital staff of Nawaloka Hospitals and Asiri Centre Hospitals.

Dayasiri rebuffs reports on textile import ban

The State Minister of Batik, Handloom and Local Apparel Products Dayasiri Jayasekara refuted media reports claiming a ban on the importation of textiles.

Responding to a question raised by MP Heshu Withanage in Parliament yesterday, he said that he had only spoken regarding a ban on imported batik in order to safeguard the local batik industry.

The minister noted that large-scale importation of printed batik is a major blow to the local batik industry, adding that the same procedure would be followed in the future regarding import of handloom materials as well.

However, he said that the media had totally distorted his statement and published that a ban had been imposed on importation of textiles.



such institutes have already been set up across the country.

Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara stated that a programme to address the shortage of raw materials for the batik industry will be launched from next year.

He pointed out that the shortage of artisans, market issues, technical problems as well as the financial shortage are also contributory factors leading to the closure of some of the handloom textile centres locally, adding that discussions are underway with the Local Government Authorities to address these issues in order to revive the Batik industry.

As a sign of support for the local batik industry, Minister Jayasekara urged all Parliamentarians to wear locally produced batik clothing at least on one day of Parliament sittings.

about 11,000 batik manufacturers in the country at present, adding that the ministry has sufficient funds and plans to develop this industry. Accordingly, one batik production training centre will be opened in each district and 200



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Rs.195.2 million used for athletics development in 2019: Namal

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Namal Rajapaksa revealed in Parliament yesterday that Rs.195.2 million was set aside in 2019 for the development of athletics in Sri Lanka.

He said out of that, the amount allocated for government schools was Rs.127.8 million. He said this in response to a question raised by Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana.

Minister Namal Rajapaksa said there are 25 sports academies in the country, and that it is for the first time that funds have been allocated for the welfare activities of the children attending these academies.

"The mechanism for recruiting students to these sports academies was to select students from Grade 8 up. However, children were not chosen for these sports schools based on their aptitude for sports. Therefore, for the first time the Sports Ministry has intervened and



we have taken steps to allocate funds for the welfare activities of the children of these sports academies," Minister Rajapaksa said.

He also said that in addition, 150 schools have been identified and a mechanism has been set to recruit around 20 children who are good in sports. "There is a

wrong notion that when you say Sports University, children only follow sports there. That is not so. Children can pursue their sporting career, but they should also engage in other academic activities."

Meanwhile, MP Buddhika Pathirana pointed out that the activities of some sports associations were problematic and urged the Sports Minister to look into their activities. In response, Minister Namal Rajapaksa said that a systematic programme has been initiated to monitor the activities of all sports associations.

1st Death Anniversary



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Not a single moment goes by without you in our thoughts, Life only gets livable knowing and believing you are watching over us always. Forever in our hearts.

Deeply mourned by - Patricia Kanthi Wijesinghe (wife), Iraj De Silva (son), Roshane De Silva (daughter), Joel Outschoorn (son-in-law) and relatives.

Diyawanna Oya polluted by sewer water: Speaker



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said that the water in the Diyawanna Oya has been polluted by sewage systems.

He said that according to reports, it has been revealed that several sewage systems had been directed to the Diyawanna Oya. He added it has not yet been revealed as to who and where it had been done, yet is to be investigated. Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga requested the Speaker to appoint a committee to investigate the incident. The topic was brought up in Parliament when Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa complained that the government had not initiated an inquiry into the incident.

Rishad calls for investigation into alleged use of Sathosa vehicles by extremists

MP Rishad Bathiudeen called for an extensive investigation into the allegations levelled by a minister stating that the explosives used by Zaharan Hashim had been transported in vehicles owned by Sathosa.

Raising a Point of Order in Parliament yesterday, he urged the Speaker to look into the validity of the statement, adding that it would bring discredit to the institution. "I urge an investigation to be conducted to determine whether

there is any truth to the claims that the Easter attacks culprits had transported bombs in Sathosa vehicles," he said.

In response, Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena said that he had already initiated a forensic audit into Sathosa and other institutions. He noted that if it were revealed that anyone was involved in using vehicles of Sathosa or other institutions for such purposes, they would be dealt with.

Ajith Mannapperuma sworn in as MP

A. Ajith Kumara Mannapperuma of the Gampaha Electorate was sworn in as a Member of Parliament yesterday before Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

He signed the Member Roll kept by Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake in accordance with Standing Order 05.

The Elections Commission has decided to appoint Mannapperuma to

fill the seat left vacant by Ranjan Ramana-yake's vacant seat in Parliament. The special gazette notification with his name as a Member of Parliament was issued yesterday.

He served as the Mayor of the Gampaha Municipal Council from 2002 to 2009 and represented the Western Provincial Council from 2009 to 2013. In 2015, he contested from the Gampaha District under the United National Party and entered Parliament.



Newly-appointed MP Ajith Mannapperuma signing the Member Roll.



Oram Dental Care organised a two-day dental workshop titled 'Mastering Root Canal Shaping Protocols with Modern Approach' at Hotel Taj Samudra, recently. The event was spearheaded by Restorative Consultants Dr. Srimeven Samarakoon, Dr. Chanaka Nuwan Dissanayake, Dr. Uthpala Malwatte, along with Oram Chairman Jabir Sally.

Obituaries

LUCIAN BARCLAY REBERA, died peacefully at Southampton General Hospital of a Blood Cancer and Sepsis on Sunday 21st March with all his children at his bedside. He was 75 years of age. Beloved father of Adrian, Julian, Jayne, Karen & Rovienna (1st Marriage). His 2nd wife Sue and their children Michael, Rachelle and Natalie, son of the late Guy & Ruby Rebera of Dehiwela, Sri Lanka and England. Brother of Ron, Joan, Peter (England) & Noel (now in Melbourne Australia) and the late Ashley, Darrel, Brian and Merril Rebera. Funeral will take place on Friday 23rd April. Service is at 1.00 p.m. at **Freemantle Evangelical Church, Southampton, England**, Burial is at 2.30 p.m. at **Hollybrook Cemetery, Shirley, Southampton, England**. 027122

MOHAMED FARIZ JIFFRY (CEO of Creasy Foods) E.B. Creasy and Co. PLC and the President of the Islamia Home for Needy & Orphan Children, son of late Hashim Jiffry and Sithy Kadija, beloved husband of Areeza Jiffry, loving father of Fareez and Asif, caring brother of Ameena, Ferial, Hussien Flyle and the late Fazal and Fathima Zohara, brother-in-law of Ahmed, Areez, Faisz, Farook, the late MJA Saheed and Farahana, father-in-law of Zafir and Shifaath, expired on the 4th of April 2021 at his residence. 027791

SHIROMI PERERA (nee **ABEYWARDENE**), called to Eternal Rest. Everloving wife of Dhanushka Perera, beloved daughter of Esme Rita Abeywardene and late Maxwell Luke Abeywardene, sister of Malcolm, Marlene, Myrna, Mohan, Nimal, Ravi & Susantha, sister-in-law of Nirmala, Mahesh, late William, Suzanne, Gwendoline, Nishani, Shakila, Surekha, Vijitha and Charindu, daughter-in-law of Ramya & Jinadasa Perera, aunt of Nirosha & Shalindra, Maheshini & Eranga, late Suresh, Kristina, Dilan, Kevin, Shanelle and Brian, grandaunt of Jenul. Cortege leaves residence **18, Charles Place, Dehiwela** at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday 10th April for Burial at Mount Lavinia Cemetery. 027650

My No: RG/NB/11/2/21/2018/82/ea

NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the land described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Colombo, 09.04.2021 to 23.04.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 30.04.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 148 of volume 220 of Division A of the Land Registry Colombo in Colombo District	All that divided and defined of the land Lot No. 4 and Ass No. 34 in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the North by : Pickerings Road and the property of Andrew Fernando East by : Path South by : Land belonging to C. David and others West by : The property of Andrew Fernando and field belonging to John Asserappa Extent : A:00 R:01 P:12.83	01. Deed of Transfer No. 20 written and attested by T.E.D. Pieris, Notary Public on 12.10.1933. 02. Deed of Declaration No. 27 written and attested by T.E.D. Pieris, Notary Public on 13.02.1934.

W.M.M.B. Weerasekara
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3,
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,
Battaramulla.

Navy arrests two persons with explosives used for blast fishing

Naval personnel have carried out special operations in the Eastern Naval Command during the past week, with a view to prevent illegal fishing practices conducted using commercial explosives. During these operations, the Navy arrested two suspects with several commercial explosives devised for blast fishing, the Navy stated in a communiqué recently.

The use of explosives for fishing by certain individuals can wreak havoc on the biodiversity and survival of the marine environment, destroying marine life and coral reefs. This illegal fishing method practiced by certain individuals deals a deadly blow on the law-abiding fishing community and has a major impact on the depletion of fish stocks, the statement read.

Accordingly, the Sri Lanka Navy will continue to focus on the conservation of biodiversity and survival of the marine environment and remains to crack down on all forms of illegal fishing activities, including the use of explosives, in order to secure the livelihood of the majority of lawful fishing community, the press release added.

During a search conducted off the Salpeyaru coast in Trincomalee on April 5, four charges comprising three water gel sticks each, six safety fuses about three inches in length, and a non-electric detonator were found in a waterproof canister moored by means of a buoy, the Navy stated.

By leaving explosives in waterproof canisters of this nature, a handful of people engage in such fishing practices endeavour to continue their illegal acts with scant regard towards marine environment, attempting not to be caught in continuous operations carried out by the Navy and other law enforcement, the statement read.

Meanwhile, the Navy also arrested a person with 82 water gel sticks during a search conducted with the Kuchchaveli Police in Erakkandi, Trincomalee, on April 1, and another individual with a water gel stick in Poduwakattu on March 27. The individuals and commercial explosives held during these separate operations were handed over to the Kuchchaveli Police for legal action, the statement added.



The seized contraband. Picture courtesy: Navy Media Unit.



SLJI rejects Easter Sunday Commission's allegations

Sri Lanka Jama'atthe Islami (SLJI), issuing a statement yesterday, rejected the allegations levelled against it by the Easter Sunday Commission.

The Sri Lanka Jama'atthe Islami (SLJI) is a religious organisation founded in 1954 for providing welfare services to the members and well-wishers in conformity with the Constitution of the country as provided in Clause 1(a) of the SLJI Constitution adopted on September 7, 1958, the statement read.

The SLJI is deeply distressed by the report of the Commission of Inquiry on the Easter Sunday attacks calling for the banning of this pre-eminent Muslim civil society, without giving the SLJI as an organisation, the right to be heard and in violation of the principles of natural justice, the SLJI said.

It is sad to note that the Commission had not acted in conformity with section 16 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act which requires parties 'whose conduct is the subject of inquiry under the Act or in any manner implicated or concerned in the matter under inquiry' to be represented and heard. The SLJI had never been noticed to appear before the Commission, they added.

In a reference to the SLJI, the report states that "this group possesses a considerable number of firearms and provided training for approximately 150 youths mainly selected from Muslim internally displaced camps". The Commission could have sent a team from the CID unit attached to it, seized the firearms and produced the persons who were in possession of the offensive weapons in proof of this frivolous allegation, the statement read.

The SLJI rejects this baseless and unfounded allegation as false. This type of findings brings into serious question the credibility of the other expressions of the Commission made against the SLJI and the Sri Lanka Islamic Students Movement (SLISM), an independent organisation affiliated to the SLJI and one-time leader of the SLJI, Ustaz Hajjul Akbar, the press release added.

The SLJI is surprised that the Commission had not given due weightage to the expulsion from the SLISM of one of its members for creating disharmony among the members in violation of the SLISM constitution and who was arrested years later allegedly in connection with the damaging of the Buddha statue in Mawanella, they added.

His father who was a member of the SLJI was also expelled for similar reasons, from the SLJI membership, well before the Buddha statues being vandalised. The expulsions from the SLJI done in consultation with the then President Ustaz Hajjul Akbar, of the father who was his own brother, and from the SLISM of the brother's son for conduct unbecoming of the high standards of conduct required under the Constitutions of the organisations and the country are the best evidence of the exemplary role of the SLJI and its then President, as well as the SLISM, the SLJI stated.

"The SLJI had condemned the vandalising incidents in December, 2018, and the Easter attacks of April 12, 2019, unreservedly as un-Islamic, inhuman, and barbaric. We hope to release a more detailed response against the unsubstantiated allegations very soon," they added.

Jurie defends actions, says ready to hand over crown

Reigning Mrs. World Caroline Jurie yesterday defended her recent actions at the Mrs. Sri Lanka for Mrs. World pageant and relinquished her crown. In a video statement issued yesterday, Jurie

expressed disappointment over the recent events. "I only wanted a fair stage and an equal opportunity for all contestants," she said. She insisted that she acted fairly and did

not favour any contestants at the Mrs. Sri Lanka for Mrs. World pageant held last Sunday at the Nelum Pokuna Theatre. She said that rules and regulations should apply for everyone equally.

Jurie said that she had raised concerns before as well but other stakeholders were not responsive. At the end of the video, Jurie removed the crown saying she is now ready to hand over the crown.

ADA KOTIPATHI - Saturday
 Draw No: 1249 Colour: Yellow
 Date: 08.04.2021
Today's Jackpot
Rs. 127,057,890/-
 Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.
 Development Lotteries Board
 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
 Tel: 0112 333 546-47
 Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
 For Results: www.dlb.lk
 For Interactive Voice Response Service: Call 0114 825 825



The Lake House Hindu Association and Thinakaran Editorial Board held a Hindu religious service recently to mark the 135th birth anniversary of the late D.R. Wijewardene, the founder of Lake House. A special pooja was held at the Sri Kailasanadar Kovil in Kapitanawatta, Maradana. Director Operations Canishka G. Witharana, Director Editorial Dharma Sri Kariyawasam, Legal and Administration Director Rakhitha Abeyagoonawardhana, General Manager S.J. Kothalawala, Thinakaran Editor Senthil Velawar, and Hindu Association members participated. Picture by Chinthaka Kumarasinghe.

SUPER BALL
 Draw Number: 1421 Colour: Green
 Draw Date: 08.04.2021 Date: Thursday
Winning English Letter and Numbers
X 38 44 49 74
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 4,704,720/-
 The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.
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 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
 Tel: 0112 333 546-47
 Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
 SMS: DLB+space+LOT+space+SB & send to 999
 For Interactive Voice Response Service: Call 0114 825 825

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 Thursday Draw No.: 3577
 Date: 08.04.2021 Colour: Red
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 4,647,800/-
Winning Numbers
05 34 49 55
English Letter
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 Winning tickets are valid only for six months
 Development Lotteries Board
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 Tel: 0112 333 546-47
 Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
 For Results: www.dlb.lk
 For Interactive Voice Response Service: Call 0114 825 825

ADA KOTIPATHI
 Thursday Draw No.: 1247
 Date: 08.04.2021 Colour: Dark Blue
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 5,594,840/-
Winning Numbers
05 38 49 54
English Letter
R
 Winning tickets are valid only for six months
 Development Lotteries Board
 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
 Tel: 0112 333 546-47
 Hotline: 0114 824 824, 0112 333 778 or 1919
 For Results: www.dlb.lk
 For Interactive Voice Response Service: Call 0114 825 825

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 Date: 08-04-2021 Draw Number: 3128 Colour: Brown
Super Jackpot
Rs. 2,929,651.20
 The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.
Winning Numbers
13 22 35 37
Capricorn
TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES
Rs. 11,984,040/-
 Development Lotteries Board
 No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
 Tel: 0112 333 546-47
 Hotline: 0114 824 824
 Result Hotline: 0112 333 778
 Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

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 Date: 08-04-2021 Draw Number: 425 Colour: Blue
Development Fortune
English Letter
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Winning Numbers
01 05 37
Fate Number
6
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,223,440/-
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 12,044,588/-
 The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.
 Development Lotteries Board
 No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02
 Tel: 0112 333 546-47
 Hotline: 0114 824 824
 Result Hotline: 0112 333 778
 Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

Sinhala and Tamil New Year 1,900 PHIs to be deployed countrywide

S.M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

About 1,900 PHIs are to be deployed countrywide to arrest errant traders sell-

ing outdated and food during the upcoming Sinhala and Tamil New Year festive season. The PHI Association has planned to con-

duct raids on errant traders since from today, said Kurunegala District Senior PHI A. Jayasekara, speaking to the *Daily News* in Kurunegala, yesterday.

Thirteen road accident deaths in 24 hours

RAKSHANA SHRIYANTHA

Thirteen persons were killed in road accidents in various parts of the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6.00 a.m. yesterday (09), police said.

Seven of the victims died on the 8th while the other six were hospitalized after sustaining serious injuries in

previous accidents, Police Media Spokesman DIG Ajith Rohana said.

The dead included six pedestrians, four motorcyclists, two drivers and a passenger.

The Police Media Spokesman also urged the public to be vigilant as the number of accidents involving pedestrians is increasing.

UNP condemns Jaffna Mayor's arrest

SHIROMI ABEYASINGHE

The United National Party (UNP) yesterday said it condemns the recent arrest of the Mayor of Jaffna, Visvalingam Manivannan, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Allegedly this arrest took place due to concerns raised regarding the uniforms worn by members of the Municipal Council.

The Party believes that an inquiry into any alleged wrongdoing by an elected official must be carried out by the relevant Ministry prior to any Police action.

The UNP requests that clear evidence be presented regarding the allegations that the uniforms worn by the

members of the council who have been employed to oversee the cleanliness of the Municipality has any resemblance to uniforms worn by the LTTE.

The Party further draws attention to the uniforms worn by the parking attendants within the Colombo Municipality, and questions if those could also be viewed as similar to those worn by the LTTE.

The UNP issuing a statement urged that the relevant authorities ensure this matter is handled in a transparent manner and the elected officials be treated with the dignity and respect their office commands.

Special Government holiday

April 12th (Monday) has been declared a special Government holiday. The decision was taken in view of the upcoming Sinhala and Tamil New Year, the Ministry of Public Administration said.

Heavy rains ahead

Heavy rain falls about 100 mm can be expected at some places in the Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Central, Southern and Western Provinces, the Meteorology Department predicted.

Showers or thundershowers will occur at several places over most parts of the island in the evening or night.

Misty conditions can be expected at some places in Central, Sabaragamuwa and Western Provinces during the morning.

The public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimise damages caused by temporary localised strong winds and lightning during thundershowers.

On the apparent northward relative motion of the Sun, it is going to be directly over the latitudes of Sri Lanka during April 5 to 14, in this year. The nearest areas of Sri Lanka over which the sun is overhead today (09), are Kirindegama, Bakunawa, Padeniya, Elagomudaya, Yodaganawa, Balukekulukada and Kumanaruat about 12.12 noon. Meanwhile, the sea areas around the island can be slight to moderate.

Temporarily strong gusty winds and very rough seas can be expected during thunderstorms.



Yuri Gagarin with then Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike and an interpreter.



Yuri Gagarin and his wife Valentina Gagarina being welcomed by Magilin Nona with then Education Minister Dr. Alhaj Badiuddin Mahmud at the Ratmalana Airport.

60th Anniversary Celebration of Yuri Gagarin's Space Flight and Visit to Ceylon



Yuri Gagarin and his wife Valentina Gagarina being welcomed by Sri Lankans.



Yuri Gagarin with Ven. Kaluwamodara Siriniwasa Thera.

Yuri Gagarin:

First Man in Space

Yuri Gagarin was the first person to fly in space. His flight, on April 12, 1961, lasted 108 minutes as he circled the Earth for a little more than one orbit in the Soviet Union's Vostok spacecraft. Following the flight, Gagarin became a cultural hero in the Soviet Union. Even today, more than six decades after the historic flight, Gagarin is widely celebrated in Russian space museums, with numerous artefacts, busts and statues displayed in his honour. His remains are buried at the Kremlin in Moscow, and part of his spacecraft is on display at the RKK Energiya museum.

Gagarin's flight came at a time when the United States and the Soviet Union were competing for technological supremacy in space. The Soviet Union had already sent the first artificial satellite, called Sputnik, into space in October 1957.

Before Gagarin's mission, the Soviets sent a test flight into space using a prototype of the Vostok spacecraft. During this flight, they sent a life-size dummy called Ivan Ivanovich and a dog named Zvezdochka into space. After the test flight, the Soviet considered the vessel fit to take a human into space.

The third of four children, Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin was born on March 9, 1934, in a small village a hundred miles from Moscow. As a teenager, Gagarin witnessed a Russian Yak fighter plane make an emergency landing near his home. When offered a chance years later to join a flying club, he eagerly accepted, making his first solo flight in 1955. Only a few years later, he submitted his request to be considered as a cosmonaut.

More than 200 Russian Air Force fighter pilots were selected as cosmonaut candidates. Such pilots were considered optimal because they had exposure to the forces of acceleration and the ejection process, as well as experience with high-stress situations. Gagarin, a 27-year-old senior lieutenant at the time, was among the pilots selected.

On April 12, 1961, at 9:07 a.m. Moscow time, the Vostok 1 spacecraft blasted off from the Soviets' launch site. Because no one was certain how weightlessness would affect a pilot, the spherical capsule had little in the way of onboard controls; the work was done either automatically or from the ground. If an emergency arose, Gagarin was supposed to receive an override code that would allow him to take manual control, but Sergei Korolev, the chief designer of the Soviet space programme, disregarded protocol and gave the code to the pilot prior to the flight.

Over the course of 108 minutes, Vostok 1 travelled around the Earth once, reaching a maximum height of 203 miles (327 kilometres). The spacecraft carried 10 days' worth of provisions in case the engines failed and Gagarin was required to wait for the orbit to naturally decay. But the supplies were unnecessary. Gagarin re-entered Earth's atmosphere, managing to maintain consciousness as he experienced forces up to eight times the pull of gravity during his descent.

Vostok 1 had no engines to slow its re-entry and no way to land safely. About four miles (seven km) up,

Gagarin ejected from the spacecraft and parachuted to Earth. In order for the mission to be counted as an official spaceflight, the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), the governing body for aerospace records, had determined that the pilot must land with the spacecraft. Soviet space scientists indicated that Gagarin had touched down with the Vostok 1, and they did not reveal that he had ejected until 1971. Regardless, Gagarin still set the record as the first person to leave Earth's orbit and travel into space.

Upon his return to Earth, Gagarin was an international hero. A cheering crowd of hundreds of thousands of people greeted him in Red Square, a public plaza in Moscow.

A national treasure, Gagarin travelled around the world (including Sri Lanka) to celebrate the historic Soviet achievement.

When he returned home, Gagarin became a Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union (the highest legislative body in the Soviet Union) and was appointed Commander of the Cosmonauts' Detachment. Because the Soviets did not want to risk losing such an important public figure, they were hesitant about allowing Gagarin to return to space. He continued to make test flights for the Air Force, however.

On March 27, 1968, Gagarin was killed (along with another pilot) while test-piloting a MiG-15, a jet fighter aircraft. He was survived by his wife, Valentina Ivanovna Goryacheva, and two daughters.

NASA's Apollo 11, the first mission to put people on the moon, landed in July 1969, and the crew left behind a commemorative medallion bearing Gagarin's name. They also left medallions for other astronauts who lost their lives in space or while preparing for spaceflight.

Over time, the U.S. and the Soviet Union began working together in their spaceflight endeavours. The first joint U.S.- Soviet spaceflight was in 1975, called Apollo-Soyuz. Following that, NASA sent several space shuttle astronauts to Soviet/Russian space station Mir after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991. The shuttle-Mir collaboration paved the way for NASA and the Russian space agency (Roscosmos) to become major partners in the International Space Station programme, which first launched modules in 1998 and continues research today.

Gagarin's importance in the Russian space programme continues. Crews using the Soyuz spacecraft participate in a number of prelaunch traditions prior to climbing on to the spacecraft — to follow in the footsteps of Gagarin's historic flight. Beyond that, Gagarin is often held up as an example of character and heroism to younger children in Russia.

The 60th anniversary of Gagarin's flight is being commemorated this year. The space community also commemorates Gagarin's achievement every year with Yuri's Night, a celebration that takes place on his launch date of April 12. Yuri's Night was founded in 2001 and attracts thousands of celebrants each year. (Space.com)



Yuri Gagarin and his wife Valentina Gagarina with then Governor General Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, then Education Minister Dr. Alhaj Badiuddin Mahmud and Magilin Nona.



The postage stamp "Man of the Country of Soviets in Space" dedicated to the first flight of Yuri Gagarin into space.



Celebrations in Sri Lanka

The 60th anniversary celebration of Yuri Gagarin's space flight and the visit to Ceylon was held last week (6) at the Russian House in Colombo.

The Chief Guest was Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation State Minister Dr. Seetha Arambepola, and Deputy Head of Mission and Counselor of the Embassy of the Russian Federation Alexey Budanov, Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion State Minister and President of the Sri Lanka - Russia Friendship Society Susil Premjayantha, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and General Secretary of the Sri Lanka - Russia Friendship Society Dr. Saman Weerasinghe, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Russian Federation and Director of the Russian House in Colombo Anastasia



Magilin Nona, the girl who was chosen to garland Gagarin who visited Sri Lanka in 1961 being felicitated. (Pictures by Sulochana Gamage)

Khokhlova, and Chief Executive Officer of the Russian House in Colombo Buddhapriya Ramanayaka were present. The event was organised by the Russian House in Colombo in partnership with the Sri Lanka - Russia Friendship Society in a joint collaboration with Anura Samaraweera, Member of the

International Association of Philatelic Journalists, Assistant Treasurer of the Philatelic Society of Sri Lanka consisting many stamps and photos pertaining to Yuri Gagarin's Space flight from 1961.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the presence of Magilin Nona, the girl who was chosen to garland Gagarin back in 1961. She was chosen for this honourable task due to her heroism in saving the lives of many individuals from drowning when she was merely a teenager. As she shared her experience of that memorable day 60 years ago, the crowd parted with knowledge and memories gained by the photos, newspaper articles, and stamps put up for exhibition.



Some vignettes of the celebrations at the Russian House in Colombo.

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Extract bearing No. A 38/286/89B of the Land Registry Kurunegala in Kurunegala District.	All that allotment of land marked Lot No. 31A depicted in the land called 'Delgahagoda Mukalana' in the Plan No. 3170 made by the Surveyor General of the land situated at Mapegamuwa in Kurunegala Divisional Revenue Officer's Division in 215-Mapegamuwa Grama Niladhari Division in the District of Kurunegala, bounded on the, Extent : A.00 R.02 P.09.05	01. Deed of Mortgage No. 2202 written and attested by S.B. Waduragala, Notary Public on 15.03.1991

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Registrar GeneralRegistrar General's Department,
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Folio No. 268 of volume 1351 of Division M of the Land Registry Delkanda in Colombo District.	All that divided and defined in Plan No. 1372 dated 22.11.1988 made by S.H. Peiris Licensed, Surveyor of the Lot No. '2C' of the land called 'Malabodagahakale, Malabodagahakanaththa and Enasalwatta, 'Lodis Watta' situated at Dampe Village in the Salpiti Korale Palle Pattu in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the, North by : Lot 2A East by : Lot 1 in Plan No. 1606 South by : The property of K. Don Silman West by : Lot 3 in Plan No. 494 Extent : A:00 R:00 P:26.05	01. Deed of Transfer No. 307 written and attested by G.M. Gunasekara, Notary Public on 05.12.1988.

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Extract Bearing No. LDO/B/3/1165/92 of the Land Registry Kurunegala in Kurunegala District.	All that allotment of land marked Lot No. 176 deicted in the land called 'Bogahayaya Mukalana (෧෧)' in the Plan No. ෧.෧.෧.1964 made by the Surveyor General of the land situated at Nakathimudugamuwa in Polpithigama Divisional Revenue Officer's Division in Doraweruwa Grama Niladhari Division & Grant No. ෧෧/෧ 22606 Date of Grant 05.06.1990 in the District of Kurunegala. Extent : A.01 R.02 P.35	01. No. ෧෧/෧ 22606 & 05.06.1990 grant and presented by the Secretary to the President.

W.M.M.B. Weerasekara
Registrar GeneralRegistrar General's Department,
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Folio No. 77 of volume 949 of Division M of the Land Registry Delkanda in Colombo District.	All that divided and defined Lo No. 'A' of the land called Katakalaagahawatta alias Hadawakagahalanda' situated at Udahamulla Village in the Salpiti Korale Palle Pattu in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the , North East by : The Land of A.G. Perera South East by : Lot B South West by : Road North West by : The property of A.J. De Cross Extent : A:00 R:02 P:34	01. Deed of Gift No. 2153 written and attested by E. Gunaratne Notary Public on 14.03.1970 02. Deed of Rectification No. 3698 written and attested by E. Gunaratne Notary Public on 11.04.1989.

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Extract bearing No. B 47/1099/87 of the Land Registry Kurunegala in Kurunegala District.	All that allotment of land marked Lot No. 184 depicted in the land called 'Kumbukgolla Hena' in the Plan No. 2989 made by the Surveyor General of the land situated at Karalankadawala in Polpithigama Divisional Revenue Officer's Division in 99-Karalankadawala Grama Niladhari Division & Grant No. ෧෧/෧ 18498 Date of Grant 24.07.1987 in the District of Kunegala, bounded on the, North by : Lot No. 185 East by : Lot No. 96 South by : Lot No. 183 West by : Lot Nol. 178 Extent : Hec. 0.726	01. No. 18498 & 24.07.1987 grant and presented by the Secretary to the President.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

SLC SEEKS SPONSORS FOR THE T20 MATCH BETWEEN LEGENDS VS SL XI

SLC wishes to invite 'Bids' from recognized local and international firms to come forward as sponsors to partner with Sri Lanka Cricket to organize a T20 Match between Sri Lanka's cricketing legends and a SL XI to be selected.

The match scheduled to be played at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium on the 04th May 2021, will see the participation of Sri Lanka's most prominent and much loved cricketing legends, including the 1996 World Cup Champions and the T20 Champions of the year 2014, padding up once again to display their talents on the field, which in the past, has brought glory to the nation.

The much-awaited match, which has received wide public attention, is expected to be shown live on TV across the globe, and also will mark the first high-profile cricket match to be played with crowds at the stadium, in Sri Lanka, following the pandemic, thus creating further interest among the public.

The Match is expected to provide a great opportunity for Sri Lankan and International firms engaged in the following 'Business' areas to sponsor this event and partner with the SLC to hold this much-awaited contest.

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Kindly submit your 'Bid' inclusive of the financial proposal to, The CEO, Sri Lanka Cricket, No: 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07 on or before 01.00 PM of 16th Friday, 2021.

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ASTRAZENECA VACCINES REACH 100 TERRITORIES

SWITZERLAND: Covax backed the AstraZeneca jab on Thursday as the scheme celebrated shipping coronavirus vaccine doses to 100 different territories around the world, despite delays dogging deliveries.

AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine accounts for almost the entire first wave of doses being distributed via the facility, which ensures the 92 poorest participating economies can access jabs for free.

But the programme has been hit by delays after New Delhi put the brake on exports from the Serum Institute of India plant to deal with a rampant second wave of COVID-19 infections.

The SII is one of two sites producing AstraZeneca doses for Covax. The other is in South Korea. Covax's first wave intended to distribute some 238.2 million doses to 142 participating economies by May 31.

Of those, 237 million are AstraZeneca doses and 1.2 million are Pfizer/BioNTech.

A number of nations have suspended the use of AstraZeneca's vaccine for younger populations after it was earlier banned outright in several countries over blood clot scares.

The EU's medicines regulator said Wednesday that blood clots should be listed as a rare side effect of the AstraZeneca jab, stressing benefits continue to outweigh risks.

Gavi said safety and efficacy was the "top priority for Covax". The 100th country milestone was reached with a delivery to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia.

It came 42 days after the first shipment landed in Ghana on February 24, with Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo publicly taking the first shot.

So far, nearly 38.4 million doses have been delivered to 102 territories, including 61 of the 92 poorest



Workers unload a shipment of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine bearing Covax stickers from a plane. - AFP

participating economies for which funding is covered by donors. - AFP

Bolsonaro snubs new lockdown calls

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro doubled down on his opposition to lockdown measures to contain Covid-19 Wednesday, as experts warned a large-scale stay-at-home was "absolutely necessary" to slow a deadly surge of the coronavirus.

Hard-hit Brazil registered its deadliest day yet in the pandemic Tuesday with more than 4,000 deaths, fueling mounting calls for a lockdown - something Bolsonaro has vehemently rejected.

Bolsonaro reiterated his opposition to lockdowns, which he argues cause economic damage that is worse than the virus itself.

"We're not going to accept these policies of 'stay home, close everything, lock down,'" he said on a visit to the southern city of

Chapeco. "There's not going to be a national lockdown. Our army isn't going into the streets to force the Brazilian people into their homes." The virus has claimed nearly 337,000 lives in Brazil - second only to the United States.

Only 2% Africans get COVID job so far

Africa is on the "sidelines" of the worldwide vaccination drive against Covid-19, with only two percent of the global total to have received jabs, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Thursday, citing supply, funding and personnel shortfalls.

WHO's Director for Africa, Matshidiso Moeti, blamed the slow pace of vaccinations in Africa on "inadequate supplies, lack of financing and lack of qualified personnel" as well as logistical problems.

Africa has been the least affected by the pandemic, with 4.3 million

cases including 114,000 deaths in an overall population of 1.2 billion, according to the latest figures from WHO Africa. Iran's COVID cases hit 2 m The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Iran passed the two-million mark Thursday, while the daily caseload set a new record high in what a health official warned amounted to a "meteoric" spike.

As the Islamic republic reached the grim milestone, some health experts called for a lockdown of the capital Tehran to contain the country's fourth COVID-19 wave.

Over the past 24 hours, the country officially recorded 22,586 new cases of infection, reaching a new high, Health Ministry Spokeswoman Sima Sadat Lari said.

This marks an increase of more than 1,600 cases over the previous record, set just the day before. Iran also recorded an additional 185 coronavirus-related deaths, Lari said, bringing the total to 63,884.

- AFP

EUROPEAN RIGHTS COURT BACKS OBLIGATORY VACCINATIONS

FRANCE: The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled on Thursday that democratic governments can make vaccinations obligatory, in a landmark judgement rejecting complaints brought by Czech families penalised for refusing compulsory jabs for their children.

It is the first time, since its creation in 1959, that the ECHR delivered a judgement about compulsory vaccination against childhood diseases.

Experts say it could have implications for COVID-19 vaccination policies although the Czech

cases were lodged between 2013-2015, well before the current pandemic, and concern the vaccination of young children.

"The... measures could be regarded as being 'necessary in a democratic society'" the court ruled, saying that the Czech health policy was consistent with the "best interests" of children. "The objective has to be that every child is protected against serious diseases, through vaccination or by virtue of herd immunity," it added. As a result, the court ruled there had been no violation of Article 8 on

the right to respect for private life of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The decisions by the Czech authorities were "fully consistent with the rationale of protecting the health of the population."

The decision was handed down by the Strasbourg-based court's highest instance, the Grand Chamber which is composed of 17 European judges, and cannot be appealed. It was passed by 16 votes to 1. Experts said the decision was above all a blow to so-called "anti-vax" movements in Europe who oppose all vaccines on principle, and is particularly timely as the COVID-19 pandemic is still raging worldwide with immunity through vaccination the only clear solution.

This judgement "reinforces the possibility of a compulsory vaccination under conditions of the current COVID-19 epidemic," Nicolas Hervieu, a legal expert specialising in the ECHR, told AFP.

- AFP



The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). - AFP

Tricksters use elderly disguise to get COVID vaccine



Mexico has doled out nearly 10 million vaccine doses to medical workers and the elderly.

MEXICO: Two Mexican men in their 30s managed to get the coronavirus vaccine in the capital by disguising themselves as senior citizens, but were later caught, the authorities said Wednesday.

With their hair and eyebrows colored white, the men visited a vaccination center for over 60s wearing masks and plastic face shields, the city mayor's office said.

Both presented false identity documents and received the vaccine, but their plan fell apart when they had to speak with a worker at the center afterward.

"A colleague realized the voice was not that (of an old man), and that was when she called the authorities," Mexico City official Cristina Cruz was quoted by the UNOTV news site as saying.

The imposters face charges of identity theft, she said. The country of 126 million, whose official COVID-19 death toll of 205,000 is the world's third highest, has doled out nearly 10 million vaccine doses to medical workers and the elderly. - AFP

US targets Myanmar's State gem company

US: The United States on Thursday slapped sanctions on Myanmar's state gem company, vowing to deprive the military junta of a key moneymaker as it violently suppresses democracy protests.

The Treasury Department said it would block all assets and ban any transactions with the Myanmar Gems Enterprise, which

manages the mining and marketing of the country's jade and other gemstones.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the United States was determined alongside allies to restore democracy and promote accountability in the country formerly known as Burma.

"By imposing targeted sanctions on this entity, we are send-

ing a clear signal to the military that the United States will keep increasing pressure on the regime's revenue streams until it ceases its violence," Blinken said in a statement.

He said the United States would turn up the heat until the junta "releases all those unjustly detained, lifts martial law and the nationwide state of emergency, removes telecommunications restrictions and restores Burma to the path of democracy."

The announcement comes in the midst of a gem emporium called by the junta in the capital Naypyidaw, with the ousted ruling National League of Democracy warning businesses not to participate.

The state-run New Light of Myanmar reported Thursday that the emporium on its sixth day alone sold close to \$2.5 million worth of jade.

Myanmar sold 825 million euros (\$980 million) in gems and jade through emporiums in 2017-2018, according to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, which promotes openness on natural resource exports.

But 60 to 80 percent of gemstones from Myanmar are not declared, the initiative said in a 2016 study. Myanmar suspended gem emporiums last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. - AFP



Smoke rises from a fire at Ruby Mart in Yangon on April 1, 2021 with the Shwedagon Pagoda in the background amid turmoil following the February 1 military coup. - AFP



Soyuz crew marks 60 years of Gagarin's spaceflight



The anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's historic flight on April 12, 1961 is celebrated every year in Russia as Cosmonautics Day.

KAZAKHSTAN: A three-man crew was exoected to blast off to the International Space Station on Friday in a capsule honouring the 60th anniversary of Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becoming the first person in space.

Reminders of Gagarin's achievement were everywhere at the Russia-operated Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan as Roscosmos cosmonauts Oleg Novitsky and Pyotr Dubrov and NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei prepared for their half-year mission aboard the orbital lab.

The Soyuz MS-18 spacecraft that the trio was due to take off has been named after the legendary cosmonaut and Gagarin's portrait has been added to its exterior.

Gagarin also came up more than once in the traditional pre-flight press conference, where the crew was asked how they planned to mark Monday's anniversary once in space.

"We'll celebrate it together," said 43-year-old Dubrov, who is flying to space for the first time. "And we'll work hard!"

The anniversary of Gagarin's historic flight on April 12, 1961 is celebrated every year in Russia as Cosmonautics Day.

Friday's blast-off was expected to be from a different launchpad than the one used for Gagarin's one and only mission, which saw him spend 108 minutes in orbit.

Last used in 2019, the Gagarin launchpad is undergoing upgrades in preparation for a new generation of Soyuz rockets and expected to return to action in 2023.

Gagarin's mission was a propaganda coup for the Soviet Union and a huge win in the space race with the West, which became one of the Cold War's most exciting subplots. - AFP

Biden vows to tackle gun violence 'epidemic'

US: US President Joe Biden on Thursday branded US gun violence an "epidemic" and an "international embarrassment" at a White House ceremony to unveil his first attempt at getting the problem under control.

"This is an epidemic, for God's sake, and it has to stop," he said, calling shootings "a public health crisis."

"It's an international embarrassment," the Democrat, flanked by Attorney General Merrick Garland and Vice President Kamala Harris, told Congress members and gun control activists in the Rose Garden. "Enough prayers," Biden said. "Time for some action."

Several hours after Biden's announce-

ment, a gunman opened fire at a Texas cabinetry plant where he was employed, killing one person and sending four others to the hospital in critical condition. No motivation was immediately known.

With Congress unable to agree on broad new gun regulations, like stricter background checks for gun buyers, Biden announced six executive measures which he said would help tamp down the crisis. Republicans immediately attacked the proposal, with the party's senior leader in the House of Representatives, Kevin McCarthy, warning of "unconstitutional overreach." Another proposed rule will be tightening regulations on arm braces designed to stabilize pistols, a device

used by the man who killed 10 people in a Colorado grocery store last month. Under the rule, pistols with braces would be classified as short-barreled rifles, putting them under stricter control.

Other measures include boosting support for agencies involved in tackling community violence and ordering the first comprehensive report on firearms trafficking in the United States since 2000. Nearly 40,000 Americans die each year from shootings.

While mass shootings like recent killings in Colorado, Georgia and California attract most attention, more than half of the annual death toll is due to suicide.

- AFP



US President Joe Biden wants to tighten regulations of buyers of "ghost guns" - homemade firearms that usually are assembled from parts and milled with a metal-cutting machine and often lack serial numbers to trace them. - AFP



Former US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

Mike Pompeo to join Fox News as a 'contributor'

US: Donald Trump's top diplomat Mike Pompeo has been hired to appear on Fox News as a "contributor," the conservative cable news channel said Thursday.

"I intend to give viewers a candid, no-nonsense look at geopolitics, international relations and the America First policies that

helped chart the course for unprecedented American prosperity and security," the former secretary of state and member of Congress said in a statement released by Fox. "Mike Pompeo is one of America's most recognized and respected voices on foreign policy and national security

issues," Fox News Media CEO Suzanne Scott said. "I look forward to his contributions across our range of platforms to share his distinct perspective with our millions of viewers."

Pompeo took up the post of Secretary of State from his predecessor Rex Tillerson in April 2018

until the end of the Trump administration in January 2021. He was previously director of the CIA. Fox has hired other members of the Trump orbit in recent months, including his daughter-in-law and campaign advisor Lara Trump and former White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany.

The network has found itself embroiled in controversies over Trump's untried allegations of election rigging in 2020, with voting machine maker Dominion seeking more than \$1 billion in a lawsuit over allegations Fox implicated the company in the false claims. - AFP

George Floyd died from 'low level of oxygen', says doctor



Dr. Martin Tobin testifies during George Floyd's murder trial on April 8.

US: A respiratory expert testified on Thursday that George Floyd died from lack of oxygen and police officer Derek Chauvin's knee was on his neck "more than 90 percent of the time" that he was handcuffed, face-down in the street.

Dr Martin Tobin, a pulmonologist, told the jury at Chauvin's murder and manslaughter trial that he had watched videos of Floyd's May 25, 2020 arrest "hundreds of times."

"Mr. Floyd died from a low level of oxygen," Tobin told the nine-woman, five-man jury hearing the high-profile case in a heavily guarded Minneapolis courtroom.

"This caused damage to his brain," he said, and arrhythmia - an irregular heartbeat - which "caused his heart to stop." Tobin said Floyd's breathing weakened because he was face down on the street, handcuffed and with Chauvin and other officers on his neck and back.

Eric Nelson, Chauvin's Defense Attorney, has suggested at several points during the trial that Chauvin's body weight was actually on Floyd's shoulder or back at times and not on his neck.

Tobin disagreed.

"Officer Chauvin's knee is virtually on the neck for the vast majority of the time," he said, "more than 90 percent of the time." The Irish-born Tobin is testifying as an expert witness for the prosecution. - AFP

Biden resumes Palestinian aid, urges two-state solution



US: US President Joe Biden on Wednesday restored aid to the Palestinians to a tune of \$235 million, drawing a rebuke by ally Israel, as he promised to press for a two-state solution.

In his sharpest break on the conflict yet from the staunchly pro-Israeli Donald Trump, Biden said the United States would resume funding for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees that his predecessor had severed.

The State Department said the United States would contribute \$150 million to the UN agency and offer \$75 million in economic and development assistance for the West Bank and Gaza as well

as \$10 million for peacebuilding efforts. In a call with Jordan's King Abdullah II, a longstanding US ally who recently faced down dissent within the royal family, Biden "affirmed that the United States supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," a White House statement said.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that the US assistance to the Palestinians "serves important US interests and values" as "a means to advance towards a negotiated two-state solution."

"It provides critical relief to those in great need, fosters economic development and supports Israeli-

Palestinian understanding, security coordination and stability," Blinken said in a statement. Israel, which had held off on criticism of Biden in his first months, denounced the assistance to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, or UNRWA, which provides housing, schools and other care to more than six million Palestinian refugees and their descendants.

The Palestinian leadership hoped that the aid would mark the start of a concerted effort by Biden to pressure Israel, including on stopping settlements in the occupied West Bank.

- AFP



Palestinian girls gather in a street in the Khan Yunis camp for refugees in the southern Gaza Strip in February 2021.



A bus burns on The Shankill Road after protests in Belfast, Northern Ireland on Thursday.

Belfast in turmoil after Northern Ireland violence

NORTHERN IRELAND: Rioters waged a running battle with Police in Belfast on Thursday night - tossing petrol bombs, setting fires and dodging jets from water cannon as a week of unrest showed no sign of letting up.

Hundreds of boys and young men gathered from early evening in a western neigh-

bourhood in the Northern Ireland capital, which has been riven by violence over Brexit and domestic politics.

Masked and in hooded tops, they hurled rocks, bricks and glass bottles at police barricades where riot officers formed ranks with armoured Land Rovers.

Petrol bombs burst into flames in the

street and fireworks were aimed into police formations, exploding and smothering their lines in thick smoke. Behind riot shields and with batons drawn, police drove back the surging crowds late into Thursday night, as locals peered out of their windows to witness the spectacle.

- AFP

My No: RG/NB/11/2/28/2018/82/௧

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- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Kurunegala, from 09.04.2021 to 23.04.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 30.04.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Extract Bearing No. B 38/300/97 of the Land Registry Kurunegala in Kurunegala District.	All that allotment of land marked Lot No. 337 depicted in the land called 'Bogahamulaha, Kadawalyaya, Dandungodayaya' in the Plan No. ௧.௧.௧. 2983 made by the Surveyor General of the land situated at Kattachberiya in Polpithigama Divisional Revenue Officer's Division in 400-Nikawahara Grama Niladhari Division & Grant No. ௨௨/௧ 97868 Date of Grant 06.09.1996 in the District of Kurunegala, bounded on the, North by : Lot No. 335 East by : ௧.௧.௧. 10 South by : Lot No. 338 and 339 West by : Lot No. 336 Extent : Hec. 0.095	01. No. ௨௨/௧ 97868 & 06.09.1996 grant and presented by the Secretary to the President.

W.M.M.B. Weerasekera
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3,
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,
Battaramulla.

Invitation to Join NAAL

Netherlands Alumni Association of Lanka, a body of persons studied in the Netherlands having over 650 members will hold its Golden Jubilee Celebration in August this year. Our mission is,

- To promote the spirit of fellowship and co-operation among all members.
- To provide opportunities to its members to meet and exchange ideas with visiting Dutch scientists, engineers, economists, artistes and experts.
- To strengthen cultural ties between Sri Lanka and the Netherlands

NAAL cordially invite those who have undergone training in the Netherlands and so far not enrolled, to join NAAL. Please see NAAL Website: www.naal.com

Please send us your email address and mobile number to: kumar45@sltnet.lk

S P C Kumarasinghe
President
+94112695590, +94777392229

SRI LANKA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY MOVES TO A NEW PREMISES

The Head Office of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority established at BMICH premises Colombo 07 will be shifted to No. 72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha Colombo 07 from 15.04.2021. The public is hereby informed to visit our office at the new address for all official matters with the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority from April 15 onwards.

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இலங்கை நிலைப்பெறுதல் வலு அதிகார சபை
Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority
For inquiries : 0706188555
0706188666
No. 72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha,
Colombo 07.



DATE 2021.04.08 THURSDAY OFFICIAL RESULTS www.nlb.lk

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA DRAW NUMBER : 4451
Value of prizes won in this draw
Rs. 36,320,320.00

The super prize of next draw
Rs. 17,272,394.00

WINNING LETTER **K** WINNING NUMBERS **7 4 2 7 1 0**

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA AVURUDU KIRULA SPECIAL DRAW

ONE LAKH LUCKY NUMBER
40554

TWO LAKH LUCKY NUMBER
28751

LED TV WINNING NUMBER
2699054 2755154 1492902 1902513 1647558

GOLD COIN WINNING NUMBER
2984507 2098372 2718033 1042650 2646461
2004119 2995384 2576802 2901989 0118832

Govisetha DRAW NUMBER : 2746

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 8,023,940.00

WINNING LETTER **U** WINNING NUMBERS **16 47 53 65**

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 64,005,248.00

Mega POWER 10 DRAW NUMBER **811**

TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 4,859,000.00

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 127,990,214.80

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 10,000,000.00

NEXT GRAND SUPER
Rs. 10,000,000.00

ENGLISH LETTER **D** SUPER NUMBER **16** WINNING NUMBERS **35 37 47 79**

Dhana Nidhanaya DRAW NUMBER : 488

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 4,628,460.00

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 92,069,194.00

ENGLISH LETTER **L** WINNING NUMBERS **15 23 43 70**

SEVANA DRAW NUMBER : 329

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 2,398,340.00

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 14,000,000.00

ENGLISH LETTER **D** WINNING NUMBERS **19 28 36 65**

08.04.2021 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD **1,009,286**
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS **Rs. 56,230,060.00**
Rs. 2,000,000 PRIZES 03 **Rs. 1,000,000 PRIZES 03**
Rs. 1,000,000 PRIZES 115

- All Winning Prizes above Rs. 500,000 are subject to government taxes
- Winner has to submit National ID when receiving Prizes
- All Winning Lotteries are valid only for 06 months from Draw Date

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ජනநிய ஸெவாத்திர சபை
National Lotteries Board
Tel: 011-4607000, 011-2324324
Fax: 011-4669416

32, Deshamanya N. W. J. Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo - 01.

My No: RG/NB/11/2/22/2018/82/ඌ

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- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Kurunegala, 09.04.2021 to 23.04.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 30.04.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 122 of volume 1386 of Division A of the Land Registry Kurunegala in Kurunegala District.	All that divided and defined of the land called 'Ratille Watta' situated at Waduragala in the Wa Udawillihath Pattu in the Thiragandahaya Korale in the District of Kurunegala, North Western Province bounded on the, East by : The Land of Ranmanika South by : The Land of Appuhamy West by : The Land of John North by : The Land of Secretary Extent : A:00 R:01 P:07	01. Deed of Mortgage No. 2269 written and attested by M.Nalini De Silva Notary Public on 25.11.1998.

W.M.M.B. Weerasekara
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3,
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,
Battaramulla.

My No: RG/NB/11/2/42/2018/82/ඌ

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- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Delkanda, from 09.04.2021 to 23.04.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 30.04.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 298 of volume 1354 of Division M of the Land Registry Delkanda in Colombo District.	All that divided and defined Lot No. '2A/1' dated 24.09.1990 made by Clamanty M.G. Fernando licensed Surveyor of the land called 'Alubogahawatta' situated at Godigamuwa-Neelammahara Road Village in the Salpiti Korale Palle Pattu in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the, North East by : Meegahawatta Lane South East by : The portion of Lot No. 2A/4 in 3748 plan and the portion of A2A/3 South West by : The portion of 2A2 in 3748 plan North West by : Neelammahara Road Extent : A:00 R:00 P:28 70/100	01. Deed of Gift No. 36688 written and attested by H.W. Gunasekara Notary Public on 26.06.1991 02. Deed of Lease No. 240 written and attested by P. Pallewela Notary Public on 01.07.2002.

W.M.M.B. Weerasekara
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
No. 234/A3,
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,
Battaramulla.

CHIEF MINISTRY - SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR BIDS

- Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Chief Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council from qualified bidders for the construction work mentioned in the schedule below.
- Contractors will be selected through National Competitive Bidding Procedure and for contracts of which the estimated value of work is below Rs. 50 million selection of bidders will be based on regional preference and relevant CIDA grade preference as per Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016 (ii).

However, if bidders with specified grades and qualification do not bid, bidders in higher grades within the province will be considered. If there are no qualified bidders within the province, bids of national level bidders will be taken into consideration.

- Bidder selected for award of contract should not have been blacklisted and should be registered with the Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) in the grade mentioned in the schedule or above.
- Further details regarding this may be obtained either from the Divisional Engineer mentioned in the Schedule below or from the Chief Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council and bid documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Chief Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council.
- Bid documents may be obtained from the Accounts Division of the Chief Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council on submission of a letter of request for documents upon payment of the non refundable fee as mentioned in the schedule below between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 19.04.2021 until 05.05.2021.
- Duly perfected bids should be submitted to the Chief Ministry of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council at the address given below to receive before 01.00 p.m. on 06.05.2021. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives. Decision of the Procurement Board is final.

Ser. No.	Ref. No.	Institution and the Work Description	Executive Engineer's Office	Non-Refundable Tender Fee	Value of Bid Bond	ICTAD Grade	Estimated Value of Work in Millions
01	CM/PSDG/2021/01	Construction of the Ambulance Garage and Drivers' Restroom at the Embilipitiya District General Hospital	Embilipitiya	6000.00	318,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	21.2
02	CM/PSDG/2021/02	Improvements to the Nurses Quarters and Minor Employees Restroom at Chandrika Wewa Divisional Hospital	Embilipitiya	3,000.00	80,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	5.4
03	CM/PSDG/2021/03	Construction of Nerunnasegama Health Centre	Embilipitiya	4500.00	163,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	10.8
04	CM/PSDG/2021/04	Construction of Sankapala Health Centre	Embilipitiya	4500.00	161,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	10.7
05	CM/PSDG/2021/05	Repairing the Doctor's Quarters at the Palamkotte Estate Hospital	Pelmadulla	2500.00	42,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	2.8
06	CM/PSDG/2021/06	Repairing the Hospital Building at the Palamkotte Estate Hospital	Pelmadulla	2500.00	52,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	3.4
07	CM/PSDG/2021/07	Repairing the Roof, Ceiling, and Electrical System at the Panawala Ayurvedic Hospital	Dehiowita	3000.00	108,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	7.2
08	CM/PSDG/2021/08	Construction of the Matuwagala Primary Medical Unit	Ratnapura	2500.00	75,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	5.0
09	CM/PSDG/2021/09	Construction of the Pussella Primary Medical Unit	Ratnapura	4000.00	155,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	10.3
10	CM/PSDG/2021/10	Construction of the Kalal Ella Health Centre	Pelmadulla	3500.00	150,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	9.9
11	CM/PSDG/2021/11	Construction of a New Building for the Aluthnuwara Primary Medical Care Unit	Rambukkana	7500.00	401,000.00	C5 and C4	26.7
12	CM/PSDG/2021/12	Construction of Surgical Mortuary Building at Eheliyagoda Base Hospital	Ratnapura	2500.00	81,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	5.4
13	CM/PSDG/2021/13	Construction of Two Storey Primary Medical Care Unit at the Godagampala Clinic Centre - Stage 2	Dehiowita	5500.00	173,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	11.5
14	CM/PSDG/2021/14	Construction of Pollamura Belimaliyadda Health Centre of the Weligepola Medical Officer of Health Division	Balangoda	5500.00	173,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	11.5
15	CM/PSDG/2021/15	Construction of Thalgaskanda Hatangala Health Centre of the Weligepola Medical Officer of Health Division	Balangoda	5500.00	180,000.00	C5, C6, C7, C8 or C9	12.0

Chairman
Procurement Committee of the Chief Ministry
Chief Ministry
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council
New Town
Ratnapura.
Tel.: 045-2223298 / 045-2222204
Fax: 045-2223298

My No : WGSWD&EIP/ACQ/MH/06
Land Min's Ref. No : 4/3/10/2012/LRB/117
Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage and Environment Improvement Project,
No.03, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha,
Welikada, Rajagiriya.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)

The inquiry about ownership and compensations under Section 9 of the Land Acquisition Act regarding the lands described below which have been acquired by the Government will be held on 03.05.2021. For more details, please see the Gazette No. 2218/18 dated 08.03.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

- Province : Western
- District : Colombo
- D/S Division : Maharagama
- Location : Allotment of lands in between paddy field road and Rubber Estate road
- Plan No. : P.P. Co. 9679
- Names of the lands : Millagahakumbura and Millagahadeniya and Depa Ela
- Lot Numbers : 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30 and 32 (29 allotments)
- Total Extent : 1.9237 hectares

Acquiring Officer
Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project,
Divisional Secretary's Division - Maharagama

Weras Ganga Storm Water Drainage & Environment Improvement Project
No. 03, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha,
Welikada, Rajagiriya.

07.04.2021

ADVERTISING Centres
VISIT OUR ADVERTISING CENTRES IN KEY CITIES TO:
✓ Submit your advertisements
✓ Reserve rooms at Lake House Kataragama Pilgrims Rest
✓ Order subscriptions of Lake House newspapers

<p>Kandy Branch</p> <p>KANDY No.99, D.S.Senanayaka veediyia, Kandy 081 223 4200</p>	<p>Anuradhapura Branch</p> <p>ANURADHAPURA No.310/1/2, Hirischandira Mawatha, Bank Town 025 222 2370</p>
<p>Matara Branch</p> <p>MATARA No.29, Upper Floor, Main Bus Stand 041 223 5412</p>	<p>Nugegoda Branch</p> <p>NUGEGODA 4th Floor Sawsiri Complex, High Levele Road 011 282 8114</p>
<p>Jaffna Branch</p> <p>JAFFNA No.06, Sirampirady, Off Stanley Road 077 616 4901</p>	<p>Maradana k/v Branch</p> <p>MARADANA No.383, D R Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10 011 242 9336</p>
<p>Kataragama Branch</p> <p>KATARAGAMA Opposite Kataragama Bus Stand, Pussadewa Mawatha 047 223 5291</p>	

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1949, 011 242 9342, 011 242 9333
No.35, D R Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Ministry of Education, Information Technology & Cultural Affairs

SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of Ministry of Education, Information Technology & Cultural Affairs of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council for the implementation of 93 works under Provincial Specific Development Grant (PSDG).

- The list of work and further details could be obtained by visiting the tender notices page of website: www.sg.gov.lk or Ministry of Education Website: www.moe.sg.gov.lk
- This invitation for bids will be conducted under open competitive procurement procedure since the estimated value of each work is below Rs. 50 million, bidders will be selected based on regional preference and CIDA grade preference according to Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii) and 04/2016 (iii) also Public Finance Circulars No. 03/2020 and 03/2020 (i) issued later relevant to the said Circular.
- Procurement documents relevant to above work could be inspected free of charge and obtained same from the Development Section of this office from 21.04.2021 to 11.05.2021 during working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
- All bidders should submit a bid security to the value of the amount mentioned against each work to be valid from 12.05.2021 to 06.10.2021 obtained from a reputed commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Information Technology & Cultural Affairs, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, New Town, Ratnapura or the receipt obtained for the cash payment of the relevant seem to the Secretary of the Ministry, along with the bids. It is compulsory to produce the original of the bid bond or the cash receipt when submitting bids.

Perfected bids relevant to said works should either be sent to reach the following address or deposited in the tender box kept at the Accountant's room of the Ministry of Education, Information Technology & Cultural Affairs, First Floor, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Complex before 10.30 a.m. on 12.05.2021. The name of work should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing bids. A duplicate for each tender should be submitted in a separate cover marked as "Duplicate".

- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of receiving bids and bidders or their representatives could participate at the time.
- Any clarifications could be obtained from the Ministry Office during office hours by telephone No. 045-2222542, Fax No. 045-2228042 and Email: edusabaram@gmail.com
The Chairman, Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject tenders as a whole or a part thereof.
- All bids should be valid up to 07.09.2021.

Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Secretary,
Ministry of Education, Information Technology & Cultural Affairs
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council,
New Town, Ratnapura.
10.04.2021

MINISTRY OF MASS MEDIA

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

CONSTRUCTION OF PASSENGER LIFT AT EXISTING BUILDING
"ASIDISI MEDURA"
MINISTRY OF MASS MEDIA

- The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Ministry of Mass Media, No. 163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Mawatha, Polhengoda, Colombo 05, invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the "Construction of Passenger Lift at Existing Building "Asidisi Medura" Ministry of Mass Media".
- This work consists of "Construction of Passenger Lift at Existing Building". Work site is located within the premises of Ministry of Mass Media Works mainly consist of Construction of Steel hoist way, Excavation & Earth works, Concrete works, Steel works, Masonry works, Wall Finishes and Aluminum works, Cladding works and Supply and Installation of Passenger lift etc. Bidder is advised to visit the site prior to price the bid document.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Construction period is 119 Days.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
 - Contractors having valid registration in Grade C4 & C5 in the field of Building construction under Construction Industry Development Authority.
 - The manufacturer of the lift shall have at least ten (10) years experience in the design and manufacture of same type of lifts.
 - The make of lift offered shall have satisfactory proven service record in Sri Lanka at least for last five (5) years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chief Accountant, Ministry of Mass Media, No. 163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Mawatha, Polhengoda, Colombo 05. Tel. No. 0710382040 and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Secretary, Ministry of Mass Media, No.163, "Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Mawatha, Polhengoda, Colombo 05 from 12th April 2021 until 06th May 2021 from 09.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.5,000.00 to the Shroff, Ministry of Mass Media. The method of payment will be by cash only.
- Bids shall be delivered to the address below, on or before 07th May 2021 on 14.30 Hrs. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to 91 days.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid security" of Rupees One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Only (Rs 195,000.00). Bid Security shall be valid up to 119 days from Bid closing date.
- Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 11.30hrs on 30th April 2021.

The address referred to above is:

The Secretary,
Ministry of Mass Media,
No. 163,
"Asidisi Medura", Kirulapone Mawatha, Polhengoda,
Colombo 05.



TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from reputable companies who are capable of providing Pest Control Services to commercial establishments for Colombo International Container Terminals Limited ("CICT").

Tender No.	Description of Work
RFQ/01/03/21	Pest Control Services to commercial establishments for Colombo International Container Terminals Limited

Prospective Vendors are requested to obtain Tender Documents (In Electronic Format Only) by email (Email: ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk) of Procurement Department of CICT (Mob/Tel: 0766-666803, 0112-666803)

Please submit your sealed tenders to be received to below address not later than 3:00 pm (local time) on 07th May 2021 & mention "Pest Control Services to commercial establishments for Colombo International Container Terminals Ltd" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Procurement Department
Colombo International Container Terminals Limited,
Port of Colombo,
120/20, Marine Drive Road,
Colombo 01,
Sri Lanka.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



INVITATION FOR BIDS

"ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDER 100,000 KM"

Supplying & Piling of Aggregate Base Course Material (ABC - Conform with RDA Standard) for Kurunegala District

- The Chairman, Road Development Authority Provincial Procurement Committee on behalf of the Road Development Authority, invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the projects described below.

Contract No.	Name of the Project	Quantity Required (Cube)	Tentative Supplying Rate	Bid Security Rs.	Supplying Duration	Supplying Location
RDA/Supply/ABC/GOSL/PD/NWP/2021-16	Supplying & Piling Dense Graded Aggregate Base Course Material (ABC) to Nikaweratiya	2500	500 Cubes per Month	322,000.00	05 Months	Yard at Nikaweratiya Town
RDA/Supply/ABC/GOSL/PD/NWP/2021-17	Supplying & Piling Dense Graded Aggregate Base Course Material (ABC) to Kurunegala	2500	500 Cubes per Month	322,000.00	05 Months	Thithawella Depot - (2 km from Kurunegala)
RDA/Supply/ABC/GOSL/PD/NWP/2021-18	Supplying & Piling Dense Graded Aggregate Base Course Material (ABC) to Kuliyapitiya	2500	500 Cubes per Month	322,000.00	05 Months	Akarawaththa Depot - (10 km from Kuliyapitiya)
RDA/Supply/ABC/GOSL/PD/NWP/2021-19	Supplying & Piling Dense Graded Aggregate Base Course Material (ABC) to Maho	2500	500 Cubes per Month	322,000.00	05 Months	Balalla Depot (2 km from Maho)
RDA/Supply/ABC/GOSL/PD/NWP/2021-20	Supplying & Piling Dense Graded Aggregate Base Course Material (ABC) to Kurunegala	2500	500 Cubes per Month	322,000.00	05 Months	Yard at Project Office Malkaduwawa - 5 km from Kurunegala)

Note : Storage capacity at each yard (Location) is 500 Cubes.

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- You may obtain further information from Provincial Director's Office, RDA, Puttalam Road, Kurunegala. Phone No. 037-2056534.
- Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Provincial Director's Office, NWP, Road Development Authority, Kurunegala at 10.00 hrs on 19.04.2021.
- It is Mandatory for Bidders to register under Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987. For each contract (for contract value is more than 5 million) separately.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of written application to the Provincial Director (NWP), Road Development Authority, Puttalam Road, Kurunegala from 10.04.2021 until 27.04.2021 from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 2,500/= for each document (including VAT).
- Bids mentioning the name of the Contract on top left-hand corner with separate envelopes shall be delivered in duplicate by registered post or hand to the "The Chairman, Provincial Procurement Committee (NWP), Road Development Authority, Kurunegala", on or before 14.00 hrs. on 28.04.2021. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing.
- Bids shall be valid up to 28.07.2021.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid up to 25.08.2021.

The Chairman,
Provincial Procurement Committee (NWP),
Provincial Director's Office,
Road Development Authority,
Kurunegala.

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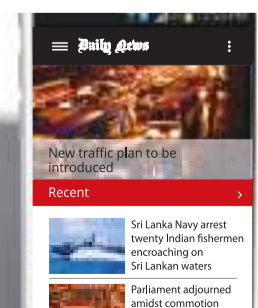
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Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board

Registration of Suppliers – 2021

Applications are invited up to 2.00 p.m. on 11.05.2021 for the registration of suppliers, manufacturers, agents and contractors for the supply of following goods and services to the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board for year 2021.

Separate applications should be submitted for each supply and service. An application fee of Rs. 1,500/- will be charged for each application. Cheques and Money Orders will not be accepted. Application forms may be obtained by calling over at the Head Office of the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board, No. 117, Subadrarama Road, Gangodawila, Nugegoda during office hours on working days. Duly perfected applications should be deposited in the tender box kept at the Administration Division of this Board.

01. Printing Works

- i. Printing
- ii. Fabric Printing (T-Shirts, Caps)

02. Supplies

- i. Stationery (Supply of Photocopying Papers, Typing Papers, Duplicating Papers, Computer Papers, Pens, pencils and other Stationery)
- ii. Electrical and Electronic Equipment
- iii. Office Furniture
- iv. Office Equipment (Computers, Computer Printers, Scanners, UPS and other Computer Accessories, Photocopiers, Binders, Fax Machines, other related accessories)
- v. Air Conditioners
- vi. Telephone System
- vii. Motor Spare Parts
- viii. Supply and fixing of Tyres, Tubes, Batteries etc.
- ix. Computer Equipment and Computer Stationery
- x. Cameras, Camera Lenses, Security Camera System and Drone Machines
- xi. Printers and related items (Data Card Printers, Data Plastic Cards)
- xii. Printing Ribbons
- xiii. Toners, Cartridges and Ribbons for Photocopiers / Printers
- xiv. Textile Products and Sanitary Materials (Uniform Materials, Ties, Curtains, Masks, Disinfectants, Brooms, Ekel Brooms, Brushes, Serviettes)
- xv. CCTV Cameras

03. Services (Repairing)

- i. Drawing and Fixing of Banners and Name Boards
- ii. Metal Welding Works
- iii. Computers, Fax Machines, Photocopiers, Air Conditioners and Electrical Equipment
- iv. Building Construction and Repairs
- v. Supply of Uniform Materials
- vi. Repairing of Vehicles (Diesel and Petrol) (Only those who have the capability and experience in mechanical repairs, tinkering, painting and electrical works should apply)
- vii. Repairing the Vehicle Air Conditioners
- viii. Computer Software and Computer systems Networking
- ix. Curtains, Kinds of Rexine, Carpets, Railing Hooks and Accessories etc.
- x. Electricians
- xi. Supply of Generators on hire basis
- xii. Partitioning Technicians
- xiii. Periodical Servicing of Vehicles
- xiv. Supply of Vehicles on hire basis
- xv. Security Services

Conditions relevant to Registration of Suppliers

1. Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board reserves the right to reject the incomplete applications and not accepting them
2. Names of suppliers who fail to respond when inquiries are made, who fail to supply goods and services on time, who fail to supply goods and services as per the specifications and samples will be struck off the list of registered suppliers without any intimation. (They will be blacklisted)
3. Board reserves the right to select the suppliers. Quotations for supplies will be requested from the list of registered suppliers. But the Board reserves the right to call for quotations and effect purchases from other sources.
4. Those who seek advance payments for goods and services will not be registered. Credit facilities should be provided for at least 60 days.
5. A committee appointed by the Director General will inspect the relevant institutions and obtain the capacity for the supply of goods and services and will make recommendations for registration and those not recommended will not be registered.
6. Quotations will not be called from institutions that do not respond when the Board invites for quotations

All applications should be directed to "Chairman, Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board, No. 117, Subadrarama Road, Gangodawila, Nugegoda" and the caption "Registration of Suppliers – 2021" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application.

Director General
Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board,
No. 117, Subadrarama Road, Gangodawila, Nugegoda.

09.04.2021

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007.
Name of the company: **MADITHA ADVENTURES (PRIVATE) LIMITED**
Date of Incorporation: 22nd Mar, 2021
No. of the company: **PV 00236952**
Registered Office: No. 81, S/O S Jayasinghe Mawatha, Mahawila, Nugegoda
Company Secretary

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9 of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007.
Name of the company: **EHELLE (PVT) LTD**
Date of Incorporation: 22nd Mar, 2021
No. of the company: **PV 00237042**
Registered Office: No. 81, S/O S Jayasinghe Mawatha, Mahawila, Nugegoda
Company Secretary

Department of Local Government,
Northern Province

Notice for meeting under the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No. 22 of 2012

I, Mariyathas Patrick Diranjan, Commissioner of Local Government, Northern Province by virtue of powers vested to me under Sub Section No. 66 (G) of Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2012, hereby notify to convene the meeting for the election to fill the vacant position of Chairman of Maritimappu Pradeshiya Sabha in Northern Province on 22.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m. at Council Hall of the Maritimappu Pradeshiya Sabha.

Mariyathas Patrick Diranjan,
Commissioner of Local Government,
Northern Province.

Department of Local Government,
Northern Province,
Elders Home Complex,
A9 Road, Kaithady,
Jaffna.

9th April 2021

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BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

GENERAL UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE AT HORANA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

CONTRACT NO. - BOI/ZM/HEPZ/MT/01/2021

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for **General upkeep and maintenance at Horana Export Processing Zone for a period of two years.**
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
3. To be eligible to bid, Bidders should have minimum of three (03) years previous experience in similar nature of work and shall not have been blacklisted.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Senior Deputy Director, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Horana Export Processing Zone (Tel No. 034-2269752) and inspect the bidding documents at the Office of Horana Export Processing Zone between 0830 hrs and 1530 hrs on normal working days.
Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held on **19.04.2021 at 1000 hrs** at the office of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka at Horana Export Processing Zone.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the Senior Deputy Director of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Horana Export Processing Zone **from 08.04.2021 until 28.04.2021 between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000/= plus VAT in cash.
6. Bids shall be delivered to the Senior Deputy Director, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Horana Export Processing Zone, Boralugoda, Poruwadanda to reach **on or before 29.04.2021 at 1000 hrs.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
7. Bids shall be valid up to **28.07.2021.**
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security of Rupees Rs. 140,000/-.** Bid security shall be **valid up to 27.08.2021.**

DIRECTOR GENERAL
BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

Office of the Regional Director of Health Services - Kalutara

Invitation for Bids

Sealed Bids will be received by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kalutara, to purchase the following Goods under separate categories, stated below.

Bid Ref. No.	Name of Bid	Qty.	Non Refundable Bid Fee - Rs. -	Value of Bid Security - Rs. -
Purchasing of ETU & HLC Equipment				
BME/MEQ/PSSP/ETU & HLC/2021	Multipara Monitor	06	2,500.00	70,000.00
	Defibrillator	04		
	Spinal Board	12		
	Tuning Fork	15		
	BP Apparatus	06		
	ENT Set	06		
	Stethoscope	06		
	Height Measuring Rod	06		
	Weighing Scales For Infant	06		
	Length Board For Infant	06		
Examination Bed	06			
Purchasing of MOH Office Equipment				
BME/MEQ/PSSP/MOH/2021	Mini Autoclave	13	1,500.00	20,000.00
	Examination Bed	15		
	Large Sterilizer	15		
	Speculum M-160, L-30, S-16	-		
	Sport Lamp	15		
	Dressing Trolley	02		
	Scissors	47		
	Vumselum Forceps	31		
	Uterine Sound	33		
	Mosquito Artery	10		
	Kidney Tray	20		
	Sponge Holder	20		
	Covering Screen	05		

- 1) Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- 2) Prospective Bidders should submit the following documents to obtain Bid Documents :
 - i) Valid Business Registration Certificate relevant to the sale of the above equipment.
 - ii) If it is not the Manufacturer, bidders should possess written permission from the Manufacturer to sell the items.
 - iii) Should possess at least two years experience in engaging in the relevant businesses.
 - iv) Should possess the NMRA Certificate for the sale of the equipment
- 3) Interested Bidders can obtain further details from the Administrative Officer of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, on the 04th Floor, Kachcheri Complex, P.O. Box 29, Kalutara and the relevant bid documents can be purchased from **16.04.2021 up to 07.05.2021** on working days, between **9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.** on payment of the non-refundable fee, made to the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kalutara.
- 4) The Bid Security to be submitted with the Bid, should be obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and operating in Sri Lanka as stated in the table and drawn in favour of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kalutara.
- 5) Duly completed Bids prepared in two copies as original and duplicate in separate covers, stated accordingly, should then be placed in a sealed single cover marked, "**Purchasing of ETU & HLC Equipment - BME/MEQ/PSSP/ETU & HLC/2021, Purchasing of MOH Office Equipment - BME/MEQ/PSSP/MOH/2021**" at the left-side top corner and could either be sent by Registered Post or placed in the Bid Box kept at the above address to be received at or before **10.30 a.m. on 10.05.2021.**
- 6) Bids received late will be rejected. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of Bids in the presence of Bidders or their authorized representatives.
- 7) Further details can be obtained from the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services on **Telephone Nos. 034-2222610, 034-2222367, 038-2294700.**

Chairman - Regional Procurement Committee,
Office of the Regional Director of Health Services,
Kalutara.

My No: RG/NB/11/2/27/2018/82/24

NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

1. I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the land described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
2. The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Kurunegala, 09.04.2021 to 23.04.2021 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
3. Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 30.04.2021. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Extract bearing No. B 355/1283/97 of the Land Registry Kurunegala in Kurunegala District.	All that allotment of land depicted in the land called 'RAJAYE IDAMA' in the Plan No. 3027 made by the Surveyor General of the land situated at Kiribamunegama in Polpithigama Divisional revenue Officer's Division in 348-Kiribamunegama Grama Niladhari Division & Grant No. 266/94519 Date of Grant 13.10.1992 in the District of Kurunegala, bounded on the, North by : Road reservation East by : The land of E.M. Thilakarathne South by : The land of J.M. Ranhamy West by : The land of Ubhayawardena Extent : A.02 R.00 P.00	01. No. 266/94519 & 20.08.1990 grant and presented by the Secretary to the President.

W.M.M.B. Weerasekera
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,
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Shanthikumar the iron man of Army and Sri Lanka rugby

ALTHAF NAWAZ

St.Thomas' College, Matara is a prominent school located in the Southern Province which has played a phenomenal role in producing several academics and sportsmen who made their 'Alma Mater' proud locally and Internationally. J K Shanthikumar was one of the yesteryear sportsmen who had a prolific sporting career later representing the country in the game of rugby.

Shanthikumar was well known as 'Yakadaya' in the sporting circles and was born in 1958 in Matara. His father was J.K. Gilbert a clerk by profession and J.A.Wimalawathi his mother worked as a nurse. Shanthikumar continued his school career with St. Thomas', Matara and was very optimistic in maintaining good physique. He decided to participate in sports and played soccer and cricket from the beginning of his school career. He captained the school cricket and soccer teams and towards the latter part of the school career, was more keen on body building, eventually becoming the 'Mr YMBA Matara', when he was only 17 years old. In his final school big match cricket encounter against St. Servatius College, he was instru-

mental in saving them from certain defeat, playing a patient knock occupying the crease for almost five sessions.

After his school career, he joined the Sri Lanka Army. There, he went on to be involved in soccer and cricket. During a regimental soccer match, an unforgettable incident occurred. An officer held him by his hand and said he should come for regimental rugby practices on the next day as they were in need of players for the Army rugby team. He was none other than late General Denzil Kobbakaduwa. This was the turning point of his sporting career and joined the Sinha Regiment to engage in rugby, until then he never had any idea of what this oval shaped ball game was. His first rugby coaches were W.O.I. Piyathissa and late Major W.R. Bandara who taught him the basics of the game. Under them, he was privileged to represent the Sinha regiment team within six months and within one year competed with the Army team. It was



General Denzil Kobbakaduwa who coached the Army side. The journey with them started in 1979 and surged ahead till 1999, an undisputed two-decade journey before he hung up his boots, which made him enter the record books, by becoming another player to don the rugby jersey for such a long time.

He made some experiments in his playing style with a little bit of extra aggression which was quite successful. He captained the Army team in 1989.

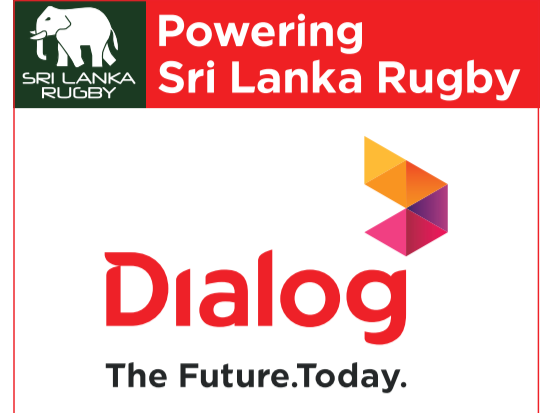
His indefatigable performance enabled him to get the National call in 1988 and went on to lock horns until 1990 with them. He played for Sri Lanka at two Rugby Asids in Hong Kong in 1988 and Colombo in 1990 followed by several other tournaments.

He also continuously represented the Defence Services team from 1982 to 1999. While he was a prominent figure in the Sri Lanka rugby team, he also represented the Sri Lankan Kabaddi team in 1993, when that sport was first intro-

duced to Asian Games. Apart from rugby, he also represented the Army Cricket team in the 1980/81 seasons. Represented the regiment soccer team from 1979 to 1990, Army Archery team in 1988 and 1989 and Army boxing team simultaneously.

After his tenure as a player, he opted to take up coaching and coached the junior academy of St. Peter's College way back in 1993. He was invited to coach the Army 'B' division rugby team from 2000 to 2010 and his last appointment was at Wesley College from 2012 to 2014.

He is grateful to a few special people who helped him as a village boy who came to Army without even knowing what rugby is, later transforming him to become the cynosure of all eyes in his amazing sporting career. The first person in this list is late General Denzil Kobbakaduwa who changed his sporting career and was also instrumental in him playing rugby. Secondly, Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka for supporting his career as he encouraged and pushed him towards achieving his goals. The retired senior DIG Nimal Lewke for the



guidance given, WOI Piyathissa, Late Major R.W. Bandara, Colonel G.H. Ariyaratne, Brigadier Jayantha. Jayawardhana, Colonel Jayantha Kalu Weerasinghe, Brigadier Justus Rodrigo, Jeff Matheson (national coach), S.W. Chang and his fellow players who played with him throughout his career.

His wife is R.P.D. Ramani Jayawickrama and son is Dilshan Jayawickrama

Sri Lankan Olympic stars of yesteryear

S. L. B. Rosa was the 'King' of long-distance runners in Asia

Sellappuliyaage Lucian Benedict Rosa better known as S. L. B. Rosa was the captain of the Sri Lanka Team for the Munich Olympic Games in 1972.

He attended St. Mary's School in Nawalapitiya up to Grade Two and later, he joined the Roman Catholic School in Ampitiya, Kandy. At school he showed interest in football. As part of his practice routine he used to run a mile every day. This improved his qualities of endurance and the Principal of his school, C. T. Weerasinghe, observing this quality diverted his attention to long distance running.

From 1960 to 1963 he registered several victories in various Inter-School Track and Field Meets. In 1963, he started his career as a soldier, in the Field Engineering Unit at the Sri Lanka Army.

He registered his first major victory in 1965 at the National Athletics Championships when he beat the 1964 Olympic representative, R. J. K. Karunananda into second place in the 5,000m. Rosa also improved the record of 14.56.8s set up by Karunananda for this event by registering a time of 14.26.0s.

In 1966, he easily won the long-distance events at the Army Meet and won the 5,000m event once again at the National Athletics Championship.

These victories earned him a place in the Sri Lanka Team for the Asian Games that year. At the Asian Game he won two Bronze Medals by registering times of 14.56.0s for the 5,000m and 31.06.04s for the 10,000m.

The year 1967 was another milestone in his career. At the Nationals that year, he beat the Indian champion Kripal



S. L. B. Rosa

Singh in the 5,000m and won the Athlete of the Year Award by setting up a new record.

In addition, he won the prestigious awards such as the Wilton Bartlett Cup, Duncan White Cup and the Governor-General's Cup. The year 1968 brought him much success in his sports career.

This year he left the Army to join the Ceylon Transport Board and at several international athletic meets held this year, he won as much as nine Gold Medals. In some of these events he set up new National records. In 1967, Rosa also participated in the National Athletics Championships of Singapore.

Athletes from Malaysia, Thailand, and Hong Kong participated in this meet. Rosa won both the 5,000m and the 10,000m events setting up new records. With these Medals, his Gold Medals tally at international meets totalled 11 and together with the two medals he won at the Asian Games, it was 13.

With his experience at these international meets behind him, he participated in the Asian Games held in Bangkok, Thailand in 1970. This was his crowning glory. He won the 5,000m event in a time of 14m 32.2s and the 10,000m with a new record time of 29m 55.6s.

His performances at these two races earned him such accolades as the 'Golden Boy of Athletics' and 'King of Long-Distance Runners in Asia.' This was the first occasion when a Sri Lankan had won two Gold Medals at the same meet.

He represented Sri Lanka at the Munich Olympic Games in 1972 while studying in America but could only gain the 16th place in the second heat of the 10,000m race registering a time of 30m 20.2s. (C.D)

Nethmi Heshani excels in volleyball and athletics

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Fifteen year old up and coming Volleyball Player and Athlete Samarawilage Nethmi Heshani Samarawila brought honour and fame to her school Wekada Maha Vidyalaya, Dankotuwa.

Initially she was admitted to the Grade One of Primary School Dankotuwa in 2012 when Mrs. Jessica was the Principal and her first class teacher was Mrs. Kusum.

When she was in this school she did not take part in sports activities. When she joined Wekada Maha Vidyalaya in 2017 she participated at the Kids Sports Meet and she did well in volleyball and her parents Jayantha Samarawila and Inoka Damayanthi encouraged their daughter to take up to volleyball and in the same year itself she came under their Prefect of Games and Volleyball coach



Nethmi Heshani

Samana Bandara in the under 11 age group.

Same year there was a Volleyball Tournament in the Inter House Level and she was selected to the under 12 team and participated in the DSI District Tournament and her school became the runners up and 2018 they took part at the Divisional and Zonal Tournaments and came second and third respectively and in the DSI District Tournament once again they won the second place. Same year at the Schools Sports Meet she did 400 and 800 metres and she came second and her coach was. Gayan. In 2019 after winning the lower level tournaments in volleyball and they were the District Champion but they were beaten at the All Island Quarter Finals. There were no sports at the school due to Covid 19 in 2020. Her Principal Mr. Wasantha is always extending his support for sports at her Alma Mater.



The champion Southern Gladiators team - Indika Udayanaga (Capt) Samantha Lorensuhewa, Fawaz Jishty, Bhakthi Mendis, Lakshan Priyashantha, Sandun Wickramaratne, Channa Edirisinghe, Rangana Vidhanapathirana, Dev Doolwala, Vikum Ratnayake, Ranaka Rupasinghe, Priyan Kirshantha, Vidulaka Vithanage.

Southern Gladiators T10 cricket champions

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Southern Gladiators led by former Richmond all rounder Indika Udayanaga defeated Super X1 team by 33 runs in the final of the T10 tournament played at Piliyandala Central grounds to clinch the title.

Southern Gladiators scored 130 for 3 in their 10 overs while Super X1 managed to get 97 all out in 8.3 overs. Rangana Vidhanapathirana top scored with 45 for Gladiators while skipper Udayanaga (24) and Fawaz Jishty (23.0) also made useful contributions for the champion team. Janaka Rupasinghe 3 for 24 and Bhakthi Mendis 2 for 6

were the most successful bowlers for the winning side. Rangana Vidhanapathirana of Southern Gladiators was adjudged man of the final, player of the tournament and best batsman of the tournament for his consistent performances.

Chief scores (final)
Southern Gladiators 130/ 3
Rangana Vidhanapathirana 45, Indika Udayanaga 24, Fawaz Jishty 23n.o., Samantha Lorensuhewa 11, Dev Doolwala 11 n.o.,
Super X1 97 in 8.3 overs.
Madura 24, Manahara 32, Janaka Rupasinghe 3/18, Bhakthi Mendis 2/6, Sadun Wickramaratne 1/10

Governor's Cup Races on April 15

Creating history in Sri Lankan horse racing, EFL, a leading conglomerate with interests in Logistics, Leisure and Investments and a member of Expolanka Holdings PLC, will partner with Royal Turf Club (RTC) to hold the prestigious Governor's Cup, the country's oldest horse racing event.

Synonymous with speed, precision and exclusivity, the partnership made by EFL with RTC will promise a grand race day on the 15th of April, 2021 as many entertainment events have been lined up in addition to the five main horse racing events.

The race day will be aptly named 'RTC Governor's Cup Powered by EFL' in which the prestig-

ious Governor's Cup, Queen's Cup, Mayor's Cup and two more races will be showcased. Country's leading thoroughbred horses owned by the Edwards Stables, Jayaratne Stables, Fearless Stables and Stud Farm, Dynamic Stables and other individual owners will compete fiercely to grab honours at the five races to be held.

The partnership entered with EFL will undoubtedly benefit horse racing and its contributors in many ways for years to come, but the main focus of the pairing will be to provide an unforgettable day on the 15th of April and a memorable Governor's Cup. The Governor's Cup is the most followed and anticipated horse racing event in Sri Lanka. (AN)



Saif Yusooq, Managing Director EFL (3rd from left) handing over the sponsorship cheque to Nisitha Rupasinghe, Treasurer, RTC (3rd from right) for the Governor's Cup 2021, powered by EFL. Others in the picture are (from left) Leroy Ebert, Chief Growth Officer EFL, Sammy Akbar, CEO - Logistic, Ryoto Hahariya, Manager, Expolanka Holdings and Shaban Shuhaib, Event Coordinator, RTC

Asela Muthumala - Central Province Rugby Referees President



HAFIZ MARIKAR

The Central Province Rugby Referees Association had their AGM last Sunday at the Old Vidyarthi Sports Club at Nitawela. Asela Muthumala was elected as the President for 2021/22, he is sure to do a good job like the past presidents. Sylvester Aruna Krishantha Rankothge, who was president, did a good job and this time he did not come forward. Asela Muthumala a top man in the rugby filed is attached to the Kandy Police and is a product of Kingswood College and later played for Police as a hooker. A keen follower of rugby refereeing sure to give his best with the support of the rest. The present committee is formed with referees like. Y.M.S. Ratnayake, Sarath Madugalle as Vice Presidents, Raveen Alexander Secretary, and Asela Niyadagala Treasurer.

Kandy Sports Round up:

Old Rajans Rugby Committee to support

Dharmaraja College Old Boys Rugby wing are all out to give their best for the game, like in the past. Now the wing is headed by Chaminda Yapa, he played for the school side from 1994 to 1996 and won colours for rugby in 1996 and later played for Old Trinitians SC in 1996 and 1997. Later for Kandy SC. The Vice president of the wing is Sameera Pinnaduwa, Secretary Malinga Godigamuwa, Treasurer - Sajeewa Hulangamuwa, Team Manager - Tharindu Rathnayake, Management Heads - K.R. Herath, Sajeewa Abeyratne Fund racing, event organizing and coordinating). Technical committee - Chaminda Yapa, Indika Udayakumara, Dayan Munidasa, Sudheera De Silva, Tharindu Rathnayake.

KDCA Cricket final

The final of the Kandy District

Cricket Association one day cricket tournament will be played after the Sinhala and Tamil New year. This well organized tournament gave a boost to local talent by giving them an excellent opportunity to play good cricket, which saw thirty teams in action

Old Trinitians win Bradby Golf

In the fifth Bradby Golf tournament between Old Trinitians and Old Royalists Old Trinitians beat Old Royalists to pocket the G.C. Wickremasinghe challenge trophy. Old Trinitians were able to win six while Old Royalist three with one ending in a tie. Now Old Trinitians head the series with 3- to 2 wins. This time the event took place at the Victoria Golf Resort at Digana. The old Trinitians regained the trophy after a lapse of two years; the winners pocketed six team events while Old Royalists won three with one game ending in a tie.

Lasantha de Costa to continue as Rajans coach

Former Ispithana, CR & FC and Sri Lanka ruggerite Lasantha de Costa will continue his job as rugby coach of Dharmaraja College and Buddhika Abeyasinghe is the forwards coach. Rajans who are at practices are blessed with some top players and are sure to give their best when the tournament begins

Inter house rugby

The Trinity College inter-house ten-a-side rugby tournament will take place today at Pallekelle rugby grounds, from 10 a.m. onwards. It is a student's-friendship inter-house senior rugby tournament which will produce a good days run and pass rugby.

Kandy schools rugby training starts

All Kandy rugby playing schools have started training for the intending season. King-

swood College, Vidyarthi College, Trinity College, St. Anthony's College, Dharmaraja College, Sri Sumangala College, St. Sylvester's College, and Sri Rahula College are blessed with good talented coaches who are sure to guide them well. And all schools are blessed with talented players. Only problem the schools have is, lack of proper grounds for practices and matches.

KDHA to honour players

The Kandy District Hockey Association headed by R. Maheswaran has decided to honour the past players and officials. The Kandy's Men's and Women's Hockey players will be recognized for their efforts. The much-awaited event is set to be held in Kandy in the coming month. Awards will be given in recognition of excellence in performance for the overall contribution to the game of hockey.

Trinity and St. Anthony's in quarters

Trinity College and St. Anthony's College are through to quarter-finals in the schools one day tournament. All cricket playing schools in Kandy, did well in their matches. Sri Rahula College in their five games won two, lost two, no decision one, Sri Sumangala College played five won three and lost two, Vidyarthi College played four games won two, lost two and one more to be played, St. Sylvester's College out of their five games won two and lost three, Trinity College played five games have won four and lost one with 18 points runners-up and qualify to final round from Group X. St. Anthony's College out of their five games won three, lost one and one no decision, have qualified to the quarter-final round of Tier A tournament. Dharmaraja College out of their five games won one, lost three and one no decision Kingswood College won two lost three.

Barcelona Football Academy's fourth Anniversary

BERNARD PERERA

The Barcelona Football Academy celebrates its fourth anniversary today. As part of its anniversary celebrations has organized Football tournament to be held today at the Race Course Football ground from 9 a.m. The Tournament will be played on different age groups said the organisers. Barcelona Academy invites all interested football fans to witness these matches to encourage the young soccerites in the country.



Dilshi Kumarasinghe in action

Dazzling Dilshi steals the limelight at Athletic Trials

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
South Asian Games triple Gold Medalist and the defending national champion Dilshi Kumarasinghe stole the limelight on the final day of the National Athletic Trials, which concluded at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

The 21-year-old promising athlete from Digana representing Sri Lanka Army set up a new Sri Lanka record in the Women's 800m event clocking 2.02.52s.

She shattered the previous record of

2.02.55s set by Gayanthika Abeyratne at the 2017 National Athletic Trials.

Nimali Liyanaratchi had to be satisfied with second place with a time of 2.03.15s while Abeyratne was placed third with a time of 2.03.64s.

Meanwhile, A. S. M. Safan from Army won the Men's 200m final while overcoming the defending national champion Kalinga Kumara.

Safan finished the race with a time of 20.81s while Kumara was placed second with a time of 20.85s and Aruna Dharshana was placed third

with a time of 21.00s. The 200m Women's final was won by the national champion Nadeesha Ramanayake of Army with a time of 24.28s.

The Men's pole vault event was won by S. Puvitharan of Army with a leap of 4.90m while K. A. T. Lakshani of Air Force won the Women's triple jump with an effort of 12.73m.

Lakshika Sugandi of Army won the 100m hurdles with a timing of 13.95s while the Men's 800m event was won by Soldier G. R. Chathuranga with a time of 1.49.82s.

Meanwhile, Asanka Rathnasena of Air Force won the Men's 400m with a time of 51.88s while his younger brother Asitha from Army won the second place with a time of 52.13s.

T. G. V. Sandaruwan of Sri Lanka Schools won the Men's triple jump with a distance of 16.08m.

Sanjaya Bandara of Army won the Men's hammer throw with an effort of 48.29m while the Women's hammer throw was won by W. A. S. M. Amarasinghe of Army with a distance of 40.51m.

WORLD OF SPORTS

(April 10)

LOCAL EVENTS

CRICKET

(Inter-Schools U-19 Tournament): Ananda vs Royal at Ananda Mawatha St. Peter's vs Thurstan at Bambalapitiya Science College vs Horizon College at Ratmalana Kalutara District Premier League final at Panadura

FOREIGN EVENTS

CRICKET

(Indian Premier League): Chennai Super Kings vs Delhi Capitals at Mumbai South Africa vs Pakistan (1st T20) at Johannesburg New Zealand Women vs Australia Women (3rd ODI) at Tauranga

(April 10 and 11)

LOCAL EVENTS

TENNIS

Clay Court Nationals at SLTA Courts, Green Path

NETBALL

Super League Tournament in Ratnapura

(April 11)

LOCAL EVENTS

CRICKET

(Major Club Tournament final): Ragama CC vs NCC At SSC Grounds

FOREIGN EVENTS

CRICKET

(Indian Premier League): Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Kolkata Knight Riders at Chennai



Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa opening the new laboratory of the SLADA in the presence of Chairman of SLADA Professor Arjuna de Silva

New laboratory for SLADA

Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa yesterday declared open the new laboratory of the Sri Lanka Anti Doping Agency (SLADA) to mark the World Anti Doping Day, on April 9.

The construction of this lab started in 2017 and it is included with modern technology equipment that always produce the correct results.

"We have to develop athletes' nutrition level to strengthen their mentality. The athletes have to be more concerned about their nutrition and Anti Doping," Minister of Sports Namal Rajapaksa said.

"The players' discipline is also very important to build up their career. The modern technology equipment of this

lab are very useful for the athletes' future preparations," the Minister added.

State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Development Thenuka Vidhanagamage, SLADA Chairman Professor Arjuna de Silva and its Director General Dr. Seevali Jayawickrama also graced the occasion (D.R)

Ragama set up SLC L/O final clash against NCC

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Ragama CC brought an end to Army CC's giant killing performances when they recorded an emphatic eight-wicket victory in the SLC Major Club Limited Over Cricket Tournament semi-final worked off at the NCC Grounds in Maitland Place yesterday.

Army CC, taking first lease of the wicket were dismissed for 178 with Ragama CC Skipper Ishan Jayaratne returning splendid figures of five wickets for 31.

In reply, Ragama CC reached their target in 39.2 overs thanks to a superb 99

from opener Saminda Fernando who struck six boundaries and one six.

Meanwhile, NCC pulled off an exciting 18-run victory over Badureliya SC in the other semi-final encounter played at the CCC Grounds in Maitland Crescent.

NCC rallied around through a fine century from Upul Tharanga to pile up a formidable 292 for seven in their 50 overs and then dismissed their opponents for 274 in the last over of the innings.

Chief scores
● At CCC Grounds (NCC won by 18 runs)

NCC: 292/7 in 50 overs (Upul Tharanga 136, Kamil Mishara 46, Chaturanga de Silva 30, Alankara Asanka 3/60)

Badureliya SC: 274 in 49.3 overs (Tillakaratne Sampath 98, Gamindu Kanishka 50, Dilshan de Soysa 37, Lahiru Kumara 4/42)

● At NCC Grounds (Ragama CC won by eight wickets)

Army CC: 178 in 46.3 overs (Himasha Liyanage 45, Thisara Perera 45, Ishan Jayaratne 5/31, Binura Fernando 3/30)

Ragama CC: 179/2 in 39.2 overs (Saminda Fernando 99, Nishan Madushka 34, Dineth Thimodya 33 n.o.)



Upul Tharanga in action



Saminda Fernando in action. Pic courtesy SLC

Kandy YCC win by 69 runs

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Kandy Youth CC beat Saracens CC by 69 runs in their Kandy District Cricket Association Limited Over Cricket Tournament semi-final worked off at the Prison Grounds in Pallelele yesterday.

Kandy Youth CC batting first hit up 197 runs in 47.5 overs and then bowled

out their opponents for 128 runs in 39.2 overs.

Chief scores
Kandy Youth CC: 197 in 47.5 overs (D. Maduranga 77, G. Kamburugamuwa 39, S. Dissanayake 4/34, S. Milinda 4/38)

Saracens CC: 128 in 39.2 overs (S. Dissanayake 45, J. Maitipe 25, H. Polkottuwa 2/4, G. Kamburugamuwa 2/27).

Trinity in command at Asgiriya

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Wesley College were struggling at 55 for three in reply to Trinity's first innings total of 220 runs on the opening day of their Inter-Schools Under-19 traditional cricket fixture, which commenced at the Asgiriya Stadium in Kandy yesterday.

Chief scores: Trinity: 220 (Ranuda Somarathna 53, Umair Raizan 41, Pasan Ganegoda 28, Matheesha Pathirana 27, Akram Muthalib 23, Pawan Pathiraja 20, Thenuka Perera 5/48, Rakith Fernando 3/20)

Wesley: 55/3 (Kushan Chamalka 34 n.o., Abhishek Anandakumar 2/11).

Pathiratna lifts Royal with unbeaten 87

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Opener Kavindu Pathiratna scored an unbeaten 87 as Royal College scored 359 for six wickets in their first innings on the opening day of their two-day Under-19 cricket fixture against Ananda College played at Ananda Mawatha yesterday.

The left-hander batting at number six struck nine fours and a six in his 150-ball innings and was well supported by the wicket-keeper batsman Nethin Panapitiya who made 50 in 51 balls inclusive of four fours and two sixes.

Chief scores

● At Ananda Mawatha

Royal: 359/6 (Isiwara Dissanayake 40, Prashan Kalhara 34, Dasis Manchanayake 67, Kavindu Pathiratna 87 n.o., Nethin Panapitiya 50 n.o, Maoshada Fernando 3/63) vs Ananda.

● At Kotahena Zahira: 279/8 (Sameer Majeed 43, Venket 45, Saidh Naleem 55, Mohamed Ruhaim 30 n.o., Akindu Karunaratne 4/50) vs St. Benedict's.

● At Thurstan Grounds St. Peter's: 277/5 decl (Shanuka Galagoda 63, Vishen Halabage 44, Shenal Boteju 46, Nimutha Gunawardena 55 n.o., Rusanda Gamage 31) Thurstan: 20/2.



Kavindu Pathiratna (Royal) plays a shot Pic by Hirantha Gunathilaka

Kapilasena bags U-12 Tennis Title

Saha Kapilasena clinched the Boys' Under-12 Singles title at the Hutch-HNB Clay Court Tennis Nationals, which continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path yesterday.

Kapilasena rallied around well and went on to beat his opponent Sasen Premaratne in straight sets 6-3, 6-1 in the final encounter.

The results (All finals):
Mixed Doubles: Anika Seneviratne and Dineshkanth Thangaraja beat Sanka Athukorala and Neyara Weerawansa 7-5, 6-4.

Men's Doubles: Sanka Athukorala and Yasitha De Silva beat Rajew Rajapaksa and Renuk Wijemanne 6-4, 6-0.

Boys' Singles Under-12: Saha Kapilasena beat Sasen Premaratne 6-3, 6-1. (C.D)



Saha Kapilasena in action

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