



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

President Ranil Wickremesinghe said the proposals presented by each political party during the several rounds of talks held regarding the formation of an All-Party Government, will be given to all political

Parties that attended these discussions today (8). President Wickremesinghe stated so at the Friday's (5) discussions held with leaders of the 11 independent parties in the Parliament and the 43 Brigade

regarding the formation of an All-Party Government. The discussions were held at the President's Office. President Ranil Wickremesinghe said that only the National People's Power (JVP),



## 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,



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

# GAS PRICE REDUCTION FROM MIDNIGHT TODAY

PAPER ON PRICE REVISION IN CABINET TODAY

GAS CYLINDER MAY BE REDUCED BY RS.200 TO 300

ANURA PREMALAL

The price of Liquefied Petroleum (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. Commenting 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

payments of his company have also started.

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).



## FROM US WITH DEVOTION...



The Adi Vasi leader Uruwarige Wannila 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 Wijesekera said.

## 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.

## Enhanced features to be added to QR Fuel Pass soon - ICTA

DISNA MUDALIGE

The operations of the National Fuel Pass will be further streamlined with more developments coming under Phase two and three, which have already been designed,



## Fuel bowser scam: Two CPC officers under probe

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Meegoda Police has 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.



## Retired bank officer remanded over Rs.68 mn fraud

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Criminal Investigation Department has arrested a 62 year old female retired

Assistant General Manager of a State Bank in connection with an investigation into a fraud of more than

Rs.68 million. The police said this financial fraud had been going on for some time. Earlier another

## Trains to ply upto Badulla from tomorrow

ASELA KURULUWANSA

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.



Transport and Highways and Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunewardena, MP Mahindananda Aluthgamage and Railway officials at the Nawalapitiya Railway station yesterday. (Picture by Asela Kuruluwansa)

## 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 camera footage regarding those two shootings.



## Joining APG: Wimal not decided still

NUWAN KODIKARA

National Freedom Front MP Wimal Weerawansa said media reports which said he had decided to join an All-Party Government were not correct. He said that an All-Party Government is needed



## 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.



## APG: President meets NPP tomorrow

SHIROMI ABEYASINGHE

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.

## 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



## 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.

## President's leadership critical in bringing stability - UNSG

Japan confident President can deliver progress



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres has congratulated President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

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

## 'IUSF Convener, a relative of mine'

ASELA KURULUWANSA and L.S. EGODAWITA

Adivasi Chief Uruwarige 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 'Arahala' or protests

## 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.

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# 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 Satur-

day, 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 people.

"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, he said.

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

the very close ethnic, religious and cultural affinities between the State of Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka and discussed ways and means to further strengthen them.

High Commissioner Moragoda also presented a copy of the Tamil translation of the book containing his Parliamentary speeches to MP Kanimozhi.

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 Gami Sarath Godakanda to this meeting.



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 Kanimozhi Karunanidhi.

## Northern schools to function daily from this week

RASULA DILHARA,  
North Special Corr.

The Northern Provincial Education Secretary has informed School authorities 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 faci-

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

ASELA KURULUWANSALA

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 creations 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.

He said that the replicas of famous elephants 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 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.

So far, Manjula Jayasundara has created not only tame tuskers like Indi Raja, Kataragama Vasana, Sinha Raja, Buruma Raja, Miyan Raja, but also wild tuskers like Arjuna of the Yala forest.

He said that he has created a 5 1/2 feet



Manjula Priyanga Jayasundara with some of his creations.

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

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.



Another ingenious creation made out of dung.

## 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 possession.

Police investigations have revealed that the arrested suspect was working at the Negombo General Hospital and had con-

nections 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.

## 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 Amaraweera.

"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 said.

The scientific organic agriculture approach introduced by Ven. Siri Samanthabhadrha 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 Samanthabhadrha 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 cultivation.

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 Umandawa Temple cultivation area, also appreciated the example set by the Ven. Siri Samanthabhadrha 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-

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 support.

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 Samanthabhadrha Thera for introducing such a project and concept to our country.

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# Maha Sangha blesses President's programme for an All-Party Government

The Maha Sangha invoked blessings on President Ranil Wickremesinghe'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

Government, said, "The Government 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 discussions." 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 Sasaranathana 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 Wijewardena and others were present.



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

## Minister visits Nawalapitiya, sees damages in Inguru-Oya



**RANJITH RAJAPAKSE,** Hatton Corr.

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 area. He inspected the Nawalapitiya-Inguruoia 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 visited the area and inquired about the lack of access to the Inguru

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

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 problems of the affected people by considering it as a special need.

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



President Ranil **Wickremesinghe**



Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**

President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Wednesday thanked India which he said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has provided his crisis-hit country '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 Rajapaksa's 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.

Recently, India has extended eight Lines of Credit (LOCs) to Sri Lanka amounting to US\$ 1,850.64 million in the past 10 years.

"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 extended 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 'Neighbourhood 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

A consignment of equipment was donated to the Ceylon School for the Deaf and Blind by Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and Parliamentarians Gamini Gunawardena and Yadamani Gunawardena recently.

The educational aids and other 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 Minister.

The institute, which was set up by Prime Minister Gunawardena when

he was Education Minister, has trained a large number of Braille and sign-language teachers to cater to the 1.7 million disabled children in the country.

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 part in the ceremony.



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 by Tony 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 area.

They 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 complex.

## 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 direction.

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 repaired.

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 caution in this regard.

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 this place.

## First Lankan Ambassador to be an election observer

Sri Lankan High Commissioner in Kenya Velupillai 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 fora 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.



Velupillai 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,** Hindurua 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 ago.

It has been revealed in the preliminary investigations that this foreigner had hanged himself with a bed sheet.

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 Sobhitha 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 re-unite 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 Sobhitha 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 Janata Vimukthi 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-

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

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 negotiating with us. We want to make a future

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 him."

"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 these problems with you."

"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 all-party stability. We are open to negotiating."

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Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 6,494,700/-

Winning Numbers: 05 06 41 55

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Draw No: 990 Colour: Red

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Date: 06.08.2022 Saturday

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,458,800/-

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Draw No: 989 Colour: Indigo

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Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,628,420/-

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**ADA KOTIPATHI** Saturday Date: 06.08.2022 Draw No.: 1640 Colour: Yellow

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 56,356,526/-

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**ADA KOTIPATHI** Friday Date: 05.08.2022 Draw No.: 1639 Colour: Purple

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 56,282,698/-

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**SUPER BALL** Draw Number: 1814 Colour: Blue

Draw Date: 06.08.2022 Date: Saturday

Winning English Letter and Numbers: J 03 04 05 33

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 69,292,004.80

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,959,080/-

**SUPER BALL** Draw Number: 1813 Colour: Pink

Draw Date: 05.08.2022 Date: Friday

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Winning Numbers: 19 23 32 42

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Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,758,340/-

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 71,795,728.50

**ශ්‍රී ජය** Friday Date: 05.08.2022 Draw No.: 3974 Colour: Orange

Winning Numbers: 47 61 69 75

English Letter: O

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,809,280/-

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 71,693,303.70

**කංචරක වාසනාව** Development Fortune

Date: 06-08-2022 Draw Number: 516 Colour: Red

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 11,711,952/-

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Fate Number: 07

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,898,080/-

**සිරි** Draw Number: 205

Draw Date: 05.08.2022 Date: Friday

Winning Numbers: 02 29 38

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,608,420/-

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### 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-to-people 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 "critical 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)



The picturesque Pettah Floating Market.

# Floating Market needs a face-lift



A shop selling local handicraft.

Pictures by Sudath Malaweera



Closed shops.



It is easy to get poetic when it comes to the Pettah Floating Market. Visitors to the Floating Market have called it a place of calm and serenity. They talk about taking pictures of the sunset, while at the Floating Market. However, the Floating Market was not built for us to admire the sunset. It was built to generate a profit.



People engaged in fishing at the Floating Market.

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

**T**he Pettah Floating Market was built with great expectations in mind. What one needs to remember is that the Floating Market is a place that can generate its own current, meaning, that it is a place that is a crowd puller. If the place is managed well, it can attract locals and tourists.

The Floating Market was built in order for it to attract crowds. Today two forces must be at work - external and internal. The fragile economy of the country needs to be revived. People need to have that purchasing power. Also internally, conditions at the market need to be better. A source at the Floating Market who wished to remain anonymous pointed out that there is a need for tighter security at the market.

This will help weed out shady characters like drug users who might visit the market. There is also a need for better maintenance. This source pointed out that there needs to be proper toilets. That is a deficiency in the market.

At the Floating Market we saw some people engaged in fishing. This source too told us that these fish are then sold to other markets. There is no environmental pollution as such at the market. However, the only problem is the "Yachakayos", beggars/public nuisances.

There was a time when crowds thronged this place. However, it appears that these days very few people visit the place. When *Daily News* visited the Floating Market in the afternoon last week, there was a couple at one of the tables, but they seemed to be the only two people there. It is hard to say if that was because of the time of the day or a one off day.

According to reliable sources there are around 90 odd trade stalls at the market, selling local produce and some shops selling local handicraft. The market was officially opened by the then Minister of Health Maithripala Sirisena in 2014. However, businesses seem to be struggling at the Market these days.

**Sisira, a shopkeeper**, pointed out that there is no litter in the water or on the ground; however, there is a need for better maintenance.

"The place needs better maintenance. I am not saying that nothing is being done. What I am saying is that it could be done better. But I must say that business is suffering due to the current economic crisis. By now this is something that is apparent to all. Look at some of these shops, many of them are closed. That is the state of the country. In most cases people just give up. Today our biggest concern is business. First came Corona and now the economic crisis. What can an individual buy with Rs. 1,000 today? You need at least Rs. 2,000 to get through the day. It would be inaccurate if I said that there is environmental pollution here. Do not let the colour of the water deceive you. It is green, but it was green from the very inception of the Floating Market.

The place is being cleaned. We are not living in a dump with the stench making us nauseated. That is not the case at all. People do not throw their trash into the water, because as shop keepers we are all watching. So that does not happen."

**Mahagamage, another shopkeeper**, has been in the business for 52 years in Pettah and is grateful for having this shop at the Floating Market. These are very pleasant surroundings and she says that it would be lovely if business improves at the Floating Market. Before 2019, business was good and tourists came. She has a shop that caters to tourists at the Market. Business at this shop has come to a grinding halt. So now she maintains a shop that sells food because she and her family need to survive.

"I cannot say that there is environmental pollution here. This is because the Housing Development Authority does an excellent job. They are very committed and they do everything in their power to see that things are relatively tidy. The workers as well, keep things clean and tidy. So there is a lot of effort put in. So I cannot say that there is environmental pollution here. However, there is a problem with public nuisances such as beggars. It is very difficult to control these people. When a customer is at the market, eating or buying something, these public nuisances disturb and bother the customers. This is bad for all of us at the market because the customer loses interest in coming here. We tell these people not to pester the customers, but to no avail. If that problem can be dealt with, it will be a great relief to all of us. Then business will definitely improve," she said.

Mahagamage stated that they pay the Urban Development Authority a sum of Rs. 7,500 every month. "At the Floating Market, lots of people have closed down their shops. I have business acumen because I have 52 years of experience in tours, which I had to sell. So with the income I get from this shop I try to make ends meet. I can see that a lot of people are finding it hard even to pay the Rs. 7,500. So one of the biggest problems we face are public nuisances. So because of these public nuisances we can say that there is a certain form of environmental pollution. Because of these 'Yachakayos', unpleasant situations arise."

**Sahan**, said that the biggest problem he faces is paying the rent and paying the bills.

"There is a system in place where cleanliness is maintained by the officials. One thing I have noticed is that the crows scatter the polythene lunch sheets. That is one problem. But there are people that regularly clean the surroundings."

Pettah is a hive of activity in the afternoon. However, when the *Daily News* visited the Floating Market, we were not greeted by smiles, but by a couple of empty stalls. Mahagamage's stall that caters to tourists was one of the few stalls that were open. In it were beautiful figurines, that are a testament to the craftsman's prodigious skill. However, sadly, these figurines just stand there, Mahagamage having given up any hope of selling them.

It is easy to get poetic when it comes to the Pettah Floating Market. Visitors to the Floating Market have called it a place of calm and serenity. They talk about taking pictures of the sunset, while at the Floating Market. However, the Floating Market was not built for us to admire the sunset. It was built to generate a profit. *Daily News* spoke to many people at the market, some who wished to remain anonymous. We discovered that the general consensus is that the expected revenue has not come in. A lot of shops have closed down. The security is another problem that another source pointed out. At the beginning the project was very ambitious. It was believed that the Floating Market would bring in multitudes - A large turnout of people every day, every week or every month. But that has not happened. One solution could be to upgrade the market. In other words, think about this problem in a new way. There are a lot of little shops at the market, so if the authorities can build enterprises like restaurants, that might bring in the crowds. This will create opportunities.

The Floating Market can be a great hang out place. It has that kind of potential. There is a need for great hang out places in Colombo, where the old and the young can spend time with friends and family. There are so many people who live in outstation, who want to come to Colombo and stop by somewhere where they can eat and then go elsewhere. Foreigners will truly appreciate the Floating Market because they will be able to buy traditional Sri Lankan handicrafts while dining at the market. If the market can be upgraded in that way, it will become one of the most frequented sites in Colombo.



Sisira



Mahagamage



Sahan

# 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 diabetes.

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 politicians.

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, P.C. 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 P.C. 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

he had prepared well ahead of the election. Such was his commitment to the Party and democracy.

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 his death. - Jaliya Wijeyekoon

# 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 275/75, OPA Centre,  
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Notice is hereby given that if the articles remained unredeemed as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 will be auctioned by public auction on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022, at Head Office, BOC Merchant Tower, 28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03. The Auction will be started from 10.00 a.m.

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# Winifred Hettiaratchi (Nee Perera)

## A Charming Lady of Exceptional Calibre

It is with deep heartache that I pen 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.



She should be commended for her devotion to her family. Her delightful 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.

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 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.

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. Winnie equally 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.

We all have special memories of Winnie and of those I cherish most is her trip to Matura 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

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

AN EVENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL HYBRID 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 per diems 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 required
- 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/lesson learned and , etc (according to iDove 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
- Proven experience of providing media coverage and engaging photography (photos the client can share in a social media campaign).
- Availability of a trilingual team (English, Sinhala, Tamil)
- 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:

- An official letter expressing interest;
- Accompany 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.

# Daily News



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## Tourism to uplift ailing economy

No 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

**Now & Then**  
BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Last 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 wearing masks.

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 regula-

tions 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 matter 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 Govern-

ment 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 three-wheeler 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.



Antjana Indragithy



# 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

In 1975 Velupillai Prabhakaran found sanctuary in India after assassinating the popular and charismatic Jaffna Mayor Alfred Duraipappah. 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 Duraipappah 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 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 Duraipappah 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.

Duraipappah'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 Duraipappah as a traitor. It did not occur to the then Government that when the likes of Duraipappah, 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 cause.

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



Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike addressing the 5th 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 ill-equipped 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 allowed.

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 India 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-



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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 juncture 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.

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## Bangladesh increases fuel prices to highest in history

**BANGLADESH:** Bangladesh's 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 agency. According to a price notification from the Ministry of Power, Energy

and Mineral Resources, a liter of 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

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. - IANS



Bangladeshis queue at a gas station in Dhaka on Friday.



A farmer smells ears of wheat in a wheat field in Syria's 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 Rome-based 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 FAO. 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 ten-month 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 year. - XINHUA

## Not even 'Superman' can fix Myanmar crisis, says ASEAN Special Envoy

**CAMBODIA:** A regional envoy tasked with brokering peace in Myanmar admitted Saturday that "even Superman cannot solve" the crisis, capping a week of foreign ministerial meetings that ultimately yielded little progress. Myanmar has spiralled into civil war since a putsch in February last year, with the death toll from the military's brutal crackdown on dissent passing 2,100, according to a local monitoring group. The 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 trips to Myanmar since the coup, dampened expectations for major progress in the

short term. "I am just a special envoy, I am not a superman," he told reporters in Phnom Penh Saturday. "I think that even Superman cannot solve the Myanmar problem." "Issues cannot be solved by one meeting, by two meetings, by many years of meeting," Sokhonn, who is also Cambodia's Foreign Minister said. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES



Cambodian Foreign Minister and ASEAN Special Envoy Prak Sokhonn speaking at a press conference at Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on Saturday.

## Pakistan declares 'MONSOON EMERGENCY'

**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 reported. 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% above-normal 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 by unusually strong monsoon rains, with rural areas in the province of Balochistan among the worst affected, reported The Express Tribune. Aside from the fatalities, the flooding had damaged more than 46,200 houses, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of Pakistan said on Friday.

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 Tribune. - NDTV



A man rides bicycle along a flooded road, following heavy rains in Karachi.

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

**CUBA:** A fire set off by a lightning 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

asked for help from international 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 Diaz-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 Saturday 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 Matanzas, Cuba, on Saturday.



Lions at the Lahore Safari Zoo in Pakistan in this picture taken on Tuesday.

## LAHORE SAFARI ZOO to auction a dozen lions

**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 Janja, 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 added. 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

**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 artificial ventilation was stopped. One of these, Ella Carter, denounced Archie's final moments as "barbaric", however. She said that after his ventilation was switched off, "he went completely blue". "There is absolutely nothing dignified about watching a family member or a child suffocate," she said. Dance found Archie unconscious at home in April with signs he had placed a cord around his neck, possibly after taking part in an

online asphyxiation challenge. The hospital trust's chief medical officer, Alistair Chesser, said in 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, well-wishers left flowers and cards, and lit candles in the shape of the letter "A". A judge in June agreed

with doctors that Archie was "brain-stem dead", allowing life support to be discontinued, but the family fought through the courts to overturn that. Arguing that Archie could benefit from treatment 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. The parents also lost a last-ditch legal bid to have Archie transferred to a hospice for his final hours. "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 health-care systems. - THE MALAY MAIL



12-year-old Archie Battersbee



### 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 TIMES

### 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

**CROATIA:** 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. - XINHUA

### 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

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## SL's economic woes would to last another year

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 said.

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

### 'CSE should be broad-based'

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

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

entities (SOE) to list in it as a part of restructuring them. I feel that if this happens few investors can benefit from such a move."

While stating that The Colombo Stock 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."

Referring to the ongoing IMF bailout attempt, Wickremesinghe said the legal and technical advisers on

debt restructuring are moving ahead with the task.

"First the foreign debt... and when you look at the

official debt are we getting caught into the geopolitics of the region of Asia?" he said. "It will be a period

which we have not seen before, we have to look at both foreign debt and local 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 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 Aluwihare.



curated breakfast meeting held at the Business Forum Event. The event was a global platform for Sri Lanka's first service-oriented Special

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.

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 ring-fencing 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 address. **▶ TO PAGE 12**

## Rubber auction prices rise

Rubber auction prices continued to elevate during June 2022 boosting the earnings growth for the period, although global rubber prices witnessed a plunge during the period yet displayed an increase of only 4.9% on a YoY basis on the back of recessionary fears according to Frist Capital Research Rubber Plantation Sector review.

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 by 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 Development 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 volume 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 Jun 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 recently.

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 12**



Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Pallegama. Picture by Wimal Karunathilaka.

## 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 low-cost 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 operation 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 low-cost 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 roadways.

Mawilmada reiterated concerns about the 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



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

"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-

tional loan from the Fund. Many 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. *(www.bdnews24.com/Reuters)*





# 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 touch-points 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, Baudhaloka 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

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, Baudhaloka 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.
  - In the form include in Section IV of the Bidding Documents.
  - In favor of Commandant / STF.**
  - 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](mailto: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, Telephone Numbers  
Special Task Force Headquarters, Direct : 011-2505933 / 2556506  
No.223, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07. 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 said.

"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-cum-space 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 first-hand exposure to space science as well as coding. Successful students will receive a joint course certification," he said. PTI

([www.economictimes.india-times.com](http://www.economictimes.india-times.com))

## 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 appropriate 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.

- 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).
- This intimation should be carried on according to the rules and regulations of the Government by way of payments for services, taxes etc.
- Should be an institution carrying on business over 3 years period of the relevant service (should submit certificates).
- 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).
- Should possess knowledge of procedures to be followed for restricting the spread of Covid-19 pandemic.
- The machinery used for cleaning purposes of this building should be appropriate machines with modern technology.
- Bids submitted should be valid up to 30.10.2022.
- Since change to the quotation prices for whatever reasons in not permitted during the agreement period, quotations should be submitted accordingly.
- Only trained staff should be engaged for service.
- 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.
- Should be engaged in welfare activities on behalf of the staff.
- Should be able to engage workers for cleaning services for emergency service requirements.
- Since males are also required according to the nature of the building, should be able to engage them as well.
- The minimum number of employees to be engaged for cleaning services of the building is 25.
- 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 : [modsupplsl@gmail.com](mailto:modsupplsl@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 Jayawardenapura Kotte.**

Date : 08.08.2022







## PEOPLE'S BANK TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Printing Institutions to print and supply Note Books & Calendars for People's Bank for the year 2023.

Tender No.	Description of the Item	Qty.	Value of Bid Security	Last Date & Time of Issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P/084/2022	Staff Note Books	19,000	100,000/-	26.08.2022 at 2.00 p.m.	30.08.2022 at 2.00 p.m.
P/085/2022	Customer Note Books	26,250	150,000/-		
P/086/2022	Pocket Note Books	90,000	200,000/-		
P/087/2022	Wall Calendars	450,000	300,000/-		

- 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.)
- Perfect 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.**

**Telephone Nos. : 2439577/8, 2307326**  
**Fax No. : 2439576**  
**Web : www.peoplesbank.lk**  
**Email : supplies@peoplesbank.lk**



## PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### General Education Modernization Project (GEMP) Provincial Department of Education North Central Province

### Purchase of Technical Equipment

1) 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
03	NCP/ED/ACC/PRO/02/GEMP/NCB/03/2022	Smart Boards	40	240,000.00	5,000.00
		1200 VA UPS	40		
04	NCP/ED/ACC/PRO/02/GEMP/NCB/04/2022	Multimedia Projectors	17	34,000.00	3,500.00

- 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 documents.
- 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 Accountant of the Provincial Department of Education, North Central Province, Anuradhapura and on payment of the relevant non-refundable fee.
- Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security to the value stated in the table above and it should be an unconditional 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 the opening.
- 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.

**Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee,**  
**Provincial Department of Education,**  
**North Central Province,**  
**Anuradhapura.**

## 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 Co-operative 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 :

- 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.
- Procurement Applications will not be issued to black-listed persons and to those who fail to prove their identity.
- 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.
- 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.
- The shop owner should bear the cost of taxes and repair work.
- The cost of electricity, water and shop rental in respect of the selected shop should be paid by the applicant.
- 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 forfeited.
- The Bidder or his authorized representative could be present at the opening of Bids.
- The decision of the Procurement Committee is deemed final.
- 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,**  
**Chairman,**  
**Mirigama Pradeshiya Sabha.**

## LOLC FINANCE VEHICLES FOR SALE

Location	Vehicle Type	Model	Year	Specs	Contact				
AMPARA	THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ ARAS-LG	173CC	2010 EP QZ XXXX	SAMANTHA - 063-5780680/851				
		AMBALANTHOTA	LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTRE, NO. 162, MAIN STREET	LORRY	TOYOTA TOYDACE	2770CC	1995 SP GD XXXX	KAVINDU - 0475118080	
	BADULLA	THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	173CC	2008 CP QQ XXXX	LAHIRU - 0554549948			
			BAJAJ	198CC	2012 CP YY XXXX				
		PIAGGIO	395CC	2009 UP QU XXXX					
		PIAGGIO	395CC	2010 UP YA XXXX					
		DAMBULLA	MOTOR BIKE	HERO MAESTRO EDGE	110CC		2019 EP BIT XXXX	CHAMINDA - 0865118181	
				TRUCK	BRILLIANCE		1357CC		2015 WP DAB XXXX
	KANDY	THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2015 CP AAW XXXX	NIMESH - 0768592509			
			BAJAJ	173CC	2007 CP QJ XXXX				
BAJAJ		173CC	2007 WP QN XXXX						
BAJAJ		173CC	2009 CP QT XXXX						
BAJAJ		198CC	2011 CP YP XXXX						
KURUWITA	THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	137CC	2010 SG DZ XXXX	KASUN - 0762141246				
		VAVUNIYA	LOLC VEHICLE FACILITY CENTER, NO 363, MANNAR ROAD, VETPANA, LAM	FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR		TAFE 45 DI	2500CC	2019 NC RG XXXX	THANANJEYAN - 0772943362
		THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC		2014 CP AAQ XXXX			
GOTHATUWA	THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	198CC	2012 WP AAB XXXX	MAHESH - 0773493535				
		BAJAJ	200CC	2013 WP AAL XXXX					
		BAJAJ	198CC	2014 WP AAP XXXX					
		BAJAJ	145CC	2001 WP GL XXXX					
MATHUGAMA	THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	150CC	2003 WP HC XXXX	PRAMODA - 0775634245				
		BAJAJ	150CC	2003 WP HN XXXX					
		BAJAJ	145CC	2005 WP QA XXXX					
		BAJAJ	145CC	2005 WP QA XXXX					
	WELLAMPITIYA	THREE WHEELER	BAJAJ	145CC	2005 WP QC XXXX	JAYANTHA - 0773242324			
			BAJAJ	145CC	2006 WP QD XXXX				
			BAJAJ	145CC	2006 WP QF XXXX				
			BAJAJ	145CC	2006 WP QJ XXXX				
			BAJAJ	173CC	2007 WP QJ XXXX				
			BAJAJ	173CC	2007 WP QJ XXXX				
MATHUGAMA	MOTOR BIKE	HERO PLEASURE	102CC	2019 NW BIQ XXXX	JAYANTHA - 0773242324				
		BAJAJ	173CC	2010 WP QZ XXXX					
		BAJAJ	173CC	2010 WP QZ XXXX					
		BAJAJ	173CC	2010 WP YB XXXX					

The Company reserves the right to withdraw any vehicle/vehicles from the Sale without prior Notice.  
Tender forms can be collected from the Head Office - Rajagiriya & the relevant branches of the above addresses

**Tender closes at 12.30 p.m on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

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**ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT PROJECT  
Credit No : IDA 5788-LK

## Invitation for Quotations (IFQ)

Procurement of 16 Nos.  
Microsoft® Office (Home & Student) 2021 &  
Microsoft® Access 2021 Licences

Contract No : LK-RDA-278918-GO-RFQ

- 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 Licences.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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**.
- 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/43 of 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 Socialist 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, Ja-ela has been cancelled.

**D.D. Waruna Nushan  
Kahawita Liyanage  
Dona Nilupa Sandamali.**

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

### MARITIMEPATTU PRADESHIYA SABHA, MULLAITIVU DISTRICT

#### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (LDSP)

LOAN NUMBER: P163305

- 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**.
- The Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC) on behalf of the Maritimpattu 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

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedure.
- 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).
- Qualification requirements are indicated in Section 5 (Bidding Data and Contract Data) of the Bidding document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chairman, Maritimpattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimpattu, 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.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Maritimpattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimpattu, 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.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below at **Chairman, Local Authority Procurement Committee, Maritimpattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimpattu, 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.
- Bids shall be valid up to **21<sup>st</sup> 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**.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11.00 Hrs on **29<sup>th</sup> August 2022** at **Maritimpattu Pradeshiya Sabha, Maritimpattu, Mullaitivu**.

**Chairman,  
Local Authority Procurement Committee (LAPC)  
Maritimpattu Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Maritimpattu,  
Mullaitivu.  
08.08.2022**

## OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES - POLONNARUWA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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 attend.
- 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**.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- Only fully eligible bidders possessing (CIDA) registration as mentioned above and not been black-listed are qualified for award of bids.
- 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 rejected.
  - Having completed 80% in value of civil work in the previous year or should have the experience of having executed one similar project.
  - The average turnover of above civil work constructions maintained within the last five years.
  - Financial capability
  - Financial and physical progress of the work being carried out at present.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Further relevant details could be obtained on Tel Nos. 057-2222275 of the Bandarawela Municipal Council Office.
- Bids should be valid up to 31.11.2022.
- 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.
- 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,  
Bandarawela.**

**Tel No. 057-2222275 / Fax No. 057-2222875**

Date : 03.08.2022

### 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 Shanmugasah 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 Shanmugasah**

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 rates.

**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  
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No. 35, Lake House,  
D.R. Wijewardene Mw.,  
Colombo 10.**

**For Details: 2429422/ 2429451**

## 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,  
Colombo 10.**

**For details: 2429422/2429451**



### An Act to Incorporate the International Institute of Theravada

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 Theravada".

The aim of the Bill is to incorporate the said Institute which has the following general objects:-

- 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;
- To train Buddhist monks and lay devotees to be capable in guiding others to attain the ultimate liberation according to Buddhist teachings, the Nibbana;
- To train Buddhist monks to be capable in performing formal acts of discipline (vinayakammas), according to the Theravada tradition, in order to sustain the sasana.

etc.

**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. Mulleriyawa 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.

**Director,  
National Institute of Mental Health  
Mulleriyawa New Town.**



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Ministry of Education  
(Higher Education Division)**

#### SUPPLY OF SECURITY SERVICE 2022/2023

HE/PR/NCB/2022/Security Service

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.**

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST  
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**MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

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**HIRING OF 06 NOS. VEHICLE CARRIERS FOR  
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DIVISION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (2022/2023)**

- 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.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Section, EOM&M Division, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama (Telephone: 038-2289122, Fax: 038-2289560) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours free of charge.
- 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, Kahatagahena, 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.
- 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.
- 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,  
Kahatagahena, 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**

- 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.

DPC/2022/03	Supply and Delivery of Laptop Computers for the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka
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- Bidders who have at least five-year experience in supply, service, maintenance and repair of above items.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- 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	Rs. 150,000.00	Laptop Computers - 34 Nos.

- Bid shall be valid until **22.11.2022**.
- 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>
- 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, Moragahena 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**.
- Duplicate should be a certified photocopy of the original.
- 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.
- Incomplete and late bids will be rejected and the University has the right to accept or reject bids.
- 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, Moragahena Road,  
Pitipana Town, Homagama.  
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**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, Rathmaleniya 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](mailto: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](http://www.parliament.lk))

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