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NO ACTION AGAINST PROTESTERS AT GALLE FACE GREEN UNTIL AUG 10 - AG



DILSHAN THARAKA
The Attorney General has given an undertaking before the Court of Appeal that without following the proper legal procedures, no action would be taken against the unauthorized temporary structures of the protesters

at the "GotaGoGama" protest site at Galle Face Green until August 10.
Additional Solicitor General Sumathi Dharmawardena appearing on behalf of the Attorney General made this undertaking before the Court of Appeal **▶ TO PAGE 03**

PRESIDENT TELLS SJB LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD COUNTRY

President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday suggested to the Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) to name the proposed government as an All-Party Administration if they do not agree to name it as an All-Party Government.
The President mentioned this during the discussion with the Samagi Jana Balavegaya led by Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa held yesterday afternoon. **▶ TO PAGE 03**



Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and a Samagi Jana Balavegaya met President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday. *Picture courtesy President's Media Division*

ISSUANCE OF FUEL PERMIT TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

P.K.BANDARA

Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera yesterday said that no new national fuel permits will be issued within the next 48 hours.

The Minister said that the issuance of the National Fuel Permit will be temporarily suspended for 48 hours due to the maintenance of the Motor Traffic **▶ TO PAGE 02**



AT DISCUSSION WITH SEVERAL FACTIONS OF PROTESTERS PRESIDENT SAYS READY TO WORK WITH GALLE FACE PROTESTERS

SEEKS SUPPORT OF YOUTHS TO WIN ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

NO ROOM FOR NON DEMOCRATIC POLITICS AND VIOLENCE

President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday said that he is ready to work with the Galle Face protesters in a transparent manner.

The President while stressing that the country has to win the economic struggle said that he hopes to get the contribution of all youths at the protest ground in every way to win the economic challenges ahead of the country.

President Wickremesinghe was speaking at a discussion with several factions of Galle Face protesters at the Presidential Secre-

tariat yesterday. The President stressed that he is against the non democratic politics and violence in any form.

He emphasized that those who work for suppression through the University System should give up ragging. "They should stop ragging and come forward for social democracy."

The President requested them to form a core group representing all protesters at the Galle Face which represents all religions and women. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



President Ranil Wickremesinghe meeting with Galle Face protesters yesterday. *Picture courtesy President's Media Division*

CCC urges all MPs to support All-Party Govt.

A senior office-bearers of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) who called on new Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena to offer their felicitation, categorically stated that all Members of Parliament and political parties must join an All-Party Government. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

WE CAN'T USE THE OLD ECONOMIC MODEL FURTHER LET US FOCUS ON GLOBAL CHANGES IMMEDIATELY - President

We can no longer use the old economic model and we must pay attention to global changes by thinking innovatively, said President Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday. He was delivering the keynote address at the professional forum to launch the Advocata Institute's research report on Sri Lanka's economic reforms held at the Bandaranaike International Conference Hall in Colombo yesterday (05). **▶ TO PAGE 02**

SCHOOL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO 3 DAYS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The education authorities have decided to limit academic activities in schools to three days from Monday (8) until further notice.

Accordingly, Government schools and Government approved private schools will conduct academic activities only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

PRIVATE BUS ASSOCIATIONS' CALL OFF STRIKE

IRANGIKA RANGE

A strike launched by several private bus associations was called off yesterday after the authorities assured them enough fuel supply for their buses. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

GL'S SLPP FACTION READY TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) founding Chairman MP Prof. G.L. Peiris said that their faction is ready to support the constructive measures adopted for the people by the Government without accepting any ministerial portfolios. **▶ TO PAGE 03**



WILD LIFE OFFICERS RESCUE LEOPARD TRAPPED INSIDE HOUSE

RANJITH RAJAPAKSHA - HATTON

A leopard which was trapped inside a house in the Lindula area was rescued by the Nuwara-Eliya Wild Life officers yesterday (05). **▶ TO PAGE 03**



Proposals to resolve fuel crisis BASL ordered to submit affidavit to SC

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) was yesterday ordered to submit an affidavit to the Supreme Court (SC) on August 31 containing further proposals to resolve the fuel crisis. The Attorney General was also informed to further focus on streamlining the fuel distribution activities through the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) for farmers, industrialists and other sectors. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Australian Border Force repatriates 46 illegal immigrants

The Australian Border Force Cutter (ABFC) - Ocean Shield, carrying 46 illegal immigrants from Sri Lanka, arrived at the Port of Colombo yesterday morning. The group of illegal immigrants from Sri Lanka was held by the Australian Border Force on July 21, 2022. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Case filed against Embassy staffer fixed for pre-trial-conference on Oct.12

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against Swiss Embassy Staffer Garnier Bannister for allegedly providing false information to embarrass the Government was fixed for Pre-trial-conference on October 12 by the Colombo High Court. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Rambukkana shooting: Kegalle SSP, three others granted bail

CHAMINDA JAYALATH, Kegalle Special

Four Police officers including Kegalle SSP K.B.Keerthiratne who were arrested and remanded in connection with the shooting incident in Rambukkana were ordered to be released on bail. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Police seek public help to identify several suspects

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Police has sought the assistance of the public to identify several suspects involved in the assault on 26 Security Force and Police personnel, damaging public property and stealing two weapons and ammunition from two soldiers during the protest at the Polduwa Roundabout on July 14. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Bad weather: 13,739 people in 10 districts affected, five deaths reported

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) stated that 13,739 people belonging to 3,471 families

in 10 districts have been affected by the inclement weather conditions prevailing in the country over the last few days. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Missing boy found on Avissawella bound train

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Police had found the boy that was reported missing from Kandy, on a train bound for Avissawella. The child had

reportedly come to watch the Dalada Perahera in Kandy with his mother. Police also arrested a suspicious person who had abducted the boy. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Danish Ali and Weranga remanded for violating Court orders

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

Colombo Fort Magistrate Thilina Gamage ordered yesterday to remand Ali Danish Ali and Weranga Pushpika De Silva, who were arrested for violating Court orders, until August 10. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

One shot dead in restaurant shooting

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

One person was killed and another injured in a shooting incident that took place at a restaurant in the Goviyapana area in Abhangama on Thursday night, Police said. **▶ TO PAGE 03**



President Ranil Wickremesinghe received the blessings of the Mahanayake of the Ramannaya Maha Nikaya Most Ven Makulewe Wimala Thera at its headquarters at Narahenpita yesterday. *Picture by Hirantha Gunathilake*

Fuel issue: Cabinet nod for Evaluation Committee

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Cabinet has approved the appointment of an Evaluation Committee to look into the viability of interested parties for the import, distribu-

tion and sale of fuel in Sri Lanka.

Earlier, the Cabinet had decided to give opportunities to new companies that produce and sell fuel. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Arrested for posting lewd photos on Internet

ASELA KURULUWANSA

A suspect who had released nude photos of a young woman on the Internet was arrested yesterday (04) by the Cyber Crime Investigation Unit of the Kandy Police. The twenty-eight-year-old suspect is a resident of the Kandapola area. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Shot and killed over family dispute

Sooriyawewa Special Corr. NUWAN JAYASEKARA

A 34-year-old man was shot and killed in the Lunugamwehera area by his Father-In-Law and brother-in-law over a family dispute on Thursday night (04). **▶ TO PAGE 03**

Girl's body recovered from Galaboda canal

HATTON RANJITH RAJAPAKSHA

The body of the 17-year-old girl who drowned in the Galaboda waterfall on August 1 was recovered from the Galaboda canal on Thursday (4). **▶ TO PAGE 03**

PRESIDENT SAYS READY TO WORK WITH GALLE FACE... From page 01

He added that he would like to propose several places including the Floating Market in Fort for the benefit of the youth with State patronage.

The President requested the protestors to draft a formal set of proposals in this regard with the participation of majority of protestors.

He was of the view that this place should be turned into a centre where the youth can fulfill their skills and needs. He said that this place should be made a central place where libraries for education, facilities to continue political studies, youth

skills in music art, stage drama can be found.

The President was of the view that removal of the Emergency regulations will help economic and social stability in the country.

The President said that it has an impact on governance due to the prevailing conditions.

He said that he has received information that the LGBT community has been facing some issues due to the imposition of Emergency regulations and he has given instructions to the Attorney General to prepare the legal background to resolve this issue.

"Ragging is one of the main reasons for the

collapse of our university system. Strikes have continued all the time. A country cannot move forward through strikes," the President said.

The President said that the parties should come to a middle point through negotiation. He said that they should discharge their duties towards the country while winning their demands.

The protestors requested the President to stop arresting those who participated in the struggle illegally and arbitrarily. They pointed out that many protestors were reluctant to leave the protest site in fear of them being arrested.

Missing boy found on Avissawella... From page 01

The child and the suspicious person were taken into Police custody on Thursday night (04) on a train heading to Avissawella.

The 9-year-old boy residing in the Mailapitiya Talatouya area was abducted by a 30-year-old resident of Peradeniya.

The parents of the child had notified the Police regarding the disappearance of the child. A journalist travelling on the train had noticed the frightened child and the suspicious looking character and had notified the Police. The Police had intercepted the train at Maharagama, arrested the suspect and had taken the child into their custody. Upon questioning, the sus-

pect had told the Police that he had brought the child to Colombo to get him costumes for the perahera and to also buy him toys. Issuing a statement, the Police Media Division said that criminals could persuade children by using various methods to wean them away abduct them with various intentions. The Police said that this had been observed through various incidents. Therefore, the Police warn parents to be extra vigilant about their children especially during festive occasions and when in crowded places.

They also urge parents to educate children of the imminent dangers posed by such characters for their own safety.

Case filed against Embassy staffer fixed... From page 01

The case was taken up before the Colombo High Court Judge Namal Balalle. President's Counsel Kalinda Indatissa appearing for the defense, made submissions before the Court and sought from the Court to fix the case for pre-trial conference.

Deputy Solicitor General Janaka Bandara appearing on behalf of the Attorney General making submissions before the Court pointed out that the trial has already been delayed due to various reasons and sought a shorter date be set for pre-trial-conference.

Considering the submission made by the both parties, the Colombo High Court Judge ordered that the case be taken for pre-trial conference on October 12.

The Attorney General filed an indictment in the Colombo High Court against Swiss Embassy Staffer Garnier Bannister Francis over fabricating false evidence over an abduction of her by the CID officers. Garnier Bannister Francis, a Sri Lankan Tamil woman from Maligawatta who works at the Swiss Embassy as a visa officer, lodged a complaint that she was kidnapped and assaulted by five men in the Cinnamon Gardens (Kuruduwatta) area on November

25, 2019, sexually assaulted and detained for several hours after questioning, over the alleged issuing of a visa to Nishantha Silva who worked as a CID Inspector. A second official of the Sri Lankan Embassy in Switzerland had lodged a written complaint with the Acting Inspector General of Police on November 27, 2019.

The CID had commenced investigations on the instructions of the Acting Inspector General of Police and the complaint stated that the abducted woman had been abducted while going to her child's school that day.

During the investigation, Garnier Barrister Francis was summoned to the CID for questioning, but on her failure to do so, the Colombo Chief Magistrate had imposed a travel ban against her and ordered her to appear before the CID before December 9.

Also, on December 16, on the instructions of the Attorney General, Garnier Barrister was made a suspect in the case and was arrested by the CID and produced before Court. She was subsequently remanded and was released on bail on December 30, 2019.

CCC urges all MPs ... From page 01

"If they are unable to do so due to political reasons they should agree on a national plan to review the economy in the interest of the country and the people," they said.

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena explained the endeavours of the Government to bring the economic activities to normalcy and to deal with the challenge of shortages of essential items.

He assured the delegation the fullest support of the Government to the efforts to remove the problems faced by the trade and industry sectors due to current shortages and social instability.

The CCC delegation pointed out that it is essential to seek support of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to review the economy and ensure stability to attract foreign investment.

The delegation included CCC President Vish Govindaswami, Vice President Duminda Hulangamuwa and Senior Vice President Krishen Balendra. Secretary to the Prime Minister Anura Dissanayake and Media Advisor Sugeeswara Senadhira were also present during the discussion.

Issuance of Fuel... From page 01

Department's computer system. He further said that this maintenance work will not affect the fuel supply of customers who have obtained fuel permits.

Police seek public... From page 01

Investigations are currently underway by the Welikada Police and Southern Range Crime Division. Accordingly, having analyzed CCTV footage, the Police have identified several protestors behaving violently and seeking public assistance in establishing their identity.

Therefore, the Police request the public to provide any information on these suspects on the following telephone numbers 071-8592209071-3064165011-2829388 and 1997 (Hotline).

BASL ordered to submit affidavit to SC... From page 01

After considering the submission made by the counsels representing the Sri Lanka Bar Association, made an order that it would be better if the distribution of fuel should be done through a committee consisting of the district secretary to the farmers, industrialists, factories, etc., by the Sri Lanka Transport Board.

The direction was issued when the two Fundamental Rights petitions filed by the Sri Lanka Bar Association seeking an order to the Council of Ministers to prepare an urgent program to provide relief so that the people who are affected by the current economic crisis can get essential materials and services without interruption and Issue an order to the government to prepare long-term and short-term solutions to the current economic crisis, were taken up before the Supreme Court yesterday.

The petitions were taken up before the Supreme Court Bench comprising Justices Vijith Malalgoda and Arjuna Obeyesekere.

Additional Solicitor General Nerin Pulle appearing on behalf of the Attorney General informed the court that the majority of the proposals made by the Sri Lanka Bar Association regarding fuel distribution have already been implemented, adding that an affidavit

stating that has also been submitted to the court. President's Counsels Uditha Igalahewa and Attorney-at-Law Suren Gnanaraj appearing for the Sri Lanka Bar Association stated that it is necessary to further streamline the distribution of fuel through the SLTB. They pointed out that fuel is being distributed to several sectors including farmers and industrialists through the SLTB and pointed out that it would be more appropriate to do the work through a committee consisting of the district secretary.

Justice Vijith Malalgoda pointed out that those activities should be more formalized.

The bench informed the Additional Solicitor General to pay attention to the matter and ordered the Sri Lanka Bar Association to submit an affidavit to the court on August 31 containing further proposals to resolve the crisis.

The petitions will be taken up again on August 31.

These fundamental rights petitions have also demanded that the cabinet be ordered to formulate a short-term national policy to provide immediate relief to the people and businessmen who are facing the economic crisis.

The petition has requested the court to declare that the basic human rights of the people of Sri Lanka are being

violated due to this economic crisis. In addition, it has been further requested to issue an order to the Council of Ministers to prepare a policy program to increase local agriculture, dairy production and animal products. These two petitions were filed by the Sri Lanka Bar Association's President President's Counsel Saliya Peiris, its Vice President President Counsel Anura Maddegoda, Secretary Attorney-at-Law Rajiva Amarasuriya, Treasurer Attorney-at-Law Rajinda Perera, Deputy Secretary Attorney-at-Law Pasindu Silva through Attorney-at-Law G.G. Arul Pragasam.

The Attorney General, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and members of the Cabinet Ministers, the Treasury Secretary, the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, its Finance Board, the Ceylon Electricity Board, the Petroleum Corporation, the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation, and 42 others were cited as the respondents in the petition. On the instructions of Attorney-at-Law G. G. Arul Pragasam, President's Counsel Dr. K. Kanageeswaran, President's Counsel Uditha Igalahewa, Attorney-at-Law Niranjan G. Arul Pragasam appeared for the petitioners.

Additional Solicitor General Nerin Pulle appeared on behalf of the Attorney General.

Let us focus on global changes immediately ... From page 01

The conference organised by the Advocata Institute under the theme "LET'S RESET SRI LANKA" is held on August 5 and 6 at the Lotus Hall of the Bandaranaike International Conference Hall.

"The way out is through our agreements with the IMF and I don't think that there is another way out. People talk of alternative measures, but they have not worked. Whether we like it or not, we have to deal with the IMF. First and foremost, we have to come to a staff level agreement with the IMF. This is an issue the whole parliament has to consider. If any member of the parliament or a party says that we are not for it, we have the right to ask what their alternative is," the President said.

"All parties must abide by this agreement. When we are negotiating with the IMF, one of the biggest issues that we have to face is that when the governments change the policies are also changed. Are we prepared to support this agreement? If we are not prepared, then the parliament must take the consequences," the President further said.

He also said that any medicine for the recovery was bitter. "It is certainly going to be a difficult time. The first six months will be difficult. It will be a period that we have not seen before. But we all have to go through it. We

cannot go back to the old economic model. We did not keep up with the changes. We did not keep up with globalization and today we are paying the price. There is no need for us to go back to the same system and get stuck with it again. Let's think anew."

President Wickremesinghe pointed out that Sri Lanka must not be trapped in the geopolitics of the Asian region when we focus on foreign loans.

"We have to pay a huge loan and we cannot restructure the future without developing the economy. An unconventional thinking framework is necessary to build an export-oriented economy and to develop the sectors such as renewable energy and nuclear energy.

"The first task that Sri Lanka needs to do now is to stabilize the Sri Lankan economy. During the Asian financial crisis of 1997 and the Thai economic crisis of 1997, the International Monetary Fund guided them to recover from these economic crises.

"When I visited Maha Nayaka Theros recently, the Buddhist monks also agreed to provide relief to the people centering on temples. The gap between the haves and have-nots has widened in recent times. School education has been disrupted due to Covid-19 and the fuel crisis and it should be restored soon. First, we need to create

economic stability and through that, we can create social stability.

"Modernization of agriculture and fisheries sector, use of new technology in production, mitigation of climate change, addressing the problems faced by women, fulfilling the housing needs of people and the poverty in rural areas should be given attention.

"We need to create a competitive economy with high wages and high production capacity. Trade relations should be established with Asian countries with large and growing markets. The current world economic situation is not favourable for any country," the President further said.

Dr. Veerathai Santiprubhop, a former Central Bank chief of Thailand also commented and pointed out that the financial crisis in Sri Lanka is not critical as it is shown in the international media.

Privatization of public institutions, protection of the most vulnerable people, institutional reforms, building credibility in the banking sector, the inclusion of economic experts in the cabinet, dealing with the International Monetary Fund, amending the necessary laws, and seeking the assistance of foreign experts, etc were the measures taken to recover from Thailand's economic crisis, he also mentioned.

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA

SUPPLYING AND LAYING OF INTERNAL WATER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK AT BINGIRIYA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO : BOI/TS/BgEPZ/2020/08/02.002

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for Supplying and Laying of Internal Water Distribution Network at Bingiriya Export Processing Zone. The estimated cost of this work is Rs. 85.0 Mn and the contract period is 120 days.

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.

3. To be eligible for Contract Award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.

Required Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) Registration

a. Specialty : **Water Supply & Sewerage**

b. Grade : **C3 or C4**

4. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include :

Experience as a Contractor for at least one work of similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed work over the period of last 5 years.

The conditions stipulated in the following public Financial Circulars shall be applied for the evaluation.

- 1) 03/2020 dated 09th October 2020
- 2) 03/2020 (i) dated 11th January 2021

5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Actg. Executive Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Centre - West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 on Tel. 0112432549 or Fax : 0112441826 and inspect the bidding document at the given address from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs on working days.

6. A complete set of Bidding Document in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the Actg. Executive Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Centre - West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 from **08.08.2022 until 29.08.2022 between 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs.** upon a payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT. The method of payment will be in cash.

7. Sealed Bids shall be delivered with a duplicate to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, C/o Actg. Executive Director (Technical Services), Technical Services Department, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Level 5, World Trade Centre - West Tower, Echelon Square, Colombo 01 **at or before 1400 hrs on 30.08.2022.** Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend.

8. Bids shall be valid up to 28.11.2022.

9. All Bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security of Rs. 900,000.00** unconditional on demand guarantee obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka which shall be valid up to **26.12.2022**, complying with the specimen format enclosed.

10. Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at **1100 hrs on 18.08.2022 at the Zone Office of Bingiriya Export Processing Zone, Germanwatta, Wathuwatta, Dummalasuriya.** Interested Bidders may participate at the Pre Bid Meeting.

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BOI launches online visa recommendation system

The Board of Investment (BOI), the pinnacle body for investment promotion, yesterday announced the completion of the integration of the visa recommendation system in coordination with the Department of Immigration and Emigration and the Defence Ministry to provide online visa recommendation for potential investors and all the enterprises that fall under the BOI.

The BOI had already completed the online system up to the point where investors/enterprises could submit the visa application online and obtain the approved application from the BOI. For this, the investors were required to make three physical visits to the BOI head office. However, with the integration with the Department of Immigration, there is no need for the invest-



Mr. K. W. Elapatha, Deputy Controller (Visa), Department of Immigration and Emigration, BOI Director General Renuka M. Weerakone, Lt Col Asanka Karunaratna from the Defence Ministry, Jatinder Biala, Chairman Free Trade Zone Manufacturers' Association and Niranjali Weerasekera, Asst. Secretary General Joint Apparel Association Forum Sri Lanka (JAAF).

tors to visit the BOI at all. Under the newly launched system, visa recommenda-

tions will be granted under three visa categories - entry visas, residence visas, and when extending visas. In addition, the applicants who will be eligible to apply for

these are the investors, employees, and dependents of the investors, and selected employees. One of the major benefits enjoyed by investors/enterprises out of the novel system is the elimination of investors' physical presence at the BOI saving their time. Investors can also monitor the online portal and review the status of the process. Upon the completion of the process, the applicants will be notified via an SMS and email alert.

Then, the applicants can take the passport and relevant documents to the Immigration Department where they will be issued the visa. This system will also safeguard against misuse in submission of information, down to the strict assessment.

BOI Director General Renuka M. Weerakone said "the

implementation of the online visa recommendation system is yet another milestone in the journey of digitising the entire investor experience to ensure seamless delivery of services to investors."

"Here, let me make a special mention about the officials of the Department of Immigration, the Defence Ministry and our IT team for their competence and corporation in making the entire process a success," she said. "The BOI hopes this system will curb inconveniences faced by the investors/enterprises and will further strengthen the digital transformation of work with line agencies and ministries. In addition, we are happy to hear the feedback on the process and make necessary adjustments if there are any shortcomings," Weerakone added.

Setting fire to Ranil's residence CID to record statement from fourth suspect

SHAVINI MADHARA

The Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court on Thursday granted permission to the Colombo Crimes Division to record a statement from the fourth suspect who was arrested for setting fire to the private residence of President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

The Magistrate made this order pursuant to a request by the Colombo Crimes Division.

Police said that some data had been deleted from the mobile phone found from the suspect. Police also said that the deleted data has been restored by the Police Digital Forensic Division.

The Magistrate ordered the Police to conduct further investigation and submit a report before Court on next calling date.

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Minister calls for immediate steps to control parasite among prawn farms



Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda in discussions with Thailand Ambassador Poj Hornpol the ways to control the parasite. Picture by Nimal Wijesinghe

NIMAL WIJESINGHE, Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The Fisheries Ministry has instructed the NAQDA and the NARA to take immediate action to control fast spreading parasite called *Enterocytozoon hepatopenaei* (EHP) among the prawn farms and cultivations in the country.

Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda met the officials at the Ministry recently and requested them to take an immediate research to find ways and means for thwarting the disease.

"There shall be laboratory tests to judge whether the parasite is breeding from the food catered to the prawns or from mother prawns being imported to the local prawns breeding centres."

It is learnt the disease being infected by the parasite *Enterocytozoon hepatopenaei* invad-

ing almost all prawn breeding enclosures or ponds and the NAQDA and the NARA researchers are testing samples from prawn farms.

Thailand Sri Lanka Ambassador Poj Hornpol recently met Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda and has consented to assist in freshwater fish industry. The Ambassador has informed the Minister that a number of businessmen have been waiting to invest in Sri Lanka's prawns breeding and processing industry. The Minister has agreed to provide all necessary infra-structural facilities for promoting aquatic resources as wished by the Thai investors.

Ministry Secretary Indu Rathnayake, Fisheries Director General Susantha Kahawatha, NARA Director General Dr. Palitha Kithsirivera were present.

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MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

Draw Number: 4837
Prizes won in this draw
Rs. 5,260,300.00

The super prize of next draw
Rs. 30,642,456.60

Winning Letter: X
Winning Numbers: 2 8 1 9 8 3

HANDAHANA

Draw Number: 140
Total Prize Won in this Draw
Rs. 5,205,140.00

The Super Prize of the Next Draw
Rs. 3,575,378.00

Winning Letter: 2
Winning Numbers: 21 28 43 62

Govisetha

Draw Number: 3079
Total Prize Won in this Draw
Rs. 3,336,520.00

The Super Prize of the Next Draw
Rs. 67,204,986.80

Winning Letter: R
Winning Numbers: 02 14 63 65

Dhana Nidhanaya

Draw Number: 067
Total Prize Won in this Draw
Rs. 1,981,340.00

The Super Prize of the Next Draw
Rs. 120,327,442.00

Winning Letter: G
Winning Numbers: 01 33 64 74

Mega POWER

Draw Number: 1185
Total Prizes Won in this Draw
Rs. 2,496,960.00

Next Mega Super Prize
Rs. 264,237,262.00

Next Power Super Prize
Rs. 10,000,000.00

Next Grand Super Prize
Rs. 10,000,000.00

Winning Letter: C
Winning Numbers: 05 38 61 67 77

Priority for fuel stations adhering to QR system

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) has decided to give priority to fuel stations using the QR system in issuing fuel.

Power and Energy Minister Kanachana Wijesekera reached this decision on Thursday at a meeting with CEYPETCO Fuel Station Dealers' Association representatives. It has been decided to distribute fuel only to filling stations that use the QR system of the National Fuel Pass.

Attention was paid to practical problems presented by the Fuel Station Dealers' Association when following the QR system and necessary steps were taken to resolve them as soon as possible. Attention was also paid to the inclusion of fuel-using machinery to the QR system in the future. Under this, a separate QR code will be issued for machinery, which cannot be categorised in vehicle class such as generators, grass cutters and chainsaws.

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY AND FIXING OF PERIMETER CHAIN LINK FENCE IN BALANCE PART OF BLOCK B AND BLOCK C AT MIRIGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

CONTRACT NO: BOI/TS/MEPZ/2022/06/08.010

- The Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply and Fixing of Perimeter Chain Link Fence in Balance Part of Block B and Block C at Mirigama Export Processing Zone. The work consists of construction of casting and fixing of "Y" type intermediate posts, straight fence posts and struts and 2.0 meter high 50 x 50 mm gauge 6 PVC coated chain link mesh. The construction period is **90 Days**.
- 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:
 - Bidder shall be registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) under category C7 or C8 for Building Construction.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include: Experience as Contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed works over the period of last 5 years. The conditions stipulated in the following Public Financial Circular shall be applied for the evaluation.
 - 03/2020 dated 9th October 2020
 - 03/2020 (i) dated 11th January 2021
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Senior Deputy Director (MEPZ), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama [Tel. No. 033 2274657 or Fax 033 2274656] and inspect the Bidding Documents at the given address from **0830 hrs to 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 to the Senior Deputy Director (MEPZ), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama from **08.08.2022** until **25.08.2022** between **0900 hrs and 1500 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT**. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered to "Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, C/o Senior Deputy Director (Zone), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama, on or before **26.08.2022** at **1430 hrs**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened on **26.08.2022** at **1500 hrs** in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- A pre bid meeting will be held on **15.08.2022** at **10.30 hrs** at the Zonal Office of BOI at the Mirigama Export Processing Zone, Loluwagoda, Mirigama.
- Bids shall be valid up to **21.11.2022**.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 50,000.00**. Bid security shall be valid up to **19.12.2022**.

**Chairman,
Board of Investment of Sri Lanka**

SUPER BALL

Draw Number: 1812 Colour: Green
Draw Date: 04.08.2022 Date: Thursday

Winning English Letter and Numbers
Y 07 20 58 62

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 69,065,606.40

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,114,320/-

ADA KOTIPATHI

Thursday
Date: 04.08.2022
Draw No.: 1638
Colour: Dark Blue

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 56,205,866/-

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,960,400/-

Winning Numbers: 05 38 42 43
English Letter: A

25

English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
Draw No: 988 Colour: Orange
Date: 04.08.2022 Thursday

Winning Numbers: Z 09 26 34 35 68
Super Number: 25

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,518,440/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 251,618,569/-

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Date: 04-08-2022
Draw Number: 3524
Colour: Brown

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 6,883,200/-

Winning Numbers: 03 13 23 50
Capricorn

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 2,260,963.40

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Thursday
Date: 04.08.2022
Draw No.: 3973
Colour: Red

Winning Numbers: 17 45 50 69
English Letter: B

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,611,280/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 71,587,151.40

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Date: 04-08-2022
Draw Number: 515
Colour: Blue

Winning Numbers: K 06 60 70 01
Fate Number: 01

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 11,639,836/-

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 1,401,100/-

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Poor policing again to the fore

In a brazen act of daring a youth let off a gun inside the Mt. Lavinia Courts targeting an accused seated in the dock, on Thursday, in another glaring instance of a breakdown in the law and order situation and, what is more, a demonstration of the impunity with which crime is committed in this country, not to mention the breach of security in an institution such as a Courthouse. This incident certainly does not speak much for the Police Force which has allowed things to drift, from all available evidence.

It was only the other day that we pointed out the ineffectiveness of the Police which had been practically reduced to mere bystanders while 17 killings had taken place around the country in June and July and the fact that up to date not a single arrest has been made. While there had been shootings before this outside Court premises, this is perhaps the first time that a gun was let off inside a Courthouse while proceedings were going on.

There is always a heavy Police presence in all Court complexes. What were the Police doing without body searching those entering the Court premises knowing that an incident of this nature was bound to take place, given the daring displayed by present day criminals?

Here we have a scenario where the Court Sergeant goes about the Courts sniffing at everybody present to ascertain if any of them were after liquor. But it appears that no attempt had been made to find out if anybody was carrying a firearm. If this state of affairs is allowed to continue very soon even the sitting Judges themselves could be targets. The fate that befell High Court Judge Sarath Ambepitiya should still be fresh in the minds of law enforcement in this country. Hence Judges too could be vulnerable to attacks inside the Courts.

What happened inside the Mt. Lavinia Courts is a glaring instance of Police apathy which is also apparent in their efforts at fighting crime. The assailant not only opened fire inside the Court but also managed to escape in spite of the presence of a Police Post outside the Courts Complex. Surely, the officers there must have heard the noise of the gunshot and should have been alert, anticipating the next move. IGP Chandana Wickremaratne should order a full probe into the matter to ascertain if there was a breach of security at the Courts and if there was any negligence on the part of Police Officers on duty.

The Mt. Lavinia Court incident brings into sharp focus the need for overhauling and upgrading the Police Service which is in a state of slumber. The Police Service needs to be rebuilt from scratch and the officers brought up to date with modern methods deployed in crime detection and dealing with crime. Crime in the present day has assumed new dimensions with the involvement of the narcotics element and sophisticated weapons in free circulation.

In all recent incidents of motorcycle killings and drive-by murders the weapon used was the T-56. What ever happened to the grand scheme launched by the Police top brass sometime ago to have all firearms in circulation surrendered to the Police with an amnesty offered to those in possession? The free use of the T-56 in the current spate of killings is ample evidence that this campaign had been a flop. Therefore the IGP should move into the next step of seeking out all such weapons and taking legal action against the offenders. If not, the crime rate and the killings will only increase several fold with rival narcotic gangs killing each other with impunity, and, in the melee and crossfire, taking the lives of innocents as well.

Hence, the Police have their work cut out. The men in Khaki should be given the necessary training to confront the new challenges posed by organised crime. Special units should be set up to go after well-known criminals. Police spokesmen often come out with the various aliases of known criminals when their *Golayas* (associates) get arrested. But the kingpins are allowed to roam free.

No wonder the rate of successful prosecution of criminals is only around four per cent in this country. This is mainly due to the fact that the Police are unable to present their cases effectively, enabling big-time criminals to go scot-free on technical grounds or through various legal loopholes. This is another area where the Police will need to pull up their socks.

There indeed are brave and independent officers in the ranks of the Police Service. But as is all too well known they are a disillusioned and frustrated lot due to being overlooked for promotions or salary hikes at the cost of favourites of politicians - a fact that was bared by the IGP himself following the spate of attacks on the houses of Ministers and MPs on May 9. Any overhaul of the Police Service, therefore, should start with ridding it of political influence. Merit should be the sole criterion for advancement in the Police Service.

A Nuclear Review Conference Amidst Loud War Drums

THALIF DEEN

The Tenth Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which runs from August 1-26, takes place amidst a raging battle: a nuclear Russia vs a non-nuclear Ukraine and potential military conflicts on the horizon, including a nuclear China vs a non-nuclear Taiwan, a nuclear North Korea vs a non-nuclear South Korea and a nuclear Israel vs a non-nuclear Iran.

And in equally serious development, US non-proliferation experts have written to US President Joe Biden, echoing concerns expressed by both China and Indonesia, about a proposed plan by US and UK, two major nuclear powers, to sell Australia atomic submarines under the 2021 AUKUS partnership.

Tariq Rauf, former Alternate Head of NPT Delegation, and Head of Verification and Security Policy at the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), told IDN the Tenth NPT Review Conference is "taking place in the worst international situation in the 54-year history of the NPT", as he recounted the following: A proxy war in full form over Ukraine; A complete cut-off of nuclear arms control negotiations between Washington and Moscow; Nuclear-weapon use doctrines of Russia and the US increasing the dangers of nuclear war; A continuing stalemate on setting up a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the region of the Middle East; The after-effects of Trump's rejection in Hanoi of North Korea's offer to dismantle its Nyongbyon nuclear facility, rising tensions between Washington and Beijing; The CTBT (nuclear-test-ban treaty) has been languishing since September 1996, NATO extending its defence perimeter to the Asia-Pacific, and the only nuclear arms control treaty—New START—hanging by a thread between Russia and the US with an expiry date of February 2026.

"All these and other deleterious developments are casting a heavy shadow over the NPT review conference," he cautioned.

"Having attended all NPT meetings as an official delegate since 1987, I am sympathetic to the NPT President Gustavo Zlauvainen's plight in trying to herd the delegates to rise above their petty discourses, and unrealistic world views to find the "better angels of their nature" to hammer out an action plan for the implementation of NPT obligations and agreed commitments by August 26—the last day of the review conference," he said.

In a statement ahead of the conference, US President Joe Biden said: "As the world gathers for the Tenth Review Conference for the NPT Treaty, the United States renews its commitment to the world to be a responsible steward of its nuclear arsenal and to continue working toward the ultimate goal of a world without nuclear weapons".

"That commitment is why the United States joined together with the other Nuclear Weapons States in January to affirmatively state our shared belief that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought, and it is why my administration has prioritised reducing



"Nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought", analysts say.

the role of nuclear weapons in our national security strategy," he noted.

In this moment of uncertainty and upheaval on the global stage, Biden said, "reaffirming our shared commitment to the grounding principles of the global nonproliferation regime has never been more crucial".

"The world can be confident that my Administration will continue to support the NPT and seek to strengthen the nonproliferation architecture that protects people everywhere," he declared.

Ned Price, the US State Department Spokesperson, told reporters on July 25 that the United States stands by the NPT. "We think it is extraordinarily important to underline the obligations that the NPT puts forward for nuclear weapon states and for non-nuclear weapon states alike."

Nuclear challenges

"In the face of challenges to the global nonproliferation regime, we think it's important that the United States stands with the signatories of the NPT to make clear that even though it has been in effect for some time now, its relevance, its importance, has not diminished a single iota over the years and the decades," he added.

In a statement released July 27, a spokesman for the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Project (NPPP) said US experts urged President Biden not

to proceed with the planned sale of eight submarines fueled by tons of nuclear weapons-grade, highly enriched uranium (HEU), arguing it would "undermine the nuclear nonproliferation regime".

The experts said any such submarines should instead be fueled with low-enriched uranium (LEU), which is unsuitable for nuclear weapons.

Indonesia similarly submitted to the UN conference a working paper that "notes with concern the potential consequences of nuclear-powered submarine capability sharing to the global non-proliferation regime," highlighting that it, "increases the associated risks ... posed by potential proliferation and conversion of nuclear material to nuclear weapons, particularly HEU in the operational status of nuclear naval propulsion".

In China last week, a Government-affiliated report likewise warned that "The AUKUS nuclear-powered submarines collaboration is a serious violation of the object and purpose of the NPT, sets a dangerous precedent for the illegal transfer of weapons-grade nuclear materials from nuclear-weapon states to a non-nuclear-weapon state, and thus constitutes a blatant act of nuclear proliferation".

The confluence of criticism is unusual and reflects the radical nature of the AUKUS plan, according to Alan J. Kuperman, professor at the University of Texas at Austin and coordinator of



the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Project (www.NPPP.org).

"For half a century, the world has phased out bomb-grade uranium fuel to reduce proliferation risks," he said, "but now the United States would export massive quantities of it as submarine fuel, creating a precedent for other countries to demand the same right to import or produce their own HEU—which would be game-over for nonproliferation."

Rauf said the 15 September 2021 "AUKUS" agreement's provision that the US would provide Australia with nuclear-powered submarines is one of the more irresponsible decisions of the hapless Biden administration.

Despite the AUKUS partners—Australia, UK and US—stated commitment to set a "gold standard" as regards IAEA safeguards (verification), in reality, the only "gold standard" that can be set is that of blowing a gaping hole through the IAEA's NPT verification system by exempting up to 2000 kilograms of weapon-grade highly-enriched uranium from IAEA safeguards.

The first and still most authoritative study, "Opening Pandora's Box: Nuclear-Powered Submarines and the Spread of Nuclear Weapons", I wrote in 1988, clearly shows the inability of the IAEA to monitor and verify the nuclear fuel and nuclear reactor of nuclear-powered submarines.

"I have called for the Tenth NPT Review Conference to reject any possibility of non-nuclear-weapon States, such as Australia, to operate nuclear submarines outside IAEA safeguards."

Renewed Commitment

Speaking at the opening of the Conference on August 1, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said: "We are all here today because we believe in the Treaty's purpose and function. But carrying it into the future requires going beyond the status quo. It requires renewed commitment and real, good faith negotiations. And it requires all Parties to listen, compromise and keep the lessons of the past—and the fragility of the future—in view at all times."

Guterres also said that humanity is in danger of forgetting the lessons forged in the terrifying fires of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Geopolitical tensions are reaching new highs. Competition is trumping co-operation and collaboration.

Distrust has replaced dialogue. Disunity has replaced disarmament, he noted.

Rauf said, in his view, the Secretary-General's NPT statement is "disappointing and weak on several accounts and misses the opportunity to show leadership at this important juncture in international relations".

It is shocking that the SG fails even to mention the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), of which he is the Depositary.

The TPNW entered into force in January 2021 and held the First Meeting of States Parties in Vienna in June 2022, where an important Declaration and Action Plan on "Our Commitment to a World Free of Nuclear Weapons" was adopted, he declared.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Bravery is not the absence of fear but action in the face of fear. - Anonymous



DIVINE POWER OF MUSIC



With Patron Hanif Yusoof (Extreme Right)

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

It was an evening of powerful Islamic devotional music. Music is one of the most powerful mediums of expression in the world. It is one of the most powerful forms of expression. Those who are blessed with the gift of making music, who have been blessed with the ability to sing and those who have developed this ability to make music; they have a great choice before them. Do they use their gift to express love, the most powerful emotion? Or do they use this gift to pursue money, wealth and power? For the **World Muslim Choral Ensemble (WMCE)** it is about the. The spiritual goal is one, but the paths are many.

Matthew 6:24 – “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Mammon is an Aramaic term meaning money or wealth)

Daily News attended both the opening ceremony and the closing ceremony/ concert/ launch of the World Muslim Choral Ensemble. The WMCE is the vision of Co- Founders **Haadia Galeley** (Executive Director) and **Professor Andre de Quadros** (Artistic Director), vocal coach **Manoj Sanjeeva** and the members of the Muslim Choral Ensemble.

Both Haadia Galeley and Professor Andre De Quadros have always believed that it is their calling to

spread the message of peace and unity both nationally and globally. They have always felt that it is vital to recognize our similarities and embrace our differences.

The evening was a great one. Haadia Galeley is second to none when it comes to organisation. Both she, Prof. Andre De Quadros and the members of the Muslim Choral Ensemble put together a superlative performance that the entire audience fully appreciated.

The applause at the end of the show was deafening. It was obvious that a lot of time and effort had gone into the performance. The singers were dressed in beautiful robes and the music was so appealing, delightful and pleasing. What was great about the event is that the World Muslim Choral Ensemble was supposed to take place before Covid-19 and Covid-19 interrupted it. Zoom and phone are never as good as being together in one auditorium.

Haadia Galeley has the ability to make dreams a reality. “I need to thank Prof. Andre De Quadros, because without him, I would not have been able to come this far. I must acknowledge Soundarie David, who has been behind me and encouraging me. All of you being present here, makes me realize that we are doing something great and worthwhile. This means a lot for all of us. It is my fervent wish that you all will continue to be behind us, encourage us and give

us all the moral support that we need,” said **Haadia Galeley**.

At the closing ceremony/ launch/ concert of the WMCE, **Professor Andre de Quadros (Artistic Director)** stated that history was being made. It was the birth of a wonderful project. De Quadros stated that it (the project) rests on three pillars: The pillar of Justice, the pillar of Peace and the pillar of Islamic culture.

“The great Martin Luther King said that we need to have justice and peace. Without justice there is no peace without peace there is no justice. This world is now moving in a calamitous direction. A world that is full of hate, of violence, of discrimination, of war and of injustice. But we also live in a world where there is compassion, love, kindness, non-violence and peacebuilding. So the MCE wants to harness these values of love, kindness, forgiveness and compassion. There is no place in this world for anger, violence and hate. We want to harness the values that are constructive. Values that will create a world that we want for our children,” said Prof. De Quadros.

He also added that Muslim culture is rich and varied and that Islamic culture has spread right throughout the world. He spoke of the importance of having a representation of so many countries such as India, Iran, Pakistan and USA, at the launch of the WMCE. It is a bold and ambitious project. “We would like to take you on a spiritual

journey. Islamic devotional music makes this spiritual journey possible,” said Prof. De Quadros.

Prof. De Quadros thanked the audience for taking this wonderful journey with them and making it so meaningful and memorable for everyone. Not everyone who made this project a success can be named in this article. But both the Professor and Galeley wish to thank everyone from the bottom of their hearts. Everyone’s contribution is valued and cherished.

Last but not least, both Galeley and Prof. De Quadros wished to thank the **Patron, Hanif Yusoof**. Without him the evening would not have been possible. We can build dreams and we can create bridges, but support is needed to make dreams a reality. This support will be something they will always treasure for the rest of their lives.

“The whole idea is to bring about peace through music. This is something I passionately believe in. I hope that WMCE is something that will keep growing and reach never heights. Understanding between communities is so important and something I cherish. Today, Sri Lankans in this beautiful island of ours are struggling. We are all one family. And we need to unite with each other and get through these difficult times together,” said Mr. Hanif.

One main predominant theme of the evening, was standing in solidarity with each other. And that as a global community we need to concentrate on our similarities, rather than what makes us different. If you take Hitler, Hitler saw only the dissimilarities. And not the similarities. The idea that we need to live in a just world, and one that is not corrupt, was something that Prof. De Quadros and many members of the WMCE repeated throughout the evening.

“You in Sri Lanka are struggling with what peoples in different parts of this world are struggling with. We must say – no more injustice, no more corruption, no more inequity and inequality. We need to work together to build a society that is much better. We

need to stand together. This ensemble stands for those values,” concluded Prof. De Quadros.

Pictures by Sudath Malaweera



Prof. De Quadros and Haadia Galeley

Let's work together to build... From page 01

The President said that he invited all parties to join an All-Party Government and the negotiations with the political parties for that are under way.

The country's economy is in a dire situation and to get the country out of this situation, all must unite and take

the ministerial positions of the Government and form an All-Party Government. We must work to build this country and I invite SJB to join the All-Party Government and work with us. All of you have worked with me and we can work together without any issue", the President added. He cited an instance where the

main Opposition in the British Parliament assumed ministerial portfolios in 1941

while holding the position of Leader of the Opposition. "The entire Parliament was made into a government and we can follow that example," he said.

"In the 1977 regime change, 5/6th power was achieved by the government and that power was utilized to build the country. But now even with a 6/5 power, the country cannot be built without an All-Party Government which is the only option.

He said that he had to impose emergency regulations due to violent activities. But I have no hope of con-

tinuing the emergency. However, certain laws must be brought up for the implementation of upcoming economic program. Emergency law is needed for that."

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa addressing the meeting proposed to take forward the 19th Amendment to the constitution. "On that day, as the Prime Minister, you provided leadership to bring the 19th Amendment which was a very good step. Therefore, we request the move be carried forward further.

"Also, the number of members of the Constitutional Council has been increased under the 19th Amendment and we recommend the condi-

tion under the 19th Amendment restored.

"The economic burden on the people is the biggest problem in the country today. We must focus our attention on finding solutions to this problem.

The Opposition Leader also demanded that the current Emergency law be revoked immediately. Establishing sectoral oversight committees in the Parliament is not enough and we suggest focusing on the formation of more committees.

He said that his party participated in this discussion with a positive attitude. We must join the discussions as a country.

SJB Parliamentarian Rajitha Senarathna said "Although the perpetrators of violence must be punished, the law must not be applied against the persons who engaged in the peaceful struggle.

We are happy with the Policy statement that you presented to the Parliament recently. I would like to mention that the program of our team is similar.

MP Sarath Fonseka pointed out that alleviating corruption had been the major demand of all the persons who engaged in the struggle. He said that special focus should be laid on ending corruption. We all have the responsibility of building a cor-

ruption-free country. Creating an all-party government is not helpful and I do not see it as a solution to the existing problem. We need to find immediate solutions to the problems faced by the country and the people at present."

SJB General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara, Members of Parliament Mano Ganeshan, Kabir Hashim, Dr. Harsha de Silva also spoke.

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, Secretary to the President Saman Ekanayake and the President's Additional Secretary Attorney-at-Law Chaminda Kularatne were also present.

Wild Life officers... From page 01

The leopard that was chasing a dog had jumped onto the roof and had fallen into the house. The house is in Logi estate in the Lindula area. The house owner S.Suresh said that he and his family were watching television around 10.40 p.m. when the leopard fell through the roof into one of the rooms. They had fled the house and locked the leopard

inside. Wildlife Department officers along with Veterinarian Akalanka Pinideniya of the Randenigala Veterinary Hospital following a mission which took around 16 hours, were able to sedate the leopard and safely transport it out of the house. Nuwara-Eliya Wildlife Department sources stated that the leopard will be safely relocated.

Shot and killed... From page 01

The Lunugamwehera Police said that the victim is a father of two residing in the Lunugamwehera, Weerawila, Puchi Appujapura area. The victim has been identified as Thilina Prasad who was attached to the Lunugamwehera Wildlife Office under the Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat. The victim and his in-laws had been embroiled in

disputes over a long period. On Wednesday (03) the victim had an issue with his in-laws over several of his cows and his wife's brother had threatened to kill him. The victim had also lodged a complaint with the Lunugamwehera Police and the murder had taken place while an investigation was being carried out regarding the threat made by the victim's in-laws.

Arrested for... From page 01

After a woman lodged a complaint, the Police investigated and arrested the suspect.

The investigations conducted so far have revealed that the suspect establishes relationships with women, take their nude photos and releases them on the internet.

Bad weather... From page 01

Director (Information) DMC, Sugath Dissanayake made this observation at a press conference held at the Government Information Department yesterday (05). Dissanayake also pointed out that 574 people belonging to 137 families are currently relocated at safety centers and said that 5 people have lost their lives. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department yesterday (05) stated that the heavy rains experienced in the South-Western part of the island will gradually decrease.

"Western, Sabaragamuwa and Central Provinces and the Galle and Matara Districts will experience rain from time to time. In some places in the Sabaragamuwa Province, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Galle and Matara Districts heavy rains are expected," the Department states. The Northern, North-Central and North-Western Provinces will experience several spells of rain.

"In the western slopes of the central hills and in the Northern, North-Central and North-Western Provinces, the wind speed will be at times 50 kmph," the weather forecast said. The Meteorological Department also issued an advisory for strong winds and rough seas for the sea areas extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Puttalam, Colombo, Galle and Hambantota. "Wind speeds can increase up to (50-60) kmph in the sea areas off the coast extending from Mannar to Batticaloa via Kankasanturai and Trincomalee. These sea areas will be rough at times. There is a possibility to increase swell waves (about 2.5 -3.5 m) in the coastal areas extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Puttalam, Colombo, Galle and Hambantota. Therefore, it is advised not to venture for fishing and naval activities in the sea areas off the coast extending from Mannar to Pottuvil via Puttalam, Colombo, Galle and Hambantota during the next 24 hours," the advisory said.

Fuel issue: Cabinet... From page 01

According to the newspaper advertisement published inviting new companies for entering the fuel sector, the appointment of the Evaluation Committee, which is expected to be approved by the cabinet, will be done in the coming days. Accordingly, the Sri Lankan market will be opened for other companies such as Sri Lanka IOC Company to sell fuel in Sri Lanka along with CYPETCO. A discussion between Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekera and the relevant authorities was held at the Ministry yesterday about the future programme of this process.

One shot dead in restaurant... From page 01

The victim is a 40-year-old resident of the Midigama area, who had been released from prison a few months ago. The gunman had come to the restaurant during the power cut and carried out the shooting and fled the scene.

The other person who was injured in the incident had been admitted to the Karapitiya Hospital.

The person injured in the incident is a 19-year-old who was working as the cashier of the restaurant. The motive for the shooting or the identity of the perpetrators have not been established as yet. The body is scheduled to be taken to the Karapitiya Hospital for the postmortem examination following the magisterial inquest. Ahangama Police have initiated further investigations regarding the incident.

Danish Ali and Weranga... From page 01

A group of lawyers appeared on behalf of the suspects pleading to release their clients on bail.

The Magistrate stated that the bail order will be announced on August 10.

Meanwhile, Danish Ali has been sentenced to 14 days and transferred to the Welikada Prison for using a mobile

phone while in remand prison on Thursday. The suspect, who is currently detained at the New Magazine Prison was caught by prison officers with a mobile phone in his possession.

Accordingly, he was produced before a Prisons Board of Inquiry on Thursday (04) on the charge of using a

mobile phone which is a prohibited item in prison. According to the Commissioner of Prisons (Administration and Rehabilitation) Chandana Ekanayake, the suspect pleaded guilty before the Colombo Additional District Judge and was sentenced to 14 days and transferred to the Welikada Prison.

Australian Border Force repatriates... From page 01

at Australia's Maritime Border, while they were attempting to illegally migrate to Australia via sea.

The Sri Lankan Navy, partnering with other stakeholders who use the Indian Ocean Region conducts regular patrols and operations to prevent human smuggling to foreign countries via sea routes. As a result of this constant surveillance, the 46 individuals from Sri Lanka were apprehended by the Australian Border Force at Australia's Maritime Border, when they were attempting to illegally migrate to Australia via sea.

This also happened to be the first instance where a group of illegal immigrants from Sri Lanka was brought back to the island onboard an Australian Border Force ship.

Reportedly, the group of illegal immigrants set off the sea voyage from Valaichchenai, Batticaloa on July 6, 2022 in a multi day fishing trawler. Among the apprehended individuals are residents of Valaichchenai, Batticaloa, Pasikuda, Ampara, Bibila and Muthur, aged between 17 and 49 years. The Australian Border Force handed over the group to the Office of Immigration and Emigra-

tion Department at Colombo Port, through the Sri Lanka Navy.

Regional Director for South Asia of Australian Border Force Commander Chris Waters said that the Australian Government highly valued the relationship with Sri Lankan partners in combating people smuggling and said that the relationship is considered the gold standard in this endeavour.

He also went on to mention that Australian authorities have returned 183 Sri Lankan Nationals, including this group of illegal immigrants, attempting to illegally migrate to Australia since the month of May 2022. Adding further, he mentioned that all maritime people smuggling vessels destined to Australia since October 2013 had been returned to Sri Lanka. With the election of the new Australian government there was no change in the policy in relation to unauthorized maritime people smuggling arrivals, he further opined.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Western Naval Area

Commander Western Naval Area Rear Admiral Dammika Kumara said the Sri Lanka Navy and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard made a valiant

effort to thwart illegal immigration to Australia by boats, in close coordination with the Australian Border Force. Therefore, he emphasized the public that there was no room for illegal migration to Australia by sea and urged people not to engage in such sea voyages, getting caught in the tricks of people smugglers.

He said that the Sri Lanka Navy would take the necessary steps to completely curb illegal migration to foreign countries and apprehend those engaged in such efforts and ensure their safe return.

Dedicated operations mounted by the Sri Lanka Navy until August 5 this year have so far helped apprehend 1024 individuals attempting to illegally migrate to foreign countries by sea. Similarly, the Australian Border Force has nabbed 183 illegal immigrants from Sri Lanka to Australia and deported them back home.

High Commissioner designate of Australia in Sri Lanka Paul Stephens, Defence Adviser at the Australian High Commission in Sri Lanka Captain Ian Cain and a group of senior officers from the Navy Headquarters and Western Naval Command were present on this occasion.

GL's SLPP faction ready to support... From page 01

Speaking at a press brief held yesterday (05) Professor Peiris noted that the government should take swift measures to solve the economic crisis within a given time period.

Prof. Peiris stated, "Sri Lanka is facing an unprecedented economic and political crisis. We informed the President and the Prime Minister that we will unreservedly support any decision that the Government takes for the benefit of our people. There are many urgent things to be done. Food inflation is running at more than 80%. There are acute problems with regards to the availability of fuel. That is having an adverse impact on every sector in the country. We are concerned about the need to provide education on an uninterrupted basis to the children. There are also pressing problems of the unavailability of pharmaceutical products and the repercussions of that on Sri Lankan hospitals, dispensaries and clinics. All these are matters that need to be dealt with. Any constructive measures adopted for the people by the Government in these very challenging circumstances will certainly receive the support of all of us."

"Another area that we made it clear that our support will be given in with regards to the formulation of policies. The country needs stability of policy formulation and implementation in a variety of critical sectors including health, education, agricul-

ture and so on. If these policies keep changing every year the result is certainly detrimental to our country. Therefore, in these circumstances there is a need for all the major political parties and groups to arrive at a consensus with regards to the elements of the policies that ought to be adopted in our country at this time. We will certainly be party to that without any reluctance or hesitation. Our rigorous and direct involvement is available with Parliamentary Committees especially ones like COPE and the COPA," Prof. Peiris observed. Prof. Peiris also urged the Government not to expand the Cabinet no matter what type of a Government is established.

"We have drawn a very clear line where we wish not to be associated with at all. We will not accept cabinet portfolios, state ministries or any other position in the executive which would enhance the financial status of the people of our country. We made it crystal clear that we are rigidly opposed to the enlargement of the cabinet in any manner whatsoever. We had a Cabinet operating with 18 Ministers and we are opposed to even the addition of one to this Cabinet. The Constitution provides the ability to appoint as many as 40 or more State Ministers. In the Constitution, it says if a National Government is established, there would not be any limit to the number of the Cabinet. Sri Lanka's sources are at a

bare minimum, in dollar terms and rupee terms. We should cater to the needs of our people. We have to support the people and we cannot put more burden on them. We cannot ask the people to support us. It is a complete distortion of priorities in our country today. Whatever the Government, what people would see before their eyes is a jambo Cabinet, the need for them to maintain more and more ministers of various categories and descriptions that would definitely invoke the wrath and the indignation of the people for very justifiable reasons. We shall not be a part of that. We rejected this emphatically and stressed to both the President and the Prime Minister that we would not reject it with reservation."

"Finally, all this has to be done within a time limitation. These are very vital tasks that the Government is embarking upon. The reforming of the Constitution that will have an impact on generations yet to come, a fundamental change in our political culture, negotiation with the International Monetary Fund, all of these must be done by Parliament which accurately reflects the will of the people. There cannot be a contrast between Parliament and public sentiment of the people. Parliament should mirror public opinion. Therefore, we did stress our view that these arrangements should be limited to a time frame," Prof. Peiris also added.

Girl's body recovered in... From page 01

It was reported that the victim had visited the waterfall and was swept away after the heavy rains experienced in the area that day.

She has been identified as Sithumini Suganya, a resident of Penideniya, Peradeniya. According to Police, the boy who accompanied Sithumini to the waterfall had survived.

Search operations conducted by the Police and the area residents to locate the missing girl were disrupted due to the heavy rains. Nawalapitiya Police are conducting investigations.

Rambukkana shooting... From page 01

Kegalle High Court Judge Jayaki de Alwis made this order when the case was taken up in court yesterday. They were released on two sureties of Rs.2.5 million each.

On April 19, a group of protesters who were engaged in a demonstration demanding fuel to be supplied at old prices, had blocked all entry and exit roads into Rambukkana town, as well as the level crossing for more than 15 hours. This had obstructed the vehicular movement and train operations on the Main Line.

As a tense situation had ensued near the level crossing, the Police had fired tear gas to disperse the protesters. Later, as the situation escalated, the Police opened fire at them, killing one person.

President's Counsel Mohan Weerakoon told Court that his client had gone to the place as the Senior Superintendent of Police in charge of the area when the people of Rambukkana were protesting for fuel. PC Mohan Weerakoon pleaded his client be released on bail under any condition.

Private bus associations'... From page 01

Thousands of commuters across the country were inconvenienced following the island-wide strike called by several Private Bus Associations demanding an increase in weekly fuel quota for the private buses.

A large number of people were seen waiting for buses yesterday. They had to rely on SLTB buses and trains to reach their destinations.

The number of private buses including inter-provincial long-distance private buses running on roads was greatly reduced due to the strike.

The bus strike is being conducted at a time bus fares have been reduced by 11.14 from the day as at midnight of yesterday.

Private bus operators commenced a bus strike the day before yesterday at midnight on the basis that they are not getting sufficient fuel for their buses under the QR system.

However, the Lanka Private Bus Owners' Association chaired by Gemunu Wijeratne did not join the strike.

Meanwhile, the General Secretary of the All Ceylon Private Bus Companies Federation Anjana Priyanjith said that they will continue the strike until a proper method is devised to distribute fuel in adequate quantities for private buses.

However, SLTB depots are already supplying fuel to private buses based on the operating distance at the moment.

NTC Director General Dr. Nilan Miranda also said that private buses are provided with fuel through the SLTB filling station located in Bastian Mawatha yesterday. He also stated that legal action will be taken if anyone threatens the running buses.

No action against protesters at Galle Face... From page 01

and he informed the Court that the necessary direction regarding the matter will be given immediately to the Inspector General of Police (IGP).

The Court of Appeal pointed out that there is no obstacle for the respondents to proceed with the initial legal actions within only the proceedings set out in regarding the removal of those unauthorized temporary structures during this period.

The Court also highlighted that this order will not affect the protesters who are vacating from the protest site voluntarily.

The petitions were taken up before the Court of Appeal Bench comprising Justices Sobitha Rajakaruna and Dammika Ganepola.

When the petitions were taken up before the Court of Appeal yesterday, President's Counsels Asthika Devinda, M.A Sumanthiran, Rienzie Arsakularatne and Sri Lanka Bar Association President Saliya Pieris PC appearing for the petitioners made lengthy submissions over the petitions.

According to the submissions made by the counsels who appeared for the petitioners, they pointed out that the Galle Face Green protest site was previously designated as an area as a protest site by the Government and the President.

The protesters began the protest

in March, 2022 to voice their frustrations, protest the actions of the Government which had contributed to their hardships, demand progressive solutions to the manifold issues gripping the country, and most notably pressure the President to resign and appoint a new government. The protesters have been engaged in the protest peacefully since the month of March for more than 120 days, they said.

"When the protest commenced, the Police accepted the legitimacy of the protest site and they supported and cooperated with the protesters without obstructing them," they said. They further pointed out that the Urban Development Authority has the powers to remove unauthorised constructions in the city limits of Colombo area and it should be done under the existing legal framework. Additional Solicitor General Sumathi Dharmawardena appearing on behalf of the Attorney General said before the Court that these protesters exceed their powers and numbers of violations have been carried out by the several parties when protesting.

"Following the notice issued by the Police on Wednesday, 20 tents have been removed," he added. After the submissions made by all parties over the petitions, the Attorney General made an undertaking

before the Court not to take any actions outside the legal procedure to vacate protesters from the Galle Face Green protest site.

The Petitions will be taken up again on August 10. Four Writ Applications have been filed in the Court of Appeal seeking an interim stay order preventing the respondents in the petitions from acting on the Police order directing protesters to vacate Galle Face "Gota Go Gama" protest site.

The Colombo Port Police last Wednesday informed those occupying tents and temporary shelters at the Galle Face protest site to vacate the premises by 5 p.m. today.

The notice further stressed that legal action would be sought against those who fail to comply with the instructions.

In an announcement, the Galle Face occupants were urged to behave in a manner that is in compliance with the country's law and not to oppress the public.

The petitions have cited Fort Police OIC Chief Inspector Sagara Liyanage, IGP C.D. Wickremaratne, Urban Development Authority and the Attorney General as the respondents. The petitions were filed by Ven. Miragahawatha Kashyapa Thera, Irosh Aponsu, Lahiru Anton Fernando and Asanka Abeyrathne.

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Documents containing forms and conditions for submission of quotations for submission of quotations for the above tender could be obtained from 09.08.2022 up to 2.00 p.m. on 18.08.2022 from the Galpihilla Regional Office upon payment of Rs. 5,000/- or could also be obtained up to 11.00 a.m. on 19.08.2022 from the Head Office of the State Plantations Corporation located in Colombo.

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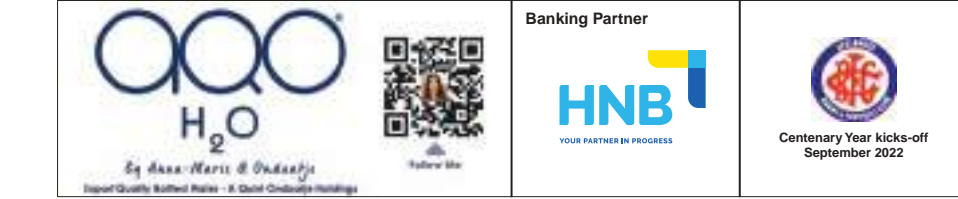
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3	Canada	17	20	22	59
4	New Zealand	16	10	11	37
5	Scotland	7	8	19	34
6	South Africa	7	7	8	22
7	India	6	7	7	20
8	Wales	4	4	10	18
9	Nigeria	4	2	5	11
10	Malaysia	4	2	3	9
11	Jamaica	2	2	1	5
12	Cyprus	2	1	4	7
13	Uganda	2	0	0	2
14	Northern Ireland	1	4	3	8
15	Kenya	1	3	5	9
16	Singapore	1	3	1	5
17	Samoa	1	3	0	4
18	Trinidad & Tobago	1	1	1	3
19	Cameron	1	1	0	2
20	Pakistan	1	0	1	2
21	Bermuda	1	0	0	1
21	The Bahamas	1	0	0	1
23	Fiji	0	2	2	4
23	Mauritius	0	2	2	4
25	SRI LANKA	0	1	2	3

Gymnast Anna-Marie sparkles sans coach, boxer Prasanna goes down fighting



By Allaam Ousman



Sajeewani Cooray (blue) exchanging blows with her South African opponent in the womens feather weight contest

Sri Lankas solitary participant in rhythmic gymnastics Anna-Marie Ondaatje gave a sparkling performance to qualify as a reserve for the All-Around final while medal chances for boxing ended after two more pugilists lost in the quarter-finals on day six of the XXII Commonwealth Games on Thursday.

Canadian-born 21-year-old starlet Anna-Marie Suzanne Quint Ondaatje kept Sri Lanka's flag flying in rhythmic gymnastics despite cutting a forlorn figure participating without her coach for the first time in a major international competition.

Nonetheless she displayed great poise, panache and confidence to win the hearts of the judges with her graceful movements like a ballet dancer prancing around like a ballerina to be placed eighth out of 14 competitors in the All-Around Individual Qualification - Sub Division 1

with a total score of 90.550 points.

She gave a near flawless performance to the rendition of "We are the World in the hoop apparatus scoring 23.600 before making a mistake with the final seconds.

She performed with lovely body movements during a classy routine displaying good control. She wowed the audience at Arena Birmingham with a mature elegant performance. It was very nicely done. It was a different type of pace to previous performances, very dramatic,

very much telling a story. Good quality work. She was like a ballerina, said an expert lamenting it was a shame she suffered a big penalty for not finishing with the hoop in which she was placed seventh. She got 21.850 with the ball, 23.200 with the clubs and 21.900 with the ribbon. She was selected among the three reserves after 16 gymnasts qualified for the finals.

Canada won the rhythmic gymnastics team title after a narrow 4.3-point team victory over nearest rivals Australia.

Tatiana Cocosanova, Carmel Kallema and Suzanna Shahbazian combined for a winning points total of 272.950 with 2018 Gold Coast bronze medallists Australia taking home silver ahead of third-placed Team England.

Boxers Sajeewani Cooray and Rukmal Prasanna bowed out in the quarter-finals though not without a fight after winning their opening bouts. Cooray displayed plenty of grit and fighting spirit slugging it out with her opponent from South Africa Phiwokuhle Sbusisiwe in the featherweight contest but the referee stopped the contest midway in the third round after being staggered by a powerful blow for the second time.

Southpaw Rukmal Prasanna was not his usual calm self against 19-year-old Abraham Mensah of Ghana in the bantam weight contest. Prasanna was aggressive from the opening bell engaging in a brawl with his younger adversary who was fighting with his head and clinching more often than not in a scrappy bout. However, Prasanna failed to keep his distance and tried to outgun his rival which perhaps backfired. Instead, he was inexplicably deducted two points by the referee for pushing and holding,

while the Ghana fighter was warned once for head butting. Sri Lanka's best prospect for a medal Prasanna suffered a 3-1 split decision with one judge scoring 27-27 while another scored 28-26 in his favour.

Sri Lanka crashed to one of their worst defeats in women's T20 cricket by South Africa who confirmed third place in the group with a comprehensive 10-wicket victory.

Nadine de Klerk claimed three for seven as the Proteas bundled Sri Lanka out for just 46 before openers Anneke Bosch and Tazmin Brits knocked the runs off with more than 13 overs to spare.

England will face India today (August 6) with a place in the final at stake after routing New Zealand, chasing down a meagre 72 in just 11.4 overs to top Group B.

After a seven-wicket win in their most dominant display at Birmingham 2022 so far, England avoided a semi-final showdown against Australia, Group A winners and the overwhelming gold medal favourites.

RESULTS
ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
Team Final and Individual Qualification - Sub Division 1: Anna-Marie Suzanne Quint Ondaatje (Sri Lanka) 90.550 (23.600 21.850 23.200 21.900)

BOXING Womens Over 54kg-57kg (Featherweight) - Quarter-Final 1: Phiwokuhle Sbusisiwe Mnguni (South Africa) bt Sajeewani Cooray Muthanthri (Sri Lanka) RSC R3



Anna-Marie Ondaatje was at her majestic best in the hoop apparatus

Mens Over 51kg-54kg (Bantamweight) - Quarter-Final 3: Abraham Mensah (Ghana) beat Rukmal Prasanna (Sri Lanka) WP 3:1

SQUASH Mens Doubles - Round of 32: Ravindu Laksiri / Shamil Wakeel (Sri Lanka) beat Shomari Wiltshire / Jason-Ray Khalil (Guyana) 2-0 (11-5 11-6)

Women's Doubles - Round of 32: Sunayna Sara Kuruvilla / Anahat Singh (India) beat Yeheni Kuruppu / Chanithma Sinaly (Sri Lanka) 2-0 (11-9 11-4)

CRICKET T20 South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 10 wickets (Group B)

Scores: Sri Lanka 46 (17.1) (Chamari Atapattu 15, Nadine de Klerk 3-7, Masbata Klaas 2-7) South Africa 49-0 (6.1) (Anneke Bosch 20no, Tazmin Brits 21no)

BADMINTON Women's Singles - Round of 32: Freya Red-

fearn (England) beat Vidara Suhansi Vidanage (Sri Lanka) 2-0 (21-11 21-14)

Men's Singles - Round of 32: Niluka Karunaratne (Sri Lanka) beat Shae Michael Martin (Barbados) 2-0 (21-6 21-6), Dumindu Abeywickrama (Sri Lanka) beat Samuel Cassar (Malta) 2-0 (21-12 22-20)

Mixed Doubles - Round of 32: Sachin Dias / Thilini Hendahewa (Sri Lanka) beat Ty Lindeman / Josephine Wu (Canada) 2-0 (21-11 21-18)

Men's Doubles - Round of 32: Sachin Dias / Buwaneka Goonetilleke (Sri Lanka) beat Koen Maarten King / Shae Michael Martin (Barbados) 2-0 (21-12 21-9)

DIVING Men's 1m Springboard - Preliminary Dulanjan Kaushalya Fernando (Sri Lanka) 200.55 points (Qualified to final)

Kasun and Duvindu the best performers of Major Clubs cricket tourney

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The promising batsman Kasun Vidura of Chilaw Marians CC and the talented leg spinner Duvindu Tillekaratne of BRC won the best batsman and best bowler awards at the recently concluded Major Clubs limited over cricket tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket.

Kasun Vidura the most successful left hander of this tournament was in terrific form scoring 631 runs at an average of 63.10 with two centuries and three half centuries and he was able to maintain 81.84 strike rate to get more success in this tournament. Kasun the product from St Joseph Vaz Wennappuwa has been picked for Team Greys at the forthcoming SLC invitational T-20 cricket tournament.

Meanwhile the inform leg spinner Duvindu Tillekaratne who was named best bowler of the recently concluded Mercantile Super league cricket tournament once again won the best bowler award at the Major clubs limited over cricket tournament which ended last Wednesday.

Duvindu the main strike bowler of BRC has taken highest wickets of 36 with best figures of 5 for 26 having bowled 102.4 overs with ten maiden overs given away 344 runs. He has taken a five wicket haul and 4 four wickets hauls during the tournament and has been named for Teams Greys at the Invitational T-20 tournament and this will be a good opportunity to show his class before the Asia Cup as well as T-20 world cup which will be held from October 13 in Australia.

Ragama CC's all rounder Janith Liyanage who scored 525 runs and took 11 wickets was awarded best player of the tournament. Ragama CC promising wicket keeper Nishan Madushka was the second best scorer having 557 runs with an average of 50.63 and he scored two centuries and three fifties and the highest individual score of 165 against Nugegoda SC in this tournament. The former under 19 skipper Nipun Dhananjaya of SSC scored 533 runs with an average of 66.62 while experienced T.M Sampath of BRC (brother of former Sri Lanka skipper T.M Dilshan) scored 511 runs with a century and four fifties with an average of 42.58 also showed good form.

Meanwhile Akila Dananjaya the



Kasun Vidura the best batsman of Chilaw Marians receiving the award from Kasun Fernando Tournament Secretary and it's Chairman Samantha Dodanwela.



Duvindu Tillekaratne the highest wickets taker of BRC receiving best bowler award from Tournament committee Secretary Kasun Fernando and chairman Samantha Dodanwela (pix courtesy SLC)

off spinner of Colts CC having 35 wickets, Ashan Priyanjan of CCC having 34 wickets with best figures of 6 for 22, Tamil Union leg spinner Dilum Sudeera with 32 Wickets, Asel Sigera the 23 leggie of NCC having 31 wickets, Army SC leg spinner Suminda Lakshan with 30 wickets and Nimsara Atharsgalla the 23 years old right arm medium pacer from ACC Capital CC the former St Syl-

vester's player with 30 really performed well

Sadeera Samarawickrama was adjudged man of the final in which Tamil Union beat Army SC at the SSC grounds to clinch the championship. Samantha Dodanwela SLC tournament Committee Chairman and Secretary Kasun Fernando were the chief guests and gave away the awards.

Bradby Shield First Leg on August 20

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The most looked forward to schools rugby game the Bradby Shield encounter between Trinity College and Royal College will return after a lapse of two years with the first leg scheduled for August 20 at the Royal Sports Complex. The second leg of the Bradby Shield will be played on September 3 at the Pallekelle grounds. This year Trinity College is celebrating their 150th year. The Pallekelle game will be played under the distinguished patronage of Byron Fernando, and the Colombo game will be played under the distinguished patronage of Sriyan Cooray.

The Bradby Shield encounter - popu-

larly called "The Bradby" - is the highlight of Sri Lanka's school rugby calendar. It is one of the most looked forward games. The encounter consists of two legs, one being played in Colombo, and the other in Kandy. The winner is decided on the aggregate of the scores from these two matches.

In 1945, the principal of Royal College, E. L. Bradby, put forward the idea of playing an annual two-match series, to which the principal of Trinity College C.E. Simithraarachy, readily agreed. To ensure the success of the series, Principal E.L. Bradby offered a shield which was to be held for a period of one year by the winner of the series.

The first Bradby Shield teams of 1945: Trinity - A. Ratwatte, S. Mediwake, A. Yatawara, J.Kuruwita, P.S. Dedigama, T.B. Madugalle, S.B. Pilapitiya, R.G. Sourjah (Capt), H. Jones, R. Vancuylenberg, G. Samugam, H. Ranasinghe, R.V. Moottsam, K.A.Gunawardene, W.Thurasiratnam.

Royal- M. Kassipillai, R.M.S. de Silva, A.C.M. Nizar, N.W. Karunaratne, U.Amerasinghe, R. Rajaratnam, M. Rodrigo, D.R. Amerasinghe, J.M. Cumaraswamy, L.Kumarasinghe, D de Moor, F.D. Schoorman, C.D.L. Fernando (Capt), T. Mukherjee, S.V. Edirimanasinghe. Royal won 3-0 the first leg played in Colombo.

Sethmika bowls Trinity to innings win

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Excellent bowling by Sethmika Seneviratne who took a match bag of 14 wickets for 15 runs helped Trinity College to beat Ibbagamuwa Central College by innings and 39 runs in their under 15 division one match at Gokarella. This talented young bowler who bowls medium pace took 8 for 7 in the first innings and 6 for 8 in the second innings and also did well with the bat to score 41 runs.

Ibbagamuwa Central College made 37 runs in their first innings and 12 runs in the second innings. Trinity College in their turn made 88 for 2.

Ibbagamuwa Central: 37 in 13.2 over's (Sethmika Seneviratne 8 for 7, Ashwin Herath 2 for 0) and 12 all out in 10.1 over's (Sethmika Seneviratne 6 for 8, Ashwin Herath 3 for 1)

Trinity College: 88 for 2 declared in 15 over's (Sethmika Seneviratne 41, Chaniru Senarathne 27)

St. Anthony's beat St Anne's

St. Anthony's College Katugastota beat St. Anne's College by an innings and 16 runs in an under 15 division one game. St. Anne's were able to

score 71 in the first innings and 81 in the second innings. St. Anthony's College made 168 runs for 5 wickets.

St. Anne's College 1st innings 71 in 35 overs (Nethul Chandrasena 32, Kaveesha Pamuditha 5 for 7, Rayan Gregory 2 for 13) and 81 in 39.4 over's (Nethul Chandrasena 19, Rayan Gregory 3 for 12, Okitha Fernando 2 for 20, Sanuka Kalpana 2 for 20)

St. Anthony's College 1st innings 168 for 5 declared in 16.5 overs (Sandew Amarakoon 41, Minon Kemitha 32, Chanuka Nethsara 2 for 36, Deshan Udumulla 2 for 41).

Bolt Gear boost for Royal Rugby 2022

Sportswear brand Bolt Gear is the official Clothing Sponsor for Royal College Rugby during the Inter-School Rugby Tournament 2022.

The sponsorship revolves around the brand's vision of encouraging the younger generation to live an active lifestyle.

Royal College boasts a 100-year history of playing rugby and has produced back-to-back champions in the last few years.

Bolt Gear has been part of Royal Rugby for the last three seasons.

Commenting on this sponsorship, Bolt Gear Founder

and CEO Shafraz Mansoor shared: "An active lifestyle helps everyone to look after their health and well-being and this is the simple notion we aspire to instil in the younger generation. Our collaboration with Royal Rugby seeks to encourage producing an active younger generation."

Royal Rugby Advisory and Management Committee Chairman Chehan Perera said that we are excited to have Bolt Gear join as the official Clothing Sponsor yet again to continue supporting Royal Rugby and we hope to continue such partnerships in the years to come.

