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COVID Omicron BA.5 sub-variant raising head - Dr. Jeewanara

Rise in hospitalisations expected with the rapid spread

The world is experiencing one of the largest COVID-19 waves of the pandemic, and it is fueled by the Omicron BA.5 sub-variant, the most contagious and most immune-evasive Coronavirus strain yet. **TO PAGE 02**

Probe on Galle Face activists occupying three hotel rooms forcibly

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

A police investigation is underway with the help of the Intelligence Unit regarding information received about a group of activists from 'Aragalaya' allegedly occupying three rooms of a five star hotel in Colombo forcibly for several days. **TO PAGE 02**

Five Galle Face activists found hiding in Nuwara-Eliya

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Police arrested five activists connected to the 'Aragalaya' from a house in Nuwara-Eliya. The group have confessed that they went into hiding at a friend's house in Nuwara-Eliya for fear of being arrested for breaking into and damaging the President's House and the Presidential Secretariat. **TO PAGE 02**

NFF questions SF's ulterior motives

The National Freedom Front (NFF) yesterday questioned Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka who is urging the youth to rebel against the government on August 9, what programme he has to steer the country out of the current crisis in case his call to send the present government home materialises. **TO PAGE 02**

No room for civil disturbances, lawlessness - PM

ASELA KURULUWANSA



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said the Government will not allow any room for activities and attempts to destabilize the economic process of the country. Gunawardena was speaking to the media after paying homage to Dalada Maligawa in Kandy yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**

News story on selling Lake House A diabolical lie - Minister



Mass Media, Transport and Highways Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena yesterday told *Daily News* that the government has not taken any decision to convert Lake House into a hotel or to sell it. The Minister stated that the news published in a weekend Sinhala newspaper 'Aruna' that President Ranil Wickremesinghe had proposed to convert Lake House into a hotel was a blatant lie. **TO PAGE 02**



ALL PARTY GOVT. IN THE OFFING - PRESIDENT

President Ranil Wickremesinghe said that he informed all the party leaders that if there is no All-Party Government, all the parties should come together and make the Parliament a government.

He noted that his objective is to form an All-Party Government by bringing together all political parties and to commence a new journey in order to overcome the social, economic and political challenges facing the country. The President called on the Maha Sangha including Most.Ven.Thibbatuwawe Sri Sumangala

Mahanayaka Thera of the Malwathu Chapter on Saturday (30). During these meetings, the President stated that he eagerly expects the advice and guidance of the Maha Sangha for the initiatives taken by the government to build the country. **TO PAGE 02**



PRESIDENT VISITS TEMPLE OF THE SACRED TOOTH RELIC



President Ranil Wickremesinghe visited the historic Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy and paid homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic, on Saturday (30). The President placed floral tribute to the Sacred Tooth Relic and engaged in religious observances. The President also received the blessings of the Maha Sangha. *Picture by President's Media Division.*

Fuel price reduction likely today?

P.K.BANDARA

Power and Energy Ministry sources said a fuel price revision is likely to happen today. The Power and Energy Minister in an interview with a TV channel said that he expects to revise the fuel

prices on the first and the 15th of every month. The last time the price of fuel was revised was on July 17, where the price of Octane 92 petrol was reduced by Rs.20 and diesel reduced by Rs.20 as well.

Fuel only under QR system from today, last digit out

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE



Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekara stressed that fuel will be issued only under the QR Code system of the National Fuel Pass from today. Accordingly, all fuel stations belonging to CEYPETCO and LIOC will issue fuel under this QR system. All motorists are advised to obtain QR code **TO PAGE 02**

Let's all unite to rebuild economy - President

President Ranil Wickremesinghe invited the representatives of all Parties to unite to form a strong force to establish an all-party government to solve the people's problems and rebuild the country.

Addressing the MPs, former Provincial Councillors and the electoral organizers of the United National Party (UNP) and Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP) at Kandy Presidential House in Kandy, the President urged not

to limit the programme to two Parties, unite all parties, educate public and join hands to take the programme to the village. The President asked to think afresh for a new approach highlighting the importance of a new economic policy to replace the outdated policy.

Highlighting the futility of the old slogans, the President said, "I arrived in Kandy today to worship the sacred tooth relic and to seek the blessing of the Mahanayaka Theras. I thank the Theras for their advice. After this event, I have scheduled to meet the local government members of UNP and SLPP. Traditionally we argue from opposing sides and even conflict with each other. Now, we sit together and discuss. It is a new culture. Why do we see this change? We experienced massive economic pressure and political change that made me the President and Dinesh Gunawardana **TO PAGE 03**

Police raids on fuel hoarders intensified

Nets 1,145 suspects in 1,220 raids

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Police during a 24-hour countrywide raid recovered 1,441 liters of petrol, 1,109 liters of diesel and nine liters of kerosene that were illegally hoarded by individuals by 6 a.m. yesterday (31), police said.

According to the Police Media Spokesman, SSP Nihal Thluduwa, police have

Truth behind Easter attacks swept under the carpet - Cardinal

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Those who have been identified as guilty of the Easter Sunday terror attack are still engaged in political activities

and some are holding positions in the police, Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith said. **TO PAGE 02**



Committee Report on alleged bribe request by minister handed over

The Three-Member Committee appointed by President Ranil Wickremesinghe for an investigation focusing on a request made by former Minister Nimal Siripala de

Silva to conduct an impartial investigation on the news published in electronic, print and social media that he had asked for a bribe from Japan's **TO PAGE 02**

Government should unveil future development plans - Sajith

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa yesterday said unless forming a stable Government and a strong Cabinet of ministers in the country the economic situation and the most needed burning issues of people cannot be solved as expected. Commenting on a statement made by the Government on the importance of strengthening the country's **TO PAGE 02**



Couple wanted for murder arrested at BIA

T.K.G.KAPILA IN KATUNAYAKE

A couple who were trying to flee the country after committing a murder were arrested at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) on Saturday night (30) by the Police. **TO PAGE 02**



The couple under arrest at the airport. *Picture by T.K.G. Kapila.*

TNA will support President for an APG, if genuine - MP Sumanthiran

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE

The Tamil National Alliance will give its unreserved support for the President if he is genuine about forming an All-Party Government

(APG), TNA Jaffna District MP M.A. Sumanthiran said yesterday. Speaking at a press conference held at the Tamil National Alliance's **TO PAGE 02**



Two students feared drowned in Victoria

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Two out of five school students who went for a swim in the Victoria Reservoir in Pallekelle have gone missing while bathing. Police fear they may have drowned.

The five students had gone for a swim in the reservoir on Friday afternoon. The two children who have gone missing are Suresh Umendrayan (14) and Ayesh Kumar (13),

residents of Pallekelle Janodagama. The five students had gone for swim in the reservoir while celebrating the birthday of a friend. Due to the discovery of several beer **TO PAGE 02**

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Later he called on the Mahanayaka Thera of Asgiri Chapters and Anunayake Theras of the Malwathu and Asgiri Chapters and the senior monks of the Karaka Sabha of Malwathu and Asgiriya and obtained their blessings.

The Anunayake theras and the senior monks of the Karaka Sabha, led by Most. Ven.Thibbatuwawe Sri Sumangala Mahanayaka Thera, gathered at the Malwathu Maha Vihara Uposathagara offered their blessings to the President by performing religious rites.

Later, President Ranil Wickramasinghe, visited the Asgiri Maha Viharaya and at there the Anunayake theras and the senior monks of the Karaka Sabha, including the Asgiriya Chapter Mahanayake Most Venerable Warakagoda Sri Gnanarathana Thera offered their blessings to the

President amid chanting of Seth Pirith. During the special ceremony organized at the Malwathu Maha Vihara Uposathagara, Rajakiyapanditha Most Ven.Mahawela Ratanapala Thera, delivering a brief sermon said that President Ranil Wickramasinghe has the strength to revive the economy and lead the country towards prosperity.

The Nayaka Thera further said that the Maha Sangha believes that the President as a matured and skilled politician who has achieved national and international fame has the potential to solve the day-to-day difficulties faced by the people and to bring the necessary social, economic and political changes to the country. President Ranil Wickremesinghe, speaking further at the ceremony held at the Malwathu Maha Viharaya Uposathagara, said: After assuming the Office of President, there were two duties that I

had to perform according to the tradition. Make a statement to the Parliament. Before that, as a tradition, starting from the Malwathu-Asgiri Maha Viharas, visiting the Maha Nayaka Theras in other temples and receiving blessings.

I am especially thankful for the blessings and strength received from you. During this time, the support of the Maha Nayake Theras gave me the strength to fulfill my respective duties.

I first assumed the duties as the Prime Minister because the country and the country's economy were on the brink of destruction. As a country, at present we are in a very difficult situation. This year, the country's economy will decline further.

With the support of international organizations, I am working to re-stabilise this economy and build the economy in such a way that the country can be developed by 2023, 2024. It is a difficult task. But if you don't do it now, it will be more difficult. We should think about whether we should try to cure the patient by giving medicine or let the patient die without giving medicine.

Today, along with these problems presented demands for a number of reforms in the constitution. Politicians should accept it. Various forces came through those reforms. Good, strong, virtuous forces. As well, forces that can destroy a country. After all that, I have assumed the presidency.

As Maha Nayake Theras stated, we are in a very difficult place. There are economic issues. There are political issues. I read the series of instructions sent by Maha Nayake Theras. There are a number of righteous points.

As the President, I wish to start a

new journey. I would like to get all the parties together and go on that journey as well as to form an all-party government.

There are two ways to do it. The first one is that we should reinstate the 19th Amendment. It should be revised according to everyone's desires. From there we can take the national government forward. Secondly, the Oversight Committee of the parliament can be appointed and given the opportunity to participate from there. Accordingly, the National Assembly concept policy proposed by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party has been acknowledged.

At the same time, how do scholars organize this, get those ideas about reforms, and all that is done. These are important things for us. Therefore, I informed all the party leaders that if there is no All-Party Government, all the parties should come together and make the parliament a

government. I will act according to your advice and adhere to the policies, and I hope that the assistance of the Maha Nayake Theras and the people will receive in this regard. This is the last time we all need to face these problems together. At least a common minimum programme should

be established. Doing that work is our primary task. While doing those tasks, we should not forget the task of protecting our Buddhism. If we follow the advice given by Licchavi Kings today, we can make this country a developed country. Our future depends on that. I particularly express my gratitude for the Maha Sangha. A group of people including the Deputy Leader of the United National Party, Senior Advisor to the President Ruwan Wijewardene attended these events.

A diabolical lie... From page 01

The minister mentioned this yesterday (31) while commenting on the news published in the weekend 'Aruna' newspaper.

Minister Gunawardena further emphasised that the President, the Prime Minister or the government have not held any

discussion regarding Lake House, an institution which pioneered the nation's newspaper industry.

No room for civil disturbances... From page 01

He added that although some are trying to portray that the government is taking a hard-line approach the government was only taking measures to ensure the country's security, people's well-being and a conducive atmosphere for the economy to develop.

He said that it is essential to maintain law and order in the country and it is important not only for the government but also for the private sector as well as the entrepreneurs.

He stressed that everyone has to join hands to overcome the challenges faced by the country and that protecting the citizens is the primary aim of the government.

The Prime Minister stressed that the President has called for

an All-Party Government several times and he also made a statement in the Parliament in this regard and said that a statement in this regard will be made at the new parliamentary session on August 3.

He said that the President and the Ministers will work with foreign countries with great friendship and mutual trust.

He declared that law and order are implemented for the benefit of all the people of the country and foreign countries have the ability to understand it.

PM Gunawardena also said that the government has not usurped the jurisdiction of any person and there is no obstacle for any person or organization to go before Court.

He said that the government

always respects the independence of the judiciary and the government has bowed its head and accepted the decisions given by the judiciary in the past.

He said that the work of the President and Prime Minister offices has now started again and the Temple Tree will also be restored to its former status very soon.

The Prime Minister was received by the Kandy Mayor Kesara Senanayaka, Governor Lalith U.Gamage, Minister Keheliya Rambukwella, MPs Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Dilum Amunugama, Sisira Jayakody, Udayana Kirindigoda, Wasantha Yapa Bandara, Lak Vanitha Peramuna Chairman Shanthini Kongahage too were present among others.

Truth behind Easter attacks swept... From page 01

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Delivering a sermon at the festive mass held to mark the annual feast of St. James Church, Mutwal, Cardinal Ranjith said the truth behind the Easter Sunday attacks have been swept under the carpet as powerful people in the country were behind them.

The Archbishop said that there is no law and no room for law in the country at present, and that

there is lawlessness in the country. He added that the country should be ashamed before the rest world in this regard.

Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith said that the law in the country is the law of the powerful, adding that no matter how many requests were made to conduct investigations regarding the Easter Sunday attack and those found guilty be prosecuted, the law of the country did nothing.

He also said that with regard to the hand grenade that was found at the All Saints Church in Borella, it was the those in power who were part of the previous government and those from the defence establishment

had kept the hand grenade in that church. However, he said that innocent parties were arrested and forced to confess to it.

The archbishop said that the country has fallen into an abyss and is being destroyed because of people who are greedy for power and wealth. He noted that we have to think that we are suffering today because of our own stupidity.

He added that although they call this country a righteous land (Dharmadweepaya) look at what is happening today, claiming that 269 people lost their lives in the Easter Attack in 2019 and yet no justice has been served due to the powerful ness of those in power.

NFF questions SF's... From page 01

The NFF Propaganda Secretary MP Mohammad Muzammil while criticising Fonseka's statement at a media briefing said

"Is the state of Sri Lanka stable at the moment? Or will the state continue to be anarchic and suffer the fate of Haiti and Libya?"

He expressed his belief that Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and JVP leader Anura Kumara Disanayake also will not allow the people to die in the face of the crisis and will not delay until they get a mandate and will put their solution proposals before the country at this moment.

He also said that the slogans and concerns of the 'Aragalaya' activists will become inactive when a minimum common national programme is prepared at an all-party conference to solve the crisis.

He also mentioned however that if an all-party government is going to be formed with the change of a few heads those doing it will repeat the same mistake made throughout the country's political history.

Government should unveil ... From page 01

development activities, the Opposition Leader said the present day leaders have no proper vision to bring a lasting solution to the current economic crisis as they are under the impression that burning economic problems of people could be solved by appointing persons to higher positions by paying thumping salaries.

He said according to World Bank and Fitch ratings the present stand of our country's economy is in the negative situation and they have downgraded our economy and therefore the Government should strengthen its economy as early

as possible and solve the burning issues of people rather than appointing persons to higher positions.

Premadasa also said the Government should reveal the people about its future development plans that will be taken to prosper the country's economy rather than giving perks and other benefits to their henchmen.

Premadasa further said to develop the economy and the living standards of 22 million people in the country SJB is ready to take the leadership for five years following an election.

Probe on Galle Face activists occupying... From page 01

A senior police officer said that a police team asked the management of the hotel about it several times, but they did not provide proper information in this regard.

The officer said that investigations are being conducted with the help of the Intelligence unit about the information received with regard to the above. The official also

said that the managers of the respective hotel may not be saying anything out of fear that they will be targeted.

The officer further said the police will check the security camera system of the hotel after investigating the proper information in this regard and conduct further investigations.

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Police raids on... From page 01

The total amount of fuel recovered during these raids are 38,030 liters of petrol, 123, 945 liters of diesel and 19, 239 liters of kerosene.

Legal action will be taken against the suspects in due course, police said.

Two students... From page 01

cans at the place where the students went into the water, the Police suspect the students may have consumed alcohol.

On the intervention of the Pallakelle Police, a Navy diving team launched an operation to search for the two missing students, but due to the rapid flow of water towards the Victoria Reservoir, no trace of them could be found until yesterday (31) afternoon.

COVID Omicron BA.5 sub-variant... From page 01

In Sri Lanka also hospitalizations will keep going up in the current BA.5 wave," Sri Jayewardenepura University's Allergy Immunology and Cell Biology Unit Operations and Clinical Services Director Dr. Chandima Jee-wandara said.

"BA.5 has the same key L452R mutation that the Delta variant had. We all know what happened when Delta was here with us," he added, strongly recommending to get the COVID-19 booster, mask up at least indoors and test if you are symptomatic.

World Health Organization (WHO) COVID-19 Technical Lead Dr.Maria Vankerkhove last week stated that the reported number of cases of COVID-19 have been on the rise for the fifth week in a row and the number of deaths have also been increasing. She noted that the increase in deaths is because of not getting vaccinated or not having the full number of doses required.

"Omicron, the latest variant of concern, is dominant worldwide. About half of the

sequences that have been shared in the last four weeks or so are BA.5 sub-lineage, and there are even further sub-lineages of BA.5. The Virus continues to evolve driven by a number of factors such as intense mixing of individuals in the absence of mitigation measures, in the absence of wearing masks and distancing," she explained.

"Among the top 50 countries that have reported an increase in deaths, 35 countries had more than 100 percent increase in the deaths reported in the last week. Three countries had more than a 1,000 per cent increase in deaths in the last week," she analyzed.

"Our good news is that our interventions continue to work against all of the variants and sub-variants. We just need to consistently apply them focusing mostly on vaccinating those who are most at risk. Also use other measures to lower your risk of infection by wearing masks, distancing, improving ventilation and working from home if unwell," she added.

Five Galle Face activists found hiding... From page 01

They were staying at a house in Bonasta estate in Kalukelle, Nuwara-Eliya.

A warrant had been issued by the Nuwara-Eliya Court against a young man who resides in that house in connection with an assault.

When a team of officers from Nuwara-Eliya Police station went there to execute the warrant they had seen several youth behaving suspiciously.

When the police interrogated they had confessed they were a group of people from the 'Aragalaya'. When they were questioned at

length, they had confessed that they had stayed at Galle Face for some time.

They had also been in the group that entered the President's House. All four have been arrested by Nuwara-Eliya Police on suspicion. Apart from the Nuwara-Eliya resident the other three have been identified as residents of Bingiriya, Gothatuwa and Kalutara.

Investigations have shown that there are no previous criminal records regarding these people. police said that information has been sent to Colombo regarding them.

Couple wanted for murder... From page 01

They are alleged to have committed a murder in the Mount Lavinia police area on July 27.

A 31-year-old man named Subasingha Siriwardena Nuwan Chinthaka and a 19-year-old woman named Anuradha Sevewandi have been arrested in this regard. The police were looking for the couple wanted in connection with the murder of a male person on July 27. The Police had received information they were

trying to flee to Dubai following the murder. Accordingly, a temporary flight ban has been imposed against them by the Katunayake Airport Immigration Department officials.

On July 30 the couple had arrived at Katunayake Airport to board Emirates Airlines flight EK-653 departing for Dubai and they were arrested by the Police. Katunayake Airport Police have handed them over to the Mount Lavinia Police for further action.

Fuel only under QR system... From page 01

under the National Fuel Pass for their fuel quota by logging on to www.fuelpass.gov.lk website.

The Minister added that all other systems such as issuing fuel based on the last digit of the number plate or issuing fuel on tokens will no longer be valid from today.

By presenting the QR code of the National Fuel Pass, customers can get the fuel

quota for the respective vehicle from any fuel station across the country. Also, it is not possible to get fuel again until seven days have passed from the date of filling the quota. Vehicles that cannot be entered into the National Fuel Pass by entering the chassis number can be registered for the National Fuel Pass by entering the vehicle revenue license number from yesterday.

TNA will support... From page 01

Vavuniya district office, the MP said that the only solution to all the problems in the country including the economic problem at this time is an All-Party Government.

Sumanthiran however said that when forming an all-party government, it should be done very sincerely and such effort should not be directed for petty political gain and strengthening one Party's power base.

The MP said that TNA will never support an all-party government if the intentions of those behind the effort are not honest.

During the periodic discussions held by the Tamil National Alliance with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Sumanthiran said the former President had agreed to provide solutions to four of the main problems faced by the Tamil people.

He said TNA decided to support MP Dallas Alahapperuma in the election to elect a replacement President as Alahapperuma had promised to intervene to resolve the Tamil issues.

Sumanthiran highlighted issues such as justice for the families of those who disappeared during the war, stopping the forcible seizure of lands belonging to the Tamils in the North and giving a political solution to the ethnic problem.

Obituaries

ASOKA DE LANEROLLE - Dearly beloved husband of Nalini, loving father of Kanishka, Manisha and Dhanusha, father-in-law of Bogumila and Deenasha, dearest grandfather of Chayanka and Praveen, brother of late Upali and Indra, brother-in-law of Rupa, Tissa, Mahasen and Sunethra, passed away peacefully at home. Remains lie at Restpect Funeral Parlour, Borella from 8.30 a.m. onwards on Tuesday, 2nd August. Cortège leaves at 4.30 p.m. for cremation at 5.00 p.m. at the General Cemetery, Borella. No flowers by request. 044276

FERNANDO - ALEX (AJA) (retired Planter), called to eternal rest. Beloved husband of Dayanganie, ever loving father of Anujath and Dilhara, father-in-law of Sharuni and dotting grandfather of Shiyoli & Adesh, loving brother of Srikanthi & Srimathi. Cortège leaves residence at 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 1st August 2022, for the service at the Methodist Church, Rawathawatte at 4.30 p.m. followed by cremation at the Rawathawatte Crematorium at 6.00 p.m. No. 146, De Mel Road, Laxapathiya, Moratuwa. 044277

Advertisement for funeral services for Mr. & Mrs. Chinnappa, featuring photos of Carlyle (Chaks) and Jenita (Rasathy) and text: "IN LOVING MEMORY MR. & MRS. CHINNAPPA... MY PARENTS ARE MY HEROES... Your Uprightness and Hearts, were Firmly Fixed in Trusting Jesus. You're Noble Qualities, Courage and Achievements gave me Hope. I thank the Lord Jesus for Your lives and will always remember You. Delani (delani03@aol.com)"/>

Over Rs. 160 million robbery at Colombo 7 company

Two suspects including former driver arrested

BIMAL JAYASINGHE,
Bandaragama Corr.

The Police Colombo Crime Division have arrested two suspects in connection with the recent robbery in Colombo 7, where robbers escaped with a safe belonging to a private company with gems and gold worth over Rs.160 million.

The Police say the arrested include a former driver of the company, the mastermind behind the robbery. The two sus-

pects were arrested near Thotalanga area in Colombo.

The Police also found 16 gems of different types and 10 grams of heroin in the possession of the suspects.

The Police say that the man who worked as a driver of the company run by a Chinese woman and two Sri Lankans and who had left it about 6 months is the main suspect in this large-scale theft.

On the morning of July 7, six

people had come in a van and they had opened the main door of the company using a duplicate key which the Police said the main suspect had made when he worked there.

Police said the robbers had taken away the safe containing gems and gold.

Police said the two suspects were arrested when they were returning to the van after buying heroin from a dealer in Thotalanga.

During lengthy questioning of the suspects, it has been revealed that the stolen safe was taken to the Uvaparagam area in Welimada and it had been opened using a grinder machine.

Police also said they have uncovered all the information related to the theft from the two suspects and hope to arrest the other suspects as well as find the stolen gold and precious stones.



Colombo Crime Division Station OIC Chief Inspector Anselm De Silva and officers inspecting the stock of gemstones.



Some of the gemstones.

Third Session of Ninth Parliament on August 3

Secretary General of the Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake has informed all Members of Parliament in writing to attend the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament which will be inaugurated by President Ranil Wickremesinghe at 10.30 am on August 3.



The Gazette Notification concluding the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament was issued on Thursday (28) with effect from midnight.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe prorogued the Parliament in accordance with the powers vested in him with Article 70 (1) of the Constitution with effect from midnight on Thursday (28) announcing that the Third Session of the Ninth Parliament will commence on August 3 at 10.30 am.

According to Subsections (a) and (b) of Article 33 of the Constitution, after the end of one session of Parliament and a new session commences, the President has the opportunity to ceremonially declare open Parliament and preside over it to present the Government's Policy Statement.

When the Parliament is prorogued, the questions and motions which were not considered by the Parliament up until then are abolished and the Members of Parliament thus have to take it up in accordance with the Standing Orders. Furthermore, the Committees other than the Liaison Committee of Parliament, Committee on High Posts and Select Committees should be reconstituted following the beginning of the new session.

The Second Session of the Ninth Parliament was from January 18, 2022 to July 28, 2022 under which the Parliament met for 48 days.

School academic activities limited to three days

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The education authorities have decided to limit academic activities in schools to three days during the week from today, (August 1) to Friday, (August 5).

This decision was reached in a discussion held at the Education Ministry through online technology with the participation of the Education Minister, the Education Secretary and the officials of the Ministry last Saturday regarding the holding of schools from today.



Accordingly, Government and Government-approved private schools will conduct academic activities only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, in the week starting from today to Friday (5), similar to the manner in which school activities were conducted last week.

On Wednesdays and Fridays, students can engage in learning activities from home through online technology.

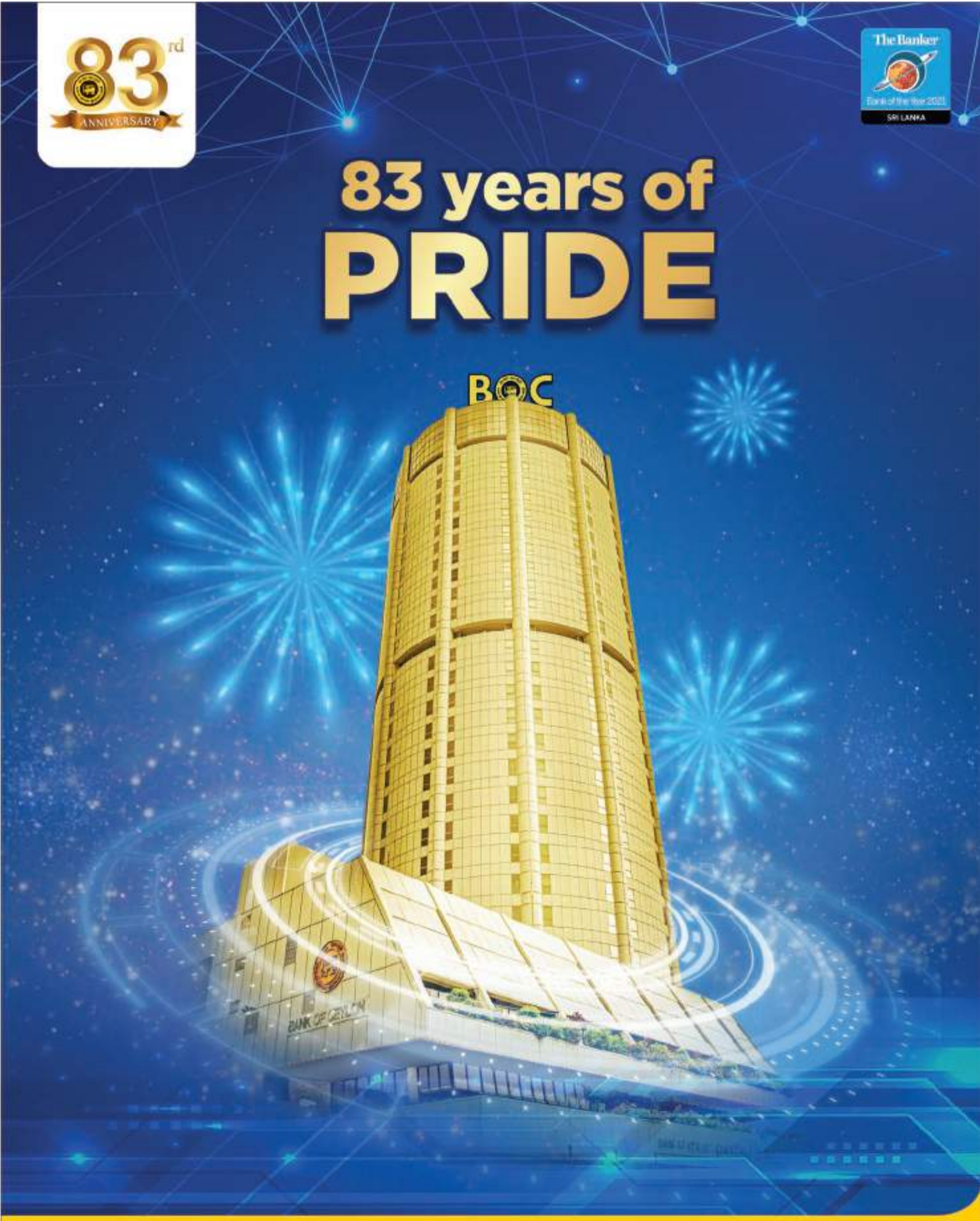
However, schools may be held on all five days including Wednesdays and Fridays with the consent of principals, teachers and approval of the Zonal Education Director in schools where there are no transportation difficulties.

Considering the conditions and human resources in the schools, a flexible timetable can be prepared so that every teacher can come to the school for at least three days and carry out teaching activities.

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Two dead in separate shootings over weekend

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Police confirmed the deaths of two individuals following two separate shootings carried out by unidentified gunmen in Colombo and Ratgama during the weekend.

According to Police Media Spokesman, attorney-at-law, SSP Nihal Thaldudu, the first shooting was reported from Vivekananda Road in the Foreshore Police area on Saturday night (30).

Two unidentified individuals

on a motorbike had carried out the shooting, killing one person.

The deceased is a 51-year-old resident of Kotahena, Colombo. Police are yet to learn of the whereabouts of the suspects. Foreshore Police are investigating.

The second shooting was reported at Gammeddegoda in the Ratgama police area, killing one person and causing injuries to two other people, yesterday afternoon.

Two unidentified individuals

on a motorbike had carried out the shooting.

According to the police, the deceased is a 45-year-old resident of Devenigoda, Ratgama and he succumbed to his injuries on admission to the Karapitiya Hospital.

Ratgama police are conducting investigations.

Meanwhile, another individual who was injured in the shooting incident that took place near the Gampaha Magistrate's Court on July 27 died while

receiving treatment at the ICU of the Gampaha District Hospital on Saturday (30), police said.

Four individuals including underworld figure Saman Rohitha Perera alias 'Pas Podda' were severely injured in the shooting carried out by an unidentified gunman who came in a car.

'Pas Podda' was reported dead at the Gampaha Hospital several hours after the shooting. The victims were about to leave

the Gampaha Magistrate's Court premises in a cab after attending the hearing of a case by the time of the shooting on July 27, it was reported.

The second deceased was a 54-year-old resident of Maduruwita, Kotugoda.

Another person who was injured in the same shooting has been discharged from hospital.

Gampaha Police are conducting further investigations into the incident.

Occupation of government properties

Over 1,000 fingerprints found

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

According to information from the Criminal Archives, more than 1,000 fingerprints have been found in the investigations carried out at President's House, Temple Trees, the Presidential Secretariat and Prime Minister's Office.

The police conducted a fingerprint test in relation to the investigations regarding the damage caused to these four government properties which were forcibly invaded by protesters on July 9 and July

13. Accordingly, the number of fingerprints found in Torrington, Colombo 7, by the officers of the Fingerprint Bureau is more than 1,000.

The police say that a comparison of those fingerprints with the fingerprints of criminals in the criminal registry is currently underway.

In the future, when people are arrested for damaging the two houses, the fingerprints found will be compared with the fingerprints of those people.

Man who fired pistol in the air arrested



The police team headed by SSP Sujith Vedamulla who apprehended the suspect and recovered the weapon. Picture by Hall-Ela Spl. Corr.


T. ASHOK KUMAR

Hall-Ela Spl. Corr.

Amidst the ongoing fuel crisis, a person came to get fuel near a gas station in the Badulla Hindagoda area, with a pistol, at night and after an argument with several people shot in the air and scared the public and gas station employees.

Within a few hours of the incident, the suspect was arrested and the .9mm pistol used for the shooting was also recovered by officers of the Badulla Criminal Investigation Division.

Badulla Police are conducting further investigations into the incident.



Ministry of Urban Development and Housing

Urban Development Authority

Invitation for Calling of Quotations

Quotations are invited for selection of an eligible Operator for Maintaining the Model Housing Building (Show Flat) premises, constructed on a part of land located at Sir James Peiris Mawatha, Colombo 02 belonging to the Urban Development Authority as a Restaurant on monthly rental basis.

01. Sealed quotations are invited for selection of an eligible Operator for maintaining the Model Housing Building (Show Flat) premises constructed on a part of land located at Sir James Peiris Mawatha, Colombo 02 belonging to the Urban Development Authority on monthly rental basis for a period of five (05) years after developing it as a Restaurant.

The minimum monthly rental basis and details of the Guarantee Bond expected to be paid to the Urban Development Authority for using of the said premises are indicated in the Schedule below.

An eligible Operator will be selected on the basis of having received the highest monthly rental value above the monthly rental basis indicated in the schedule below.

Details	Monthly Rental Basis (Rs.)	Guarantee Bond (Rs.)
Details of Plan No. : 2229 Date : 27.03.2012 Lot Nos : 1 & 2 Extent of Land : 40 Perches Building : A Model Housing Building consisting of 2 Floors	350,000.00 + Government approved Taxes	210,000.00

02. Applicants interested in this matter could obtain applications containing the relevant details from 1st August 2022 up to 19th August 2022, during working days of the week between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from the Procurement Division of the Urban Development Authority located on the 7th Floor, Stage I Building, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla after payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 and the relevant Government taxes. Interested applicants could inspect the relevant Tender Forms free of charge during this time period at the Procurement Division of the Urban Development Authority, 07th Floor, Stage I Building, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla.

03. A Guarantee Bond should be submitted by the applicants when submitting Tenders. As such, the original copy (customer's copy) of the receipt obtained in favour of the applicant upon payment of Rs. 210,000.00 as indicated under No. 1 above to the Finance Division of this Authority should be attached and submitted along with the application. These Guarantee amounts will be refunded to the applicants including the successful tenderer after the selection. A Security Deposit equivalent to 06 months rent should be deposited in this Authority by the successful tenderer which will be refunded at the end of the rental period.

04. Accepting of quotations will close at 2.00 p.m. on 22nd August 2022. The procedure for submitting tenders are mentioned in the tender conditions.

05. Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee in the Finance Division of the Urban Development Authority on the 06th Floor, Stage I, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla immediately after closing of accepting Tenders in the presence of the applicants or their authorized representatives.

06. Quotations should be submitted only on applications issued by the Urban Development Authority and quotations submitted on forms contrary to this procedure will be rejected.

07. Further details regarding this matter could be obtained from the Land Development & Management Division of the Urban Development Authority, 06th Floor, Stage I, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla Head Office Telephone Nos. 0113357363, 0112875916-20 Extension 2935.

**Chairman,
Revenue Tender Board (Minor)
Urban Development Authority
6th and 7th Floors,
"Sethsiripaya",
Stage I,
Battaramulla.**

Lanka IOC and ICF donate dry rations to students of S. de S. Jayasinghe Central College

With the country facing unprecedented challenges from the scarcity of essentials and economic meltdown, LIOC and the Indian CEO Forum (ICF) continue their endeavour and belief of giving back to the society through numerous CSR activities.

Education is the biggest tool that goes a long way in the eradication of poverty. At the same time, nourishment of the schoolchildren attains the topmost priority for the society, especially for those from lower-income families. LIOC and ICF further stepped up their commitment towards social upliftment by way of distribution



A student from Dehiwala S. De S. Jayasinghe Central College receives dry rations from LIOC and ICF.

of dry ration items worth of Rs. 2 million to needy families of the students of Dehiwala S. De S. Jayasinghe Central College.

This initiative of LIOC and ICF has been deeply acknowledged by the school management and appreciated by the local community for

coming forward during this challenging time and taking care of the needy families. The sharp rise in inflation specially in the food items has made it difficult for people at large to fulfill their daily needs. Speaking on the occasion, LIOC MD Manoj Gupta said, "LIOC always makes endeavour to come forward and contribute in a virtuous cause.

Our ongoing initiatives are always aimed in line with nation's requirement for fighting against economic challenges, addressing the present scarcity of food items and ensuring continuum education of needy students."

Advisory for strong winds, heavy showers and rough seas

The Meteorology Department yesterday issued an advisory for strong winds, heavy showers and rough seas during the next few days.

The Southwest Monsoon flow is likely to strengthen from today (August 1) onwards. Hence, showery and windy conditions are likely to

enhance in the Western and Southern sea areas and over the southwest quarter of the island during the next few days.

Showers or thundershowers will occur at times in Western, Sabaragamuwa, Northern and North-Western Provinces and in the Kandy, Nuwara-Eliya, Galle and Matara Districts. Heavy rain falls above 100 mm can be expected at some places in aforesaid areas.

Showers or thundershowers may occur at several places in the Uva Province and in the Ampara District during the afternoon or night.

Strong winds of about 50 kmph can be expected at times in the western slopes of the Central hills and the Southern Province.

The public is requested to take adequate precautions to

minimise damages caused by temporary localized strong winds and lightning during thundershowers.

The sea areas off the coast extending from Galle to Pottuvil via Hambantota will be very rough.

The sea areas off the coast extending from Puttalam to Galle via Colombo will be rough at times.

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

The other sea areas around the island will be moderate.

There is a possibility to increase swell waves (about 2.5-3.5 m) in the sea areas off the coast extending from Galle to Pottuvil via Hambantota. Naval and fishing communities are requested to be vigilant in this regard.

Ten held for unruly behaviour at filling stations

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Police arrested 10 more individuals for their unruly behaviour and disrupting the duty of the police officers at the filling stations in several areas on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Accordingly, police have arrested one suspect in Mankulam on Friday, seven suspects in Bandaragama, Attanagalle, Galgamuwa, Trincomalee and Tangalle on Saturday and two suspects on Sunday.

Charges against them are unruly behaviour, criminal coercion, disrupting the duty of police officers and threatening and attempting to harm the police officers and the employees of the filling stations under the influence of alcohol.

Legal action will be taken against these suspects by the police, said Police Media Spokesman, attorney-at-law SSP Nihal Thaldudu.

Black market in fuel supply thriving



Badulla Police took into custody a suspect and a three-wheeler along with a stock of petrol that was being illegally sold at a higher price, in the Pinarawa area on the Badulla-Bandarawela road.



Officers of Tangalle Anti Corruption Unit seized 1,350 litres of diesel that was stored illegally by a businessman.

T. ASHOK KUMAR (Hali-Ela Spl. Corr. and **SANATHA GAMAGE** (Lunama Group Corr.)
Due to the restrictions imposed on the release of fuel, illegal fuel smuggling by various people is also a source of income that earns them a lot of profit these days.
During the operations carried out

by the police in search of those involved in such illegal businesses, the police have taken steps to find and seize small and large fuel stocks that were illegally collected during the last month.
During an inspection carried out by the officers of the traffic branch of the Badulla Police in the Pinarawa

area on the Badulla-Bandarawela road, a suspect and a three-wheeler were seized along with a stock of petrol that was being illegally sold at a higher price.
Meanwhile, officers of Tangalle Anti Corruption Unit seized 1,350 litres of diesel that was stored illegally by a businessman.

The suspect was arrested along with the consignment of fuel that was stored in seven barrels behind his office in Hungama, Kalametiya, on July 29.
The suspect and the consignment of fuel have been handed over to the Hungama Police for further investigation.



The Esala Procession of the Ruhunu Maha Kataragama Devalaya will be held for its fourth day today (01). The series of events commenced on July 29 and will go on till August 12. Here, the procession on July 29.
Picture by K.D. Devapriya, KataragamaCorr.

Motorcycle rams against harvester, one dead

SHASHINI MADUSHANI
Anuradhapura Corr.



U.A. Chamila Niroshan

A pillion rider died while the motorcycle rider suffered severe injuries when the motorcycle hit against a paddy harvester machine which was carried on a tractor to get fuel, on the Maradankadawala - Kalawanchikudy road in Anuradhapura on July 30.
The deceased U.A. Chamila Niroshan (46) of Shanthagama, Ipalogama, was a health manager attached to the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital. He had hit against a part of the machine that had projected below from the tractor, at the 13th milepost.
The deceased's father who suffered serious injuries was admitted to the Maradankadawala district hospital and then was transferred to the Anuradhapura Hospital.
Ipalogama Police are conducting investigations.

In remembrance of his deceased Mother

Private bus owner offers one-day free service

PRADEEP KUMARA, Kottawa Corr.



Isuru Asanka

A man deployed three buses on the Kottawa - Pettah road to provide free service the whole day to celebrate his mother's birthday.
Isuru Asanka of Samanpura, Kottawa, deployed three private buses on the 138 bus route on July 30 to mark the 50th birthday of his deceased mother J. Priyangika Perera, who died three years ago.

Asanka provided 12 returns journeys free of charge to commuters, with three buses, which required at least 210 litres of diesel. As a private bus operator, he used his own buses to be deployed on this route. He added that he had to pay more than Rs. 100,000 only for the fuel. The drivers and the conductors of the buses were good enough to offer their services without wages on that day.
The country is facing a crisis at the moment which commenced with the Covid-19 pandemic. Sri Lankans working overseas had to return to the country and tourism too came to a halt.

"We have to pay more than Rs. 400 per litre of diesel. We are facing the challenges of paying leasing charges as well," Asanka said. "We had to increase the bus fares which is a burden on the commuters."
He added that in the face of this situation he thought the best he could do to invoke merit on his deceased mother was to provide a free bus service on her birthday. He added that he also provided a free service for devotees to worship the Kalutara Bodhiya on each Poya.

Asanka added that he organized pilgrimages to Nelligala, Kuragala, Anuradhapura, Somawathi, etc free once in a while. He said that he did all these things to pay gratitude to the commuters who are his customers.
He said they needed to provide a low cost service to commuters and hence he requested the government to formulate a mechanism to provide fuel at a low rate which could in turn be beneficial to the commuters.

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Date : 30-07-2022
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 6,341,400/-
Draw Number : 3519
Colour : Light Blue
The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.
Winning Numbers: 11 18 29 46
Taurus
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 5,177,690/-
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
Tel: 0112 333 546-47; Fax: 0112 333 546-47; Mobile: 0114 824 824; Resub: 0112 333 776; Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

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Date : 29-07-2022
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 6,574,620/-
Draw Number : 3518
Colour : Blue
The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.
Winning Numbers: 07 17 42 55
Libra
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 5,049,272/-
Development Lotteries Board
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English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
Draw No: 983
Colour: Red
Date: 30.07.2022
Saturday
Winning Numbers: U 22 07 08 23 40
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 250,662,241/-
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,582,980/-
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
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25
English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
Draw No: 982
Colour: Indigo
Date: 29.07.2022
Friday
Winning Numbers: M 24 07 13 33 35
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 250,463,269/-
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 3,537,600/-
Development Lotteries Board
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ADA KOTIPATHI
Saturday
Date : 30.07.2022
Draw No. : 1633
Colour : Yellow
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 55,842,508/-
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,950,560/-
Winning Numbers: 36 38 53 60
English Letter: G
Development Lotteries Board
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ADA KOTIPATHI
Friday
Date : 29.07.2022
Draw No. : 1632
Colour : Purple
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 55,768,164/-
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 3,893,920/-
Winning Numbers: 18 21 56 65
English Letter: I
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
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SUPER BALL
Draw Number : 1807
Colour : Blue
Draw Date : 30.07.2022
Date : Saturday
Winning English Letter and Numbers: N 05 42 49 75
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 68,524,831.60
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,073,800/-
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
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SUPER BALL
Draw Number : 1806
Colour : Pink
Draw Date : 29.07.2022
Date : Friday
Winning English Letter and Numbers: I 08 17 62 76
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 68,413,367.60
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,104,420/-
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
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Saturday
Date : 30.07.2022
Draw No. : 3968
Colour : Green
Winning Numbers: 12 27 30 72
English Letter: I
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 71,089,643.40
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 3,525,860/-
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
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Friday
Date : 29.07.2022
Draw No. : 3967
Colour : Orange
Winning Numbers: 05 12 26 66
English Letter: F
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 70,987,055.40
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 2,900,820/-
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
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Date : 30-07-2022
Draw Number : 514
Colour : Red
Next Super Jackpot Rs. 11,570,020/-
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 1,416,260/-
Winning Numbers: P 12 43 56
Fate Number: 02
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
Tel: 0112 333 546-47; Fax: 0112 333 546-47; Mobile: 0114 824 824; Resub: 0112 333 776; Interactive Voice Response Number: 011 4 825 825

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Draw Number : 202
Draw Date : 29.07.2022
Date : Friday
Winning Numbers: 09 41 43
Total Value of Prizes Rs. 1,700,100/-
Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 09
Development Lotteries Board
No. 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Union Place, Colombo 02.
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BODHI POOJA FOR VETERAN ARTISTE JACKSON ANTHONY HELD



Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardana participating in the Bodhi Pooja

LAHIRU FERNANDO

A Bodhi Pooja ceremony to invoke blessings on veteran actor and artiste Jackson Anthony was held at the Hunupitiya Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo under the patronage of the Maha Sangha and with the participation of Highways and Transport and Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardana yesterday.

This was organized by the Mass Media Ministry under the guidance of Minister Gunawardana.

Jackson Anthony is currently receiving treatment at the ICU of the National Hospital in Colombo following a major accident that took place in Thalawa recently.

Deputy Incumbent of the Gangaramaya Temple, Ven. Dr. Kirinde Assaji Thera on this occasion said that Jackson Anthony is an instrumental character for the country and the future of the art and media sectors.

His knowledge and experience in multiple sectors are invaluable and such characters are very rare and unique in the country, he said.

Jackson Anthony has won the applause of the Sri Lankans for his talent on the stage, television and cinema. Anthony has won the award for the Best Actor for a record sixteen times.

Ven. Dr. Assaji Thera also recalled how Anthony visited the temple and associated

with the Maha Sangha whenever necessary. According to the Thera, Jackson Anthony is well-known by the Sri Lankans in and out of the country as an actor, director, producer, singer, screenwriter, television host, novelist, columnist, lyricist, historian and traveller.

Secretary to the Ministry of Mass Media and the Chairman of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited Anusha Pelpita, Director General of the Department of Government Information Mohan Samaranyake, heads of state media institutions, artistes, journalists and several others participated on this occasion.

Pictures by Ranjith Asanka and Nissanka Wijerathne



Secretary to the Ministry of Mass Media and the Chairman of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited Anusha Pelpita at the event.



Decoding the National Fuel Pass

An explanation of how the QR system for fuel will work

RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

In the face of the fuel crisis in the country, in addition to the long queues at the fuel stations, the problem of fair distribution of the fuel stocks became a concern due to the emergence of people selling fuel at black market prices. This forced the authorities to introduce a QR system. Aiming to provide fuel to the public in an orderly manner amidst its energy crisis, fuel passes that will guarantee a weekly quota to every vehicle owner has been introduced to the public.

The National Fuel Pass was developed with the assistance of leading tech companies in Sri Lanka and the Institute of Communication and Information Technology (ICTA) without any cost to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) or the Government.

Though the public was advised to register with the fuel pass website - fuelpass.gov.lk - with their personal identification and sign up to one vehicle for each identity card/passport or business registration certificate, Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera noted that facilities have been made available for businesses with multiple vehicles to register all their vehicles with their business registration number. Vehicle users that cannot register with the chassis number will be able to register with their revenue licence.

"Fuel requirements for machinery too can be registered under the divisional secretariats stating their weekly requirements. Information such as name, address, phone number, used vehicle, etc should also be submitted when registering for the fuel pass. The weekly quota of fuel will be refreshed every Sunday night," he added.

In case a QR code is misplaced, users can login to fuelpass.gov.lk and enter the mobile number to retrieve the QR code or via SMS by typing Fuel QR Vehicle Number and sending it to 0766220000.

Users can also check their fuel quota balance by visiting the website and logging in with their mobile number or via SMS by typing Fuel Bal Vehicle Number and sending it to the same number mentioned above. Issuance of QR for special segments of vehicles will be announced with a separate procedure.

Priority in fuel distribution will be given to fuel stations which have adopt-



ed the system. The number of users of the QR system and the stocks available will be monitored. Those who were not able to register with the chassis number will be able to register with the revenue licence from August 1.

Public transport will be given priority when distributing fuel. The fuel quota for buses will be allocated at SLTB depots. The fuel quota permitted for each bus will depend on the route permit and number of kilometres. School service vehicles, office transport vehicles, vehicles connected to tourism and other industries as well as ambulances and other essential service vehicles verified by authorities will be issued diesel at SLTB depots.

Ambulances too will be given priority at all fuel stations. The requested amount of fuel will be given to fill their tanks. Police vehicles will be given an allocated quota from selected filling stations in each police division.

The Minister also highlighted that separate fuel stations will be allocated for three-wheelers and motorcycles based on their registration. All three-wheel users have been requested to register their vehicles at their respective area Police Station and nominate one fuel station before July 31. Thus, from August 1, three-wheelers will only be allowed to obtain fuel from their registered fuel station.

Users of 49cc bikes have to register with the Department of Motor Traffic to obtain their licences and register for the National Fuel Pass. All users of garden equipment, generators and other equipment requiring fuel to register the type of fuel they require, weekly fuel requirement and choice of fuel station in their respective divisional secretariats.

Before the QR system, various other methods were introduced as a solution, such as the token card system, connecting the district and local administration

and the Security Forces for fuel distribution, did not yield the desired results. Therefore, from July 16, 2022, the Government introduced the National Fuel Pass Card (QR Code) for fair distribution of fuel allocating days according to the vehicle registration number. This system was in place till July 31, while the QR code system was undergoing a trial period. From today (01), only the QR code system will be functioning. Issuing fuel according to the last digit of vehicles, tokens or any other ways which have been in practice before will be invalid.

There are several issues related to the implementation of the new system. For example the public having to face practical problems such as the lack of smartphones, lack of technical knowledge, inability to access the relevant website, and inability to present the QR code at a gas station.

Hence the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, the National Youth Service Council and the National Youth Corps jointly started a free public awareness programme on the use of the National Fuel Pass on July 19.

According to this system, the QR code will be downloaded to the smartphone and those who do not have a smartphone will be given printed copies of the QR code to keep with them or display in the vehicle using the technology they know.

The Power and Energy Minister noted that 746 fuel stations have used the QR system on July 30 making it the highest in a day.

"A total of 1,060 fuel stations have adopted the system as at 8.30 pm on the same day," he said.

The public is requested to send video or photo evidence of those hoarding, illegally selling fuel or not following instructions on the distribution of fuel. The evidence can be sent via WhatsApp to 0742123123.

Hence, the authorities can temporarily suspend their QR pass or take legal action against them.

"Do not overcrowd fuel stations today. Your fuel quota has been allocated. So you have the whole week to take it from any fuel station islandwide," the Ministry of Power and Energy requested the public.

Let's all unite to rebuild economy... From page 01

the Prime Minister. These changes were triggered by the economic crisis that created shortages of fuel and fertilizer.

Unexpected involvements of the political forces in the protests yielded advantages to them. We faced fascist terrorism for the first time in Sri Lanka history. They had learnt about burning books from Hitler. LTTE used firing and bombing. Some civil organizations rallied with the fascists and created chaos. I was sworn in as President after that.

"The economic pressure has not declined although I came to power. Problems like shortages of fuel, gas, fertilizer, an increase in prices and unemployment are the same. We have no capital investments for development. We have to decide whether to increase or decrease people's problems. That's why you have rallied here. "Economically, Sri Lanka's GDP has collapsed massively to minus 7%. With our actions this year, it will decrease by 3%. After that, we can have a 1% GDP next year.

"We are before fast-growing inflation. I don't say these to frighten people. We must find solutions and enter into a new political path. Old slogans will not work.

"Now, some say the reason for the crisis is President Gotabaya banning the import of fertilizer. Our Party says it is due to a delay to go to IMF. SLPP sees that it is due to all previous governments burrowing massively. I think we have all these issues. But will debates bring a single ship-load of fertilizer? Can we earn at least 50 million dollars by arguing whether Good

Governance increased the debt burden? None of these debates may develop the country. They are history. "Shall we spend our time debating or seeking solutions? Some march urging me to go home.

Please don't do so because I have no home to go. If you want you can bring a large crowd and build my house in six months. After that only you can ask me to go home. "Please don't waste your time and build your village or my house. We are in an old tradition of politics pointing fingers at each other. Will it decrease inflation or increase GDP? Now, we must find the money for fuel and fertilizer for the Maha season. That is politics we must engage in.

"After I was appointed as the Prime Minister and Finance Minister, we discussed with IMF. We found several solutions through negotiations. We aimed for an agreement in July and approval from the IMF in the first week of August. However, there were no discussions after July 9 and now the process will delay. We expect the approval in September. No one will lend us without this agreement. We need to decide whether to continue these politics or to think afresh.

"The youth started the struggle demanding reforms and I have no debate with it. Others took it into their hands and directed it towards violence. How can we develop our villages? Don't think that an agreement with IMF is the end. Our debt burden has increased. How can we pay them back? We need more and more foreign currency. We need to follow new paths. We must modernize

our agriculture. Shall we do it or continue chanting slogans? The politicians of UNP and SLPP must think of it.

"If we don't accept this challenge we shall lose our country. The next generation will curse at us. The challenge before us is to decide whether to fall back or rise. Shall we take this challenge and make a new country with a strong middle class? Shall we make an export-oriented economy with modern agriculture and industry? When former President J.R. Jayewardene initiated the present economy I was part of it. That economy is outdated and collapsed now. We cannot go back to it or the British period or the Kandyan era. We must think afresh and move forward.

"We must modernize our villages. We still don't have a digital economy. Shall we do it together or divided it? Our first duty is to safeguard law and order. I don't approve of burning the houses of a member of any party. We must not break our friendship due to political differences. & quot;We must think afresh and move forward. We must take that message to the village. Both UNP and SLPP are silent and the village is empty. Why are we keeping mum? The government is in our hands. Let's jointly deliver this message. That's why I invited all parties to form an all-party government. That's the best way to solve the problems of the country. All accept it without argument. There is no debate in the village like among some in Colombo. We must go to the village school and temple to deliver this message. Why don't we join hands to do it? "I know the suffering you encountered since May 9. Some lost houses. Some had to leave the villages. There were death threats. Now, they are over. Let's try to join and work for the country. We have UNP and SLPP in this hall and I love to see the other half of the hall filled with the representatives of JVP, SJB and other parties. We can't limit it to us and we must bring them here. We can decide later if we want to contest elections separately.

"Let's see to the problems of the suffering people in villages who have no food or employment. Local government members have the responsibility for that. We shall inform the programme for that within the next two weeks. I ask you all to go to the Pradeshiya Sabha and speak.

Deliver this message. Let's make a campaign for an all-party government. Silence is enough now. Start to speak. Let's tell the problems of the country to our people.

Tell them that we are working to solve the problems and to end the queues for fuel and fertilizer etc. Ask them to tell us the problems in the villages. I especially make this request from the representatives of the Kandy district. Don't limit to two parties. Open it to all parties and increase the force to make a stronger voice for the ordinary people of the country. I urge you to deliver this message and work as a team to solve the problems of the children and the youth of the country and to make a better future for them."



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Amendment Notice

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority has amended the under mentioned tender initially appeared on 28th & 29th July 2022 of the Ceylon Daily News, Dinamina & Thinakaran which is to be opened on 18.08.2022.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security indicated as	New Bid Security	Document Fee indicated as	New Document Fee
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/021	Ready Mixed Concrete	80,000.00	300,000.00	1,000.00	3,500.00

Other conditions remain unchanged.

Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.
Telephone Nos: - 2482231, 2483338, 2482832, 2482409
Fax Nos: - 2381652, 2470443

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASING A MORTUARY COOLER

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed local suppliers for the supply, maintenance and servicing of the item mentioned below:

Tender No.	Details of Tender			Value of Bid Bond (Rs.)	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)	Hospital to be Installed	Other Details
NCB/MC/22/01	Mortuary Cooler	Option 1	Option 2	100,000.00	3500.00	Tissamaharama Base Hospital	One most suitable machine will be purchased due to existing funds
	Storage	6 body	9 body				
	No. of Compartments	06	09				
	Running Temperature (inside)	2°C - 6°C	2°C - 6°C				
	Power	230V Single Phase	230V Single Phase				

- Tender applications could be obtained on government working days from 01.08.2022 up to 19.08.2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from the Accounts Division of the Chief Ministry upon payment of the non-refundable fee. Likewise, tender documents could also be obtained upon payment of the non-refundable fee to the Bank of Ceylon, Galle, Fort Branch in favour of "Secretary, Chief Ministry, Southern Province" to the credit of A/C No. 1587422 and the receipt thus obtained should be downloaded on ca@cm.spgov.lk
- A bid bond to the value as relevant to the amount mentioned above obtained from a reputed commercial bank drawn in favour of the "Secretary, Chief Ministry, Southern Province" and valid for 180 days from the date of opening of tenders should be submitted along with the duly completed tenders.
- Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 22.08.2022. As such, duly completed sealed tenders should be sent by registered post addressed to the "Secretary, Chief Ministry, 05th Floor, "Dakshinapaya" Ministry Complex, Labuduwa, Galle" to be received before the tender opening or should be inserted in the Tender Box kept at the Accounts Division of this Ministry. Tender No. should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the sealed envelope containing the tender. Tenderers or their authorized representatives could be present at the tender opening. Tenders received late will be rejected unopened.
- Southern Provincial Chief Ministry Procurement Committee retains the right to accept or reject any or all tenders and of accepting any part of a bid without showing any reason.
- Further details regarding the matter could be obtained by contacting the Chief Accountant of this Ministry on Tel. No. 091-4946604.

Chrishantha W. Mahendra,
Chairman - Southern Provincial Ministry of Health Procurement Committee
Southern Province.
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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Ministry of Education

University of Ruhuna

PROPOSED RENOVATION AND DEFECTS RECTIFICATION WORKS FOR RABINDRANATH TAGORE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

Contract No: RUH/REHAB/2022/04

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Proposed Renovation And Defects Rectification Works for Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Auditorium at the University of Ruhuna as described below.

No.	Works	CIDA Grade Building Construction	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Refundable Tender Deposit/ Bid Security (Rs.)	Engineer's Estimate (Rs. in Mn)	Period of Contract (Days)
1	Proposed Renovation And Defects Rectification Works for Rebindranath Tagore Memorial Auditorium at the University of Ruhuna.	C5 or C6	6,000.00	255,000.00	17 (without VAT)	120

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- Bids should be submitted on the Bidding Documents available at the office of Assistant Registrar (Capital Works), University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara and can be purchased from 9.00 a.m. up to 2.45 p.m. until 12th August 2022, on the submission of the receipt for a non-refundable tender fee of LKR 6,000.00 paid to the Shroff of the University.
- The eligible bidders shall comply with following qualification criteria.
Specialty - Building Construction
CIDA Grade (Former ICTAD Grade) - C5 or C6
- The contract period (Construction) is 120 days from start date.
- You may obtain further information, inspect the bidding documents at the Office of Assistant Registrar (Capital Works), University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara (041-2033260 / ext. 12045)
- Bids shall be valid up to 14th November 2022.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00 hrs on 08th August 2022 at Main Boardroom (Previous Senate Room), University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid security" of Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty Five Thousand Only (LKR 255,000.00) issued to the Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna in the form of a bank guarantee obtained from a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka and registered with the Central Bank. The bid security should be "on demand" and "unconditional" and on format given in the bidding document and valid until 12th December 2022
- Deadline for submission of bids shall be at 14.00 hrs on 15th August 2022.
- Duly completed sealed bids in duplicate shall be sent under registered post to receive on or before above closing time to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara or deposited at the Tender Box No. 01 placed at the Office of the Registrar, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara on or before above closing time. Late bids shall be rejected. Name and the Contract No should be indicated on the left hand top corner of the envelope.
- All bids shall be opened immediately after closing of bids at the above address. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.

The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee, University of Ruhuna,
Wellamadama, Matara.

01st August 2022



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION - MAHARAGAMA

BID INVITATION

Sealed Bids are invited by the Departmental Procurement Committee Chairman from fully qualified, eligible Bidders in Sri Lanka for the Procurement work involving Supply and Fixing of Wooden Furniture and Equipment in the Staff Officers Quarters of the National Institute of Education. Bidding will be conducted under National Competitive Bidding procedure.

Tender File No.	Name of Work	Non Refundable Bid Document Fee	Value of Bid Security to be valid up to 20.12.2022
01	NIE/LP/2022/03 Supplying and Fixing of Wooden Furniture and Equipment in the Staff Officers Quarters of the National Institute of Education	Rs. 3500.00	Rs. 132,400/=

- Bid documents could be obtained from the Procurement Officer during working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by submitting a letter of request for obtaining tender documents along with a copy of the Business Registration Certificate and the receipt obtained by depositing the non-refundable fee to the credit of A/C No. 607628 (Bank of Ceylon Maharagama) in favour of the Director General. Bid documents could be inspected during this time period and all relevant details could be obtained from the Procurement Division.

Issuing of bid documents will close at 3.00 p.m. on 22.08.2022.

- A pre-bid meeting relevant to this matter will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 16.08.2022 in Deputy Director General's (Admin, Finance and Assistance Services) Office.
- Duly completed bids prepared in two copies, marked as original and duplicate should be enclosed in separate envelopes and sealed and these covers should thereafter be inserted in a single sealed envelope indicating the File No. on the top left-hand corner of this envelope and submitted.
- Duly completed Bids should be sent by registered post addressed to the Procurement Officer, National Institute of Education, High Level Road, Maharagama to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 23.08.2022 or should be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Deputy Director General's (Admin, Finance and Assistance Services) Office. Bids received late will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids in the Finance Department in the presence of the Bidder/Bidders representatives.
- The decision of the Procurement Committee is deemed final. The National Institute of Education retains the right of cancelling any bid without showing reasons for same.

You may contact on Tel. Nos. 0117601797, 0117601799 for further details.

Director General,
National Institute of Education,
Maharagama.

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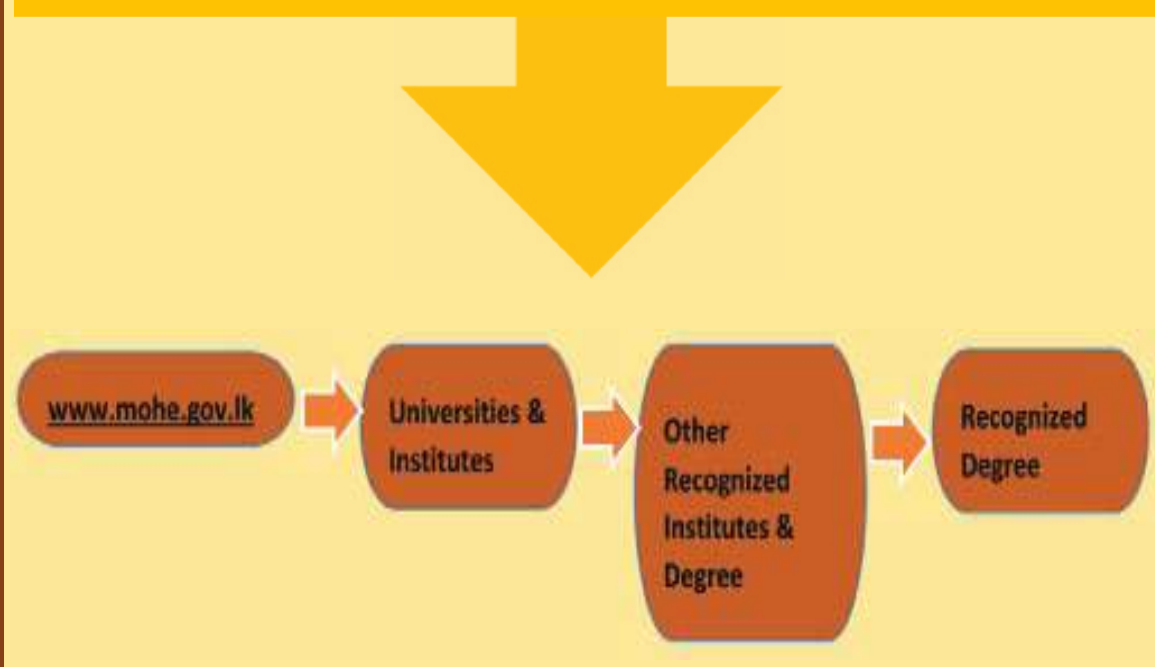
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It is hereby notified that the list of the degrees recognized to be offered by the Minister in charge of the subject of Higher Education by virtue of the powers vested under Section 25A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, having considered the report presented by the specified Authority appointed under Section 70B of the said Act by an order, until 31.07.2022 is published in the website www.mohe.gov.lk

Further you may download all the recognized extraordinary gazette notifications containing the details of the degree courses recognized by the Minister up to 31.07.2022 by following the below steps.



95th Anniversary of the Founding of the PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY OF CHINA

1st of August 2022



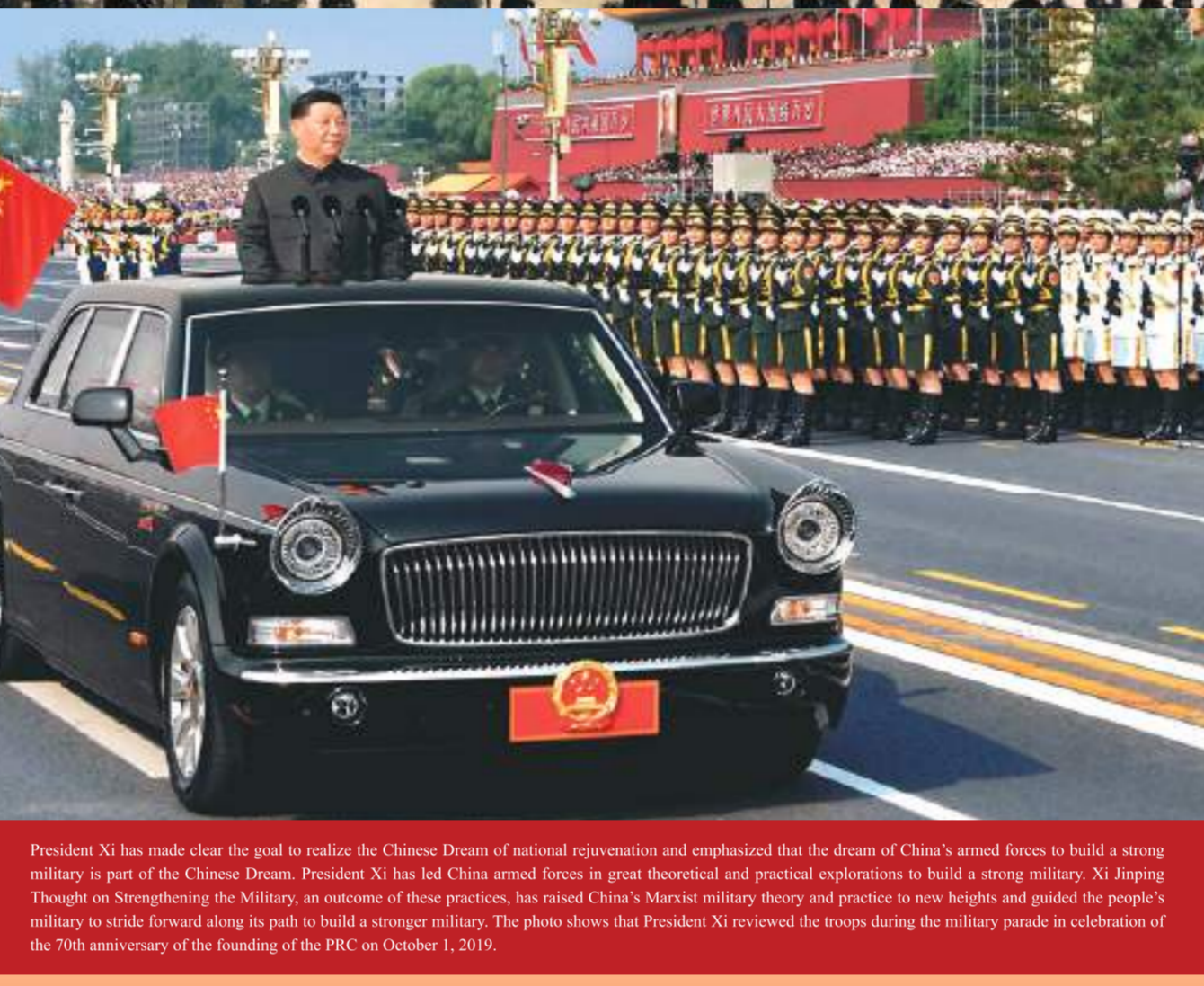
General Wei Fenghe
State Councilor and Defense Minister
Ministry of National Defense
People's Republic of China

It is with a great sense of pleasure and solidarity that I would like to convey my warmest felicitations towards Your Excellency as the prestigious Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) is celebrating yet another splendid anniversary on 1st August 2022 with its glorious history of 95 years on at its backdrop which stands testimony to its excellence and legacy.

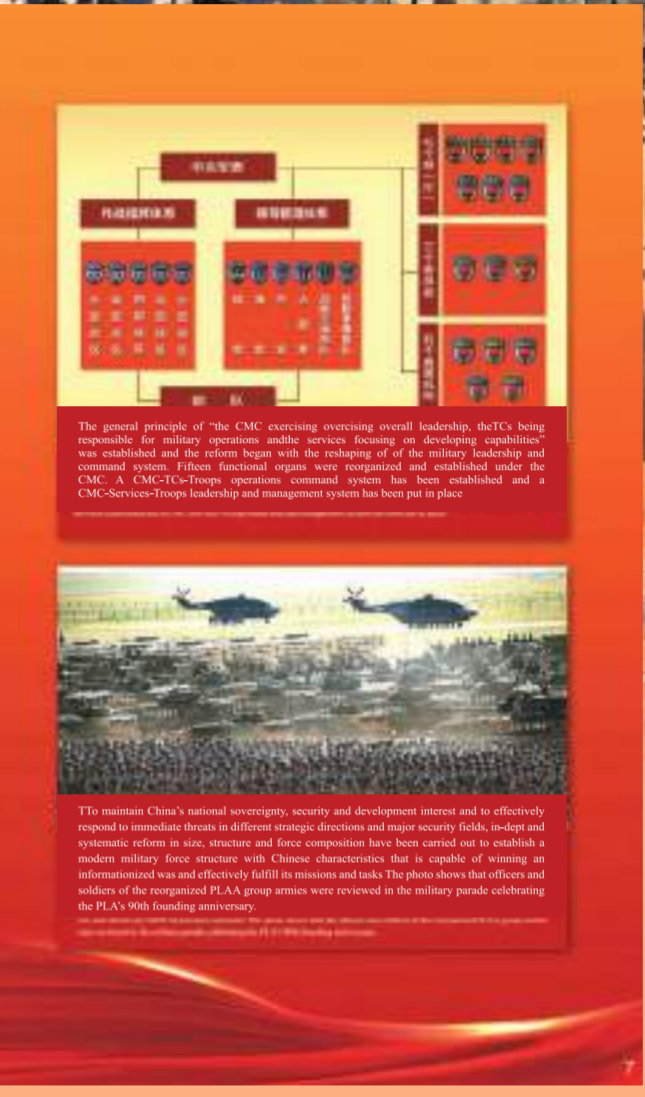
Since its very inception, the Chinese PLA has consistently answered the great Chinese nation's call both at home and abroad, fighting with valor to preserve the freedom, territorial integrity, and national interests of the People's Republic of China at all times. It has extensively shouldered many responsibilities to assist its beloved motherland to reach great social and economic development and towards the historical achievement of lifting its rural population out of poverty. Further, the Chinese PLA has traveled a great length to enhance the remarkable defense cooperation between China and Sri Lanka which undoubtedly augmented the time-tested relationship between the two nations in economic, socio-cultural and many other spheres.

Hence, as the Chinese PLA celebrates its 95th anniversary, I respectfully assure you that the Government, the Ministry of Defense, and the Armed forces of Sri Lanka would continuously extend their fullest cooperation toward the Chinese PLA at all times. Furthermore, I also take this opportunity to courteously honor and remember those soldiers of the Chinese PLA who have made the ultimate sacrifice for liberty and good order of the People's Republic of China and celebrate the warrior spirit of all Officers and Soldiers serving in the Chinese PLA today.

At this momentous juncture, as I extend profound good wishes for the success of the Chinese PLA's future endeavors, I would earnestly hope that all good health, wealth, and prosperity may splendor the lives of Your Excellency and family, all officers and Soldiers of the Chinese PLA and their families forever and ever.



President Xi has made clear the goal to realize the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation and emphasized that the dream of China's armed forces to build a strong military is part of the Chinese Dream. President Xi has led China armed forces in great theoretical and practical explorations to build a strong military. Xi Jinping Thought on Strengthening the Military, an outcome of these practices, has raised China's Marxist military theory and practice to new heights and guided the people's military to stride forward along its path to a stronger military. The photo shows that President Xi reviewed the troops during the military parade in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the PRC on October 1, 2019.



The general principle of 'the CMC exercising overall leadership, PLAs being responsible, the military operations make services, focusing on developing capabilities' was established and the joint major with the military, aerospace and maritime forces. From historical operations with military and aerospace and CMC-A CMC's-Troops operations, command system has been established and a CMC-Successor Force (leadership and management system) has been put in place.

The mission China's national sovereignty, security and development interest and to effectively respond to various threats and address strategic direction and create security fields, safeguard systematic reform in size, structure and force composition have been carried out to establish a modern military force structure with Chinese characteristics that is capable of winning an informationized war and effectively fulfill its mission and tasks. The photo shows that officers and soldiers of the PLAs' strong arms were reviewed at the military parade celebrating the PLAs' 95th founding anniversary.

General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) WWW RWP RSP USP ndc psc MPhil
Secretary, Ministry of Defence

Message on the 2nd Anniversary Celebration of CNDUAASL in Parallel to 95th Anniversary of PLA

I am very honored to attend the 2nd Anniversary Celebration of Chinese National Defence University Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (CNDUAASL) and to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). My sincere gratitude goes to Major General (Retd) GV Ravipriya, President of CNDUAASL and other friends, who have contributed a lot to make this event possible and successful.

The Chinese PLA was founded on the 1st of August, 1927, 95 years on, under the strong leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the PLA has made indelible historical contribution to the great liberation of the Chinese people, to China's socialist construction and reform, safeguarding State sovereignty, security and development interests, and to the cause of world peace and progress of humanity. It is known in the world as a mighty, civilized and peaceful force. Especially in recent years, under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, the PLA is building a system of modern military force with Chinese characteristics, deepening national defense and military reforms, and continuously improving combat effectiveness, bringing an entirely new look to the army in terms of system, structure, pattern, etc., advocates a common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security strategy; develops military relations that are non-aligned, non-confrontational, and not directed against third parties; actively promotes the establishment of a fair and effective collective security and military mutual trust mechanism; provides more and more public security products to the international community by participating in international peacekeeping, counter-terrorism exercises, anti-piracy escorts, etc. In this way, the PLA has strongly guaranteed not only for the realization of the Chinese Dream and the dream of a powerful military, but also for the maintenance of world peace and stability at large.

The military-to-military relations, a key part of China-Sri Lanka friendship, have laid a solid foundation for the development of bilateral relations which have stood the test of time. In recent years, exchanges and cooperation between the two militaries in areas of equipment, personnel training, college education, army training, and maritime security have been deepening. I believe that China and Sri Lanka will, as always, strengthen strategic mutual trust, firmly uphold each other's core interests and major concerns, promote high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative and strengthen practical cooperation between the two militaries.

CNDUAASL is the symbol of the in-depth development of our military relations and serves as an important bridge for bilateral friendship between our two countries. My colleagues and I will continue to support and make new contributions in promoting the stable and long-term relationship between the two countries and the two militaries and deepening bilateral friendly cooperation.

His Excellency Qi Zhenhong
Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka

Message from the Commander of the Sri Lanka Army 95th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army of China

It gives me immense pleasure to felicitate the Chinese People's Liberation Army on behalf of all ranks of the Sri Lanka Army, on the 95th Anniversary Day of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

Both the People's Republic of China and Sri Lanka have fostered strong bilateral relations built on the foundation of genuine companionship, mutual trust, and respect. On this occasion, I wish China and the Chinese People's Liberation Army continued progress and prosperity in all fields and pray that the existing relations between our two Nations and Armed Forces would grow even stronger.

Chinese People's Liberation Army has always been a valuable military partner for Sri Lanka Army. The friendship between Sri Lanka Army and the Chinese People's Liberation Army has withstood the test of time and grown even more vital. The iron-clad bond between the Armies of both countries is rooted in shared values and strengthened by the common interest with unprecedented cooperation and collaboration. Having nurtured the excellent and long-standing defense ties, our Armies have always been supportive to each other in achieving desired prosperity whilst proudly marching towards victories amidst many challenging circumstances with unparalleled valor and grit.

Once again, I take this opportunity, from the bottom of my heart, to extend my sincere congratulations on the 95th Anniversary of the People's Liberation Army of China. I wish the pragmatic cooperation between the two Armies will be further strengthened in the years to come.

Lieutenant General Vikum Liyanage RWP RSP NDU
Commander of the Sri Lanka Army

Reaping benefits from China NDU affiliation

It gives me great pleasure in congratulating the Chinese People's Liberation Army on its 95th Anniversary and the 2nd Anniversary of the China NDU Alumni Association of Sri Lanka and pens the following to highlight the importance of friendship and affiliation between the Sri Lanka Army and the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

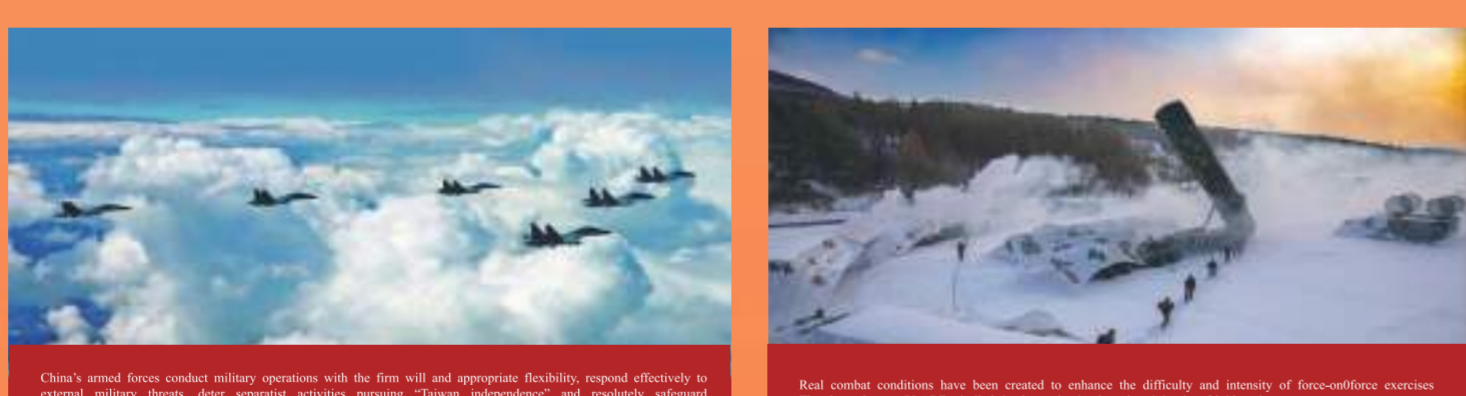
I am proud to say that I was the first Sri Lankan Army Commander who obtained training at the National Defence University of China. I was selected to follow the NDU course at the College of Defence Studies, NDU China in the year 2006. I joined campus 3, based in Changping, Beijing in September 2006 and completed my course in July 2007.

During my tenure at the NDU General Ma Xiaotian was the Commandant of the main NDU, campus 1, who later became the Director General of General Staff of China PLA and the Ministry of Defence. Subsequently, he became the Commander of the Chinese PLA Air Force.

Having assumed commander of the Sri Lanka Army in July 2009 I was fortunate to receive General Ma Xiaotian in Sri Lanka. Later after his return to PLA HQ in China, he confirmed the grant for an auditorium and HQ building for the SLMA, and with subsequent action, this commitment became a reality. This building was finally inaugurated in the year 2017. This was totally funded by China PLA.

On this occasion, I wish China PLA all the very best on its 95th Anniversary and hope our friendship and understanding will grow from strength to strength. On the occasion of the 2nd Anniversary of the China NDU Alumni Association of Sri Lanka, I wish them all the very best and hope this Alumni Association will grow from strength to strength.

General Jagath Jayasuriya (Retd) RWP VSV USP ndu psc



China's armed forces conduct military operations with the firm will and appropriate flexibility, respond effectively to normal military issues, deal separately with various "three unaligned" and localities to the army in terms of system, structure, pattern, etc., advocates a common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security strategy.



Real combat conditions have been created to enhance the difficulty and intensity of force-on-force exercises. The photo shows a PLA RF missile brigade conducting launch training in a rigid environment.



China's armed forces resolutely fulfill their mission and tasks in the new era to safeguard national sovereignty, security, and development interests. The photo shows the PLANS Liaoning task force conducting relief training in the far east.

In response to the sudden outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the people's military responded quickly upon orders. The photo shows that in February 2020, over 4,000 military medical personnel rushed to Wuhan to carry out medical treatment.

The revitalization and reform of the military through reform has been the subject of the military. This reform has entered the leadership and command system of the people's military, the modern military structure, and in place and measures, and moved from the top into the people's military.



China's armed forces have strengthened cooperation with developing countries and conducted extensive military exchanges and professional interactions with them. In July 2019, China's Ministry of National Defense held the 1st China-Africa Peace and Security Forum in Beijing.

China's peacekeepers are not only guardians of peace but also ambassadors of friendship. With concrete actions, they have brought peace and life to those for the people devastated by war. The photo shows the security contingent of China's 6th batch of peacekeeping forces in Haiti delivering water to the local people.

After the massive volcanic eruption in Tongji in January 2022, the Chinese military dispatched an force support detail and relief units to conduct humanitarian disaster relief operations, delivering over 1,000 tons of emergency and reconstruction supplies to Tongji. The photo shows the unloading of relief materials transported by China's Y-20 transport aircraft at the airport of Suikou, Jilin, the capital of Jilin.

In the summer of 2020, seven Beidou-3 satellites multiple provinces in southern China. The military closely work with the civil officials and officials and issued a major system in Beidou content and disaster relief. The photo shows the officers and soldiers of PLA and fighting Beidou-3 satellites.

A combato-oriented logistics system has been built. The photo shows a PLA RSF unit conducting exercise on the emergency opening of a field medical cabin organizing battlefield first aid.



China's armed forces fully implement the CMC's 'suitman responsibility system and resolutely follow the leadership of the CPC Central Committee, the CMC and President Xi. The photo shows that PLA officers and soldiers attended an exhibition themed on 'Marching under the banner of the Party - The People's Military Celebrating the century of the CPC'.

China's armed forces have carried out an in-depth study of the history of the CPC - a source of strength for building a strong military. The photo shows that officers and soldiers of the PLA Air Force reviewed the party admission oath in front of a 250 fighter which had participated in the aerial performance celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC.



China vaccination aid

Sri Lanka Boat Visit

Friendship

Message from the Chief of Defence Staff

With extreme pleasure let me pay my heartfelt congratulation to the legendary People's Liberation Army which is celebrating its 95th Anniversary on 01 August 2022. The People's Liberation Army, which was founded in the Nanchang Uprising in August 1927, is now the largest Army in the world and is also highly sophisticated and competent. The rising and evolution of the People's Liberation Army of China over many difficulties, changes, and diversifications is a highly interesting military literature that teaches us many lessons to us.



Over the past 95 years, the People's Liberation Army of China has been thriving through the spectrum of warfare, infested with sacrifices, commitments, and dedications that have resulted in bringing glorious victories and great historical achievements for the people of China. It is worth mentioning that the Chinese Military has not limited its scope to safeguard the sovereignty, security, and interest of China, but also to foster peace, harmony, and coexistence of humankind.

China and Sri Lanka have been closely bonded over many years digging back to the 04th Century AD over the Silk Route. Since the two countries' modern-day formal diplomatic relations began in 1957, China has been one of the most connected countries with Sri Lanka. With the highest sense of gratitude, we do remember the military assistance, China offered to Sri Lanka to eradicate 30 years of ruthless LTTE terrorism in Sri Lanka. Also, we highly admire the training opportunities provided to Sri Lanka to access modern and sophisticated military technology that broaden the knowledge and competencies of our Military Officers and Other Ranks. The Chinese Officers who participated in Sri Lankan military courses have been enormously benefiting to foster a richer and more diverse blend of student culture that reaps mutual benefits. In furtherance, we appreciate the invaluable support extended by the Chinese Government and its people to Sri Lanka during our recent difficult time to fight the COVID19 Pandemic.

I am certain that, as a virtuous Army, epitomized by technology, capability, and bravens, the People's Liberation Army of China has the highest potential to face multiple, dynamic, and complex security challenges successfully and will continue to resolutely safeguard China's National Interests, whilst giving its highest contribution to nurturing the world peace. I hope that China and Sri Lanka will build a stronger military relationship forged through understanding, mutuality, and respect in the time to come.

I wish all ranks of the People's Liberation Army, their families, and the people of

Shavendra Silva WWW RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil
Chief of Defence Staff

Amidst all the difficulties and challenges faced by the entire nation of Sri Lanka due to the COVID 19 pandemic and economic crisis, the President of the Chinese National Defence University Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (CNDUAASL) together with the organizing committee made all the arrangements to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of CNDUAASL in parallel with 95th Anniversary of People's Liberation Army of China that falls on 1st August 2022 in grand level.

This glamorous event was held at Shangri-La, Colombo on the 29th Friday in July 2022 with the participation of about 70 alumni, intellectuals, and some distinguished guests from the public and private sectors adding more color to the event.

The vision of CNDUAASL is to focus its energies, services, and programs on fostering a community of alumni, friends, scholars, staff, and students of the university who are well-informed through Association publications, the association websites, and other media as available. I am sure that 80 alumni from CNDUAASL as of today will respect the priorities and issues inherent in this association; and will make it a point to extend support to the university through the sheer commitment of resources, leadership, expertise, and volunteer involvement to improve the standard of the association.

As the President of CNDUAASL, it is my duty to keep the activities of the association alive and encourage alumni to contribute to achieving its vision thereby making our alma mater proud of its products of Sri Lankan tri-services.

Finally, let me extend my sincere gratitude to all alumni of the CNDUAASL, the Commandant of National Defence University in Beijing, and the Ambassador and his staff of the Embassy of China in Sri Lanka for their assistance and contribution in various aspects that paved the way to make the celebration of 2nd Anniversary of CNDUAASL a success.

The Association shall endeavor to be ever creative, always innovative and a wise guardian of traditions, while it seeks to recognize emerging opportunities and changing perspectives. I am thanking and wishing all of you good luck.

Major General GV Ravipriya (Retd) WWW RWP ndu IG
President of CNDUAASL



To China, With Affection, From A Sri Lankan Friend

We are celebrating the 95th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army of China. Let me trace my relationship with China. The first contact, so to speak, was due to my father, who was a strong leftist, bringing home books about China. I was a sportsman and was fascinated by the stories in the sports magazines he brought home. I wanted to visit this wonderful country one day. That day did arrive about 40 years later!

It happened in July 2005, if I remember correctly when a friend suggested that I take the inaugural Sri Lankan flight to China. I joined 13 others on that visit which lasted two weeks. We visited the Great Wall and other iconic places. Among them was the site where the Olympic Stadium was to be built. There was nothing there. Two years later, when I picked China over other more popular destinations including top defense universities in the West for higher studies, I visited this site. It was stunted. The entire Olympic Village had been completed. That was China, a country marked by vision, planning to the very last detail, and amazing execution.

General Daya Rathnayake (Retd) WWW RWP RSP VSV USP ndu psc



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State and the Government

Last week the entire country heard and saw the Parliament debate held in connection with passing the Emergency regulations. The public watched the debate live. Some of the members elected to the Parliament by the people spoke during the debate and they belong to different political parties.

The significance of this event is not passing it with a majority of 57 votes with 120 voting in favour and 63 voting against it. It is all about the majority of speakers who spoke during this debate showing their lack of knowledge on the difference between the State and the Government.

Maybe according to their levels of formal education and intelligence, they cannot understand that there is a difference at all.

It seems only one speaker had the knowledge on the topic. This shows the level of education, intelligence and understanding of the 225 MPs in Parliament. Therefore, what we need to change is not heads. It is the level of education of the entire population because MPs are a part of the population.

A nation or territory considered as an organised political community under one Government is called a State. There are similar words to the word 'State'. They are, country, nation, land or a Sovereign State. A State is totally different from a Government.

The group of people with the authority to govern a country or a State is called the 'Government'. It is the body of persons that constitutes the governing authority of a political unit or organisation. In other words, it is the exercise of political authority over the actions, affairs, etc., of a political unit, people, etc., as well as the performance of certain functions for this unit or body.

But unfortunately most of the speakers who spoke during the Parliamentary debate held on July 27th showed the entire country that they do not understand the very clear difference between the State and the Government and they do not care about destroying the State in order to capture the power (the Government). They showed the entire country that they think destroying the State is changing the Government which is totally inaccurate and very dangerous.

But one Member of the Parliament who commenced the protest against the Government openly while holding Ministerial positions stated that he will do anything to protect the State. He did not stop there. He voted in favour of passing the Emergency regulations while vehemently opposing the current President and the current Government. He very clearly showed the entire country that he knows the difference between the State and the Government and he only hates the Government but not the State which he values a lot.

If anyone wants to change the current Government, they can very easily topple the Government in Parliament by showing the majority of the Opposition. The other way of chasing away the Government is by defeating it during the very first General Election to be held in future. If anyone thinks that a democratically elected Government can be chased away using violent tactics such as disrupting day-to-day life of the people or halting the operations of the country, they want to destroy the State and nothing else.

Since March 31st we have been watching how various elements are trying to destroy our State in the name of destroying (then) Government, especially the democratically elected President. All previous similar events in world history show us that it was not only the Governments and the Heads of States destroyed from those 'protests' and it was those States such as Libya, Iraq etc which got destroyed. We can forgive politicians up to now because maybe earlier they did not see the real objective behind the so-called 'protest' due to their low level of education and knowledge on world/International affairs. But now they must very clearly see what is going on because by now there are 'results' on the display. Those 'results' came out after May 9th and July 9th.

By now the entire country knows who did what in the name of 'protest' and their profiles. The arrival of millions in NGO funding, using and selling illicit drugs, sex, religious cults, separatism, etc., are some of the words now being mentioned when talking about the protest.

It is very pathetic to see that still some MPs try to destroy the State/Country, Sri Lanka in the name of regime change. All they want is capturing power at any cost. This is the best time to do so because the people are in a very serious difficult situation due to ongoing fuel shortage which led to all the other problems. Otherwise those politicians do not get any support from anyone. This is why they want another 9th. They will continue to bring 9th after 9th until they totally destroy the State.

Will August 9th be another Dark Day?

The 9th is a very significant day not because Lucifer has become active here in Sri Lanka on the 9th of every month since April, but because traditional Sri Lankan belief is that the 9th is evil. They believe that maybe because there are nine planets in our galaxy (the majority of Sri Lankans very strongly believe in astrology), it is the last single digit or something like that. Somehow they think of the 9th as being evil which brings bad luck.

It was all about the 9ths in the past and today we are going to talk about August 9th, which will fall in another eight days. This day is very significant not because all elements which are determined to destroy the Sri Lankan state will be active once again on August 9th. It is significant because the lives of the innocent poor ordinary people who feed those elements will become a hell on August 9th for the third time.

We can predict that August 9th will be another very dark day for all innocent poor people in Sri Lanka who struggle to live because on this day they will not be able to find even a cent to feed their children and families. It is because their day-to-day lives will be disrupted by trade unionists who are being fed by the same innocent poor people through their tax money.

Capturing power at any cost

According to the various statements made by various Opposition politicians, we can predict that the country will be disturbed once again on this day. Opposition politicians are after capturing power at any cost and they do not care about the people, the country or anything else. Their one and only objective is capturing power. They have a very useful tool to use to achieve their objective. That is the trade unions. All trade unions belong to political parties. Those trade unions do whatever their political party leaders want. But the most important factor is all the members in these trade unions are being fed with the tax money paid by the innocent poor people of this country. Unfortunately, some people do not know this. Some people do not worry about it and some people just ignore it.

There are certain things that Sri Lanka should do before the IMF instructs to do so. Maybe the IMF will not instruct them to do some of them. But, we as a country should do those specific things as soon as possible if we need to walk forward as a successful nation just like other countries in the world. We must do those things because 45 percent of bookings of hotels by tourists are now being cancelled and they will never visit Sri Lanka if they see this artificial 'unrest' created by a selected group.

The very first thing is holding all undergraduates in all State universities responsible for the monthly Mahapola Scholarship or Bursary of Rs. 5,000 they receive from the beginning to the end of their university education. There should be a very strict monitoring system and the scholarship money should be paid to them based on their results of each year of the four or five year university education period.

The scholarship money should be reduced according to their failures in



Call to end lightning strikes. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

Now & Then

BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

examinations. The Mahapola Scholarship money should not be paid to the undergraduates who fail exams/subjects. Whatever scholarship money should not be paid for any undergraduate who does not attend lectures and does not record attendance over 75 percent. Only then the real meaning of establishing the Mahapola Scholarship by late Minister Lalith Athulathmudali will be met.

The salaries of all State employees who take part in all types of strikes should be cut according to the number of days they refrain from their official duties. This should be done because the taxpayers are affected when they do not do their duties. Taxpayers do not need to pay tax for the services that they do not receive. That reduction of State income should be directly charged from the State employees who are responsible for not doing their official duties.

This is a must because last week in this column I mentioned how the State sector drags the country's economy down and weakens it while the private sector employees push it forward and improve it. There may be huge island-wide strikes when introducing such new rules and regulations but the innocent poor ordinary people of Sri Lanka will welcome such new rules and regulations with open arms.

It does not stop there. Last week a Member of Parliament mentioned in the House how one employee attached to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation prevents importing fuel from Russia for a very low price that can be affordable to Sri Lanka. This is not the first or the last time such events are reported in the media and from Parliament. There are a large number of high ranking State employees who are purposely hindering the country's progress due to personal agendas or due to the influence of a third party. This third party can be top businessmen, politicians or both.

Hindering solar power projects and wind power projects, not letting new inventors to come forward, not letting conduct proper and recognised clinical trials for certain indigenous drugs, not letting export certain items which bring dollars, import certain items which use to produce something or hindering cessation of importing or exporting certain items that is harmful for the country, not letting change certain outdated rules, regulations, laws etc. which make innocent poor people's lives hard, changing rules, regulations, laws that protect the country and the people from various threats, taking commissions as much as possible from everything possible are some evil things done by some public servants in high ranks.

There should be an end to this pattern which has been going on for several decades. There should be an end to the endless strikes, especially lightning strikes. Sri Lanka is the only country in the world that has at least one strike every day in some field. Some issues which lead to the launching of strikes are very funny and childish.

Taxpayers at receiving end

The Government should take stern action to control the stubborn, unethical and unacceptable behaviour of public servants. Practical solutions such as training the Armed Forces to deliver certain essential services such as running passenger trains etc. should be given. The Government should not hesitate to consider State employees who go on strikes as vacating their posts. It is because there should be an end to the sufferings of the taxpayers who are innocent poor ordinary people of this country.

The Government should do another essential task. That is finding out all the details of all trade union leaders. The majority of them are very rich, have connections to evil political parties and to undergraduates, no qualifications to serve in the State sector etc. The most crucial fact is they force State employees to go on strike and if not they threaten them or harm them

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if they go against their order and report to work.

Every month has a 9th. The Sri Lankan economy is in its worst shape in history now. First of all Sri Lanka needs to recover from the current economic crisis and otherwise the country and the people will be totally destroyed. Unfortunately, only a handful of people have understood this bitter truth. Others still think that they can gain some sort of advantage using the current situation. This is why they just 'play' with the situation. Some people, such as some politicians, exactly know the situation but still try to use it because they have earned enough wealth for generations during the past several decades serving for all previous Governments and wish to earn more and leave the country once totally destroyed.

There is only one way out. It is flying as one flock of birds at once holding the net in which we are trapped. The meaning is we have to work hard in unity and support the country. Otherwise the entire country and the people will be held captive and used by foreign nations just like they did in Libya, Iraq etc. They will grab all our natural resources and leave after exploiting us.



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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A politician thinks of the next election; a statement of the next generation. - J.F. Clarke

DIFFUSING FOREIGN INTERFERENCES AND INFLUENCES

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Part 1

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Sri Lanka has a rather disturbing history in foreign interference and adverse influences. The root of the turn current events have taken can be traced all the way back to the 1800s. This is however not unique to Sri Lanka. In fact, the entire Asian region underwent a seismic change during this time.

Yet, understanding how foreign interferences and influences can penetrate and affect our lives today and how to diffuse it has never been more important. Since World War II, packing one's military to invade another country has lost its appeal. Such efforts are gory, expensive and even if victorious, a pain to retain it.

It is far more effective to have the citizens of the country to be subjugated to rock their own boat. This way, which is far less expensive than waging a war, one gets to be sanctimonious whilst achieving their self-serving agenda without global condemnation. Disunity and conflicts within a nation is the best guarantee for the spoils of conquering. Any evidence of foul play can always be put down to conspiracy theories, xenophobia or tribal mindset. Politically also this is the safer option as there would not be any coffins returning home.

Influencing sections of the society, generally those with a chip on their shoulder or the impressionable youth, to hate their Government and instigating them to be destructive elements is the foundation of any such conflict. In such externally manufactured agitations, the second phase would be to step in, often uninvited, in the guise of humanitarian concerns or as democratic advocates. The actual motive would be to take control of the situation into one's own hands to engineer the desired outcome, which could be anything from installing a puppet regime to seceding regions from the country.

The recent anti-Government protests is a case in point. The unbridled protests made governance impossible and had a debilitating effect on the rasping economy. The Presidential Secretariat, the highest State office, could not function for 100 days. The democratically elected President and Prime Minister were forced to resign. Both State and private properties were looted and vandalized.

Yet, any attempt to bring the escalating violence under control was denounced as undemocratic by a section of the diplomatic corps, Western-oriented civil societies and other notable personalities.

Prez RW Sets the Record Straight

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Mr. Wickremesinghe has always been outspoken, which in the past has sometimes caused embarrassment or controversy. Despite been the Yahapalana Government's PM, he is on public record that,

◆ Those who went missing during the war had either perished or are living abroad;

◆ Ex-LTTE cadre in Government custody are held in State prisons and not in secret detention centres as no such exists in Sri Lanka;

◆ Not even close to 40,000 civilians perished during the final battles.

These are important statements as the US led UNHRC Resolution 30/1 against Sri Lanka was based on such unsubstantiated allegations. Without contesting its contents, the Yahapalana Government treacherously co-sponsored this Resolution. It was in this context that Wickremesinghe was seen as one who would not go against the West. Yet, notwithstanding the Western diplomats' "urgings" for "restraint" President Wickremesinghe is taking decisive action to restore normalcy and allow the Government machinery to function.

RW Corrects Course; Sajith P Blunders; Diplomats Unfazed

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa has pledged his solidarity with the anarchists. As such, he condemned their removal from the Presidential Secretariat. Thus, it is safe to deduce that had Dallas Alahapperuma - the Presidential Candidate Premadasa fielded at the recently held elections in Parliament - won, then the Presidential Secretariat would still be besieged by anarchists, who are getting increasingly aggressive.

There is an interesting observation to be made at this juncture. Before the Gotabaya Administration, Mr. Wickremesinghe became Sri Lanka's PM on five occasions. Each time he left Office more unpopular than he was before. It was the policies he stood for, which sympathized the terrorist and belittled our Security Forces, undermined our cultural values and neo-liberal policies that justified exchanging ownership of our strategic assets for easy cash that made him increasingly unpopular.

This is what makes President Wickremesinghe's turnaround refreshing and ignites hope that just maybe our country has got the kind of leader who will instill discipline, not play politics with crucial matters and end foreign interferences on our internal matters. President Wickremesinghe's recent actions are being equated to Presidents Ranasinghe Premadasa and Mahinda Rajapaksa. The votes that President Gotabaya lost but which refused to swing in Opposition Leader's favour are now watching President Wickremesinghe very keenly.

The interesting observation is the shift in thinking between President Wickremesinghe and Premadasa. With the Yahapalana Government's fall Wickremesinghe's political journey too was stunted. At the 2020 General elections all the UNP could muster was a single national list slot. With Wickremesinghe's fall those who closely associate him as business tycoon Malik Samarawickrama, TNA Spokesperson MA Sumanthiran and Born Agan pastor Eran Wickramaratne are now with Premadasa.

Presently, Premadasa's sympathizing and supporting anarchists is not gaining him any brownie points. In the meantime President Wickremesinghe, abandoned by his erstwhile associates, is correcting his course and earning public approval. Premadasa with his new found



Large crowds gathered at the Presidential Secretariat on July 9. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

friends is making the same blunders that Wickremesinghe did in the past.

US envoy Julie Chung's subsequent tweet did not include the President's explanation of the action taken to clear the Presidential Secretariat without disturbing the protest site or his pledge to uphold protestors' rights. She also left out the President's rebuke over diplomats' undiplomatic tweets. Instead, her tweet only focused on the concerns she shared with the Head of State over violating protestors' rights. It is her tweet and thus her prerogative to highlight the takeaways from the meeting that are important to her, even if it does not paint the full or correct picture.

Tweets alone do not undermine a Government. While it is important to set the record straight, to obsessively gnaw at misconstrued or unsubstantiated content is a mistake. It is more important to understand its purpose. Western sympathy towards the anarchists would not stop in its tracks just because President Wickremesinghe hid the diplomats.

Therefore, we must comprehend the reasons for this sympathy towards an undeserv-

ing group. It is equally vital we understand our own failings that gives space for unrequested advice and interference.

Sri Lanka's Longest Standing Conundrum

The worst experience Sri Lanka suffered due to foreign interference is when India throughout the better part of the 1970s and 1980s encouraged with training, funding and arming Sri Lankan Tamil youth to take arms against their own State. JR Jayewardene Administration's tangible measures to counter India's efforts failed because,

1. Zero effort was made to engage with the people;

2. The ally partnered with already had a vested interest in India or rather the Indian markets.

Consequently, Sri Lanka battled with terrorism for over 30 years. This gave India the space to push for a political solution that made little sense to most Sri Lankans. As per the 13th Constitutional Amendment (13A), the island is now divided into nine provinces, each with its own respective council.

However, the Northern and Eastern Provinces are to be merged, which would artificially create a Tamil majority. This political solution was India's answer to the separatists' demands, who refuse to live within a unitary system. Yet by merging the North and East, to be managed by one council, a unitary system is automatically created. The rest of the islanders who are happy with a unitary system under a Central Government are forced to accept a system with separate administrations.

If this 13A is not handled intelligently, it will be a stepping stone to a disintegrated Sri Lanka. Currently, the nine provinces are held together by the power vested by the Executive President.

Therefore, the concerted effort to abolish the Executive Presidency via the proposed 21st (21A) and 22nd (22A) Constitutional Amendments must be taken in conjunction with the impact it would have on the Provincial Councils. Without the executive presidency, these provinces will become free floating units.

Mischievously, those who advocate the abolishing of the executive presidency never address this outcome that will undermine the nation's sovereignty. Instead, the Executive Presidency is discredited as excessive power vested in one person allows corruption and arbitrary action.

Both the 21A and 22A are pushed by Sri Lankan politicians. A discernible foreign hand is not visible, except India's insistence on the full implementation of the 13A. If this is a joint operation or a pure coincidence is a moot point for the

result would be the same if the Executive Presidency is abolished whilst the 13A remains intact, unchanged.

Since the adaptation of the 13A, 34 years have passed. Other than the additional administrative layer with its corresponding expenses, Provincial Councils are yet to make an impact on Sri Lankans' lives. Without certain tweaks such as merging the North and East, this system does not even satisfy those seeking autonomy.

At the same time, we are yet to understand the importance the 13A holds for India. We still do not know what it is that India is trying to solve or gain via 13A.

Our lawmakers are more interested in consolidating power, even if in the midst of one of the worst economic crises. As those who are pushing to abolish executive presidency are either constitutional experts or well versed with the constitution, they cannot be ignorant of these dangers. Their silence over the possibility of losing the unitary status with the abolishing of the presidency indicates a slyness on their part.

This deceit on the part of our own politicians must be addressed if we are to successfully counter adverse foreign interferences and influences. Otherwise, all our other efforts, such as eradicating terrorism would only be short term solutions for immediate problems. In the long term, this matter would never be allowed to be put to rest.

The Mahinda Rajapaksa Administration avoided both cardinal errors of the JR Government. The whole nation was encapsulated into the notion of regaining peace. The military was marketed as an important part of the society, who treats every citizen with equal respect and care.

The international community, especially India, was not only briefed on the developments on the war front, but also involved in crucial matters such as sending food and essentials to those trapped in the conflict zones and providing medical assistance to those injured. The humanitarian concerns raised by the international community were immediately addressed. As per India's concerns, using heavy weaponry was refrained even though it meant heavier casualties for the military.

However, Mahinda Rajapaksa's Administration could not retain its victory as it failed to,

1. Understand the US foreign policy vis-a-vis Sri Lanka;

2. Keep intact the national unity that converged to eradicate the war;

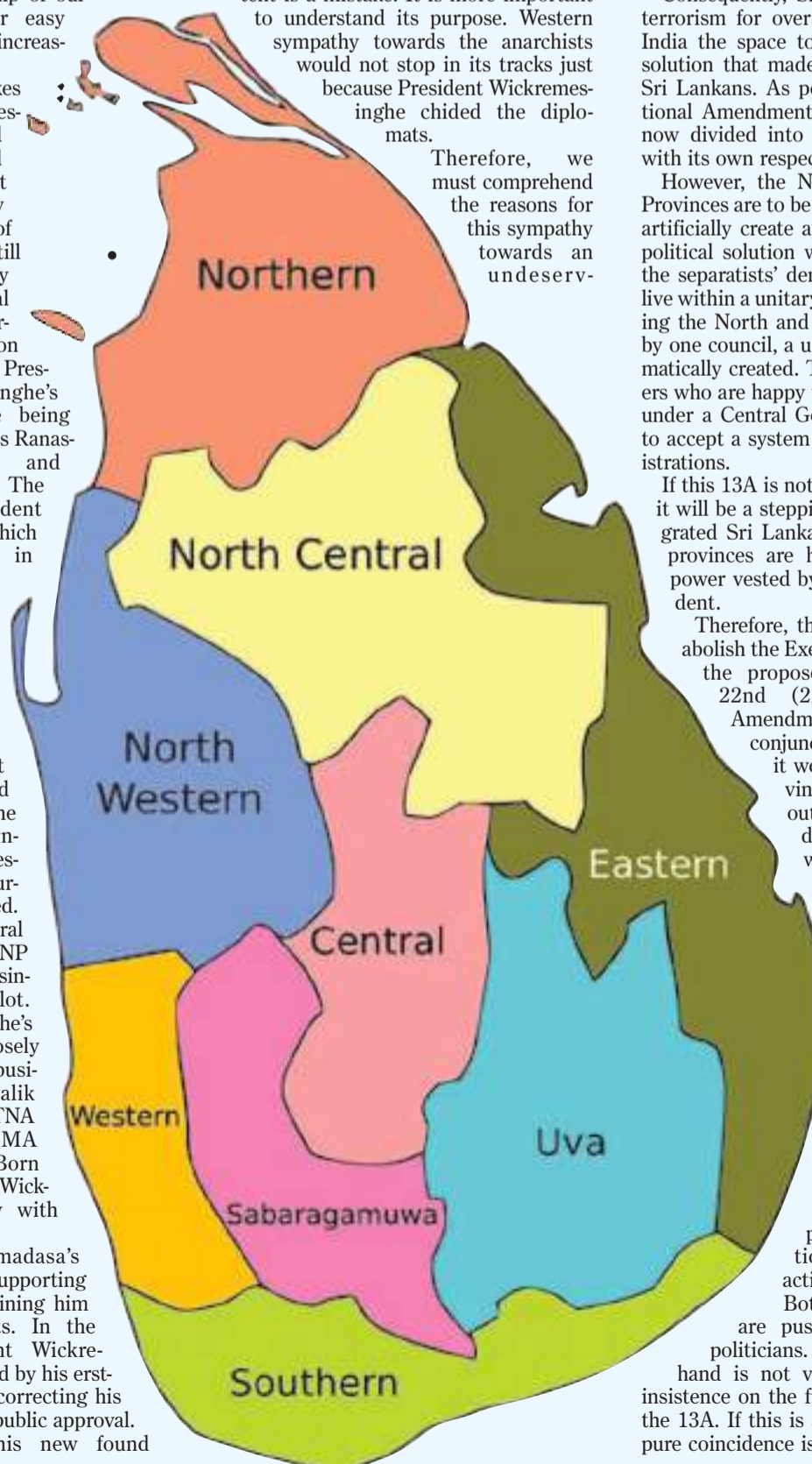
3. Establish the purpose of the war, sacrifices made and the significance of the peace regained;

4. Maintain the confidence in Mahinda Rajapaksa Administration's integrity;

5. Counter the rise of the Tamil Diaspora and the LTTE international network.

Consequently, the military victory of 2009 was overturned by our sheer inability to manage our international image and relations. Since then, both our political and military leadership have been humiliated and national security compromised. The present economic meltdown is also a result of our failure to safeguard our victory. More to the point, we are back right where we started with our territorial integrity under threat.

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SpaceX rocket debris fall on sheep farm in Australia

Chinese rocket debris crashes into Indian Ocean

AUSTRALIA: Parts of space junk were found at a sheep farm in Australia. It is believed to be one of the pieces of a SpaceX rocket, according to a report from ABC South-East NSW.

On July 9, a bang was heard throughout the Snowy Mountains in southern New South Wales. People in Albury, Wagga Wagga, and Canberra

could hear it for miles, the outlet said.

When a rocket is launched, pieces of the spacecraft frequently separate from the primary payload and fall back on Earth. When they come in contact with the planet's atmosphere, the majority of these fragments burn up.

The ocean, which makes up two thirds of the Earth's surface, is where

larger chunks that make it through the atmosphere are more likely to land. But sometimes they do manage to touch down the land.

There was much suspicion that it might have been brought on by the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft re-entering the Earth's atmosphere. An astrophysicist told Newsweek that the debris is likely from the trunk section of the

SpaceX Dragon spacecraft, which was launched in November 2020.

The nearly three-metre high object was found by sheep farmer Mick Miners in a remote area of his field in Numbla Vale, south of Jindabyne, Australia.

Meanwhile, the remains of a Chinese rocket that was hurtling back towards Earth have crashed into the

Indian Ocean, the country's space agency says.

The bulk of the rocket was destroyed as it re-entered the atmosphere, but state media reported that debris landed just west of the Maldives on Sunday.

There have been days of speculation over where the rocket might land, and US officials and other

experts warned its return risked potential casualties. But China insisted the risk was low.

The Long March-5b vehicle re-entered the atmosphere at 10:24 Beijing time (02:24 GMT) on Sunday, state media reported, citing the Chinese Manned Space Engineering office. There were no reports of injuries or damage. - BBC NEWS



Picture shows parts of space junk were found at a sheep farm in Australia.

Protesters settle in for the long haul at Iraqi Parliament

IRAQ: Volunteers shuttled back and forth in fleets of pickups to Iraq's normally secure Green Zone on Saturday as protesters who occupied Parliament earlier in the day settled in for the long haul.

The thousands of demonstrators who had overwhelmed the barriers protecting the compound camped out inside and outside Parliament as supporters delivered hot meals and bottles of cold water.

One man lit a fire to warm some tea while another offered cigarettes for sale - all as Iraqi Security Forces

watched on, correspondents reported. Inside the Parliament building, some protesters sat at lawmakers' desks while others milled about, raising their mobile phones to film the occupation.

The devout recited religious chants marking the Muslim month of Muharram, which starts on Sunday and is a key period in the Shiite religious calendar.

In the gardens outside, protesters pitched a large camouflage tent by the entrance as women with children joined

other supporters of mercurial Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr in setting up camp. Sadr, a former militia leader whose bloc emerged from October elections as the biggest parliamentary faction, has a devoted following among Iraq's Shiite-majority community.

The immediate trigger for the Sadrists' storming of Parliament was a rival Shiite bloc's nomination of a candidate for the Premiership.

- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES



Supporters of Iraqi Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr protesting inside the Parliament building in Baghdad on Saturday.

Spanish PM calls on nation to go tie-less



SPAIN: Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Friday called on office workers to throw sartorial caution to the wind and ditch their ties amid scorching summer temperatures.

In a move some might be surprised was even necessary given Spain's famously hot climate, Sanchez urged office workers to follow his own tie-free lead.

"I would like you to see that I am not wearing a tie," said Sanchez, smiling broadly, pointing to his open neck shirt during a news conference in Madrid.

Feeling a little more comfortable would save energy if it resulted in less air conditioning being used, he said.

"This means that we can all save energy," he said, adding that he had asked all ministers and public officials to stop wearing ties and hoped the private sector would also follow suit.

Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez

The Spanish Government is on Monday set to adopt a set of "urgent" energy-saving measures, Sanchez said, "in line with what other European countries do", without elaborating. - YAHOO NEWS



11 killed in Bangladesh train, bus collision

BANGLADESH: At least 11 people, including seven students, were killed when a minibus they were travelling in was hit by a train at an unmanned level crossing in Bangladesh's Chittagong district, according to a media report.

The accident happened on Friday in Mirsharai Upazila when the minibus carrying students and the teachers of a coaching centre was hit by the Dhaka-bound Provati Express train, the *Dhaka Tribune* reported on Friday.

Kabir Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mirsharai police station, said that among the deceased seven were students of almost the same age and four of them were teachers.

"The express rammed into the microbus, dragging it several hundred metres down the railway track. Among the microbus passengers, 11 were killed on

the spot while the rest five were badly injured in the incident," he said.

Anisur Rahman, deputy director of the Chittagong Divisional Office of Fire Service said firefighters recovered the bodies of the deceased from the scene and sent the injured to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital." - OUTLOOK INDIA



Human errors are accountable for 72% of rail accidents, according to Bangladesh Railway.

WHO Europe expects more Monkeypox-related deaths

DENMARK: The World Health Organisation's European office said Saturday that more monkeypox-related deaths can be expected, following reports of the first fatalities outside Africa, while stressing that severe complications were still rare.

"With the continued spread of Monkeypox in Europe, we will expect to see more deaths," Catherine Smallwood, Senior Emergency Officer at WHO Europe, said in a statement.

Smallwood emphasised that the goal needs to be "interrupting transmission quickly in Europe and stopping this outbreak."

However, Smallwood stressed that in most cases the disease heals itself without the need for treatment.

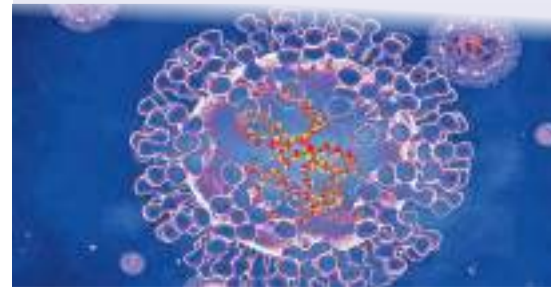
"The notification of deaths due to Monkeypox does not change our assessment of the outbreak in Europe. We know that although self-limiting in most cases, Monkeypox can cause severe complications," Smallwood noted.

The Spanish Health Ministry recorded a second Monkeypox-related death on Saturday, a day after Spain and Brazil reported their first fatalities.

The announcements marked what are thought to be the first deaths linked to the current outbreak outside Africa.

According to the WHO, more than 18,000 cases have been detected throughout the world outside of Africa since the beginning of May, with the majority of them in Europe. The WHO last week declared the Monkeypox outbreak a global health emergency.

Early signs of the disease include a high fever, swollen lymph glands and a chickenpox-like rash. The disease usually heals by itself after two to three weeks, sometimes taking a month. - ARAB NEWS



Norwegian woman summits 9th mountain in pursuit of 'super peaks' record

PAKISTAN: A Norwegian woman remains on course to climb the world's 14 "super peaks" in the shortest time ever, her Instagram account said, after she summited Pakistan's Broad Peak, the ninth mountain on her quest.

Pakistan is home to five of the world's 14 super peaks - those over 8,000 metres (26,246 feet). Climbing them all is considered the ultimate achievement by mountaineers.

Kristin Harila is taking on Nepali adventurer Nirmal Purja's 2019 record of six months and six days for climbing all 14.

On Thursday, day 76 of her pursuit, she scaled Broad Peak, the twelfth highest, a message on her Instagram page said.

Officials from the Alpine Club of Pakistan were not immediately available to

confirm the 36-year-old's latest feat, but it comes just six days after they said she had summited K2, the world's second highest peak.

"She is now descending to base camp, and then heading towards the two last mountains in the second phase of this project, Gasherbrum I and II," the Instagram message read.

Records have tumbled on Pakistan's mountains this year, according to the Alpine Club, with over 140 people summiting the 8,611-metre K2 - including 20 women.

Until this year, it had been scaled just 425 times, whereas Everest - the world's highest - has been conquered

by more than 6,000 people since Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first reached the top in 1953.

Last week, Sanu Sherpa, from Nepal, became the first person to complete the double summit of all 14 super peaks after reaching the top of Gasherbrum II. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES



Norwegian mountaineer Kristin Harila

HITLER'S WATCH SOLD FOR US\$ 1.1MN AT U.S. AUCTION

US: A watch said to have belonged to Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler sold for a whopping US\$1.1 million at an auction in the US despite apprehension by members of the Jewish community, a media report said.

The timepiece made by German watch firm Huber, which has a swastika and the initials AH engraved on it, was sold to an anonymous bidder at the Alexander Historical Auctions in Maryland, according to the BBC.

The auction house which deals with historic autographs, documents, and photographs, militaria from all conflicts, and important relics, says the watch was given

to Hitler most likely on April 20, 1933, on his 44th birthday when he became the Chancellor of Germany.

"The watch and its history have been researched by some of the world's most experienced and respected watchmakers and military historians, all of whom have concluded that it is authentic and indeed belonged to Adolf Hitler," the auctioneer said in its product catalogue.

It also said that watch was taken as a war souvenir when a group of some 30 French soldiers stormed the Berghof, Hitler's mountain retreat on May 4, 1945.

Among the members of the group was Sergeant Robert

Mignot, who returned to France with the watch, resold the timepiece it over to his cousin, according to the auction house.

The watch has remained in the exclusive possession of the Mignot family and has never been offered for sale before, it added.

But an open letter signed by 34 Jewish leaders described the sale as "abhorrent" and called on the Nazi items to be pulled from the auction, which also included a dress that belonged to Hitler's wife Eva Braun, autographed pictures of Nazi officials and a yellow cloth Star of David imprinted with the word "Jude", which is German for Jew. - IANS



The watch is believed to have been given to Hitler in 1933.



Biden tests positive for COVID-19 again

US: US President Joe Biden tested positive for COVID-19 again on Saturday, slightly more than three days after he was cleared to exit coronavirus isolation, the White House said, in a rare case of "rebound" following treatment with an anti-viral drug. In accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, Biden will reenter isolation for at least five days. He will isolate at the White House until he tests negative. - CNN

Kentucky flooding death toll rises to 25

US: Devastating flooding in Kentucky killed 25 people and the toll is expected to rise, the state's Governor Andy Beshear said on Saturday as rescuers continued their search for survivors. Some areas in eastern Kentucky had reported receiving more than eight inches (20 centimetres) of rain in a 24-hour period. - CNN

Floods kill at least 53 in Iran

IRAN: Rescuers searched for the missing in Iran after landslides and floods triggered by heavy rains killed at least 53 people, officials said. Two days of floods that have affected 400 towns and villages in 18 of Iran's 31 provinces. Many highways were closed. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

Prosecutors seek 8-year prison term for Pop Star Shakira

SPAIN: Spanish prosecutors said they would seek a prison sentence of more than eight years against global music superstar Shakira, after she rejected a plea deal on accusations of tax evasion. Prosecutors in Barcelona will also demand a fine of nearly 24 million euros (US\$24.5 million) from the 45-year-old "Hips don't Lie" songstress, whom they accuse of defrauding the Spanish tax office out of 14.5 million euros on income earned between 2012 and 2014. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

US \$1.3 billion lottery jackpot won

US: A lucky US lottery player has won a Mega Millions jackpot worth US\$1.337 billion (RM7.05 billion), one of the highest prizes ever, a US lottery official confirmed Saturday. The official Mega Millions site said a single ticket holder in the Midwestern state of Illinois - who has yet to be identified - had the six magic numbers and won a jackpot. - THE MALAY MAIL

CLEARING & TRANSPORTATION OF NEWSPRINT CONTAINERS AND CONSIGNMENTS

IMP/ADV/2022/13

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Bidding documents comprising general conditions, bidding conditions & Offer Sheet could be collected on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 01 August 2022 to 12 August 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. from Head of Procurement upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/- in cash.**

Bids should be sent to Head of Procurement to reach on or before 15 August 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Selection of Consultancy Firm for
"Preparation of Resettlement Policy Framework and
Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the
proposed Mannar Phase-II Wind Power Project"

INVITATION FOR BIDS

SRI LANKA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY

Procurement No : SEA/PD/RND/28-2022

Background and Scope of Work

Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) invites interested local firms to submit proposals for the "Preparation of Resettlement Policy Framework and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the proposed Mannar Phase-II Wind Power Project at Mannar Island", being implemented by SLSEA.

The objective of this consultancy service is to conduct a comprehensive assessment to identify the potential social impacts of the project and prepare the RAP, addressing the impacts of resettlement of the project-affected people after undertaking a comprehensive survey and qualitative data collection. The RAP, based on the principles outlined in the Project's Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) would set out the measures required to avoid or mitigate any project-related adverse socio-economic related impacts and arising from the involuntary resettlement of Project Affected Parties (PAPs) due to the proposed project. It will also recommend appropriate measures and actions including the provision of compensation and other resettlement and rehabilitation assistance and benefits for the project-affected households to sustain the living conditions maintained at pre-project levels and to improve living conditions and social environment better than the pre-project levels.

This particular assignment shall cover the areas mentioned below.

- Inventorization of the project impact areas;
- Census of project-affected persons/households/entities;
- Preparation of Inventory of Losses (IOL);
- Conducting socio-economic surveys in the project-affected areas;
- Poverty and vulnerability assessments;
- Stakeholder analysis and stakeholder consultations including dedicated consultations with women and vulnerable groups;
- Inclusion of sociological aspects of the resettlement policy framework and RAP to prepare the Final EIA Report

Notification of the Bidding Process

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding according to the Procurement Guidelines - 2006 and further details on the assignment are given in the "RFP Document" which can be viewed/downloaded from the SLSEA website through the following link: <http://www.energy.gov.lk/index.php/en/procurement>
- Interested Bidders who wish to submit their proposals may purchase "RFP Document" which can be downloaded from SLSEA's Website of "www.energy.gov.lk" under the Procurement section. Payment of a non-refundable cash payment of LKR 1,000/- should be paid to the General account of Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) mentioned below, clearly indicating the organization's name. Deposit slip/e receipt should be forwarded to procurement.slsea@gmail.com and slseafinance@gmail.com. A copy of the above payment receipt shall be submitted along with the Bid.
- A Pre-Bid meeting will be held online on **2022.08.09 at 10.30 hrs**, for the prospective Bidders to have a better understanding of the task. Bidders who are interested in joining the pre-bid meeting are required to send an email to procurement.slsea@gmail.com and obtain the link for the meeting.
- Technical proposal and Financial proposal should be separately sealed and submitted in one sealed envelope marked "Preparation of Resettlement Policy Framework and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the proposed Mannar Phase-II Wind Power Project" on the top left-hand corner. The sealed envelope shall be sent to reach **Procurement Division, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, No. 72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 07**, through hand delivery or by registered post on or before **10.30 hrs on 2022.08.29**. Late Bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing date & time, at the **Board Room of SLSEA, No. 72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 07**.
- Further details can be obtained from the Procurement Division of SLSEA through 0112575203/ 0112575030/ 0112575036 during office hours and by writing to procurement.slsea@gmail.com.

Account Particulars are as follows.

Bank : Bank of Ceylon
Branch : 453 - Torrington Square
Account No: 0074944408

Ministry Consultants Procurement Committee
Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority,
No. 72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha,
Colombo 07.

2022.08.01

• Closing date & time: 2022.08.29@10.30 hrs

INVITATION FOR BIDS

LAKE HOUSE CANTEEN

LPA/18/2022

Sealed bids are invited from experienced caterers to run the Lake House canteen. This canteen is kept open, from 6.00 am to 12.00 midnight and the successful caterer will have to supply varieties of quality foods and beverages in good condition at specified rates.

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Bidding documents comprising application, Terms and Conditions could be obtained from the **Procurement Department, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited from 01 August 2022 to 12 August 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday on payment of a refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000/- and a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/-.**

Completed bidding documents enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Bids for Canteen" on the top left-hand corner should be sent to reach the **Head of Procurement, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited**, by registered post **before 2.00 p.m. on 15 August 2022** or deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Procurement Department.

Bids will be opened immediately in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives at **2.00 p.m. on 15 August 2022.**

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REFURBISHMENT OF AUDITORIUM INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF NEW SOUND SYSTEM AT KATUNAYAKE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO : BOI/INF/KEPZ/01.05.044

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Refurbishment of auditorium including installation of new sound system at Katunayake Export Processing Zone.**
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements :
Required Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) Registration
Specialty : **Building Construction or Electrical & Mechanical Services**
Grade : **C7 or EM4 and above**
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
Bidder should have previous experience as a main Contractor in the field of Building Construction or Electrical & Mechanical Services during last 05 years.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Senior Deputy Director (Engineering Services), Engineering Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Katunayake Export Processing Zone, Katunayake (Tele/Fax No 011- 2254493 or 0777864052)** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs during working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application on a business letterhead to the address given in Section 3 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.3,500/= + VAT up to 22.08.2022. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the **Chairman Procurement Committee I A, C/o Senior Deputy Director (Engineering Services) Finance Department, Plaza Unit 05, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Katunayake Export Processing Zone, Katunayake** at or before 1400hrs on 23.08.2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 14.00 hrs on 23.08.2022. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 80,000.00 and validity period of the Bid Security shall be until 21.12.2022.
- Bids shall be valid up to **23.11.2022.**
- Pre Bid Meeting Will be held at 1000hrs on 16.08.2022 at the Office of the Director, Export Processing Zone, Katunayake.
- The address referred to above is:

Chairman Procurement Committee I A,
C/o Senior Deputy Director (Engineering Services)
Finance Department, Plaza Unit 05,
Board of Investment of Sri Lanka,
Katunayake Export Processing Zone,
Katunayake.

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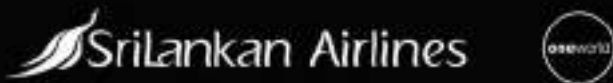
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INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS FOR THE SUPPLY OF WINES FOR ECONOMY CLASS SERVICE

Tender bid closing date: 14.09.2022 at 10:00hrs (Sri Lankan Time- GMT +0530)

Bidding forms can be downloaded directly from the following link
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**CHAIRMAN OF ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND AVIATION
ON BEHALF OF SRILANKAN AIRLINES**

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Office of the District Director of Health Services - Matara

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sealed tenders are accepted up to 10.00 a.m. on 21.08.2022 by the Procurement Board Chairman of the Office of the District Director of Health Services, Matara for the subject of work mentioned below. Tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on this day at this office in the presence of the tenderers.

Serial No.	Details	Refundable Guarantee (Rs.)	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)	Registration Required
Matara District (Province Specific Development Grants - Health)				
01	Further activities of the upper floor relevant to the two storied building of the Makandura Primary Medical Treatment Unit	10,000.00	1,000.00	C07 - C08
02	Toilet repairs in the Out-patient Section of the Kirinda - Puhulwella Primary Medical Treatment Unit	10,000.00	1,000.00	C08 - C07
03	Construction of the generator room of the Derangala Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
04	Repairs in the Out-patient Section of the Mirissa Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
05	Repairs in the Out-patient Section of the Narawelpita Hospital	10,000.00	1,000.00	C08 - C07
06	Construction of toilets in the Mirissa Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
07	Repairs to the Emergency Treatment Unit of the Urugamuwa District Hospital	10,000.00	1,000.00	C07 - C06
08	Preparation of a waiting area for the non-contagious diseases unit and the outdoor patient section of the Deiyandara Hospital	10,000.00	1,000.00	C08 - C07
09	Construction of the generator room in the Kapugama Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
10	Construction of Thripusha Stores in the Dickwella MOH Office	10,000.00	1,000.00	C08 - C07
11	Construction of the Generator Room in the Galbokka Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
12	Repairs to toilets of the Outdoor patient Section in Galbokka Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
13	Construction of the waiting area unit in the Morawaka District Hospital	10,000.00	1,000.00	C08 - C07
14	Painting the Drugs Store in the Yatiyana Primary Medical Care Unit	10,000.00	1,000.00	C08 - C07
15	Balance work at the Ladies Fitness Centre in the Aturaliya MOH Office	2,000.00	500.00	C10 - C09
16	Preparation of a waiting area in the Galbokka Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
17	Repairs to toilets in the Out-patient Section of the Mirissa Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
18	Repairs to Emergency Treatment Unit in the Narawelpita District Hospital	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
19	Repairing the Laboratory in the Urugamuwa District Hospital	2,000.00	500.00	C09 - C08
20	Preparation of a waiting area in the Urugamuwa District Hospital	10,000.00	1,000.00	C08 - C07
21	Repairing the Emergency Treatment Unit in the Mirissa Primary Medical Care Unit	20,000.00	1,500.00	C07 - C06
22	Repairs to the Outdoor Patient Building of the Kotapola Primary Medical Care Unit	7,500.00	750.00	C09 - C08
23	Preparation of a waiting area in the Maramba Primary Medical Care Unit	10,000.00	1,000.00	C08 - C07
24	Repairs to the Drugs Store in Ruhunugama District Hospital	2,000.00	500.00	C09 - C08
25	Partitioning within the Drugs Store of the Kamburupitiya Base Hospital	2,000.00	500.00	C09 - C08
26	Repairing the plumbing system in the Thalalla District Hospital	2,000.00	500.00	C09 - C08

- Tender forms could be obtained up to 2.00 p.m. on 20.08.2022 from the Office of the District Director of Health Services, Matara. Contractors resident in the Southern Province and possessing ICTAD registration and contractors registered in the Matara District could submit applications.
- Further details regarding tender could be obtained during working days of the week during normal office hours by contacting the Accounts Division on Telephone No. 041-2222154.
- The name of the work should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the tender and sealed and sent by registered post or could be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Office of the District Director of Health Services (Accounts Division).
Tenderers or their authorized representatives could be present on this occasion.
- Incomplete tenders will be rejected and the tender guarantee of such applicants and of those who fail to submit tenders will be forfeited.

Office of the District Director of Health Services
Paramulla,
Matara.
Date: 01.08.2022

District Director of Health Services
Chairman (Procurements)
District Director of Health Services

Invitation for Bids

Ministry of Health
Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama

Supplying Electricity to the Social Vision Unit

Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama on behalf of the Director, Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supplying electricity to the Social Vision Unit at Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama as described below and the contract period is 30 days.

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) Registration Required Specialty - Electrical & Mechanical Grade - EM-04 or above

Interested bidders may obtain further information from Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama and inspect the bidding documents at the address given above from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 Hrs.

A complete set of bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director, Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama from 01/08/2022 until 21/08/2022 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00.

Bids shall be delivered either by registered post or hand delivered to the Director, Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama at the below address before 10.00 hrs on 22/08/2022 (Time/Date). Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 59,497.50.

Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the date of closing of bids.

Bid security shall be valid up to 119 days from the date of closing of bids.

The decision of the Procurement Committee is Final.

The address referred to above is :

**Director,
Apeksha Hospital,
Maharagama.**

Tel - 011-2844450

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
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MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS
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AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE



ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

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

Contract No.	Name of the Project	Engineer's Estimate (with Contingencies & without VAT (Rs.) (Million)	Bid Security (Rs.)	CIDA Registration Grade	Construction Duration (Months)
SMRR/RBP/RDA/SBP/KGL/27	Reconstruction of Godakumbura Bridge with single-cell	6.42	50,000.00	C7/C6	07

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure & regional preference shall be applied as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No: 04/2016/ (II).
- You may obtain further information from Provincial Director's office, RDA, No:04, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Ratnapura. Phone No. 045-2222608.
- Pre Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Chief Engineer's Office-Kegalle, Road Development Authority, Ambanpitiya at 10.00 hrs on 08.08.2022 and site visit will be arranged on the same day.
- It is Mandatory for bidders to register under Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 for each contract (for contract value is more than 5 million) separately.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application and ICTAD book to the Provincial Director (SBP), Road Development Authority, No: 04, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Ratnapura from 02/08/2022 until 16/08/2022 from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable Tender fee of Rs. 2,500/= for each document (Excluding VAT).
- Bids mentioning the name on top left-hand corner with separate envelopes shall be delivered in duplicate by registered post or by hand to the "The Chairman, Provincial Procurement Committee (SBP), Road Development Authority, Ratnapura", at or before 14.00 hrs. on 17.08.2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing.
- Bids shall be valid up to 15/11/2022.
- Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security. Bid Security shall be valid up to 13/12/2022.

The Chairman,
Provincial Procurement Committee (SAB),
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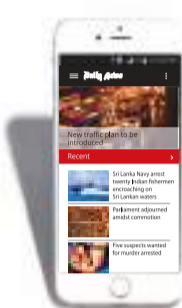
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Sadisha pilots Royal to a grand eight wicket win over Thomians

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

All rounder Sadisha Rajapaksa made an unbeaten match-winning knock of 69, as Royal College recorded an eight-wicket win at the 45th Mustangs Trophy encounter last Saturday at the SSC grounds.

It was a superb batting performance by National under 19 cricketer Rajapaksa who used his experience to reach their victory

target with 7.3 overs to spare. S. Thomas' skipper Ryan Fernando won the toss and elected to bat first at the SSC wicket but they were contained to 190 for 8 wickets in 50 overs with two half centuries hit by Mahith Perera (52n.o) and Muizz Naushan (50) to build up their innings. Skipper Ryan Fernando also had a useful knock of 30 while off spinner Sadisha Rajapaksa and

Damith Kappagoda took two wickets each to contain the Thomians.

Royal chasing their target of 191 runs Sadisha Rajapaksa and Uvindu Weerasekara played with confidence and this pair shared a 66-run partnership for the third wicket to seal the victory with 7.3 overs to spare with eight wickets in hand to clinch the Mustangs Trophy for the 23rd time.

Chief Scores

S. Thomas' 190 for 8 wickets in 50 overs (Mahith Perera 52n.o., Muizz Naushan 50, Ryan Fernando 30, Damith Kappagoda 2/19, Sadisha Rajapaksa 2/45)

Royal: 191 for 2 wickets in 42.3 overs (Sadisha Rajapaksa 69 n.o., Sineth Jayawardena 39, Uvindu Weerasekara 35 n.o.)



Man of the Match Sadisha Rajapaksa of Royal College, Colombo who made a brilliant knock of 69 not out receiving the trophy from the Chief Guest Hemaka Balasooriya, General Manager Retail Operations of Dialog Axiata PLC, while Sub Warden STC Asanka Perera looks on. (Picture by Herbert Perera)

Joes eye big win to book Super Round berth

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

St. Joseph's College will look to seal their place in the Super Round stage when they take on St. Anthony's College in their inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division Inter-Schools Rugby Tournament match at Havelock Park today.

The Joes are currently placed third in Group-2 with a tally of 17 points and a victory would put them on par with Trinity College, who have already completed their maximum of five games in the preliminary round. However, in case of two teams having secured equal points, St. Joseph's will still advance into the Super Round stage as they will have the added advantage of having defeated Trinity 20-15 during an earlier fixture in Pallekele.

In fact, that performance was undoubtedly their best this season after having started the tournament with a comprehensive 34-3 victory against Kingswood College at Havelock Park.

Thereafter, St. Joseph's went on to edge out S. Thomas' College 30-28 to regain the Lady Jayathilaka Shield before losing their unbeaten record against the defending champions Royal following a 3-17 defeat at the Royal Complex last week.



Jeyan Amarasinghe (St. Anthony's Captain)



Teran Karunanayake (St. Joseph's Captain)

The Antonians, of course, are coming out after a decent performance last week where they provided a real challenge against S. Thomas' before going down 25-32 in a high-scoring encounter at Havelock Park. In fact, St. Anthony's have featured in a couple of close matches this season but have been unable to convert their dominance into points.

Despite going in as the underdogs, their performance against the hometown rivals Trinity was quite outstanding as they were beaten 18-25 following an exciting contest at the Nittawela Stadium in Kandy. The Antonians, no doubt, will be deter-

mined to produce a repeat performance and try to stretch the favourites to the maximum in their attempt to create a major upset in their last outing of the preliminary round.

Meanwhile, St. Joseph's will be forced to start the game sans their Head Coach Nilfer Ibrahim, who is currently on national duty with the Sri Lanka Men's Seven-A-Side Rugby Team in Birmingham, England.

The Joes will need to start fresh and reduce the number of casualties as well as they had the awful experience of having a couple of players stretched out due to injuries in last week's game against Royal.

Three Sri Lankan badminton officials in Birmingham

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Three Sri Lankan Badminton umpires are officiating in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Two senior International umpires Rohana de Silva and Lakpriya Edirisinghe together with one and only lady Sri Lankan Badminton official Samantha Nawaratne who is a line judge have joined Badminton World Federation (BWF) officials in Birmingham.

Rohana de Silva is a Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) officer currently serving as the Director of the External Resources Department, General Treasury. Prior to being promoted as the SLAS Officer, he had served as a teacher in government schools.

Rohana de Silva received his primary education at Rewatha Central College, Balapitiya before moving to Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda for his secondary education. De Silva who was the former SLB Secretary holds a master's degree in Economics from the University of Kelaniya and a bachelor's degree in Natural Science from the Open University of Sri Lanka

having served Sri Lanka Administration from long period.

Rohana started his badminton technical official career in 1995 and at present, he is a Badminton World Federation certified Umpire, Badminton Asia (BA) Referee, and BA Umpire Assessor. He is a member of the Badminton Asia Technical Official Committee and the Sri Lanka Badminton Association Technical Committee too.

Rohana de Silva as an Umpire officiated in many top-level badminton tournaments including five world championships, six world Junior Championships, three world tour finals, Two Suderman Cup finals, and Thomas & Uber Cup Finals. Also, this is the third commonwealth game Rohana will represent Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile experienced BWF umpire Lakpriya Edirisinghe once again got a chance to represent Commonwealth Games after the successful events conducted by BWF. Lakpriya the product of Asoka MV Colombo later became the National rank shuttler from 1993 to 2005.

He started his umpiring

career from 1995 presently works as BWF experience umpire having officiate more than 100 International tournaments all over the world.

He was the first Sri Lankan Badminton umpire to officiate the Paralympic games in Tokyo. He already officiated Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Paralympic games, Asian Badminton championship as well as many tournaments conducted by South Asian, Asian and BWF. Edirisinghe presently handled his own Lakpriya Edirisinghe Badminton Academy at Ragama.

Samanthi Nawaratne the only official from Badminton who has officiated in most of the domestic tournaments. She had lot of experience as tournament referee at the domestic level having experience of officiating in foreign tours as line judge as well as umpire.

Samanthi hails from Rambukkana earlier worked at the Sri Lanka Badminton tournament committee activities and her ability to work as tournament match referee highly appreciated by the SLB officials.



Lakpriya Edirisinghe



Rohana De Silva



Samanthi Nawaratne

Wesley in easy win over Rajans



HAFIZ MARIKAR

On Saturday 30th Wesley College rugby XV registered a 31 -12 win over Dharmaraja College in their first round inter school game which helped them to enter the second round Wesley got off to a good start and dominated play in the first half to ead 19-5 at half time.

Wesley ruggerites wasted no time and scored first in the seventh minute of the game, and went on to score 31 points off three goals and two tries against 12 points one goal and one try.

The point scorers for Wesley College were Thrush Jayaweera two tries, Nithila Rodrigo two tries, Thabeeth Hafiz one and the kicking part was done by Shane Hopwood and Shaveen Jayawardene. For Dharmaraja College Saumiya Wijasiri and Thenuka Wickremasinghe scored a try each and one was goaled by Saumiya Wijesiri

Aaqil Jamaldeen - refereed

Trinity boxers excel

Trinity College boxers made Kandy proud by taking the third place in the 47th L.V Jayaweera All Island schools boxing meet. This event took place at the St. Sylvester's College boxing ring with 450 boxers from 98 schools around the

country in action. In 2019 Trinity College took the second place and this meet was after three years.

Trinity College entered the meet with seven talented boxers. This year, due to the high number of boxers each participant had five bouts to complete. All Trinity College boxers were able to win their first round bouts on day one.

By the end of day two they had six boxers still in the ring, which was the highest number of participants along with a few other schools.

Six of the top boxers from Trinity College team managed to enter the quarter finals and out of them three were able to reach the semi-finals.

They were able to win two

Gold medals and a Bronze medal. The Gold medalists are Ronal Weerasekara (39 - 41Kg), Salman Faris (46 - 48Kg). Bronze medal was won by Parakrama Sooriyabandara (50 - 52Kg). Then the Preliminary round winners were Zenel Zakeer (35 - 37Kg), Nethul Hulangamuwa (48 - 50kg), Hirun Kularathne (54 - 56Kg), Malindu Bandara (60 - 63.5Kg).

A big hand should go to the principal Rev. Fr. Araliya Jayasundara for giving big support for boxing and also Lahiru Senaratne coach and Aslam Marikar MIC for the guidance and support to the boxers. Now they are getting ready for the TB Jayah tournament which is going to be held this month.

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Winning Letter: R
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Dhana Nidhanaya DRAW NUMBER: 062
TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
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Dhana Nidhanaya DRAW NUMBER: 061
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Rs. 66,194,112.40

Govisetha DRAW NUMBER: 3073
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Rs. 3,799,900.00

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HANDAHANA DRAW NUMBER: 141
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Rs. 5,029,240.00

Winning Numbers: 02 54 55 60
THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 3,437,298.40

HANDAHANA DRAW NUMBER: 140
TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 5,127,420.00

Winning Numbers: 10 13 25 31
THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 3,434,955.80

Mega POWER DRAW NUMBER: 1180
TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 3,564,660.00

Winning Numbers: F 11 04 21 24 47
NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 263,230,326.00

Mega POWER DRAW NUMBER: 1179
TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW
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Army corporal Dilanka wins first medal for Lanka



By
Allaam Ousman



Dilanka Kumara with his bronze medal

A 26-year-old Corporal from Sri Lanka Army Service Corps hailing from Kurunegala Dilanka Isuru Kumara Yodage won Sri Lanka's first medal at the XXII Commonwealth Games in Birmingham when he was placed third in the men's 55kg weightlifting event on Saturday.

"I always had hopes of winning a medal and was confident because of the training I underwent," said an elated Dilanka Kumara after adorning himself with a bronze medal to launch Sri Lanka campaign in weightlifting.

In a highly competitive weight category where gold medallist Malaysia's Mohamad Aniq set a Games record of 249kg followed to pip India's Mahadev Sargar (248), Kumara lifted a total of 225kg (105 snatch and 135 clean and jerk) to clinch third place. He failed in his attempt to snatch 112kg and lift 137kg and 141kg in the clean and jerk.

This was Kumara's first international medal failing to win a podium place at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship in December but qualifying for the Games in a Singapore tournament in February.

"We had more expectations but we achieved our goal of winning a medal. Considering the situation in the country where we could not get fuel to go for

training, we have to content with this performance. Perhaps his performance was affected by the chilly weather. We are confident we can win more medals in the weightlifting," said assistant coach Rukshan Chinthaka, a Sports Officer from Wayamba Province.

The biggest disappointment was Sri-mali Samarakoon, gold medallist at the Commonwealth Championship and Singapore tournament in the 45kg weight class. Competing in the women's 49kg event for the first time, she failed in three attempts to lift 90kg in the clean and jerk to finish in eighth position. India's Chanu Saikhom Mirabai won the gold medal with a total of 201kg setting a new Games Record while Morocco's Marie Hantra Roilya (172kg) and Canada's Hannah Kaminski (171kg) won silver and bronze respectively.

Another medal prospect in weightlifting, Chamari Warnakulasuriya finished seventh in the women's 55kg weight

category lifting a total of 164kg. Nigeria's Adijah Adenika Olariyoye lifted a total of 203kg to win the gold medal in a new Games record pipping India's Bindarani Devi Sorobkhaibam (202) and England's Frerer Morrow (198).

Sri Lanka's women's T20 cricket team lost to England in their opening pool B match at Edgbaston on Saturday night with the hosts coasting to a five-wicket win almost three overs to spare in a low-scoring encounter. Australia beat India by three wickets, Pakistan lost to Barbados while New Zealand beat South Africa by 13 runs.

Sri Lanka's Tuskers played their hearts out against England in their pool A match. Sri Lanka closed the gap to 21-12 at half time but England romped home 47-19 scoring seven tries and six conversions. Tharinda Ratwattee, skipper Srinath Sooriyabandara, and Buddhima Piyaratne scored a try apiece for Sri Lanka.

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In the 9/16 quarter-final against Uganda, Sri Lanka lost 38-19 fighting back after trailing 19-5 at the break. Uganda scored six tries and four conversions while Sooriyanbandara, Buddhima Piyaratne and Reeza Raffiaideen scored the tries for Sri Lanka.

Ganga Seneviratne competing in the 100m backstroke clocked one minute 06.17 seconds in heat seven which produced several of the fastest qualifiers for the next round.

BADMINTON-Mixed Team Group A

Sri Lanka beat Pakistan 4-1
Mixed Doubles: Sachin Dias/Thilini Hendahewa beat Muhammad Irfan Saeed Bhatti/ Ghazala Siddique 2-0, **Men's Singles:** Niluka Karunaratne beat Murad Ali 2-0, **Women's Singles:** Vidara Suhansi Vidanage lost to Mahoor Shahzad 2-0, **Men's Doubles:** Sachin Dias/Niluka Karunaratne bt Murad Ali/ Muhammad Irfan Saeed Bhatti 2-0, **Women's Doubles:** Thilini Hendahewa/ Vidara Suhansi Vidanage bt Mahoor Shahzad/Ghazala Siddique 2-0

India beat Sri Lanka 5-0
Mixed Doubles: Satwick Sairaj Rankireddy/Machimanda Ponnappa bt Sachin Dias / Thilini Hendahewa 2-0, **Men's Singles:** Lakshya Sen beat Niluka Karunaratne 2-0, **Women's Singles:** Aakarshi Kashyap bt Vidara Suhansi Vidanage 2-0, **Men's Doubles:** B Sumeeth Reddy/Chirag Chandrashekar Shetty bt Duminu Abeywickrama/ Sachin Dias 2-0, **Women's Doubles:** Treesa Jolly/Gayathri Gopichand Pullela bt Thilini Hendahewa/Vidara Suhansi Vidanage 2-0

Sri Lanka beat Australia 3-2
Mixed Doubles: Sachin Dias/Thilini Hendahewa beat Yinyang Ziang Lin/Gronya Somerville 2-0, **Men's Singles:** Niluka Karunaratne bt Nathan Tang 2-0, **Women's Singles:** Vidara Suhansi Vidanage lost to Hsua-Yu Wendy Chen 2-0, **Men's Doubles:** Sachin Dias/Niluka

Karunaratne bt Tran Hoang Phan/ Jack Yu 2-0, **Women's Doubles:** Thilina Hendahewa, Vidara Suhansi Vidanage lost to Hsuan-yu Wndy Chen/Gronya Somerville 2-0

RUGBY SEVENS- MEN
9/16 Quarter final 3: Uganda bt Sri Lanka 38-19 (19-5)

Pool A: Samoa bt Sri Lanka 44-0 (27-0), England bt Sri Lanka 47-19 (21-12)

WOMEN 5/8 semifinal 2: Scotland bt Sri Lanka 58-0 (38-0)

Pool A: Canada bt Sri Lanka 74-0 (36-0), New Zealand bt Sri Lanka 60-0 (36-0)

SWIMMING-Women's 100m Backstroke
Heat 4: Ganga Seneviratne 7th (1:06.17) failed to qualify

WOMEN'S T20 CRICKET- England bt Sri Lanka by 5 wickets

Scores: Sri Lanka 106/9 (20) (Chamari Atapattu 10, Hasini Perera 17, Nilakshika Silva 25, Kaveesha Walikothage 10, Oshadi Ranasinghe 13; Sophie Ecclestone 3-25, Freya Kemp 2-14, Issy Wong 2-10) England 109/5 (17.1) (Sophia Dunkley 14, Alice Capsey 44, Nat Sciver 17, Mai Bouchier 21no, Oshadi 2-20, Inoka Ranaweera 3-29)

SQUASH- Men's Singles
Round of 32: Saurav Ghoshal (India) bt Shamil Wakeel 3-0 (11-4 11-4 11-6), Greg Lobban (Scotland) bt Ravindu Lakshiri 3-0 (11-9 11-4 12-10);

Round of 64: Ravindu Lakshiri bt Shomari Wiltshire (Guyana) 3-1 (11-2 11-1 7-11 11-3), Shamil Wakeel bt Shawn Simpson (Barbados) 3-2 (6-11 9-11 11-6 11-9 11-1)

Women's Singles
Round of 32: Nicole Bunyan (Canada) bt Chanithma Sinaly 3-0 (11-1 11-8 11-4), Georgina Kennedy (England) bt Yeheni Kuruppu 3-0 (11-1 11-1 11-1);

Round of 64: Yeheni Kuruppu bt Ashley Khalil (Guyana) 3-2 (11-4 11-9 9-11 3-11 11-4)

BOXING- Men's Over 60kg-63.5kg (Light Welter): Joseph Tyers (England) bt Sanjeeva Bandara Rajakaruna WP 5:0

WEIGHT LIFTING- Men's 55 KG
1 Bin Kashan Mohamad Aniq (Malaysia) 107kg (snatch) 142kg (clean and jerk) 249kg (Games Record)

2 Sanket Mahadev Sargar (India) 248kg (113 and 135)

3 Dilanka Isuru Kumara Yodage (Sri Lanka) 225kg (105 and 135)

3x3 BASKETBALL-Men
Pool A: Scotland bt Sri Lanka 16-9 (Rukshan Atapattu 4, Yoganathan Simron 5)

Women- Pool A: Kenya beat Sri Lanka 21-8 (Nihari Perera 3, Taniya Perera 3, Chalani Perera 2), Scotland bt Sri Lanka 21-5

COUNTRY	G	S	B	Total
1 Australia	13	8	11	32
2 New Zealand	7	4	2	13
3 England	5	12	4	21
4 Canada	3	3	5	11
5 Scotland	2	4	6	12
6 Malaysia	2	0	1	3
7 South Africa	2	0	0	2
8 India	1	2	1	4
9 Bermuda	1	0	0	1
9 Nigeria	1	0	0	1
9 Trinidad & Tobago	1	0	0	1
9 Uganda	1	0	0	1
13 Wales	0	1	2	3
14 Kenya	0	1	1	2
15 Mauritius	0	1	0	1
15 Papua New Guinea	0	1	0	1
15 Singapore	0	1	0	1
15 Tanzania	0	1	0	1
19 Cyprus	0	0	1	1
19 Namibia	0	0	1	1
19 Northern Ireland	0	0	1	1
19 Sri Lanka	0	0	1	1

Sports Minister intervenes to provide air tickets for junior athletes

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The junior national athletic team, who were stranded in Colombo due to an administrative mishap were finally able to take wing to Cali, Colombia after timely intervention by the Sri Lanka Athletic (SLA) President Major General Palitha Fernando and Minister of Sports Roshan Ranasinghe. However, Tharushi Karunaratne missed her flight last Saturday and left yesterday with the second batch.

The seven athletes were to leave for the World Under-20 Athletic Championship 2022 in Colombia which is to be held from August 1 to 6 at the Estadio Olimpico Pascual Guerrero in Cali, Colombia. Seven promising athletes have qualified for the top most event, but the delay of visa and air tickets has flushed all hopes of taking part in the event. Especially the funds for this tour have to be issued by the Sports Development Department headed by Sports Director General Amal Edirisooriya was not issued on time and SLA officials had to face a lot of difficulties before this tour.

The President of SLA Major General Palitha Fernando took responsibility to get a team visa for this tour while Sports Minister finally worked hard to allocate funds to issue air tickets at the last moment.

SLA has made all necessary



The veteran coach Badra Gunawardena and athletes Kaveesha Bandara and Hirusha Bandara inside the flight.

arrangements to purchase the air tickets and were waiting for the final approval of the Ministry of Sports, which will be funding the team's airfare. SLA earlier booked the tickets but due to visa delay, it was cancelled, and once again they have to work hard for that.

The funds were to be issued from the Sports Director General but he had already travelled to Birmingham for the Commonwealth Games early and he never

arranged to issue these funds. Finally, Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe worked hard on this issue. SLA President Major General Palitha Fernando was keen to come forward to get the visa at the last moment. Even though Saturday is a holiday SLA President coordinated with Visa officials and got visas for the athletes at the last moment while at that time no tickets were available for economy class and Sports Minis-

ter came forward to give funds to travel with the Business class tickets.

The team that was supposed to travel to Colombia included Kaveesha Bandara (Men's 110m Hurdles), Dhanuka Darshana (Men's 400m Hurdles), Pasindu Malshan (Men's Triple Jump), Rumeshe Tharanga (Men's Javelin Throw), Hirusha Hashen (Men's Long Jump), Amesha Hettiarachchi (Women's 400m Hurdles) and Tharushi Karunaratne (Women's 400m,800m).

The team travelled to Colombia via Brazil in two batches according to a senior official of the SLA. The first batch comprising, Hirusha Heshan and Kaveesha Bandara left on Saturday accompanied by team coach Badra Gunawardena. However same day Tharushi Karunaratne missed her flight due to a delay of her baggage which was brought by her parents. Tharushi Karunaratne came to the Airport with SLA President on time but her parents were unable to give her baggage on time and as a result, Tharushi missed her first event 800m. This was very disappointing.

The second batch of Amesha Hettiarachchi, Dhanuka Darshana, Pasindu Malshan, and Rumeshe Tharanga left the island yesterday accompanied by manager Susantha Fernando and Tharushi Karunaratne who is an athlete of Walla A.Ratnayake MV.

S.Thomas' beat Kingswood 36-8

HAFIZ MARIKAR

S. Thomas' College ruggerites defeated Kingswood College by 36 points (three goals, three tries) to 8 (one try and a penalty kick at goal) in their inter-school rugby encounter at Nittawela yesterday. Thomians played as a team with their forwards combining superbly with the backs giving a good game.

Kingswoodians played well in patches but failed to click as a team and match the Thomians in scoring. It was the Thomians who scored the opening try in the fourth minute, from there they took control of the game and scored another try to make the score 10. The Kingswoodians came back into the game and went on to score 8 points off a try and a penalty. Thomians hit back and scored a try to make it 17-8 at halftime.

After the halftime break, Thomians scored another goal to make the score 24-8.



After some good ball handling from the Thomians, they were able to score another try to make the score 29-08. The Thomians who took the control of the game scored a goal once again to make the final score 36-08.
Anura Shantha - refereed.

SLSRFA keen to tackle schools' rugby violence



Action from the match between Vidyarthi and Isipathana (Pic courtesy ThePapare.com)

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

The Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Schools Rugby Football Association (SLSRFA) have decided to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the incident, which occurred soon after the Inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division League Rugby Tournament match between Vidyarthi College and Isipathana College on Friday at the Nittawela Stadium in Kandy.

The Isipathana players came under heavy attack as they were allegedly assault-

ed by the opposition players and a section of spectators, moments after the visitors pulled off a hard-fought 25-23 victory.

This win also helped Isipathana to make it five wins from five outings as they qualified for the Super Round stage of this 12-team tournament with an unbeaten record while Vidyarthi bowed out having recorded three victories from five matches.

Isipathana had five casualties after the nightmare incident with three of them

suffering serious injuries and two players escaped with minor injuries.

However, a spokesman for Isipathana said all five players are out of danger and will begin their training this week in preparation for their opening Super Round game during the weekend.

Meanwhile, an official of the SLSRFA said that the host team is responsible for the security at the venue and some of the Vidyarthi players and officials are in danger of being suspended for a lengthy period.

Two teams from SL to 44th Chess Olympiad

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The 44th Chess Olympiad, organized by The International Chess Federation, commonly referred by its French acronym FIDE is now in progress in Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu, India. It started on July 28 and will conclude on August 10. Ten Sri Lankan chess players are taking part this tournament. Former National chess champion Suneetha Wijesuriya who won chess Olympiad Gold medal in 1990, is the highlight International chess medal won by a Sri Lankan.

The Chess Olympiad is a classic world-wide event where the best of the best compete against each other for their

respective nations. The Chess Olympiad crowns the strongest national team which will be considered the strongest chess nation of that time and FIDE's Team Champion.

This year's Sri Lankan Chess stars that are competing in this long-awaited tournament will be as follows:

Open: 1. IM Susal De Silva, 2. FM Ranindu Liyanage, 3. FM Isuru Alahakoon, 4. K G T S D Kiriella, 5. Nabil Nazam Mohomed

Girls: 1. WIM Sachini Ranasinghe, 2. Desandhi Gamage, 3. Janandani Abeyasinghe, 4. WCM Pasindi Wijesuriya, 5. WCM Minethma Wickramasinghe



Former National chess champion and chess Olympiad Gold medal winner Suneetha Wijesuriya

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Merchandise trade balance records surplus in June

First time since August 2002

The merchandise trade balance recorded a surplus in June 2022 for the first time since August 2002, reflecting the impact of historically high monthly export earnings and the continued decline in import expenditure.

The balance in the merchandise trade account in June 2022 recorded a surplus of US dollars 21 million, compared to the deficit of US dollars 652 million recorded in June 2021, and a trade surplus of US dollars 110 million was recorded. Earnings from merchandise exports in June 2022 increased by 23.9% over the corresponding month in

2021, recording US dollars 1,248 million, which is the highest ever monthly export earnings recorded.

Total earnings from the exports of agricultural goods in June 2022 increased by 9.2%, compared to June 2021, with a substantial share of the increase being contributed by seafood (primarily, fresh and frozen fish) and minor agricultural products (primarily, areca nuts). Meanwhile, the cumulative deficit in the trading account during January-June 2022 narrowed to US dollars 3,514 million from US dollars 4,316 million recorded over the same period in 2021.

Expenditure on the importation of consumer goods in June 2022 declined substantially by 53.8%, compared to June 2021, contributed mainly by a reduction of 46.1 per cent in food and beverages and 59.7% in non-food consumer goods.

The year-on-year decline in import expenditure on food and beverages can be largely attributed to dairy products (mainly, milk powder), oils and fats (mainly, coconut oil), vegetables (mainly, big onions, masoor dhal and garlic), and sugar.

The decline in expenditure on nonfood consumer goods was broad-based but the

drop in imports of medical and pharmaceuticals (mainly, medicaments), telecommunication devices (mainly, mobile telephones) and

home appliances (mainly, televisions) were notable. Meanwhile, an increase in expenditure was observed on clothing and accessories.

Gross official reserves reach USD 1.9 bn in June



Gross official reserves stood at US dollars 1.9 billion as of the end of June 2022. This included the swap facility from the People's Bank of China, equivalent to around US dollars 1.5 billion, which is subject to conditionalities on usability.

The Central Bank continued to supply forex liquidity to finance essential imports by utilising inflows to gross official reserves. Consequently, the level of usable reserves continues to remain at a significantly low level by the end of June 2022. Total foreign assets, which consist of gross official reserves and gross foreign assets of the banking sector, amounted to US dollars 5.5 billion at the end of June 2022.

Foreign investment in the government securities market recorded a marginal net inflow, while that in the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) recorded a marginal net outflow during June 2022.

Cinnamon Life opening to act as catalyst for MICE tourism

Casino operations to be facilitated under new legal framework

The Cinnamon Life project's hotel and mall are expected to act as a catalyst for the growth of MICE tourism in the broader Colombo region. The project has already earmarked space to be operationalized by another entity as a gaming centre. Internal estimates by John Keells Holdings (JKH) suggest that though currently there is an over-capacity of room inventory in the Colombo region, given the advent of a single big conference there would be a shortfall in room inventory.

The cabinet of ministers in July had just approved a new framework for the operation of casinos and that framework is expected to be gazetted in the coming months. JKH also notes that there are already 4 operational casinos in Colombo. Given JKH's investor profile they are hoping for a better more transparent legal framework to act as a venue for a gaming operation.



Cinnamon Life Offices currently being occupied by HCL Technologies.

JKH Chairman Krishan Balendra when asked about Cinnamon Life's casino reiterated the company's long-term position. He said, "We will not operate it ourselves. It is not a business that we are in. In the Cinnamon Life complex in the area connected to the hotel, there is a space of about 165,000 square feet over three floors. One floor is over 100,000 square feet which we intend to rent out as a casino operation. We have been asking that the government introduce regulations and formally license casinos so that we can rent out the space to an operator."

Group Finance Director and Deputy Chairman Gihan Cooray and Balendra were speaking on 29 July at the JKH investor webinar following the release of their quarterly results.

Given the way the legal agreements have been structured, the accounting policies of the group, and the holding structure of the entity there has been a loss recorded by subsidiary companies for their stake in the Cinnamon Life project. On being queried about the losses and the remaining 161 apartment units to be sold Cooray noted that the losses were expected. He said given the dilution of holding by subsidiary entities which did not infuse further capital into the project and the losses associated at the beginning of a project the group had already forecast the losses.

The group also boasted considerable gains in its bunkering and leisure businesses. The bunkering business showed a 54% Year-on-Year (YoY) growth in volumes. The profits were further accentuated by higher margins on the business and new demand created by local entities importing fuel to operationalize their generators.

Volumes at the Terminal Business South Asia Gateway Terminals posted stagnant volumes but gained due to the depreciation of the rupees. **▶ TO PAGE 18**

Foreign exchange grey market activity increases

Workers' remittances moderated to US dollars 274 million during June 2022, in comparison to US dollars 304 million in the previous month and US dollars 478 million in the corresponding month in the previous year.

An increase in grey market activity of foreign exchange transactions was also witnessed. Meanwhile, total departures for foreign employment were recorded at 26,944 during June 2022, a notable increase compared to 22,194 during May 2022. Total departures of foreign employment consisted of unskilled (9,317), skilled (7,977) and domestic aid (6,556) categories.

Total departures for foreign employment during January-June 2022 were recorded at 140,701, compared to 30,757 in the corresponding period of the previous year and 117,952 in the year 2021. A stable level of exchange rate continued to prevail in the market throughout June 2022, following the introduction of daily permissible bands in May 2022.

Accordingly, from May 13 2022 to date, the Sri Lanka rupee recorded a marginal depreciation against the US dollar, despite recording depreciation of 44.4% against the US dollar during the year up to July 29, 2022.

Sri Lanka recorded 39,895 Tourist arrivals in July 2022

In July the United Kingdom (6,557) and India (4,510) lead arrivals accounting for 18% and 12% respectively.

There were also strong arrivals from Germany, Canada, France, Switzerland, Australia, the Netherlands and the Russian Federation

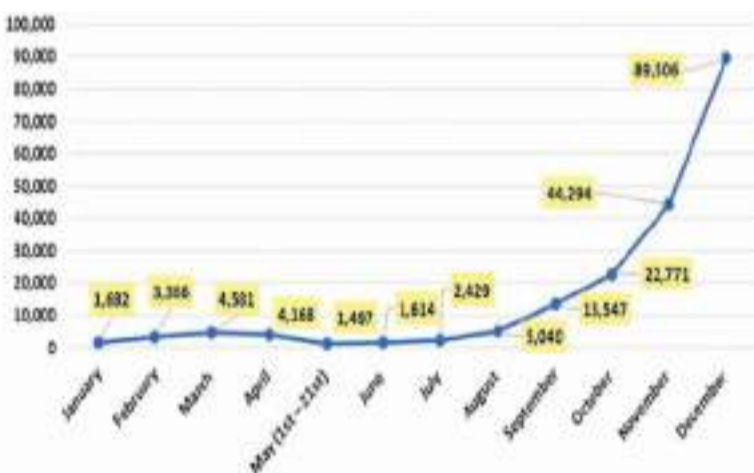
Up to 26 July, the country saw a total of 447,832 tourists arriving in the country for 2022.

Figures were highest in March of the year with over 106,500 tourists arriving in the country.

Earnings from tourism in June 2022 were estimated at US dollars 59 million, in comparison to US dollars 54 million in the previous month and US dollars 4 million in the corresponding month during the last year.

Unfavourable developments, such as ongoing fuel shortages, power outages, economic and social disruptions, and travel advisories issued by certain countries could have impacted tourist arrivals in July 2022.

With the currency depreciation, Sri Lanka remains one of the cheapest destinations to travel to in global markets.



SLTDA registered can now obtain licenses to serve own soft liquor stocks

Restaurants, guest houses, delivery services, and other tourist-linked services

Entities registered under the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority are now able to apply for a soft liquor license. Accordingly, the necessary approval has been granted by the Ministry of Finance under President

Ranil Wickremesinghe. The country before the ruling had only 1,130 licensed retail liquor stores. This gave licensed outlets considerable monopolistic power as they would be serving on average an area greater than 57 sq

KM. Given the existence of delivery services providing even hard liquor, analysts expect the move to allow popular delivery services like PickMe and Uber to deliver soft liquor from licensed outlets. **▶ TO PAGE 18**

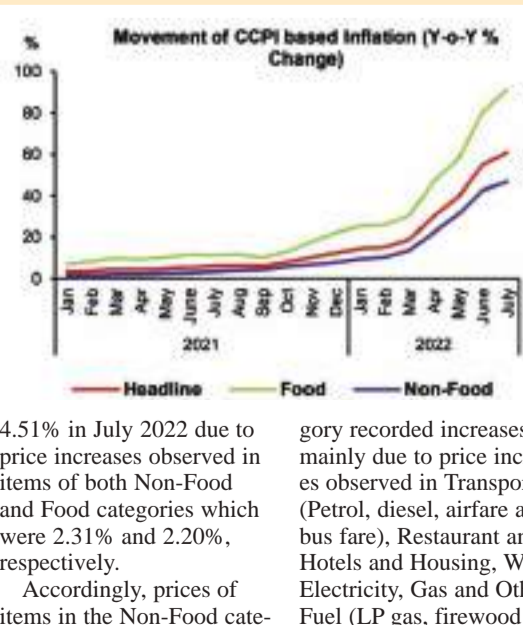
Colombo Consumer Price Index rises 60.8% YoY in July

Headline inflation, as measured by the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2013=100) increased to 60.8% in July 2022 from 54.6% in June 2022.

This increase in Y-o-Y inflation was driven by the monthly increases in both Non-Food and Food categories.

Accordingly, Food inflation (Y-o-Y) increased to 90.9% in July 2022 from 80.1% in June 2022, while Non-Food inflation (Y-o-Y) increased to 46.5% in July 2022 from 42.4% in June 2022.

The monthly change of CCPI was recorded at



maintenance/reconstruction) sub-categories. Further, within the Food category increases were observed in milk powder, rice and fresh fish. However, prices of vegetables, coconut and coconut oil decreased during the month.

Meanwhile, annual average inflation rose to 23.1% in July 2022 from 18.4% in June 2022.

The core inflation (Y-o-Y), which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy increased to 44.3% in July 2022 from 39.9% in June 2022, while annual average core inflation increased to 16.7% in July 2022 from 13.3% in June 2022.

Success of regulatory measures depends on support from trading community - CBSL

The Government and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) have been implementing several measures to ease the burden of the current economic hardships on the people and to ensure adequate foreign exchange liquidity in the banking system, the CBSL had to impose surrender requirements on export earnings as one major factor that is contributing to the current crisis and the resultant hardships are the lack of foreign exchange liquidity in the banking system.

Further, measures were taken by the Government and the CBSL to discourage foreign exchange outflows, such as imposing restrictions on certain imports and payment terms and introducing margin requirements, while encouraging foreign inflows through the banking system, rather than those being channelled through the grey market.

The success of these regulatory measures and the ability to achieve the intended outcomes depend on the support and cooperation from the trading community and the banking system. However, it has been brought to the

notice of the CBSL that certain market players are not being fully compliant with these regulations. Such practice, if continued, would deprive the people of the support expected from the Government in difficult times, while undermining the moral obligation of 'equal burden sharing' that is expected of all stakeholders under difficult and extraordinary circumstances.

Against this backdrop, and in the best interest of the nation, the CBSL reiterates to all stakeholders of the economy, that, going forward, all efforts would be taken to strictly monitor and ensure compliance with all regulations on foreign exchange transactions, including repatriation requirements of export proceeds, conversions, and mandatory sales to the CBSL etc. Any instances of non-compliance will be dealt with by an action within the provisions of all applicable laws.

It is noteworthy that the CBSL has strengthened its capacity for monitoring foreign exchange transactions through the implementation of the Export Proceeds Monitoring System (EPMS) and the International Transac-

tions Reporting System (ITRS), which is a comprehensive monitoring system of cross-border transactions and domestic foreign currency transactions. These systems facilitate regular monitoring of foreign exchange inflows and outflows.

Further, assistance from independent professional bodies, including audit firms, is also being sought for the timely identification of any malpractices.

Hence, Licensed Banks and the trading community are urged to comply with the existing regulations and complement the efforts of the Government and the CBSL to provide much-needed assistance to all stakeholders of the economy under these extremely challenging circumstances.

The export trading community is urged to continue to repatriate all export proceeds within the stipulated timeframe and surrender the residual earnings following the regulations.

The banking community is requested to ensure strict adherence to all regulations concerning foreign exchange transactions. **▶ TO PAGE 18**

Expolanka Holdings posts Rs. 20.1Bn PAT

Over 95% revenue from int'l operations.

Expolanka Holdings PLC announced its financial performance posting a Revenue of Rs. 235.1Bn (YoY +146%), a Gross Profit of 36.9Bn (YoY +156%) and a Profit after tax of Rs. 20.1Bn (YoY +220%) for the quarter.

Expolanka Holdings PLC Group CEO Hanif Yusooif stated, "The group continued to generate strong returns, delivering an ROE of 96.16% on a trailing twelve month (TTM) basis, reflecting the enhanced operating leverage and the efficient asset utilisation strategies adopted by the group."

The depreciation of the Sri Lankan rupee resulted in an exchange gain of Rs. 6.9Bn whilst increasing the Net Asset Value of the company

by Rs. 25Bn for the quarter. Despite the global market conditions and traditional off-peak demand patterns, the Logistics sector was able to exhibit the potential of its operations, with focused execution of strategy enabling the sector to deliver consistent growth during the quarter under review, resulting in a revenue of Rs. 233.0Bn (YoY+146%), a gross profit of Rs. 36.2Bn (YoY +154% YoY) and a PAT of Rs. 18.8Bn (YoY +183%).

"The multi-pronged approach to our business has been centred on generating volumes through a customer-centric approach, building capacity through sound procurement practices and supporting the business through



Group CEO Hanif Yusooif

efficient operational excellence." The Air Freight product saw volumes tailing off during the quarter, a result of lower demand witnessed across its key markets. Whereas the Ocean Freight product continued to gain traction and delivered satisfactory growth during the

quarter under review. "Global market conditions remained volatile during the period under review. Consumer demand was tempered in our North American market, a result of potential inflationary impacts, whilst the global energy crisis resulted in increased pressure on oil prices.

Extended lockdowns in China resulted in reduced supply and further intensified supply chain pressure.

Correction in freight rates was visible across both Air & Ocean Freight as capacity returned to the market, albeit still at elevated levels."

The Leisure Sector delivered a strong performance for the quarter despite the challenges experienced in the local market. **▶ TO PAGE 18**

CORRECTION NOTICE

**CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD
INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Bid No. CEB/MFS/Ph.III/2022/05

Contract for Surveying of Lands and Roads for Proposed Construction of Mannar Wind Power Project - Phase III at Mullikulam area in Mannar Mainland

Details of the advertisement which was published in Daily News newspaper on 28.07.2022 on the above bid shall be corrected as follows:

Bid Closing Date & Time	18th August 2022 at 10:00 Hrs.
Procurement Committee	Divisional Procurement Committee (Projects).
Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents, TP. Nos.	Office of Project Director Mannar Wind Power Project – Ph. III & Ph. I Ext Ceylon Electricity Board 0112889640
Price of Bid Document (Rs)	1500.00
Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	100,000.00
Bids should be deposited at	Office of Project Director Mannar Wind Power Project – Ph. III & Ph. I Ext
Bids will be opened at	Office of Project Director Mannar Wind Power Project – Ph. III & Ph. I Ext
Address of the Office of Project Director Mannar Wind Power Project (Phase I Ext & Phase III)	Ceylon Electricity Board No. 754, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla

Tel: 011-2889640 | Fax: 011-2869631 | Website: www.ceb.lk



Enrich Life through Power...

Bank of Ceylon celebrates 83rd Anniversary today

Sri Lanka's No. 1 Bank, Bank of Ceylon (BOC), will mark its 83rd Anniversary today (Monday, 1 August)

The Bank will celebrate the occasion with a multi-religious ceremony at the Bank's Head Office.

The event was held with the patronage of the Bank's Chairman, Kanchana Ratwatte, Members of the Bank's Board of Directors, the General Manager, K. E. D. Sumanasiri, and the Corporate and Executive Management and Bank officials.

In line with the ceremony, the branch network will also celebrate this important milestone at their premises with the participation of customers and well-wishers.

To mark this special day, BOC symbolically will launch the "My Health" account emphasising its innovative spirit in delivering novel value additions to customers. In addition, the Bank will also launch BOC Foreign Circle, a specialised unit geared to delivering superior quality to overseas-based customers.

Of further note is the opening of the newly refurbished Bank's his-

torically significant 1st branch at 41, Bristol Street, Colombo 1, known as the "City Office" on the same day.

Ratwatte said, "I believe it is a commendable achievement for a corporate brand to reach its 83rd anniversary in its journey. As a trailblazer in the industry and a dedicated corporate citizen, Bank of Ceylon (BOC) commemorates this day with humility."

"Hence, innovation and developments towards digitalisation is an organic process within the bank."

"Our Journey as the No. 1 Bank in the country has always been a challenging, yet inspiring one," stated Sumanasiri.

"We have introduced new initiatives such as "SME Circle" and "Export Circle" by taking a step to further develop entrepreneurship within the local SME and export sectors. This was an extension of BOC's decision to assist customers through specialised concessionary schemes to overcome continuous economic challenges that took place in recent times."

From the inception of the Bank, with the opening of its first branch,



Chairman **Kanchana Ratwatte**



GM **K. E. D. Sumanasiri**

the "City Office Branch", Bank of Ceylon has increased its footprint to include a network of up to 649 branches, and 1,415 ATMs, CDMs and CRMs across the country. Its overseas presence includes branches in Chennai, Male, Hulhu-Male, Seychelles and a banking subsidiary in London.

Adopting the latest digital banking technologies, the Bank success-

fully embarked on green banking where it accommodated strategies to reduce its carbon footprint and increase its usage of renewable energy.

With many prestigious accolades and recognition under its belt, the Bank of Ceylon is geared to strive further to empower and enable the nation through excellence in banking.



CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

BIDS FOR JANITORIAL AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES AT MUTHURAJAWELA TERMINALS FOR THE YEAR 2022/2023

BID NO: KPR/28/2022

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Minor) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL), Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya hereby invites sealed bids for Janitorial & Landscaping Services at Muthurajawela Terminals from the reputed service providers who are eligible and actively involved in the field of supply of Janitorial and Landscaping services as eligibility requirements prescribed in the Instructions To Bidders.

2. Interested parties may refer the bidding document (*only for viewing purpose*) and obtain necessary information through the website www.cpstl.lk and the original bidding documents (full set) could be obtained on submission of a written request (*the request letter shall be on the company letterhead*) via an email to procure@cpstl.lk during working days from **Monday, 01st August 2022 till Monday, 22nd August 2022**. Considering bidder's request, Manager - Procurement, CPSTL may issue the consent via email for depositing the non-refundable bidding document fee of **Sri Lankan Rupees Eight Thousand (LKR 8,000.00)**, if appropriate.

On receipt of non-refundable bidding document fee to CPSTL account, bidding documents (full set) will be issued by Procurement Function via email.

3. A pre bid meeting will be held with the prospective parties or their authorized representative/s to clarify any matters relating to the document at **1000 hrs. on Tuesday, 09th August 2022** at Muthurajawela Petroleum Terminal, Kerawalapitiya or via video conferencing method and all bidders may attend this meeting. Interested parties shall send their request to participate in the pre bid meeting via email: procure@cpstl.lk at or before **1500 hrs. on Monday, 08th August 2022** in order to arrange entry permissions or send the link to the meeting.

4. Bids shall be valid up to **08.11.2022** from the date of opening of the bid.

5. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of **Rupees Two Hundred and Forty Thousand (Rs. 240,000.00) in the form of a Bank Guarantee or a Bank Draft obtained from a commercial bank with the authority of a License issued by the Monetary Board (Central Bank) of Sri Lanka** and payable to the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited.

6. Bid Security shall be valid up to **06.12.2022** from the date of opening of the Bid and beyond any extension subsequently requested.

7. Bids shall be submitted on the bidding document obtainable from Procurement Function and duly filled bidding documents may be sent by post/courier under registered cover or hand delivered to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Minor), C/o Manager - Procurement, Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Procurement Function, 01st Floor, New Building, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya or could be deposited in the tender box kept at the main entrance of CPSTL, at or before **1400 hrs. on Tuesday, 23rd August 2022**.

In case the bidders are unable to submit the original bids as above, they could submit the scanned copy of the duly filled bidding documents in PDF format via email to tenders@cpstl.lk to reach at or before **1400 hrs. on Tuesday, 23rd August 2022**, at their own discretion. However, the original bid document shall be securely kept to be submitted to the Manager Procurement when requested.

8. Bids will be closed at **1400 hrs. on Tuesday, 23rd August 2022**, and will be opened immediately thereafter at the office of Manager (Procurement). Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to participate/witness at the Bid opening.

9. Bidders shall note that all personnel who engage with janitorial and landscaping work at Muthurajawela Terminal premises must possess valid police clearance certificates and produce those to Security Function of CPSTL to obtain entry passes.

10. Any of the interested parties who wishes to submit a bid, shall register himself at the Department of Registrar of Companies www.drc.gov.lk (e-ROC) as per the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 for every public contract value exceeding **Sri Lankan Rupees Five million (LKR 5,000,000)**.

11. Further details and clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager - Procurement on Tel: 011-2572156/ 011-5663121, Fax: 011-2572155, E-mail: procure@cpstl.lk

The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee (Minor)
C/o Manager - Procurement
Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited
Procurement Function
01st Floor, New Building
Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya.

Fonseka extends stint on Monetary Board

Anthony Nihal Fonseka has been reappointed as a member of the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) with effect from 27 July 2022 for six years. Previously, he served on the Monetary Board from July 2016 to May 2020 and from May 2022 to July 2022.



Anthony Nihal Fonseka

He obtained his BSc Degree from the University of Ceylon, Colombo and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, UK

Fonseka has held many positions in the public sector as well. He was a member of the 2009 Presidential Commission on Taxation and a member of the National Procurement Commission established under the Constitution. He has served as a Director of the Credit Information Bureau and the Employees' Trust Fund and has been the Co-Chairman of the National Council for Economic Development (NCED) – Capital Market Cluster.

Analysts have called on the Monetary Authority to make public the minutes of the Monetary Board Meetings.

Nod for close to 80 FDI proposals from China to India

In the past two years, 80 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals from countries sharing a land border with India were granted permission to invest in India, according to data provided by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Right to Information Act (RTI). Almost all proposals were from China, an analysis of the data shows.

Aimed at stopping the opportunistic takeover of loss-making Indian companies by Chinese firms, by possibly taking advantage of the economic situation when the COVID-19 pandemic struck in March 2020, the government tweaked the FDI policy on April 18, 2020. It made prior government approval mandatory for foreign direct investments (FDI) from countries which share a land border with India.

Earlier, some of these proposals in non-critical sectors could be cleared under the automatic route. The decision coincided with the build-up of Chinese forces in Eastern Ladakh in April-May 2020 which took a violent turn on June 15, 2020, when 20 soldiers were killed in clashes with the Chinese.

In reply to an RTI query by The Hindu, DPIIT said, "388 FDI proposals have been received by the Government since April 18, 2020, from countries sharing a land border with India."

The reply added, "80 proposals out of 388 were granted permission to invest. Information on the sector-wise breakup of accepted proposals is not maintained in this department."



In March, however, the Commerce Ministry informed the Parliament that the total value of investments from countries sharing a land border with India from April 18, 2020, to March 1, 2022, stood at INR 13,624 crore.

Over INR 5,000 crore was invested in the drugs and pharmaceuticals sector and INR 2,907 crore was invested in the services sector.

In October 2020, an FDI Proposal Review Committee headed by the Union Home Secretary and Secretary DIPP as a member was constituted for closer scrutiny of security clearances for Chinese FDI proposals.

FDI up to 100% is allowed in non-critical sectors through the automatic route, not requiring security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). (www.thehindu.com)

SLTDA registered can now...

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Tourism Minister Harin Fernando noted, "This will help promote tourism and bring foreign revenue for the country as well as all tourism stakeholders. Big win for tourism in Sri Lanka!"

The move comes as the prior prohibition stance of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (NATA) had led to significant revenue leakages due to the existence of an illicit market alongside large private profits in the hand of licensed establishments. The formal market for liquor and tobacco has also grown highly monopolized as excise officials under the guise of social cause have prevented the growth of competition and domestic industrialization.

Expolanka Holdings...

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The Sector delivered a Revenue of Rs. 727 Mn (YoY + 379%) and a Profit after Tax of Rs. 233 Mn (YoY +736%). Historically, this is the best performance by the sector, with the Corporate Travel portfolio driving the results.

The Investment Sector remained steadfast recording revenue of Rs. 1.4Bn (YoY +100%) and a Profit after Tax of Rs. 17.3Bn (YoY +608%) with the main contribution from the export operations. The sector profits include group dividends of Rs. 16.0Bn.

Cinnamon life opening... From page 17

The growth in the leisure sector was driven by the continued strong operation of the Maldivian resort sector with high levels of occupancy and operational profitability driven by the decision to divest from Cinnamon Island Alidhoo for the much more profitable Cinnamon Dhonveli.

The group boasts of significant dollar reserves earmarked for the completion

of the West Container Terminal and Cinnamon Life. The group has decided to have a temporary halt on new construction projects until contract pricing is more certain. The group expects to infuse further capital into Nations Trust Bank in 2023 in line with the growth of the loan book and gain in market share given the legacy problems of its competitor businesses. DP

ComBank Foreign Currency FD boasts rates of up to 9.5%

Launches 'Forex Plus'

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has announced the launch of a special Foreign Currency Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme in further response to the requirement to attract investments from foreign sources.

The new scheme branded 'Forex Plus' offers interest rates of up to 9.5% per annum for tenures of up to five years on term deposits in four international currency denominations.

'Forex Plus' was introduced to encourage foreign currency investments that are pivotal for the Sri Lankan economy while also allowing customers to save their hard-earned foreign exchange in a competitive and reliable instrument, the Bank said.

These Fixed Deposit Accounts can be opened by non-nationals, Sri Lankan dual citizens, and Sri Lankans holding Permanent Residency status or citizenship in another country, who are resident in or outside Sri Lanka, as well as by Sri Lankans employed overseas and by companies incorporated overseas.

Eligible customers can start their 'Forex Plus' account with a minimum deposit of US\$ 5000 or the equivalent in the other designated currencies – Euros,

Sterling Pounds or Australian Dollars – for tenures of three, four or five years. The interest rates earned will depend on the currency and the tenure, and the Fixed Deposits under this scheme will be renewed automatically, the Bank said.

While United States dollar deposits for five years will yield an interest rate of 9.5% per annum, Euro and Sterling Pounds will yield 6% per annum and Australian dollar deposits will yield 7% per annum for the same tenure. The Bank said these rates are applicable at the time of launching the product and are subject to change from time to time at the discretion of the Bank.

Credits for 'Forex Plus' include remittances through the banking system, in foreign exchange, originating from the account holder's overseas account and in favour of the account holder; from an Inward Investment Account (IIA) or Offshore Banking Unit (OBU) account maintained in the name of the account holder; out of proceeds received as inward remittances, and foreign exchange brought into Sri Lanka by the account holder upon declaration to the Customs Department.

Success of regulatory... From page 17

The Government and the CBSL are relentlessly pursuing efforts to secure bridging finance to reduce and alleviate economic stresses in the near term. Notable progress has been made in the ongoing negotiations for an economic adjustment programme with the International Monetary Fund. The debt restructuring process is also underway, capably

assisted by the Legal and Financial Advisers. The Government and the CBSL remain committed to implementing much-needed reforms to overcome long-standing structural issues in the economy.

The Central Bank reiterates that overcoming current economic woes and distresses requires substantial and concerted efforts from all stakeholders of the

economy. Foul play on the part of any group of stakeholders would inevitably result in the worsening of the crisis, thereby having widespread detrimental effects. Everybody has to act conscientiously and responsibly, and extend their unhindered support during this hour of need, for the nation to recover rapidly and emerge stronger from this crisis.



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Operations at Colombo Port proceeding smoothly - SLPA chief

Plans to go ahead with expansion plans despite local economic conditions

By Shirajiv Sirimane

The current local economic conditions, long queues for fuel and other issues have no negative impact on the smooth functioning of the Colombo Port, assured Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) Chairman Dr. Prasantha Jayamanna.

"Our day-to-day operations, expansion activities, investments, digitalization processes and other development plans are moving ahead uninterrupted," he said, adding that if development is halted or delayed the competitiveness of the Colombo Port will come into question.

The SLPA will continue with their ongoing investment plans and go ahead with the construction of the East Container Terminal (ECT) at the Colombo Port. The total investment would be USD 500 million and over 20% of the work has been completed.

With the planned investment the length of the ECT will increase to 1,320 meters and the depth would be increased from 18 metres to 20 and the first phase is scheduled to be completed in July next year. Under the first phase, six ship-to-shore cranes and 20 rail-

mounted gantry (RMG) cranes will be installed at the Eastern terminal and this equipment is being imported. "We are also developing the Galle Port as a tourism port and Trincomalee as an industrial port."

The Chairman also said that they have their own finances for these developments through their cash flows and if there is an issue to raise funds they will look at other funding sources. He also said that the SLPA is only servicing a few foreign debts and they have no issue in debt servicing. He, however, said that 'ripples' of the May 9 incident at Galle Face and violence that followed is still having a negative impact on international shipping lines when they plan to 'dock' at Sri Lankan Ports. "The Colombo Port is predominantly a transshipment hub with over 85% of its businesses focused in this area. The SLPA won the Best Port Authority and the Best Public Container Terminal of the Year 2021 Award at Global Ports Forum. Since we are also the 23rd best Port in the world and top in South Asia there is tremendous competition and business rivalry towards our Port which too may

have aggravated this." "However, we have briefed them and explained that this was an isolated incident and such events have happened in many parts of the world. The shipping lines have now realized this and are again calling at the Sri Lankan Ports," he said.

He also said that they have a very cordial relationship with workers and the Unions and they too are very supportive towards ensuring 'uninterrupted work' in the Colombo Port.

Adequate fuel reserves are maintained at the port fuel bank and there is no disruption to port operations due to the fuel crisis. "Even our employees who use vehicles are provided fuel from these stocks ensuring that there are no disruptions due to the fuel issue."

The smooth liaison was also witnessed during the C-19 global pandemic where the Port of Colombo succeeded in continuing port activities and operations to feed the national economy with the efficient, dedicated and productive service of all employees. The SLPA was commended for securing and safeguarding the credibility kept by the port's local and international

customers and clients. "Given SLPA's role as regulator and facilitator of port development of Sri Lanka, it is important to record that the Port of Colombo will continue to develop ahead of projected demand and towards this, construction has already begun on two new deep water terminals, the East Container Terminal (ECT) by the SLPA and the West Container Terminal (WCT), by a consortium led by Adani Ports and including John Keells Holdings.

These developments will progressively add over seven million TEU of throughput capacity over the next two-five years."

The Port of Colombo recorded an all-time high throughput of 7.25 million TEUs in 2021 and continues its growth story, recording a year-on-year growth of 2% for the first five months of 2022 ending in May.

The SLPA has also introduced an easy-to-report complaint mechanism against fraud and corruption, intending to enhance the quality of port operations



Dr. Prasantha Jayamanna
Chairman
Sri Lanka Ports Authority

and services. Accordingly, anyone using the port can use the telephone number +94716413332 to lodge a complaint through WhatsApp in case of any fraudulence in operations and services in ports in Sri Lanka. Dr.

Jayamanna is the founder, Chairman of DPJ Holdings and affiliated companies and sits on the Boards of several publicly listed and private companies. He is a most awarded youngest entrepreneur in Sri Lanka.

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History

Since 1918, the Port of Colombo had been administered by the Colombo Port Commission, a Government Department which was made responsible for the supply and maintenance of cargo-handling equipment and other infrastructure, pilotage services, docking and slipping. The government had funded all its activities. Stevedoring and shore handling activities were in the hands of several private Wharfage Companies. In 1958, the Port Cargo Corporation was set up to take over these activities performed by a multiplicity of operators. The Port Tally and Protective Services Corporation was formed in 1967 in order to perform

on-board tallying and watchmen services on behalf of Agents. The Sri Lanka Ports Authority was constituted under the provisions of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Act, No. 51 of 1979 (subsequently amended by Act No. 7 of 1984 and Act No. 35 of 1984) on the 1st of August 1979, effecting the merger of the Colombo Port Commission Department and the two existing statutory Corporations. This resulted in a unified organization with a streamlined structure. The Ports Authority does not receive financial allocations from the government but operates on its own revenue and resources.

Milestones

- 1505 - Port of Colombo was known to the Western World
- 1912 - Colombo Port was converted to a sheltered harbour
- 1913 - Colombo Port Commission Established
- 1954 - Inauguration of the Queen Elizabeth Quay
- 1954 - Completion of 16 alongside berths, transit sheds and warehouses
- 1958 - Port (Cargo) Corporation was founded
- 1979 - Sri Lanka Ports Authority was Formed
- 1980 - Inauguration of Queen Elizabeth Terminal
- 1982 - Opening of New Bridge (Hartal Bridge over the Harbour Canal)
- 1982 - Installation of first Gantry Crane
- 1985 - Jaye Container Terminal - I was Built
- 1987 - Jaye Container Terminal - II was Built
- 1995 - Jaye Container Terminal - III was Built
- 1996 - Jaye Container Terminal - IV was Built
- 1996 - Deepening of Main Channel to 15M depth
- 1996 - Handling of the 1,000,000th Container TEU with a year
- 1997 - Inauguration Oil Berth
- 1997 - Handling of the 1,500,000th Container TEU with a year
- 1998 - Inauguration Unity Container Terminal I
- 1998 - Signing of an agreement to foster friendly relationship
- 1999 - Commissioning of empty Container Yard
- 1999 - Commissioning of the Oluvil Lighthouse
- 1999 - Opening of the Oluvil Maritime Training Centre
- 1999 - Commencement - South Asia Gateway Terminal
- 1999 - Commencement of construction of 50,000 dwt. alongside berth
- 2000 - Commencement of Colombo South Harbour feasibility study

- 2000 - Commencement of Construction of third Berth in Galle Port
- 2000 - Inauguration of Peliyagoda CFS
- 2000 - Commencement of a feasibility study - Port of Galle development
- 2000 - Commencement of North Pier Development Phase II
- 2000 - Inauguration of the One-Stop Documentation Centre
- 2001 - Inauguration of the New Jetty in Port of Galle
- 2001 - Completion of Stage I of QEQ(SAGT) development project
- 2001 - Commissioning of the dredger "Hansakawa"
- 2001 - Boom extension of Gantry Cranes at JCT III and IV
- 2001 - Commencement of the feasibility study for Port of Hambantota and inauguration of the new training Institute and project Office
- 2002 - Inauguration of the Ashraff Quay (multi purpose Alongside Berth) in the Port of Trincomalee
- 2003 - Inauguration of Customer service Centre for LCL and break-bulk cargo
- 2003 - Opening of SLPA Maritime Museum
- 2003 - Ceremonial inauguration of Unity container Terminal with the completion of the civil works
- 2003 - Ceremonial inauguration of container handling operations at Unity Container Terminal
- 2004 - The Port of Colombo has crossed the 2.2 million TEUs marks for the year 2004
- 2005 - Commencement of constructions of the Port and Housing Scheme in Oluvil.
- 2005 - Handled 2.45 million TEUs and achieved 10.6% against year 2004.
- 2006 - Commissioning of Container security Initiative and Megaport Initiative in the POC.

- 2006 - Signing of MOU for the proposed CMB Port Expansion project.
- 2006 - Signing of MOU concerning detailed design works of Hambantota Port Dev. Project.
- 2006 - Handling of Three Million Containers in the Port of Colombo.
- 2007 - Commencement of Construction work of the Hambantota Port Dev. Project.
- 2008 - Commencement of Construction work of Oluvil Port Project.
- 2008 - Commencement of Construction work of Colombo Port Expansion Project.
- 2008 - Signing of Contract agreement for construction of Bunkering facility and Tank farm at Hambantota.
- 2009 - Signing of MOU with APL shipping line.
- 2009 - Commencement of New Terminal Management IT System (NAVIS).
- 2010 - Ceremony of Sea Water filling to the Basin of Magampura Port (Hambantota) - 15-08-2010.
- 2010 - Ceremonial inauguration of cargo handling operations at Magampura Port (Hambantota) - 18-11-2010.
- 2010 - Handling of 2 Million Containers at the Jaya Container Terminal - (JCT).
- 2010 - Handling of 4 Million Containers at the port of Colombo.
- 2011 - Arrival of 06 Nos. New Gantry Cranes and 30 Nos. Transfer Cranes.
- 2011 - Capacity enhancement at Colombo Oil Terminal of SLPA.
- 2011 - Arrival of 50 Nos. Terminal Tractors.
- 2011 - Arrival of 2nd Batch of Terminal Equipment - 03 Nos Gantry Cranes & 11 Nos. Transfer Cranes.
- 2011 - Signing of Agreement for Colombo Port Expansion Project - South Container Terminal.
- 2011 - Ground Breaking Ceremony at Magam Ruhunupura Mahinda Rajapaksha Port to open new business ventures.
- 2011 - Ground Breaking Ceremony for commencement of construction work of Colombo South Container Terminal.
- 2012 - Commencement of handling Ro - RO Vessels at Magam Ruhunupura Mahinda Rajapaksha Port.
- 2012 - Replacing the dilapidated existing bunker fuel pipe line from the Bloemendhal Oil Terminal to the Port of Colombo.
- 2013 - Vision 2020 - The corporate plan of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) was launched.
- 2013 - Ceremonial Inauguration of the Colombo Port Expansion Project with a monumental breakwater of 6.8 k.m. and the 1st Terminal - (Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT)).
- 2013 - Ceremonial Inauguration of Port of Oluvil.
- 2013 - Implementation of Import FCL Module of Cargo Management System.
- 2013 - Ceremonial Inauguration of Administration Building at MRMR Port.
- 2014 - Colombo International Container Terminal (CICT) fully operational in April.
- 2014 - Implementation of Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) in May.
- 2014 - Ceremonial Inauguration of Tank Farm Complex and Bunkering Terminal at Magam Ruhunupura Mahinda Rajapaksha Port - 22.06.2014
- 2014 - Ceremonial Inauguration of Administration Building at MRMR Port.
- 2014 - Opening of New Fire Brigade Building - 01.08.2014 - Port of Colombo.

- 2014 - Arrival of 02 Gantry Cranes and 02 Tugs at MRMR Port.
- 2014 - Inauguration of the Colombo Port City development project - 17.09.2014
- 2015 - Handling of 05 Millionth containers by the Port of Colombo.
- 2016 - Opening of New CFS Stage 1 Port of Colombo.
- 2016 - Launched SLPA new Web site - 10.08.2016
- 2017 - Operations of Fully Re-constructed Container Freight Station 01 (CFS 1)
- 2017 - Concession Agreement between SLPA and CM Port for Port Operations of the Port of Hambantota signed
- 2017 - The First Public Private Partnership for Port Operation inaugurated
- 2017 - SLPA hosts the 19th Symposium on International Network of Affiliated Ports (INAP) Conference.
- 2017 - Signing of Shareholders Agreement & Land Lease Agreement of the Port of Hambantota.
- 2017 - Generation of 01st Payment under Hambantota Port Concession Agreement between Sri Lanka Ports Authority and China Merchants Port Holdings Company Ltd.
- 2017 - Handling of 6 Millionth TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit) by the Port of Colombo.
- 2017 - Recorded the highest ever net profit of Rs. 13.3 Billion
- 2018 - Generation of 02nd Payment under Hambantota Port Concession Agreement between Sri Lanka Ports Authority and China Merchants Port Holdings Company Ltd.
- 2018 - SLPA enters into MOU with SAGT and CICT to collectively promote the Port of Colombo.
- 2018 - SLPA won Ports Authority of the Year 2018 Award at Global Ports Forum.
- 2018 - Generation of last tranche under Hambantota Port Concession Agreement between Sri Lanka Ports Authority and China Merchants Port Holdings Company Ltd.
- 2018 - The Port of Colombo organised the first ever Colombo Port Award Night.
- 2018 - Port of Colombo Ranked as the World's Highest Container Growth Port in the first half of 2018 - Alphasider.
- 2019 - Handling of 7 Million TEUs by the Port of Colombo.
- 2019 - Sri Lanka Ports Authority celebrated its 40th anniversary on August 2019.
- 2020 - Sri Lanka Ports Authority's East Container Terminal commissioned.
- 2020 - SLPA won the GPF Awards for "Port Authority of the Year & Port Infrastructure Development of the Year 2020".
- 2020 - A new sports complex for the Sri Lanka Ports Authority.
- 2020 - Sri Lanka: East Container Terminal Inaugurated for Operations.
- 2020 - SLPA commenced Phase V of JCT.
- 2021 - SLPA laid foundation stone for a new Container Freight Station.
- 2021 - SLPA Female Crane Operators Received Excellence Award.
- 2021 - Sri Lanka Ports Authority Celebrated 42nd Anniversary.
- 2021 - World's largest container ship in Colombo Port.
- 2022 - The construction of the second phase of the Eastern Terminal of the Colombo Port commenced.
- 2022 - SLPA won the Best Port Authority and the Best Public Container Terminal of the Year 2021 Award at Global Ports Forum.

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With the myriad of challenges that followed with the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, serious obstacles were posed to the smooth operation of global supply chains. Needless to say, it had a profound impact on ports and the overall global shipping industry. However, the SLPA continued its operations unhindered and provided effective and efficient port services. Various risk measures were implemented to ensure the execution of operations whilst mitigating the risks presented by the global pandemic to all

stakeholders involved. The SLPA has remained insulated from most of the adverse repercussions of the current global economic hardships and has been able to cater to vital transshipments, exports, imports and related logistics services. In Recognition of SLPA's continued perseverance and growth, in June 2022, the Port of Colombo was recognised as the most efficient port in South Asia and the Indian Sub-Continent, 3rd in the Indian Ocean rim and 22nd amongst 370 ports globally, as per the second edition of the Global Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2021, ranking developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence and Financial Services.

Hayleys Advantis, as the transportation and logistics arm of the Hayleys Group, has had a fruitful partnership with the SLPA since its inception. Hayleys Advantis, together with

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Speaking on this milestone of the SLPA, the Managing Director of Hayleys Advantis Limited, Ruwan Waidyaratne stated, "Hayleys Advantis has always been appreciative of the partnership cultivated with the SLPA over the years. We have seen a commendable performance by the SLPA that has contributed to the sustenance of the

nation's economy. Whilst rising to become a maritime hub in the region, it has displayed dedication toward building port infrastructure that will bring varying degrees of benefits to the country.

I extend my best wishes to the Chairman, Board of Directors, Management and the Staff of the SLPA on this occasion and look forward to a collaborative partnership towards enhancing the maritime sector of Sri Lanka".

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Oluvil Fisheries Port opened after decade to public

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Making a significant contribution towards rebuilding the Eastern province fisheries sector, the Oluvil Fisheries Port, (Ashraff Memorial Oluvil Port) which was defunct for over a decade in a state of stagnation was opened last week by Fishing Minister Douglas Devananda and TESS Pvt.Ltd Managing Director Shiran Fernando.

One of the main reasons for the closure of the Oluvil Fisheries Port was that sand dunes kept accumulating at the mouth of the harbour making vessels inaccessible and TESS together with the Minister of Fisheries invested several million to correct this using dredgers and reopen the harbour Fernando said.

An official from the harbour said that credit for the reopening should go to Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda, Fisheries Ministry Secretary Indu Ratnayake and TESS for quickly taking the necessary administrative and construction measures to assist in opening the harbour again.

"In addition to fish processing, small boat construction, repair, initiatives too would be under-

taken by the SME sector opening up new livelihoods for the people.

In addition, the harbour also will soon be able to accommodate yachts helping to introduce tourism to the area. "While helping to increase fish supply to Sri Lanka the opening of the Port will also once again restore thousands of employment opportunities in the fisheries sector that was stalled due to the closure of the Port."

He also said the East Fisheries sector offers uninterrupted fishing and the Port can be the game changer to make Sri Lanka self-sufficient in fish.

He said that Oluvil is strategically positioned in an important geographical location in the Eastern province. "There is no harbour within about five hours of sail time and in a storm or any other emergency, Oluvil Port can play a major role.

The harbour was constructed by the Danish Construction Company MT Højgaard and was opened by then President Mahinda Rajapaksa in 2008 as a part of the 'Nagenahira Navodaya' Development Program. It was a Rs. 1.6 billion Danish-funded project.



Vignettes of the reopening.



Before



After

The Oluvil harbour mouth before and after the opening.

Hayleys Fabric surpasses global giants, wins new UK Sustainable Impact Award



Hayleys Fabric team receiving the award at the event.

Hayleys Fabric set a global benchmark in sustainability, bagging the coveted Sustainability Impact Award at the recently concluded International Quality Awards (IQA) 2022 held in London.

Sri Lanka's largest textile manufacturer was crowned the winner of the new category for its unique processes and procedures established to drive sustainability across its core functions. Held annually, the internationally acclaimed IQA celebrates the achievements of exceptional quality professionals and auditors across the globe.

"Sustainability has always been one of our core values, built into the structure of our DNA by our parent company, the Hayleys Group. Given the textile industry's environmental impact, we have taken measures to implement the principles of circularity throughout all stages of the value chain, from design to production, all the way to the consumer."

"The introduction of the Hayleys Lifecycle, an ESG-driven roadmap, fine-tuned these processes further, strengthening our commitments to sustainability to bring value to all our present and future stakeholders. As such, we are honoured to have been recognized for our efforts globally and delighted to have showcased Sri Lankan ingenuity on an international platform," Hayleys Fabric Managing Director/CEO Rohan Goonetilleke said.

Moreover, Hayleys Fabric was recognised for its ESG commitment and alignment with 14 of the 17 UNSDGs, including climate action and water conservation. The manufacturer's strategic roadmap further emphasizes

the need to seize opportunities to shape a greener future.

Commenting on Hayleys Fabric's commitment to sustainability, the panel of judges stated that: "Our winner evidences a long-standing commitment to sustainability, in all dimensions, throughout the organization and notably from the top. When selecting the winners of IQA awards, we always look for answers to the "so what" question. In this case, our winner can evidence many sustainability successes, including that their huge efforts in improving water quality are saving many lives. This is a remarkable achievement."

Finalists for the Awards included global heavyweights Jacobs, a global engineering firm for its unique ESG strategy developed through stakeholder engagement, and Troup Bywaters+ Anders, an engineering partnership for its strategic commitment to sustainability for positive social impact.

Most recently, the manufacturer's 'WARNA by Mahogany', a natural dye created through a new line of organic, eco-friendly fabric, spearheaded by the Head of Innovative Sustainability, Leonie Vass, was listed among the Top 10 global innovations at the ISPO Textrends Spring/Summer 2024.

The initiative supports multiple United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), such as responsible consumption and production, sustainable innovation and infrastructure, clean water and sanitation, life below water, life on land and climate change.

Hayleys Fabric PLC was the first apparel sector company to be listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange in 2003.

Foreign Minister's Commendation awarded to Prof. Karunaratne

The Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation was awarded to the eminent educationist, Vice Chancellor of University of Colombo Senior Prof. H.D. Karunaratne by Mizukoshi Hideaki, Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka on 29th July 2022 at the BMICH, Colombo 07.



Prof. H.D. Karunaratne receiving the award from Japanese Ambassador Mizukoshi Hideaki.

As an icon in shaping Sri Lanka and Japan's academic ties for more than three decades, Prof. H.D. Karunaratne has been reaching out to Sri Lankan students by organizing and developing various academic projects, activities, campaigns in colleges and universities across the island and advocating the valued educational bond between the two countries.

He obtained his PhD in Economics at the University of Nagoya in Japan under the MEXT Scholarship awarded by the Government of Japan.

He also plays an important role as the President of the Japanese Graduates' Alumni Association of Sri Lanka (JAGAAS) and he was appointed as the first Director of the University of Tokyo Sri Lanka.

SLSEA, UNDP host 'Biomass Project Phase' II workshop in Kandy

Sri Lanka aims to be a nation more resilient to shocks in the energy sector by 2030. The objective is to increase the power generation capacity of the country from the existing 4,043 MW to 6,900 MW by 2025 with a significant increase in renewable energy.

Around 40% of Sri Lanka's primary energy requirements are met by biomass energy, which is a significant source of energy for both households and businesses. Being an indigenous source of energy, it contributes to the country's energy security and provides rural farmers with an extra source of income.

Sri Lanka's economic crisis has led to hardships for households and businesses to source the required energy for production. Renewable energy technologies are thus a timely solution to the challenges faced by many small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Building on experiences, best practices, and lessons learned from Phase I, the Biomass Project Phase II - Biomass Energy 2022 is an initiative of the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) together

with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sri Lanka.

The project aims to strengthen rural economies, increase forest cover, improve the living standards of rural women, and sustainable industries and SMEs in the country, by increasing the growth of suppliers for clean and modern biomass technology in line with the energy policy.

The Biomass Energy 2022 project will increase the use of biomass energy in Sri Lanka for power generation, benefitting local households, farmers, and the national economy. The project will further expand biomass production to agricultural waste and develop collection systems to process 100,000 tons of agricultural waste annually, to be given to industries using biomass as an energy source.

As a part of the project, a series of training programmes on renewable energy technologies for SMEs and financial institutions will take place in partnership with Standard Chartered Bank (SCB). The second of the training programmes for 50 SMEs

was held recently in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

SLSEA Acting Director General Harsha Wickramasinghe, noted, "In the present economic crisis, the hardest hit segment of our business community is undoubtedly the SME sector. The real issue affecting all these small businesses can be traced to the energy supply, either in the transport requirements or in their process energy requirements, which are mainly electricity and fuel for heating applications. Providing indigenous solutions, such as biomass and solar-based energy technologies, will contribute in no small measure to rebuilding our SME sector. In this regard, the support provided by SCB and UNDP could be very useful."

UNDP in Sri Lanka Programme Coordinator - Energy and Waste Sampath Ranasinghe, emphasized that "UNDP is committed to supporting SMEs to increase the use of renewable energy technologies through sustainable models for energy production. In the prevailing economic crisis, renewable

energy technology is the most cost-effective source of energy which will create new business models and opportunities for SMEs by enabling them to benefit from reduced costs and sustainability enhancements".

The programme, which focused on entrepreneurs from various industries ranging from tea, spice, hotel, and food and beverage industries, was developed to increase awareness and build the capacity of SMEs on renewable energy technologies in the market.

Standard Chartered Sri Lanka Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand & Marketing Anuk De Silva said, "As a global bank, we are constantly interested in promoting sustainability and green initiatives within our markets and across the globe. Keeping in line with the Group's agenda on achieving net zero by the year 2050, we are honoured to have partnered with the UNDP to share knowledge and training on Biomass and renewable energies, which is a very timely and relevant need."

The next training programme for SMEs will be held in October 2022.



Officials of SLSEA, UNDP, and Standard Chartered Bank at the workshop. Picture by Ashraff A. Samad.

SYA partners Youth for Development

The Social Cohesion and Reconciliation (SCORE) Youth Activity (SYA) which provided life-changing internship opportunities for 280 youths from 14 districts has received positive feedback from all the partner organisations where the young interns were employed during their internship periods.

Implemented by the International Youth Alliance for Peace (IYAP) and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in 2013 through Global Communities' Social Cohesion and Reconciliation (SCORE) Activity, the SYA is a 12-month project that targets youth aged 18-29 to improve their civic awareness, leadership skills, participation in community improvements, and decision-making processes.

Amidst the general uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a large number of organisations across various industries were faced with significant hurdles when attempting to recruit talented, self-motivated youth to fill the vacancies in their offices. However, as a result of this forward-thinking initiative by IYAP, these organisations were presented with the opportunity to engage with potential candidates and recruit them as interns.

The 280 youths had the opportunity to gain invaluable experience in a diverse group of host organisations such as engineering firms, divisional secretariats, women and youth development centres, disability organisations, Samurdhi banks and many others.

Throughout their internship period, the typical work week for the interns consisted of 4 days of work at the host organizations and a discussion and training on Fridays in the respective district. This enabled them to recap their week's performance and key learnings, identify the needs and challenges and discuss and share their experiences.

Hambantota District Chamber of Commerce Operations Manager Ajith Wasantha Liyanage,

commented, "We were fortunate enough to get onboard two interns from IYAP to support the execution of the special project.

They were fully supportive, flexible and easily adapted to the situations as our requirements. We appreciate the good work of the IYAP and I would like to recommend them as full-time workers for any organization.

Placing well-trained interns with the entrepreneurs is one of the best ways of supporting SMEs at this crucial time and IYAP has done a tremendous job in that sense. As a host organization, we fully appreciate IYAP for standing with an institution like us."

Jaffna Social Action Centre Project Manager Shalini Balasingam stated, "Due to the COVID-19

pandemic youths were feeling lost as they were stuck at home with little or no opportunities for employment or studies. This internship program provided them with a much-needed boost and enhanced their lives as they were able to gain knowledge and experience at various organisations. After completing their internship stints, several interns had returned to continue work as unpaid volunteers in their efforts to support the organisation's cause."

Health Ministry Consultant Community Physician-National Programme Manager (Adolescent and Youth Health) Family Health Bureau Dr. P.V.S. Chiranthika Vithana opined, "I am very much happy to host a youth intern supported by Project SYA of IYAP in 2022."



DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS, SRI LANKA

General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination - 2022

Applications for this examination should be submitted only through online method

Instructions to complete and submit the application are published in the official website of the Department of Examinations (<https://doenets.lk>) or in the online examination website (<https://onlineexams.gov.lk/eic>) or in the official mobile app ("DoE" mobile app).

Applications of private candidates for this examination will be accepted from 01 st August 2022 to 12.00 midnight of 19th August 2022. Each private candidate is advised to read this notification fully and thoroughly understand before filling and submitting the application online through above website. Special attention should be paid in accurately entering the selected **Town and Subjects** of the examination. Candidates are allowed only to apply for maximum of 03 main subjects. In addition, the applicants can apply for Subject No.12- Common General Test and Subject No.13- General English as applicable.

Applying for the examination should be conducted in two main stages.

Stage I - Entering information and receiving the Reference Number.

Enter your personal information, examination information, subject details and payment method. You should obtain the reference number to make payment through a Post Office.

Stage II - Payment of examination fee and downloading the application.

Upon submitting the reference number to the Post Office you may pay the examination fee to the Post Office and then visit the website by logging in or by activating the link you have been sent via SMS and then download the application by clicking "Download AL 2022 Application" of the website.

Candidates who successfully paid examination fee through bank cards also can download application by above icon.

Examination fee can be paid via Post Offices or by any bank card.

02. Applications:

A printed copy of the application should be obtained after completing and submitting the application online. You should place your signature on the printed copy and keep it in your possession for future references, if required.

Applying or appearing as a private candidate by being a student in a government school is entirely prohibited. Committing of such offence shall be subjected to invalidating of examination results and debarring from sitting any future examinations.

2.1 Login into the system - Stage I

- Following paths of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka can be used to fill the application.
 - Visit the official website <https://doenets.lk> and click "Online Applications (School Exams)" under "Our Services" or,
 - Visit the official mobile app, "DoE" of the Department of examinations and click "Online Applications (School Exams)" or,
 - Visit <https://onlineexams.gov.lk/eic>
- Private applicants should select "G.C.E. A/L 2022 - Student Registration (Private)" to apply.
- After entering and selecting your personal information, town and medium of the exam, you should select the Subject to enter the subjects which you intend to appear in the examination.
- (a) (13) **General English:**

Applicants are allowed to apply for General English subject in addition to the three main subjects and the Common General Test. **Marks acquiring for General English subject will not be considered for selecting to universities.** However, the grading of this subject will be cited in the G.C.E. (A/L) certificate.

(b) (12) Common General Test:

Any applicant intending to enter Universities in Sri Lanka should obtain minimum 30 marks by sitting for this subject. **Applicants, who have obtained over 30 marks for this subject in a previous attempt of G.C.E. (A/L) are not required to sit once again.**

(c) Subjects with practical tests:

All applicants sitting for the written test of Subject No. 28, 52, 53, 54,55,56,57,58,59,65 and 66 will be called for the practical test. Results of above subjects will be issued only for the candidates appeared for both written and practical tests. Candidates should appear for the practical test on the same day given in the admission card. Candidates who fail to appear on the given date will not be provided any other date for the practical test. No re-tests will be conducted after completion of the practical tests as scheduled.

(d) Candidates should select subjects in compliance with the instructions of the Ministry of Education Circular No.2016/13 dated 26.04.2016. Candidates selecting subject combinations non-compliance with standard subject streams will be identified as "Non Stream" candidates and Island Rank and District Rank will not be issued with final results of such candidates. Please be noted that this Department will not be responsible for the inconveniences caused to candidates by selecting subject combinations in contrary to circular instructions.

2.2 You cannot apply for this examination after 12.00 midnight on 19.08.2022. **The online facility will be closed after 12.00 midnight of the prescribed date.**

2.3 **A candidate can submit only one application. Submission of more than one application by altering information will cause the rejection of all applications of the candidate and legal actions will be taken against such candidates. Any revelation of such fraud even after issuing results will cause to invalidation of the results of such candidates and legal actions will be taken and penalized accordingly.**

03. Payment of Examination Fee and Downloading Application - Stage II

Examination fee can be made via Post Offices or by bank cards (as Credit/Debit payment).

3.1 If you pay via Post Office, you should select the link "Pay by Postal Department" under "Payment Method". **The Reference Number you receive therein should be submitted to the Post Office for paying examination fees** and the receipt received from the Post Office should be kept in your possession.

After making payment, log-in to the website of the Department of Examinations to download application.

The application can be downloaded by visiting the website through the link you received along with the SMS when you made the payment successfully.

3.2 If you pay by bank credit/debit cards, you should select "pay by credit/debit card" under "Payment method".

No. of Subjects	1	2	3	4	5
Examination Fee (Rs.)	150/-	200/-	250/-	350/-	400/-

04. You will receive the admission card according to your application submitted. You will be allowed to make any required changes to the admission card within seven (07) days of receiving by login in to the official website of the Department of Examinations.

05. Any inquiries with regard to the differences of the information of your application and admission card should be made by contacting the School Examination Organization and Results Branch via following telephone numbers immediately after receiving the admission card.

06. **Every private candidate should provide their own permanent address and telephone number and should not mention the name and address or telephone number of the private or international school where the candidate is receiving education.**

07. Verification of identity

It is compulsory to provide the National Identity Card or a valid Passport or valid Driving Licence at the examination hall to prove identity of the candidate.

Candidates who do not possess a National Identity Card should obtain a National Identity Card by submitting an application without any delay to the Commissioner General of Registration of Persons through Grama Niladhari.

08. All candidates should pay due examination fees except for the candidates appearing for the first and second attempts from Government Schools, Fee levying / Non- Fee Levying Government approved Private Schools and approved Piriven. Applications of the candidates who have not paid prescribed fee will be rejected.

09. Candidates with **special education needs** should compulsorily fill the details requested under "candidates with special needs".

Note: Examination fees paid for this examination will not be refunded fully or partially or transferred to any other examination.

Candidates who have not appeared even for a part of a paper will only be considered as candidates not appeared for the examination. Since the examination attempt to enroll in a university for such candidates will not be cancelled, they are not required to provide any medical certificates. Keeping the admission card of the candidate safely in possession is the only evidence to prove not appearing for any subject of the examination. It is not required to submit medical certificates or any other requests to this department in that regard.

Applicants who have appeared for G.C.E. (A/L) -2021(2022) and intend to appear for this examination as their second or third attempt will be given a grace period to apply for this examination after releasing results of said examination which they have faced.

Please contact following numbers for further clarification of the above.

Telephone Numbers: 011-2784208/011-2784537/011-2786616
Fax Number: 011-278442

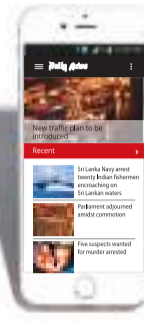
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES SYSTEM STRENGTHENING PROJECT (PSSP)

01. The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Southern Provincial Department of Health Services, Galle invites sealed bids for the following work subjects up to 10.00 a.m. on 30.08.2022. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders at 10.30 a.m. on 30.08.2022 at the Department of Southern Provincial Health Services.

Serial No.	Description	Required Registration	Refundable Bid Bond (Rs.)	Non-refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)	Office from where Tender forms could be obtained
01	Primary medical care unit's outdoor patients section and emergency treatment unit, Denipitiya	C7	20,000.00	1,500.00	Southern Provincial Department of Health Services
02	Construction of Dental Surgery and renovation of Uragaha Divisional - Hospital	C7	20,000.00	1,500.00	Southern Provincial Department of Health Services

02. Bid forms could be obtained from the Southern Provincial Department of Health Services up to 3.00 p.m. on 26.08.2022. Contractors who possess the above mentioned registration Grade in the Institute for Construction Training and Development and who have been registered under Southern Provincial Council could apply.

03. Further details of bid forms could be obtained from the Southern Provincial Department of Health Services on working days of the week during normal office hours. Telephone Numbers are 091-2231620 / 091-2224609 / 091-2223839.

04. The name of work should be mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing bids. Duly prepared bids in duplicate enclosed in two separate envelopes as original and duplicate should be inserted in a single cover and sent by registered post to reach the address given below or hand delivered and deposited in the tender box kept at the office. Bids received after the scheduled time will be rejected. Bidders or their authorised representatives are requested to be present at the time of opening of bids. Incomplete bids will be rejected and the bid bond security also will be forfeited. Bid bond of those who do not submit bids will also be forfeited.

05. The bid securities relevant to above work could either be paid by cash or by submitting a bid bond to the relevant value obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as per form 5:3:13 of Government Procurement Minutes in favour of Southern Provincial Director of Health Services to the Southern Provincial Department of Health Services. If paid by cash a photocopy of the receipt obtained for the payment should be submitted along with bids. The validity period of the Bid Guarantee should be from 30.08.2022 to 30.11.2022.

06. Bids should be valid for 03 months.

07. In all bids the column that depicts the unit price and the total and summary (including the column depicting discount) should be Cello-taped (transparent) and submitted.

08. Please note that the decision of the Procurement Committee is final.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Southern Provincial Department of Director of Health Services,
No. 15A, Lower Dickson Road, Galle.
01.08.2022**



DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

Rs. 87,500 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an Auction on 03rd August 2022

The details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows:

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09122K042	LKA18223B038	LKA36423H047	-
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn)	35,000	27,500	25,000	87,500

Date of Auction	: 03 rd August 2022
Date of Settlement	: 05 th August 2022
Date of Issue	: 05 th August 2022
Closing date and time of bid submission	: Wednesday, 03 rd August 2022, at 11.00 a.m.
Minimum amount of a bid	: Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities. Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

The CBSL may accept a higher or lower amount than the offered amounts for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed commercial banks

Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampanth Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries PLC	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd.	2675096

* International Securities Identification Number

**M.Z.M. Aazim
Superintendent / Registrar of Public Debt.**

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SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Cancellation of Tender

TENDER FOR SALE OF 01 No. OF 60 TON CAPACITY FLOATING CRANE GIRAFFE

Tender No. : EW/04/PT/2021/MA/26-1

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority has decided to cancel the tender notice published on 22nd and 23rd July 2022 on above caption.

We regret any inconvenience caused in this regard.

Chief Engineer (Mechanical Works)
Mechanical Works Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.
Telephone : 011-2482905, 011-2451906
Fax No : 011-2451906

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the supply of Fodder to the Animal Feed Production Section of the Medical Research Institute for the Year 2022/2023

Sealed tenders are accepted up to 10.00 a.m. on 19.08.2022 by the Procurement Board Chairman of this institute for the supply of 150 kilograms of Fodder per day and 1000 kilograms of Guineabee type Fodder per month for the Animal Feed Production Section of the Medical Research Institute for a period of one year from 01.09.2022 up to 31.08.2023.

Tender forms could be obtained up to 10.00 a.m. on 19.08.2022 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 to the Procurement Board Chairman of this institute.

The words 'Tender for the supply of Fodder - 2022/2023' should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the tender and sent by registered post to the address below or could be inserted in the Tender Box kept in the Accounts Section.

Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 22.08.2022 and the tenderer or his authorized representative could be present on this occasion. You may contact on Telephone No. 011-2693532 for further details.

Dr. R.V. Gunasekara,
Chairman,
Procurement Board,
Medical Research Institute,
Colombo 08.



POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

PROVISION OF CLEANING AND JANITORIAL SERVICES

Contract No. PGIAR/AD/TD/2022/02

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, invites sealed bids up to 3.00 p.m. on 15th August 2022 for the Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services to the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology from registered service providers. Approximate cost estimate is LKR 2,000,000 (per annum).

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Assistant Registrar /General Administration, Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology by emailing to sarpgiar@kln.ac.lk from 1st August 2022 to 14th August 2022 by submitting the official receipt which would be received after the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only). The said payment should be made to the credit of the PGIAR Account No. 6406077 at Torrington Branch of the Bank of Ceylon.

All bids should be accompanied with a refundable Bid Security of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) which is obtained from an agency, as stipulated by the Supplement 36 to the Procurement Guideline reference 5.3.11 dated 28.10.2020, which is to be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of closing Bids.

Sealed bids marked, "Cleaning and Janitorial Services to the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology" at the top left-hand corner of the envelope should be sent by Registered Post to undermentioned address or deposited in the Tender box kept in the Office of the Assistant Registrar/General Administration, Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, No. 407, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 at or before 3.00 p.m. on 15th August 2022.

Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of Bids on 15th August 2022 at 3.00 p.m. at the PGIAR, No 407, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo - 07. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be contacted via Zoom Technology or physical participation according to the situation at the time of opening of Bids.

The PGIAR will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or submission of Bids. For further details, you may contact the Assistant Registrar / General Administration via phone / email (Tel. No.011-2685217 or sarpgiar@kln.ac.lk)

Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology
No. 407, Baudhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 07.

01 August 2022

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction Central Province

Bids are invited for the Construction works & Material Supply from contractors registered in Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), from asphalt manufacturers & distributors having valid business registration for manufacturers & distributors of asphalt concrete and from manufacturers & distributors having valid business registration for supply of bitumen (80/100) and emulsion (CSS1) by the Chairman, of the Procurement Committee of Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction, Central Province. Prospective Bids which are Rs. 5 million or over Rs. 5 million should be registered under the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987.

Bid document could be obtained by sending a request letter to email: prdatender@gmail.com on before 23.08.2022 clearly indicating details of contracts as given in the notice, bidder's or email address and scanned copy of CIDA registration details or valid business registration for other materials to verify the validity of registration.

Bid issuing shall be closed on 23.08.2022 and other important details are as follows:

Important :

- Above requested details shall be included in the requesting letter. Incomplete letters will be rejected without any prior notification.
- Requesting letters for bid documents through emails shall not be accepted after 12.30 p.m. on 23.08.2022. Considering the request, bid documents will be emailed to the bidders from 03.08.2022 to 23.08.2022 during working hours to the email address mentioned in the request letter.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 16.08.2022 at 10.30 a.m. via ZOOM. Meeting logging details are as follows:
 - > Meeting ID - 710 432 4355
 - > Passcode - 2022/3rd
 - > Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7104324355?pwd=ajRpYWVYL25FNuUZZXp0SHZJY0RSdz09>
- Duly completed bid documents in duplicate for each bid indicating the contract number and the name of particular tender on the top left-hand corner of the envelope mentioning original & duplicate and put into a sealed separate cover and should be sent to reach the address Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing Construction, No. 109, Yatinuwara Veediya, Kandy by registered post or deposited in the tender box at or before 10.30 a.m. on 25.08.2022.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time at the Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing Construction at above address. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be allowed to join the bid opening.
- Tender document issuing will be free of charge and further particulars could be obtained from 0812052279, 081-2204378, 081-2052308 and prdatender@gmail.com during normal office hours.

It shall be considered the contractor's performance of the contracts in the year 2021 and present progress of the ongoing works in 2022 under Provincial Road Development Authority, before awarding the new contracts. As well, relevant Public Finance Circulars issued by Ministry of Finance related to procurement works also shall be considered. Furthermore, final decision for awarding more than one contract for single bidder shall be taken by Procurement Committee.

All supporting documents which are provided by the bidder with the bid document should be accurate & according to the instructions given in the bidding document. Bidder should be fully responsible for the accuracy of these supporting documents and incompleteness of these documents shall be a reason for rejection of bids. The Chairman of the Procurement Committee has all right to reject or not to award any tender or all tenders without giving any reasons and also has no any binding to accept the lowest bidder. The awarding time will be decided by the Procurement Committee.

**Ministry of Road Development, Transport,
 Power & Energy and Housing & Construction,
 No. 109, Yatinuwara Veediya,
 Kandy.**

**Chairman,
 Procurement Committee**

Provincial Road Development Authority

Tender List - 2022 3rd Stage

No.	Contract No.	Description	CIDA Registration	BOQ Cost Rs. (Million)	Value of Bid Security (Validity Period 120 Days) (25.08.2022 - 22.12.2022)	
					In Cash Rs.	By Bank Bond Rs.
Maintenance						
Kandy District						
Executive Engineer Office - Kandy						
Asphalt Supply						
1	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2022/05	Asphalt Supply for Asphalt Laying @ Hanthana Udawela Road (4 + 950 - 5 + 343/0 + 925 - 0 + 953 / 0 + 700 - 0 + 749 Km)	Valid Business Registration for Manufacturing & Distribution of Asphalt	6.80	34,500.00	69,000.00
Material Supply						
2	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KAN/2022/06	Material Supply for Muruthalawa Malgammanna Road (2 + 920 - 5 + 770Km) Material Supply for Kiribathkumbura Diyapalagoda Road (0 + 650 - 2 + 000 Km) Material Supply for Niththawela Road (0 + 153 - 0 + 362Km)	C8-C7	4.03	20,500.00	41,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Harispaththuwa						
3	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2022/02	Material Supply for Premix Patching & Sand Sealing @ Premarathna Mawatha (1 + 100 - 3 + 300 Km)	C9-C8	0.92	5,000.00	10,000.00
4	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/HAR/2022/03	Material Supply for Road Maintenance Work & Construction "U" Drain @ Kahalla Mahagama Road (0 + 000 - 0 + 800 Km)	C8-C7	4.42	22,500.00	45,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Kundasale						
5	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/KUN/2022/03	Material Supply for Metalling & Tarring @ Malpana Kengalla Road (0 + 000 - 0 + 920 Km)	C7-C6	6.92	35,000.00	70,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Gampola						
6	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/K/GAM/2022/06	Material Supply for Metalling 1st & 2nd Coat Tarring on Oligoda Pitawalawaththa Road (0 + 000 - 1 + 100 Km)	C7-C6	7.31	37,000.00	74,000.00
Matale District						
Executive Engineer Office - Matale						
7	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2022/01	Material Supply for KiulaYard	C8-C7	2.46	12,500.00	25,000.00
8	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/MAT/2022/02	Material Supply for 1st & 2nd Coat Tarring on Ovilikanda Ankumbura Road (2 + 380- 3 + 330 Km)	C7-C6	6.24	31,500.00	63,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Naula						
9	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/M/NAU/2022/01	Material Supply for 1st & 2nd Coat Tarring on Koongahawela Pubbiliya Helambagawatta Road (4 + 540- 5 + 540 Km)	C7-C6	6.79	34,000.00	68,000.00
Nuwara Eliya District						
Executive Engineer Office - Dimbula						
10	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/DIM/2022/03	Material Supply for Dansinane Pundaluoya Road (9 + 300- 10 + 300 Km)	C7-C6	6.83	34,500.00	69,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Ragala						
11	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RAG/2022/02	Material Supply for Ragala Office Yard	C9-C8	1.81	9,500.00	19,000.00
12	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RAG/2022/03	Material Supply for Re Metalling & Tarring 1st & 2nd Coat @ Udupusellawa Madulla Road (7 + 000- 7 + 720 Km)	C7-C6	5.59	28,000.00	56,000.00
Executive Engineer Office - Rikillagaskada						
13	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2022/01	Material Supply for Rikillagaskada Office Yard & Padiyapelella Yard	C8-C7	2.86	14,500.00	29,000.00
14	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/N/RIK/2022/02	Material Supply for Premix Patching & Sand Sealing @ Padiyapelella Mathurata Highforest Road (2 + 700- 10 + 000 Km)	C8-C7	2.03	10,500.00	21,000.00
Other Projects						
Executive Engineer Office - Kandy						
15	CPC/PRDA/OTHER/K/KAN/2022/01	Construction of Retaining Wall (Near The Green Hut Down Side Ela) @ Ministry of Road Premises	C9-C8	1.03	5,500.00	11,000.00
Supply of Bitumen & Emulsion for Yard						
16	CPC/PRDA/MAIN/TAR/2022/01	Supply of Bitumen & Emulsion (CSS 01)	Valid Business Registration for supply of Bitumen (80/100) & Emulsion (CSS 01)	42.00	210,500.00	421,000.00