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# **President to inform parties about All-Party Government proposals today**

remesinghe said the proposals presented by each political party during the several rounds of talks held regarding the formation of leaders of the 11 independan All-Party Government, ent parties in the Parlia-

discussions today (8).

ghe stated so at the Friday's (5) discussions held with will be given to all political ment and the 43 Brigade Power (JVP), TOPAGE 02

President Ranil Wick- Parties that attended these regarding the formation of an All-Party Government. President Wickremesin- The discussions were held

at the President's Office. President Ranil Wickremesinghe said that only the National People's



# **President leading country on the right path at a difficult time** - Prelate

President Ranil Wickremesinghe has succeeded in leading the country to the right path by taking charge of the country at a very difficult situation, said the Chief Prelate of the Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagri Dharma Maha Sangha Sabha of Siyam Maha Nikaya, Chancellor of the Sri Jayawardhanapura University, TO PAGE 02



President Ranil Wickremesinghe with Chief Prelate of the Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagri Dharma Maha Sangha Sabha of Siyam Maha Nikaya, Ven. Dr. Ittapana Dhammalankara Nayake Thera and Ven. Dr. Kotapitiye Rahula Thera last Saturday.

# GAS PRICE REDUCTION FROM MIDNIGHT TODAY

#### PAPER ON PRICE REVISION **IN CABINET TODAY**

**ANURA PREMALAL** 

leum (LP) gas is slated to be reduced from midnight today. It is reported that the price of a Litro 12.5 kg domestic gas cylinder may be reduced by Rs.200 to

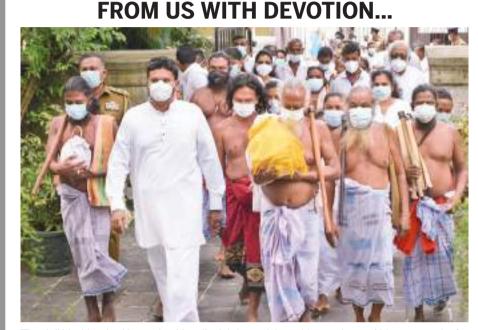
300, company sources said. Com-The price of Liquefied Petro- menting further on this, a senior spokesperson of the company said that Litro has been making profits since last July.

Accordingly, the official added that the repayment of overdue loan

**GAS CYLINDER MAY BE REDUCED BY RS.200 TO 300** 

A Finance Ministry senior spokesperson said yesterday (7) that the Cabinet paper on the price revision of Litro gas will be presented to the Cabinet today (8). TO PAGE 02





The Adi Vasi leader Uruwarige Vannila Aththo arriving with members of his community for the annual 'Honey Pooja' to the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy yesterday. Picture by Asela Kuruluwansa

#### **Eight member Committee to recommend CEB** restructuring

An eight-member Committee has been appointed to propose recommendations on restructuring the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB), Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekara said. TO PAGE [02]

#### Fonseka avers to APG

P.K.BANDARA

The Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) MP Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka on Saturday said that he will not join an All-Party Government.

Fonseka further said that he is of the opinion that people's expectations cannot be fulfilled by an All-Party Government created together with corrupt people from other parties. 10 PAGE 02

### **Enhanced features to be** added to **QR Fuel Pass**

soon - ICTA

**DISNA MUDALIGE** 

National Fuel Pass will be further streamlined with more developments coming under Phase two and three, which have already been designed, TO PAGE 02



#### **Fuel bowser scam: Two CPC** officers under probe

**GAYAN KUMARA** WEERASINGHE

The Meegoda Police have started investigations to arrest two officers of the Distribution Department of the Ceylon Petroleum

Corporation (CPC) allegedly involved in smuggling fuel stocks under the guise of orders received from factories in the Katunayake Free Trade Zone and selling them at higher prices. TOPAGE 02

#### Retired bank officer remanded over Rs.68 mn fraud **GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE** Assistant General Manager Rs.68 million. The police said

The Criminal Investigation of a State Bank in connecthis financial fraud had been Department has arrested a tion with an investigation 62 year old female retired into a fraud of more than

going on for some time. Ear-

# Trains to ply upto Badulla from tomorrow

The Railways Department will resume the train services in the upcountry railway line from tomorrow after it was temporarily stopped due to the landslides and rock falls caused by the bad weather condition.

This was revealed at a meeting presided by Transport and Highways and Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunewardena at the Nawalapitiya Railway station yesterday.

MP Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Railways General Manager and other officials of the department too were present. 10 PAGE 02 Picture by Asela Kuruluwansa.



Transport and Highways and Mass Media Minister Dr.Bandula Gunewardena, MP Mahindananda Aluthgamage and Railway officials at the Nawalapitiya Railway station yesterday.

#### **Police suspect PS member's** killer fired inside Mount Courts too

**GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE** 

Police investigation teams suspect the killer of SLPP member of the Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa PS, Sumudu Rukshan and the person involved in

the recent shooting at the Mount Lavinia Court premises could be the same person. This is after the close-up surveillance of security cam-

era footage regarding those two shootings. **TO PAGE 02** 

# not decided still

**NUWAN KODIKARA** National Freedom Front MP Wimal Weerawansa media reports which said he had decided to join an All-Party Gov-

# **Joining APG: Wimal**

ernment were not correct. He said that an All-Party Government is needed TO PAGE 02

# Man stabbed to death inside Nawagamuwa police station

SUGATH PERERA and SAMANTHI MEERIYAGALLA

A man who came to lodge a complaint was stabbed to death by another man inside the Nawagamuwa Police station yesterday. TO PAGE 02

# **APG: President meets NPP** tomorrow

A discussion between President Ranil Wickremesinghe and the National People's Power (NPP) regarding the All-Party Government (APG) is scheduled to be held tomorrow (9) at 3 pm at the Presidential Secretariat. TO PAGE 02

# **SLFP will support President**

Ranil - Former President

Former President and Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) leader Maithripala Sirisena said that it is apparent that the new President is trying to recover the TOPAGE 02



#### **Garlic thieves** end in police cell

Five men have been arrested over a theft of over 700 kg of garlic from a container in Ragama on Saturday. TO PAGE 02

#### **'IUSF Convener,** a relative of mine ASELA KURULUWANSA and

President's leadership critical in bringing stability - UNSG

Japan confident President

can deliver progress

United Nations Secretary General Anto-

Issuing a special congratulatory message

to the President on August 3, the Secretary

General has said that the leadership of

President Ranil Wickremesinghe will be

critical in bringing stability and TOPAGE 02

nio Guterres has congratulated President



**Antonio Guterres** 

Ranil Wickremesinghe.

L.S. EGODAWITA Adivasi Chief Uruwarige

Fumio Kishida

Wannila Aththo said the Inter University Student Federation (IUSF) Convener Wasantha Mudalige was a relative of his. He said that it is difficult for him to talk about the 'Araha-

laya' or protests TOPAGE 02

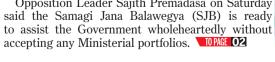
#### **Price reduction for** lunch pack, tea

The price of a lunch packet and a cup of tea will be reduced from today, Restaurant Owners' Association President Asela Sampath said.

He said the price of a lunch packet would be reduced by Rs.10 to 15 in view of the recent price reductions of LP Gas, fuel and other essential items. TO PAGE 02

### SJB will assist All Party Government without Minister posts - Sajith

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa on Saturday





# **GL**, **Dullas Group for APG**, but no portfolios

Former Minister, Prof. G.L.Peiris said that his group is not ready to accept any positions including ministerial portfolios even if they join the All-Party Government (APG).

The former minister was speaking to the media after the discussion between Dullas Alahapperuma's team and the President regarding the establishment of an All-Party Government. TO PAGE 02

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#### GAS PRICE REDUCTION FROM... From page 01

Accordingly, the Finance Ministry has also confirmed that there will be a revision in the gas prices from midnight today (8).

Meanwhile Litro Gas Company Chairman Muditha Peiris had said earlier

He made these remarks

at a public meeting organ-

members at Deraniyagala

in Kegalle. He said that

during his meeting with

President Ranil Wickrem-

esinghe he assured that he

and the other SJB MPs are

ready to extend their full-

est co-operation to the

Government's request if

only the Government can

and a few other Tamil

political Parties are still to

hold discussions and he

commended everyone's

governance by setting

Brigade Champika

enthusiasm for All-Party

aside political ideologies to

fulfill people's aspirations.

The Leader of the 43

Ranawaka said that the 43

Brigade is working opti-

mistically with the Presi-

Information about these

two officials has been

revealed after a bowser

with 6,600 liters of diesel

which was brought to sell

at black market prices in

detained. The driver and

assistant of the Bowser and

Investigations conducted

two others involved in the

racket too were arrested.

in this regard show that

this racket has been suc-

cessfully carried out since

the fuel shortage occurred

Taking into account the

throughout the country.

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wenty First YEAR

in Loving Memory of

SHIRANTHINI

STEPHEN

with affection and

sadly missed by

ur loving Daughter Stephan

and the rest of your

immediate family

"Lalagiri", Nainamadama

the Meegoda area was

ized by the SJB party

that the company has enough gas stocks to ensure that queues will not be formed in the future and added that gas orders have been placed to have sufficient gas until Octo-

revive the country's lost

economy and bring down

the cost of living to reduce

the prices of essential com-

modity items for the bene-

fit of people. The Opposi-

easily become the Prime

tion Leader said if he had

tried earlier he would have

"But I am not a person

to think of my own person-

dent's position regarding

Amendment to the Consti-

tution. He also said that

there is a strong need to

do away with the political

party system and appoint

professionals as Heads of

further said that a country

political reforms alone, and

priority given in issuing fuel

to the factories in the free

forged using the names of

the factories and the fuel

Muturajawela were smug-

gled out in the fuel bowsers.

The stock of fuel seized by

also purchased in the name

Trade Zone and police stat-

chased was 13,200 liters.

revealed that a part of the

fuel stock was unloaded at

The deceased had been

came from outside while a

his complaint.

police officer was recording

at the minor complaints sec-

Nawagamuwa Hospital while

the knife was still in his neck,

tion. He was admitted to

but had been pronounced

The deceased has been

siri Perera, a resident of Ela-

watta Road, Dunakedeniya,

identified as Jayantha Kumara-

dead upon admittance.

The attack had taken place

attacked by another man who

ed that the stock of fuel pur-

Police investigations have

Man stabbed to death... From page 01

the Meegoda Police was

of a factory in the Free

stocks obtained from

trade zone, orders were

cannot be developed by

MP Champika Ranawaka

State Institutions.

Fuel bowser scam: Two CPC officers... From page 01

bringing back the 19th

al benefits as my sole

SJB will assist All Party Governance... From page 01

Minister.

President to inform parties... From page 01

He had also explained that shipments for August, September and October

objective is to serve the

people in the country by

bringing an economy pro-

gress for the benefit of 22

He said he or the other

accept any ministerial port-

folios as their only objec-

tive is to revamp the coun-

try's economy and helping

to reduce the cost of living

added that the contribution

of professionals should be

a key factor. He also said

lated by looking at the

future world.

that in education reforms,

syllabuses should be formu-

MP Vasudeva Nanayak-

kara opined that by prepar-

ing a common programme

to build the country, we

a Ja-Ela farm and the

remaining 6,600 was

brought to Meegoda to be

sold at black market prices.

Police have also recorded a

from a manager of the fac-

tory concerned in the Free

Trade Zone. The manager

has stated that his company

has not placed an order for

the said amount of fuel on

that day. It has been found

been unloaded at the Ja-Ela

farm too at a higher price.

The Police are investigat-

Karawanella. He had come to

woman he knew, a resident of

of a police officer in the minor

complaint's section, a person

had stabbed him in the neck

from behind, police said. The

person who stabbed him has

murder had been committed

over an illicit affair with a

According to the police the

been arrested.

While he was sitting in front

lodge a complaint regarding

physical harassment to a

Ranala in Nawagamuwa.

that the stock of fuel has

statement in this regard

can move forward step by

for the benefit of people.

million people," he said.

SJB members will not

Investigations conducted so far have revealed have been confirmed. The chairman had furthat the murder of the PS member was led by ther stated that gas ships drugs dealer 'Harak Kata' at the behest of an have been ordered and underworld criminal named Jile. confirmed as required.

According to the information received by the police, the underworld criminal named Jile has fled to Dubai after breaking into a house in Angoda Delgahawatte on October 26, 2021 and shooting two people who were sleeping in that house and he is believed to be staying with

Police suspect PS... From page 01

Police information revealed that the people

who provided accommodation to the SLPP

member's killer has been identified.

Several special police teams have started an extensive investigation to catch the killer of the SLPP PS member.

#### SLFP will support... From page 01

country from the prevailing economic situation and added his Party will extend support for that.

He told journalists after a meeting at the SLFP headquarters that however he will not take any positions in an All-Party Government even if the SLFP decides to extend support.

Emphasising the need for unity among political parties he stated that the SLFP would extend their support for the government to implement its policies toward economic recovery. He also said during his tenure as the President, the country and the people did not face such harsh socio-economic conditions as the what the people are experiencing now.

### President leading country... From page 01

Ven. Dr.Ittapana Dhammalankara Nayake Thera and offered his blessings to the President to overcome all the

challenges ahead. Delivering a special sermon, the Mahanayake Thera made these remarks when President Wickremesinghe visited the Sri Dharmavijayaloka Viharaya, Rukmale on Saturday (6) to obtain blessings of the Maha Sangha.

UNP Deputy Leader and Presidential Advisor Ruwan Wijewardene welcomed the President at the temple. The Maha Sangha chanting Seth Pirith invoked blessings on the President.

The Mahanayake Thera said that President Ranil Wickremesinghe, as an experienced

responsibility of the presidency at a very challenging time, and wished the President the strength and courage to free the country and the people from the economic disaster the country is facing. President Ranil Wickremasinghe opined that he was compelled to act constitutionally to safeguard the country and the people, no matter how much he lost personally. The President further said that the rule of law should uphold to move a country forward.

political leader, assumed the

Ven. Kotapitiye Rahula Thera, Anunayake Thera of the Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagri Dhamma Maha Sangha Sabha delivering a sermon, said that it is the government's responsibility to respect democracy and to allow peaceful protests as well as suppress illegal activities.

"You are a leader who has worked closely with the Maha Sangha since then. We are very pleased that you have become the President of this country. You have a good understanding of politics and have a wealth of experience. We are deeply saddened by the recent incident of setting your private residence on fire. We regret that some monks and some religious leaders have engaged in politics beyond their limits in the past. As Maha Sangha, we can only advise you", the Anunayake Thera further

#### President's leadership critical... From page 01

ensuring an environment conducive to ushering Sri Lanka out of the current challenges the country is facing.

ple of Sri Lanka to address their immediate and long-term needs and added that it is looking forward to continue UN's co-operation to advance peace building, sustainable development and human rights for the benefit of all Sri Lankans.

Meanwhile Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has extended his heartiest congratulations to President Ranil Wickremesinghe. In the congratulatory message, the Japanese Prime Minister has said he is happy to see that Ranil Wickremesinghe, who has been dedicated to the economic and social development of Sri Lanka for a long

leadership of the President to create political stability in the country, the Japanese Prime

Minister has said he hoped that the negotiations with the International Monetary Fund and the debt restructuring process will proceed successfully.

The Prime Minister of Japan expressing confidence that through economic stability and administrative reforms, the crises faced by the government of Sri Lanka will end very soon has said as a service center in the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka can be made into a state with great development.

Recalling that the two countries are celebrating 70 years of diplomatic relations, the Japanese Prime Minister has also informed that he is eager to work with President Ranil Wickremesinghe for the development of Japan-Sri Lanka cooperation as well as a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

### port the Government and peo-

The UN Secretary General acknowledged the President's commitment to forge a consensus among all political parties in developing a national strategy to address these challenges. The Secretary General also pointed out the importance of encouraging dialogue among all stakeholders, including consultation with the public, as well as respect for the rule of law and fundamental human rights principles.

Secretary General Antonio Guterres welcomed Sri Lanka's efforts towards women's political participation and encouraged the President's leadership to accelerate progress. The UN stressed that it is ready to sup-

time, become the President. Expressing confidence in the

#### Trains to ply upto Badulla... From page 01

This discussion was held to explore the possibility of resuming the movement of the upcountry railway services which are currently at a standstill.

The railway workers said that there have been many

landslides and rockfalls at several places on the railway line from Nawalapitiya to Nanu-Oya and the restoration work is in the final stage.

Transport Minister Bandula Gunawardena said that the railway department should be made into a profitable institution and through that a background should be created where the department itself earns the necessary money for salaries, overtime allowances and operational activities.

#### **DEATH NOTICE**



#### **HEENMANIKE SENANAYAKE**

(retired Government School Teacher and retired Birth, Marriage and Death Registrar)

Beloved wife of late M.G.R. Senanayake Muruttetuwegama, everlovingmotherofRasikaSenanayakeMuruttetuwegama, Senanayake Muruttetuwegdama, Senanayake Muruttetuwegama, Kanishka Senanayake Muruttetuwegama, Indika Senanayake Muruttetuwegama and Champika Senanayake Muruttetuwegama and the doting grandmother of Keshini, Siyathma, Nandaja, Umandi, Barani, Keyuri, Pobavin and Minovin and dearest motherin-law of Wathsala, the late Wijayali, Sajini and Jayantha. The cortege leaves the family residence at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022, followed by the Cremation at the Family Burial Ground at Higgashena, Kuruwita.

#### Enhanced features to be added to QR... From page 01

Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) Chairman Jayantha De Silva said.

De Silva told the Daily News that phase two and three of the National Fuel Pass would be launched in the near future to make the process more convenient for users. The ICTA Chairman said ICTA has developed a software application (App) for the people to find which fuel stations have fuel and the level of their stocks at any given time, and it would be launched under Phase two of the National Fuel Pass.

"We have to come to grips with the reality that the fuel distribution will be limited in the coming year in the face of the prevailing foreign exchange scarcity. Therefore, a shed which received a fuel bowser today may not receive another bowser tomorrow. The App has been developed to help people find which shed they should go to pump fuel. There will be green, yellow and red indications to show the amount of fuel these stations have. Red means very low or no

He pointed out that this App would be useful to find fuel when travelling

stocks," the Chairman

explained.

long distances. "For example, if you are going from Colombo to Kandy, and want to fill the fuel tank while in Kandy, the App will guide you to the nearest shed where fuel is available," he said.

The Chairman said.

under the third phase, a token system would be introduced to reserve a time slot to pump fuel. "Then you can book your time and come to the shed within that hour to get fuel. These developments will be gradually incorporated into the Fuel Pass system. When you are going for a National Programme, challenges are

many. We are going step by step. Since the QR Code-based system has now been adopted by almost all sheds, we hope we can go into the second and third solutions in the near future," he added.

A total of 5.53 million users have been registered with the QR Code system of the National Fuel Pass as of Saturday night to receive a weekly quota of fuel under the fuel rationing system in place. About 593,000 transactions had been done under this system on Saturday and a total of 5.1 million litres of fuel had been issued to the users within that day.

#### 'IUSF Convener, a... From page 01

organized by them and added the youth community is going in different directions. The Adivasi leader was speaking to journalists in

ing ceremony for Sri Dalada Maligawa.He further said that it is unacceptable to assign the responsibility

Kandy after the annual honey offer-

of finding solutions to the country's crises to only one person and added everyone should contribute to that as much as they can.

#### Retired bank officer remanded... From page 01

woman arrested in connection with the fraud had committed suicide by jumping from the sixth floor of the Criminal **Investigation Department** in the early hours of January 11 this year.

The woman had jumped from the sixth floor of the Criminal **Investigation Department** by going to the toilet and jumping down from a window there.

It has been revealed that this fraud was done by creating a lending

society and claiming to provide loans to various women, preparing files from their information and taking loans from the bank.

Investigations have revealed that bank officials are also involved in this fraud. This fraud took place

at a State Bank as revealed during an internal audit. Accordingly, on November 17, 2017, the Internal Audit Officer submitted a complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department in this regard, the Police Media Unit stated. Investigations have

loan files had been submitted with fake documents in this fraud. Accordingly, the former AGM of the bank, who is said to be involved in this fraud, was arrested last Friday.

revealed that 48 personal

The Police Media Spokesman's Office stated that it was at Colombo Fort. According to the police the main sus-

pect in this fraud has died.She killed herself by jumping from the sixth floor of the Criminal Investigation Department. Police say that the retired AGM was arrested for aiding and abetting in this financial fraud.

The Police Media Spokesperson's Office also stated that the suspect was remanded till August 10 after being produced before the Colombo Fort Magistrate's Court.

#### Garlic thieves end... From page 01

Police said the suspects stole garlic from a container loaded with over 30,000 kg of garlic belonging to a private company, which was being transported after being released from the Customs. Two suspects who attempted to sell the stolen garlic and three suspects who came to buy them have been arrested.

#### Joining APG: Wimal... From page 01

to implement the minimum common national programme with all-party consensus. The former minister said he will keep a close eye on the 'minimum common national programme' that will be prepared in the future, taking into consideration the suggestions made by his group. Weerawansa said that if he decides to join an all-party government he will openly inform the public about it. The MP said that it was his Group that informed the country for the first time that the establishment of an allparty government is the best solution to pass this interim period when the current economic crisis has developed into a political crisis.

#### Eight member.... From page 01

mit their recommendations within a month. The Committee comprises former Finance Ministry Secretary Dr. R.H.S.Samaratunga, former Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) Chairman M.M.C.Ferdinando, former CEB acting General Manager Dr. Susantha Perera, Board of Investment (BoI) former Chairman Thilan Wijesinghe, Petroleum Development Authority Chairman and Colombo Port City Economic Commission Director General Saliya Wickramasuriya, former Legal Consultant to the Public Enterprise Reforms Commission Nihal Jayawardane, PC, former Senior State Coun-

He said the Committee is expected to sub-

istry Director Chandana Wijesinghe. Cabinet granted approval to commence the restructuring of the CEB on August 1. Prior to the Cabinet approval, Minister Wijesekara tweeted "The CEB needs restructuring.I hope to get the approval of the Cabinet to commence the unbinding of the CEB with the generation, transmission and supply to be separated".

sel at the Attorney General's Department's Harsha Fernando and Power and Energy Min-

#### Fonseka avers to... From page 01

Fonseka further said that in order to recover from the current crises, a government selected from around 50 to 60 MPs who have no allegations of corruption against them should be chosen.

### GL, Dullas Group... From page 01

Peiris said his group of MPs will fully support any work undertaken for the good of the country and the people and will never try to sabotage it. "We are ready to help rebuild the country from here, but sitting on the side of the people," he added.

#### APG: President... From page 01

With regard to the All-Party Government, the President has held discussions with all other Parties and Groups including the leaders of the 11 independent MPs in Parliament. except for the NPP. The NPP had previously declared that they would not support an All-Party Government.

#### Price reduction... From page 01

He said the new price of a cup of tea would be between Rs. 30 and 40, and the exact price would be announced today.

Observing that the LP Gas shortage prevailed in the country compelled many to close down their restaurants, Sampath said some of them have resumed operations as LP Gas is once again available without a shortage.

#### **Obituaries**

It is with sadness and grief that we inform the passing away of Mr. VAJIRA BORALESSA, son of late Mr. Thissa Boralessa and late Mrs. Hema Boralessa, husband of Chandra, father of Hashanthi and Kasun, brother of Anura and late Oshadha. His remains lie at Mahinda Florists - 2nd Floor (Mount Lavinia) during the times below: 7th August (8 a.m. - 6 p.m), 8th August (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.). Final rites will be at 4 p.m. on 8th August 2022 at Mount Lavinia Cemetery. WIJEYARATNE - INDRANEE (nee

ABEYSEKERA) - Beloved wife of Dr Stanley Wijeyaratne, loving mother of Malik, Luvinda, Nomal and mother-inlaw of Micha, Savi and Piyanjalee, doting grandmother of Leia, Tatiana, Briony, Harley and adoring great-grandmother of Zadie and Halle, loving sister of Nihal and late Ravindra, passed away peacefully at home on 4th August 2022. Remains lie at A.F. Raymonds Parlour, 115, D.S. Senanayake Mawatha for viewing on Monday 8th August 2022 from 9 a.m. Funeral service will be held at 2.30 p.m. Cortege leaves the parlour at 3.30 p.m. for cremation at 4.00 p.m. at Kanatte, Borella.

# Organise immediate flood relief programmes - PM

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena instructed the public service officials to carry out urgent relief programmes for those who are affected due to inclement weather in many parts of the country.

At an emergency meeting held at the Home Ministry on Saturday, to discuss the ways and means of providing relief and shelter to the affected and displaced people due to floods and landslides, the Prime Minister also stressed the need to take steps to protect the houses and properties of the affected peo-

"In addition to providing relief and temporary shelters as well as essential requirements, there should be programmes for resettlement and providing permanent houses for those who lost their homes," Prime Minister Gunawardena emphasized.

Secretary to the Prime Minis-

ter, Anura Dissanayake, Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Priyantha Mayadunne, senior officials of the Ministry and Disaster Management Centre attended the meet-



#### Jaffna-Chennai flights to re-start soon - NPC Secretary

**RASULA DILHARA,** North Special Corr

Flights between Jaffna and India will re-start this week, Secretary of the Northern Provincial Council (NPC) S.M. Saman Bandulasena said. Accordingly, flights will start between Jaffna and Chennai and also steps have been taken to resume internal flights

from Jaffna to Ratmalana,

With the spread of the Coronavirus in the recent past, the Jaffna International Airport had to be closed due to the decision to close all the internal airports in Sri Lanka.

During this period, the renovation and modernization work was carried out at the Jaffna International Airport at a cost of US\$ 200 million with the support of the Indian Government.

#### HC Moragoda meets Tamil Nadu MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi

Further strengthening the engagement with the State of Tamil Nadu and as a follow-up to the meeting with its Chief Minister in early June, Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda met with Lok Sabha MP for Thoothukudi constituency, Kanimozhi Karunanidhi in New

Delhi. Parliamentarian Kanimozhi Karunanidhi is the daughter of the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M. Karunanidhi and sister of the present Chief Minister M.K. Stalin. She

is in New Delhi attending the monsoon session of the Parliament.

At the outset, the Lok Sabha MP extended a warm welcome to High Commissioner Moragoda. During the very cordial discussion that followed, the High Commissioner thanked the people of Tamil Nadu for the humanitarian assistance that they have been extending to Sri Lanka to help it manage the current economic situation.

The High Commissioner and the Parliamentarian exchanged views on



Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda presenting a copy of the Tamil translation of the book containing his Parliamentary speeches to Tamil Nadu MP

the very close ethnic, religious and cultural affinities between the State of Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka and discussed ways and

> en them. High Commissioner Moragoda also presented a copy of the Tamil translation of the book containing his Parliamentary speeches to MP Kani-

means to further strength-

The High Commissioner recalled how he had presented a copy of the same book to her father, the late M. Karunanidhi, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in 2006.

A senior member of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and a poet, Kanimozhi Karunanidhi functions as the chief of the party's wing for art, literature and rationalism. She had worked as a journalist before entering politics.

High Commissioner Moragoda was accompanied by Deputy High Commissioner Niluka Kadurugamuwa and Minister Counsellor of the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi Gamini Sarath Godakanda to

# Government maintains organic agriculture policy - Minister

The Government will never abandon its organic agriculture policy. It has already been recommended that 30 percent of paddy land be used for organic farming in the next Maha season. Also, steps are being taken to provide quality organic fertilizers to the farmers, said Agriculture Minister Mahinda

"It was also decided not to give approval for any type of organic fertilizer without checking the quality. Organic farming is essential for our country. A large number of farmers are engaged in organic farming. Also, steps will be taken to provide a subsidy amount to the farmers engaged in organic cultivation for buying organic fertilizers in the next Maha season. We give farmers the right to choose the organic fertilizer they want. The Government does not force farmers to decide which organic fertilizers to buy," the Minister

The scientific organic agriculture approach introduced by Ven. Siri Samanthabhadra Thera at the Umandawa temple is really a good example for the farmers. We requested him to establish two more successful demonstration scientific organic agriculture projects



Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera with Ven. Siri Samanthabhadra Thera during an observation tour of the Malsiripura Umandawa Temple organic cultivation project last Friday.

like Umandawa in Jaffna and Southern Province. The Ven. Thera agreed to this proposal," Minister Amaraweera said.

The Agriculture Minister said that the Ven. Thera agreed to start those projects with the support of local and foreign countries without spending a single rupee of Government money.

The Minister expressed these

views last Friday (5) while participating in the observation of Malsiripura Umandawa Temple organic

The Umandawa Temples premises consist of 75 acres and it is unique that every inch of land is cultivated. All types of crops grown in the upland, lowland and dry regions have been cultivated in Umandawa as an environmentally friendly agricultural project, giving priority to Buddhist teachings.

Also, many projects have been implemented there, such as the production of organic fertilizers, insect repellants, as well as obtaining energy through the production of biogas, using cattle management and the waste of those animals.

The Minister of Agriculture, who observed the entire Umanda Temple cultivation area, also appreciated the example set by the Ven. Siri Samanthabhadra Thera to the farmers by effectively applying his knowledge for an agricultural development project as a graduate Monk is praiseworthy.

The Minister further said that the Umandawa Organic Farming Project can be seen as the most perfect eco-friendly organic farming project in this country today. There is no shortage in the cultivat-

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ed land. Everything related to organic agriculture is there. He agreed to establish two more cultivation projects under this cultivation concept in Jaffna and Southern Province. We are ready to provide the necessary land and other sup-

The Umandawa temple is using organic farming, conducting researches on food patterns using local vegetables, fruits, herbs, and introducing their products to the world on Ebay, which would help prevent food wastage and use materials to produce food.

Using new fruits such as Papaya instead of Wheat Flour for preparing Kottu, preparing healthy drinks, preparing dehydrated fruits and vegetables, preparing sausages using Kohila without meat and preparing ice cream using Waraka, Papaya and Mango are some of the innovative ideas and methods which have been introduced.

The Minister said that the Umandawa temple project is truly the most perfect agricultural project in existence in the country today. He also expressed his gratitude on behalf of the government to the Ven. Siri Samanthabhadra Thera for introducing such a project and concept to our country.

### Northern schools to function daily from this week

RASULA DILHARA, North Special Corr

The Northern Provincial Education Secretary has informed School authori ties in the North to resume education activities in schools in the North on all five days of the week start-

ing today. His announcement states that Principals and Regional Education Directors should meet and discuss and take a decision regarding the establishment and maintenance of schools in provinces with very poor transport facili-

ties. The Northern Provincial Education Secretary has also notified the Regional Education Directors to provide facilities for teachers who need fuel to get fuel easily from 6 to 8 in the morning from the nearest fuel station.

# Manjula Priyanga creates elephant replicas out of dung

Manjula Priyanga Jayasundara, a resident of Pallekele, Kandy, has managed to create replicas of elephants using elephant dung.

He has been able to produce these crea-

tions following research conducted for about five years using elephant dung. He also has a patent for creating replicas using elephant dung.

Jayasundara says that he adds several raw materials found locally to elephant dung and prepares a pulp and without using any mould, prepares the elephant replicas using his own hands.

phants such as Indi Raja and Sinha Raja at Sri Dalada Maligawa have been created using their own dung. He also stated that there is a special

He said that the replicas of famous ele-

demand for replicas of elephants such as Raja Ata, Neduna Gamuwe Raja, who passed away recently after these tuskers carried the Sacred Relics Casket in the Esala Perahera for several years.

Miyan Raja, but also wild tuskers like Arjuna of the Yala forest. He said that he has created a 5 1/2 feet

So far, Manjula Jayasundara has created

not only tame tuskers like Indi Raja, Kata-

ragama Vasana, Sinha Raja, Buruma Raja,



Manjula Priyanga Jayasundara with some of his creations.

tall elephant replica and it is currently on display in Pinnawala.

Jayasundara said that his was an environmentally friendly creation made with 100 percent local raw materials. He also said replicas made from elephant dung can be kept for a long time.



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# **Health worker caught peddling heroin**

M.P.KUMARA,

Kotadeniyawa Group Corr. Veyangoda Police say that a health worker who was engaged in distributing heroin in the Veyangoda and Naivala areas was arrested with drugs on Saturday.

The suspect is a resident of Veyangoda Wataddara. Police say that the suspect is a 33-year-old unmarried man who works as a health assistant at the Negombo General Hospital.

According to the information received by the Veyangoda Police, the suspect was arrested at the special roadblock used at Naivala intersection. Police seized five grams and 300 milligrams of heroin from the suspect's pos-

session. Police investigations have revealed that the arrested suspect was working at the Negombo General Hospital and had connections with drug traffickers in the area.

He had obtained heroin from them and distributed it using public transport. He had also carried out the business while working at the hospital. Police said that the heroin brought from the Negombo to Veyangoda area was sold in 20 milligram and 40 milligram packets by the suspect who is also reported to be a

drug addict.

# President's programme for an **All-Party Government** The Maha Sangha invoked bless-Government, said, "The Govern-

ings on President Ranil Wickremasinghe's programme for an All-Party Government as Wickremesinghe on Friday (05) afternoon went to the headquarters of the Sri Lanka Ramanna Maha Nikaya at Elvitigala Mawatha, Narahenpita, and received the blessings of the Chief Prelate of the Nikaya Most Venerable Makulawe Wimala Thera.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe, informing the leaders of the Ramanna Maha Nikaya about the Government's programme for an All-Party ment has discussed the formation of an All-Party Government with several political parties and the negotiations were successful. Among them, there are groups with different opinions and talents. We hope to listen to the opinions of all of them and assign them responsibilities based on their skills. We aim to present a correct programme for the country by listening to the opinions of the majority through discus-

The Maha Sangha stated that the

people of the country have faith in the leadership of President Wickremesinghe and urged him to safeguard it.

Venerable Attangane Sasanarathana Thera, Chief Registrar of Sri Lanka Ramanna Maha Nikaya and Venerable Halpanwila Palitha Thera, Deputy Judicial Registrar of Sri Lanka Ramanna Maha Nikaya attended the event. United National Party Deputy Leader, Senior Advisor to the President Ruwan Wijewardene and others were pre-



Chief Prelate of the Sri Lanka Ramanna Maha Nikaya Most Venerable Makulawe Wimala Thera blessing President Ranil

# Minister visits Nawalapitiya, sees damages in Inguru-Oya



RANJITH RAJAPAKSE.

Highways, Transport and Mass Media Minister of Dr.Bandula Gunawardena visited several areas in Hatton yesterday to look into the problems of the people who were affected by the floods in the.

He inspected the Nawalapitiya-Inguruoya bridge which collapsed due to the recent heavy rains that fell in the western parts of the Central Mountains.

Following the invitation of former Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Gunawardena visthe lack of access to the Inguru considering it as a special need.

Oya area due to the collapse of the Nawalapitiya-Inguru Oya

Speaking to the media during the visit, Minister Bandula Gunawardena said that Nawalapitiya Constituency was the most affected by the floods and many lives were lost due to the floods and many houses of the people living there were destroyed by the floods.

The minister said that he will consult President Ranil Wickremesinghe regarding this issue and take measures to solve the probited the area and inquired about lems of the affected people by

# **President Wickremesinghe** thanks Premier Modi for India's support



President Ranil Wickremesinghe

President Ranil Wickremesing-

he on Wednesday thanked India which he said under the leadership

of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

has provided his crisis-hit country

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi Recently, India has extended eight Lines of Credit (LOCs) to Sri Lanka amounting to US\$

'a breath of life' in tough times. President Wickremesinghe made the remarks while presenting the Government's Policy Statement during the third session of Parliament during which he invited political parties to form an All-

Party Government. "I wish to specially mention the assistance provided by India, our closest neighbour, in our efforts of economic revitalisation. The Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given us a breath of life. On behalf of my people and that of my own, I convey the gratitude to Prime Minister Modi, the Government and the people of India," said President Wickremesinghe in his

address. Since the beginning of 2022, Sri Lanka has experienced an escalating economic crisis and the government has defaulted on its foreign loans. The United Nations warned that 5.7 million people "require immediate humanitarian assistance."

With many Sri Lankans experiencing extreme shortages of essentials including food and fuel, peaceful protests began in March. The protests led then-Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to resign on May 9, and his brother, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, to flee the country on July 13 and resign the following day.

Wickremesinghe became acting president, and Parliament elected him as the new President on July 20 with the support of the Rajapaksas' political party, the Sri

Lanka Podujana Peramuna. Meanwhile, India under its 'Neighbourhood First' policy has always come forward to help the debt-ridden island country.



1,850.64 million in the past 10 "The Government of India has extended eight Lines of Credit (LOCs) to Sri Lanka amounting to US\$ 1,850.64 million in sectors

including railways, infrastructure, defence, renewable energy, petroleum and fertilizers in the past 10 years," External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said in a written reply to question put by DMK Lok Sabha MP S. Ramalingam. "In January 2022, India extend-

ed a US\$ 400 million currency swap to Sri Lanka under the SAARC Framework and deferred successive Asian Clearing Union (A.C.U.) settlements till July 6, 2022. A Line of Credit of US\$ 500 million was extended to Sri Lanka for importing fuel from India," the

Minister added. More than 25 tons of drugs and medical supplies which were donated by the Government and people of India during the last two months are valued at close to SLR 370 million. This is in addition to the economic assistance of around US\$ 3.5 billion and supply of other humanitarian supplies such as rice, milk powder, and kerosene.

These humanitarian supplies are in continuation of the Government of India's ongoing support to the people of Sri Lanka in multiple forms such as financial assistance, forex support, material supply, and many more. These efforts prove that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Neighborhood First' policy which places people-to-people engagement is still active.

India is becoming a stronger and more mutually beneficial partner to Sri Lanka. Apart from assistance during the pandemic and fertilizer chaos, India is also donating basic products to the island nation. (ANI)

# Prime Minister and MPs donate equipment to School for the Deaf and Blind

tarians Gamini Gunawardena and country. Yadamini Gunawardena recently.

The educational aids and oth equipment were donated from the decentralised budgets of the Prime Minister and MP Gunawardena.

At the same time, a Braille Teacher Training Programme conducted by the National Language Education Institute of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government was also inaugurated by the Prime

The institute, which was set up by Prime Minister Gunawardena when part in the ceremony.

A consignment of equipment was he was Education Minister, has donated to the Ceylon School for the trained a large number of Braille and Deaf and Blind by Prime Minister sign-language teachers to cater to the Dinesh Gunawardena and Parliamen- 1.7 million disabled children in the

By producing Braille and sign-language teachers, the institute has catered to the need for such teachers in the country and also brings foreign exchange to the country as job opportunities for specialized teachers are available in many foreign countries.

Principal of the Ceylon School for the Deaf and Blind, Rosanna Kulendran, Dehiwala Mayor Stanley Silva, former Provincial Councillor Amal Silva and Chairman of the National Language Education Institute Jayampathi Bandara Heenkenda also took



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena speaks to a student at the Ceylon School for the Deaf and Blind, at the donation of equipment for the school

#### Youth shot dead in a case of mistaken identity?



Police cordon off the scene of the crime, the salon where Achira Nethruwan worked. Picture byTony Karunanayake

#### TONY KARUNANAYAKE,

Minuwangoda Corr

The Gampaha Police said that a 20-year-old youth was shot dead by an unknown gunman with a T-56 firearm in the Kehelbaddara area of Gampaha on Saturday morning (06).

The deceased has been identified as Bombuwala Devage Achira Nethruwan Bombuwala, a resident of Asgiriya Malwatte Road, Gampaha.

Police say that the deceased was shot while working as a barber in a salon in the Kehelbaddara

said that the deceased who was seriously

injured by the gunshot was pronounced dead on arrival at the Gampaha General Hospital. The gunman had then fled

on a motorcycle, they said. Police found several T-56 empty casings at the site of the shooting.

They said their investigations reveal that the target of the killers may not have been the deceased.

The police also suspect that this shooting was carried out as a revenge for the killing of two people including a criminal known as 'Pas Podda' and the injuring of two others in front of the Gampaha Court com-

#### Adverse weather

# **Heavy damage to Nuwara Eliya - Hatton road**

T. ASHOK KUMAR, Hali-Ela Spl. Corr.

The Nuwara Eliya district continues to experience heavy rain, as in other parts of the country. The main road from Nuwara Eliya to Talawakele near the Nanuoya intersection has been heavily damaged. As a result, traffic has been affected and vehicles can only travel in one direc-

Due to the continuous rain, there are small mudslides on the main road, so the Nanuoya Police have requested motorists travelling through the road to be very careful and not to drive heavy vehicles until the road has been

Also, the police have warned that there still is

a risk of landslides. In the recent past, there have been reports of mudslides and landslides due to continuous rains in the highlands. The public has been requested to exercise cautious in this

The road from Nanuoya through Despot Estate has been under repairs for about a year but has not been properly repaired and now there are landslides.

According to the residents of the area, heavy vehicles travelling on this road are more prone to accidents at this place. The public demands that appropriate measures should be taken by the relevant authorities before an accident occurs at

#### First Lankan Ambassador to be an election observer

Sri Lankan High Commissioner in Kenya Veluppillai Kana Kananathan will be part of the Election Monitoring team at Kenya's General Election, both Presidential and Parliamentary, to be held tomorrow (9).

Kananathan will be working with a team of high-profile observers – former Presidents of Tanzania, Brundi, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Jamaica, the African Union, the EU delegation and the Commonwealth

Secretariat. Kananathan's recognition to be the an observer by the Government of Kenya and the Independent Electoral Boundaries Commission of Kenya is a pride for his motherland and places Sri Lanka

on Africa's map. Having lived in Africa for the past four decades, Kananathan's close connections with the African Heads of States have helped Sri Lanka in the international for in the past.

The upcoming Presidential Election is the most awaited political event in Kenya's history with citizens showing more interest in who gets the top seat for the next five years. Kenyans are due to vote

tomorrow (9) in a high-stakes election that has polarised the country's political elite. The election pits Deputy President William Ruto, who will be trying for the top office for the first time, against Raila Odinga, the veteran head of the opposition Orange Democratic Movement.



Veluppillai Kana Kananathan

As deputy president, Ruto once seemed to be the heir apparent, but he has fallen out bitterly with President Uhuru Kenyatta, who is serving his second and last term. Instead, Kenyatta backs the candidacy of his own long-time rival Odinga, who has made four previous attempts to win the Presidency.

# Englishman found dead in resort

**RAVINDRA LIYANAGE,** Hiniduma Special Corr.

The Habaraduwa Police said the body of an Englishman who seems to have hanged himself with a bed sheet at a holiday resort in Hinatigala, Galle, was found on Saturday. The deceased is 54 years old. He

had been living alone in a resort in the Hinatigala area for about 13 years, visiting England from time to time and returning to this country. Police said that the last time he visited England was about two years

nary investigations that this foreigner had hanged himself with a bed sheet.

It has been revealed in the prelimi-

The body of the foreigner has been sent to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital for post-mortem.

#### Leopard stuck in tree dies, despite efforts to save him

CHANDANA JAYAWEERA, Hatton Corr.

Wildlife officials said that a mountain leopard that was caught in a trap and had climbed a tree with the trap around its body at Vanaraja Estate, Hatton, had died despite efforts to rescue it.

They said the leopard had got stuck in the upper part of the tree. They made efforts to save the animal but it died.

Wildlife officials further said that this animal is a well-grown leopard, aged around three to four years. They said the matter will be reported to the Hatton Court and the body will be taken to the Randenigala Veterinary Hospital for autopsy.

# Let's give up pessimism and unite again – President

### We don't approve of anti-constitutional atrocities - Ven. Dr. Omalpe Sobhitha Thera



President Ranil Wickremesinghe at the meeting with the People's Assembly including Venerable Dr. Omalpe Sobitha Thera, Chief Sanghanayaka of Southern Sri Lanka, held at the President's Office on Friday.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe said that everyone should get rid of pessimism and reunite with good aims to win the true aspirations of the people in the struggle.

President Wickremesinghe expressed these views in the meeting with the People's Assembly including Venerable Dr. Omalpe Sobitha Thera, Chief Sanghanayaka of Southern Sri Lanka, held at the President's Office on Friday (5), on the proposal to establish an All-Party Government

President Wickremesinghe said that he had discussed the formation of an All-Party Government with many political parties and groups. He further said that lengthy discussions on bringing back the 19th Amendment and the economic reforms that are needed to be carried out in the country had been held.

The President said that only a few parties, including the National People's Power and the JanataVimukthi Peramuna, are yet to participate in negotiations.

President Wickremesinghe further said, "The activists of the struggle are not a single entity and all of them are not against me. One group met me and discussed it today. The activists of the peaceful struggle negotiate with us. There may be opponents, but they are not all.

"I must say that they are very creative and I appreciate it. However, the struggle moved towards violence at one point. We have to admit that the team that discussed with me this morning said that they had withdrawn from the struggle due to that reason. Many organizations share the same view.

"I will never approve of what was done after breaking into the Presidential Palace. It is not the personal property that belonged to Gotabaya Rajapaksa. It is public property and the things lost there cannot be found again. They captured President's House, and Temple Trees, and finally went to the Prime Minister's Office. How can we run a government in such a context? It ended with burn-

### **India committed to** assisting Sri Lanka in overcoming economic crisis: President Murmu



Indian President Droupadi Murmu

Newly-elected Indian President Droupadi Murmu while extending felicitations to Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe said that India has been committed to assisting the people of Sri Lanka in overcoming the challenges posed by the economic crisis.

President Murmu in a letter to President Ranil Wickremesinghe emphasized on India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy."As a close neighbour, India has been committed to assisting the people of Sri Lanka in overcoming the challenges posed by the economic crisis, guided by our 'Neighbourhood First' policy," the letter read.

President Murmu in the letter hoped that the long-standing bilateral partnership, between the two countries, based on the shared heritage and deep people-topeople ties, will further strengthen.

"I would like to thank you for your warm letter of congratulations on my assumption of the office of President of India. I take the opportunity to extend my felicitations to you on your recent election as the Eighth President of Sri Lanka by the Parliament of Sri Lanka," it added.

She also wished President Wickremesinghe success on his assuming the "responsibilities and challenges" in office at a "criti-

cal juncture for Sri Lanka.' Earlier, President Ranil Wickremesinghe extended his greetings to President Droupadi Murmu on her assumption of office as the Fifteenth President of India and said that he is looking forward to working closely with her towards this end. (ANI)

ing down my house. We should condemn that too, but none of the activists in the struggle

condemned such acts. "Next, these groups tried to come to Parliament. I asked not to shoot them. They came to the Prime Minister's Office too, but we

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asked not to shoot there either. Then they came back to Parliament and I told the Security Forces there to take appropriate actions to protect Parliament. They can be angry with me, but there are a group of fighters who are

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for them. They are the ones talking about the system change and we appreciate them. Now we all need to come together.

"How can we separate those who broke laws and others? We have that problem. There is legal action against Joseph Stalin and I called

'The struggle created good outcomes and bad things also. Let's keep only the good and put aside the bad things. If there are any shortcomings in terms of the implementation of the law, we can discuss and solve them."

Chief Sanghanayaka of Southern Sri Lanka Ven. Dr. Omalpe Sobhitha Thera said that the speech the President delivered in Parliament was very meaningful. "That essence indicates that you completely agree with the Senkadagala Declaration presented by the Maha Jana Sabha. We will get some support from the world only after establishing the stability of the country. That is the truth and the way out of our economic crisis. The all-party programme that you propose for political stability is contained in the Senkadagala Declaration.

"People hope that you will sincerely attempt to form an All-Party Government. All political parties want to find solutions to

"We will never condone illegal, unconstitutional, terrorist and hooligan acts and reject these heinous acts of terrorism outrightly. However, people's peaceful struggles and campaigns were because they had nothing else to do. You understand it very well.

'Therefore, the public should be involved in the programme. We are ready to join the peaceful programme that you hope to implement in the country through the establishment of allparty stability. We are open to negotiating."



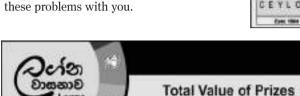
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# U. L. M. Farook

# A Politician Par Excellence

Former State Minister of Transport U.L.M. Farook passed away exactly a year ago at the age of 80 after a prolonged illness with acute

It is quite timely and appropriate to reminisce on his political journey and personal character at a time when you observe the attitude and moral conduct of present-day politi-

Hailing from an ordinary but respectable family from Kannaththota, Farook started his political career as a Village Council (Gam Sabha) Member of the Ruwanwella Village Council way back in 1964 from the United National Party (UNP).

In this first Local Election, he polled three times more than his opponent candidate who happened to be his own brother who contested under Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP).

He continued as a Village Council member for some time and when P.C. Imbulana became the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food in Prime Minister Dudley Senanayake's Cabinet in 1965, PC Imbulana appointed Farook as his Private Secretary and he established a very good relationship with the people in the electorate presenting their grievances to the Minister. When the UNP was swept out of power in 1970 Farook along with PC Imbulana did a tremendous service to reorganise the party in the electorate.

When the UNP returned to power in 1977, Farook continued to assist M Minister Imbulana and addressed the issues faced by the downtrodden masses of the electorate. He was a down-to-Earth, people-friendly and affable character who maintained a very good relationship with the people in the electorate irrespective of any differences.

When Imbulana was appointed Governor of the Uva Province in 1988, the Ruwanwella electorate fell vacant and the Party hierarchy was seeking a replacement. There were six or seven prominent figures vying for the vacancy along with U.L.M.

Farook in this predominantly Sinhala-Buddhist Electorate. All the Chief Priests of temples in the electorate requested unanimously to appoint U.L.M. Farook as the Member of the Ruwanwella electorate.

A poll was conducted at UNP Headquarters Sirikotha among the party activists of Ruwanwella electorate and Farook polled 75 per cent of the total votes cast among all candidates and he was appointed a Member of Parliament for the Ruwanwella electorate in 1988 from the UNP.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa who immediately realized U.L.M. Farook's capabilities and practical approach towards problems, appointed him as the State Minister of Transport in 1989. Farook, though not a professional or an academic, possessed an ocean of knowledge in solving practical problems in the transport sector in the country. Farook along with Transport Minister Wijayapala Mendis initiated a number of new programmes to develop the Central Transport Board (CTB). The introduction of 12 cluster bus companies in the island was one of the main feats carried out during his tenure as the State Minister of Transport.

U.L.M. Farook successfully contested the next two General Elections of 1989 and 1993 and discharged an immeasurable service to the people of the Ruwanwella electorate and Kegalle District at large. He maintained a very cordial relationship with all Opposition MPs and was able to attend to the needs of his area's residents even when he was an Opposition MP during the latter stage of his tenure.

When the UNP decided to accommodate Rukman Senanayake as the candidate for Ruwanwella at the 2000 General Election Farook not only gracefully stepped down but also gave his fullest support to Senanayake for the election campaign. Farook gave his office premises, the entire staff and all records pertaining to the election campaign which

election. Such was his commitment

With Farook's fullest support Senanayake polled highest in the District at the election and in order to compensate for the great sacrifice Farook made, he was appointed as the Chairman of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board by then Premier Ranil Wickremesinghe's Government.

The writer of the article had the opportunity of working very closely with him during his stewardship at SLCTB and possesses vivid memories of how he acted to minimize the corruption, malpractices, and wastage of some depots in the island.

The SLCTB is a highly politicized institution and very often Trade Unionists had arguments with Chairman Farook and the manner in which Farook handled them was commendable and praiseworthy, without yielding to the pressure exerted by the Trade Unionists. He was a strict disciplinarian and wanted everybody to discharge their duty properly to justify the remuneration they got at the end of the month. It is worth mentioning that not even a token strike was held at SLCTB during his Chairmanship.

In the last stages of his life, he was mostly with his dear people in his hometown, and even with his poor health condition he attended to the needs of the people. U.L.M. Farook passed away on August 6, 2021 and the unprecedented crowd that gathered to pay last respects to him amidst the height of the Corona pandemic bears ample testimony to the magnitude of love, respect and command he enjoyed from the people from all walks of life. He was a politician and a gentleman in the true sense of the word.

As a token of gratitude to this great human being, the road that leads from Kannaththota to Ihalagama (where his residence is located) was named ULM Farook Mawatha by the local authorities soon after - Jaliya Wijeyekoon

he had prepared well ahead of the to the Party and democracy.



**APPRECIATIONS** 

#### **Sri Lanka Library Association**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Sixty-Second (62) Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association will be held on Friday, September 23, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. It is hereby announced that the meeting will be held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute located at No. 100, Sri Lanka Foundation Road, Independence Square, Colombo 7.

Dilhani Munasinghe **General Secretary** Sri Lanka Library

275/75, OPA Centre, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07.

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### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

AN EVENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL HYRBRID CONFERENCE IN SRI LANKA









#### Background

#### Objective

To design, coordinate and roll out a conference in Colombo / Negombo in October 2022, as part of the finale of the iDove project in Sri Lanka.

#### Deliverables

- Perform the role of event manager in consultation with iDove/Scope focal points
- Coordinate visas, travel perdiems and ticket booking and hotel transfers for (up to 10 international participants/professionals/panelists)
- Select and secure venue bookings in Colombo or Negombo (compliant with prevailing national and GIZ COVID-19 safety regulations and guidelines) for residential conference
- Organize sound systems, multimedia equipment, marquee, lights, and platform as and when
- Organize simultaneous translation services in English/Sinhala/Tamil (online and at venue)
- Organize/coordinate hybrid (physical + digital) participation (e.g. digital meeting platform, livestream to social media, digital screen with digital panels at venue)
- Organize catering including community diversity dinner
- Design & print event collateral invitations, banners, backdrops, folders, participants and panellists' profile, case studies/lesion learned and , etc (according to Dove branding guidelines, with the support of GIZ communications focal points)
- Coordinate media coverage of the events write & publish press releases in mainstream English/Sinhala/Tamil press + invite press to the event
- Event photography
- Provide transport for local participants and equipment as and when required

#### Criteria

The company shall be selected against the following criteria.

- At least 3-5 years of experience in event management.
- Work to short deadlines and be willing to travel on short notice with the ability to independently organise all logistical arrangements.
- Have experience of similar assignments in the development sector.
- Proven experience in organizing events which involve coordination among multiple parties.
- Proven experience in organizing both digital and physical events, including live stream, translation (vi) Proven experience of providing media coverage and engaging photography (photos the client can
- share in a social media campaign). (vii) Availability of a trilingual team (English, Sinhala, Tamil)
- (viii) Experience in having conducted events in 2022 an advantage, demonstrating adaptability to procurement and supply challenges

Accordingly, GIZ invites interested and qualified event management companies to express their interest in the design, coordination and execution of the iDove conference, as part of it end of project international conference, by furnishing GIZ Sri Lanka Country Office with the following:

- a. An official letter expressing interest;
- b. Acompany profile responding to the aforementioned selection criteria and deliverables.

#### Please do not send financial quotations.

For consideration, all interested event management companies should submit the aforementioned documents as a hard copy in a sealed envelope to the GIZ Sri Lanka office reception.

#### Addressed to:

The Procurement Unit Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH GIZ Country Office, No 6, Jawatte Avenue, Colombo 5 Sri Lanka

All letters should be sealed and marked EVENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR IDOVE

Deadline: 15.08.2022

Only complete documents received at the physical address indicated not later than (DATE/TIME)15.08.2022, 1 pm will be accepted and considered

# Winifred Hettiaratchi (Nee Perera)

# A Charming Lady of Exceptional Calibre

Tt is with deep heartache that I oen these few lines on my beloved friend Winifred Hettiaratchi. It breaks our hearts to know that Winnie as she is known to all, is gone. It is really too much and too bitter to hear that she is no more. To those of us who had the good fortune of associating with her closely, we have lost a sincere, genuine personality, a charming gracious lady of exceptional calibre from our midst.

My association with her commenced when we first met as students of the first university a little after Dr. Ivor Jennings' era in June 1956 at Sangamitta Hall, Peradeniya, when the university was a true wonder and when it was at the height of her glory. Here we developed a friendship in the true sense of the word, a bond which continued to blossom over this long period. This first meeting has remained to this day adding colour to our lives making our friendship stronger day by day.

She was an exceptionally fine person that one really does not come across often. She was calm, soft-spoken, well-mannered with a friendly personality. A simple but elegant, slender figure graciously dressed when in saree doing things successfully without much effort. She enjoyed life right from the beginning when she met her husband-to-be, Dayanandana, the very first occasion when we were watching a documentary in the Arts theatre on the very first day which decided her fate and destiny. She was born to a very respectable, well-renowned aristocratic family in Kurunegala during the imperial regime. Winnie, being one of the daughters, one person whom she adored very much was her only brother Joseph Perera, who was also at the university during her time who went on to become Senior Deputy Commissioner, Inland Revenue. Dedicated to his profession, he is now living a peaceful life in retirement with his loving wife Soma. Winnieequally loved her younger sister, Neela, a lovable lady and impressive teacher. Her mother was also a teacher by profession. From her early childhood, Winnie had been brought up in the family tradition and she grew up to be a pretty young girl when she entered the university. Going down memory lane, I am glad that I could visit all of them at Mawathagama in the early 1960s to be entertained by her parents.

Winnie had her education in the most prestigious girl's school, Holy



Family Convent, Kurunegala, in her native land, where she excelled in studies and extra-curricular activities. While at the university, she read European and British history, Economics and Sinhala for the degree. It was hard work filled with joy. We still have pleasant recollections of our stay at Peradeniya. She entered matrimony immediately after leaving the university. She married Dayanandana Hettiaratchi, a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, a very sincere honest personality who believed in the diligent performance of his duties. Since then they have had a happy family life first in Panadura then in Kiribathgoda. Winnie's early working life was in teaching. Her leaving for greener pastures to the UK was a sad event for those of us in Sri Lanka. Though this signalled the parting of friends, our friendship flourished in a more fruitful way, extending invitations to visit the UK which we did enjoy. Though domiciled in the UK, her deep love for Motherland and the deep attachment to us made her visit her relatives and me and still

later with her children too. Duty to her parents was wonderful. Her mother spent her last years in the UK and she passed away while under her special care. The stability of a good home was always there. She took great delight and pleasure in actively participating in household activities, naturally in a happy family. She had a nice garden laden with fruits and flowers roamed by two pet tortoises. She was a devoted wife and an affectionate mother to her two illustrious sons, shining in their fields. Dushyanta, the eldest is a Chartered Civil Engineer and the younger, Kaushika, also Chartered, is a university lecturer in Mechanical Engineering, both dedicated to their professions. She was a loving grandmother to Sapphire, a

young university student in the UK.

She should be commended for her devotion to her family. Her delight ful humour was very entertaining. She had read widely. Her wide reading skills had given her a wonderful ability for narration. She had found it a soothing diversion to write on folklore mostly inspired by Sapphire, finally bringing her inborn talents and skills to light. She wrote about Mahadenamutta to the joy and excitement of Sapphire which took her back to childhood dreams. I am sure her deep love for Sapphire had motivated her to venture into this area with her stunning creativity.

She made a significant contribution to Library Science. Selflessly devoted to her work and profession, she performed in the UK a valuable service in the field of Library Science. As a trusted British citizen, she devoted her full-time energy and effort to the UK institutions where she worked firstly in Westminster Public Library and later in Goldsmiths University until she retired during her sunset years. She had many friends and relations in the UK, those whom she held close with a noble heart. Now her demise is mourned by all of them. Her sincerity towards me can never be erased from my mind. I remember so well the many trips we made to Kurunegala in the recent past to visit her sister and her charming and enterprising niece, Tharanga who now attends to her mother's care with devotion.

We all have special memories of Winnie and of those I cherish most is her trip to Matara at the Southern end of Sri Lanka all the way from Kurunegala when new technology in transport was unheard of. That was to attend my wedding held at my residence with her three-month-old baby. He is none other than Dushy, now a versatile individual who figures prominently on every occasion. Another friend of ours, Padmini who was in close association with Winnie in the UK before her demise, reminded me of the unforgettable event going back to our good old days. Winnie was fortunate to have had the privilege of her two sons attending to her needs until she breathed her last. Her funeral was held in the UK with due honour awarded to her by all her family and friends. That was the end of a beautiful life of a noble lady. The fragrance of the days gone by will never fade away.

- Rupa Banduwardena Melbourne, Australia

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# Tourism to uplift ailing economy

o matter how hard the authorities try to bring dollars to Sri Lanka through appealing to Sri Lankan expatriates again and again, it seems they are still not sending adequate amounts of dollars to the country through legal banks as they did in the past. In addition to making repeated requests, the Government has also introduced several benefits for them such as opportunities to import electric vehicles etc. But it seems still nothing is working because one or two minor political parties and certain bankrupt politicians discourage them time and time again stating that they should not send dollars to Sri Lanka. Sri Lankans are known for believing any lie without any proof.

But Sri Lankan people living in the country are not that unfortunate. The winter is coming round the corner and our tourism season is going to commence very soon. Anyone can fool and scare the Sri Lankan expatriates but no one can stop tourists from visiting Sri Lanka. Some sections such as so-called 'Protesters' can do it to a certain extent but fortunately the President and the Government can control such evil efforts very easily and effectively.

Recently the General Secretary of the Colombo Business Association Chaminda Vidanagamage made a statement and it started to circulate in almost all social media platforms, especially in WhatsApp groups of patriotic people. He stated that the economy slowed down due to the protest (Aragalaya) and the country will not be able to be rescued from this crisis if the protesters try to chase away one leader after another. The most important fact he mentioned is that the real protest should be against corrupt State officials and public servants.

He further stated that a large number of tourist arrivals can be expected due to the gas issue and other related issues affecting Europe as a result of the Russia - Ukraine war. He stated that Sri Lanka's Foreign Reserves will be increased within two or three months if Sri Lanka allows tourists to come and enjoy their long holidays in Sri Lanka peacefully without any trouble.

The President and the Government have allocated several other places for protesters and the peaceful protesters can very easily go to those specific places and continue their 'peaceful protests' without any trouble. If the protests are peaceful and the protesters nonviolent, they can very easily obey the law of the country without any problem just as any other protesters in the world. Only violent protests and protesters have various problems. Nonviolent peaceful protests and protesters in the world won their world famous battles. There is no need to talk about this because world history provides more than a few examples for this.

But here in Sri Lanka we cannot expect that because of the incidents that took place in the country during the recent past and according to the facts and figures related to the so-called protest exposed in Parliament, in the mainstream media, in social media and all over. Those facts and figures very clearly show the entire world that the ordinary people's peaceful protest lasted only a week or two and thereafter it was hijacked by certain foreign elements (some of their local agents are here) and certain local political parties, especially some minor political parties which are unable to capture power through democratic elections. The other crucial factor is the inflow of large amounts of foreign and local funds. Because of those reasons we cannot expect the protest to end. Who likes to put a full stop to their income generating avenue voluntarily?

The innocent poor ordinary people only come out from their homes to cast their votes saying they need to live a normal, peaceful life. They don't have time to come into the streets and shout. They suffer in silence while trying to feed their children and grandchildren who are depending on them and wasting their valuable time and money on social media, drugs, etc. Here we are talking about 6.5 million people out of 6.9 million people. All should remember very well that all undergraduates in Sri Lanka are far less than 50,000 in number and not all of them took part in the protests. They cannot decide the country's future because they are not qualified, experienced or capable. Even their leaders are in State Universities for years and years without passing their examinations and wasting taxpayers' money.

The President and the Government should prevent them from destroying the future of the country and especially pushing the country towards anarchy in order to fulfill certain evil dreams of their leaders who use them as tools to capture power. The evil efforts of certain politicians whose only objective is taking revenge from their past enemies should be controlled very strictly for the country's sake. They should not let them use protesters to take revenge from their opponents. There is no need to delete the day 9 from the Sri Lankan calendar if the relevant authorities strictly implement the law.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The travel and tourism industry, it's just a huge part of our economy. - Karen Hughes

# Vain Attempt to bring Disrepute to Heroic Forces



ast week the country was full of hot topics. It is very interesting to note how the innocent poor ordinary people who do not use social media due to their age, economic status and lack of IT knowledge reacted to those hot topics connected to various incidents and other matters. Unfortunately their voices are not aired through the mainstream media or social media. Their voices are heard only when they cast their votes.

All social media platforms were full of various posts making fun out of the 'protesters' whose families were rescued from floods by the heroic Armed Forces. From the beginning, protesters insulted the Armed Forces stating that they do not have educational qualifications and accusing them of committing War Crimes etc. Even some foreign women insulted them for no reason. One such foreign woman said Sri Lanka does not need a big building to house the headquarters of the three Armed Forces. Maybe their main objective was creating a rift and conflict between the Armed Forces and the ordinary people of this country. The families of the same protesters were rescued by Armed Forces when floods hit their villages. Now ordinary people can ask what the services are done by protesters for the people.

#### **COVID** vaccination drive

Once again COVID-19 has raised its ugly head here in Sri Lanka. According to health authorities the disease shows a rapid increase. The number of COVID-19 deaths and cases are seeing a drastic increase day-by-day. No wonder the heroic Armed Forces have to undergo the same ordeal they underwent in 2020 and 2021 to save the people's lives from COVID-19 due to the negligence of the ordinary people. It was the Armed Forces which saved the nation from COVID-19 by working hard with the health staff. It was the Armed Forces that accelerated the vaccination programmes islandwide and han-



Security Forces personnel – the driving force behind the successful COVID-19 vaccination programme.

dled all quarantine centres and procedures during the pandemic. But as usual, people remember the negative things while totally forgetting all positive things connected to successfully controlling the COVID-19 in the past two years. The selfish people remember the good for two weeks and bad for years.

When observing the ongoing situation in the country even a kindergarten child can predict that there will be a huge COVID-19 wave in near future no matter whether people are fully vaccinated or not. The huge COVID-19 wave will hit the country soon due to the ignorance of the public. No matter how many times health authorities appeal to wear masks, the people just ignore it and move in public places especially inside congested public transport putting vulnerable people's lives in grave danger. They think it is their right to put other people's lives in danger by not wear-

By now all health authorities and the Government should understand that nothing controls dangerous situations in Sri Lanka except the toughest laws and punishments. Without toughest punishments, rules regulations etc. nothing can be controlled successfully in this country. It is the same with COVID-19. Enough is enough and now the Government and the health authorities need to introduce stringent punishments, rules and regulations to control the latest wave of the COVID-19. Wearing masks should be made compulsory and all the other basic health guidelines such as keeping distance, washing hands etc. need to be re-introduced as soon as possible.

All of us know very well that even 10 doses of COVID-19 vaccinations does not help certain categories of people such as people who suffer from certain chronic diseases such as cancer, kidney or liver diseases etc, people who underwent serious surgeries recently, people who are on immunity lowering drugs for other diseases, people who are older than 75 years or so etc. They are still in danger no matter how many booster doses are given. They are a large part of the total population of Sri Lanka which has an ageing population. They have the right to life. The State should protect them. This is why the Government and health authorities need to take it seriously and solve the mat-

ter before it goes out of control similar to 2021.

The current situation is, no matter how many times health authorities appeal to them to be careful and wear masks in public, they, especially the young generation who are not badly affected by COVID-19 ignore it displaying an attitude that infecting others is one of their rights! Maybe that dangerous attitude came into them with the latest developments in the country such as various protests. Anyway no protester wore a mask during the recent past. They set a very good example for not obeying rules and regulations. By now people think that not wearing a mask is their right. Therefore, it will be very difficult for the Government and the health authorities to make people wear masks in public in the future

#### Three-wheeler mafia

As usual last week the three-wheeler mafia started to threaten filling stations in order to obtain fuel without QR code. According to some media reports some filling stations in Colombo 5 had agreed to provide fuel for three-wheelers without the QR code. This is purely promoting fuel and the three-wheeler mafia. Relevant authorities need to address this issue as soon as possible because the threewheeler mafia cannot dominate filling stations as they did in the past without allowing ordinary people to obtain fuel. There is no argument at all about how the three-wheeler community behaves from the beginning. They led the fuel mafia and sold fuel for extremely high prices in the black market. The polythene covering some of the three-wheeler drivers used during COVID-19 period disappeared a long time ago. It is high time now that instructions need to be issued to them to replace it immediately.

Bus fares went down last week but unfortunately the passengers do not get the benefit of it because usually private buses overcharge passengers directly or indirectly by not giving the balance. This is a common practice when it comes to the minimum bus fare of Rs. 34 - because when passengers give Rs. 35 the conductors never give the one rupee balance back to the passenger. When passengers give Rs. 40 they never give six rupees back. They only give two or three rupees telling that they do not have coins with them. Private buses obtain fuel but passengers don't see those buses transporting passengers. An early and quick solution needs to be given for this burning issue because the stocks of fuel are limited in the country. In addition, now the latest issue is congestion in public transport with increasing COVID-19 cases and deaths. But it seems the private bus operators do not care at all about the health of the passengers or at least their own health. Then what is the point talking about the health of the passengers they transport?



The heroic Armed Forces were ready at hand to rescue recent flood victims.



# DIFFUSING FOREIGN INTERFERENCES AND INFLUENCES



Former Prime Minister **Sirimavo Bandaranaike** 



Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi



Former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi

#### Part II

#### SHIVANTHI RANASINGHE

n 1975 Velupillai Prabhakaran found sanctuary in India after assassinating the popular and charismatic Jaffna Mayor Alfred Duraiappah. Even though at the time the two countries enjoyed cordial bilateral relations, the Sirimavo Bandaranaike Government failed to address the issue with India. This was despite the fact that Duraippah was a member of her party, the SLFP.

Her failure to nip the issue in the bud had a devastating and long term effect on Sri Lanka. In fact, 47 years later, we are still suffering from the complications that arose due to this neglect.

There could be two possible explanations for this neglect.

1. Failed foreign policy
2. Underestimated national

2. Underestimated national security
Of all the Governments since Independence, the Sirimavo Government is hailed as having executed the best foreign policy. That Government is credited for playing a pivotal role in the Non-Alignment Movement and proposing the Indian Ocean as the Zone of Peace before the General Assembly in 1971, which was well received but failed in execution.

As remarkable as these achievements are, Sri Lanka had bigger issues that went unanswered. Still, we hail this Government's foreign relations management as the best. This underscores our lack of understanding on the subject's purpose.

A country's foreign policy is to directly promote the interests of that country. That is the bottom line. In the process of strengthening bilateral and multilateral relations and getting the best deal for one's country, dazzling the world with any of the above achievements would be the icing of a well executed management of foreign relations. Just impressing the world with idealism without securing the interests of one's own country amounts to nothing more than a hot air balloon - simply a big, beautiful covering holding nothing tangible.

The region clearly had high regard for the Sirimavo Government. During her previous Government in 1962, she played a lead role to mediate a conflict between China and India. This Government thus made a strong impression on the world bodies. Yet, this Government also studiously ignored a crisis that was developing since the mid 1970s with India's blessings - even though this was directly affecting the home front's security.

Perhaps PM Sirimavo realized the futility of such a confrontation. She and her Indian counterpart may have even enjoyed a personal friendship, but they were politicians first. Their political survival outweighed everything else.

#### National Security, a Low Priority in Mrs. B's Government

By the mid 1970s Indira Gandhi was fast losing her popularity and political support. Thus in her efforts to keep Tamil Nadu's loyalty supported their sympathies with the Sri Lankan separatist movement - even though at the time it was still at infancy.

Then, it was mostly a political project driven by a self-serving political agenda. Even politically it was a divided issue and was not sanctioned by most senior Tamil politicians. Overall, it did not have much traction from the people. Of course, the very chauvinism of agitating for autonomy is appealing to a minority community. It gives a sense of a nationalistic bond.

At the time though it was only an idle, passive interest. Nevertheless, this was an environment where a subculture of smuggling supported a main revenue of the community's economy. Therefore, it was not difficult to find few youth as agitators, who in the guise of freedom fighters were actually these politicians' arm of thuggery. Their crimes

were marketed by these politicians as "boys are getting restless".

As far as the Sri Lankan Government was concerned, this was a minor irritant. Yet, when Duraiappah was murdered in broad daylight and the main suspect finds refuge in India, Sri Lanka should have sat up and taken more notice of this situation.

Duraiappah's assassination was more than a political win for his political opponents, who would have not fared well against him at an election. From a national point of view, his death has far more serious implications. With his death, the Government lost their strong presence in the electorate.

The situation was no longer confined to the basic thuggery endorsed by politicians for their own ultimate gain. Sri Lanka should have sensed that something else was afoot when the nature of crime shifted from robbing banks to eliminating specific Tamil politicians and Tamil Police officers.

These killings were not ad hoc but had a specific purpose. Without the loyal Tamil politicians the Government was without a voice. The Government did nothing to counter the malicious efforts by a group vested in separatism to label Duraiappah as a traitor. It did not occur to the then Government that when the likes of Duraiappah, who rejected racist politics, were castigated as "traitors", others would fear to follow his footsteps.

The Tamil Police officers, more than any other, understood the psychology of the separatist movement and its actors. Therefore, it was a cold blooded but strategic move to eliminate these officers. The Government was thereby denied the intelligence of this developing situation. Yet most unfortunately the Government did not understand the gravity of the then developing situation.

It was not only the separatist movement that was brewing in the North that the Sirimavo's Government took lightly. The 1971 JVP insurrection could have been averted had Sirimavo's Government paid due attention to the intelligence reports by the Police.

Well ahead of the insurrection, that Government was warned that its own ally Rohana Wijeweera was indoctrinating youth to take arms against the State. Yet, that Government chose to ignore these reports. Thus that Government was metaphorically caught with its pants down when as per the intelligence reports a well coordinated attack against the Government took place.

#### Underestimating National Security Created Space for Indian Plot

Tamil Nadu, that had shared cultural and economic interests and family ties with the Sri Lankan Northern Tamils, always provided sanctuary to those Sri Lankan brethren when they needed to escape from the law's arm. Those miscreants who broke the law in the name of a Tamil Homeland - a shared dream - received strong support from Tamil Nadu politicians as well.

Exploiting these sentiments, Indira Gandhi's Government stepped up the operations by arming, training and funding. This meant that the separatist's project, which did not have any takers until then, suddenly found itself a powerful sponsor.

Interestingly, India's own laws against secession are very severe. Those Indian politicians who support separatism in Sri Lanka did not dare entertain such ambitions in India. On the part of Indira's Government, it was thus a very clever manipulation of sentiment that protected India's national interests while sympathizing with the so-called Tamil

This is a strategy that India continues to date. India's unhealthy interest in the Sri Lankan Northern and Eastern Tamil has kept Sri Lanka off balanced. Consequently, the bilateral relations are largely dictated within the confines of this narrow agenda dominated by two communities (South Indian Tamils and Sri Lankan Tamils in North and East) than two nations.

In reality, India too had suffered because of this strategy. India's carefully laid plans went awry to keep one third of Sri Lanka's coastal belt under its thumb (North and East Provinces merged to be governed by an Interim Administrative Council.) with a Paramilitary loyal to India.

The disastrous Indian military intervention came to be dubbed as "India's Vietnam" as it cost the lives of over thousand Indian military personnel and thrice the amount in injuries. Rajiv Gandhi lost his life as a direct result of this failed strategy. In the process India lost the trust and confidence of the Sri Lankan Tamils who got caught between the two warring factions - the IPKF (Indian Peace Keeping Force) and the LTTE, a terrorist group that was nurtured by India but refused to continue as India's protégé.

Over time, Sri Lanka became one more neighbour that shared uneasy relations with India. India's isolation in the neighbourhood was accentuated when China strode into the region with its deep pockets to develop strategic infrastructure projects to benefit developing economies. Sri Lanka however has not capitalized on any of these developments that have worked against India to reset the bilateral relations in favour of both countries.

#### **Antagonizing India**

As despicable as India's plot to keep a friendly nation destabilized was, Indira's Government may have felt that India does

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Of all the Governments since Independence, the Sirimavo Government is hailed as having executed the best foreign policy. That Government is credited for playing a pivotal role in the Non-**Alignment Movement and** proposing the Indian Ocean as the Zone of Peace before the General Assembly in 1971, which was well received but failed in execution. As remarkable as these achievements are, Sri Lanka had bigger issues that went unanswered. Still, we hail this Government's foreign relations management as the best.



Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike addressing the 5<sup>th</sup> Non-Aligned Summit at the BMICH in Colombo in 1976.

not owe Sri Lanka any favours. When the 1971 JVP insurrection erupted on April 05, Sri Lanka's security establishment was illequipped to face the threat. India was one of the first countries to respond to Sri Lanka's appeal for help. It was this prompt action that allowed Sri Lanka to successfully counter the insurgency within a few months.

Hence, India was justifiably upset when just eight months later in December Sri Lanka allowed Pakistani planes to refuel at the Katunayaka International Airport during the Indo-Pakistan war. Pakistani planes en route to the then East Pakistan (present Bangladesh) obviously could not fly over Indian airspace. Hence, Pakistan needed to use Sri Lanka as a stopover and Sri Lanka

This act, perhaps not visibly but nonetheless, considerably soured the Indo-Lanka relationship. This crossroad Sri Lanka faced warrants a serious discussion. With India and Pakistan both being Sri Lanka's good friends, how should have Sri Lanka responded to Pakistan's appeal for help? Either decision would have cost Sri Lanka a good friend.

# What to do when Two Friends Fight?

Had Sri Lanka turned down Pakistan, would India refrain from supporting the Sri Lankan separatists? Given the desperate situation Indira was in, the answer is most likely not. Had India proceeded to support the separatists, but Sri Lanka refused Pakistan, where would have that left Sri Lanka?

As it happened, Pakistan was extremely grateful and stood by Sri Lanka during some of the darkest times. During the pro-

tracted war against terrorism, Pakistan and China were among our top suppliers of arms and ammunition.

Nevertheless, we cannot ignore the fact that we antagonized India, who had until then been a good friend. By conceding to Pakistan's request we gave moral justification to India's decision to act against Sri Lanka's interests. Therefore, whether we adequately explored all possible options, including mediation as with the Sino-Indo conflict, or show similar moral support to India whilst agreeing to Pakistan's request, is an important question.

Even 51 years later, the Indo-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir continues to disturb peace, unity and stability in the region. SAARC has been brought to a standstill because these two warring factions cannot bear to sit at the same table together.

We must understand that we too are players of geopolitics and not merely victims of it. Had we given enough thought to this Indo-Pak conflict at its genesis, we might have made a difference, at both national and regional levels.

At the very least, at least now, we must press on these two nations to keep the dispute over Kashmir in context and work together along with the other SAARC members to maintain regional security and stability. This regional unity is crucial at this junction where the US is teasing China by toying with Taiwan and China standing on guard, unamused.

Therefore, the strategy needed when two good friends fight, that ought to have been better answered in 1971, is still a pressing question. Today, while Indian-Pakistan relations are still simmering, and could boil over at any moment, India and China are at odds with each other as well.

So much so that India had joined the US initiative to counter China's rising power and is a member of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad). This group comprises the US, Australia, India, and Japan. The group's objective is to address "shared concerns about China's increasingly assertive behaviour in the Indo-Pacific region".

Just as in 1971, when Sri Lanka was caught in the middle between the Indo-Pak conflicts, Sri Lanka is once again in a similar situation with Quad on one side and China on the other. If Quad perceives even the slightest tilt to China, Sri Lanka will face political instability.

The then US State Secretary John Kerry was unabashed as he admitted to the role the US played in toppling the ultra nationalist Mahinda Rajapaksa Administration in 2015. He claimed it as "our" victory, implying that the US too benefited from the ousting. China's investments as the Hambantota Port, Colombo Port City as well as the presence of China's military sea vessels as submarines in the Sri Lankan ports have been listed as reasons for India to get upset with the Mahinda Rajapaksa Administration

If China feels snubbed, we lose our financial support. The main reason that the weak Sri Lankan economy suddenly came tumbling down like a deck of cards was China's hesitancy to grant a USD 1.5 billion Credit Line. Sri Lanka has been trying to convince China to give this facility as well a further USD one billion loan for over a year. China uncharacteristically hesitated, which signifies that the neutral foreign policy with which the Gotabaya Administration came to power had failed.

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To be continued

### Bangladesh increases fuel prices to highest in history

retail fuel prices have been hiked to levels not seen since the country's independence in 1971.

The Bangladeshi Government on Friday night hiked the fuel prices by up to 51.7 per cent with effect from Saturday, reports Xinhua news

According to a price notification from the Ministry of Power, Energy

octane now costs 135 taka (\$1.43), which is 51.7 per cent higher than the previous rate of 89 taka.

The prices of diesel and kerosene have been increased by 42.5 per cent to 114 taka per liter.

Also, each liter of petrol now costs 130 taka, a rise of 44 taka or 51.1 per cent, said the notification. Officials said the latest price

**BANGLADESH:** Bangladesh's and Mineral Resources, a liter of hikes at the retail level were inevitable to reduce the subsidy burden on state-run distribution companies.

Also, fuel prices in the international market are much higher than that in Bangladesh.

Experts said the fuel price hike would worsen inflation, which increased to 7.56 per cent in June, the highest rate in about nine years.



Bangladeshis queue at a gas station in Dhaka on Friday.



Sweida Province on July 2, 2022.

World food prices decline amid relief from restarted Ukraine grain exports - FAO

**ITALY:** World food prices declined dramatically in July, according to the Romebased United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on Friday.

A deal to allow grain shipments from Ukraine and adjustments to the global supply chain helped relieve some price pressure, said

The monthly index of food commodity prices fell 8.6 percent in July, its largest one-month fall since 2008, according to data released by the FAO.

The decline represented the third consecutive month the index fell, though it's the first time in that period the decline was significant. Despite the trend from July, the index is still 5 percent higher than at the start of the year and 13 percent above levels from a year ago.

In April, the FAO index reached its highest-ever level due to increases in fuel prices, a slowdown in grain exports from Russia and Ukraine amid those countries' conflict, and other supply chain issues.

Every component of the index retreated in July, led by an 11.5-percent fall in prices for grains and cereals - the largest component in the index. FAO said that development was partially related to a key deal to unblock the main Black Sea ports in Ukraine to allow grain exports from that country, one of the world's top grain producers. But prices for grains and cereals were still nearly 25 percent above their levels from 12

months ago. According to the FAO, prices for vegetable oil was down 19.2 percent, a tenmonth low, helped by strong export quotas for Indonesian palm oil. Dairy prices were 2.5-percent lower amid lackluster global demand, while prices for meat slipped 0.5 percent, their first decline since last year.

The FAO's Food Price Index is based on worldwide prices for 23 food commodity categories covering prices for 73 different products compared to a baseline

# **Pakistan declares 'MONSOON EMERGENCY'**

**CAMBODIA:** A regional envoy short term. "I am just a special envoy, tasked with brokering peace in Myanmar admitted Saturday that "even Superman cannot solve" the crisis, ers in Phnom Penh Saturday. capping a week of foreign ministerial solve the Myanmar problem." meetings that ultimately yielded little

Not even 'Superman' can fix Myanmar

crisis, says ASEAN Special Envoy

Myanmar has spiralled into civil war since a putsch in February last

tary's brutal crackdown on dissent passing 2,100, according to a local monitoring

10-country Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has spearheaded so far fruitless efforts to resolve the turmoil, and acknowledged in a joint statement on Friday the lack of progress around a five-point

crisis resolution plan. ASEAN Special Envoy Prak Sokhonn, who has made two major progress in the Saturday. I am not a superman," he told report-

"I think that even Superman cannot

"Issues cannot be solved by one meeting, by two meetings, by many years of meeting," Sokhonn, who is also Cambodia's Foreign Minister year, with the death toll from the mili-said. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES



trips to Myanmar Cambodian Foreign Minister and ASEAN Special Envoy since the coup, damp- Prak Sokhonn speaking at a press conference at Minisened expectations for try of Foreign Affairs in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on

**PAKISTAN:** Amid the ongoing devastation and wreckage caused by heavy rains and floods in different parts of Pakistan, the Federal Ministry for Climate Change in Pakistan has warned of more rains in the coming weeks as the federal cabinet declared a "monsoon emergency" in the country, local media report-

According to the Pakistan MET department, the country will experience more rains in the coming week. Islamabad, Kashmir (Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir), Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Sindh will receive heavy rainfall from 6th to 9th of August, The Express Tribune quoted the tweet of federal minister for Climate Change, Senator Sherry Rehman.

"Balochistan recorded more than 600% abovenormal rainfall during these monsoon spells since mid-June while Sindh received 500% more rain.

Major cities are being warned against urban flooding, prolonged electricity outages, and flash floods," the Senator added.

Sherry said that the effects of climate change continue to exacerbate in the country as it experienced lengthy heatwaves, GLOFs and forest fires. At least 549 people have

died in Pakistan in the past month as a result of flash floods brought on unusually strong monsoon rains, with rural areas in the province of Balochistan among the worst affected, reported

une. Aside from the fatalities, the flooding had damaged more than 46,200 houses, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of Pakistan said on Friday.

The Express Trib-

According to the NDMA, the past month saw 133 percent more rain than the 30-year average, making it the wettest in three decades. The disaster agency reported that Balochistan had 305 percent more rain than average for the year, reported The Express Trib-



#### **BOMB BLAST IN KABUL KILLS EIGHT**

**AFGHANISTAN:** A bomb blast in a busy shopping street in Afghanistan's capital Kabul on Saturday killed at least eight people and injured 22, hospital officials and witnesses said. Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack, the group said on its Telegram channel. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

#### 1,000 PEOPLE STRANDED AT **DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK**

**US:** Flash flooding at Death Valley National Park triggered by heavy rainfall on Friday buried cars and stranded about 1,000 people, officials said. About 60 vehicles were buried in debris and about 500 visitors and 500 workers were stranded at the park situated near the California-Nevada state line. - THE HINDUSTAN

#### **SIX CHILDREN AMONG 24 DEAD IN GAZA VIOLENCE**

**GAZA CITY:** The death toll from the latest violence in Gaza has risen to 24, including six children, health authorities in the territory said Saturday, but Israel denied conducting a new strike that reportedly killed minors. Gaza's Health Ministry sources said an "an elderly woman" was also killed with over 200 people wounded.

- THE MALAY MAIL

#### **TWELVE DEAD IN CROATIA BUS CRASH**

**CROARIA:** Twelve people were killed in Croatia on Saturday when a Polish bus filled with religious pilgrims slipped off a road and crashed near Varazdin, authorities said. Thirty-two people were injured in the crash on the highway between Varazdin, in northwest Croatia, and capital Zagreb.

- YAHOO NEWS

#### **VESSELS COLLISION IN CROATIA: ONE KILLED**

**CROATIA:** A 44-year-old German citizen was killed on Saturday in a collision between two vessels near Cape Kamenjak in Istria in western Croatia, the Istrian Police Department announced. After the collision, one vessel carrying six people sank resulting in the death of the German citizen.

#### **FOUR SHOT DEAD IN MULTIPLE OHIO SHOOTINGS**

US: A total of four people were shot dead at multiple sites in Butler Township in US' Ohio and the police are now searching for the man possibly connected to the shootings, media outlets have reported. The shootings took place in the small Ohio town just north of Dayton. - NDTV



#### Fire set off by lightning strikes in Cuba leaves one dead, 121 injured, 7 missing

**CUBA:** A fire set off by a light- asked for help from international ning strike at an oil storage facility raged uncontrolled on Saturday in the city of Matanzas, where four explosions and flames left one dead, injured 121 people and left seven firefighters missing, Cuban authorities said.

Firefighters and other specialists were still trying to quell the blaze at the Matanzas Supertanker Base, where the fire began during a thunderstorm on Friday night, the Ministry of Energy and Mines tweeted. Authorities said about 800 people were evacuated from the Dubrocq neighbourhood closest to the fire,

The Government said it had

experts in "friendly countries" with experience in the oil sector.

Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernández de Cossío said the U.S. government had offered technical help to quell the blaze. On his Twitter account, he said the "proposal is in the hands of specialists

for the due coordination. Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel thanked Mexico , Venezuela, Russia, Nicaragua, Argentina and Chile for their offers of help. The first support flights from Mexico and Venezuela were expected to arrive at Matanzas' airport Satur-

day night. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES



Helicopters hauling water fly over the Matanzas Supertanker Base, as firefighters and specialists worked to quell the blaze which began during a thunderstorm in Matazanas, Cuba, on Saturday.



PAKISTAN: A Pakistan zoo is auctioning off a dozen lions to private collectors next week to free up space for pride that won't stop growing.

The Lahore Safari Zoo now has so many big cats that their lions and tigers have to take in turns accessing the paddocks, said Tanvir Ahmed Janjua, the zoo's deputy director.

"Not only will we free up more space here, but our expenses for meat to feed them will also decrease," he said.

The zoo is currently home to 29 lions, and officials plan an auction on August 11 to sell 12 of them, aged between two and five years old.

There are also six resident tigers and two jaguars. Conservationists are opposed to the sale, with the environmental group WWF saying the crea-

tures should be moved to other established zoos, or breeding females sterilised or given contraceptives.

"Animal exchanges and donations between zoos are a widely accepted practice," the organisation's Uzma Khan said.

"Once an institution such as a zoo places a price tag on a wildlife species it is promoting trade - which is counterproductive to conservation," she

Zoo officials have set a reserve of Pakistan Rs. 150,000 Pakistan (US\$700) per cat, but hope each will fetch around RS. 2 million.

- THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

#### Boy dies after life support stopped at end of long legal battle

Alistair Chesser, said in

**UK:** A London hospital withdrew life support for 12-year-old British boy Archie Battersbee after his parents lost a long, emotive and divisive legal battle.

Archie's mother, Hollie Dance, said her son passed away just over two hours after the artiventilation was stopped.

One of these, Ella denounced Archie's final moments as "barbaric", however. She said that after his ventilation was switched off, "he went completely blue".

"There is absolutely dignified nothing about watching a family member or a child suffocate," she said. Dance found Archie

unconscious home in April with signs he had placed  $c \quad o \quad r \quad d$ around his neck, possibly after taking part

online asphyxiation with doctors that Archie challenge. was "brain-stem dead", The hospital trust's allowing life support to be discontinued, but the chief medical officer,

a statement that "Archie died after treatment was withdrawn in line with Court rulings about his best interests". At the entrance to the hospital in east London,

and cards, and lit candles in the shape of the letter "A". A judge in June agreed

12-year-old Archie Battersbee

well-wishers left flowers

The parents also lost a last-ditch legal bid to have Archie transferred to a hospice for his final hours.

family fought through

the courts to overturn

Arguing that Archie

could benefit from treat-

ment in Italy or Japan,

they took their case all

the way to the European Court of Human Rights

in Strasbourg, which

this week declined to

intervene.

"All legal routes have been exhausted," a spokesman for the campaign group Christian Concern, which has been supporting the family, said late Friday.

The case is the latest in a series that have pitted parents against Britain's legal and healthcare sys-

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**RE-OPENS** 

# SL's economic woes would to last another year

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## New sectors, logistics, and nuclear energy should be looked at...

Sri Lanka's economic woes would last for another year and it will have to think outside the box and look at new sectors such as logistics and nuclear energy to revive the bankrupt economy, said President and Finance Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Speaking at "Let's Reset Sri Lanka" hosted by Advocate Institute held on Friday, he said reforms in the country also would need higher taxation.

"The next six months to one year I think till about July next year, we will have to go through a hard time," he said, adding that for recovery Sri Lanka would have to look at new sectors such as logistics and nuclear energy.

"One I believe in very much is logistics, if you see the growth of the Indian, Bangladeshi and Pakistani economies, logistics can have a big role to play here in Colombo, in Hambantota and Trincomalee. This is how we use our strategic position."

Sri Lanka is going through its worst economic crisis since independence in 1948. The export industry is badly hit by the fuel scarcity caused by the forex crisis. The tourism industry also got dented initially due to the COVID-19 pandemic and later owing to the economic turmoil.

Wickremesinghe, who has previously described Sri Lanka's economy as bankrupt, said that economic reforms would require higher taxation. "Even taxation



President and Finance Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe

on wealth, we have to resort to those measures, first for economic recovery and second for social stability," he

the country will have to con-

sider getting into the nuclear energy sector. "More you have more energy you can sell to India, at the same time keep more renewable The President also said energy available. We have to think outside the box.

#### 'CSE should be broad-based'

and when you look at the

President Ranil Wickremesinghe said that Sri Lanka's capital market, the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), should be broad-based allowing more people to

Today there are many queries about the stock exchange and there is a strong opinion that a few people control it, and a few people rig it.

"I am concerned about how the capital market operates and I have second thoughts about allowing loss-making State

Referring to the ongoing debt restructuring are mov-IMF bailout attempt, Wicking ahead with the task. remesinghe said the legal "First the foreign debt....

and technical advisers on

pens few investors can benefit from such a While stating that The Colombo Stock

entities (SOE) to list in it as a part of

restructuring them. I feel that if this hap-

Exchange (CSE) is not recognised by the London Stock Exchange he emphasized the need for an 'entire system change' for the CSE.

"We all should be satisfied that CSE is neutral and will benefit all. Failing which, a new institution will be set up."

debt, it is certainly going to be a difficult time. The first six months will be difficult," he said. Wickremesinghe said that more than six million of the 21 million population of the

which we have not seen

before, we have to look at

both foreign debt and local

country are malnourished. More and more are unemployed, he said, adding that additional funds are being set aside to support them. Wickremesinghe said political stability was important to set in motion the required reforms.

"So we have to look at the political-, social- and economic dimensions of the reform, the restructuring that we are going to implement." (The Hindu)

# **CHEC Port City, game changer and** exciting project - CWEIC Chairman

### At the Commonwealth Business Forum Kigali, Rwanda

CHEC Port City Colombo is a game changer and an exciting project, said Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council Chairman of the CWEIC, Sir Hugo Swire at the Commonwealth Business Forum, held alongside the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Kigali. This was the first and largest, in-person gathering for governments and businesses across the Commonwealth since the COVID-19 pandemic which attracted over 1,700 delegates from over 90 countries.

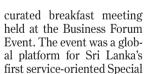
Sir Hugo, in his opening address, stated, "It's a very exciting development, despite the current economic situation prevailing in the country, the Port City SEZ is ring-fenced from that."

**CHEC Port City Colombo** in collaboration with the Colombo Port City Economic Commission successfully introduced the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) to 50 plus potential investors and members at a specially



Sir Hugo Swire speaking. Also pictured are Dr. Priyath Wickrama and Thulci







Economic Zone (SEZ) to be showcased in the Business Forum, which was held in Kigali, Rwanda from June 21 to 23 2022.

As a strategic partner of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC), Port City

Colombo participated as a

knowledge partner of the Commonwealth Business Forum. The panel also consisted of the Director General of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission. Dr. Priyath Wickrama provided insights on the Commission's role in the project and further also addressed some of the key misconceptions about the project.

The event was well received by the audience and generated positive feedback on the overall unique features and positioning of the Port City SEZ

address. TO PAGE 12

It was highlighted that the investor confidence was primarily driven by the Port City Economic Commission engaging with global consultants for providing best practices for ease of doing business, banking and ringfencing regulations which will ensure the independent functioning of business activities within the zone. CHEC Port City Colombo Deputy Managing Director Thulci Aluwihare made the keynote

# **Rubber auction prices rise**

official debt are we getting

caught into the geopolitics

of the region of Asia?" he

said. "It will be a period

Rubber auction prices continued to elevate during June 2022 boosting earnings growth for the period, although global rubber prices witnessed plunge during the period yet

displayed increase of only 4.9% on a YoY basis on the back of recessionary fears according to Frist Capital Research Rubber Plantation Sector

Accordingly, the monthly local average auction price of rubber for June 2022 improved to Rs 1,400/Kg (+122.4%YoY) while the YTD price increased by over 100% owing to the steep depreciation of the rupee against the USD 80.0%YTD.

"On the other hand, with the availability of chemical fertilizer improving in the forthcoming months, we expect the plantation sector to command higher yields in 2H2022 while further discussions have started with the World Bank, Asia Developments and other international financial institutions to obtain funds to import fertilizer."

In addition to that, we may see global consumption of rubber gloves peak over the pre-pandemic level supported by increased awareness of health care and hygiene among people which ensures demand for rubber to boost in 2H2022. Considering the stability in production voltime and the current price which remains above the

2021 level, we expect rubber

plantations to see an upside

in 2H2022.

Export earnings from rubber and rubber finished products have reported a growth of 7.1%YoY to USD 102.3 million in Jun 2022 compared to USD 95.5 million in June 2021, while earnings from pneumatic and retracted rubber tyres and tubes also increased by 15.2%YoY during the month.

Meanwhile, rubber earnings for the 1H2022 reported a slight decline of 0.7% YoY to USD 516.6 million, although total production dropped by 15.6% YoY during the period amidst the outbreak of the fungal leaf fall disease.

Major export markets for Sri Lankan natural rubber are Pakistan, Germany and Japan, whereas the US, Germany and Belgium are the key export markets for rubber finished products.

Rubber prices have witnessed a growth trend since the beginning of the year, yet it has adjusted downward in the recent auctions in line with the global market price trend while cropping season has started in most of the rubber-producing regions leading the rubber price to drop. Further, the fluctuations in crude oil prices, which influence synthetic rubber prices, have also impacted the prices of natural rubber.

### Lanka's forex reserves declines to US\$1.82 bn in July

The debt-ridden economy spent \$4 million last month from its reserves of \$1.86 billion in June to meet the payment for fuel and other essentials, according to the central bank of Sri Lanka.

Official reserves dropped to \$1.82 billion at the end July from \$1.86 billion reported for the previous month, according to data released by the central bank. The remaining reserves includes a \$1.5 billion swap arrangement with China that Sri Lanka can only access if overall reserves rise

to a certain level. The decline in the stockpile comes amid fears of a delay in an International Monetary Fund bailout due to lingering political uncertainties even as the new President Ranil Wickremesinghe vowed to revive the economy and pursue a debt restructuring with the IMF.

Sri Lanka has about \$12.6 billion in outstanding bonds owed to global funds; it owes roughly an equivalent amount to bilateral creditors and multilateral lenders. (Bloomberg)

# 'Govt should develop poultry sector as forex generating industry'

#### **Chicken production down by 40%**

FIZEL JABIR

There is an opportunity in developing the poultry sector as a foreign currency-generating industry in the country, Veterinary Surgeon and World's Poultry Science Association, Sri Lanka Branch President Dr. Ushan Pallegama told the media in Colombo

Entrepreneurs in the sector can generate foreign

currency by exporting their products and earn more local currency than ever due to high exchange rates which they can use for their local operations, he said.

'Though right now we do have a small level of export which is not countable for the country's economy, the opportunity is there to develop this sector for exports. TO PAGE 13



Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Pallegama. Picture by Karunathilaka. Wimal

# Digitize land records and centralize state ownership - John Keells Property

John Keells Holdings Property (JKP) services called on the government to digitize land registry data and further centralize ownership under one state entity to enable the development of lowcost middle-income housing with short transit times to other central infrastructure. JKP also called for the operation of Sri Lanka Railways more frequently even at a loss alongside large disincentives for private transport to create more equitable city space.

Head of Property

Nayana Mawilmada made these comments at the recent Advocata Reset conference on August 6 at the BMICH. Mawilmada noted that state land in the broader Beira Lake region is held by over 6 state institutions. The consolidation of this land holding under one entity would be less politically contentious than the current privatization agenda.

Mawilmada noted that



Current rail infrastructure can move large parts of road-bound commuters.

Colombo is an exceedingly short town as opposed to a city. Most of the brownfield land in the metropolitan area was of very short stature. He noted that census data showed a large exodus of people from the city into the suburb regions. The actual city council area has seen a population decline. The more frequent opera-

tion of railway services

would make travel by rail more hospitable for commuters. It would allow for less packed trains and the better utilization of railway tracks which are currently only utilized at peak times. This would be a lowcost method of increasing efficiency in terms of fuel consumption given the current crisis. It would allow businesses to be more flexible on operating hours. Current rail infrastructure within Colombo cuts across many congested road-

Mawilmada reiterated concerns about mismatch between demographic trends and development projects. He noted that large areas of land had been allocated for parking due to regulatory decisions which in turn had increased costs by over 30%. He noted that this contributed to inequitable growth in the city and the broader urban sprawl problem in the country. TO PAGE 12

#### Nepali Governor disinterested in IMF loan as tourism earnings rise tional loan from the Fund. Many



sees no need to approach the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a fresh loan as pressure on foreign exchange reserves is easing central bank governor said.

after a pickup in tourism, its "At present, our focus is on managing demand to reduce pressure on foreign (exchange)

reserves," Nepal Rastra Bank

Governor Maha Prasad Adhikari said in an interview, noting that rising workers' remittances and tourist arrivals offered a "silver lining" for the economy. Tourism earnings increased more than three times to 25.52 billion Nepali rupees (\$201.8 million) in the 11 months to the end of mid-June, compared with

the same period a year earlier,

though they are still well below pre-pandemic levels. Remittances from overseas workers, meanwhile, rose 1.5% to \$7.5 billion during the same period, government data showed.

"It is expected that these developments will help ease external sector pressure in a few months," Adhikari said when asked about the possibility of seeking an addi-

economies in South Asia including Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh have sought IMF assistance to reduce the risks of defaults on external payments following a jump in the prices of imported fuel and grain, while export earnings have been much more muted. (ww.bdnews24.com/ Reuters)

# Market rises alongside economic rebound – Acuity Stockbrokers

The Bourse ended the week on a positive note this week with ASPI increasing by 602.22 points (or 7.79%) to close at 8,333.37 points, while the S&P SL20 Index also increased by 279.78 points (or 11.43%) to close at 2,728.14 points.

#### **Turnover & Market Capitalization**

Lanka IOC was the highest contributor to the week's turnover value, contributing LKR 2.96Bn or 20.53% of the total

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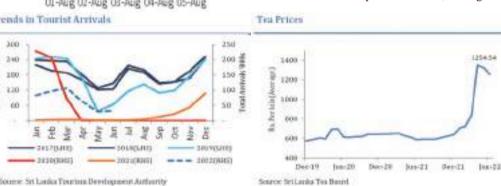
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turnover value. Expolanka followed suit, accounting for 18.14% of turnover (value of LKR 2.62Bn) while Melstacorp contributed LKR 0.86Bn to account for 5.97% of the week's turnover. The total turnover value amounted to LKR 14.43Bn (cf. last week's value of LKR 5.09Bn), while the daily average turnover value amounted to LKR 2.89Bn (183.15% W-o-W) compared to last week's average of LKR 1.02Bn. Market capitalization meanwhile, increased by

9.64% W-o-W (or LKR





320.09Bn) to LKR 3,641.63Bn cf. LKR 3,321.54Bn last week.

#### **Liquidity (Value** & Volume)

Energy Industry Group was the highest contributor to the week's total turnover value, accounting for 20.54% (or LKR 2.96Bn) of market turnover. Industry Group's turnover was driven primarily by Lanka IOC which accounted for 99.96% of the sector's total turnover. Food Beverage & Tobacco Group meanwhile accounted for 14.17% of the total turnover value while Transportation Group contributed 18.15% to the weekly turnover.

The Food Beverage & Tobacco Industry Group dominated the market in terms of share volume, accounting for 28.57% (or 155.63Mn shares) of total volume, with a value contribution of LKR 2.73Bn. The Diversified Financials Industry Group followed suit, adding

24.22% to the total volume (131.91Mn shares) while the Capital Goods Group contributed 9.55% (52.03Mn shares) to the weekly share volume.

#### Dividend **Announcements**

Company, DPS (Rs.), Final/ Interim, XD From; Convenience Foods (Lanka) PLC, 3.50, Final Dividend, 13-Sep-2022; ACL Plastics PLC, 15.00, First Interim Dividend, 10-Aug-2022; Co-Operative Insurance Company PLC, 0.135, Final Dividend, 8-Aug-2022; Commercial Credit and Finance PLC, 2.00, Final Dividend, 12-Sep-2022; Kelani Cables PLC, 6.50, First Interim Dividend, 16-Aug-2022.

Key Economic Indicators July; Prime Lending Rate: 23.23%; Ave. Wtd. Deposit Rates: 9.56%; Ave. Wtd. Fixed Dep. Rates: 12.6%; CCPI Inflation Y-o-Y %:

#### **Net Foreign Position**

Foreign investors were net sellers this week with a total net outflow amounting to LKR 0.475Bn relative to last week's total net inflow of LKR 0.294Bn (-261.5% W-o-W). Total foreign purchases increased by 3.9% W-o-W to LKR 0.64Bn from last week's value of LKR 0.62Bn, while total foreign sales amounted to LKR 1.12Bn relative to LKR 0.33Bn recorded last week (243.9% W-o-W).

# **CMA** opens applications for 'CMA Excellence in Integrated Reporting Awards'

The Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka (CMA) has invited all the Sri Lankan business institutions including all public quoted companies, state-owned enterprises, private and, small & medium enterprises to apply for the "CMA Excellence in Integrated Reporting Awards 2022" competition which is organized for the 8th consecutive year. The Colombo Stock Exchange are the Supporting Partner for the event. The awards ceremony will be held on 31st October 2022 together with the inauguration of the 'CMA National Management Accounting Conference 2022'

The closing dates for submission of applications are August 19, for Institutions whose financial year ends on 31 December 31, 2021, which includes Banks and other institutions and August 26, 2022, for Institutions whose financial year ends on March 31, 2022.

This year International Recognition has been received for the event with the message provided by International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) President Alan Johnson. Messages have also been received from, Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Viraj Dayaratne, and Colombo Stock Exchange CEO Rajiva Bandaranaike.

The panel of Judges will be chaired by Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) Professor of Accounting Ho Yew Kee and will include International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) Ambassador Prof Graham Terry and other international experts on Integrated Reporting from South Africa, India, Australia, and Sri Lanka.

This year CMA has expanded this competition to a wide range of business sectors.

The evaluation will be carried out as per the framework issued by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) issued in December 2013.

More information could be obtained from, Jinandi Chandraratne at director.education@cma-

# **People's Merchant Finance appoints** as Deputy CEO Terrance Kumara



The People's Merchant Finance PLC (PMF) announced the appointment of Terrance Kumara as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Company with effect from 15th June 2022. He served for SANASA Development Bank PLC as the Chef Financial Officer before his appointment at PMF.

He is a seasoned financial sector professional with a sound academc foundation spanning over 20 years of diversified expertise in financial, Leasing, Corporate finance, and investment management locally and internationally.

He has extensive experience in financial reporting, Taxation, structuring capital market transactions and analytics. He has a background in designing internal controls, legal, compliance & financial risk management.

He is specialized in analyzing, identifying, and translating business needs into executable strategies through bespoke service delivery. Additionally, during his tenure at SANASA Development Bank, he has spearheaded and implemented Sri Lanka's first rights issue through a digital platform.

### The Indian MICE market is a 'low hanging fruit'

# "Sri Lanka Tourism needs a USD sales approach" - MTI

Tourism, along with foreign remittances, offers Sri Lanka the fastest, most impactful way to scale up the country's foreign currency reserves. To enable this, Sri Lanka Tourism needs to make some tough and radical strategic

According to MTI Consulting, the conventional approach to developing international tourism would be to first work on brandpositioning the country, then run Marcom campaigns and then let

the Consumer (tourists) respond to it. This works well when the country is in normal times and it has the financial reserves to invest in developing the brand, expecting returns over a longer term. But, given the nation's desperation for forex earnings, there needs to be a very strong salesdriven approach. This requires Sri Lanka to identify how and where the 'low-hanging fruits' are, i.e., ones that can translate to the cash

Based on a top-line opportunity assessment done by MTI Consulting, the 'low-hanging fruits' are in the MICE segments in the SAARC region, mainly India, with Pakistan and Bangladesh with significant untapped potential. After a hiatus of nearly 3 years (due to COVID), many companies are looking to motivate and energize their staff, via offsite conferences, motivational events and 'entertaining'. Sri Lanka, with direct flights from all the main SAARC cities and less than 3 hours flying from most of them, is well-positioned to attract these MICE events (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions). Sri Lanka's airport in the South and the newer conference facilities built around this can be an impetus.

To realize this strategy, a very strong and impactful sales approach is required. This n everyone, from the Tourism Minister to the Ambassadors, from

the Chairpersons of the Tourism Boards to their Senior Management, must be assigned Key MICE Accounts and set Customer Conversion Targets. This means they all need to first map their target catchments, identify the prospects, link with the key decision makers, and make a strong sales pitch.

"No doubt the country's reputaion has taken a beating in the last few months, but many countries go through such challenges and

recover fast. Think Egypt, Thailand, France (Paris), Indonesia (Bali). Sri Lanka is an extremely resilient nation and has always bounced back from such challenges. The Tourism Ministry needs to just focus on two key enablers now, i.e., roll up their sleeves and start selling to bulk segments like MICE and provide the industry with some of the basics to operate like fuel and gas. For sure, we need to start strategizing, brand positioning



**Hilmy Cader** 

and running Marcom Campaigns, but right now, the house is on fire, and you need the fire bridge, emergency surgery, and first aid. So as Richard Branson said. "Screw it – let's do it!", said MTI Consulting CEO Hilmy Cader.

#### **Continues to invest in SL despite FX risk**

# **Amidst challenges LIOC steers** through **Q1** 2022-23

#### **Builds small buffer for period ahead**

With the country facing the most challenging times marred with steep unprecedented inflation, severe foreign exchange crisis, highly volatile international oil prices, the threat of new COVID variants & fears of global recession, the operational environment has been full of uncountable bottlenecks.

The incessant devaluation of currency from LKR 299 to LKR 367 per US\$ coupled with extremely high borrowing costs, raising the finance expenses during the quarter to LKR 1792 Mn as against LKR 123 Mn Y-o-Y, significantly affected Q1's performance and remains an area of concern, being uncontrollable.

Notwithstanding the above, LIOC has taken on massive currency risk during Q1 22-23 and increased revenue by nearly 196% Y-o-Y from LKR 16.86 Bn to LKR 49.93 Bn. The revenue growth is mainly on account of the high cost of products, because of the steep rise in international oil prices. The Sales volume of the company also increased to 139,762 MT from 135,354 MT on a Y-o-Y basis.

Describing the robust performance, MD LIOC Manoj Gupta said "The Company ventured into a new line of business of sell-

ing diesel directly to export houses, tourism services providers registered under Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, licensed telecommunication service providers and Power Generation Companies, against remittance in US dollars. The collection in US\$ eliminated the exchange rate risk and allowed the sale of fuel to industries at a predetermined price.

The Trincomalee Terminal have worked round the clock operating the terminal for more than 3 weeks with limited resources to supply fuel not only to industries but also to ensure the supply of 7500 MT of diesel to CPC for onward dispatches for essential services. Company's Bunkering business has registered strong exceptional performance, the main contributor has been the exchange gain because of depreciation of the currency, as the sales take place in

The implementation of the Common Fuel Pricing formula during the quarter has been a major development for the country bringing complete transparency to the RSP fixation. The RSP, to be reviewed fortnightly, shall be based mainly on the prevailing international oil prices apart from other relevant factors.

# **Defends pace of reform**

# Two recent issuers benefit from CSE's expanded listing criteria

Taking into account the role played by capital markets in the growth of the corporate sector and the importance of offering multiple avenues through which companies aspiring for growth can access capital markets, the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) adopted progressive changes to the CSE's listing framework for new listings, offering a wider choice of listing options for companies wanting to list shares on the Main and Diri Savi Boards.

An analysis of recent list-

ings on the CSE indicates that these amendments in particular have paved the way for two companies to list on the CSE and access capital market-based funding valued at Rs. 4.7 billion. Both IPOs were oversubscribed on an opening day and by 16+ times collectively drawing considerable investor interest at the time. Interestingly, the listing framework before the amendments made by the CSE may not have attracted these two corporates – indi-

cating that the amendments have been successful in making a stock market listing a possibility for a broader array of aspiring issuers.

These recent issuers representing two different industries have benefited from the CSE's initiative in broad basing the profitoriented eligibility requirement applicable to the Main Board. Before the amendments, the CSE Listing Rules required that all companies aiming to list on the Main Board demonstrate net profit after tax for three consecutive

financial years. Three alternatives to this requirement were introduced by the CSE as part of the

amendments. The CSE's Main Board listing criteria now accept companies that can demonstrate an aggregate net profit after tax for three consecutive financial years, meaning that companies aiming to list on the exchange are no longer required to be profitable in each of the three financial years immediately preceding



CEO Rajeeva Bandaranaike

the date of the initial listing application.

Further, companies that cannot meet the profit-based criteria for the Main Board can demonstrate eligibility through revenue or positive operating cash flow (one of either), if the company's market capitalization is valued at Rs. 5 billion or above at the point of listing. The revenue-based option would require the company to demonstrate an aggregate revenue of Rs. 3 billion for three financial years immediately preceding the date of the initial listing application. Alter-



CRO Renuke Wijayawardhane

natively, the positive operating cash flow option would require the company to demonstrate positive operating cash flows (after adjustment for working capital) for two consecutive financial years immediately preceding the date of the initial listing application.

Commenting on the development, CSE Chief Regulatory Officer Renuke Wijayawardhane stated "It is quite important that capital market regulation evolves to cater to the growing and dynamic needs of our stakeholders. and the amendments to CSE

Listing Rules were put in place to broaden the rules to complement Sri Lanka's rapidly developing commercial landscape comprising of multiple new business models and segments." The amended Listing

Rules also offer flexibility for companies aiming to list on the Diri Savi Board, where companies that cannot meet the Positive Net Assets requirements have a revenue-based alternative. If the company's market capitalization is valued at Rs. 2 billion or above at the point of listing, demonstrating revenue of Rs. 350 million for the financial year immediately preceding the date of the initial listing application will be an acceptable alternative to the Positive Net Assets requirement.

CSE CEO Rajeeva Bandaranaike called on Sri Lankan corporates interested in listing to actively engage the exchange and the investment banking community to understand the wide-ranging choice of listing options

#### CHEC Port City, game changer... From page 11

During the Business Forum senior management of CPCC and the CPCEC had meaningful one-on-one dialogues with leading institutions and leaders from the business community that cited a Special Economic Zone in Colombo was paramount in attracting Foreign Direct invest-

A common topic discussed with most investors was the current thinking on economically ring-fencing the SEZ with robust regulations to ensure the impact of current macroeconomic shocks on the country is minimized and the risks can be managed suitably within the zone.

As per the Colombo Port City Econom- Importance will be granted a tax holiday ic Commission Act, 100% of development capital and business capital are required to be raised overseas which allows for

such supportive ring-fencing regulations. In addition to voicing concerns on the current macro-economic outlook and potential policy reforms as the next steps to be engaged as a result of an IMF Program, Investors were keen to obtain clarity on the fiscal and non-fiscal incentives that would be offered for businesses setting up or relocating to Port City Colombo, SEZ. It was communicated that priority sectors and Businesses of Strategic

of up to 40 years which is to be established through regulations. Overall, the event allowed CHEC Port City to engage and market the SEZ to a global audience whilst also inundating them with the value proposition at play and indicating why this could be a service-based hub in the South Asian region.

"Given the interest, we garnered during the event, the next step in realizing the project's potential is for the regulations to be passed and enacted so that the go-tomarket commercialization phase can com-

#### Digitize land records..... From page 11

There currently exists large issues for developers accessing accurate data on the amount of developable land in the city. It is estimated that there are over 50 acres of developable land in the immediate vicinity of the Fort Railway station.

Mawilmada called on the government to follow a Singaporean-style tax regulatory framework towards vehicles with charges on congestion and limitations on the number of vehicles. Upcoming tax reforms are likely to be highly regressive. Exponential increases to revenue licenses on the same engine capacity framework would be highly progressive and capture part of the large capital appreciation made by speculators in the vehicle mar-

Mawilmada noted that on average Sri Lankans over

their working careers are expected to spend years of their lives stuck in traffic. He noted that policy should focus on mass transit to reduce transit times and allow for more concentrated developments within the city.

Mawilmada critiqued the current mechanism by government authorities in the release of land. He noted that by creating large initial cash flow constraints on developers with little equity consideration by the government the bar to entry and threat of regulatory suppression were high. He called for the development of more Public-Private Partnership models within the city for the development of land. He said, "At 15 million per perch your cash (as a developer) is buried in the land. The transaction structures are making middle-class housing inaccessible." (DP)

#### Daily Actus

# HIP provides essential items worth US\$ 100,000 to underprivileged

HIPG CEO Johnson Liu handing over an essential food item pack to a samurdhi recipient.

The Hambantota International Port (HIP) completed yet another event on their CSR calendar yesterday, with the distribution of essential household items and food to Samurdhi recipients in the Hambantota district.

The port reached out to its surrounding underprivileged communities with US\$ 100,000/worth of essential items under this initiative.

"Our programs are usually geared towards a more sustainable approach where we are working with these communities to help them develop livelihoods so that they can be an active part of the supply chain. However, we also know that under the current conditions we need to be helping directly with daily essentials," says HIPG CEO Johnson Liu.

The CEO added that the port was wholly invested in building the lives of surrounding communities, as much as developing and expanding its business operations. "We have always been caring towards people around us and are taking a systemic approach to their development and wellbeing. We intend to create more jobs for the region, and the wellbeing of our surrounding communities is a vital part of our work.'



Johnson Liu, HIPG CFO Raymond Mu, HIP team along with the recipients of the donation at Sri Bodhimalu Temple.

The CEO says the port's surrounding communities will reap the benefits of the development work spearheaded by HIPG. This initiative was carried out through the "Sammawayama," Social Welfare Foundation of the Galwila Temple. 9

major temples belonging to the foundation participated in HIP's initiative and the distribution was carried out in 7 divisions via 6 centres connected to the respective temples. 1250 underprivileged families amongst these communities

received packs of essential food items while 700 children attending Dhahampasal received stationery items for school.

This is a follow-on to the support HIPG provides the Buddhist temples in the districts in the form of supplying a meal to children attending the Sunday schools from 2018.

The project is sponsored by the China Merchant Foundation (CMF), the CSR arm of the China Merchant Group and coordinated by the HIP. Sriyani Seneviratne, a villager from the Pahala Beragama area says although she and her family of 4 are Samurdhi recipients, their income is not sufficient to meet their daily needs. "Getting these essential items from the port, especially at this difficult time, will help us to meet our daily food requirements."

On May 27, 2022, HIPG marked the symbolic beginning of their flagship community development project, 'Hope Village.'

The Hambantota Port Hope Village concept is to build communities to get involved in animal husbandry and agriculture so that they could use it for their daily needs as well as sell the excess produce.

The port has been involved in a series of projects for the betterment of the surrounding community. The human-elephant peace project is ongoing in partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Department and the Divisional Secretariat to mitigate the issue.

# Using the INR route to get around a dominating dollar

**SUNANDA SEN** 

Several countries, including India, are now considering the use of other currencies to avoid the U.S. dollar and its hegemonic role in settling international transactions. As for India, the currency hierarchy goes back to colonial times when the Indian rupee was virtually linked to the British pound rather than to gold which it earned through exports.

In the post-war period, the neocolonial currency hierarchy has been clubbed with the continued use, primarily of the U.S. dollar, for the majority of international transactions. The current situation relates, in addition, to geopolitical developments, with the Russia-Ukraine war in the forefront followed by the sanctions imposed on Russia by the West.

In recent times, India has been taking an active interest in having the rupee used for trade and the set tlement of payments with other countries, which include Russia,

now facing sanctions. Even earlier, the annexation of Crimea in 2014 had resulted in the imposition of similar sanctions against Russia over some time. Settling payments with Russia by India, especially for mineral fuels and oil imports as well as for the S400 Triumf air defence system has been continuing on a semi-informal basis through rupee payments by using the Vostro accounts maintained by Russian banks in India.

The Reserve Bank of India has recently taken a proactive stand to have a rupee settlement of trade (circular dated July 11, 2022). While options for invoicing in rupees were already legal in terms of Regulation 7(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2016, the current circular aims to operationalise the special Vostro accounts with Russian banks in India, in a bid to promote trade and also gain a better status for the rupee as an international currency. (The Hindu)

# India's state of Jammu and Kashmir to host G20 summit in 2023



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the

The Union territories of Jammu and Kasmir have made enormous progress under the Narendra Modi administration and will host the G20 summit in 2023. India will assume the G20 Chairmanship by the end of this year following its Bali summit in Indonesia.

The Jammu and Kashmir government has set up a 5-member committee for the overall coordination of the summit. The Jammu and Kashmir government announced that the Union Territory's housing and urban development department's principal secretary is the chosen chairman of the coordinating committee.

The other members of the committee include Commissioner Secretary (Transport), Administrative Secretary (Tourism), Administrative Secretary (Hospitality and Protocol) and Administrative Secretary (Culture).

It is an exclusive opportunity afforded to the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir to put its unique location on the world map.

It will be the first international meeting scheduled following the abrogation of article 370 of the union constitution by the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir.



Tourists in Jammu and Kashmir.

# 'Govt should develop poultry ... From page 11

Since we are free of bird flu, our products are up to international standards and the market is getting opened in other countries due to the sectoral downturn of some regular supplying countries," he said.

Government intervention is needed at this juncture to find foreign buyers for their products and it can be done through the marketing of their products via Sri Lanka Embassies in those identified countries by

arranging trade fairs, B2B meetings and business gatherings etc and even through international trade agreements, Dr. Ushan Pallegama said.

"Although the country was selfsufficient in chicken and eggs before the current crisis, the situation is changing drastically," he cautioned.

"We were producing around 160 million broiler chickens and around 10 million layer birds per annum. Not only that, we do have parent

farms now to get these layer & broiler birds productions and even grant parent farms to get parent birds. In the past, we were even importing parent birds from other

"We do have farms with novel technologies and newest machinery in the world and do productions up to international standards. Most of these farms are operating and controlled by modern computer soft-

ware and even feed formulation for birds are also done by using very costly specially developed software," he pointed out. Not only by providing protein

for human nutrition, but the poultry industry is also largely contributing to the country's GDP by creating around one million direct employments and an uncountable number of indirect employments through construction, equipment manufacturing & supply, maintenance, technical services etc and even though transportations, warehousing, packing material

supply, printing and marketing

Further, paddy farmers and rice millers are generating extra income by selling straw, paddy husk and rice polish to the poultry industry.

"But production has been reduced by around 40% due to the current crisis and accordingly the number of eggs and chicken that comes to the market has been reduced. Therefore, if this situation continues further. not only the food security of the country but also millions of jobs created under this would be at high risk, he added.

# Startup Boot camp for Youth concludes in Colombo



Young Entrepreneurs who attended the Startup Boot camp.

Intending to strengthen Sri Lankan startups and empower young entrepreneurs, SCCI (Network of South Asian Private Sector) and Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL) in partnership with Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF South Asia) co-organized the Startup Boot camp for Sri Lanka Youth at Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo recently

The two-day training program themed, "Strengthening Startup Ecosystems in South Asia: A Cross-border Startup Boot camp for Sri Lankan Young Entrepreneurs" was aimed to equip Sri Lankan young entrepreneurs with the necessary knowledge and skills for developing their startups to the next stages.

It was also an effective platform for the young participants to network with international startups, angel investors, and startup mentors in South Asia and beyond and was free of charge and over 100 participated from different parts of Sri Lanka, like Colombo Jaffna, Trincomalee, Matara, Monaragala, Kandy, Badulla, etc

Moreover, their startups represented various sectors such as IT, eco-friendly products, fashion, handicrafts, tourism, education, agriculture, renewable energy, etc. The young participants' deep enthusiasm was reflective of their great inclination to rebuild Sri Lanka's economy through their innovative startups. Industries Ministry Additional



**Participants received certificates** on completion of the Boot camp from Ruwan De Silva



Participants in the discussion.



Special Guests and Organizers.

Secretary (Industry & Industrial Estates Development Division) Chaminda Patiraja, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Country Director (Sri Lanka & Bangladesh) Wolfgang Heinze; National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) Chairman Sunil Jayarathne; Sri Lanka Standards Institution Chairman Asanga Ranasinghe; FCCISL Senior Vice President Keerthi Gunawardane; FCCISL Director Dr. Rohitha Silva and; and FCCISL Director Ruwan De Silva

participated as special invitees and delivered speeches.

The inaugural session was moderated by SCCI Associate Director Tilan M. Wijesooriya.

The interactive training sessions focused on theoretical and practical perspectives of the development of startups, i.e. Mindset Mastery for Entrepreneurs, Leadership and Management Skills, manage in VUCA Times, Applied Concepts of Entrepreneurship and Startup Models, Systems View of Entrepreneurial

Creativity, Angel Investments, Customer Service Excellence, Self-Development, Industry 4.0 and IOT, Growth Hacking, Invention Engine, Creative Intelligence, etc.

National and international startup role models and subject matter experts from Sri Lanka, India, Nigeria and the United States conducted the interactive training sessions of the two-day program.

From Sri Lanka, Dr. (Eng.) Ranil Sugathadasa; Deepal Sooriyaarachchi, Dr. Ravi Bamunusinghe, Prajeeth Balasubramaniam, Dhammika Kalapuge, Vijitha Abeywardena, and Mudith Maddumarachchi conducted their relevant sessions.

From India, Karmjitsinh Bihola conducted a session. Muyiwa Fasakin from Nigeria conducted From the United States, Prof. Dr.

John F Cabra and Prof. Dr. Jim Friedman conducted the sessions. All sessions were live streamed

on YouTube Channel REAL Life TV whilst Sri Lanka Telecom was the communications partner that provided high-speed internet connectivity for the activities of training sessions.

All the young entrepreneurs were extremely happy about the program, mentioning, "We gained theoretical and practical knowledge along with skills necessary for the growth of our startups. Now we are futuristic and have pragmatic hopes of rebuilding our nation through innovative startups.'



#### **DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

# ISSUE OF RS. 35,000 MILLION TREASURY BONDS

Rs. 15,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 17.00% 2025 'A', and Rs. 20,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 20.00% 2029 'A' are to be issued through an auction on August 10, 2022.

#### The details of these Treasury Bonds are as follows:

Series	17.00% 2025 'A'	20.00% 2029 'A'		
ISIN*	LKB00425F013	LKB00729G156		
Amount offered	Rs. 15,000 million	Rs. 20,000 million		
Coupon rate	17.00% per annum	20.00% per annum		
Date of issue	01 June 2021	15 July 2022		
Date of maturity	01 June 2025	15 July 2029		
Dates of coupon payment	01 June & 01 December	15 January & 15 July		
Accrued Interest amount	Rs. 3.4836 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 1.6848 per Rs. 100.00		
Date of Auction	Wednesday,	10 August 2022		
Closing date and time of bid submission	Wednesday, 10 Aug	gust 2022 at 11.00 a.m.		
Date of settlement	15 August 2022			
Minimum amount of bid	Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.			

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Treasury Bonds on the basis of clean prices (exclusive of accrued interest from the date of last coupon payment to the date of settlement). Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). With respect to each Series/ISIN, CBSL may accept any amount not exceeding the amount offered depending on the market conditions.

#### The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bonds from the following Primary Dealers and any other Licensed Commercial Banks

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Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC.	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC.	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC.	2456340
First Capital Treasuries Ltd.	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd.	2675096

<sup>\*</sup> International Securities Identification Number

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# **BOC City office re-opens at its Historic premise in Colombo 1**



The historic "City Office" building of the country's No.1 Bank was ceremoniously opened after being refurbished to add more glamour and modernity to its historic value.

The ceremony took place in line with the bank's 83rd Anniversary held recently on August 1 with the participation of Chairman Kanchana Ratwatte, General Manager K.E.D. Sumanasiri, Additional General Manager Russel Fonseka, DGM Branch operations and Development banking Priyal Silva, AGM Western Province Central Ruchindra Perera and staff members of the City Branch, members of the Corporate and Executive Management, and other distinguished guests including long-standing customers of the bank.

The building is the premise of the first bank branch of the Bank of Ceylon (BOC) where, Sri Lanka's first indigenous modern bank was established by Sir Andrew Caldecott, the Governor of Ceylon on 1st

August 1939 located at Bristol Street, Colombo 01. Hence the building itself has a long historic value that enriches BOC's 83 yearlong heritage.

The City Office Building is solely owned by the Bank of Ceylon and is one of the historical buildings located in the Colombo fort area as recognized by the Department of Archaeology. Bank of Ceylon takes pride in maintaining this historic building for more than eight decades preserving its historical values for the nation.

The bank had to preserve its historic value whilst adding the sophistication required for modern customers. The bank took appropriate steps to fully renovate the City Office Building with careful attention to its originality.

The City Office has been reinstated in the newly refurbished building that has come back to life with its



original prestige and added digital convenience to serve all its invaluable customers with the same warmth and care as ever before.

With over 2000 customer touchpoints across the country, the Bank of Ceylon is the No.1 banking Brand in the country awarded by Brand Finance Lanka.



Chairman Kanchana Ratwatte and General Manager K.E.D. Sumanasiri declaring open the City Office.



#### SPECIAL TASK FORCE (SRI LANKA POLICE)

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

#### (Procurements of Goods, Works and Services)

01. Commandant / Special Task Force, STF Headquarters, No: 223, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, now invite for sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following procurements to the Special Task Force (STF) Sri Lanka Police.

Con.No	Procurement No	Description of Items	Qty.	Document Charges Rs.	Value of Bid Security Rs.
1.	STF/LOG/C/41/2022	Vehicle Batteries	As per List	4,000.00	200,000.00
2.	STF/LOG/C/73/2022	Hiring for Passenger Van	06	1,000.00	60,000.00
3.	STF/LOG/C/106/2022	Tyre	As per List	5,000.00	200,000.00

- ${\tt 02. \ Bidding\ will\ be\ conducted\ through\ National\ Competitive\ Bidding\ (NCB)\ Procedure.}$
- 03. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Director/Logistics, STF & inspect the bidding documents from the address given below from 0900 hrs, to 1500 hrs, on any working days except on Public & Bank Holidays from 08.08.2022 until 29.08.2022
- 04. Qualified Bidders shall possess legal rights for the above procurements. The Bidder should be registered Business Firm. **The Bidder should be registered under Public Contract Act No. (03) Of 1987. (For Total Bid value of over 5 million),** failure to produce the registration certificates with the bids' will result for disqualifications. The Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest and bidder's name shall not be included in the list of debarred firms at the National Procurement Commission. A margin of preference for eligible locally produced goods offered shall be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
- 05. A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders from the STF Procurement Unit on submission of a written application to the address mentioned below, upon payment of a non-refundable tender fee indicated above table in cash per each tender from **0900 hrs**, to **1500 hrs**, on any working days **from 08.08.2022 up to 29.08.2022** Only a single set of bidding documents for each procurement shall be issued for an institution.
- 06. Bids must be inserted into the tender box placed at the under noted address at or before date of opening (30.08.2022) of the respective tenders. Alternatively, bids may be sent by registered post to reach before the closing time of bids. The respective Tender Number should be indicated at the Top of the Left Corner of the Envelop. Any late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing of bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend personally at Conference Hall at STF Headquarters, No: 223, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07 at 1400 Hrs. on 30.08.2022 The representatives who will attend on behalf of the bidder should be definitely producing an authorized letter from the organization. Otherwise they will not be allowed for sitting
- 07. Bids shall be valid for **91 days** from the date of opening of bids.
- 08. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security at the amount indicated above and it shall be;
  - Issued by any Commercial Institution operating in Sri Lanka and approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
  - ii In the form include in Section IV of the Bidding Documents.
  - iii. In favor of Commandant / STF.
  - iv. **Valid up to 30.08.2022 up to 26.12.2022.**
- 09. If it is applicable, the Bidder should pay the indicated amount of testing charges for testing process to Accountant / STF and the book receipt issued should be attached to the bid.
- 10. The decision taken by the STF Procurement Committee will be the final decision and the Purchaser reserves the right to make any amendments on Financial Regulations and Treasury Circulars issued periodically.

#### 11. Special Notes to the Bidders

Due to prevailing Covid-19 Pandemic Situation of the Country, as a precautionary method issuing and acceptance of the all documents including Currencies will go under the Sterilization process. Hence, we hereby request to all bidders to send the prior notice to **stftender@gmail.com** or Fax to **0112-556506** stating the required bidding document details prior to visit the STF Headquarter.

12. For further clarifications, please contact-

Telephone Numbers

Director / Logistics,

Special Task Force Headquarters,

No.223, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07.

Direct : 011-2505933 / 2556506

General : 011-2500471/ 0112589741 Ext: 251

Fax : 011-2556506

Commandant, Special Task Force.

### Kolkata school to launch its nanosatellite in 2023

A private school in Kolkata will launch its nano-satellite to train its students in space science. The South Point High School, a part of the MP Birla Group, has decided to name its satellite PriyamvadaSat in the memory of former chairperson Priyamvada Birla.

An agreement has been signed between the Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA) and the school for the launch.

Students of classes 11 and 12 will be associated with the project, which is expected to take off after nine months, said School's Managing Committee Vice-chairman Krishna Damani.

South Point is among two schools in the country, and the only one in eastern India



to take up such a project, he

"It will ensure a greater emphasis on science-based education and experience-based learning to foster an innovation culture and give exposure to the future generation of students in the ever-expanding space arena and allied sectors," he told PTI.

The agreement signed with ITCA includes the design,

development, integration, qualification, testing and launching of PriyamvadaSat

to Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

The functional satellite
will be sent to LEO as a part
of the mission and a classroom model similar to it will
be built on the campus.

"Our children will be trained and be part of the designing and fabrication process of the satellite, which will be launched by ISRO from Sriharikota," Damani said.

"A ground station-cumspace lab will be set up on the school campus for students to monitor PriyamvadaSat as well as to harvest the data sent by it," he said.

A group of students and members of the faculty will receive intense training from ITCA so that they can be involved when the satellite is in the process of being conceptualised and designed, the official said.

"This has great relevance as students will have firsthand exposure to space science as well as coding. Successful students will receive a joint course certification," he said. PTI

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#### MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

# Obtaining Cleaning and Sanitary Services for the Suhurupaya Building - 2022/2023

Sealed bids are invited by the Ministry Procurement Committee Chairman on behalf of the Ministry of Defence from reputed institutions for obtaining cleaning and sanitary services for a period of one year from 01.09.2022 up to 31.08.2023 for the Suhurupaya Building.

Proposals and bids should be submitted for providing Cleaning and Sanitary Services appropriatory to these locations consisting of the 20 stories main building and two other buildings located at Sri Subuthipura Road, Battaramulla. This building was constructed on an environment friendly concept. The chairs, windows, rows of stairs, hand supports of stairs, walls, electrical fans available in these floors should be cleaned daily. The places to be cleaned and the method of work to be done are mentioned in annexures (a) to (e). Permission will be granted to bidders for inspection of the relevant premises from 08.08.2022. The relevant officers could be contacted on telephone No. mentioned below for this purpose. Captain, Shanel Defence Engineering Service branch, Suhurupaya. 071-3080931.

Therefore only institutions fulfilling the undermentioned eligibilities should submit bids for this purpose.

- i. Should be registered as an individual business, a partnership or as a limited liability company, (Preference will be given to institutions possessing ISO standards certificate).
  ii. This intimation should be carried on according to the rules and regulations of the Government by way of
- payments for services, taxes etc.
- iii. Should be an institution carrying on business over 3 years period of the relevant service (should submit certificates).
  iv. Should submit a list of institutions for providing services during the 03 previous years (As preference will be given for providing services to Ministries, Departments and for providing services to 05 star luxury hotels at
- present, relevant documents should be submitted).
  v. Should possess knowledge of procedures to be followed for restricting the spread of Covil-19 pandemic.
- vi. The machinery used for cleaning purposes of this building should be appropriate machines with modern technology. vii. Bids submitted should be valid up to 30.10.2022.
- viii. Since change to the quotation prices for whatever reasons in not permitted during the agreement period, quotations should be submitted accordingly.
- ix. Only trained staff should be engaged for service.
- x. Should be able to retain the services of employees who have continuously contributed to the Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and the Employees Provident Fund (E.P.F.) for a period of 05 years including the year 2021.
- xi. Should be engaged in welfare activities on behalf of the staff.
- xii. Should be able to engage workers for cleaning services for emergency service requirements.

  xiii. Since males are also required according to the nature of the building, should be able to engage them as well.
- xiv. The minimum number of employees to be engaged for cleaning services of the building is 25.
- xv. Should be able to provide both cleaning and sanitary services and one male worker should be engaged among other minimum staff daily for sanitary services.

Tender forms could be obtained (on working days of the week) from 9.00 a.m. on 08.08.2022 up to 12.00 hours on 29.08.2022 from the Accountant (Supplies) upon payment of the non-refundable fee of Rs. 4000/= to the payments section of the Ministry of Defence along with the details required for this purpose and permission could be obtained for inspection of the premises. A bid Security of Rs. 150,000.00 obtained in favour of the Ministry Secretary should be submitted along with the tender application. This unconditional bid security valid up to 13.12.2022 should be obtained from a bank registered at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The selected applicant should be able to submit a performance bank guarantee to the value of 10% of the tender value before signing the agreement. Sealed bids in two copies (original copy / duplicate copy) should be sent by registered post addressed to Chief Finance Officer I, Accounts Division, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 30.08.2022 or could be hand delivered. Bids received late will be rejected. The words "Invitation for quotations for supply of cleaning services for year 2022/2023 - Suhurupaya" should be marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the bid. Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 30.08.2022.

The tenderer or his representative could be present on the day of opening of tenders. The names of persons, National Identity Card No. / Passport No. of those participating at the bid opening should be submitted to the Chief Finance Officer I, Accounts Division, Second Floor, Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte in writing or by email at least 03 days prior to the bid opening. Email: modsupplysl@gmail.com.

Bids will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 30.08.2022 at the Accountant's (Supplies) Office (02nd Floor), Finance Section, Ministry of Defence, Battaramulla.

Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Defence Headquarters Complex, Sri Jayawardanapura Kotte.

Date: 08.08.2022

# India beat England to reach T20 cricket final



India beat England by four runs in a thrilling contest at Edgbaston to reach the final of the T20 cricket at Birmingham 2022.

Chasing a target of 165 to win, England fell just short as Sneh Rana held her nerve in the final over to see her side into the final.

Nat Sciver led England's chase but her departure with seven balls remaining spelled the end of the hosts' hopes.

Smriti Mandhana got India off to a flyer having won the toss and electing to bat, reaching 64 without loss by the end of the powerplay.

Freya Kemp struck England's first blow in the eighth over to leave India 76 for one and the big wicket followed four balls later as Nat Sciver removed











Deepti Sharma of Team India hits out during the Cricket T20 - semi-final match between Team England and Team India on day nine of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games at Edgbaston on Saturday.

Mandhana for a brilliant

61 from just 32 balls. Those wickets halted India's rapid progress as England began to get a grip of the run rate.

Kemp struck again to remove India captain Harmanpreet Kaur for 20 but a brisk partnership of 53

between Jemimah Rodrigues - who finished unbeaten on 44 - and Deepti Sharma propelled

for five. England began well and, despite the loss of Sophia Dunkley for 19 in the third over, were in a strong posi-

India to their total of 164

tion at 58 for one at the end of the powerplay.

Alice Capsey was run out in a mix up with Danni Wyatt for 13 and Wyatt departed shortly after for a well-made 35 as India took

charge of the contest. England's hopes were revived as Sciver and Amy Jones put on a stand of 54 to leave a target of 30 from the last three overs.

But two run outs - Jones for 31 and Sciver for 41 proved crucial for India as England were unable to find the firepower to hit the required 16 from the final

Australia chased down 145 in the final over to secure a five-wicket win over New Zealand.

Sophie Devine hit 53 at the top of the order and was well-supported by Amelia Kerr's 40 in a partnership of 83 for the third wicket as they made 144 for seven but their total always looked on the light side.

Megan Schutt was the pick of the bowlers with three for 20.

Australia always looked in control in the chase as 36 from Beth Mooney and 34 from Tahlia McGrath helped them home despite three for 20 from Lea Thahuhu.

SQUASH Men's Dou**bles -** 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)

South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 10 wickets (Group

Scores: Sri Lanka 46 P (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

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Women's Singles Round of 32: Freya Redfearn (England) beat Vidara Suhasni Vidanage (Sri Lanka) 2-0 (21-11 21-14)

Men's Singles - Round of 32: Niluka Karunarante (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 Kennie Maarten King / Shae Michael Martin (Barbados) 2-0 (21-12 21-9)

**DIVING** Men's 1m Springboard -

Preliminary Dulanjan Kaushalya Fer-

nando (Sri Lanka) 200.55 points (Qualified to final)

Best Fielder - Dunith Wellal-

Best Bowler - Niman Umesh

Best Batter - Danal Hemanan-

Player of the Match - Wanuja

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7	Scotland	8	9	24	41			
8	South Africa	7	8	11	26			
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10	Jamaica	6	4	2	12			
11	Wales	5	5	13	23			
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14	Northern Ireland	2	5	4	11			
15	Cyprus	2	3	6	11			
16	Trinidad & Tobago	2	1	1	4			
17	Pakistan	1	3	3	7			
18	Singapore	1	3	1	5			
19	Samoa	1	3	0	4			
20	Cameroon	1	1	1	3			
21	Bermuda	1	0	0	1			
21	British Virgin Islands	1	0	0	1			
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# Peterites regain Fr Peter Pillai Memorial Trophy

#### **DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

St. Peter's College led by all rounder Wanuja Sahan regained the Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai Memorial Trophy after a lapse of five years when they beat arch rivals St. Joseph's College by 26 runs in their 48th annual Limited Overs Cricket Encounter played at SSC Grounds on Saturday.

In fact skipper Wanuja Sahan was the match winner scoring a fluent unbeaten 102 well supported by all rounder Danal Hemananda who scored useful 81 to build up their innings .The pair added 174 runs for the seventh wicket.

St Peters in their innings were struggling 61 for 6 at one stage .However Skipper Wanuja Kumara stroked a brilliant century to rescue St. Peter's along with Danal Hemananda, who made a fighting 81. After posting 245 on the scoreboard the Peterite spinners bowled extremely well to



Former St Joseph's skipper test debutant 19 year old Dunith Wellalage receiving special memento from the two Rectors Rev Fr Rohitha Rodrigo and Rev Fr Ranjith Andradi at the awards ceremony held at SSC. (pix by Dhammika Ratnaweera)

restrict St. Joseph's to 219 while Spinner Niman Umesh was pick of

the bowlers taking 3 for 34. Josephian chasing 246 runs had

Daniel and Sadeesh Javawardene.

The Josephian Captain Daniel was the more aggressive but unfortunately missed his century with 91 while wicket keeper Sadeesh Jayawardena made 61 but the Peterites came back to

the game strongly. At one stage Joseph's required 70 runs to win in the last 10 overs with 6 wickets in hand. Dunith Wellalage and Hiran Jayasundara kept St. Joseph's in the hunt, despite the required run-rate nearing 9 runs per over but experienced Wellalage was out for 28 Peterites ensued their victory to take Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai Memorial shield.

Skipper Wanuja Sahan said they had good team commitment to win the game .. After we were struggling at 61 for 6 both my self and Danal Hemananda made a a record-breaking 147-run stand good partnership to build up for the second wicket by Shevon respectable total . Actually after skipper Daniel and Sadeesh were

back in the pavilion we fought back strongly to win the game added skipper Wanuja Sahan.

The principal sponsor Dialog Axiata Pvt Ltd Vice President Muneesh David was the chief guest while two rectors Rev Fr Rohitha Rodrigo (St Peters) and Rev Fr Ranjith Andradi and former Sri Lanka skipper Angelo Matthews took part at the awards ceremony.

Chief scores

**St. Peter's –** 245 for 8 wickets in 50 overs – Wanuja Sahan Kumara 102\*, Shenal Botheju 34, Danal Hemananda 81, Muditha Dissanayake 3/43, Deshan Senevirathne 2/45.

St. Joseph's 226 for 9 wickets in 50 overs - Sadeesh Jayawardene 61, Shevon Daniel 91, Dunith Wellalage 28, Niman Umesh 3/34, Shennon Rodrigo 3/32, Wanuja Kumara 2/50.

Individual Awards

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### Malhiru guides Mahinda Rajapaksa MV to victory

Rumika Malhiru had a fine figures of 3 for 39 and scored 18 as Rajapaksa Homagama recorded a five wicket victory over D.S Senanayake Vidyalaya Colombo in their under 17 division three cricket fixture played at Wijerama

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wickets giving away 39 runs.

Mahinda Rajapaksa MV won

the toss and elected to field first in their rain hit game which was reduced to 32 overs per side. The home team scored 159 for 5

wickets in 32 overs while Promod Madushan top scored with 53 with 8 fours and Malhiru did most of the damage to claim 3 Mahinda Rajapaksa MV chas-

Chief scores

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# WRESTLER NETHMITARGETS OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL



Sri Lanka's youngest medallist in the history of the Commonwealth Games 18-year-old Nethmi Hansika Fernando is determined to bring more laurels to the country in the international arena after her epoch-making feat at the Coventry Arena in Birming-

The student of Welpalla Sangarathana Maha Vidyalaya, Kurunegala overpowered an opponent 12 years her senior Australia's Irene Symeonidis to win a historic bronze medal for Sri Lanka in the women's 57kg Freestyle wrestling event at the XXII Commonwealth Games. This was Sri Lanka's fourth medal at the Games. Paralympian Palitha Bandara (silver), Dilanka Kumara (bronze) and Yupun Abeykoon (bronze) are the other medal winners for Sri Lanka.

"My coach Suranga Kumara told me to fight like how the Indian (Anshu Malik) fought against me in the semifinal," said Nethmi who picked herself after being outclassed to win the bronze medal clash against the tough Australian. Taking part in her first senior international competition since making her debut at the 2021 World Junior Championship in Russia where she went the distance against Italian and Kyrgyzstan opponents, Nethmi was momentarily stunned after her



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defeat to the eventual silver medallist in her weight class. "I don't know what happened

against the Indian wrestler. Perhaps she was more experienced than me. All that I did in training came to my mind in the semifinals. I was determined not to let a medal that was within my grasp slip away. I was determined to win for my country," said the Nethmi, the second child in a family of four from Pannala who took up the sport because of her friend and Sri Lanka teammate Chamodya Madumali Vithanage who competed in the Women's Freestyle 53 kg – Nordic at the Games. The rest as they say is his-

After her coach Suranga Kumara took the permission of her parents to do wrestling, she swept all before her in competitions at the district, province, and national being adjudged the best performer in 2019. "I won gold medals after just two months of training. My coach took me to competihow to fight. Since then I have not given any point in a six-minute match to any opponent," she said proudly.

Even during her two-month training stint before the Commonwealth Games in Hungary where she learned new techniques and tactics, she prevailed over the juniors and also grappled with seniors to hone her skills.

"I was always confident of winning a medal at the Commonwealth Games. I wanted to win the gold medal but after losing to the Indians, I was even more determined to win for my country. I remembered the years of rope around Commonwealth title with a after 0:25

training even with blisters in my hand and mentally prepared myself for the medal match. My Australian opponent was strong but I thought she also has two hands and legs like so why should I get scared? I have got the best coach in the world. I can't let him down.

I lifted myself mentally and physically," said Nethmi whose target is to win gold at the Olympics and at every international competition she represents Sri Lanka in future. President of the Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka Sarath Hewavitharana said she needs to take part in at least 10 international tournaments before going for the 2024 Paris Olympics. He expressed his gratitude to National Olympic Committee (NOC) president Suresh Subramaniam who predicted that wrestling has the potential to win medals and has promised to get Nethmi a scholarship to train in Hungary.

"I was confident she will win a medal," said Hewavitharana, a former wrestling champion. Sri Lanka's shuttions around the country to show me tle stars Dumindu Abeywickrama and veteran Niluka Karunaratne bowed out in the round of 16 on the penultimate day of the men's singles badminton competition. Abeywickrama lost to India's Srikanth Kidambi while Karunaratne lost to Singapore's Jia Heng after keeping Sri Lanka's flag flying in the singles competition.

Sri Lanka men's beach volleyball pair Malintha Yapa and Ashen Rashmika went down fighting in the beach volleyball quarter-final against Australia. Team England teenager Marfa Ekimova claimed the individual all-

narrow victory over closest rival Anna Sokolova of Cyprus.

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The 17-year-old impressed to take gold with a combined total of 112.300 to win by just 0.200 as she led after the first rotation - claiming 28.850 points - with the hoop before sealing the title with 27.100 in the ribbon.

#### Results WRESTLING

Women's Freestyle 53 kg - Nordic Mercy Bolafunoluwa Adekuoroye (Nigeria) beat Chamodya Keshani Vithanage (Sri Lanka) VSU (10 - 0) after 1:12, Vinesh Phogat (India) beat VFA (Victory by Fall) after 2:24 Chamodya Keshani Vithanage (Sri

Women's Freestyle 50 kg- Group B: Madison Parks (Canada) beat Sriyanthika Niroshani (Sri Lanka) VSU (12-0) after 3:26 Women's Freestyle 62 kg - quarter-final: Esther Omolayo Kolawole (Nigeria) beat Sachini Umanga Silva Weraduwage (Sri Lanka) VSU (10-0) after 0:31 seconds Victory by technical superiority without any point scored by an opponent

Women's Freestyle 57 kg -Bronze: Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando Poruthotage (Sri Lanka) beat Irene Symeonidis (Australia) VSU 10-0 after 1:51, Semi-final: Anshu Malik (India) beat Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando Poruthotage (Sri Lanka) VSU (10-0) after 1 minute 04 seconds, Quarterfinal: Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando Poruthotage (Sri Lanka) beat Joseph Emilienne Essombe Tiako (Cameroon) VFO (Victory by forfeit - if an athlete does not show up on the mat).

Men's Freestyle 86 kg - 1/8 final: Suresh Chanaka Warnakulasuriya Fernando (Sri Lanka) beat Jean Frederic Marianne (Mauritius) VFA (Victory by fall) 2-0 after 0:37, Quarter**final:** Alexander Moore (Canada) beat Suresh Chanaka Warnakulasuriya Fernando (Sri Lanka) VSU 10-0



Sri Lanka wrestling team manager Sarath Hewavitharana (right) with Nethmi Fernando proudly displaying her medal

#### **BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

Men's quarter-final: Australia (McHugh/Burnett) beat Sri Lanka (Malintha Yapa/Ashen Rashmika) 2-1 16-21 21-16 15-9)

Women's quarter-final: Canada (Pavan/Melissa) beat Sri Lanka (Deepika Bandara /Chathurika Weerasinghe) 2-0 (21-9 21-11) **BADMINTON** 

Men's Singles Round of 16: Srikanth Nammalwar Kidambi (India) beat Dumindu Abeywickrama (Sri Lanka) 2-0 (21-9 2-12), Jia Heng Teh (Singapore) beat Niluka Karunaratne (Sri Lanka) 2-0 (21-13 21-11) Mixed Doubles Round of 16:Sachin Dias / Thilini Hendahewa (Sri Lanka) beat Robert Summers/ Scholtz Johanita Scholtz (South Africa) 2-0 (18-21 8-21) Men's Doubles Round of 16: Sachin Dias/ Buwaneka Goonetilleka (Sri Lanka) beat Ahmed Nibal / Ajfan Rasheed (Maldives) 2-0 (21-12 21-8)

**SQUASH** Men's Doubles quarter-final: Peng Soon Chan / Kian Meng Tan (Malaysia) beat Sachin Dias / Buwaneka Goonetileke 2-0 (21-16 21-12), Round of 16: Cameron Pilley/ Rhys Dowling (Australia) beat Ravindu Laksiri / Shamil Wakeel (Sri Lanka)

2-0 (11-7 11-7) Mixed Doubles quarter-final: Chanithma Sinaly/ Wakeel Shamil (Sri Lanka) beat Amanda Haywood / Shawn Simpson (Barbados) 2-0 (11-7 do (Sri Lanka) 217.95 points

11-9), Ashley Khalil / Jason-Ray Khalil (Guyana) beat Yeheni Kuruppu Ravindu Laksiri (Sri Lanka) 2-0 (11-10 11-3)

Mixed Doubles - quarter-final: Marcus Ellis / Lauren Smith (England) beat Sachin Dias / Thilini Hendahewa (Sri Lanka) 21- (21-12 21-19) **ATHLETICS** 

Men's 400m Semifinal 1: Haron Adoli (Uganda) 45.80 seconds Q, Boniface Ontuga Mweresa (Kenya) 45.85 Q, Anthony Cox (Jamaica) 45.98 q, Steven Solomon (Australia) 46.30 q Semifinal 2: Jonathan Jones (Bar-

bados) 45.82 Q, Muzala Samukonga (Zambia) 46.06 Q, Matthew Hudson-Smith (England) 45.77 Q, Nathon Allen (Jamaica) 45.99 Q, Kalinga Kumarage (Sri Lanka) 47.00

First 2 in each heat (Q) and the next 2 fastest (q) advance to the final

Women's 3000m Steeplechase -Final:1 Jackline Chepkoech (Kenya) 9:15.68 GR, 2 Elizabeth Bird (England) 9:17.79, 3 Peruth Chemutai (Uganda) 9:23.24, 4 Aimee Pratt (England) 9:27.41, 5 Amy Cashin (Australia) 9:35.63, 6 Eilish Flanagan (Northern Ireland) 9:57.18, 7 Nilani Ratnayaka (Sri Lanka) 10:00.34, 8 Brielle Erbacher (Australia) 10:59.64 **DIVING** 

Men's 3m Springboard - Preliminary 15 Dulanjan Kaushalya Fernan-

# Pathana survive late charge by Joes to win 16-13

Isipathana College cleared their first hurdle in the Super Round of the Inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division League Rugby Tournament when they edged out St. Joseph's College 16-13 in an absorbing contest played at Havelock Park yesterday.

In a game marked with plenty of injuries and incidents, the former champions collected their points from one goal and three penalties after having led 7-0 at half time while the Joes responded with one goal and two penalties.

Even then, the scoreline will not clearly determine Isipathana's dominance in this game as they simply threw away plenty of scoring opportunities after dominating almost the entire first half.

In fact, Isipathana were inside the St. Joseph's territory for a better part of the first 35 minutes of play, but they managed to score only a solitary try through their flanker Hettiarachchi in the sixth minute of

St. Joseph's of course suffered a serious injury blow very early in the game as two of their key players fly half Dilhara Subash and full back Isuru Kanchana were taken off the playing field for a Head Injury Assessment (HIA).

From there onwards, St. Joseph's had no option but to defend inside their territory and they performed that task quite mag-



Action from the match between Isipathana and St. Joseph's (Pic by Wasitha Patabendige)



scoring opportunities. However, Isipathana changed their tactics in the second half and opted for some running rugby, which paid off well as they continued their dominance with Rinesh Silva firing across three successful penalties.

But in a dramatic turn of events, St. Joseph's made a late rally to win the game as their big number eight Naveen Marasinghe powered his way to touch down in a moment of sheer brilliance.

Replacement kicker Ruchitha Rodrigo who had earlier converted two penalties made no mistake with the vital conversion to bring the game alive and to reduce the margin to 13-16, a couple of minutes from the final whistle.

Royal down Wesley 21-16

Royal College started their campaign with a hardfought 21-16 victory over Wesley College in the opening fixture of the Super Round played at Longden Place on Saturday.

The defending champions, chasing a fourth successive league title, collected their points from three goals after trailing 7-9 at half time while the wesleyites managed only a solitary goal and three

penalties.

# Seven countries battle it out in Davis Cup tourney

#### **DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

Seven countries will take part in the Rakuten Group IV Asia / Oceania Davis Cup tennis tournament which will be worked off from today to August 13 at the SLTA courts at Colombo 7. The opening ceremony will start at 9.30 am today at which Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe will be the Chief Guest. The Sri Lanka Convention Bureau and LICC Jeans are the official sponsors of this tournament.

Sri Lanka Tennis Association (SLTA) President Igbal Bin Issak said there will be seven teams participating in this tournament and it is a great privilege to host this type of International tournament during this hard period. Bangladesh, Brunei, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Yemen, and host Sri Lanka will take part in this tournament and we hope the Sri Lankan team led by non-playing captain Udith Wickramasinghe will excel in this event. Three teams Macau, Oman, and Qatar have withdrawn at the last moment and teams divided into two groups will compete in this event which is conducted by the SLTA.

There are 20 teams in Group IV Asia / Oceania category which are divided into two events. Event A will take place here in Sri Lanka while event B will take place in Bahrain from August 17 to 22. Due



the Asia / Oceania Group III. The President of the SLTA further said team Sri Lanka will field two experienced players and three young guns presenting a wellrounded team for this tournament.

teams and one of three teams with

the nation finishing top of each

group to play off for promotion to

The experienced Harshana Godamanna who is based in the USA as a qualified coach with National champion former Anandian Yasitha de Silva are the most experienced players of the host Sri Lanka team while Thehan Wijemanne, Chathurya Nilaweera, and

ers to come up with seniors. Udith Wickramasinghe the non-playing captain, the National coach Renouk Wijemanne, and the Manager Navy Commodore Pradeep Karunatilake are on the team.

Sri Lanka is currently ranked 106 in the world with 54.75 points. In the history of the Davis Cup Sri Lanka has reached the second round of the Asia/ Oceania Zone II on five occasions in 1995 and between 1989-1992.

Harshana Godamanna stands as the most decorated player for the side having played in the Davis Cup with a career spanning two decades since 2002 while Yasitha Dr. Silva who works for MAS Group is a along with his committee has put in seasoned Davis Cup player who has tremendous effort to make this been representing Sri Lanka since event a success.

Chathurya Nilaweera are former junior Davis Cup players representing third and second times respectively while Ashen Silva will be making his debut.

The experienced Harshana Godamanna said he came back straight from USA to take part in this event while he used to play this event to give more exposure to the young players. As a qualified USA coach, my experience is very important for local tennis players and looking forward to doing well.

The newly appointed Secretary to the Sports Ministry Dr. Amal Harsha de Silva said SLTA headed by its President Iqbal Bin Issak

#### Final test for the Asia Cup and T20 World Cup

# **SLC** invitational T-20 League cricket tournament commences today

#### **DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

The four-team competition of the SLC invitational T-20 league cricket tournament which will be contested between the 'Reds,' Greens,' 'Blues,' and 'Greys,' will be focused on preparing the National Team for the upcoming T20 Asia will commence today at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium. The first match between Team Grays and Reds will commence today at 3 pm followed by Blues and Greens at 7.30 pm.

Kusal Mendis will lead the Team

Reds while Charith Asalanka when the double-headers are taking (Team Blues) Dasun Shanaka (Team Greens) and Ashan Priyanjan (Team Greys) will lead their sides respectively and most of the National players are expected to take part in this event which is going to be live telecast on local TV channel.

According to the SLC CEO Ashley de Silva, the public will be allowed to witness this event. Entry for the matches will be on a 'Free-Of-Charge,' basis, while the gates will open at 2 pm, during the days,

place. Each team will play three matches in the first round, while the top two teams in the points table will feature in the finals, which is set to be played on August 15 at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium from 7.30 pm.

#### The fixtures

August:8 - Greys v Reds (3 p.m.), Blues v Greens (7.30 p.m.) August:10 - Greens v Reds (3 p.m.), Greys v Blues (7.30 p.m.) August:13 Greys v Greens (3

p.m.), Blues v Reds (7.30 p.m.)

**August:15** - Final (7.30 p.m.) **Match Officials** Match Referees Graeme

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P/084/2022	Staff Note Books	19,000	100,000/-		
P/085/2022	Customer Note Books	26,250	150,000/-	26.08.2022 at	30.08.2022
P/086/2022	Pocket Note Books	90,000	200,000/-	2.00 p.m.	at 2.00 p.m.
P/087/2022	Wall Calendars	450,000	300,000/-		

- 01. Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.1,500/- for each tender from 09.08.2022 to 26.08.2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. (Except Saturdays, Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays.)
- Perfected tender documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee/ Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for the value mentioned above against each item valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender. Bank Drafts/ Pay Orders in lieu of Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond are also acceptable with validity at 180 calendar days from the date of opening of the tender. Cheques drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed tenders may be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the closing date (30.08.2022) mentioned above. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a tender without assigning any reasons. Bank is not bound to accept the lowest bid. The Bank is entitled to divide portions of each tender among one or more suppliers.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on the Telephone Nos. given below

**Chief Manager (Supplies)** People's Bank, Supplies Dept., No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02.

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#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**General Education Modernization Project (GEMP)** 

### **Provincial Department of Education North Central Province**

#### **Purchase of Technical Equipment**

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Provincial Department of Education, North Central Province, will receive sealed bids from qualified and eligible bidders for the purchase of the Technical Equipment, stated below

Item No.	Contract No.	Name of Item	Qty	Value of Bid Security - SL Rupees -	Non- refundable Fee - SL Rupees -	
01	NCP/ED/ACC/PRO/02/ GEMP/NCB/01/2022	Laptop Computers	68	200,000.00	5,000.00	
02	NCP/ED/ACC/PRO/02/ GEMP/NCB/02/2022	Laptop Computers	28	86,000.00	3,500.00	
0.9	NCP/ED/ACC/PRO/02/	Smart Boards	40	240,000.00	F 000 00	
03	GEMP/NCB/03/2022	1200 VA UPS	40	240,000.00	5,000.00	
04	NCP/ED/ACC/PRO/02/ GEMP/NCB/04/2022	Multimedia Projectors	17	34,000.00	3,500.00	

- 2) Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To qualify for award of contract, the successful bidder should not have been blacklisted and should possess the valid Business Registration Certificate relevant to the field issued by a legal authority.
- Interested qualified bidders can obtain required further details from the Chief Accountant of the Provincial Department of Education, North Central Province (Tel.No. 025-2222432) within office hours (from 9.00 a.m. up to 3.00 p.m.) and inspect the Bid Documents from 08th August 2022 up to 29th August, 2022.
- The bid valid period, qualifications required and other relevant conditions and instructions are included in the bid
- A complete set of Bid Documents prepared in English can be purchased by interested bidders, up to 3.00 p.m. on 29th August, 2022 on submission of a written application made to the Chief Accountnat of the Provincial Department of Education, North Cental Province, Anuradhapura and on payment of the relevant non-refundable fee.
- 7) Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security to the value stated in the table above and it should be an uncondititional and on demand Bank Security obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka which should be valid up to the date as stated in the bid documents.
- Bids should be prepared in two copies as the "Original" and the "Duplicate" and the two copies should be placed in sealed covers and then the two covers should be placed in a single sealed cover marked, "Purchase of Technical Equipment" and the Contract No. at the left-side top corner.
- Completed bids could either be placed in the Tender Box kept at the Office or sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Education, North Central Province, Anuradhapura to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 30th August, 2022. Opening of bids received will commence immediately after closing of acceptance of bids and bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at
- 10) The Department Procurement Committee retains the right to accept or reject any or all bids received, on any time before granting of contracts and shall not be liable or responsible towards the bidders to the effect and also not bound to issue explanations as to the reasons for taking such decisions.

Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Department of Education, North Central Province, Anuradhaprua.

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### MIRIGAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA

Procurement applications are invited for leasing under long term leasing method of the shops mentioned below belonging to the Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha.

Serial No.	Shop No.	Details of Location	Size	Monthly Rent (Rs.)	Minimum Assessment Amount (Rs.)
01	26	Shopping Complex opposite Mirigama Cooperative Petrol Pump	11'-0"x10'-0"	5750.00	862,500.00 (Eight Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred)
02	58	Shop No. 58 proposed to be newly constructed in the Mirigama Commercial Shopping Complex should be constructed by the lessees	15'-0"x10'-0"	2800.00	530,000.00 (Five Lakhs Thirty Thousand)

Issuing of Procurement Documents : From 08.08.2022 up to 29.08.2022 (From 9.00 a.m. up to 3.00 p.m.)

Accepting Procurement Applications: From 08.08.2022 up to 10.00 a.m. on 29.08.2022

**Opening Procurement Forms** : At 10.05 a.m. on 29.08.2022 at the Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha Head Office

#### **Conditions:**

- 01. A non-refundable Procurement document fee of Rs. 1000.00 and a refundable deposit of Rs. 10,000.00 should be paid to obtain Procurement Applications.
- 02. Procurement Applications will not be issued to black-listed persons and to those who fail to prove their
- 03. Prices in Procurement Applications should be quoted above the minimum Bid value and applications containing similar prices or below the minimum value will be rejected. The Guarantee Deposit of persons who do so will be forfeited by the Sabha.
- 04. Duly completed Bid Applications prepared in two copies indicating as original and duplicate should be enclosed in separate envelopes and sealed and the name and No. of the shop should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelopes and these covers should thereafter be enclosed in a single envelope and sealed and sent by Registered Post addressed to Chairman, Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha, Mirigama to be received before 10.00 a.m. on 29.08.2022 or should be inserted in the Procurement Box kept in the Head Office if hand-delivered. Procurement Applications received late will be rejected.
- 05. The shop owner should bear the cost of taxes and repair work.
- 06. The cost of electricity, water and shop rental in respect of the selected shop should be paid by the applicant.
- 07. The shop obtained on lease by you should not be given on rent or lease or transferred to another person. In case this happens, the shop will be seized by the Sabha and all payments made to the Sabha to date will be
- 08. The Bidder or his authorized representative could be present at the opening of Bids.
- 09. The decision of the Procurement Committee is deemed final.
- 10. The conditions included in the application apply to the Procurements.

Further details could be obtained by calling over during office hours or by contacting on Tel. No. 0332273206.

Sarath Nandasiri Ranatunga,

Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha.



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**Invitation for Quotations (IFQ)** 

#### Credit No: IDA 5788-LK

Procurement of 16 Nos. Microsoft® Office (Home & Student) 2021 &

> Microsoft® Access 2021 Licences Contract No: LK-RDA-278918-GO-RFQ

- 1. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Transport Connectivity and Assets Management Project (TCAMP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for Procurement of 16 Nos. Microsoft® Office (Home & Student) 2021 & Microsoft® Access 2021
- 2. The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee on behalf of the Road Development Authority now invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified vendors for the supply of 16 Nos. Microsoft® Office (Home & Student) 2021 & Microsoft® Access 2021 Licences.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Shopping procedures.
- 4. Interested eligible vendors may obtain further information from The Project Director, TCAMP, Road Development Authority. Tel: 011-2884594/5 and inspect the Request for Quotation (RFQ) document at the address given below from **08.08.2022** to **19.08.2022** during the office hours (from 09.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, except Public Holidays).
- Vendors should have a minimum of 05 years' experience in supplying similar type of software in Sri Lanka.
- 6. A complete set of RFQ documents in English language may be purchased by interested vendors on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 1,000.00.
- 7. Quotations must be delivered to the address below at or before 2.30 p.m. on 22.08.2022. Late Quotations will be rejected. Quotations will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below, immediately after the closing of Quotations. All Quotations must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of LKR 15,000.00.
- The address referred to above is: Project Director, Transport Connectivity and Assets Management Project (TCAMP), No. 122, Main Street, Battaramulla.

Chairman,

**Project Procurement Committee,** Transport Connectivity and Assets Management Project, **Road Development Authority,** No. 122, Main Street, Battaramulla.

The public is hereby informed that the Pawning Licence WP(G)PB/GM/43of Savi Abimani Company Limited -PB-5391 located at No. 18, Ward City, Mary Biso Mawatha, Gampaha is hereby cancelled with effect from 01.01.2022.

#### **CANCELLATION** OF POWER OF **ATTORNEY**

The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the general public is hereby informed that the Special Power of Attorney No. 505 dated 02.08.2019, prepared by me Deekirikewage Don Waruna Nushan of No. 412, Nagas Place, Nivandama, Ja-ela has been cancelled.

D.D. Waruna Nushan

**CANCELLATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY** 

The Government of the Democratic Socialis Republic of Sri Lanka and the general public is hereby informed that the Special Power of Attorney No. 506 dated 06.08.2019, prepared by us Deekirikewage Don Waruna Nushan and Kahawita Liyanage Dona Nilupa Sandamali of No. 412, Nagas Place, Nivandama, Jaela has been cancelled. D.D. Waruna Nushan

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#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

#### MARITIMEPATTU PRADESHIYA SABHA, **MULLAITIVU DISTRICT**

#### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP) **LOAN NUMBER: P163305**

- 01. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) towards the cost of Local Development Support Project (LDSP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for Construction of Public Market Center in Mulliyawalai.
- 02. The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC) on behalf of the Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction of Public Market Center in Mulliyawalai as described below.

No	Contract No	Contract Name	Tentative Estimated Cost (Rs.Mn)	Required Minimum CIDA Grade	Contract Period
01	LDSP/NP/MU/MPPS/2022/04	Construction of Public Market Center in Mulliyawalai	13.03	C6	168 Days

- 03. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- 04. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the specialty of Building Construction for grade mentioned in the table above with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- 05. Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 5 (Bidding Data and Contract Data) of the Bidding document.
- 06. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Chairman, Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu, Mullaitivu (T.P No: 0243243542, Fax No: 0212290001) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 08<sup>th</sup> August 2022 until 04<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 09:00 Hrs to 15:00 Hrs on normal working days.
- 07. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Chairman, Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu, Mullaitivu from 08<sup>th</sup> August 2022 until from 04<sup>th</sup> September 2022 between 09:00 Hrs and 15:00 Hrs on normal working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Four Thousand Rupees (Rs.4,000.00). The method of payment will be by cash.
- 08. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below at Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee, Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu, Mullaitivu at or before 14.00 Hrs on 05<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 09. Bids shall be valid up to 21st November, 2022. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security of Rs.200,000.00. Bid Security shall be valid up to 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.
- 10. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11.00 Hrs on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu, Mullaitivu.

Chairman,

**Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC)** Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimepattu,

Mullaitivu.

08.08.2022

#### OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF **HEALTH SERVICES - POLONNARUWA**

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

- 1. Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Polonnaruwa from qualified and eligible bidders, under the National Competitive Bidding Procedure, for the undermentioned construction work. Though the bidding will be conducted under the National Competitive Bidding Procedure, this procurement will be limited to bidders who are registered within the North Central Provincial Administrative limits.
- 2. To qualify for granting of contracts, the successful bidders should not have been blacklisted and should fulfil the CIDA Registration requirement stated below for Building Construction work.
- 3. Interested bidders can obtain further details required from the Accountant of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Polonnaruwa (Tel. 027-2223259) and inspect the bid documents by calling over at the institute.
- 4. A complete set of bid documents, prepared in English, can be obtained up to 26.08.2022, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m., on submission to this institution of a written request, and on the payment of the non-refundable fee by interested bidders.

No.	Work Description	Funds Source	Estimated Work Cost Rs. Million	Minimum ICTAD Grade Required	Value of Bid Security Rs.	Contract Period - Days -	Bid Form Fee - Rs
1	Minor improvements at Hingurakgoda Hospital	PSSP	4.1	C7, C8	41,000.00	90	2,500.00
2	Construction of Larvivorous breeding tank at all divisions (DH Jayanthipura)	PSSP	1.4	C8, C9	14,000.00	60	1500.00
3	Improvements at BH Welikanda	PSSP	6.6	C6, C7	66,000.00	90	2500.00
4	Improvement of STD Clinic at RDHS	PSSP	1.7	C8, C9	17,000.00	60	1500.00
5	Renovation of Mortuary at Aralaganwila Hospital	PSSP	6.6	C6, C7	66,000.00	90	2500.00
6	Renovation of Male Ward at Pulasthigama Hospital	PSSP	7.4	C6, C7	75,000.00	120	3000.00
7	Construction of Ambulance Garage at Manampitiya Hospital	PSSP	5.4	C6, C7	54,000.00	90	2500.00
8	Improvements to Drug Store at Hingurakgoda Base Hospital	PSSP	2.9	C7, C8	25,000.00	90	2000.00

- 5. Bids with a copy could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Procurement Committee, Office of the Regional Director of Health Services Polonnaruwa or placed in the Tender Box kept at the institution, to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 29.08.2022. Bids received late will be rejected. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to
- 6. Every bid should be accompanied with a Bid Security to the value stated in the Table above obtained from a reputed commercial bank registered at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or the receipt received for the payment of the amount by cash made to this institution drawn in favour of the Regional Director of Health Services - Polonnaruwa
- 7. Bids, in two copies as the Original and the Duplicate in separate sealed covers and marked accordingly and the two covers then be placed in a single sealed cover marked the name of the project at the left-side top corner.
- 8. The decision of the Procurement Committee of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Polonnaruwa relevant to this procurement shall be the final.

Chairman, Procurement Board.

Office of the Regional Director of Health Services,

Polonnaruwa.

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### BANDARAWELA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Sealed bids are invited by the Procurement Committee Chairman of the Bandarawela Municipal Council Office up to 2.00 p.m. on 31.08.2022 from eligible contractors registered at the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) for executing the work mentioned below.

S. No.	Contract No.	Name of work	Value of Civil Work (Rs. Mil). (without VAT)	Required CIDA Grade (Building Construction field)	Refundable Bid Security Amount (If paying in cash)	Period of Construction (days)	Non refundable bid form fees (Rs.)
01	BWMC/4/5/ 2022/01	Construction of Nugasewana Shopping Complex belonging to Bandarawela Municipal Council (Stage 03)	26.36	C5 & C4	132,000.00	180	12,500.00

02. Procurement method

Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding Procedure. Provisions of the Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016 (iii) will be applicable since the estimated value of the work do not exceed Rs. 50 million and Regional preference of contractors and Construction Industry Development Authority registration grade preference is applicable.

- 03. Only fully eligible bidders possessing (CIDA) registration as mentioned above and not been black-listed are qualified
- 04. Valuation will be in terms of the Finance Circular No. 3/2020(i) and the relevant amendments issued during valuation and the undermentioned eligibilities will be taken into consideration. Bids without the required eligibilities will be
  - Having completed 80% in value of civil work in the previous year or should have the experience of having executed one similar project.
  - ii. The average turnover of above civil work constructions maintained within the last five years.
  - iii. Financial capability
- iv. Financial and physical progress of the work being carried out at present.
- 05. Should be registered under the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 and the certificate should be submitted with the bid form. Bids without this certificate will be rejected.
- 06. Bidders interested in this matter could obtain a complete procurement document prepared in English from 08.08.2022 up to 30.08.2022 from 8.30 a.m. up to 3.00 p.m. by submitting a letter of request to the Bandarawela Municipal Council Office and upon payment of the non refundable bid document fee as mentioned in the table above to the Bandarawela Municipal Council and these forms could be inspected free of charge.
- 07. A Bid Security should be attached and submitted with all bids. If the bid security is paid in cash, it should be equivalent to the value as mentioned in the table above. If a Bid Bond is to be submitted as bid security, it could be obtained from a commercial bank certified by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka according to the standard specimen and to the value of Rs. 264,000.00 as mentioned in the table above and submitted. The bid bond should be payable on demand and should be valid up to 31.12.2022 according to the standard specimen on para 9 of the bid documents.
- Duly completed bids prepared in two copies should be submitted to the relevant procurement committee before 2.00 p.m. on 31.08.2022. Bids should be appropriately marked as original and duplicate and enclosed in two separate envelopes and these should thereafter be inserted in a single envelope and sealed and name of the work should be marked on the top left hand corner of this envelope and sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Procurement Committee, Bandarawela, Municipal Council Office, Park Road, Bandarawela or could be deposited in the tender box kept in this office. Bids received late will be rejected.
- Every page of the duplicate should be a certified copy of the original.
- 10. Further relevant details could be obtained on Tel Nos. 057-2222275 of the Bandarawela Municipal Council Office.
- 11. Bids should be valid up to 31.11.2022.
- 12. Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 31.08.2022 at the Bandarawela Municipal Council Office and the bidder or his representative could be present on this occasion.
- A pre bid meeting regarding the bid invitation will be held at 2.00 p.m. on 17.08.2022 at the Bandarawela Municipal Council Meeting Hall and bidders could request for clarifications regarding project requirements. Further, a site visit if required could also be arranged.
- 14. The Procurement Committee retains the full right of selecting a suitable bid from among the bids received or rejecting all bids and the decision of the Procurement Committee and the Municipal Council is deemed final.

Chairman - Procurement Committee. Bandarawela Municipal Council, Park Road,

Tel No. 057-2222275 / Fax No. 057-2222875

Date: 03.08.2022

Bandarawela.

#### **REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

NOTICE is hereby given to the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that I, Mr JAYAKUMAR THANGAVELU (holder of NIC No. 473482797V) of No. 52-5/1, Crown Court Apartment, Moor Road, Colombo 06 in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, revoked the Power of Attorney which was duly registered under my name in the Registrar of written authorities dated 16.09.2015 day book number 2912 folio 32 volume 08. I will not take any responsibility for anything that may be done by the said my name Mr JAYAKUMAR THANGAVELU for and on my behalf.

**Mr JAYAKUMAR THANGAVELU** 

#### REVOCATION OF **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I, Thamayanthi Shanmugarasah nee Thamayanthi daughter of Konamalai of Post Office Lane, Kumaraswamy Pulavar Road, Chunnakam do hereby notify that I am revoking (withdrawing) the Power of Attorney bearing No. 3753 dated 28.09.2018 granted to Nadarasah Shanmugam of Chettiyar Valavu, Chunnakam which the same was attested by A.M. Thiruvathavooran Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public of "Vigneswary Bhavanam", No. 210, Kankesanthurai Road, Chunnakam North, Chunnakam.

Thamayanthi Shanmugarasah

18.07.2022

# **NOTICE**

I, R.M.S. Wickramarathna Bandara Divisional Secretary, Pannala will receive tenders for the sale of Giriulla Toddy Tavern rents for the Year 2023 till 10.30 a.m. on 05.09.2022.

For further particulars please see the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 22.07.2022.

R.M.S. Wickramarathna Bandara Divisional Secretary, Pannala.

**Divisional Secretariat,** Pannala.

29.07.2022

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

### **LAKE HOUSE CANTEEN**

LPA/18/2022

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

Kitchen appliances, canteen furniture, electricity, water and 20 Nos. (37.5 kgs) Gas Cylinders per month will be supplied free of charge and no rent will be levied.

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

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

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

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



**Head of Procurement** THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF CEYLON LTD. HOUSE No. 35, Lake House, D.R. Wijewardene N D.R. Wijewardene Mw., Colombo 10.

For Details: 2429422/ 2429451

#### An Act to Incorporate the International Institute of Theravadha

I, Maithreepala Sirisena, do hereby give notice under No. 53(1) of the Standing Order of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that I propose to introduce to Parliament a Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the International Institute of Theravadha".

The aim of the Bill is to incorporate the said Institute which has the following general objects:-

- (a) To train Buddhist monks and lay devotees to be enriched with doctrinal knowledge and knowledge in meditation that is adequate to attain the ultimate liberation according to Buddhist teachings, the Nibbana alone;
- (b) To train Buddhist monks and lay devotees to be capable in guiding others to attain the ultimate liberation according to Buddhist teachings, the Nibbana;
- (c) To train Buddhist monks to be capable in performing formal acts of discipline (vinayakammas), according to the Theravadha tradition, in order to sustain the sasana.

Maithreepala Sirisena **Member of Parliament** 

#### **NOTICE**

#### Foreign Liquor Tavern Rent Sales at Deltota **Divisional Secretariat (Kandy District)** for Year 2022/2023

Sealed Tenders will be accepted by me up to 10.30 a.m. on 26th August 2022 for Foreign Liquor Tavern at Deltota Divisional Secretariat. Tenders will be opened on 26th August 2022 at 10.30 a.m.

For further particulars please see Government Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2291 dated 26th July 2022.

> Athma Dilukshi Jayarathne Divisional Secretary, Deltota.

**Divisional Secretariat.** 

Deltota. 03.08.2022

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH - MULLERIYAWA NEW TOWN

#### Registration of Electrical Maintenance **Contractors - 2022/2023**

Tenders are hereby invited for the Electrical Maintenance works for the period of one (01) year, 2022/2023 for the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and its affiliated institutions, i.e. Mulleriwaya Halfway Home, Mulleriyawa Nurses' Training School.

Accordingly, the contractors should be an institute that has 05 years of experience in electrical maintenance works, registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA). Bidding documents could be obtained from this office from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week from 08.08.2022 up to 23.08.2022 upon payment of a fee of Rs. 2,000.00, to the Shroff Division of the Hospital.

Duly completed sealed bids in duplicate should be deposited in the tender box kept at the Director's Office along with a Bid Security of Rs. 45,000.00, to receive at or before 10.00 a.m. on 24.08.2022. The caption "Registration for electrical maintenance" should be indicated on the top left hand of the envelope.

Bidder or his representative will be permitted to be present at the opening of bids. The Divisional Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. For further details, please contact the Subject Officer of Buildings on Telephone No.: 011-2578245.

**National Institute of Mental Health** Mulleriyawa New Town.

1. The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC), on behalf of Ministry of Education (Higher Education Division) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of security service for No. 18, Ward Place Office and No. 84 A, Wickremasinghe Place, Battaramulla, Office Premises.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS** 

**Ministry of Education** 

(Higher Education Division)

**SUPPLY OF SECURITY SERVICE 2022/2023** 

HE/PR/NCB/2022/Security Service

- 2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding process. Detailed description of the Requirements is given in the bidding document. Further details can be obtained by calling Director (Infrastructure Development) via T.P. Nos. 011 2677120 / 0115115204.
- 3. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred (3,500.00) effective from August 08, 2022 to August 26 2022 during office hours on working days from the office of, No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07. The method of payment will be by cash.
- 4. Bids must be delivered to Director (Infrastructure Development), Ministry of Education, No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07 at or before 10.30 a.m on 29th August 2022. Late Bids and Bids sent electronically will not be accepted and will be rejected.
- 5. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time at the Ministry of Education, Director (Infrastructure Development) Office, No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07 and the bidder or his authorized representative can be present at this occasion.
- 6. Ministry of Education will not be responsible for any costs, or any expenses incurred by the Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Ministry of Education, Higher Education Division, No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07.



#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

#### **Ministry of Education**

(Higher Education Division)

#### **SUPPLY OF JANITORIAL SERVICE - 2022/2023**

HE/PR/NCB/2022/Janitorial Service

- 1. The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC), on behalf of Ministry of Education (Higher Education Division) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of janitorial service for No. 18, Ward Place Office and No 84 A, Wickremasinghe Place, Battaramulla Office Premises.
- 2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding process. Detailed description of the Requirements is given in the bidding document. Further details can be obtained by calling Director (Infrastructure Development) via T.P. Nos. 011 2677120 / 0115115204.
- 3. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred (Rs. 3,500.00) effective from August 08, 2022 to August 26 2022 during office hours on working days from the office of No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07. The method of payment will be by cash.
- 4. Bids must be delivered to the Director (Infrastructure Development), Ministry Education, No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07 at or before 10.30 a.m on 29th August 2022. Late bids and bids sent electronically will not be accepted and will be rejected.
- 5. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time at the Ministry of Education, Director (Infrastructure Development) Office, No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07 and the bidder or his authorized representative can be present at this occasion.
- 6. Ministry of Education will not be responsible for any costs or any expenses incurred by the Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

Chairman **Ministry Procurement Committee Ministry of Education** Higher Education Division, No. 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07.

# QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF **RECONDITIONED GEAR BOX**

#### LPA/19/2022

Sealed quotations are hereby invited for the supply of "Reconditioned Gear Box" as specified below.

01. Gear Box - 01 No. (Reconditioned)

**Specifications**: ISUZU - NMR **REWARD - NM Brand New Model** 

Engine No. - 925036 Chassis No. - JAANMR SS H 97100230

**General Conditions:** 

- Offers with specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked, "**Reconditioned Gear Box**" on the top left-hand corner.
- Offers should be sent to **Head of Procurement to reach on or** before 19 August 2022 at 3.00 p.m. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.
- Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment, transport charges, warranty period, VAT and other Levies, etc. should be clearly indicated on offers.

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

> **Head of Procurement** The Associated Newspapers of **Ceylon Limited**

No.35, Lake House, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha,





GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



### **ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS** 

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

FUNDED BY THE INCOME OF EXPRESSWAY IN SRI LANKA NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

#### HIRING OF 06 NOS. VEHICLE CARRIERS FOR **EXPRESSWAY OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (2022/2023)**

- 1. The Chairman, EOM & M Division's Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids for above under Contract No. RDA/EOM&M/PRC/2022/TRA/06. Complete details are available in the bidding documents. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Rs. 40,000.00 per each vehicle.
- 2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, EOM&M Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama (Telephone: 038-2289122, Fax: 038-2289560) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours free of charge.
- 3. A complete set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala Language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Director** (EOM&M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama from 08/08/2022 until 22/08/2022 between **09:00 hrs. and 13:30 hrs.** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 + 120.00 (VAT) per each bidding document.
- 6. Bids shall be delivered to the above address at or before 14:30 hrs. on 22/08/2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of bidders' representatives who chooses to attend.
- 7. Bid validity period shall be until 21/11/2022 & Bid Security shall be valid until 19/12/2022.

#### The Chairman,

Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, C/o Director (EOM & M Division), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahahena, Walgama, Bandaragama.



#### **BUDDHIST AND PALI UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

#### SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR THE BUDDHIST AND PALI UNIVERSITY OF **SRI LANKA**

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri lanka invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply and delivery of following items for the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka.

Supply and Delivery of Laptop Computers for the Buddhist and Pali DPC/2022/03

- 2. Bidders who have at least five-year experience in supply, service, maintenance and
- repair of above items. 3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- 4. All bids must be accompanied by bid security in the form of a bank guarantee in the format given with the bidding document. Bank guarantee is confirmed by a bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Bid security shall be in the form of an unconditional on demand bond & shall be valid up to 22.12.2022.

Bank guarantees for the bid are as follows:

Item Name and DPC Number	Bid Security Amount	Item
Supply and Delivery of Laptop Computers for the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka. DPC/2022/03		Laptop Computers - 34 Nos.

- 5. Bid shall be valid until **22.11.2022**.
- 6. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Senior Assistant Bursar, and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge at the Finance Division, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka during office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request to the Senior Assistant Bursar, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 to the Shroff of the University on working days from 08.08.2022 to 22.08.2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Bidding Documents can also be viewed from University Website i.e. http://www.bpu.ac.lk/downloads
- 8. Duly Perfected bids in duplicate in separate covers marked "original" and "duplicate" re-inserted in a single cover mentioning the name of work and DPC No: DPC/2022/03 on the top left-hand corner of all three envelopes, Sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Senior Assistant Bursar, Finance Division, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, No. 37, Moragahahena Road, Pitipana Town, Homagama'' or deposited in the Tender Box Kept at the Finance Division, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka at or before 1.30 p.m. on 23.08.2022.
- 9. Duplicate should be a certified photocopy of the original.
- 10. Bids will be opened at **1.30 p.m. on 23.08.2022** at the Boardroom of the Administration Building, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka. Bidder or his/her authorized person is permitted to be present at the time of opening of bids.
- 11. Incomplete and late bids will be rejected and the University has the right to accept or reject bids.
- 12. The Pre-bid meeting will be conducted online on 16.08.2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman.

**Department Procurement Committee,** Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, No. 37, Moragahahena Road,

Pitipana Town, Homagama. Tel: 011-2857786

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#### PEOPLE'S BANK

#### **AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES**

Articles pawned up to 31.12.2020 at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank in Matale Region and will not be redeemed up to 02.09.2022, will be sold by Public Auction on the dates and premises given below.

The Auction will commence at 09.00 a.m. each day.

NAME & ADDRESS OF THE BRANCHES & PAWNING & SERVICE CENTRES	ARTICLES UNREDEEMED UP TO	DATE OF AUCTION	PLACE
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Ukuwela Branch: Warakamura Service Centre	02.09.2022	03.09.2022 04.09.2022	Matale Branch Premises
Rattota Branch: Kaikawela Service Centre			
Pallepola Branch: Yatawatta Service Centre			
Dambulla Branch: Inamaluwa Service Centre Madatugama Service Centre			
Galewela Branch: Dewahuwa Service Centre	02.09.2022	03.09.2022 04.09.2022	Dambulla Branch Premises
Naula Branch: Madawala-Ulpotha Service Centre		0-1.07.2022	Dianen i remises
Wilgamuwa Branch: Laggala-Pallegama Service Centre			

The Bank reserves the right to change the place, cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

**REGIONAL MANAGER** People's Bank, **Regional Head Office** Matale.

Tel Nos. 066-2234212, 066-2222032





#### THE COMMITTEE ON HIGH POSTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF SRI LANKA TO EXAMINE THE SUITABILITY OF PERSONS APPOINTED/NOMINATED TO THE STATE SERVICES AND STATE CORPORATIONS

The Committee on High Posts of the Parliament of Sri Lanka is due to examine the suitability of the persons appointed / nominated to the following posts:-

No.	Name and Address	Designation
1.	Mr. E.M. Rodney Manoranjan Perera No. 81, Rajamalwatte Road, Battaramulla.	Nominated as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Japan
2.	Mr. W.A. Chulananda Perera No. 73/01, Elapahala Road, Gorakapitiya, Piliyandala.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism & Lands
3.	Mrs. J.M. Thilaka Jayasundara 204/19, Jayasri Mawatha, Rathmaldeniya Road, Pannipitiya.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Industries
4.	Prof. N.D. Gunawardene 102, Apartment 15, "The Rosmead Towers", Rosmead Place, Colombo 07.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Technology
5.	Mr. P.H.C. Rathnayake 546/2A, Alwis Perera Mawatha, Katubedda, Moratuwa.	Appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry of Urban Development & Housing

Any organization or individual desirous of making representations with regard to the above appointments / nominations should send duly signed written memoranda under registered cover to "The Secretary, Committee on High Posts, Committee Office, Parliament of Sri Lanka, Sri Jayewardenepura, Kotte" on or before 21st August 2022. Representations may also be faxed to Fax No.: 011-2777300 or be sent via email: highposts\_c@parliament.lk

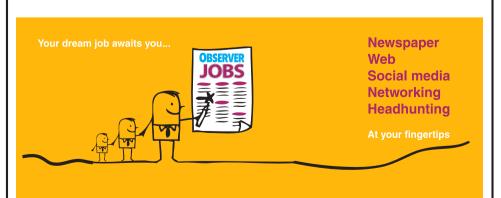
The Committee may require such memoranda to be supported by oral evidence. The advertisement is also available in the Parliament Website (www.parliament.lk)

> Secretary to the Committee Secretary General of Parliament

Parliament of Sri Lanka Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte 08 August 2022

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