

RUSSIAN TROOPS ENTER UKRAINE'S SECOND LARGEST CITY



The remains of a destroyed tank on the roadside on the outskirts of Ukraine's second-largest city of Kharkiv on Saturday.

UNHRC Sessions begin in Geneva today

Foreign Minister Peiris to speak tomorrow
Interactive dialogue on March 3

DISNA MUDALIGE

Foreign Minister Prof G. L. Peiris, who is leading the Sri Lankan delegation to the 49th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), will be addressing a high-level panel discussion in Geneva tomorrow afternoon Sri Lankan time.



The 49th UNHRC Session will begin today, and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet are scheduled to address the Opening Session of the high-level segment.

The theme of the high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming is "The contribution of universal participation to the mainstreaming of human rights throughout the United Nations system on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council".

UKRAINE-RUSSIA TALKS TO BE HELD NEAR BELARUS BORDER

975 UKRAINIAN MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE OBJECTS DESTROYED - SPOKESMAN

UKRAINIAN FORCES HOLDING OFF ADVANCING RUSSIAN TROOPS IN KYIV

RUSSIA SHUTS AIRSPACE TO POLISH, CZECH, BULGARIAN PLANES

Ukrainian forces were battling Russian troops on the streets of Ukraine's second-largest city of Kharkiv on Sunday, said regional Governor Oleh Sinegov.

"Russian light vehicles have broken into Kharkiv, including the city centre," Sinegov said. Videos published showed several light military vehicles moving along a street and, separately, a burning tank. Russian forces attacked oil and gas facilities, sparking huge explosions.

Meanwhile, Russian and Ukrainian delegations will meet on the border of Ukraine and Belarus near the Pripjat River for talks about ending Russian attacks, Ukraine's Presidential Office said Sunday. Ukraine had earlier ruled

out a meeting in Belarus because Russian forces launched attacks from there but agreed to meet "without preconditions" on the border near the Pripjat River.

Kyiv announced the agreement after phone calls Sunday between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko. Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday put nuclear deterrent forces on high alert, in response to sanctions and what he called "aggressive statements" from the West against Russia.

It's a major escalation of tensions with NATO after Western nations announced plans to restrict the Russian central bank from its foreign

currency reserves and cut off certain Russian banks from the SWIFT financial system.

Ukrainian Forces were holding off Russian troops advancing on the capital, Kyiv, said President Volodymyr Zelensky as the biggest assault on a European state since World War II entered its fourth day. The pace of Russia's advance appeared to slow, with Zelensky saying that his country's fighters had "withstood and successfully repelled enemy attacks." Ukraine's armed forces, backed by growing ranks of citizen soldiers, said on Sunday that they were targeting Russian supply lines, aiming to deprive the advancing forces of "timely replenishment".



Children who fled the conflict from neighbouring Ukraine play on the floor of an event hall in a hotel offering shelter in Siret, Romania, on Saturday. Romania is seeing an influx of Ukrainian refugees.

Fuel shortage to extend power cut today

P.K.BANDARA

The Public Utilities Commission said the power cut will be extended today (28) due to the shortage of fuel for power plants.

Accordingly, a 5 hour and 15 minute power cut will be imposed in P, Q, R, S, T and U, V, W zones today, the Public Utilities Commission said.

Over 200 on Sri Pada route held for narcotics



Checking on the Sri Pada route continues. Picture by Chandana Jayaweera.

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Police said over 200 persons who came on the annual Sri Pada pilgrimage in the past three months were arrested for the possession of drugs.

Last weekend alone, police arrested 35 pilgrims for carrying drugs and they were produced in Court.

UNP's Lak Vanitha to begin street protests

SHIROMI ABAYASINGHE

The United National Party (UNP) is preparing to take to the streets on International Women's Day this year, urging

the government to protect the economy and protect the rights of women.

United Lak Vanitha Association Chairperson Shanthini Kongahage



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa handing over a deed to a farmer at the ceremony. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa and State Minister Siripala Gamalath look on. Picture by President's Media Division.

WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE - PRESIDENT

SOME PARTIES SEEKING POLITICAL ADVANTAGE - PRIME MINISTER

35,000 TITLE DEEDS FOR FARMERS IN 10 MAHAWELI ZONES

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said he will not deviate from the democratic system that guarantees the freedom and aspirations of the people in governing the country.

But the President urged all parties not to abuse the freedom that comes with it.

The President made these remarks addressing the inaugural ceremony of the programme to award Mahaweli Ranbima Deeds to 100,000 Mahaweli recipients held at the Embilipitiya Mahaweli Ground, on Saturday (26).

According to the National Policy Framework 'Vistas of Prosperity and

Splendour', the Ranbima Deed Programme is being implemented to grant the people the right to a clear title to the land. It is planned to issue 100,000 clear deeds this year.

Under the first phase, 35,000 title deeds will be handed over to farmers in 10 Mahaweli Zones.

Govt to extend tourist visas of Ukrainians here

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said the government is considering extending the visas of Ukrainian tourists who are unable to travel to their home country due to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Nurses, paramedics to strike on March 2

SANDYA KARUNARATNE

The strike by nurses and paramedics will resume on March 2 and 3, Federation of Health Professionals Convener

Ravi Kumudesh said yesterday (27). He attributed the strike to the failure of authorities to address the issue of pay inequality.

BBQ grill inside room: Couple found dead in N-Eliya

C.MAHAGAMA and ASELA KURULUWANSA

A couple was found dead inside a hotel room in Nuwara Eliya yesterday and police suspect it was due to Carbon Monoxide poisoning as the couple had taken the barbecue grill to their room after an out-

door BBQ party the previous evening.

The deceased have been identified as a 59-year-old man and a 58-year-old woman, a married couple from Gokarella Kurunegala. The female victim is said to be a nurse at the Kurunegala hospital.



The barbecue grill kept inside the room by the couple.

Fully vaccinated travellers allowed without PCR, RAT from March 1

All "Fully Vaccinated" travellers do not need COVID-19 tests (PCR or Rapid Antigen Test) before travelling to Sri Lanka with effect from tomorrow (March 1), Civil Aviation Authority Chairman Upul Dharwadasa said. As different countries have different phases of vaccination,

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NPP will adopt people centric governance - AKD

LAHIRU FERNANDO

National People's Power (NPP) leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake said a future NPP government will adopt a people-centric approach where government will consult citizens about their needs and encourage their

direct participation in policy making and service design and delivery.

"We have planned to launch a new style of government. I invite all to unite to end this journey with victory and to build a country where the people

US\$ 6 bn spent on non-essential goods in 2021 - Minister

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Possible catastrophe controlled with the launch of vaccination drive - President

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said that a devastating situation that could have emerged in the country has been brought under control by the timely implementation of the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

The President was speaking at the High-Level Thematic Debate

on 'Galvanising Momentum for Universal Vaccination' held at the General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters on Friday (25), via video link.

"The emergence of new variants of concern remains a dangerous possibility while availability of vaccines remains uneven globally. As I stated in my address to the General Assembly last year, ensuring everyone, everywhere, is vaccinated is the best way out of the pandemic," the President said.

UN General Assembly President Abdulla Shahid and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

expressing their views at the beginning of the debate pointed out the importance of vaccination and how different states have acted on it.

During the first round of the debate existing challenges in vaccine production and distribution, optimizing quality, improving

absorption capacity and delivery rates in low-coverage countries, and ensuring supply predictability were highlighted and reviewed.

The second round focused on identifying innovations and solutions needed to overcome current challenges and work towards universal vaccination.

World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, UN Human Rights High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet, GAVI (The Vaccine Alliance) CEO Dr. Seth Berkley and several world leaders and other representatives spoke at the summit.

Pamankada bridge will be the widest in the country

Chief Government Whip and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said that those who did nothing to improve the country's energy sector while they were in power now come to Parliament with candles and flashlights.

"In a way it's ironic that the SJB MPs bring torches and candles to Parliament with the intention of finding fault with us for the ongoing power cuts while they were the ones actually responsible for this crisis, because they did nothing to upgrade the country's power and energy sector during the regime of Yahapalana," the Minister said.

"We as a nation today pay the price of their incompetence from 2015 to 2019," the Minister said during a ceremony held to hand over the keys of newly built houses to those who had lost their houses owing to the widening of the Pamankada bridge.

"This bridge with a width of 44 metres is going to be the widest bridge in the country. We hope to complete this work by the end of this year. It is also an indication that we continued to work despite a pandemic-induced economic crisis. People may recall that we used to work in the same manner while we were fighting a war. But could anyone remember any substantial development project by the Yahapalana government? They did nothing to develop the country. They could not implement a single project to upgrade the country's power sector while engineers and other experts kept pointing out the need to do so. Now, as a result we have to face the power-cuts."

Minister Fernando said that the original plan was to complete the construction of the new bridge by March 31 this year, but an additional 90 days were needed due to changes in the plans. "Today we hand over the keys to newly built houses for those who had lost their property and land to give way to the new bridge being constructed to solve traffic congestion that lasted for decades at Pamankada. We are passing a period of trying times. We are confronted with a dollar shortage problem, yet we have not stopped our work and are moving forward with a vision of prosperity that



Minister Johnston Fernando speaks with a beneficiary during the handing over of newly built houses to those who lost theirs due to the widening of the Pamankada bridge.

our President promised to build and develop this country, to develop the road network, infrastructure, health services and to resuscitate the collapsed economy," Minister Fernando said.

Responding to a question raised by a journalist who pointed out that the opposition was alleging that there was no food, no fuel and there was no electricity, the Minister said: "There is no starvation in this country. Fuel prices have risen recently and there may be further increases because of the Russian-Ukraine war. Yet, we have decided not to stop any development project. We have to admit there is a cement problem today which is because of the increased demand owing to the boom in the construction industry."

"The Opposition thinks that there would be regime change on the basis of these temporary shortages. That is why they stage protests carrying torches. They do not even know how to organize a protest properly. Otherwise they would not have grabbed temporary issues to campaign against a govern-

ment. As a responsible Minister of the Government, I say that there are problems. If there was no dollar crisis we would not have let people stand in queues. But these are temporary issues which will be solved in the coming weeks," Minister Fernando said.

"Those who know history are aware that all the governments had to opt for power cuts at various times. It is not a new thing. There is no rain at this time. Electricity has not been developed according to the supply of electricity required for the country during the last period of Good Governance. The required development had not been undertaken. Yet our Government has commenced developing renewable energy projects so that future generations of this country would not suffer power cuts. The Yahapalana regime could have done the same but they did not owing to their incompetence. Today they stage protests thinking that people have forgotten that it was due to their incompetence that the nation is experiencing power cuts," the Minister said.

Priyantha Kumara lynching trial to begin next week

ISLAMABAD: Two months after he was lynched and beaten to death, the murder trial of Sri Lankan national Priyantha Kumara will commence at the Kot Lakhpat Jail in Punjab, Pakistan, next week.

According to the Punjab police, the investigation has been completed and the case file has been submitted to the prosecution. More than 80 men identified via CCTV footage have been named.

Priyantha who was working as a factory manager at Rajco Industries in Sialkot in the province of Punjab in Pakistan was lynched and his body was set on fire by workers over blasphemy allegations.

An anti-terrorism court of

Gujranwala was hearing the case. On Saturday, SAMAA TV's Arshad Ali reported that the suspects have been moved to the prison where the trial will be held.

A three-member special prosecution team led by Special Prosecutor General Abdur Rauf Watto has been pursuing the case. The Pakistani Government has directed the prosecution team to submit the daily progress report



of the case to the Prosecutor General of Punjab.

After the incident was reported, the police had rounded up over 200 people for questioning. Most of them were however released after investigators analysed CCTV and phone videos and no corroborating evidence was found against them.

A week after the murder, Pakistan observed the Day of Condemnation and religious scholars held a press conference to denounce the lynching. (SAMAA)

Three new envoys present credentials

Three newly accredited Ambassadors to Sri Lanka presented their credentials to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at President's House in Colombo on Friday (25).

They are United Arab Emirates Ambassador Khaled Nasser Sulaiman Al Ameri, US

Ambassador Julie Jiyoon Chung and Libyan Ambassador Nasser Alfurjani.

Regional Cooperation State Minister Tharaka Balasuriya, Secretary to the President Gamini Senarath and Chief of Protocol Senarath Disanayake were also present.

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Plans afoot to set up three more Botanical Gardens

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Tourism Ministry Secretary S. Hettiarachchi said that plans are afoot to set up three botanical gardens including a Mangrove Conservation Botanical Garden.

"The Mangrove Conservation Botanical Garden will be set up in Galle, while the other two botanical gardens will be set up in Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi in the Northern Province," he said.

He was addressing the gathering after unveiling tri-lingual name plates at the Galaha Junction, marking the 200th Anniversary of the formation of the Per-

adeniya Royal Botanical Gardens.

Secretary Hettiarachchi said that there are only two 200-year-old State Institutions in Sri Lanka and one of them is the Department of Botanical Gardens.

The Secretary also said that Sri Lanka has been ranked number one in terms of mangrove diversity and that many endemic mangroves exist in Sri Lanka. The Secretary also said that the new Botanical Gardens will preserve all these mangroves.

Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens Director General Dr. S. A. Krishnaraja was present.



Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens Director General Dr. S. A. Krishnaraja participating at the event. Picture by Asela Kuruluwansa

High Commissioner Moragoda meets RSS Chief



Unveiling the photographs.

Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda met Rashtriya Swamsevak Sangh (RSS) Chief Shri Mohan Bhagwat at the RSS Headquarters in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The *Rashtriya Swamsevak Sangh* (the National Volunteer Organization), is a large and widespread Indian Hindu volunteer organization with a 5-6 million members.

Chief Shri Mohan Bhagwat extended a very warm welcome to High Commissioner Milinda Moragoda. They discussed a wide range of issues, including the age-old cultural and religious relations between India and Sri Lanka, especially between Buddhism and Hinduism, and sought

ways and means through which a dialogue could be established between these two world religions, which originated in India. The RSS Senior Office Bearers were also present.

The High Commissioner gifted two photographs to the organization to mark the occasion featuring two murals from the Kelaniya Rajamaha Vihara. Of these photographs, the first depicts a mural of Aradat Mahinda delivering the message of the Buddha to King Devanampiyatissa upon arriving in Sri Lanka, while the second depicts the arrival of Theri Sanghamitta to Sri Lanka bearing the right sapling of the Sri Maha Bodhi.

High Commissioner Mora-

goda paid a floral tribute to the memorial of the late Dr. Keshav Hedgewar, RSS Founder. At the Dr. Hedgewar Smarak Samiti (Hedgewar Memorial Committee) building, the High Commissioner unveiled the two photographs in the presence of the RSS Senior Officials.

Founded by Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar on September 27, 1925 in Nagpur to create a Hindu nation, the RSS promotes the ideals of upholding Indian culture and the values of a civil society and spreads the ideology of Hindutva, to strengthen the Hindu community.

Shri Mohan Bhagwat is the 6th *Sarsangchalak* of the RSS since 2009.

Navy hold eight Indian fishermen

The Navy held a trawler with eight Indian fishermen poaching in Sri Lankan waters in the seas north of Talaimannar on Saturday (26) night.

A Fast Attack Craft of the

Fourth Fast Attack Flotilla (4 FAF) of the North Central Naval Command in seas north of Talaimannar carried out the operation. The Indian fishermen were 'bottom trawling' in the Sri Lankan waters, after

crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) when they were arrested. The Navy held nine Indian fishing vessels along with 59 fishermen in Sri Lankan waters in February.



Applications called for GN vacancies

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Applications have been called for over 2,280 Grama Niladhari (GN) vacancies. The country now consists of 14,022 GN Divisions, Home Affairs State Ministry Secretary W.H.M. Chitraraj said.

He said that the Department of Examinations will conduct the competitive exam for the selected applicants by July this year.

He also said that Acting GNs are covering duties these days in the divisions that lack officials.

Japanese Philanthropist Takiko Yoshida remembered

The 22nd Death Anniversary of Japanese Philanthropist Takiko Yoshida, who contributed to uplift children's education in Sri Lanka, will be commemorated at the Sapugaskanda Yoshida Shokanji International School (YSIS) today.

The Japanese Philanthropist's close association with Ven. Banagala Upatissa Thera led to the establishment of the Sapugaskanda Yoshida Shokanji International School and more than 20 pre-School education institutions in Sri Lanka.

The Japanese Philanthropist along with like-minded people in Japan helped establish the

Yoshida Educational and Social Service Foundation" in Sri Lanka. Founded by Ven. Banagala Upatissa Thera with the patronage of Takiko Yoshida, it was established in Sapugaskanda, Gonawala, in Sri Lanka. The school now has more than 1,200 pupils from Nursery to Advanced Level, learning both the National Curriculum and the Cambridge Curriculum. The YSIS is a unique educational establishment fostering Buddhist ethos and tradition while encouraging a multi-religious, multi-ethnic environment.

In recognition of her great service to our country, the late Pres-

ident Ranasinghe Premadasa presented Takiko Yoshida with the Sri Lanka Rajjana Honorary Title in 1991. This is the first time a foreigner has been awarded the title.

Yoshida passed away in 2000. In 2008, the Government of Sri Lanka issued a stamp in her name and a first day cover. This is the first time Sri Lanka issued a stamp and first day cover for a Japanese national.

The road from Sapugaskanda to the Biyagama Free Trade Zone was renamed Takiko Yoshida Mawatha as a mark of gratitude for her great service to Sri Lanka.



Foreign couple injured in truck-car collision



The car after the collision.

Picture by Mahinda P. Liyanage, Galle Central Special Corr

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

A tipper truck transporting sand and a car carrying a foreign couple collided in Mihiripenne on the Galle-Matara Main Road on Saturday (26), Habaraduwa Police said.

The truck was travelling from Galle to Matara when it collided with the car heading towards Galle from Matara.

The car driver and the couple had been admitted to the Karapitiya Hospital. Habaraduwa police are investigating.

'Ecological Floating Islands' around Army, Defence HQ Entrance

The Army Chief-initiated beautification project, *Thuru Mithuru-Nawa Ratak* that transformed the areas adjoining the road patch between the Central Environmental Authority (CEA) Junction and the main entrance to the Army and the Defence Ministry HQs to ecologically-friendly wetlands, walkways, children's parks and cultivable paddy fields received another stimulant when 200 Ecological Floating Islands that float on the surface which can purify the sewage, reduce the smell of sewage and provide a suitable habitat for aquatic animals and waterfowl were launched as an effective nature-based water pollution solution recently.

Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army General Shavendra Silva, who pioneered the total transformation of both rugged and barren sideways of the road about two years ago with his tree-planting, harvesting and beautification project, joined the launch of the floating islands, rich with wetland plants and aquatic vascular plants at the invitation of Major General Indu Samarakoon, Commander, Army Logistic Command.

The cost-effective and nature-based water pollution solution for Sri Lanka that provides an aesthetic and leisure tourism effect of a water garden was made a reality in consultation with the reputed ecologist Ranoshi Siripala, who maintains that the experiment conducted for water purification by planting plants such as Cannas, Savandara and Heliconia using PVC pipes, bamboo and foam mattresses as floating supports.

Engineer Ranoshi Siripala, Ecologist Isurie Dharmasoma (Environmental Scientist), B.D.C. Kumara (Senior Engineer), Hirantha De Silva (Engineering Assistant), Sampath Dahanayake (Supervisor), Major General Vikum Liyanage, Chief of Staff, Major General Jagath Kodithuwakku, Deputy Chief of Staff, Major General Channa Weerasuriya, Commandant Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force, Major General Ajith Kolambathantri, Military Secretary, Major General Nishantha Manage, Director General, General Staff, Major General Deepal Pussella, Adjutant General, Officers and Other Ranks joined the occasion.

India, France to enhance cooperation on marine science, technology; agree to student exchange programs

India and France will enhance scientific cooperation in marine science and technology and also exchanges of students and researchers with aims to monitor, protect and sustainably use marine living and non-living resources and the bio-diversity of the seas and ocean.

The two countries have agreed on a roadmap on blue economy and ocean governance. India and France intend to tap the blue economy while respecting the environmental, coastal and marine biodiversity, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.

The agreement between India and France was inked during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's three-day visit to France.

Both countries aim to contribute to scientific knowledge and ocean conservation, while also ensuring that the ocean remains a global common, a space of freedom and trade, based on the rule of law, added the MEA in its statement.

The areas of strengthened cooperation will include- physical and spatial oceanography, environmental impact studies, combatting marine pollution, knowledge and conservation of biodiversity and marine ecosystem and services, genetic biodiversity mapping, generating a germplasm inventory, ecosystem-based approaches, monitoring of fish stocks, fishing techniques, stock enhancement, ocean observation, marine meteorology,

deep-sea exploration technology, oceanarium technology or shallow underwater laboratory, in-situ observations of marine organisms and marine energy.

In addition, the MEA said that studying the cumulative impacts of multiple stressors on the marine environment, including ocean acidification, pollution and extreme weather events, coastal risks and resilience can also add to the scientific cooperation between India and France in the domain of Blue Economy and Ocean Governance.

The MEA further stated that India and France will remain fully committed to the knowledge summit, organized periodically by the two countries,

to foster bilateral scientific cooperation. The scientific department of the Embassy of France in India and the Ministry of Earth Sciences of India will be points of contact to lay the groundwork for a workshop dedicated to marine science during the knowledge summit.

France has also expressed its interest to send an expert group of scientists to India to meet the main oceanography institutes of India, including the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) and National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), as well as the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management.

The MEA also said that India and France have satisfactorily noted the launch of the university and scientific cooperation programme GOAT (Goa Atlantic cooperation in Marine Science and Technology), which was signed in Brest on January 20, 2020, between the French actors of "Campus mondial de la mer" and the Indian Institute of Technology, Goa.

The two countries will support the implementation of GOAT and facilitate the issuance of visas for the students and researchers involved to encourage student mobility in the blue economy sector and in marine science and technology.

They have also called for the development of partnerships between high-

er education institutions. In order to encourage scientific partnerships in marine sciences, the Embassy of France in India will endeavour, from 2022 onwards, to grant five student mobility scholarships in this field. India will facilitate administrative aspects for the implementation of such partnerships.

India and France will seek private funding to establish a research and development centre to support joint projects and will endeavour to spur and support projects on the blue economy and knowledge about the ocean under the Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (CEFIPRA/IFCPAR).

- The Economic Times

Cybercrime on the rise, Police say

Most of the victims are women, statistics show

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The number of complaints received by the police with regard to cybercrimes is steadily increasing and currently the police are getting an average of 15 to 20 complaints a day, Senior Police Media Spokesman, Senior DIG Ajith Rohana said.

He said that since the inception of the Police Computer Crimes Investigation Division (CCID) in

March 2021, it had received nearly 2,000 complaints for the past one-year period. The CCID is now receiving an average of 15 to 20 complaints a day at present.

This indicates an increase in the cybercrimes taking place in the country, Senior DIG Ajith Rohana said.

According to him, most of the victims of these cybercrimes are women. Therefore, they should act carefully and responsibly

when using social media and when interacting with other persons in relationships.

The Senior DIG urges the public to contact the CCID in Colombo or its branches in Kandy and Matara or lodge a complaint through the e-mail dir.ccid@police.lk with regard to any kind of cybercrime.

Senior DIG Ajith Rohana also said the e-mail report@cid.police.gov.lk is open for

the public to lodge complaints about fake social media profiles and illegal entry (hacking) of any email or social media accounts.

Individuals who commit cybercrimes can be arrested without a warrant and can be imprisoned for three to seven years based on the nature of the crime they have committed, the Senior Police Media Spokesman further said.

SL, France discuss strengthening economic relations

Foreign Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris met with French Minister Delegate for Trade and Economic

Attractiveness Franck Reister at the Foreign Ministry in Paris to discuss French support for the expansion of economic relations with Sri Lanka in a variety of sectors.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the two Ministers at the conclusion of their discussion.

The Foreign Minister attended several meetings at the Chamber of Commerce of France. He met with Counsellor Bernard Quinet and Head of International Business Networks Estelle Gillot at the Chamber of Commerce.

The main focus of discussion was networking arrangements between French and Sri Lankan companies and French expertise for educational programmes in entrepreneurship, business management and related subjects.

Minister Prof. Peiris held dis-



Foreign Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris and French Minister Delegate for Trade and Economic Attractiveness Franck Reister sign a MoU at the Foreign Ministry in Paris recently.

cussions with Francois Corbin of MEDEF International, the largest association of companies in France. Among representatives of the corporate sector he met in Paris were Secretary General of the company M21 Life Sciences Christian Leroux and Vice President of Marketing Strategy Thales DIS Jean-Claude Perrin.

Navy Commander's visit to Pakistan concludes successfully



Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne with Chief of Naval Staff of Pakistan, Admiral M. Amjad Khan Niazi.

Concluding his formal visit to Pakistan on a successful note, Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne returned to the island on Saturday (26).

At the invitation of the Chief of Naval Staff of Pakistan, Admiral M. Amjad Khan Niazi, Vice Admiral Ulugetenne left for Pakistan on February 21, accompanied by the President of Navy Seva Vanitha Unit, Chandima Ulugetenne.

The Navy Commander first visited the Pakistan Navy Headquarters where he was received by the Pakistan Navy Chief in accordance with naval traditions.

Thereupon, Vice Admiral Ulugetenne called on Pakistan Premier Imran Khan in Islamabad. The ensuing discussion between them focused on matters relating to the defence cooperation between the two countries and regional security concerns.

Vice Admiral Ulugetenne also paid a courtesy call on Pakistani President Dr. Arif Alvi.

The Navy Commander met with the top military brass of the Pakistan Armed Forces such as the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, Chief of Army Staff, Director General Maritime Technologies Complex, Commander Pakistan Fleet, Commander Coastal Areas, Commander Karachi of Pakistan Navy, Director General Navy Research and Development Institute, Managing Director of Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works to share views with them on matters of professional interest.

Vice Admiral Ulugetenne addressed student officers of Naval War College in Lahore, Pakistan and visited the Pakistan Naval Academy, Joint Maritime Information Coordination Centre, several fleet units and establishments of the Pakistan Navy as well. During these visits the Navy Commander shared a light moment with Sri Lanka Navy officers and sailors undergoing training at those training establishments in Pakistan as well.

Further, he took time off to inspect the customary Flag Lowering Ceremony held in the Wagah Border between Pakistan and India.

Meanwhile, engagements of this nature between the defence and navy chiefs of the region, will strengthen the friendship, cooperation and international relations that will greatly contribute to overcoming the common maritime challenges collectively and ensuring regional maritime security.

Six injured in bus-container collision

A.A.L. DIAS
Matale District Group Corr.

Six persons were seriously injured when a private bus travelling from Colombo to Dambulla on the A6 road collided with a container truck in front of it, at Thalakiriyagama, on Friday (25) night.

The injured were rushed to the Dambulla Weera Denzil Kobbekaduwa base hospital.

The bus driver's legs were severely injured in the accident, police said.

Police investigation revealed that the accident had taken place due to the negligence of the driver of the bus.

According to eyewitnesses, the bus was travelling at high speed when the accident occurred. Further, several accidents are said to have taken place at the same location earlier.

Galewela Police are conducting further investigations.



Mr. Anil Tittawella. PC.

Chairman, Janashakthi Insurance PLC

The Board of Directors, Management and staff of Janashakthi Insurance PLC, a member of the Janashakthi Group, express our profound grief over the sudden demise of our beloved Chairman, Mr. Anil Tittawella, on Saturday, the 26th of February 2022.

Renowned for his extensive legal, regulatory, and corporate experience, Mr. Tittawella was instrumental in leading us through one of the most challenging periods in the history of both Janashakthi Insurance and the country.

We extend our sincerest condolences to his family.



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Life

Bandula Padmakumara

The Trendsetter Stands Alone

The Bandula Padmakumara definition is built on two elements: innovation and creativity. The elements seem identical, yet subtly apart. This definition applies to the Sri Lankan print medium. Padmakumara is widely spoken of for his *Mul Pituwa* saga, but there's more to him. He altered and modified the print medium landscape. You can copy me, but you will never be me, that was Arthur Fleck's motto as the lead character of *The Joker*. These lines hold familiarity in Sinhala usage: *copy kala heka, sama kala noheka*. This is actually the moment of truth for Bandula Padmakumara, the media man known for many things. He was an experimenter restless and indefatigable, building an iconic image of himself subject to be imitated by a host of followers.

Padmakumara is most associated with Lake House as its former Chairman and *Mulpituwa* programme as its host. The least known factor about him, perhaps, is that he had already pioneered various periodicals. He was never hesitant to call himself the seemingly derogatory *malpattara karaya*. I know no proper English equivalent to this term. Perhaps this genre could vaguely be identified as tabloid referred to as 'rags' below the usual par of conventional journalism. But when he was involved in the publishing of women's periodicals such as *Sarasi*, *Rejinaand Kumari*, *Pathipathini* and *Araliya* in the 1970s, he certainly indicated the making of a veteran journalist of some calibre. That provided the groundwork for him to test the waters in the print medium scape. He took that groundwork to the next level with *Samudura*, a tabloid about world affairs, and a little later, *Lakbima*. *Lakbima* was a quite popular national newspaper. It remained so until it was closed down for absurd reasons. As *Lakbima's* founding editor, Padmakumara introduced a pullout tabloid for leisure reading. Like most of his work, it too was a trendsetter. The rest of the

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Sinhala national newspapers issued pullout tabloids. With *Mul Pituwa*, he encouraged the journalists by saying out and exhibiting their names. He covered all the sections of a newspaper extending to cartoons as well. *Mul Pituwa* is the culminating point in Padmakumara's career. It elevated him to a veteran media personnel level. Many hosts, including well-known presenters, began to follow suit. But Padmakumara retains the originality. He retains the rights of innovation as well as creativity. What the presenters did was copy him, they could never duplicate Bandula Padmakumara.

That is why the death of Bandula Padmakumara, 71, feels premature.

As Lake House Chairman, Padmakumara grew particularly fond of the *Daily News* Features Desk. He had constant conversations with the Desk on contents and everything else, with a Jeffrey Archer copy flipped on his table. He never overrode the position of the editor, towards whom he maintained utmost respect.

There are many opinions about what kind of personality should be a Chairman of a company. Some say it should be an administrator. Some say it should be a career expert. Ban-

dula Padmakumara was no administrator. But he made use of his media experience and expertise to implement certain changes at Lake House as its executive administrator. He earned brickbats as well as bouquets. He was keen to publish tabloids because he was familiar with the market.

He was particularly fond of the *Daily News Buddha Pradeepa*, the companion edition of the *Dinamina Vesak Annual*.

"We need this type of magazine to maintain the dignity and prestige of Lake House. We may not be getting many advertisements because it is in English and it's Buddhism, but still, we need such magazines," he said.

When I met him after his Lake House tenure was over, we had a casual conversation about books, magazines and newspapers. I was curious where he placed newspapers.

"People still buy papers, you know. They still buy magazines too. They expect good quality, good printing and first-class articles. A newspaper is likely to include hurriedly-written articles, whereas readers expect well-researched articles in a magazine. The magazine comes in where the newspaper falters."

I shoot him with another question: Among newspapers, magazines and books,

which do you think have more effect on the reader?

And here comes the answer: "Of course it is books. We still read books. I have doubts whether the younger crowd reads books. But the educated crowd such as artistes, academics and writers read books. Where education is concerned, you need to depend on books much more than newspapers and magazines. Books will last years and decades."

In the middle of the conversation, he thinks it's time to light the pipe and have a good hard think.

"I have never seen you smoke before..." I would casually remark.

"Smoking is bad for health. I had to give it up for the last 12 years because I had *Mul Pituwa* to concentrate. Now that I have no such thing to concentrate and nothing else much, I got back to my leisure habit."

That was Bandula Padmakumara. Losing



Lake House and *Mul Pituwa* at once had a heavy toll on him. It must have hurt him no end when he saw his brainchild, *Mul Pituwa*, slip out of his hand to some imitator. But he was never the one to give up. He always lived up to his definition: innovation and creativity.

He set up his own publishing firm and issued a magazine for would-be mothers titled *Adaraneeya Ammi*. The magazine is still available at leading bookshops. During the lockdown, Padmakumara also published two books: a collection of political essays and a brief biography of Pandit Amaradeva.

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- Sachitra Mahendra

H. B. Jayasekare

Dedicated Engineer

H. B. Jayasekare belonged to an elite family of Dompe in Gampaha District. He had received his secondary education in Ananda College of Colombo. Having entered the Faculty of Engineering in the University of Peradeniya in early 1960s HB completes his higher education in the United Kingdom.

In the latter part of 1960s Jayasekare joined the State Engineering Corporation and worked under chief of the institution Dr. A.N.S. Kulasinghe - the doyen of the revolutionary engineering applications.

In 1973, with the establishment of CECB - the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau, as an institution amalgamated to the Mahaweli Development Authority, Jayasekare had to serve in it in the capacity of project manager. Herein we acknowledge the service he rendered in this capacity as most valuable for consolidating an organisation while serving to the nation.

I am fortunate enough to work under him and associate his valuable principles of working for a period of more than four decades within CECB, from the day I graduated from the university as a young engineer.

Jayasekare has been involved in the principal works of the designs of the reservoirs of Kothmale, Randenigala, Rantambe and Maduruoya- the major reservoir series of the accelerated Mahaweli Project which had usually required different disciplines of engineering, capacities of project management and generally to work with the specific consultancies of CECB together with the Mahaweli Authority.

I am personally aware that Jayasekare's prime contributions have been focused in the launch of the Victoria Project of the Mahaweli accelerated programme.

I can recollect, out of many instances, the involvement of HB who had faithfully identified the objectives of the project that he works with, as to sustain with people living in the environment it serve for. On this background, HB even led the foreign consultants to change their original designs. I would like to site one example. The consultant engineers of Alexander Gibb wanted to have the gates of Victoria dam as in the way the dam of Cariba in Africa has it gates in the lower level of the dam. But Jayasekare was opposing this method of installing the gates giving out the reasons for his stance. Finally they accepted Jayasekare's proposal and changed the position of the gates which is very valid within our atmosphere, even up to this day.

It is a day of 25 years after completion of the Victoria Project. Jayasekare was already retired from the active service of CECB but in this day he had been summoned for the inspection of the Victoria hydropower tunnel. The entrance to the tunnel is a 120 metre deep vertical cylinder with simple metal hooks fastened onto the inner wall for holding and placing the feet for descending down to the horizontal tube which carry water up to the power generators.

Then I was in the middle age, and I felt a bit shaky before entering into the deep well and scrolling through the dark tunnel along nearly six kilometre length! But Jayasekare spoke to the descending gang and got into the tube to climb down a height of 120 metre without anything to be used at a risk. After descending down vertically touched the bottom to walk a six kilometre length along the tube. Finally came out through an opening in the close proximity to the power station. (This daring dedication of HB towards the country



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and his profession had been proved in this ordeal of 'inspection tunnel'.)

In the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau Jayasekare has held many of the hierarchical levels including the overall project management and the general management. But he accepted the chairmanship only obeying the strong propel of the executives of the organisation.

After his retirement from the service I was posted to the chairperson of the organisation. Within my period of service and even after it Jayasekare was summoned to the Board as a Board Member. I feel, until the year 2019 he has been closely watching the CECB.

When I was in the chair I got the opportunity of reading the host of records accumulated within the chairman's room. Most of them were of HB's essential technical reports written with wise analytical approach. All of these formal records including the pen sketches exhibit his dedication to engineering and to the society in total.

Having launched the initial studies, the irrigation projects related with River Menik, Kalu, Yan, Uma and upper Kothmale have

been completed by now with the involvement of CECB under the guidance of Jayasekare.

It must be mentioned, in completion of stupa of Kothmale Mr. Jayasekare was in the forefront.

He was not only a modern day engineer but he was equipped with the sense of the water heritage of Sri Lanka- our irrigation systems gifted to us by the geniuses of this nation. Once when he was questioned on how he captured the sensitivity and the knowledge of the country's ancient irrigation system his answer was: 'we have them within our genetics.'

In my professional life Jayasekare has been my teacher mostly in proper application of engineering skills. One day after his retirement I was summoned to his home and donated all his text books and other literature related to engineering. (He had no other faithful since his daughter and son are professionals in medicine)

Jayasekare taller than six feet with an elegant stature was an island record holder in sports. It is his tradition to bend towards the other and listened to him, even to his woes, with a light smile on his lips.

Jayasekare was silently watching the water resources development taken place within the country during the last 10 years. He was much reluctant to the scheme of canal system opened from the newly built (but a debatable proposal of 50 years back) reservoir of Moragahakanda which would lead to an unending clash between the two ethnic groups of the country on sharing water.

Throughout, a humble, calm and religious life led by him seemed to have strikingly grew prominent, in this sense, during the last couple of years. We too took part in the religious sessions Jayasekare has observed.

Let us express our deepest condolence to all of the family.

May he attain the bliss of Nibbana.

- Nihal Rupasinghe

Former Secretary to Ministry of Mahaweli & Irrigations & Former Chairman of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau (CECB)

Manik Fernandopulle

A Guiding Star

Twelve years have flown since Manik's passing away Still, he is kept close to their hearts-forget him no way Since Manik took away his earthly presence Charming gracious lady- Mangala recalling fond memories, daily reminisce Rikshan and Rukshila fondest babes of yesteryear Now a big lady and gent too reminisce about the father The two kids from day one, they saw the light His interests were centred on them - perfectly right Manik was the guiding star of his kids for life So was Mangala, his loving and enchanting wife One that captivated him most was their future welfare For which he worked tirelessly- a quality very rare Beautiful memories still linger in their hearts Though it is a decade and more since he did depart Mangala is often reminded of how much they were sought Loved and cared for and how much joy he brought He was a very devoted husband and an affectionate dad While in his arms they never ever felt sad They often recall the memories they treasure As what they enjoyed with him was beyond measure The two of them in their chosen fields now do find For dad to watch from heaven how in life they shine They know, all the facilities in life they are honoured with Was the outcome of his hard work with great faith For them the cheerful childhood days, a delight Always enjoyed mum and dad within their sight Mangala says that the very thought of him is an inspiration Where you are being committed to instant divine protection She further says we owe you an inestimable debt-I wonder whether We could ever repay even if three of us get together Having had his primary education in Negombo His academic excellence was achieved at St Joseph's Colombo He started as an efficient Chemical Engineer Got further qualified after a long University career By his superior knowledge and extra intelligence He performed to dear Mother Lanka, a valuable service Selflessly devoted to his work and profession His work in different sections was completed to perfection He was best recognized in his administrative capacity Evident from the service rendered in various institutions of quality He had already made his mark in superior performance Working enthusiastically with immense perseverance Having served Lanka as an honest loyal son, really and truly He bade goodbye to all his friends, relations, and family On the fateful day of March 6, 2010 The fragrance of the days gone by will never fade away May his soul Rest in Peace.

- Rupa Banduwardena
Melbourne, Australia



Prime Minister opens Water Supply Scheme and Bus Stand

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Saturday opened the Kirama-Katuwana joint Water Supply Scheme and the Kirama Bus Stand.

The Kirama-Katuwana Water Supply Scheme has been constructed by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board with the funds granted by the Austrian Government and the Sri Lan-

kan Government under the programme of providing clean drinking water to all. This project will provide clean drinking water to 34 Grama Niladhari Divisions. Steps have been taken to provide clean drinking water to about 26,000 people in the area by constructing a new water treatment plant at Weladagoda using water from

the Kirama Reservoir in Warapitiya. The Kirama Bus Stand, which was completed at a cost of around Rs. 40 million, is a project initiated by the Mahinda Chinthana Pura Neguma Project.

The bus stand development, which was completely halted by the previous Government, also has six shops.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa declaring open the Water Supply Scheme and Bus Stand.

No decision to increase fuel prices by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation- - Energy Ministry Spokesman

KRISHANTHI VITARANA

Energy Ministry Spokesman Chaminda Hettiarachchi said yesterday (27) that no decision has been taken so far regarding the

increase in fuel prices by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation.

He further said that this matter will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting to be held

today (28) and a decision will probably be taken there.

He stressed that the fuel ship that arrived last Friday (25) was released and that suffi-

cient fuel stocks are being maintained at present. He further said that stocks of fuel required for transportation such as trains and buses will be provided without any

problems and 1000 metric tons of fuel per day will be provided as promised by the Secretary to the Ministry to the CEB for six days.

Public cautioned about strong winds, lightning and thundershowers

A low-pressure area is likely to form in the Southeast Bay of Bengal and the adjoining South Andaman sea area today, the Meteorology Department said. The fishing and naval community who are in the deep sea areas are advised to be vigilant in this regard and requested to be attentive in future weather forecasts.

The sea areas off the coast extending from Kankasanturai to Colombo via Mannar and Puttalam and the sea areas off the coast extending from Matara to Pottuvil via Hambantota will be fairly rough at times.

The other sea areas around the island will be moderate.

Meanwhile, several spells of showers will occur in Eastern and Uva provinces and in Polonnaruwa and Matale districts. Showers or thundershowers will occur at several places in Western and Sabaragamuwa provinces and in Kandy, Nuwara-Eliya, Galle and Matara districts during the evening or night.

Fairly heavy showers above 50 mm can be expected at some places in Ratnapura, Galle and Matara districts. General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by temporary localized strong winds and lightning during thundershowers.

Foreign national falls to death in Ella

PRASANNA PATHMASIRI -Uva Group Corr.

A foreign national has died after falling from the Kithalella waterfall in the Ella area yesterday, police said. Police say that the foreign national after climbing to the top of the waterfall had then slipped and fallen. He had been travelling alone.

Police say that there is no information to confirm the identity of the foreign tourist and this is being investigated. The body of the tourist, who had fallen into a rock about 150 feet from the top of the falls will be taken to the Badulla General Hospital for a post-mortem after a magisterial inquiry, police said.

Police nab 1,084 persons during special operation

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Police during a special operation conducted within the Western Province on Saturday (26) have arrested a total of 1,084 individuals. Of them 556 have been arrested on warrants, 34 are suspects wanted in connection with various crimes, 142 have been arrested on suspicion and 352 have been arrested on the charges of possessing illicit drugs and liquor.

This includes 127 suspects arrested along with heroin. According to a press release issued by the Police Media Division, the relevant police stations will take further action against these suspects.

The operation was in effect from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. with the participation of 1,667 police officers.

STF arrests key follower of 'Kudu Roshan'

RUWANATHA NITHULGASPIITIYA

Police Special Task Force (STF) officers have arrested a key follower of 'Kudu Roshan', a prominent drug gang leader and drug trafficker, who distributes narcotics in the Kaduwela area.

The suspect was arrested in a raid carried out in front of a Hotel in Ihala Bomiriya, Kaduwela in the Navagamuwa Police Division, according to information received by the STF Organized Crime Unit-1. At the time of the arrest, the suspect was in possession of 64 grams of ICE and other narcotics. A senior member of the force said that more than 100,000 rupees earned from the racket was also seized by the officers. Preliminary investigations have revealed that the suspect, a 35-year-old resident of Siyambalape, was a key follower of 'Kudu Roshan', a drug lord who runs a major drug network in the Kaduwela area.

The arrested suspect has been handed over to the Navagamuwa Police for further investigations.



Mr. Anil Tittawella PC

Chairman
Orient Finance PLC

The Board of Directors, CEO, Management and all staff of Orient Finance PLC, a member of the Janashakthi Group, express our deep sorrow over the untimely demise of our beloved **Chairman, Mr. Anil Tittawella PC,** on Saturday, the 26th of February 2022.

With years of legal, regulatory, and corporate experience, Mr. Tittawella successfully led Orient Finance PLC through one of the most challenging times in the history of both the Country & Orient Finance PLC.



We extend our sincerest condolences to his family.

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Protect our interests

The tense situation in Ukraine ought to be very closely watched due to the vast implications it has in this time of great crisis. On multiple fronts the developing war situation in that country could impact adversely on the situation in this part of the world that is already somewhat precariously placed due to the energy crisis and the multiple economic problems stemming from COVID and the global economic slump.

The Foreign Ministry here first issued a statement that advised all parties concerned in Ukraine to reach an amicable settlement, and expressed great concern about the developments in the nation. However, later Foreign Secretary Admiral (Retd) Prof. Jayanath Colombage had stated that this country would observe a neutral stance with regard to the escalating situation there.

There have been commentators that have asked subsequently whether neutrality is now the policy of the Sri Lankan Government when it comes to important global affairs that call for countries to take an honourable stand. However, there is nothing dishonourable about being uncommitted to any side in a vexed conflict situation of the nature that is developing now in Ukraine.

The main actors — except Ukraine which is of course the stage where the hostilities are set — in this crisis are the major powers and who have at various times been involved in various internationally publicized armed confrontations involving various smaller countries and regions. In other words, there is a long history of hostilities involving all the main actors in this face-off between the major powers that are holders of UN Security Council (UNSC) seats and the veto power.

No mistake can be made about the fact that though the war is being fought in Ukraine, it is in fact a proxy battle between at least two of the world's major super powers. It is advisable for smaller nations such as ours with major problems of our own to step back and allow the main actors in a global confrontation to solve their issues among themselves.

Some may say this is not a principled stance, but issues of principle are themselves not material in this situation that involves powers that have been drawn into all types of conflict regularly. It is why we in this part of the world should keep a sharp focus on what would happen to our tea exports and our oil imports and plan accordingly without attempting to take sides or pontificate about a crisis that has its antecedents in some other part of the world, and involves major powers that in some ways do not care where we stand no matter how well intentioned we are even if we support one protagonist over another in this war that is taking place now in Ukraine, in what used to be the Soviet Union in the tense era of the Cold War in the recently remembered past.

However, it is worth noting that the world is focused on the developing situation and that even in this country there is an enormous interest in certain quarters about coaxing various nations to take a 'moral stand'. Last week there were demonstrations opposite the Russian Embassy in Colombo on Baudhaloka Mawatha by members of what looked to be the Ukraine expatriate community, and their European supporters here. The protestors were vehement in their condemnation of the Vladimir Putin Government in Russia and were carrying placards calling upon the Russian Leader to withdraw his Armed Forces immediately from Ukraine. Police were deployed to ensure that order was kept and the protests did not get out of hand.

Such developments would inevitably mean that there would be pressures on neutral nations such as ours to take a stand and throw in our lot with one powerful side or the other in this escalating situation involving Ukraine and the major powers fighting over its destiny.

But the decision makers in Colombo could also make sure that they look at the issues in perspective. This is not the first time that Russia has been drawn into war with the former Soviet Union countries, and at least taking the history of Russian involvement in the region it would be fair to assume that this situation, however charged it may seem at the moment, would also eventually come to pass.

Would the world be destabilized dangerously due to the recent events in Ukraine and what may follow? That too may seem unlikely because there is too much at stake for the involved parties to risk a significant disturbance of the peace.

All this does not mean that in the short term countries such as ours would not be adversely economically impacted, and that would be the rub. With global developments such as this, the past may be prologue, but the past is never a guarantee that there would be no replay of the carnage of the previous episodes. The world is braced for harder times now that Ukraine has been added to the list of issues that bedevil the planet, that includes a major pandemic whose end we have not even seen yet.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa inspecting the railway yard and workshop in Ratmalana

NEED TO REFORM PUBLIC SERVICE

Last week, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa instructed Transport Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi to appoint a Commission in order to resolve issues of railway workers. The President made this decision after an observational visit to the Mechanical Engineering Factory in Ratmalana operated by the Sri Lanka Railway Department last Thursday. The President instructed that all existing issues, including recruitment and resource management, must be addressed within two months.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa did so because he is concerned about the well-being of the people who use trains for their transport requirements. This is not the first time the President acted swiftly in order to make people's lives better and easier.

Earlier the President established a Multi-Purpose Development Task Force to recruit 100,000 low-income earners. The objective of the programme aimed at eradicating poverty is to empower those who live in absolute poverty with no formal education and skills.

At the same time 60,000 graduates were recruited into the public service. At the moment the total number of public servants is around 1.6 million. All previous Leftist Governments granted employment to the graduates.

Politicians hold their offices for a few months or only for five years and after that different politicians come and hold the same office. But the public servants are not like that. They hold their positions for decades and sometimes for four decades or so. Therefore it is the public servants who are much more responsible for providing a good service to the people than the politicians. But unfortunately, here in Sri Lanka, the ordinary people are not happy with the Public Service at all.

MULTI-PURPOSE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Let us start from some of the individuals recruited by the Multi-Purpose Development Task Force recently. There are instructions given stating very clearly what their duties are, what to wear etc. When they are attached to a State school, they need to do any type of work assigned by the school principal.

But some school principals have no idea about this and treat them as type of 'visitors' to the school and they just sit in the office of the school doing nothing. They just chat with the school principal and use their mobile phones. Some of them have used their 'power' to control school teachers and sometimes even school principals. But their job is cleaning the school in order to prevent dengue mosquito breeding, etc. They are however expecting just another 'white collar job'.

They hate all employers who try to assign them for the duties officially given for them when being recruited to the Public Service. They should clean the toilets of the school if the school principal wants them to. But they are not ready to do that because they think that the toilets used by them should be cleaned by someone else and not by them. This is why Sri Lanka is still a developing country and some other countries such as Singapore which stood



Office workers disembarking from a train

The trains are very dirty and the passengers cannot open or close some windows. Some seats, fans etc. are broken and have not been repaired for ages. There are no belts to hold on for the passengers who travel standing. There is no daily, weekly, monthly or at least annual cleaning. Some steps of the entrances of some old trains are very old and almost broken threatening the lives of passengers. They can fall on to the platform at any moment or the tracks and in the latter case, get run over by the train.

behind Sri Lanka in the past walked forward passing us.

What should be done is deploying them to do the tasks assigned for them when they are recruited by the Government. Only then they will be useful for the country and work for the salary they receive. First of all, they should be educated on their salaries which are paid by the people of Sri Lanka and the duties assigned by the Government. But it seems something is lacking somewhere.

When it comes to the graduates, the situation is somehow similar. They have no idea about their job and are only focused on their private affairs. They are on their mobile phones all the time and just do whatever is told by their employer quickly. They never think about the quality of their work at all. Nothing can be changed overnight. This is the end result of the social destruction that took place here in Sri Lanka from the late seventies. They received the wrong type of education and now here they are, doing nothing for the salaries they receive. The people blame whatever Government is in power.

There are more than enough workers in each and every State Department. It is the same with the Railway Department. But it is pathetic to see that many of them do nothing and get their salaries. There are millions of things to do. But it seems only the train passengers see these millions of things that can be

done in order to make the railway service better and no official from the Railway Department sees it.

FACE-LIFT FOR RAILWAY CARRIAGES

The trains are very dirty and the passengers cannot open or close some windows. Some seats, fans etc. are broken and have not been repaired for ages. There are no belts to hold on for the passengers who travel standing. There is no daily, weekly, monthly or at least annual cleaning. Some steps of the entrances of some old trains are very old and almost broken threatening the lives of passengers. They can fall on to the platform at any moment or the tracks and in the latter case, get run over by the train.

There are drug addicts, thieves and men who sexually harass women in trains and they harass train passengers all the time. Some beggars harass passengers when they do not buy their products or do not give them money. They scold passengers in filth in public.

The vendors who bring various things to sell inside trains harass passengers by pushing them here and there and trampling them.

Sometimes they damage the belongings of passengers while carrying their fully loaded baskets and entangling them with the belongings of passengers. Robbers snatch gold chains of female passengers and sometimes they snatch

their hand bags and jump from the moving trains.

The Railway Department does not care about the valuable time and all the other resources of train passengers at all. They never announce the exact time of delay (roughly how many minutes... hours etc. or roughly at what time the train will arrive) when trains get delayed and they never announce cancellations on time enabling passengers to get on to any other train (or bus) to reach their destination. They announce the cancellation only after all the other trains have left the station. There is no counter to issue second class and first class tickets at the D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha entrance of the Fort Railway Station, which is the main railway station in Sri Lanka. A large number of tourists too use this station.

Another very inhuman 'treatment' is given by the Railway Department for passengers. The passengers buy tickets and especially season tickets to travel by train. But sometimes some trains get delayed purposely for some time and run without stopping to take the passengers even from the Fort Railway Station. For an example, there is a train which runs from Maradana to Panadura at 3.20 p.m. Sometimes the train gets delayed and runs to Panadura without stopping at any station including the Fort Railway Station. Following passenger complaints, the train now stops at the Fort Railway Station but afterwards, it does not stop until the Mount Lavinia Station. A year or two ago the 2.10 train from Maradana to Panadura got delayed and it ran directly to Panadura from Maradana without stopping at any station, not even at the Fort Railway Station.

The passengers just watch how the empty trains run without stopping for them to get on. Some of the passengers select these trains to travel because they are sick and have various other physical difficulties and they need to get on without a fight and sit without a fight. They are very weak and have no strength to fight with other strong passengers to get a seat. They have to fight and struggle with other passengers to get on and sit in all the other trains which are run during peak hours with a large number of office workers.

On the other hand it is also pathetic to see how Sri Lankan train passengers use the trains. By now the Railway Department has given some modern and comfortable trains to travel and some of them are train compartments used in developed countries. Recently one such train was given for a pilgrimage from down South to Anuradhapura. The majority of the passengers were elderly women and men. At the end of the journey the train was full of garbage and almost all main and social media published photographs of the dirty train.

Some female train passengers (not office workers) cannot travel without placing their foot on the seat located right in front of them. The next passenger cannot sit on those seats without cleaning them because the seats are full of dirt. Even a half the front seat is enough for them to place their foot and they never care about the passenger who sits on the other side of the seat.

The Railway Department can very easily deploy some of their large number of employees to inspect trains and ensure the safety and well-being of passengers. So far this has not happened.



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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If we don't end war,
war will end us.
- H. G. Wells

Conflict Over Ukraine: Nuclear Dimension

THALIF DEEN

The spiraling crisis in Ukraine has an ominous underlying fact: it is a conflict that involves four of the world's major nuclear powers: the US, Russia, UK and France, with the remaining five, namely China, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel on the sidelines as spectators—at least so far.

Mercifully, the nuclear option is not on the negotiating table—but it is still very much in the air.

At a White House press briefing on February 24, US President Joe Biden was pointedly asked: Is Putin “threatening a nuclear strike?” But Biden gave an evasive, non-committal response: “I have no idea what he’s threatening.”

“I know what he has done, number one”, said Biden referring to the invasion, “And number two, no one expected the sanctions to prevent anything from happening. That is going to take time. And we have to show resolve, so he knows what is coming and so the people of Russia know what he has brought on them. That is what this is all about.”

“He is going to test the resolve of the West to see if we stay together. And we will. We will and it will impose significant costs on him,” declared President Biden.

The US President also said Putin has much larger ambitions in Ukraine. In fact, he wants to “reestablish the former Soviet Union. That is what this is about”.

Nuclear Super Powers

Meanwhile, in a seemingly aggressive speech on February 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin, hinting on the nuclear option, asserted that Russia “remains one of the most powerful Nuclear States” with “a certain advantage in several cutting-edge weapons”.

In its report on February 25, the *New York Times* said Putin’s speech which was “intended to justify the invasion, seemed to come closer to threatening nuclear war than any statement from a major world leader”.

Prof. M.V. Ramana, Simons Chair in Disarmament, Global and Human Security and Director, Liu Institute for Global Issues, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, told *IDN* that the situation in Ukraine is distressing and dangerous, even without President Putin resorting to a thinly veiled threat to use nuclear weapons.

“As international law experts like John Burroughs have pointed out, that threat should be considered illegal under the UN Charter and because the International Court of Justice (ICJ), in its 1996 Advisory Opinion, stated that if use of a weapon would not meet the requirements of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) governing the conduct of warfare, the threat of such use would be contrary to that Law,” he pointed out.

Unfortunately, veiled threats to use nuclear weapons are all too common; for example, Donald Trump’s statement about North Korea to be met with fire and fury.

“It is time that the international community makes it clear that it is not just the use of nuclear weapons that should be subject to taboo but also the very threat of use,” said Dr. Ramana, author of *The Power of*

Promise: Examining Nuclear Energy in India.

The natural reaction of any population that is faced with this threat is terror. And, thus, any reasonable definition of terrorism, such statements about the potential use of nuclear weapons should be considered terrorist threats, he declared.

Norman Solomon, National Director of *RootsAction.org*, told *IDN* the world desperately needs a single standard of accountability to prevent the crime of war—a crime that the Russian Government is now committing in Ukraine and the US Government continues to commit elsewhere as part of the ongoing “War on Terror”.

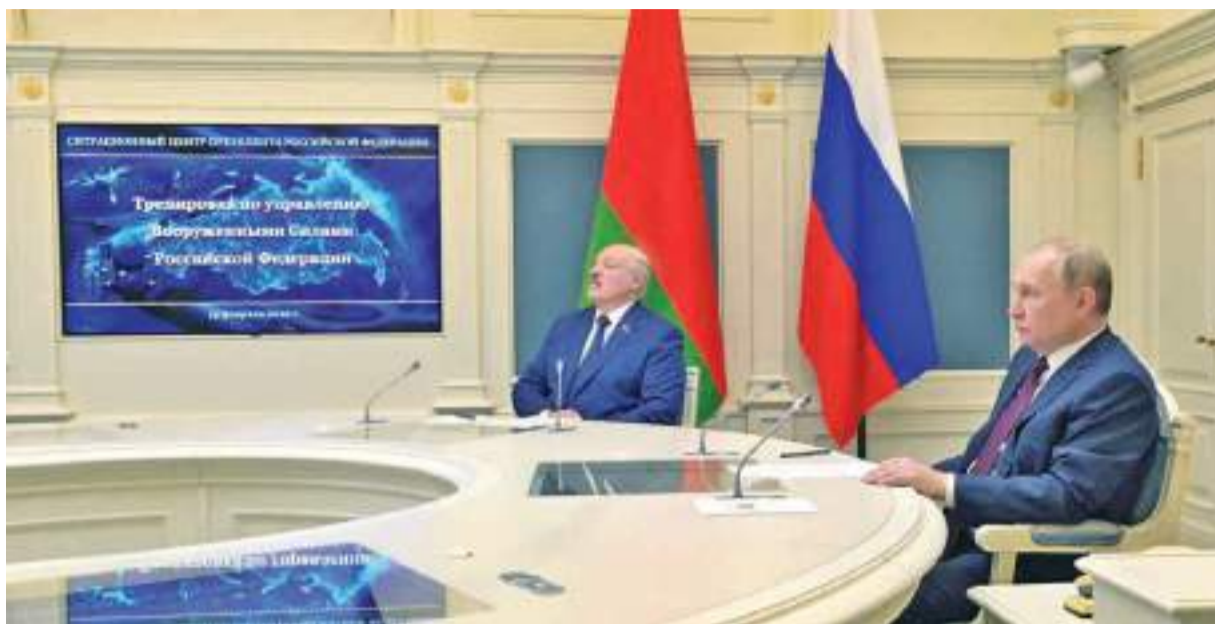
RootsAction, he said, condemns crossing borders and killing, no matter the nationality of the Military Forces involved. Hypocritical condemnations in both directions ring hollow, as when President Biden late February 23 night insisted that “the world will hold Russia accountable”.

Most of the world has long been trying to hold reckless war-makers accountable, said Solomon, speaking on behalf of a progressive activist organisation with more than one million online supporters in the US.

“The latest actions by the Russian Government will cause death and suffering, and those actions will further destabilize global security while rendering institutions like the United Nations (UN) even more powerless. As always, in this instance the aggressor has couched its aggression by claiming to act in defence, as the US Government often has.”

At this extremely dangerous moment in world history, diplomacy—not warfare—remains the only hope. In the process, the perilous history of NATO’s eastward expansion and the threat of further expansion must be faced. Fueling a conflict between the two nuclear superpowers is insanity, Solomon declared. <https://rootsaction.org/news-views/2722-statement-on-ukraine>

Jacqueline Cabasso, Executive Director of Western States Legal Foundation, told *IDN* that unfortunately, nuclear threats have become routine. When leaders of nuclear



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko monitoring Russian nuclear drills from Moscow

armed States declare “all options are on the table”, she said, a nuclear threat is often implied.

“Every time a nuclear armed State test launches a nuclear-capable missile, every time a nuclear armed State flies a nuclear-capable bomber near or over the territory of another nuclear armed State, and every time a nuclear armed alliance engages in massive military exercises including nuclear drills—these are all implicit nuclear threats and are understood as such by potential adversaries,” she argued. Russia conducted such nuclear drills just before the invasion of Ukraine, which were remotely watched by President Putin along with his ally the President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko.

UN Charter and international law

Unfortunately, said Cabasso, the public has largely become inured to these threats, which are unlawful under the UN Charter and international law because they threaten illegal acts, namely the use of nuclear weapons. In recent years, she pointed out, these veiled threats have become more explicit.



US President Joe Biden



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy



French President Emmanuel Macron



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson

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“I was in Japan in August 2017 when Donald Trump issued his ‘fire and fury’ warning: ‘North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States... They will be met with fire, fury and frankly power the likes of which this world has never seen before.’ It was the lead news story in Japan and people there were terrified. At the time former US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta warned of the possibility of nuclear war.”

It seems that President Vladimir Putin has taken a page out of Trump’s playbook with his recent warning against Western intervention in Ukraine: “No matter who tries to stand in our way or all the more so create threats for our country and our people, they must know that Russia will respond immediately, and the consequences will be such as you have never seen in your entire history,” she noted.

There is no doubt that he is signaling Russia’s readiness to carry out a devastating nuclear strike. That does not mean he has decided to do so, she noted.

“But in the fog of war and propaganda surrounding the Russian invasion of Ukraine, any number of foreseeable and unforeseeable developments could spiral out of control and lead to the use of nuclear weapons use. That is why his declaration is so alarming.”

“Let us also remember that nuclear weapons are already being ‘used’ by Russia, the US and NATO to provide a top cover for their conventional military operations,” said Cabasso.

Just one year ago, Admiral Charles Richard, Head of the US Strategic Command wrote: “We must acknowledge the foundational nature of our nation’s strategic nuclear forces, as they create the ‘maneuver space’ for us to project conventional military power strategically.”

The same is certainly true for Russia. Richard also warned: “There is a real possibility that a regional crisis with Russia or China could escalate quickly to a conflict involving nuclear weapons, if they perceived that a conventional war loss would threaten the regime or the State.”

“This may be a final wake-up call

that we ignore at our own and everyone else on the planet’s peril. The need to eliminate nuclear weapons must again become a top global priority, alongside the urgent need to address the Climate Change crisis,” declared Cabasso.

In a statement released on February 25, the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy (LCNP) strongly condemned Russia’s attack on Ukraine. The Russian invasion is in clear violation of international law and is causing the people of Ukraine to experience terror, suffering, and death, it said.

Invasion of Ukraine

“Given the increased risk of nuclear weapons use, whether intentionally or by miscalculation, it also exposes the peoples of the region and the world as a whole to unprecedented harm on a vast scale.”

Putin’s thinly veiled references to resort to nuclear weapons should other States intervene militarily are “Unlawful Threats of Force” under the UN Charter, Article 2(4), because they are an element of the unlawful invasion. They are also contrary to general international law because they threaten the commission of an illegal act—here the use of nuclear weapons, the statement added.

In its 1996 Advisory Opinion (Para. 78), the International Court of Justice (ICJ) stated that if use of a weapon would not meet the requirements of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) governing the conduct of warfare, the threat of such use would be contrary to that law.

“It is now widely recognized that the use of nuclear weapons is illegal under International Humanitarian Law, most centrally because they cannot meet the requirement of discrimination between military targets and civilian persons/infrastructure,” said the LCNP.

More than 25 years ago, the Court found such use, or threatened use, to be illegal. The main circumstance in which the Court could not reach a conclusion, when the survival of a State is at stake, is not at issue for Russia in the present crisis.

In a January 5 joint statement, Russia and the other four nuclear weapons States acknowledged by the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) affirmed the Reagan-Gorbachev principle “that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought”. Putin’s recent references to possible Russian use of nuclear arms cannot be reconciled with that affirmation, the statement said.

But some of Putin’s supporters argue the invasion of Ukraine is no different from the bombing of Yugoslavia by the military forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1999 or the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 as retaliation against then Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for his Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) which never really existed.

Francis Boyle, Professor of International Law at the University of Illinois, said: “Obviously a case can be made that Russia’s actions violate international law. But we need to look at the actual circumstances of the case. First, it is obvious that—given the US Government’s numerous illegal invasions, most clearly the invasion of Iraq, based on lies—the US Government itself is in no place to condemn Russia. But can principled observers do so? Perhaps, but they need to keep in mind numerous provocations, which have been escalating.”

The glorification of Nazis in Ukraine is a very real phenomena and the expansion of NATO is a serious threat to Russia. Recently the Ukrainian leadership stepped up their calls to be let into the European Union (EU) and NATO, said Boyle.

They even expressed their desire for nuclear weapons, effectively trying to reverse the 1994 Budapest Agreement under which they returned the nuclear weapons which were stationed on Ukrainian soil. And the situation in the Donbas Region is very serious with the Ukrainian leadership effectively refusing to implement the Minsk Agreements signed on September 5, 2014, he noted. Incidentally, this was the very year that Russia annexed the Crimea Region of Ukraine.

“Now, Putin is obviously not Mahatma Gandhi. But it is doubtful that any Russian leader would have accepted these conditions. Imagine what the US would do if its Southern neighbour Mexico was moving towards entering into a military alliance with China and talking of acquiring nuclear weapons.”

“Indeed, we do not even need such hypotheticals. JFK was fully prepared to invade Cuba if he could not get those missiles out peacefully by negotiations: 13 Days. Putin tried negotiations starting in December to get NATO out of Ukraine and got nowhere with the Bidenites: two months.”



A Ukrainian soldier walks past debris of a burning military truck on a street in Kyiv, Ukraine on Saturday.

South Korea's deadliest day of pandemic amid Omicron surge



New Delhi ends restrictions as virus cases fall

New CDC COVID-19 guidelines suggest 70% of Americans can stop wearing masks

SOUTH KOREA, INDIA, US: South Korea saw its deadliest day of the pandemic on Saturday, reporting 112 fatalities in the latest 24-hour period, as it grapples with a wave of coronavirus infections driven by the fast-moving omicron variant.

Health workers diagnosed 166,209 new cases, which came close to Wednesday's one-day record of 171,451 and represented more than a 37-fold increase from daily levels in mid-January, when Omicron first emerged as the country's dominant strain.

More than 640 virus patients were in serious or critical condition, the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency said, compared to around 200-300 in mid-February. The Health Ministry said about 44% of the country's intensive care units designated for COVID-19 patients are occupied.

More than 86% of the country's population of more than 51 million have been fully vaccinated and around 60% have received booster shots.

The country has been rolling out fourth vaccination shots to people at nursery homes and long-term care settings to pro-



Fines for not wearing masks in New Delhi have also been reduced.

tect them from the Omicron surge. Officials on Wednesday approved Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 and plan to announce the roll-

out for that age group in March.

Meanwhile, India's capital New Delhi has announced the end of all the remaining COVID-19 restrictions after Government data showed cases of the recent Omicron variant had fallen.

Places of religious worship were also permitted to reopen. Schools will function fully offline from April 1 while fines for not wearing masks were also reduced.

The area's disaster management authority "withdraws all restrictions as situation improves" and because people were "facing hardships due to loss of jobs", Delhi's Chief Minister

Arvind Kejriwal announced on Twitter. Since the outbreak in 2020, India has officially recorded 42,905,844 cases and 513,481 deaths, third behind only the US and Brazil.

Meanwhile, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Friday offered a new strategy to help communities across the United States live with the coronavirus and get back to some version of normal life.

The new guidelines suggest that 70 per cent of Americans can now stop wearing masks and no longer need to social dis-

ance or avoid crowded indoor spaces.

The recommendations no longer rely only on the number of cases in a community to determine the need for restrictions such as mask-wearing. Instead, they direct counties to consider three measures to assess risk of the virus: new COVID-19-related hospital admissions over the previous week and the percentage of hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, as well as new coronavirus cases per 100,000 people over the previous week.

- JAPAN TODAY, GULF NEWS, THE STRAITS TIMES

13 dead after tourist boat sinks in Vietnam

VIETNAM: At least 13 people were killed and four others missing after a tourist boat capsized Saturday in bad weather off the coast of Hoi An, a world heritage-listed Vietnamese city.

The accident occurred as the vessel carrying 39 local tourists and crew members was returning to Hoi An from Cu Lao Cham island - a popular spot for diving, snorkelling and water sports. Local Communist Party chief Nguyen Sinh confirmed 13 people drowned and four were missing.

Rescue efforts were suspended in the evening because of fading light, he said. "We cannot do anything further as it is too dark," he said, adding a full investigation would be carried out and some survivors were receiving medical treatment. A local border guard said among the missing were two children.

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Super Jackpot
Date: 25-02-2022 Draw Number: 3378
Colour: Blue
Super Jackpot: Rs. 6,479,534/-
Winning Numbers: 52, 56, 59, 61
CANCER
Winning Numbers: 1003901
TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES: Rs. 11,699,380/-

Super Jackpot
Date: 26-02-2022 Draw Number: 3379
Colour: Light Blue
Super Jackpot: Rs. 6,701,038/-
Winning Numbers: 21, 27, 33, 40
GEMINI
Winning Numbers: 5236228
TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZES: Rs. 10,943,260/-

SUPER BALL
Draw Number: 1666 Colour: Pink
Draw Date: 25.02.2022 Date: Friday
Winning English Letter and Numbers: I 03 14 61 68
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,131,680/-

SUPER BALL
Draw Number: 1667 Colour: Blue
Draw Date: 26.02.2022 Date: Saturday
Winning English Letter and Numbers: V 11 13 55 74
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,665,160/-

SASIRI
Draw Number: 139
Draw Date: 25.02.2022 Friday
Winning Numbers: 04 10 31
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,597,640/-

ADA KOTIPATHI
Saturday Date: 26.02.2022
Draw No.: 1493 Colour: Yellow
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,786,660/-
Winning Numbers: 08 11 17 19
English Letter: V

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English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
Draw No: 842 Colour: Indigo
Date: 25.02.2022 Friday
Winning Numbers: F 28 1016 1948
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,441,220/-
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 216,343,171/-

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English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
Draw No: 843 Colour: Red
Date: 26.02.2022 Saturday
Winning Numbers: M 30 4160 6175
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,795,360/-
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 216,651,241/-

ADA KOTIPATHI
Friday Date: 25.02.2022
Draw No.: 1492 Colour: Purple
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,781,520/-
Winning Numbers: 36 39 59 66
English Letter: X

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Date: 26-02-2022 Draw Number: 489 Colour: Red
SUPER JACKPOT: Rs. 13,920,724/-
English Letter: U
Winning Numbers: 04 37 67
Fate Number: 7
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,664,060/-
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 14,028,224/-

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Friday Date: 25.02.2022 Draw No.: 3827 Colour: Orange
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,136,140/-
Winning Numbers: 07 58 59 75
English Letter: U

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Ukrainians and Russians will still drink tea! – Tea Board Chairman

DINESH PERERA

Tea Board Chairman Jayampathy Molligoda opined that the Ukraine-Russia conflict would not impact the demand for tea in those countries. Molligoda didn't foresee issues

with logistics but did expect issues with remittances of export proceeds.

Molligoda however expected banking services through China into Russia to remain open and the issue to be less cumbersome

to our exporters than the longstanding issue with Iran. Molligoda noted that unlike the Sri Lankan currency the Russian Ruble had depreciated and that would impact the revenues for exporters which are facing inflat-

ed costs to the artificially strong local currency.

Molligoda noted that both Russia and Ukraine remained important export markets for Sri Lankan tea exporters. Molligoda said that his predictions

were contingent on the duration of the conflict remaining short.

Molligoda noted that there had been a limited impact in terms of crop output from the plantations due to the fertilizer

shortage in the market. Molligoda however warned that the entire agricultural sector would be impacted by the skyrocketing urea prices which have increased by 25% in the current crisis.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CRISIS

Negative impact on tea exports, tourism, and oil prices?

Mixed sentiments from industry experts

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE and INDUNIL HEWAGE

Many economic and business leaders opine that the current Ukraine and Russian crisis would not have a severe impact on the Sri Lanka economy but oil prices could increase while tourism receives a negative blow. Russia's invasion of Ukraine will have a negative impact on Sri Lanka's tea exports, Tourism industry and oil prices, said Immediate Past Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka (ICCSL)-Dinesh Weerakkody.

He said the Russian market for Sri Lankan tea is extremely important and Sri Lanka has received a significant number of Russian and Ukrainian visitors in the last couple of months. In the wake of the Russia-Ukraine crisis, oil prices have surged past USD 100 a barrel.

Tissa Jayaweera Managing Partner of TJ Associates and former President International Business Council said the Russia -Ukraine crisis is not likely to affect Sri Lanka's tea exports to Russia in a big way.

"Russia accounts for only 3% of our tea sales. I think we should not be making a big fuss about it as there are ways and means of sending shipments to Russia. However, oil prices could rise due to this conflict and because Russia provides about 7% of the world's requirements." Jayaweera said.

Asoka Pieris, Managing Director of Cargills Food City said the ongoing



Ukrainian tourists after arriving at MRIA in a special charter flight. Picture by Sulochana Gamage.

Russia and Ukraine crisis will not have a significant impact as far as their operations are concerned in Sri Lanka. "In the businesses that we are in, we see very little impact but I think if you take the tourism sector and tea exports, there can be an impact."

A former top export promotional professional in the country also said that there would be an impact on Sri Lanka's tea exports to Russia if the Russia-Ukraine crisis throws another wrench into supply chains.

Former Assistant governor W.A. Wijewardane in a tweet said: "Rus-

sia-Ukraine conflict seems to be drowning longer and Sri Lanka could face the biggest casualty with high fuel and LNG prices on the cards."

Meanwhile, President, Tourist Hotels Association Shanti Kumara said that the Russian and Ukraine arrivals were steady and due to the crises this will completely stop including some of the charter flights to the Mattala airport.

There are around 4,000 Ukrainian tourists in Sri Lanka and the government should extend their visas and also provide relief to them.

Former Head of Marketing for Sri



Dinesh Weerakkody

Tissa Jayaweera

Asoka Pieris

W A Wijewardane

Shanti Kumar

Nalin Perera

Lanka Tourism for UK Nalin Perera said that there is a silver lining from this crisis for Sri Lanka as they could try to woo tourists who were planning to visit these former Soviet countries to spend their holiday in Sri Lanka. "Destination management companies should look at this," he said.

"Also most of the flights from Europe were cancelled to these areas and thought should be given to see if they could fly to Sri Lanka to bring in these tourists. However, as airfares are higher to Sri Lanka careful concessions should be provided by the government to woo these flights."

One hotelier from Nawatuna said that there are around 12,000 Ukrainian tourists in their area and they will look after them. "But we cannot do that all the time since we also have escalating costs and we hope the Sri Lanka Tourism would provide us with 'cash' from their CESS fund collected from the industry itself."

Meanwhile, one of the largest tea exporters said that it's high time to explore the possibility of trading in Rubles rather than dollars when it comes to trade between Russia and Sri Lanka. The central bank should look at this option now."

ComBank Group end 2021 with solid growth, income of Rs 163.675 billion

The Commercial Bank Group has ended 2021 with a gross income of Rs 163.675 billion, an improvement of 7.70%, with interest income accounting for more than 80% of the top line in a year of mixed fortunes. The Group reported an interest income of Rs 132.818 billion for the year ended 31st December 2021, reflecting a growth of 7.04%.

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Qatar Airways marks a new milestone with the introduction of its fifth daily flight from Doha to Colombo, Sri Lanka, starting 24 February 2022. The additional frequency will support increased travel demand to and from Sri Lanka, reinforcing the airline's role in assisting the ongoing recovery of global travel and tourism in the region.

With this frequency increase, Qatar Airways will be one of the first

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Weddings, wellness, and gaming to attract Indian Tourists

TAAI Annual conference in Colombo



Indian and Sri Lankan Tourism stakeholders before the official exchange of MoUs. Picture by Dinesh Perera.

DINESH PERERA

Sri Lanka is going to take concrete steps in the near future to build up the infrastructure to attract Indian tourists. The Indian outbound tourist market represents one of the largest growing markets in the world and

accounts for the largest amount of arrivals to Sri Lanka. As part of this strategy the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Sri Lanka Tourism and the Sri Lanka Association of Inbound

Tour Operators to promote growth. As an initial measure, the TAAI annual conference this year is to be held in Colombo from the 19-21 of April.

As part of the broader Colombo tourism strategy approval has

already been granted for special facilities at the Bandaranaike International Airport for the special handling of high spending gaming travellers from the airport itself whose main target audience is expected to be from India. **TO PAGE 16**

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SLIC SET TO GROW WITH MULTI-PRODUCT, MULTI-CHANNEL, BRINGING SENSE OF PROTECTION TO MILLIONS OF SRI LANKANS

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Despite the heavy toll of COVID-19 health crisis on Sri Lanka's economy, state-owned insurer and the pioneer of the insurance industry, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation (SLIC) is finding opportunities in a crisis-hit market. In an exclusive interview with *Daily News Business*, Eng. Vijitha Herath, Chairman of Sri Lanka Insurance says the SLIC is set to grow with multi-product, multi-channel, bringing a sense of protection to millions of Sri Lankans with its service enhancement. Herath spoke of how SLIC is using digital capabilities to embrace changes and respond to challenges and to provide uninterrupted insurance service to customers, the industry outlook, and challenges.



Meet the
CHAIRMAN

Eng. Vijitha Herath, Chairman of Sri Lanka Insurance

Excerpts:

Q: How did SLIC fare during the year 2021?

A: Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation (SLIC), the leading player in Sri Lanka's insurance industry closed 2021 on a high note posting a record GWP of Rs. 43 billion on all classes of business in the teeth of current challenges.

The year saw 14% growth in life insurance premia, up to Rs.21.9 billion, while general insurance reported 5.4% growth in premium value totaling to Rs. 21.2 billion despite stagnant market conditions.

The company achieved a combined Gross Written Premium (GWP) growth rate of 9.7% during the year. Life insurance contributed 51% to total GWP and General Insurance 49%. Marking 60 years of excellence as the insurer of the nation, SLIC recorded many Remarkable achievements during the year 2021 including (yet again) the highest Life Insurance bonus in the industry of Rs. 8.6 billion.

The insurer was able to produce 189 MDRT (Million Dollar Round Table) members with five COT (Court of Table) and one TOT (Top of Table) member at the MDRT conference 2021 marking a historic milestone as the highest ever representation from Sri Lanka Insurance. The SLIC was awarded The Most Loved Insurance Brand of the year and the Most Valuable General Insurance Brand of the year proving its prowess to win these awards for the 4th consecutive year. Also, SLIC Life recorded the highest brand value growth among Life Insurance brands in Sri Lanka. SLIC was also recognized as a "Great Place to Work" in Sri Lanka reiterating the insurer's commitment towards building an empowering working culture.

Q: How do you see the behavior between the general and life insurance sector during this time?

A: Both life and general insurance sectors responded quickly for the changes and introduced digital capabilities to provide uninterrupted insurance service to customers. Despite the fact that consumer spending was limited due to the low disposable income owing to COVID -19; increased demand for life and general insurance policies – Life, mortgage protection and health was witnessed. The growing health

concern has helped increase awareness on medical insurance due to COVID hospitalizations.

In fact people seeking digitalized insurance solutions have increased in a big way. In order to create a balance between the human and technology to offer insurance services, we at SLIC accelerated digital transformation including enhancing access points for customers to enhance customer experience thereby increasing consciousness about life and health insurance needs.

Q: And what factors have contributed to the overall performance of your organization?

A: In the Sri Lankan insurance sector, SLIC accounts for the largest asset base of Rs 235 billion and the highest and the life Fund of Rs 134 billion. SLIC yet again declared the highest Life Insurance bonus in the industry of Rs. 8.6 billion.

Sri Lankan Insurance is the only insurance company in Sri Lanka to be awarded AA (Ika) Fitch Rating and to receive ISO 9001: 2015 quality standard.

Furthermore, the SLIC has come up with New product developments such as Motor Plus Ladies Only for women drivers, Motor Plus Tuk for three-wheelers, Motor Plus Rider for Bicycles, Motor Plus Commercial for commercial purpose vehicles, Naagaraja – Exclusive for Buddhist Clergy and their family members and Medi 60 – Senior Citizen Health Insurance to cater to unique customer segments in the market. Moreover, SLIC revamped products namely Speed Investment, SLIC Early Cash, Minimithu Education Plans, and SLIC Business Club to fit into market requirements. To streamline processes, SLIC also introduced work flow management systems to drive paperless operations in the company and increase the efficiency of the operational processes. SLIC has also extended many digital access points for customers for insurance premium payments and we have streamlined many processes including the claim payment process with Motor E Doc system and Bee Express allowing fast-track claim settlement. Our strategic partnerships with key organizations such as Sri Lanka Medical Association and Post-graduate Institute of Management allow us to extend protection to cover different market segments and deliver value to stakeholders.



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Q: What will be long term implications of the COVID -19 pandemic as far as Sri Lankan insurance operations are concerned? And what are your expectations for the insurance sector in the post-COVID era?

A: Demand for more affordable, transparent and customized insurance solutions have increased over the years. The pandemic has forced industry to maintain workforce transformation of the promise of a human-centered, tech-enabled enterprise.

Speaking of our sustainability focus, SLIC is taking actions in favour of environmental, social and governance issues and opportunities. And also we do believe in attracting and retaining talent in an evolving hybrid work environment while finding ways to balance technology adoption with maintaining the human touch.

Q: How do you think this health crisis is forcing local insurance companies to massively increase the pace and step up in terms of embracing digital

and more flexible ways of working?

A: The pandemic situation has become a force to expedite the digital transformation of insurance companies. Customers are prioritizing health and safety. Hence they prefer technology driven insurance solutions.

Consumer dynamics are changing overnight and insurers had to embrace them at a staggering speed. Product development and delivery is stepping out from the traditional model and evolving into more technology based and contactless form. Insurers who were quick and swiftly moved will flourish customers with quick delivery, 24 hour access, clear and relevant information. Consequently SLIC came up with innovative insurance solutions to cater to these specific needs and growth prospects.

Q: Despite these technological advancements, people still prefer a human touch when making a lifetime decision such as insurance?

A: Insurance used to be a more human oriented business as the entire process depends on the trust between the insurer, customer and sales advisor and this relationship could last for almost 20 -25 years. As obtaining insurance is a lifetime decision, insurers must ensure that we deliver a sense of protection for customers. Therefore we have to have a right balance between the human and technology. Hence we arm our sales force with necessary knowledge and expertise on digital technologies to provide the same convenience for customers

Q: How does SLIC ensure a right balance between human and technology to provide a seamless insurance experience?

A: We arm our sales force with necessary knowledge and expertise on digital technologies to provide the same convenience for customers. We empower our sales force to be tech savvy and embrace challenges brought by technology to deliver ultimate value to customers. We keep our platforms open to customize their insurance solutions.

Q: What is your assessment of the insurance industry, challenges and opportunities and what more suggestions do you have for the betterment of the industry?

A: Insurance was not on the top of the priority list as Sri Lankans have a high dependency to rely on their relations and friends when it comes to an emergency or calamity. Therefore the insurance penetration is low in the country. There is a protection gap to be bridged by the insurance sector. Nonetheless, we can see a positive growth in insurance with more people being conscious about their health and protection. Consumer habits are changing, purchasing patterns are changing. People are moving to more digital based solutions. The market is growing and there is huge potential in the insurance market yet the penetration is still low – 1.39 as at 2020 as a percentage of GDP.

Q: What sort of investment plan does your organization have in mind in Sri Lanka?

A: Plans are underway to expand our reach into different geographies in the country with the expansion of our branch network while introducing new insurance solutions to cover all affinity groups in Sri Lanka.

Furthermore, plans are afoot to expedite the digital integration of services and processes, enhance the user experience for customers, establish sustainable business processes, thereby giving back to the community to serve them better.

Pictures by Ruwan de Silva



National Industrial Excellence Awards 2022

National Industrial Excellence Awards ceremony was held under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Water's Edge Hotel, Battaramulla recently with Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa as the Chief Guest. Some photo highlights from the event.

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President Gotabaya Rajapaksa being conducted to the Awards Ceremony



Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa is addressing the Awards Ceremony



Industries Ministry Secretary General Daya Rathnayake is addressing the Awards Ceremony

Small Category - Gold Winners



Garment Textiles & Allied Industries
W H N Padmasiri Ranmas - Fashion Garment



Gem & jewelry Related Industries A P D Kanthi Ranjani
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Cosmetic & Allied Industries Director
W R I Wickramarachchi - Wickramarachchi Brothers (PVT) LTD



Inks Chemicals Printing Materials & Allied Industries Mr. N W M Madusagara



Boats & Accessoriss & Fishing Gear Related Industries
General Manager K M S K Weerawardhana



Western & Local Pharmaceutical & Allied Industries
Director W M Dulika Sumangala



Electrical & Electronics & Allied Industries
Managing Director W A V K Silva



Timber Wood Based Industries & Furniture Industries
Managing Director A K U K Satharasinghe

Medium & Large Category - Silver Winners



Tantri Trailers (pvt) Ltd, Managing Director Athula Haputantri



TVS Lanka Ltd, Chief Operating Officer
Geethal Anthony



Lanka Ashok Leyland PLC, Chairman Shantha Jayasena



Metal Dye Mold Machinery Tools & Allied Industries
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JUNGI HORA: SOMARATNE DISANAYAKE'S TAKE ON LINGERIE FETISHISM



IT'S A DISORDER, NOT A DECISION



SACHITRA MAHENDRA

Sri Lanka is now getting accustomed to issues and themes like mental illness, social isolation, and trauma. That would perhaps be the growing trend given the revolting period we are passing today.

To his corpus, Dr Somaratne Disanayake has given his newest addition. Everyone knows what it is, and is probably a little too curious as to what it contains. The posters put up on the walls in the capital show the lead actress in an intimate moment with the lead actor. The film is titled Jungi Hora aka Underpants Thief.

"The plot I have dealt with this time is not my usual genre. I was sceptical about how the audience will accept me. I had doubts. With the pandemic we are experiencing, I had doubts if there will be an audience at all," Disanayake says.

To his pleasant surprise, Underpants Thief has thrived on for several weeks with a considerable audience. Somaratne Disanayake is widely known for dealing with juvenile themes. His theme in Underpants Thief is adult-based, but very much required amid human tensions. With much trepidation, Dr Disanayake changed his genre. And he has received even better, and bigger, attention. Pandemic offered nothing to worry about. The theatres were crowded nevertheless.

Dr Disanayake of course wanted a little interest from the movie enthusiasts when he titled the film in a somewhat controversial way. Controversial in the sense, the word jungi is not used in the standard context. Thanks to Disanayake's use, the word is now ubiquitously used on the Internet and other media. The word has lost its derogatory sense. However, one thing is certain. The movie is most appropriately titled to suit its theme.

But then was it cheap attention that Disanayake sought by titling the film 'Jungi Hora'?

"I don't think a film title will draw crowds. If titles worked that good, then there have been films with very good titles which turned out to be flops. No, I don't accept that theory. And I don't accept that claim. At the same time, I don't think it's an offensive word either. What's the



most appropriate title then? The thief of lingerie? The thief of women's underwear?"

Disanayake goes on to say that it is nothing but taboo that we have placed upon ourselves. And we, as cultural beings, maintain it in the words and other aspects such as politics and religion. As some cultural aspect has been

instilled in us for a century or so, we naturally feel inclined to it. Whether it has a foundation or not, we are not really bothered. That applies to not only the jungi but almost everything in general.

"I don't like to abide by them just because they have sustained generations. Convention at times must be challenged. Jungi is not an offensive word. It's not a pornographic word either. It's an unnecessary taboo. It's the most appropriate term. Jungi we call it the jungi. Hora, we call it hora. Then what should we call it without calling jungi hora? There is no better term."

But then it was not that easy for Disanayake as his friends and well-wishers opposed to using this term of unconventional nature. They thought it would damage the image, personality and identity of Disanayake as a reputed children's filmmaker. Disanayake, on the other hand, had second thoughts and felt it would be betraying himself if he did not use the title.

"I felt that I am in the right. I had no reason to refrain from using it. I am using also an English term. In case you find it awful to use the Sinhala word, here is an English title for your convenience. However vulgar it may be, it may sound quite civilized if you use an English term."

Jungi Hora narrates us a story about a youth disturbed with a passion for lingerie either washed or worn. He has grown this habit to the extent of a compulsive obsession, disrupting his lifestyle. The average newspaper reader is familiar with this category as 'Grease Yaka' who steal lingerie from clothe lines.

"Although we don't speak this in the open, this is a common occurrence in society. It can exist in any person from the uneducated villager to the educated elite. During my research, I found out that even prestigious professionals such as Supreme Court judges, principals, parliamentarians and business magnates are suffering from this disorder. But they remain scot-free and only the uneducated villagers get caught. Now, this is unfair. Privileged or

underprivileged, this category of persons does not deserve any kind of punishment. They need sympathy, empathy and treatment and therapy. Medical treatment. Doctors say that this is incurable. This is my theme. The human quality. The background is that we must view them with human sympathy."

Psychiatrists classify underwear thefts as fetish. The thief gets sexually aroused by the object. In the likeliest case, the object is lingerie. A study of paraphilias (psychiatric parlance for sexual disorders characterized by sexual arousal from objects) provides strong evidence that men who engage in fetishes are likely to engage in other more dangerous activities. Underwear fetishism is not generally considered paraphilia unless it causes distress or serious problems for the person or those associated with them. Yet in Disanayake's script, the underwear fetishism slathers on Ratnayake and the family associated with him.

He is given to this dangerous habit of panty raid coupled with other primal desires. To his rescue comes the last person we imagine of - his sister-in-law. This could be considered the culmination point of the movie. Ratnayake's sister-in-law has only a soft corner for him as a victim of underwear fetishism. She volunteers to fulfil his primal desires with the sole intention of healing him. This is no clandestine affair as traditionally found in movies. She keeps her husband, the brother of Ratnayake, informed and goes an extra mile to rid her brother-in-law of the disorder.

In Macbeth Shakespeare introduces Lady Macbeth who complains that her husband was too full of the milk of human kindness to kill his rivals. In Jungi Hora, Disanayake introduces a sister-in-law brimmed with the milk of human kindness who breaks with conventions despite great reluctance within her soul. With that kindness, she kills her brother-in-law's lingerie fetishism and other primal desires transforming him into a normal human being.



The revenge of the old-fashioned rom-com

The plot of Marry Me is hard to describe without it sounding a little addled. Kat Valdez (played by Jennifer Lopez), a world-famous singer about to marry another pop star during a joint concert, ditches her betrothed at the last second when his infidelity is revealed.

To replace him for the ceremony, she invites a stranger onstage, a math teacher and charming single dad named Charlie Gilbert (Owen Wilson), who was unwittingly holding a marry me sign passed to him by a friend. Then, rather than backpedaling, the two embark on a relationship, initially as a publicity stunt, but surprise: It develops into something more.

The Atlantic

'Marry Me' is screening at Liberty by Scope Cinemas, Colombo City Center, PVR - Colombo 2, KCC Kandy City Center, Majestic - Superior Cinema, Regal - Dematagoda, Savoy 3D, Milano - Kegalle, NIT - Ratnapura and NIT - Kurunegala



An apocalypse movie that's fun to watch

In "Moonfall", the latest movie from the so-called "master of disaster" Roland Emmerich, Earth faces an extinction-level event caused by an alien that's been living on the moon.

Despite being plentiful in planetary destruction overflowing with explosions and incorporating an abundant amount of action, you might be surprised at how much care and consideration went into the physics and science behind such colossal cosmic carnage.

There's an entire array of science consultants who worked on "Moonfall."

Mika McKinnon is a geophysicist and disaster researcher who has acted as a science advisor on several sci-fi TV shows and movies, including "Moonfall," and we were fortunate enough to speak with her about what it was like to create the epic disaster film.

McKinnon said that there were "three science consultants, a medical consultant and a physical consultant and a shuttle consultant, like an astronaut consult" working to make "Moonfall" scientifically accurate, McKinnon said.

Space.com

'Moonfall' is screening at Liberty by Scope Cinemas, Colombo City Center, PVR - Colombo 2, Kandy City Center, Milano - Kegalle, NIT - Kurunegala, Majestic - Ultra Cinema, NIT - Rathnapura, Maxx Lite - Moratuwa, Vista Lite - Ja Ela, Nelson - Trincomalee, Aruna - Kiribathgoda, Savoy 3D, GK - Kalmunai and Regal - Gampaha



Restoring 'The Godfather' to its original

After 50 years, Francis Ford Coppola still isn't finished with "The Godfather" — and it isn't finished with him, either.

Coppola made his bones with that crime epic, which won three Academy Awards, including best picture, made untold millions of dollars for Paramount Pictures and influenced a half-century of filmmaking in the process.

But times have changed. It's not like the old days. And yet "The Godfather" continues to age like a satisfied don sitting blithely in his garden.

In efforts to preserve "The Godfather" for future generations, Paramount, Coppola and his colleagues at

American Zoetrope previously worked together on repaired and revitalized versions of the film as recently as 15 years ago, in what was then billed as "The Coppola Restoration."

Now for the 50th anniversary of "The Godfather," which opened in New York on March 15, 1972, Coppola and these studios have produced a new restoration. This latest edition was created with higher-quality sources of the film, improved digital technology and some 4,000 hours spent repairing stains, tears and other flaws. (It will be released in theaters on Friday and on home video on March 22.)

New York Times

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From the BUG BOOK

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE
When you hear the words 'Bug Hotel', what comes to your mind? A seedy hotel infested with cockroaches, spiders and all kinds of bugs? Nothing could be further from the truth! Bug Hotels are for VIPs. The most important living beings in the home gardens - Bees, Beetles, Ladybirds, Wasps and Ants. Green Thumbs speaks to Ashan Karunananda on Bug Hotels. He is an Assistant Manager, Research and Programs, who is an environment lover who likes to experience and try out new things.

Karunananda points out that he is gradually learning about Bug Hotels.

While working on a research project on Diversity of Butterflies at the Diyasaru Wetland, during a site visit, he came across a 'structure' made out of wood, which had many compartments which included many items (wood flakes, wood cubes etc). This sparked his curiosity and he wished to learn more. At the moment he is trying to gather more knowledge on this field and hopes to build his very own bug hotel in his home garden.

"Bug hotels are actually man-made structures which are used to attract insects. It is popular among gardeners, especially those who grow fruits and vegetables. The main reason for this is insects' aid in pollination. If bug hotels are established on your garden the pollination occurs effectively hence the produce would increase, which will allow the farmers to gain a higher income. Further, the fruits and seeds produced is a good food source to other animals as well.

Additionally, insects represent an impor-

tant position in the food chain. When more insects are found in the garden it attracts its predators such as birds, so it assists in increasing the biodiversity in the area," explained Karunananda.

However, over the past decades there has been a rapid decrease in insect populations mainly due to anthropogenic activities which include the use of chemicals in the form of insecticides, pesticides and weedicides. This has increased rapidly, causing habitat destruction. Establishment of bug hotels will help in improving the populations of these species for the future, especially in urbanized areas.

But how do you make spaces for these bugs? What kind of spaces do you make? Where do you make spaces?

"These could be built in various shapes and sizes. The shapes many vary on the specific insect that you need to attract. The size could also vary depending on the size of the garden space you have. Usually, they are mainly built on dry and sunny places in the garden," said Karunananda.

He feels that there has to be some expertise and knowledge gathering under the relevant topic. The material used must be identified since they attract particular insects. First, one must identify the insects that could be found in the area before going on to build the bug hotel. Some material that is

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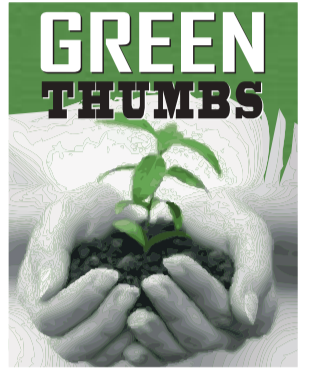
In the wild, solitary insect species, like wood-boring beetles and solitary bees, search for cavities in wood to lay eggs.

These cavities are typically left by burrowing beetles, woodpeckers, or the tree's own natural growth. Some species, like carpenter bees, will chew their way through wood to make a nesting cavity. Insect hotels are simply man-made replicas of the natural habitats these organisms search for in the wild.



BUG BOXES

Bug boxes work best in warm places that are dry. Bugs also like damp and decayed plant materials. Place decaying plant matter and damp logs at the base of the hotel. This will attract centipedes, millipedes and woodlice. Place at the base of your hotel so the logs stay nice and damp and mix with other decaying plant matter to attract centipedes (which devour slugs) and insects such as millipedes and woodlice (which will provide a welcome source of food for birds). This is also a great spot for garden spiders.



where everything happens naturally, like a rainforest?

"As mentioned before bugs attract a lot of insects. Insects are good pollinators. Further, they attract other species such as birds to the garden. Bug hotels is a new and upcoming concept. It is vital that people are made aware of bug hotels. It is important that people know about the importance of bug hotels and how to build one. People who own Bug Hotels need to share with others their success stories in order to promote this amazing activity."

HOME-MADE BUG HOTELS

For solitary bees, home-made bug hotels and wildlife stacks will provide a great place for them to live, lay their eggs and hibernate. Leaving natural homes for them, such as piles of dead wood and cut branches and plants, can also be very helpful. Most bees don't live in big groups, in fact they live alone as solitary bees. They live mainly by themselves and each one takes care of their young. All these solitary bees share a common habit of living alone, but there are many different types.

generally used includes logs, wooden blocks, sticks, twigs, dry leaves and stones.

Are bug hotels environment sensitive? Can it be done in any home garden? Can it be done in any climate?

Can it be done in small size home gardens or large home gardens? "According to the knowledge that I have gathered, the size of the garden is not a problem in establishing a bug hotel. However, it should be dry and sunny. The main rea-

son for Bug Hotels is caring for these insects. Bugs perform many important activities. But they are under a huge threat due to anthropogenic activities. People are trying out new ways to protect these species. A similar concept is butterfly gardening. It is also becoming popular. It is a similar way to attract butterflies," pointed out Karunananda.

The importance is, what kind of bugs you want to attract to your garden. After that you need to obtain the material. A main challenge is sometimes parasitic insects which harm other insects. For example some wasps which would lay eggs in these bug hotels, will feed on other insects.

How do bug hotels help the home garden thrive? How do they help create a garden

CREATE A BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN



(Insect Hotels - University of Michigan-Dearborn)

The current pandemic, despite its adverse effects, also has a positive side to it. It has made us think, introspect into the reasons for this catastrophe and explore whether it has anything to do with the way we have ill-treated nature. It has also given us enough time to develop new interests and hobbies.

Cooped up in our homes, it has made us look more closely at our own garden, whatever may be its size. We are now able to appreciate other living things that live in our garden more than ever, especially birds. There cannot be anything more soothing and relaxing than observing sunbirds actively pursuing their nectar-feeding activities. Armchair bird-watching is the inthing these days.



There are countless observations and records of new species in the city. All one needs is an infinite amount of patience, an unobtrusive lookout spot and a bit of a garden. However, not all gardens are equal in this regard and this is irrespective of its size. They are different in other aspects as well.

What birds need

- A safe place to rest and breed.
- Food, both vegetarian and the nonvegetarian, without pesticides. There are practically no vegetarian birds. Even a seed-eater like a house sparrow has to feed its young ones with insects and caterpillars, full of high-quality protein and energy-rich fats.
- Water The first two requirements have to be provided by the plants in our garden. Plants differ widely in their ability to support birds. There are two broad categories of plants — native ones like avaram poo (Tanner's cassia) and exotic ones like thanga arali (Nerium)

The advantages of native plants

1. They have existed here for thousands of years and hence, are well-adapted to the locally prevailing climatic conditions and, therefore, do not need extra gardening attention.
2. They also have interacted and, in turn, been shaped by other living beings around. That is, they have co-evolved. Native plants support hun-

dreds of other living beings, including insects and their caterpillars, and are, therefore, crucial for the breeding success of the birds around us.

When looking around for suitable native plants, we should choose those that serve multiple roles — food for human beings, nectar for the birds and butterflies, and fruits for birds.

Ideal picks for your home garden

1. Curry Leaf Plant (Karuvepilai): There is no meal in south Indian cuisine that does not use curry leaves in some form or the other. Birds like Asian koel and red-vented bulbuls avidly devour the fruits. The flowers provide nectar for several butterflies and the whole plant supports the larvae of several butterflies.

2. Mango: The 'King of fruits' is much loved by all of us and also by birds like the Indian koel and parakeets. This also supports a large number of butterflies and, in turn, several insect-eating birds.

3. Drumstick Tree: This is also used a lot in our cuisine. Sunbirds are very fond of its nectar. The tree supports a large number of creepy-crawlers that constitute an important part of bird food.

Another way of choosing bird-friendly plants is by looking at their source of food. Nectar constitutes the major food source of sunbirds, flowerpeckers, leafbirds etc., and a supplementary source for other bird families also. Bird-attracting flowers are usually red, day-flowering and have abundant nectar. Some of the plants with red, nectar-rich flowers are hibiscus, Indian coral tree (mullumurungai), red silk cotton (sevilavu), and flame of the forest (purasu).

Fruits constitute another major part of their diet. Most of the fruit-eating birds around us prefer small fruits because of their small-sized beaks. The most important of them are the fig trees (arasu, alam,

athi, itchi, etc), which are mostly big trees. A smaller tree belonging to the same family is the Sandpaper tree (pirayan) which is favoured by the bulbuls, and could be more suitable for home gardens. Other fruit-bearing plants of importance are vellai poolanji, kattu karuvepilai, uthiyan, naruvili, pirandai, etc. There are plants, small and big, to suit all sizes of gardens.

Therefore, people with handkerchief-sized gardens or only a balcony need not despair. For nectar, there are small plants with red-coloured flowers, like hibiscus, ixora (idilipoo) and for fruits, thoothuvali and manathakkali. In the garden, there has to be a vertical transition with ground covers and sub-shrubs close to the residence, and then shrubs, small trees and mid-sized trees. The large trees should be the farthest away. Each species, especially shrubs, should be planted in clumps (three together) to afford some hidden space for breeding and cross-pollination.

Reduce the lawn as much as possible and instead use ground cover plants like karis-alangkanni, mustard, paruppu keerai, thumbai, mithikeerai, etc. Water should be placed in a shallow saucer-shaped earthenware pot allowing both a dip and a drink. If possible, don't prune the trees, especially those away from the path, to afford nesting material and for woodpeckers. Leaf litter should be left as it is, at least in one wild corner, for ground birds like babblers. Happy armchair birding!

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Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the **Supply of Tea Leaves** on monthly requirement basis for a period of one year for use at Bandaranaika International Airport - Katunayake, Colombo International Airport - Ratmalana and Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport - Mattala.

Bids should be submitted on documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake on a **cash payment of Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred (Rs. 2,500.00) only** being a **non-refundable Bidding Document Fee**, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding Documents may be purchased **between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 01.03.2022 up to 21.03.2022** from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding Documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd March 2022** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand **Bid Guarantee** equivalent to **Sri Lankan Rupees One Hundred and Forty Five Thousand (Rs. 145,000.00)** in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at **10.00 a.m. on 10th March 2022** at the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake, on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264105, e-mail : head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our web site : www.airport.lk.

**Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited,
Bandaranaika International Airport,
Katunayake**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA)
(PRIVATE) LIMITED**

BID NO.: 003/T/2022

**BIDS INVITATION FOR ERECTION OF CHAIN LINK FENCES
EITHER SIDE OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE ROAD FOR
MATTALA RAJAPAKSA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MATTALA**

Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (SL) (Pvt) Limited now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for Erection of Chain Link Fence to Prevent Entering of Wild Animals to Main Entrance Road of Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala as described below. The period of completion is Sixty (60) days from the start date.

The successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered for Grade C8 or above in the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) with experience in similar works.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Head of Civil Engineering (Maintenance), Maintenance Complex, Airport & Aviation Services (SL) (Pvt) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka on Telephone No. 011-2264700 or 011-2264704 and inspect the Bidding document at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (SL) (Pvt) Ltd., Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka from **09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.** on weekdays from **01.03.2022 to 28.03.2022**.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Chairman, Procurement Committee No. 02, Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (SL) (Pvt) Ltd, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake, from **01.03.2022 until 28.03.2022 from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.** upon payment of a **non refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00**. The method of payment will be by cash.

Sealed Bids shall be delivered to the address - Chairman, Procurement Committee No. 02, Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (SL) (Pvt) Ltd, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka **at or before 14.00 hrs. on 29th March 2022. Late Bids will be returned unopened.** Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives.

All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security (on demand Bid Bond) in the amount of **Rupees One Hundred Thousand (Rs. 100,000.00)** issued by Institutions listed in the Bid Document or a Cash Deposit submitted with the Bids.

All Bidders and their designated representatives are invited to attend a **Pre-Bid Briefing to be held on 10.03.2022 at 10.00 hrs at the Engineer's Office, Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala, Sri Lanka.**

**Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited,
Bandaranaika International Airport,
Katunayake**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA)
(PRIVATE) LIMITED**

BID NO.: 051/T/2020

**SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF
250 KVA GENERATOR AT MATTALA RAJAPAKSA
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MATTALA AND
60 KVA GENERATOR AT KATARAGAMA PILGRIM REST**

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the **Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 250 kVA Generator** at Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Mattala, and **60kVA Generator** at Kataragama Pilgrim Rest, Sri Lanka.

Bids should be submitted on documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake on a **cash payment of Rupees Four Thousand and Five hundred (Rs. 4,500.00)** being a **non-refundable Bidding Document Fee**, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding Documents may be purchased **between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 01.03.2022 up to 04.04.2022** from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address or our website www.airport.lk.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 05th April 2022** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand **Bid Bond** equivalent to **Sri Lankan Rupees Three Hundred Thousand (Rs. 300,000.00)** in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at **10.00 a.m. on 15th March 2022** at the Auditorium of New Maintenance Complex at Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake, Sri Lanka.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake on Tel. Nos. 011-2264103/2264102, e-mail : head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our web site : www.airport.lk.

**Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited,
Bandaranaika International Airport,
Katunayake**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA)
(PRIVATE) LIMITED**

BID NO.: 025/T/2020

**SUPPLY OF 109,500 PKTS. OF MULTIFOLD PAPER TOWELS
(ONE YEAR REQUIREMENT)
FOR TOWEL DISPENSER (230 MM X 230 MM) AT
BANDARANAIIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KATUNAYAKE**

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the **Supply of 109,500 Pkts. Of Multifold Paper Towels for Towel Dispenser (230 mm x 230 mm) on monthly requirement basis for a period of one year to use at Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake.**

Bids should be submitted on documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake on a **cash payment of Rupees Four Thousand (Rs. 4,000.00)** being a **non-refundable Bidding Document Fee**, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding documents may be purchased **between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 01.03.2022 up to 21.03.2022** from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to the above address.

Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd March 2022** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives can be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand **Bid Guarantee** equivalent to **Sri Lankan Rupees Two Hundred and Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred (Rs. 262,800.00)** only in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a bank approved by the Central Bank operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaika International Airport, Katunayake, on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264104, e-mail: head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our web site: www.airport.lk.

**Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited,
Bandaranaika International Airport,
Katunayake**

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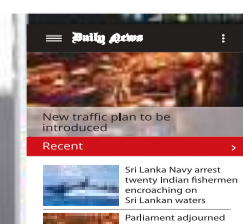
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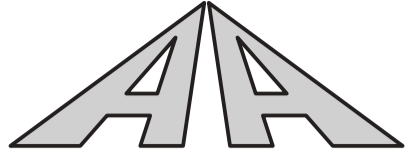


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INVITATION FOR BIDS**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

BID NO.: 118/T/2020

SUPPLY OF VMS AND SERVER FOR CCTV AT BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KATUNAYAKE

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the *Supply of VMS and Server for CCTV at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake.*

Bids should be submitted on documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on a *cash payment of Rupees Three Thousand and Five Hundred (Rs. 3,500.00) being a non-refundable Bidding Document Fee*, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding Documents may be purchased *between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 01.03.2022 up to 28.03.2022* from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding Documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at *2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 29th March 2022* and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand *Bid Security* equivalent to *Sri Lankan Rupees One Hundred and Six Thousand (Rs. 106,000.00)* in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264106, email : head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our web site : www.airport.lk

**Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited,
Bandaranaike International Airport,
Katunayake.**

INVITATION FOR BIDS**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

BID NO.: 008/T/2022

SUPPLY OF 18M APRON FLOOD LIGHT MASTS AT JAFFNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PALALY

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the *Supply of 18m Apron Flood Light Masts at Jaffna International Airport, Palaly.*

Bids should be submitted on Documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on a *cash payment of Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5,000.00) being a non-refundable Bidding Document Fee*, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding Documents may be purchased *between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 01.03.2022 up to 04.04.2022* from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding Documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

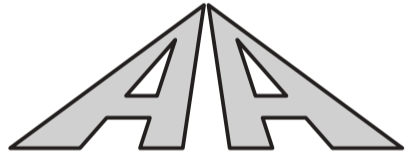
Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at *2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 05th April 2022* and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand *Bid Guarantee* equivalent to *Sri Lanka Rupees Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand (Rs. 360,000.00)* in the form of Bank Guarantee issued by a Bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264102, email : head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our web site : www.airport.lk

**Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited,
Bandaranaike International Airport,
Katunayake.**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

BID NO.: 193/T/2019

SUPPLY OF UNIFORM MATERIALS TO SECURITY STAFF OF AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED FOR TWO YEARS PERIOD

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for the *Supply of Uniform Materials to Security Staff of Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for Two Years Period.*

Bids should be submitted on documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on a *cash payment of Rupees Four Thousand (Rs. 4,000.00) being a non-refundable Bidding Document Fee*, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding documents may be purchased *between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 01.03.2022 up to 21.03.2022* from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. The Bidding Documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. If Bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to above address.

Bids will be closed at *2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd March 2022* and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand *Bid Guarantee* equivalent to *Sri Lankan Rupees Two Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand (Rs. 225,000.00)* in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264102, e-mail : head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our web site : www.airport.lk

**Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited,
Bandaranaike International Airport,
Katunayake**

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) (PRIVATE) LIMITED**

BID NO.: 043/T/2021

REDESIGNING OF AASL CORPORATE LOGO AND AIRPORT LOGOS

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited for redesigning of AASL Corporate Logo and Airport Logos.

Bids should be submitted on Documents obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on a *cash payment of Rupees Two Thousand (Rs. 2,000.00) being a non-refundable Bidding Document Fee*, together with an official letter of request, issued by the Bidder.

Bidding Documents may be purchased *between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day from 01.03.2022 up to 04.04.2022* from the Office of Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidding Documents will be available for inspection free of charge at the above address.

Bids should be deposited in the box provided for this purpose at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. If bidders so desire, they may personally hand over the Sealed Bids to the above address.

Bids will be closed at *2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 05th April 2022* and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of Bids.

An on demand *Bid Guarantee* equivalent to *Sri Lanka Rupees Two Hundred Thousand (Rs. 200,000.00)* in the form of a Bank Guarantee issued by a Bank approved by the Central Bank and operating in Sri Lanka and payable to Chairman, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited should be submitted with the Bid.

Pre Bid Briefing will be held on *15th March 2022 at 9.00 a.m.* at the Conference Room of New Admin Building, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake.

Any further information could be obtained from the Division of Supply Chain Management, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2264103 / 011-2264102, email : head.scm@airport.lk or by visiting our web site : www.airport.lk

**Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited,
Bandaranaike International Airport,
Katunayake.**

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964

My No : R/De/L/3/CEP (Additional)
Land Ministry Ref. No : 4-3/7/2020/HW/123

The Government intends to acquire the Land/Lands described in the Schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2265/17 dated 31.01.2022 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province - Western
District - Gampaha
Divisional Secretary's Division - Mahara

P.P. No. / Cadastral Map No.	No. of Lots	Extent (Hectare)	Village	Grama Niladhari Division
510821/01/11	08	0.0414	Sooriyapaluwa	No. 245A, Sooriyapaluwa South
510810/06/20	04	0.0299	Sooriyapaluwa	No. 245, Sooriyapaluwa North
510820/05/15	09	0.0739	Sooriyapaluwa	No. 245B, Sooriyapaluwa East

G.S.I. Wimalasena
Divisional Secretary
Mahara.

Mahara Divisional Secretary's Office

22.02.2022

CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED
AMENDMENT TO THE PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning and Maintenance during the Defects Liability Period of Vertical Transportation System (Lifts) for Proposed Head Office Building for Ministry of Health, Colombo 08.

Bid Number: CESL/CPU/SPC/2021/18

It is hereby notified that the "Invitation for Bids" reference to above contract published in the Daily News on 02 February 2022 has been amended as follows:

Referecne IFB	Contents in Issued Document	Amendment
Item No. 5 (Inspection of Bidding Documents)	"from 02.02.2022 until 23.02.2022"	Changed as "from 02.02.2022 until 09.03.2022"
Item No. 6 (Issuing of Bidding Documents)	"from 02.02.2022 until 23.02.2022"	Changed as "from 02.02.2022 until 09.03.2022"
Item No. 7 (Time and Date of Bid Closing / Opening)	"at or before 1400 hrs, on 24.02.2022"	Changed as "at or before 1400 hrs., on 10.03.2022"

All the other information shall remain the same.

Chairman,
Senior Procurement Committee
Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



SRI LANKA TRANSPORT BOARD (SLTB)

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PRE-CURED TREAD LINERS, BONDING GUM, GUM SOLVENT (S.B.P.) AND RELATED MATERIALS TO SLTB AMPARA TYRE FACTORY

SLTB/TS/GEN/2022/12-1

1. The Chairman, SLTB Major Procurement Committee will receive sealed Bids from Eligible bidders who can supply Pre-cured tread liners, Bonding gum, Gum solvent (S.B.P.) and related materials to SLTB Ampara Tyre Factory conforming to the given specifications, up 10.30 a.m. on 21-03-2022. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased from the Secretary, SLTB Procurement Committee, 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05 by paying a non-refundable fee of Rs. 20,000 from 28-02-2022 to 18-03-2022 during office hours.

Description	Bid Security
Supply and Delivery of Pre-cured tread liners, Bonding gum, Gum solvent (S.B.P.) and related materials to SLTB Ampara Tyre Factory, on 45 days credit as described below: Lot 1 - Pre-cured tread liners, Bonding gum & Gum solvent (S.B.P.) Lot 2 - Related materials such as curing envelopes, tubes, flaps buffing blades	Lot 1 - Rs. 800,000/- Lot 2 - Rs. 200,000/- Both Lots - Rs.1,000,000/-

2. Only Local manufacturers having ISO 9001 Quality Certificate for manufacturing required Pre-cured tread liners, Bonding gum & other related materials and local agents of foreign manufacturers having ISO 9001 Quality Certificate for manufacturing offered items are eligible to bid.
3. (a) Any person who acts as an agent or sub agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of any bidder shall register himself before submission of bids with the Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka as required by the Public Contracts Act Number 03 of 1987. The Original Certificate of Registration shall be submitted with the bid. The bids of those bidders who fail to submit such Original Certificate shall be rejected.
- (b) The bidders shall also register themselves immediately after the submission of bids and prior to the award of the procurement in terms of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. The procurement shall not be awarded to any bidder unless such bidder has submitted the Certificate of Registration issued in terms of the Public Contracts Act to the relevant Procurement Committee.
4. Bids shall be valid up to **22.06.2022**. However, prices quoted shall be valid for one year from the date of award of contract.
5. Bids shall include a Bid Security valid till **22.07.2022**, irrevocable & unconditionally encashable upon the first written request by SLTB and issued by a registered commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or an Insurance Agency registered with the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
6. All pages of the Bid Document shall be initialled by the bidder and his seal affixed.
7. Bids should either be deposited in the Tender Box maintained for this purpose at the Office of the Secretary., SLTB Procurement Committee, 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05 or sent by registered post to receive at or before 10.30 a.m on **21.03.2022**. The sealed cover in which the Bid is enclosed should be marked "**Bid for the Supply & Delivery of Pre-cured tread liners, Bonding gum, Gum solvent (S.B.P.) and related materials to SLTB Ampara Tyre Factory**" at the top of left-hand corner of the envelope.
8. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids at the office of the Secretary, SLTB Procurement Committee, 200, Kirula Road, Colombo 05. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.

Chairman,
SLTB Procurement Committee,
Procurement Section,
200, Kirula Road,
Colombo 05.

Inquiries: Secretary, SLTB Procurement Committee
Tel: 011-7706110 & 077-1056110 Tel/Fax 011-2588457



STATE MINISTRY OF RURAL HOUSING & CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS INDUSTRIES PROMOTION



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Department of Buildings now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works described below.

	Description of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. Millions)	Contract Period [Days]	CIDA Grade	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)
1.	Removal of Two Storied Administrative Building of Department of National Museum, Colombo 07. [Contract No.: 04-03-10-2022/CT31]	8.4	60	C7, C6 or C5	110,000.00	3,500.00
2.	Internal Partition Work for the Office of the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, 15th Floor, "Mehewara Piyasa" Building, Department of Labour, Narahenpita, Colombo-05. [Contract No.: 04-03-10-2022/CT32]	6.4	30	SP4 or above	80,000.00	2,500.00

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure. *Since the estimated cost of procurement item - I* is below Rs. 50 Mn, regional preference and CIDA grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(iii) & 03/2020.

3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be registered in the field of **Building Construction/Specialised Construction Contractors** for Grade indicated in above table with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), valid until the date of closing of the bids. Further, the registration should be valid at the date of award.

"The bidders shall also register themselves with Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka, in terms of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. The original certificate of registration (PCA 03) shall be submitted with the bid. The procurement shall not be awarded to any bidder unless such bidder has submitted the PCA 03 certificate"

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Chief Engineer (Western South), Department of Buildings, No. 213, Torrington Avenue, Colombo 07** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address on any working day from 9:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs.

Contact numbers are: Phone: 011-2554691, Facsimile: 011-2554690

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 Chief Engineer (Western South), Department of Buildings, No. 213, Torrington Avenue, Colombo 07 from **28-02-2022** until **11-03-2022** from 9:00hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee as indicated in above table.

6. Bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Buildings, 2nd Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla** to reach at or before **10:00 hrs on 14-03-2022**. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the Contracts Branch, Department of Buildings, 2nd Floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

7. Bids shall be valid for a period of 77 Days from the last date fixed for receiving of Bids or any extended period.

8. All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security which shall be;

- in the form included in Section 09 of the bidding document
- in favour of Director General of Buildings
- for an amount as indicated in above table.
- valid up to 26th June 2022
- issued by one of the agencies indicated in the ITB Clause 16.2 of the Bidding Data

9. Bidders are advised to enter "Sethsiripaya" Premises at least 1 hour before the scheduled time for Bid closing, due to security checking.

Eng. M.H.M. Ismail
Director General of Buildings,
Department of Buildings,
2nd Floor, "Sethsiripaya",
Battaramulla.



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TEACHING HOSPITAL - KALUTARA

Invitation for Bids

Servicing and Maintenance Services of Air-conditioners - 2022

Bids are invited by the Regional Procurement Committee of the Teaching Hospital, Kalutara from eligible bidders for servicing and maintenance work of 124 air-conditioners installed in this hospital for the year 2022.

Capacity of Air-conditioners	Quantity of Air-conditioners
9000 BTU	01
12000 BTU	39
18000 BTU	22
24000 BTU	59
36000 BTU	03

Bid documents for servicing and maintenance of air-conditioners could be inspected and obtained at the Head Office of the Teaching Hospital, Kalutara on working days from 02.03.2022 up to 21.03.2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

A non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 will be charged for each bid document.

Only institutions possessing registration of ICTAD EM5 or above grade are eligible to submit bids and original copies of the relevant documents should be submitted when obtaining bid documents.

Bids should be sent by registered post addressed to the Director, Teaching Hospital, Kalutara or should be hand-delivered to receive before 10.00 a.m. as bids will be accepted up to 10.00 a.m. on 22.03.2022.

Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 22.03.2022 and the bidder or an authorized representative of the bidder could participate on this occasion. The Procurement Committee retains the right to accept or reject bids.

You could contact on Tel. Nos.: 034-2222261/62 for further details.

**Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Teaching Hospital, Kalutara.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under Section 9(2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

Former Name of the Company:
JINADASA BROTHERS (PVT) LTD

Registration No.:
PV 3969

Registered Office:
No. 263, Vijaya Kumaranathunga Mawatha, Colombo 05.

New Name of the Company:
MAGNA WEALTH (PVT) LTD

Date of Certificate of Name Change:
30.07.2021

Aims Secretarial Services (Pvt) Ltd,
Secretaries of the Company

Acquisition of Lands for the construction of brine barrier across Walawa Ganga in the Hambantota Water Supply Scheme

Notice under Section 07 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) (proof)

Reference No. **DSAM/LAN/08/AQ/26**

Block No. 439 in extent 0.0130 hectare depicted in Folio No. 63 of addendum 61 of Final Village Plan No. 466 has been acquired by the state. For further particulars, please refer Page 2A of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2259/4 dated 20.12.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

N.D.P. Ranasinghe
Divisional Secretary,
Ambalantota

on 17 February 2022
at the Divisional Secretariat Ambalantota



WAYAMBA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA, KULIYAPITIYA

Procurement Notice

Invitation of bids for obtaining the service of suitable contractors for Photocopy Services at Makandura Premises - 2022/2023

Sealed bids will be entertained by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka up to 2.00 p.m. on 21.03.2022 from suitable contractors for the photocopy service for one year period at Makandura Premises of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka.

By producing of a receipt from the Shroff in respect of the payment of a non-refundable tender fee of Rs.300/=, Bidding documents could be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar/Common Support Unit of Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, Makandura Premises during working days up to 2.00 p.m. on 18.03.2022.

Duly filled bids should be sent under registered post addressed to the "Chairman, University Procurement Committee, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, Kuliypitiya" or hand delivered. Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 21.03.2022 and will be opened at Registrar's Office after the closing.

Further details could be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar/Common Support Unit of the Makandura Premises (Tel. No. 031-2298111).

**Registrar
Wayamba University of Sri Lanka
Kuliypitiya.
28-02-2022**

Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF AKKARAIPATTU

1. Sutharalinkam Suresh,
President of the Board of Trustees of Thirukovil, Sri Chidrayayuthar Temple, Thirukovil-1.
2. Vaniyasingham Jeyanthan,
Vannakkar of the Board of Trustees of Thirukovil, Sri Chidrayayuthar Temple, Thirukovil-1.
3. Kanakasabai Sabaratnam,
Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Thirukovil Sri Chidrayayuthar Temple, Thirukovil-1.
4. Alagudurai Selvarajah,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Thirukovil Sri Chidrayayuthar Temple, Thirukovil-1.
5. Kovinthapillai Kirushnamoorthy,
Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Thirukovil Sri Chidrayayuthar Temple, Thirukovil-1.
6. Rasaiah Logitharajah,
Accountant of the Board of Trustees of Thirukovil Sri Chidrayayuthar Temple, Thirukovil-1.

- Petitioners -

The above Case No. Mis/74/22 was instituted in the District Court of Akkaraipattu by the abovenamed Petitioners, the Management Committees and the Trustees of the Thirukovil Sri Chidrayayuthar Temple. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if any person has common interest in this case may intervene with the prior permission obtained from the Court.

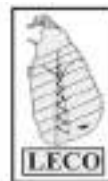
The Notice is given in terms of Section 16 of the Civil Procedure Court.

Next Date : 23.03.2022

'By Order of Court'

**Registrar
District Court
Akkaraipattu**

Date : 28.02.2022



Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited INVITATION FOR BIDS

LECO/22/ICB/GD4/098

Sealed bids are invited from prospective suppliers for supply & delivery of

TIN PLATED COPPER CONNECTORS FOR SERVICE CONNECTORS

Bidding documents for this procurement could be obtained as a soft copy version from the Procurement Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00. Bid Documents will be issued online (by email) for this Bid.

Bidders who wish to collect the Bid Documents are requested to forward an official request by email to procurement@leco.lk. Payment method and other details on collecting the Bid Documents will be replied via email. Upon successful confirmation of payment, Bidding Documents will be issued.

Bidding documents will be issued from **28th February, 2022 to 25th March, 2022.**

Draft bidding document (Not for Bidding) is available on www.promise.lk and www.leco.lk websites for reference purpose only.

Completed Bid documents shall be addressed to General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited under sealed cover. The Bid documents shall be placed in the Tender Box at the Ground Floor of the address below, not later than the date and time of Bid Closing.

Date and time of Bid closing is 02.00 p.m. on 29th March, 2022.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time, in the presence of the Bidders who wish to attend.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE
www.leco.lk

General Manager
Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Ltd.,
E.H. Cooray Building,
411, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

State Ministry of Coconut, Kithul and Palmyra Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing and Export Diversification

Proposed Two Storied Laboratory Building Complex for Coconut Research Institute at Lunuwila (Stage II)

(CONTRACT NO. CRI/ 2022/ 01)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of Director, Coconut Research Institute, Bandirippuwa Research Centre, Lunuwila now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for **Proposed Two Storied Laboratory Building Complex for Coconut Research Institute at Lunuwila (Stage II)** as described below and estimated to a **basic cost of Rs. 57.5 Million (approximately)** without taxes. This shall be a **measure and pay** contract and the construction period is **240 days**.

Works consist of construction of First floor of two storied building having floor area of 502 m² (Approx) consisting of pad foundations, RCC columns, RCC beams, Structural steel roof frame, asbestos roof, plastered and painted brick / block walls, water proofing works, Natural Anodized Aluminum doors and windows, Aluminum partition works, porcelain tiled floor, floor and wall tiling in toilets, Electrical installations, Mechanical hoist, Sanitary fittings installations including internal plumbing works and sewer disposal system.

Location of Project:

Coconut Research Institute, Bandirippuwa Research Centre, Lunuwila

2. Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding procedure.**
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA/ ICTAD) registration required for main contractor.
Speciality : Civil – Building
Grade : C3 or C4
4. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include.
 - Average of the annual volume of construction work performed in the last five years (2015-2020) shall be **at least Rs. 81,000,000/-**
 - The minimum amount of Liquid Assets and/ or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the contract shall be **not less than Rs. 20,000,000/-**
 - Experience in the similar nature and value more than Rs.48,000,000/- at least one contract over the last 5 years, 2015-2020 (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 70% completed)
5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the **Director, Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila, Tel. No. 031-2255300** and can inspect the Bidding documents at **Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila** from **28th February 2022 to 21st March 2022** from 9.00 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. on any working day.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the **Director, Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila** from **28th February 2022 to 21st March 2022 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of (Rs. 15,000.00).**
7. Sealed bids, duly signed by the bidder, prepared in duplicate issued by this Department, enclosed in an envelope marked "Original" or "Duplicate" and "Bid for the **Proposed Two Storied Laboratory Building Complex for Coconut Research Institute at Lunuwila (Stage II)**" written on it should be sent under registered cover, addressed to **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila** to receive at or before 1.00 p.m. on **21st March 2022** Or be hand delivered and deposit the Bids in the tender box provided for this purpose in the **Deputy Director's (Administration Office).** Bids will be closed at 1.00 p.m. on **21st March 2022** and will be opened immediately thereafter. Bids received after closing at 1.00 p.m. will be rejected.
8. All Bids shall be valid up to **91 Days (19.06.2022)** from the date of the closing of Bids.
9. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **9th March 2022** at 10.30 a.m. at the **Board Room, Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila.**
10. All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid security for an amount of **Rs. 938,000.00 (Rupees Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand)**. Bid security shall be issued by commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
11. Bid Security shall remain valid till **119 Days (17.07.2022)** from the opening date of tender.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Coconut Research Institute,
Bandirippuwa Research Centre,
Lunuwila.**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Obtaining a Building on rent or lease for maintaining an Ayurvedic Centre

01. Sealed bids are invited for obtaining a suitable building within Boralesgamuwa City limits on rent or lease basis for maintaining the Ayurvedic Centre of the Boralesgamuwa Urban Council.
02. Building premises should be compatible to the following requirements and conditions.
 - i. The building on offer should have an internal floor area of around 1250 – 1400 sq. ft. and should be in a suitable environment to maintain an Ayurvedic Centre.
 - ii. Expected to obtain the building for a period of at least 02 years.
 - iii. Separate electricity and pipe borne facilities should be available in the building premises on offer.
 - iv. Should have adequate toilet facilities to the staff members and the general public who call over to obtain services
 - v. There should be clear access way to vehicles
 - vi. Internal Plan of the Building and the number of vehicles that could be parked in the premises should be submitted with your bid.
03. Preference would be given to buildings with following qualifications in addition to the above requirements.
 - i. If a storied building, ground floor would be most suitable.
 - ii. Having a gate to close the access way and the ability to securely close the building premises
 - iii. Access way to disabled persons
 - iv. Being situated within 2 km of the Boralesgamuwa City.

Your quotations submitted in duplicate as per the above requirements and conditions in separate envelopes marked as original and duplicate may either be sent by registered post addressed to **"Chairman, Boralesgamuwa Urban Council, Boralesgamuwa"** or deposited in the Tender Box kept in this office to receive before **2.00 p.m. on 22.03.2022**. The caption **"Obtaining a Building on rent or lease for maintaining an Ayurvedic Centre"** should be mentioned on the left-hand corner of the envelope containing the quotation.

04. Bids will be opened at 2.05 p.m. on the same day. Late bids will be rejected.

05. Application form for Obtaining a Building on rent or lease basis may be obtained by paying a non-refundable form fee of Rs. 500.00. Application forms will be issued between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days.

Further details may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. **0112517480** on working days.

Deshabandu K.D.A.P. Shantha
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UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY & INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERS

PROCUREMENT NO. UM/SU/DPC-04/2022/3

1. The **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee** on behalf of the University of Moratuwa invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following items.

Brief Description of the Item	Quantity	Bid Security	
		Amount of Bid Security	Valid up to
1 i7 Branded Desktop Computers (Specification Attached - Annex I)	106 Nos.	Rs. 439,000.00	19.07.2022
2 Desktop Computers (Specification Attached - Annex II)	87 Nos.	Rs. 117,000.00	19.07.2022
3 i7 Desktop Computers (Specification Attached - Annex III)	30 Nos.	Rs. 113,000.00	19.07.2022
4 High - End Workstation Computers (Specification Attached - Annex IV)	01 No.	Rs. 14,000.00	19.07.2022
5 High-End Laptop Computers (Specification Attached - Annex V)	45 Nos.	Rs. 188,000.00	19.07.2022
6 Smart Board (Specification Attached (Annex VI)	02 Nos.	Rs. 24,000.00	19.07.2022
7 Smart Board (Specification Attached (Annex VII)	02 Nos.	Rs. 12,000.00	19.07.2022

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
3. Eligible interested bidders may obtain further information from Senior Assistant Bursar - Supplies, University of Moratuwa and inspect Bidding documents free of charge at the address given below during the office hours **from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days.**
4. Eligible bidders shall be registered Manufacturer, Sole Agent, Dealer and Distributor with valid and appropriate Business Registration. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rupees 3,500.00** to the Shroff of the University from **02.03.2022. upto 3.00 p.m. on 21.03.2022.** The method of payment is cash only.
6. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the amount mentioned above.
7. Sealed Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **1.00 p.m. on 22.03.2022.**
8. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the **Board Room adjoining to the Supplies Division, University of Moratuwa** in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend in person. Late bids will be rejected.
9. For further details please contact **Senior Assistant Bursar, Supplies, University of Moratuwa on Tel No: 011-2651587, Fax No: 011-2651186.**
10. Bids shall be valid up to **21.06.2022.**

Chairman (Procurement Committee)
Vice Chancellor,
University of Moratuwa,
Katubedda, Moratuwa.

Employment Opportunities



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VACANCY

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka to fill the following vacancy of the Palmyrah Development Board

Post: Deputy General Manager

Recruitment to the Senior Manager Category:

Qualifications:

External Recruitment:

A Bachelors Degree in the field of Management / Science in relevant field / Agriculture / Public Administration / Business Administration, which is recognized by the U.G.C.

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A post Graduate qualification (Masters') in the relevant field or Associate Membership of a recognized professional Chartered Institute, which is relevant to the subject area of the post

AND

Minimum of 15 years' experience at a "Managerial Level" in a Corporation, Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

Internal Recruitment:

Having obtained the qualifications required by the external candidates above. Completion of minimum five (05) years satisfactory service in a post of Manager (MM 1-1) category Grade I, in the subject area relevant to the post.

Age:

Age should not be less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. The upper age limit will not apply to the internal candidates.

Other:

Every applicant:

- Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- Should be physically and mentally fit to discharge the duties of the post well and to serve in any part of the island.
- Should be of excellent moral character.
- Head office in Jaffna.

Salary Category : HM 1-1

Salary Scale : Rs. 80, 295/- - (2,270 x 15) - 114,345/-

Age : Should be not less than 35 years and not more than 55 years. Maximum age limit will not be applicable to internal applicants.

Method of Recruitment : Through a structured interview.

Applications:

- Applications that include the details of Bio Data, Educational Qualifications, Professional Qualifications and experience along with copies of certificates to prove the qualifications, should be submitted. Those already in the service of Government / Corporation / Boards should direct their applications through the Heads of their respective institutions.
- All applications should be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Palmyrah Development Board, No. 498, Galle Road, Colombo 06" to receive on or before **14/03/2022.** Late applications will be rejected.

If there is any matter that is not mentioned here, Recruitment authority will decide on such matter. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.

Chairman,
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CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Piling Works for Reconstruction of the Bridge No. 18/4 on Thihagoda-Kamburupitiya-Mawarala-Kotapola Road

Bid Number : CESL/CPU/SPC/2022/05

1. The Chairman, Senior Procurement Committee (SPC), on behalf of Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified local Bidders for the Piling Works for Reconstruction of the Bridge No. 18/4 on Thihagoda-Kamburupitiya-Mawarala-Kotapola Road.

The site is located at Makandura, Matara. Work mainly consists of construction, completion and maintenance of 16 numbers of cast in-situ bored piles, including hacking of piles & exposing reinforcements & necessary testing of piles. The Construction period is 60 Days. Estimated cost for the Work is approximately Rs. 40,323,400.00 (excluding VAT).

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
3. To be eligible for the Contract Award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
- The Bidder shall have CIDA Registration Grade GP-B3 or above under the Specialty in Piling.
 - The Bidder shall possess a valid Certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts, in accordance with the Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987.
4. Qualification requirements to qualify for the Contract Award include;
- Average annual turnover of piling construction work performed in the last five years shall be at least Rs. 60 million.
 - The bidder shall have executed at least three (03) Piling Projects (bored cast in-situ piles with similar nature and complexity) valued not less than Rs. 40 million each, within the last three (03) years from the bid closing date.
 - The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under this Contract, shall be not less than Rs. 40 million.

Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7 and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge at the above address from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs., during normal working days, from 02.03.2022 until 23.03.2022.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders, on the submission of a written application to the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7, from 02.03.2022 until 23.03.2022 from 0900 hrs to 1500hrs., during normal working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 12,500.00. The method of payment shall be by cash.
(Telephone : 011 2668800 - Ext. 5612, e-mail : ceslcsdproc@gmail.com)
7. Bids shall be delivered and deposited in the Tender Box provided for, at the Office of the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7, at or before 1100 hrs., on 24.03.2022. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing, in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
8. Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the date of closing of Bids.
9. All Bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of Rs. 400,000.00, valid up to 119 days from the date of closing of bids.
10. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 1000 hrs., on 10.03.2022 at SOE Matara Office, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, Kotawila Police Station Road, Labeema, Kamburugamuwa.

Chairman,
Senior Procurement Committee
Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd.

CENTRAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of Extra Low Voltage (ELV) System for Proposed Design and Build Construction Works of Proposed Faculty of Law (FOL) Building at KDU Ratmalana

Bid Number : CESL/CPU/SPC/2022/02

1. The Chairman, Senior Procurement Committee (SPC), on behalf of Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified local Bidders for the Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of Extra Low Voltage (ELV) System for Proposed Design and Build Construction works of Proposed Faculty of Law (FOL) Building at KDU Ratmalana.

Estimated value of Contract is Rs. 46 million. The Intended Completion Date of the Works is 120 days from the Start Date.

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
3. To be eligible for the Contract Award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements:
- The Bidder shall possess a valid Certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts, in accordance with the Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987.
4. Qualification requirements to qualify for the Contract Award include;
- Successful completion of at least 02 ELV work of similar nature and complexity for not less than Rs. 46 million each, completed during last five years
 - Average annual value of supply and installation of Extra Low Voltage System work performed in last five (05) years shall be at least Rs. 69 million.
 - The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities required is Rs. 20 million Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7 and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge at the above address from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs., during normal working days, from 01.03.2022 until 21.03.2022.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7, from 01.03.2022 until 21.03.2022 from 0900 hrs to 1500hrs., during normal working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00. The method of payment shall be by cash.
(Telephone : 011 2668800 - Ext. 5612, e-mail : ceslcsdproc@gmail.com)
7. Bids shall be delivered and deposited in the Tender Box provided for, at the Office of the Chief Operation Engineer (C&SD), 6th Floor, Central Engineering Services (Private) Limited, No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7, at or before 1100 hrs., on 22.03.2022. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing, in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
8. Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the date of closing of Bids.
9. All Bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of Rs. 500,000.00, valid up to 119 days from the date of closing of bids.
10. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 1000 hrs., on 09.03.2022 at the Site of the Proposed FOL Building at KDU, Ratmalana.

Chairman,
Senior Procurement Committee
Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd.

PEOPLE'S BANK TENDER NOTICE

Sealed bids are hereby invited from prospective service providers for obtaining courier services to People's Card Center (period of Contract - 2 years).

Tender No.	Description	Bid Bond	Last Date & Time of Issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P/062/2021	Obtaining Courier Services for People's Card Center	LKR 300,000.00	11.03.2022 at 2.00 p.m.	14.03.2022 at 2.00 p.m.

- Tender documents could be obtained upon producing a **request letter** under bidding company's letterhead and paying Rs. 1,500/- as a non-refundable Tender Fee for each tender form to People's Bank - Supplies Department **between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from 28.02.2022** until the last date of issuing Tender Documents as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
- Each perfected tender document should be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee / Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for LKR 300,000.00, valid for a minimum period of **180 calendar days** from the date of opening the tender. Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts with a minimum period of **180 calendar days** are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds. Cheques drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed tenders may be sent by registered post or courier or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the above mentioned date. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. on due date will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a tender without assigning any reasons.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on the telephone Nos. given below.

Chief Manager (Supplies) Tele. Nos : 2439577/8, 2307326
People's Bank, Supplies Dept, Fax No. : 2439576
No. 30/101, Kew Road, Web : www.peoplesbank.lk
Colombo 02. E mail : supplies@peoplesbank.lk



Western Provincial High Court - Colombo 12

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Supply of Cleaning and Sanitary Services - 2021/2022

Bids are invited under the local open bid invitation system by the Procurement Committee of the Colombo High Court for the supply of cleaning and sanitary services for the Courts mentioned below belonging to the Colombo High Court Zone.

	Name of Bidder	Estimate Amount (Rs.)	Non-refundable Bid Document Fee (Rs.)
1.	Civil Appeal High Court - Colombo 12	1,294,800.00	2,500/-
2.	Commercial High Court - Colombo 12	1,563,600.00	2,500/-
3.	Court - Complex Nugegoda	1,544,400.00	2,500/-
4.	Chief Magistrate Court - Colombo 12	4,231,200.00	2,500/-
5.	Magistrate Court - Battaramulla	717,600.00	2,500/-
6.	Labour Tribunal -32 Mount Lavinia	717,600.00	2,500/-

All details for the work mentioned above could be obtained along with the Bid documents.

Bid documents could be obtained from the High Court Accounts Section on working days from 02.03.2022 up to 18.03.2022 during office hours (from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.)

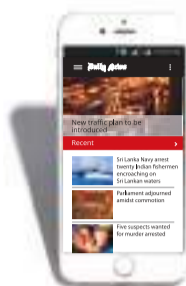
Duly completed bids will be accepted up to 2.00 p.m. on 21.03.2022. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids at the Colombo High Court at the above address and authorized representatives of the bidders could participate.

Please contact the Chief Registrar of the Colombo High Court for further details. Telephone No. 011-2438893. Bid documents could be inspected free of charge. The Procurement Committee retains the right of accepting or rejecting of bids.

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
High Court,
Colombo 12.

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PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF FULLY COMPUTERIZED FLAT-BED KNITTING MACHINE

PROCUREMENT NO.: UM/SU/DPC-05/2022/5

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Moratuwa invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following Item.

Brief Description of the Item	Quantity	Bid Security	
		Amount of Bid Security	Valid up to
1. Fully Computerized Flat-bed Knitting Machine (Specification attached - annex I)	01 No.	Rs. 240,000.00	12.07.2022

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Eligible interested bidders may obtain further information from Senior Assistant Bursar - Supplies, University of Moratuwa and inspect Bidding documents free of charge at the address given below during office hours **from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days.**
- Eligible bidders shall be registered Manufacturer, Sole Agent, Dealer and Distributor with valid and appropriate Business Registration. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rupees 3,500.00** to the Shroff of the University from **02.03.2022 up to 3.00 p.m. on 15.03.2022.** The method of payment is by cash only.
- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the amount mentioned above.
- Sealed bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2.00 p.m. on 16.03.2022.**
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the **Board Room adjoining to the Supplies Division**, University of Moratuwa in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend in person. Late bids will be rejected.
- For further details, please contact **Senior Assistant Bursar - Supplies, University of Moratuwa on Tel No: 011-2651587, Fax No: 011-2651186**
- Bids shall be valid up to **15.06.2022.**

Chairman (Procurement Committee)
Vice Chancellor
University of Moratuwa,
Katubedda,
Moratuwa.

UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF LAB EQUIPMENT

PROCUREMENT NO. UM/SU/DPC-01/2022

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Moratuwa invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following items.

Item No.	Brief Description of the Item	Qty	Amount of Bid Security	Valid up to
01.	Automatic Rock Uniaxial & Triaxial Testing System	01 No.	Rs. 300,000.00	12.07.2022
02.	GNSS RTK Receiver(Base & Rover with Controller)	01 No.	Rs. 39,000.00	12.07.2022
03	Drone Kit Multispectral (With IR) RTK	01 No.	Rs. 30,000.00	12.07.2022
04	Hand Held GPS	01 No.	Rs. 13,500.00	12.07.2022
05	Analytical Balance	01 No.	Rs. 4,500.00	12.07.2022
06	ICI Pilling Box Tester with 4 Stations	01 No.	Rs. 46,500.00	12.07.2022
07	Crimp Tester	01 No.	Rs. 14,200.00	12.07.2022
08	Microscope Trinocular	01 No.	Rs. 5,250.00	12.07.2022
09	ASTM Photographic Yarn Appearance standards set	01 No.	Rs. 5,200.00	12.07.2022
10	Portable Thickness Gauge	01 No.	Rs. 2,300.00	12.07.2022
11	Laser Cutting Machine	01 No.	Rs. 15,000.00	12.07.2022
12	UP/Down/Cross Converter	02 Nos.	Rs. 4,500.00	12.07.2022

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Eligible interested bidders may obtain further information from Senior Assistant Bursar - Supplies, University of Moratuwa and inspect Bidding documents free of charge at the Supplies Division, University of Moratuwa during the office hours **from 9.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs on working days.**
- Eligible bidders shall be registered Manufacturer, Sole Agent, Dealer and Distributor with valid and appropriate Business Registration. Additional details are provided in the bidding documents.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 3,500.00** to the Shroff of the University from **02.03.2022 up to 12.00 hrs on 15.03.2022.** The method of payment is cash only.
- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security for the amount mentioned above. Any Bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected.
- Sealed Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **1.00 p.m. on 16.03.2022.**
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids at the **Board Room adjoining to the Supplies Division**, University of Moratuwa in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend in person. Late bids will be rejected.
- For further details please contact Senior Assistant Bursar, Supplies, University of Moratuwa on Tel No: 011-2651587, Fax No: 011-2651186
- Bids shall be valid up to **15.06.2022.**

The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee
University of Moratuwa,
Katubedda,
Moratuwa.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964

The Government intends to acquire the Land / Lands described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Government Extraordinary Gazette No. 2260/2 dated 27.12.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

My No: - L/L/07/31/12(VIII)
Min. of Land Ref.: 4-3/6/2018/HW/151

SCHEDULE

District : Kalutara
Divisional Secretary's Division : Ingiriya
Grama Niladhari Division : No. 620 D Nimalagama
Name of Village : Ingiriya
Plan No. : p.p. ka 4844
Extent : 5.9765 Hectare
Lot Nos. : From 01 to 68

Divisional Secretary &
Acquiring Officer,
Ingiriya.

Divisional Secretariat
Ingiriya.
17.02.2022

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The Government intends to acquire the Land / Lands described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Government Extraordinary Gazette No. 2253/11 dated 09.11.2021 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

My No: - L/L/07/31/12(IV)
Min. of Land Ref.: 4-3/6/2020/HW/28

SCHEDULE

District : Kalutara
Divisional Secretary's Division : Ingiriya
Grama Niladhari Division : No. 620 A Ingiriya West
Name of Village : Ingiriya
Plan No. : p.p. ka 4847
Extent : 9.1113 Hectare
Lot Nos. : From 01 to 149

Divisional Secretary &
Acquiring Officer,
Ingiriya.

Divisional Secretariat
Ingiriya.
17.02.2022