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President assures minority Parties of a fair governing structure

President Ranil Wickremesinghe has told political parties representing the minority community that it is his intention to form a governing structure that will have fair representation by all political parties.

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Over Rs. 2.5 bn paid as overtime at closed Sapugaskanda refinery - Minister

Refinery scheduled to resume operations on August 15 again



CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera told Parliament yesterday that between Rs. 2.5 billion and

Rs.3 billion have been paid as overtime allowance to the workers of the Sapugaskanda oil refinery during the last few months.

He said an investigation

would be carried out on who was paid the overtime allowance and a report on the outcome of the investigation would be submitted to Parliament. TO PAGE 05



FINAL KANDY RANDOLI PERAHERA TODAY

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The Final Randoli Perahera of the Kandy Esala festival will parade the streets today. TO PAGE 04

ACT TO BE AMENDED TO REGULATE ELECTRIC THREE WHEELERS

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Transport, Highways and Mass Media Minister and Cabinet Spokesman, Dr. Bandula Gunawardane said the Motor Vehicles Ordinance will be amended to regulate electric three wheelers in such a way that they can be registered. TO PAGE 02

PRESIDENT ASSIGNS GOVERNORS WITH MANAGEMENT OF PROVINCES

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

President Ranil Wickremesinghe has assigned the responsibility of maintaining the administration and development process as TO PAGE 04

PC INTERDICTED OVER TUSKER'S MURDER

ANANDA KARUNADASA

The Police Constable who was accused of electrocuting the Barana tusker was interdicted on the instructions of the Anuradhapura Senior Superintendent of Police. TO PAGE 05

OVER 100 CHINESE IN NOROCHCHOLAI GET COVID-19

KALPITIYA GROUP CORR.

A group of Chinese workers, 102 in number, who are engaged in repairing the generator in the Phase two of the Norochcholai Power Plant, has contracted COVID-19. TO PAGE 04

TWO WHO STOLE SLAIN MP'S JEWELLERY REMANDED

VEYANGODA SPECIAL CORR.

The Attanagalla Magistrate's Court yesterday ordered to remand two suspects, who had allegedly stolen jewellery worn by slain MP Amarakeerthi Athukorala during the unrest in Nittambuwa on May 9. TO PAGE 04

Incentives for IT sector engineers earning USD here

A proposal to extend the incentives provided to migrate workers to remote workers involved in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Industry has been

OVER BUS FARE REDUCTION BUS OWNERS ISSUE DEATH THREATS TO NTC OFFICIALS

MINISTER DR. GUNAWARDENA TELLS OFFICIALS TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION

National Transport Commission (NTC) Chairman and Director General Nilan Miranda have made a complaint to the Narahenpita

police after Commission officials faced death threats from bus owners who are against the reduction of bus fares.

According to Commission sources, a discussion has been held at the Commission premises with the participation of bus owners over the reduction of bus fares. Fol-

lowing this meeting, a group of bus owners have behaved in an unruly manner, threatening the Commission's officials. TO PAGE 04



Minister submits 22nd Amendment to House

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The 22nd Amendment to the Constitution was submitted to the House by the Justice Minister Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakse yesterday (10). TO PAGE 04



President pays Tea Party bill

SHIROMI ABEYSINGHE

The total expenses of the tea party for Parliamentarians and other invited guests after the ceremonial opening of the new Session of Parliament on August 3 were



TO PAGE 04

Protesters move out



Members of the protest movement who had put up structures and tents at the Galle Face protest site have disbanded and moved out of the Galle Face Green yesterday. Picture by Wimal Karunathilake

President's Fifth Lane house damages over Rs. 200 mn

SHAVINI MADHARA

The Kollupitiya Police informed Fort Magistrate Thilina Gamage yesterday (10) that investigations so far have revealed that the people who broke into the private residence of President Ranil Wickremesinghe have caused a loss of more than Rs.200 million to the property there. TO PAGE 05

Twenty COVID-19 deaths in five days

SANDYA KARUNARATNE

Epidemiology Unit of the Health Ministry yesterday said

that twenty COVID-19 related deaths have occurred during the past five days and the num-

ber of positive cases have surpassed 926. TO PAGE 05

SJB want debate on electricity tariff hike, Minister agrees

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The Opposition yesterday (10) requested a debate on the government's decision to increase electricity tariffs from Wednesday (10). The debate will be held on August 29.

Opposition's Chief Organizer Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Lakshman Kiriella made the request from the Speaker. TO PAGE 04



Former President Gotabaya seeks visit to Thailand

Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-cha and Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai have confirmed that the former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will temporarily stay in Thailand on humanitarian reasons. TO PAGE 04

Upgrading LG Bodies in WP President to appoint committee to define criteria

LAHIRU FERNANDO

President Ranil Wickremesinghe will appoint a committee to look into the possibility and define the criteria for the upgrade of selected Local Government institutions in the Western Province to the next level of authority. TO PAGE 05

Address corruption to contain electricity tariffs - CEB Unions

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

Ceylon Electricity Board Joint Trade Union Alliance Chairman Ranjan Jayalal said that there was no need to increase electricity tariffs if corruption, fraud and irregularities in the Electricity Board are contained. TO PAGE 02

Ekneligoda abduction case: Prosecution to continue

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against nine Army Intelligence Officers in connection with the abduction and murder of journalist Prageeth Ekneligoda was yesterday fixed for further trial on October 7 by the Colombo Permanent High Court Trial-at-Bar.

The case was taken up before the Colombo Permanent High Court Trial-at-Bar Bench comprising Colombo High Court Judges TO PAGE 04

STF RECOVERS OVER 18,000 LITRES OF DIESEL, FOUR ARRESTED



GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Police Special Task Force (STF) officers were able to recover 18,300 liters of diesel that were being transported by two lorries from the Hambantota Fisheries harbour yesterday. TO PAGE 04

Bourse bullish for tenth day amidst healthy turnover

The Bourse continued its upward momentum for the tenth consecutive day recording healthy turnover due to local and foreign investor interest on heavy weight stocks. TO PAGE 02

Huge fish stock unfit for consumption found

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Three persons were arrested by the officials of Kelaniya Division Criminal Investigation Bureau with 35,100 kilos of TO PAGE 04

MR, Basil further barred from leaving country

DILSHAN THARAKA

An Interim Order issued preventing former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and former Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa from leaving the country without TO PAGE 02

Counsels withdraw petitions on behalf of Galle Face protesters

DILSHAN THARAKA

Counsels appearing for the petitioners told the Court of

Appeal yesterday that they intend to withdraw the writ petitions seeking an interim

Stay Order preventing respondents in the petitions from acting on the police TO PAGE 02

Minister disappointed over certain MPs' uncouth outbursts

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Transport, Highways and Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardane expressed disappointment over certain Parliamentarian's outburst in Parliament blurring out anything TO PAGE 05

Members debate law, privileges and what constitutes public property

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The House yesterday (10) raised concerns regarding a recent statement made on the powers and privileges of Parliamentarians. Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa questioned TO PAGE 05

Ranjan's release: Recommendations sent to President

SHAVINI MADHARA

Justice Minister Wijeyadasa Rajapakse said necessary recommendations have already been submitted to the President regarding the release of former Parliamentarian Ranjan Ramanayake. TO PAGE 05

ONION, LENTIL, CHILLI PRICES DOWN AT LAK SATHOSA

ANURA PREMALAL

Commerce and Food Security Ministry yesterday said that prices of essential commodities have been reduced at Lanka Sathosa. TO PAGE 04

Another suspect in PS member's murder arrested

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE and BANDARAGAMA BIMAL JAYASINGHE

The Western Province South Range Crime Division arrested another suspect in connection with the murder of Kotikawattamulleriyawa PS member Sumudu Rukshan at Himituana yesterday. TO PAGE 04

Three FR petitions against Emergency taken up on Friday

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed for support three Fundamental Rights petitions filed seeking a declaration that the imposition of the Emergency Regulations by the President under the Public Security Act violates the fundamental rights of the people of Sri Lanka, on August 12. TO PAGE 02



Attorneys Namini Panditha and Rusiru Egodage. Picture by Malan Karunaratne

FR filed to annul Cabinet decision to allow more fuel companies

DILSHAN THARAKA

A Fundamental Rights petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking annulment of the Cabinet decision taken to enter into any long-term agreements with selected Petroleum Companies to allow import, sell, supply or distribute Petroleum in Sri Lanka as envisaged. TO PAGE 04

MR, Basil further barred ... From page 01

Court's permission was yesterday extended until September 5 by the Supreme Court.

The pledge was made by former Finance Ministry Secretary S. R. Artigala and former Central Bank Governor Prof. W. D. Lakshman stating that they will not go abroad to the Supreme Court through their counsels was also extended to be effective till that date.

These directives were given when the Fundamental Rights petitions filed seeking an order to conduct an investigation against the people responsible for bankrupting the country and the public were taken up before the Supreme Court yesterday.

The petitions were taken up before the Supreme Court Five-Judge-Bench comprising Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya, Justices Buwaneka Aluwihare, Priyantha Jayawardena, Vijith Malalagoda and L.T.B. Dehideniya.

President's Counsel Upul Jayasuriya appearing for the petitioners pointed out that the Rs. 681 billion tax reliefs which was granted to businessmen after Gotabaya Rajapaksa came to power was the main factor in creating the current economic crisis.

He pointed out that it is a reckless act to grant tax concessions even though the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned that an economic crisis may occur in the country.

The President's Counsel further said that Former Central Bank Gover-

nor Ajith Nivard Cabral, who was aware that the country was becoming bankrupt and misled the public by hiding the real circumstances and saying that everything was under control.

He said that the two former Finance Ministers as well as the Central Bank Governors to be responsible for this economic crisis.

He said that although the Cabinet Ministers should be informed about the decisions taken by the Central Bank Finance Board, such notification has not been done regarding certain decisions taken.

Pointing out that, two years ago it was decided to pay 4.1 billion US dollars as foreign debt, while the US dollar was maintained at Rs. 200 by the authorities. Therefore, foreign reserves were greatly damaged due to such a decision, he said.

He further said that although W.D. Lakshman who was the Central Bank Government at that time had stated in last January that we do not have sufficient reserves to pay off foreign debt, Ajith Nivard Cabral, who was then the Finance Minister, stated that it was not a true statement and that there was no such problem.

He said that due to their irresponsible actions, the country has now become bankrupt and the people have to suffer the negative consequences.

He highlighted that the Finance Board of the Central Bank is responsible for the foreign assets and reserves of a country and the Finance Minister and the Secretary of the Ministry are responsible for the relations with the foreign countries.

He mentioned that it was a wrong decision of the respondents to allow the rupee to depreciate.

He emphasized that as the fundamental rights of the petitioners have been violated due to such decisions, the petitioners have the right to get the relief they are seeking.

He alleged that the country became bankrupt due to the arbitrary decisions of the respondents such as misuse of money, as well as not going to the rescheduling of foreign debt, not going to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The petitions will be taken up again on August 31.

The petitions were filed by Professor Mahim Mendis, former Chamber of Commerce Chairman Chandra Jayaratne, swimming champion Julian Bolling, Jehan Canagaratne and Transparency International Sri Lanka.

The Petitions have cited the Attorney General on behalf of the President, former Minister of Finance and former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, former Minister of Finance and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, former Governors of the Central Bank Ajith Nivard Cabral, Dr. W.D. Lakshman, former Finance Ministers Basil Rajapaksa, Ali Sabry, former Finance Ministry Secretary S.R. Artigala, Bar Association of Ceylon President Saliya Peiris, PC and 39 others as the respondents.

The petitioners allege that the country is currently in a state of bankruptcy and the people are in dire straits due to the unwise economic policies and inefficient administration pursued by the respondents.

The petitions allege that this has made it difficult for the people to access essential services such as fuel, electricity, food and medicine.

The petitions state that due to this situation, Sri Lanka has been listed as a country that cannot repay foreign loans and this has brought more disrepute to the country internationally.

The petitions point out that the tax concessions granted unnecessarily by the respondents in 2019 were one of the reasons for this economic crisis.

The petitioners also allege that the failure to seek the assistance of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at the right time during the economic crisis has led to such a crisis in the country.

The petitions have sought a declaration that the respondents have violated the fundamental human rights of the public. Also, the petitioners request the Supreme Court to issue an order to conduct an immediate investigation into the matters pointed out in this petition.

The petitions also sought an order directing the several respondents to appoint a committee under the supervision of the court to compile a report on the financial irregularities and mismanagement of the economy in relation to the specific cases outlined in the petition.

Also, the petitions have requested that the cabinet decisions taken regarding the financial matters, the documents exchanged between the respondents be submitted to the court.

Three FR petitions against ... From page 01

These petitions were taken up before the Supreme Court Bench comprising Justices Yasantha Kodagoda and Arjuna Obeyesekere.

Senior State Counsel Rajeev Gunathilaka appearing for the respondents stated that he intends to file limited objections regarding these petitions.

However, he said that he objects to supporting these petitions at this time.

He highlighted that a Supreme Court Bench consisting of two members is sufficient to consider and allow hearing of Fundamental Rights petitions.

However, he pointed out that when petitions request the issuance of an Interim Order, the petitions should be taken up before a Supreme Court Bench consisting of three members.

He sought from Court to take up the petitions before a three-judge Bench of Supreme Court as these petitions sought to issue an Interim Order.

Counsels who appeared for the petitioners said that these petitions have been filed on an urgent matter so they should be considered urgently.

After considering facts, Court fixed the petitions for support on August 12.

The Supreme Court Registrar was ordered to list these petitions before a three-member Supreme Court Bench on that day.

Three fundamental rights petitions were filed in the Supreme Court seeking a declaration that the fundamental rights of the people of this country are being violated by the imposition of emergency regulations by the President under the Public Security Ordinance.

This petition seeks an order quashing the two gazette notifications issued imposing the emergency regulations and an interim order restraining them from acting on the said emergency regulations bearing 2022/01.

The petition was filed by the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission former Commissioner Ambiga Satkunanathan, Liberal Youth Movement Conveners,

Attorney-at-Law Namini Panditha and Rusiru Egoda and the Alternative Policy Center and its executive director Pakyasothe Saravanauththi.

The Petitions have cited the Attorney General on behalf of the President, the Attorney General, Secretary to the President Gamini Senarath, Secretary to the President Saman Ekanayake and Defense Ministry Secretary Kamal Gunaratne as the respondents.

The petitions say that the President had acted on July 17 to impose emergency regulations under the Public Security Ordinance. It shows that gazette notices 2288/07 and 2289/07 have been issued announcing those regulations.

The petition seeks a ruling that the imposition of the regulations violates a number of fundamental rights, including the right to equal protection of the law, the right not to be subjected to cruel torture, the right to freedom of assembly and the right to freedom of expression.

The petitioners points out that the imposition of those regulations is an unnecessary transfer of power to the armed forces and the police and undermines the power of the Parliament and the judiciary.

The closest example was the attack on unarmed protestors on July 22 and the hijacking of journalists' communication equipment and the deletion of data.

Therefore, the petitions have sought from the court to declare that the imposition of these regulations violates the fundamental rights guaranteed by provisions 10, 11, 12(1), 12(4), 13(1), 13(2), 13(3), 13(4), 13(5) and 14(1) of the Constitution.

The petitioners seek an order suspending the operation of the said regulations.

Also, the petitions have requested that an order be issued preventing the President or the authorized officers from imposing further emergency laws and regulations.

Attorneys Gihan Gunathilaka, Pulasthi Hewamanna and Suren Fernando appeared for the petitioners.

Address corruption ... From page 01

"It is a must to take action to wipe out those irregularities in the CEB first", he said.

He said electricity can be produced using renewable energy sources like the Puttalam Thambapavani Wind Power Plant and thus electricity can be obtained at a low price. A unit price of Puttalam wind power plant is eight rupees and the cost of production has been reduced by constructing such power plants. He said there was no need to increase the electricity bill and wiping out irregularities in the CEB was the need.

However, he said that since the current government has assigned renewable energy sources such as wind farms to the respective companies in India, it is not possible for such low cost electricity schemes to be operational. "Restructuring is none other than selling" he said.

Act to be amended ... From page 01

He stated this at the press conference to announce the Cabinet decisions held at the Government Information Department yesterday (9).

The Minister stated that the existing Motor Vehicle Ordinance Act allows registration of diesel and petrol vehicles but there is no provision for registration of electric vehicles.

Programmes will be implemented to import electric cars, motorcycles and tricycles to Sri Lanka and Sri Lankans who remit foreign exchange to Sri Lanka through a commercial bank will have the opportunity to import electric vehicles for their family needs, and an official circular will be issued in this regard. He said that it will be possible to reduce the cost of fuel imports in the country as well.

Bourse bullish for ... From page 01

After President Ranil Wickremesinghe's throne speech on August 3, Stock Market began resurrecting.

Thus, All-Share Price Index increased by 206.2 points (+2.4%) to close at 8,706.2 for the day while S&P SL20 Index gained by 125.1 points (+4.5%) to close at 2,928.9. Expolanka Holdings, Hayleys, Dipped Products, Melstarcorp and Aitken Spence remained as the top positive contributors to the ASPI during the day. Further, broader market's total turnover stood at Rs. 4,506.9mn against the 12-month average daily turnover of Rs. 4,475.4mn, whilst the volume traded for the day was 115,791.2k against the 12-month average daily volume of 215,339.2k. Transportation and Capital Goods mostly contributed to yesterday's turnover.

The top turnover generators for yesterday were Expolanka Holdings Rs.1,346.4mn (+12.0%), Lanka IOCRs. 614.5mn (+4.3%), Melstarcorp Rs.253.3mn (+5.7%), Hayleys Rs.210.7mn (+17.5%) and John Keells Holdings Rs. 231.1mn (+2.3%). Foreigners recorded a net outflow of Rs. 268.9mn yesterday. Foreign purchases stood at Rs. 112.3mn whilst total foreign sales amounted to Rs.381.2 mn. Top foreign buying counters JKH LKR.95.1 mn, NESTLKR.46.3 mn,

HUNALKR.25.2mn, HBSLKR.5.1 mn, LIOCLKR.3.1mn and VONELKR.1.4mn whilst top foreign selling counters were EXPOLKR.(69.5)mn, CICKR.(16.7)mn, MELSLKR.(16.0)mn, EMLLKR.(2.1)mn, SAMPLKR.(1.5)mn and TKY-OLKR.(1.1)mn. Further, off-board transactions were witnessed in Ceylon Tobacco (Rs.28.2mn), John Keells Holdings (Rs.23.8mn) and Melstarcorp (Rs.22.7mn) yesterday.

Additionally, SMB Leasing (Non-Voting), Lanka Ashok Leyland, Nations Trust Bank (Non-Voting), Taprobane Holdings and Dipped Products were the top price gainers yesterday whilst Multi Finance, Prime Land Residences, Chevron Lubricants, DIMO and JAT Holdings were the top price losers. Further, Browns Investments, Kotagala Plantations, LOLC Finance, Expolanka Holdings and Melstarcorp were amongst the most actively traded stocks yesterday.

Counsels withdraw petitions... From page 01

order directing protesters to vacate Galle Face protest site. They pointed out that these petitions would be withdrawn as the protesters themselves had taken steps to vacate the site by removing the temporary tents erected at the Galle Face Green protest site.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Sumathi Dharmawardane appearing on behalf of the Attorney General informed Court that he would not oppose the request made by the petitioners.

Considering the circumstances, the Court of Appeal allowed the petitioners to withdraw the petitions.

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

At a previous occasion, the Attorney General made an undertaking before the Court of Appeal that without following proper legal procedures, no action would be taken against the unauthorized temporary structures of the protesters at the Galle Face Green protest site until August 10 and he also informed Court that the necessary direction regarding the matter will be given immediately to the Inspector General of Police (IGP). Four writ applications have been filed in the Court of Appeal seeking an interim stay order preventing the respondents in the petitions from acting on the police order directing protesters to vacate Galle Face protest site. The Colombo Fort Police last Wednesday

informed those occupying tents and temporary shelters at the Galle Face protest site to vacate the premises by 5.00 p.m. on August 4. The notice further stressed that legal action would be sought against those who fail to comply with the instructions. In an announcement, the Galle Face occupants were urged to behave in a manner that is in compliance with the country's law and not to oppress the public. The petitions have cited Fort Police OIC Chief Inspector Sagara Liyanage, IGP C.D Wickremaratne, Urban Development Authority and the Attorney General as the respondents. The petitions were filed by Ven. Miragahawatte Kashyapa Thera, Irosh Aponsu, Lahiru Anton Fernando and Asanka Abeyrathne.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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M.A.M.Fernando

One Year Death Remembrance



Irangani Anula Pathmanathan

Beloved wife of late Dr K Pathmanathan and late Dr P Cecil Eric De Silva Kulatilake. Sadly missed by her loving children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family members.



WIJESINGHE - STANLEY,

Beloved husband of Sarika, loving father of **Savanthi and Ranmali**, Father-in-Law of **Darshana**, adored grandfather of **Mayank, Swaara, Yeheila, and Raeya**, son of late **Wilmon and Clara Wijesinghe** of Madiwela, loving brother of late **Grace Dissanayake, Lesley and Swarna Wijesinghe**. Remains lie at The Restpect, Jayaratne Funeral Parlour, Baudhdhaloka Mw, Colombo 08 from 6.30 p.m onwards on **10th August 2022 and cremation will be at 4.30 p.m on 11th August 2022 at Borella General Cemetery.**

Obituaries

CHINNIAH - DAMAYANTHI RANI nee ANKETELL (6 Oct 1940 - 5 Aug. 2022) passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of Bennet of 52 years, loving mother of David and Timothy, mother-in-law of Renuka and Sharla, grandmother of Analise and Joshua, sister of the late Balan and Eva Anketell; Drs. Inpam and Karunyan Arulanantham; Dr. Arul and Ranji Anketell; Suren and Christine Anketell and Gnane and Chandra Anketell, daughter of the late Ernest Balasingham and Thapomani (died when Damayanti was 2 months). Her father remarried the late Susan Anketell whom she knew as her mother. DAMAYANTI was a teacher loved by her students in Sri Lanka and the US. She taught high school science and scripture at Methodist College, Sri Lanka. A memorial service will be held at the **Faith Christian Fellowship Church, 505 E, 42nd Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218** on Saturday, August 13, 2022 beginning at 11 a.m. 046585

WELEGEDERA - PADMINI (Founder Little Women Garments). Beloved wife of late D.B. Welegedera, loving mother of late Asantha (Play House) and Maya (Little Women Garments), mother-in-law of Yamuna & Jayantha Ratnayake, grandmother of Devindhe, Dhanusika & Saheli, great-grandmother of Alex, passed away peacefully at home. Remains lie at **The Restpect Home** for viewing on Wednesday, the 10th of August 2022 from 9 a.m. onwards. Cortege leaves the Parlour on 11th August at 4.30 p.m. for Cremation at General Cemetery, Borella Kanatte at 5 p.m. (Devi Balika side Crematorium). 046324

WIJEYARATNE - W.A.A. (Retired Superintendent of Surveys) - Husband of late Agnes, much loved father of late Tudor, Daya, Manel, Kanthi, Chandrika and Samanthi, expired. His remains were cremated on 19th July 2022 at a private family burial. Friends and relatives, please accept this announcement. **No. 11/7, Turnour Road, Borella.** 045936

Measures to boost SLPA's operational efficiency discussed

A special Progress Revive Meeting to discuss the current issues in view of the need to expedite ongoing development activities and programmes was held on the initiative of Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation Nimal Siripala De Silva at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) auditorium recently.

The Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation K.D.S. Ruwanchandra and SLPA Vice Chairman Gayan Algawattege were also present. SLPA Finance Division sources revealed that during the first and second quarters of 2021, the revenue generation of the SLPA had seen a slight decrease when compared to the first and second quarters of this year. Due to the present economic recession faced by Sri Lanka and trade union actions launched in support of the 'Galle Face Aragalaya,' about 17 ships which were to call at the Port of Colombo (PoC) were diverted to other ports in the region. It was also revealed in these discussions that due to these issues, several

shipping lines are still reluctant to avail the services of the port.

Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva instructed the SLPA's Marketing and Business Development Division to take necessary steps to acknowledge the shipping lines and their local agents through effective discussions in order to bring port operations back to normalcy and strengthen efforts towards attracting more ships to Colombo.

The Minister also commended the steps taken to purchase new cranes with a financial utilization of USD 46 million for the East Container Terminal (ECT) even amidst the prevailing difficulties giving priority towards the development activities of the terminal. The Minister directed officials to facilitate financial allocations for the remaining ECT construction work on a priority basis. The Minister emphasized that the welfare of the employees who perform their duties towards the development of the port be strengthened. A Special Committee headed by the SLPA Vice Chairman is to be appointed to resolve these issues.

Considering the dilapidated condition of the present port's central kitchen, the Minister said that steps should be taken to construct a new central kitchen with modern facilities for the SLPA to provide quality meals and food items for employees.

The Minister also instructed officials of the SLPA's Medical Division to take measures to purchase a new bed-side monitor, needed for patient care and observation and also take steps to replace broken X-ray machines under Tender procedures. Attention was also focused on upgrading facilities at the Galle and Trincomalee Ports. Accordingly, the Minister instructed that the proposals received from suitable investors be re-evaluated and suitable action be taken in accordance with the relevant procurement procedures in order to obtain investments.

The Minister also pointed out the importance of further strengthening the SLPA's Mahapola Ports & Maritime Academy to train Seafarers and establish enhanced facilities for the country's youth willing to avail themselves of the opportunities in the commercial maritime sector.

The Minister noted that the sector is well poised to increase foreign revenue for the country and instructed the relevant officials to immediately take measures to utilise the SLPA buildings and training facilities for this purpose.

He also instructed that measures be taken to overcome shortcomings in the institutional employee recruitment procedures and institutional procedures pointed out by the port trade unions. He noted that it was essential to acknowledge trade union representatives and consider their views and proposals when preparing a new institutional procedure for the submission and approval of the Department of Management Services.



The Customs officials yesterday seized a haul of 250 cartons containing 50,000 illegally imported cigarettes at the Arrival Terminal of the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) in Katunayake. The value of the haul is said to be Rs 4 million. The contraband cigarettes had been hidden inside the luggage of a male and a female who arrived at the BIA from Abu Dhabi (EY 264 flight of the Etihad Airline). They are residents of Grandpas, Colombo. Picture by Katunayake Corr T.K.G. Kapila



The SLPA Progress Meeting was held under the auspices of Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva and officials recently.

Interactive Dialogue on Sri Lanka's economic recovery

An Interactive Dialogue on "Revenue Generation as a Pathway to Sri Lanka's Economic Recovery" was held on Tuesday (09) at the Parliament Complex with the participation of Members of Parliament.

Marcos Neto, Director of the Sustainable Finance Hub of the UNDP, who is an expert in the field of international economics

and finance, shared his experience and knowledge with the Members of Parliament by presenting the guest speech here.

This dialogue was organised at the request made by Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, former Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Leader of the Opposition Sajith Premadasa, several Members of Parliament representing the ruling party and the opposition, officials including the Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake and the Assistant Secretary General Tikiri. K. Jayathilaka were also present.

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President and House working together can solve national crisis

PM Gunawardena

The only principle on which the country can get out of this serious national crisis is the President and the House working together, Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said yesterday (10).

The Prime Minister made this observation joining the second day of the debate on President Ranil Wickremesinghe's policy statement held in Parliament.

PM Gunawardena observed, "The President stated that we are a country that has the ability to be self-sufficient, and that we must embark on a clear path to build that country. It has been specifically pointed out by the President

that the economy should be modernized and that another crisis should not occur in the country and the economy should not be turned into a weak one. It was also mentioned that the current government is already preparing the necessary plans for this effort. The foreign exchange crisis has escalated. Not only the ruling party but also the opposition admits that we need to have a proper plan to resolve this issue. We need all parties working together in consensus. The President has announced that action to curtail waste, fraud and corruption will

be taken and Minister Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe confirmed it. We will be committed to working with the IMF. We are committed to achieve it. All of us must work together for this. That is the principle on which to get out of this serious national crisis."

PM Gunawardena noted, "The President also explained that we must understand global economic trends. Global trends are identified and emphasis is placed on preparing national economic policies for the next 25 years. The reference to globalization and globalization is

evident in the formulation of national economic policies."

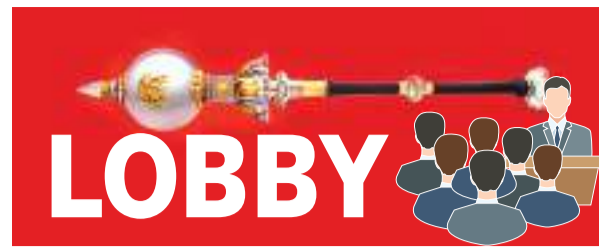
"The twenty-second amendment was presented to Parliament this morning. We are committed not only in words but also in actions. In recent days, the President held discussions with all political parties to work together to achieve these goals," the Premier noted.

"We have to move towards a new development method based on the fourteen thousand five hundred Grama Niladhari divisions in our country. Today, arrangements are being made for such a joint program where



national production is prioritized," PM Gunawardena further said.

PM Gunawardena also noted that India is not only our neighbour but also one of the largest markets in the country. Thus, Sri Lanka should be able to make use of this large market, Gunawardena pointed out.



Parliament privileges do not surpass law of the country

CAMELIA NATHANIEL AND AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

The House yesterday (10) raised concerns regarding a recent statement made on the powers and privileges of Parliamentarians.

The Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa questioned if two laws operate in the country, one for Parliamentarians. Premadasa pointed out that Parliament privileges do not surpass the law of the country.

"As per the Parliament Powers and Privileges Act the MPs are privy to freedom of speech without being subjected to legal measures, relating to being arrested as such. However, there is no provision to suggest that the Public Property Act and Penal Code are not valid within the Parliament premises. So does this mean murders, burglary and assault can be done within Parliament premises? We need to clarify this. Otherwise the public will misunderstand us. People seem to believe that there is a separate law for the MPs. Yesterday when a question was asked regarding the property damage done to the Chamber during the 52 days political coup, the answers given to it suggested as if we are above the law," Premadasa pointed out.

Raising a point of order on the same matter SJB MP Mujibur Rahuman noted that the public is given a wrong notion that the Parliamentarians are above the law from the said statement by the Cabinet Spokesman.

MP Mujibur Rahuman said, "This statement will enrage people more. MPs are also subjected to the penal code of this country. People think we are superior. There is no such thing. Don't do crazy things like this. Anger about us is increasing. A committee was appointed to look into the damages done to the Chamber during the 52 days political coup. Five MPs were found responsible for damages. The CID carried out an investigation and was ready to file cases against the culprits. Losses incurred due to the damages were to be charged. The Secretary

General said that charges payable for the damages were Rs. 130,000. The investigation team took statements from the Parliament staff regarding the incident and the MPs responsible were identified. Due to political influence legal measures were not taken against the culprits. Now they are hiding this fact and saying that the Public Property law is not applicable to the Parliament premises, people would think that we hold some super powers."

Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena in reply said that, as a senior MP he is extremely disheartened by the irresponsible statements made by some opposition MPs.

"I, as the Cabinet Speaker replied to a journalist who asked me if the government is hunting down those who were involved in 'Aragalaya'. I said that there is no such attempt and pointed out that peaceful protests are welcomed by the government. However, I explained that, the government does not tolerate violence, violation of human rights; we shall not give any space to terrorists or anarchist acts. I said that we will take action against such moves. I also clearly pointed out that a Parliamentarian lost his life due to an angry mob attack. Houses of 72 MPs were destroyed by the same protesters. The Opposition MPs did not raise their voices for their own colleagues. I said that MPs are privy to the Powers and Privileges Act. I would like to draw my attention to incidents such as the brutal attack against MP Vasudeva Nanayakkara in the past. There are many such incidents. You don't know about such incidents. Whatever the political party may be, I would like to urge these MPs to secure the honour of this House," Dr. Bandula Gunawardena noted.

At this juncture Chief Organizer of the Opposition Lakshman Kiriella said that Penal Code is in force even within the Parliament premises, to which Speaker of the House Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena agreed.

BUS OWNERS ISSUE ... From page 01

They also abused the other officers of the premises uttering profanities over the phone and threatened to kill them. Transport and Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena has issued specific instructions to the Ministry Secretary to take legal action against the bus owners for obstructing the duties of the commission's officials following an internal inquiry.

President pays ... From page 01

personally borne by President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Parliamentary Affairs Advisor to the President Prof. Ashu Marasinghe said.

The total bill had been Rs.272,000. Prof. Marasinghe said the President paid the bill keeping to his policy that the Government expenses should be strictly controlled given the prevailing conditions of the economy.

Over Rs. 2.5 bn paid as... From page 01

He said this in response to a question posed by Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella who claimed that overtime amounting to around Rs. 4 billion had been paid to workers despite the oil refinery being closed. "This is a grave crime," he added.

However, Minister Wijesekera said that he too had seen this news in the media and had looked into it, acknowledging that between Rs. 2.5 to 3 billion had been paid as overtime. He said that the oil refinery had only been closed during last month and prior to that fuel distribution to the health ministry and several other essential services had taken place during March and April and that workers working on weekends need to be paid overtime.

Yet, he agreed that payments need to be managed to some extent at least and agreed to look into the matter.

The Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery is scheduled to resume operations on August 15.

Minister Kanchana Wijesekera said they are expecting a crude oil shipment to arrive in the country on Saturday.

He told parliament that once the shipment arrives, they will resume operations at the Refinery.

The Minister noted that it takes two to three days to produce kerosene oil.

The Energy Minister noted that they have taken a decision to continuously supply kerosene oil from August 19.

Wijesekera said that from August 19 of this month kerosene oil could be continuously supplied without any issue.

Commenting further, the minister said, "Last month kerosene production was lost due to the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery being closed. As a result, the kerosene supply for the past four weeks could not be met. However, we managed to supply the fisheries harbors through some reserve stocks we had."

The Energy Minister said bus operators purchased stocks released for the fishing community in some instances and private buses have been running with kerosene oil instead of diesel.

Minister Wijesekera added it is unsustainable to sell a litre of kerosene oil at Rs.87, adding that the government's attention is also focused on revising the price of kerosene oil.

The Minister stressed that a programme will be formulated in consultation with the Ministry of Finance to provide relief to the fishing community, plantation industries, and other low-income earners once the price of kerosene oil is revised.

SJB want debate on... From page 01

Kiriella observed, "The electricity prices have gone up drastically. Some from 75% and some from more than 100%. How can people carry on their lives like this? Those days some leaders claimed that they could be taken to the 'electric chair' but now it is actually the people who have been taken to the 'electric chair'. So please give us a debate on this matter."

"I want the Minister to reconsider the increase after the debate. Apparently, the price hike will be applied from today. I received more than fifty telephone calls on this matter. People cannot go on like this" Kiriella noted.

In reply, Minister Kanchana Wijesekera said he is ready to provide an explanation on the decision and informed the Speaker if he allowed a debate, he would agree to it.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said a decision regarding the requested debate would be taken at the next Party Leaders' meeting.

Former President... From page 01

"PM Prayut Chan-O-cha and Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai confirmed the ousted 'Sri Lanka president will temporarily stay in Thailand' on humanitarian reasons", the Bangkok Post tweeted.

Sri Lanka's ousted president Gotabaya Rajapaksa is expected to arrive in Thailand on Thursday, seeking temporary shelter in a second Southeast Asian country after fleeing his country last month amid mass protests, two sources said.

Rajapaksa fled to Singapore on July 14, via the Maldives, following unprecedented unrest triggered by Sri Lanka's worst economic crisis in seven decades and days after thousands of protesters stormed the President's official residence and the office, the Bangkok Post reported

President assigns ... From page 01

well as financial management of the Provincial Councils with the respective Governors.

Secretary to the President Saman Ekanayake has informed these instructions to the Provincial Governors in writing on the instructions of the President.

"It is extremely important to manage public expenditure and maintain public services at optimal levels during this challenging time. It is very important to work in accordance with national policies and priorities in the administration, development and financial management of provincial councils while meeting the daily needs of the people".

The letter informed that the governors should maintain good coordination with all the members of parliament and the office of the president in identifying the

Another suspect in PS... From page 01

The arrested man had facilitated the shooters of the deceased to commit the crime. Investigations have revealed that he had provided them with weapons, money and accommodation.

The suspect is a 22-year-old resident of Perakum Mawatha, Egodamulla, Kolonnawa.

He has very close contacts with the notorious drug kingpins operating from abroad, police said.

Stating to the police that he had not known the shooters until he met them on the day before the shooting, the suspect has told police that the shooter told him that he was from Midigama in Matara.

The shooter also had a tattoo on one of his arms, the suspect had told the police. However, police are yet to arrest the shooters who were involved in this murder. The Western Province South Range Crime Division is conducting further investigations.

Over 100 Chinese ... From page 01

However, they are not in contact with other Chinese or local workers of the Norochcholai Power Plant, Additional Medical Officer of Health Dharmisiri Madu-mal said.

The infected workers have been provided separate food and transport. They are now under quarantine.

He said other Chinese or local workers attached to the Power Plant have not been tested positive for COVID-19.

FR filed to annul... From page 01

The petition was filed by Sri Lanka Nidahas Sevaka Sangamaya, its President Chethiya Bandara Ekanayake, and its Secretary Bandara Arambekumbura.

The petition has cited 28 respondents including 19 Cabinet Ministers including Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited and the Attorney General as the respondents.

The petition seeks an order from the Court to quash the cabinet decision to introduce new Petroleum companies to import, sale, supply and distribution of Petroleum and Petroleum products.

The petition seeks from the court to grant the Petitioners leave to proceed with this Application under Articles 12(1) and 14(1)(g) of the Constitution in the first instance.

The petition further seek an interim order to the respondents from issuing any new license, permit or authorization to any person or company to import, export, sell, supply and distribute Petrol, Diesel, kerosene and Furnace oil to Sri Lanka in contravention of Section 5B of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Act, until the final determination of the petition.

STF recovers over... From page 01

Four suspects have also been taken into custody along with diesel stock. They are the drivers and the assistants of the lorries.

It has been revealed that this diesel stock was to be issued for fishing boats of the harbor, but has been released by an illegal means for it to be sold at a higher price.

The arrested have stated to the police that they were transporting the diesel stock to the Sevanagala Sugar Factory. Fuel had been stored in the vehicles in plastic tanks used to store water.

According to the police, this is the first time the STF arrested such a huge quantity of fuel in a single raid. The total market value of this diesel stock is Rs.8.2 million.

Police suspect that this is not the first time the suspects were smuggling diesel from the fisheries harbor. Therefore, it is expected to discuss this matter with the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and take further steps to prevent the recurrence of such crimes, said the DIG in charge of the Matara Range Mahesh Senaratne.

Police and the STF have recovered 30,000 liters of diesel in five raids last month in this area.

development priorities of their province as well as in implementing the development projects.

The letter informed that the governors should maintain good coordination with all the members of parliament and the Presidential Secretariat in identifying the development priorities of their province as well as in implementing the development projects.

The governors have been informed to hold a discussion with the members of parliament in the province at least once a fortnight and maintain a regular dialogue about the development activities implemented through the provincial council.

The letter further stated that President Ranil Wickremesinghe is paying attention to the contribution of the governors to achieve the national goals during this difficult period.

Onion, lentil, chilli... From page 01

Accordingly, the price of a kilo of B-onions has decreased by Rs.40 and the new price is Rs.175 rupees, the price of a kilo of red lentils has decreased by Rs.55 rupees and the new price is Rs.490 rupees, and the price of a kilo of dried chilli has decreased by Rs.195 and the new price is Rs.1,700.

The Ministry started importing 10 essential items through the open account system and their prices have reduced with these items coming to market.

Huge fish stock unfit for... From page 01

Tuna (Kelawalla and Balaya) fish which were unfit for human consumption.

29700 kilos of fish were found in a cold storage in Basiyawatte in Negombo remaining 5,400 kilos of fish were with a wholesale vendor who distributes fish in Seeduwaa.

According to the information received by the Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police in charge of the Western Provinces that the vendor was selling fish unfit for human consumption, the Kelaniya Divisional Criminal Investigation Bureau conducted this raid with the assistance of public health inspectors.

The investigations have revealed that fish stock is distributed from this place to resorts, hotels, restaurants and supermarkets. Accordingly, the police seized the fish stock in the lorry and arrested the driver and assistant. In questioning them, information about the place where the fish stock was brought has been revealed.

Accordingly, the police have gone to a certain place in Basiyawatte in Negombo. The police also said that during the inspection of the stocks of fish stored in four cold storage containers at that place, it was also confirmed that they were unfit for human consumption.

Incentives for IT... From page 01

"I just spoke with the President to ask whether we could extend the proposed incentives, such as a license to import EV cars for employees who work for an off-shore IT and ICT companies from Sri Lanka while receiving US dollars as salary, and he responded positively," the Minister tweeted yesterday.

Accordingly, software engineers working for offshore companies and earning their salaries in USD will be qualified to receive the said benefits.

Ekneligoda abduction... From page 01

Sanjewa Morayas, Mahesh Weeraman and Damith Thotawatta. Senior Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Pieris appearing on behalf of the Attorney General informed Court that the prosecution intends to continue the case further against the accused.

He further said that the prosecution had named 58 prosecution witnesses in the indictment and three of them had already been summoned before Court.

Accordingly, he sought from Court to issue summons to five prosecution witnesses in the case to appear before Court on the next hearing day to testify.

Considering the facts, the Colombo Permanent High Court Trial-at-Bar ordered to issue summons to prosecution witnesses 5, 6, 18, 25 and 26 in the case.

The case was also fixed for further trial on October 7 by the Colombo Permanent High Court Trial-at-Bar.

The Attorney General had filed indictments, comprising 17 charges under Section 450(4) of Criminal Procedure Act No 15 of 1979 as amended by Act No 21 of 1988 in the High Court against nine army intelligence officers attached to the Giritale Army camp in connection with the abduction and murder of journalist Prageeth Ekneligoda.

The Attorney General had named Lt. Colonel Shami Kumararatne, R.M.P.K. Rajapaksa alias Nadan, W. W. Priyantha Dilanjan Upasena alias Suresh, S.M. Ravindra Rupasena alias Ranji, Y.M.Chaminda Kumara Abeyratne, S. M. Kanishka Gunaratne, Aiyasami Balasubramaniam, D.G.T. Prasad Gamage and T.E.R. Pieris as accused in the case for abduction charges.

Senior Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Pieris and Senior State Counsel Sudarshana de Silva appeared on behalf of the Attorney General. President's Counsel Anura Maddegoda and PC Anuja Premaratna appeared for the defence.

Two who stole... From page 01

The suspects were remanded till August 22. They are residents of Nittambuwa.

Polonnaruwa District MP Athukorala and his security officer, Police Sergeant Ahangama Vithanage Jayantha Gunawardena, were killed in Nittambuwa on May 9.

The gold jewellery, which the MP was wearing, had been stolen after he was killed.

The two suspects were arrested based on the investigations of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), the CCTV footage and information revealed through interrogation of other suspects remanded in connection with the incident. The suspects had pawned the gold jewellery.

With these two suspects, a total of 37 suspects are in remand custody in connection with the incident.

Minister submits 22nd... From page 01

Dr. Rajapaksa observed that a new anti-corruption law and an assets and liabilities law would be established in par with the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution.

Dr. Rajapaksa observed, "In 2015, along with the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, we were in agreement to establish the United Nation's anti-corruption law in our country as well. However, it did not see the light of the day. Now, we have drafted this law and it is before the Cabinet. We are also establishing a new Commission in place of the existing bribery or corruption commission. We are also going to establish a new law instead of the available Assets and Liabilities Act. I am hoping to provide a copy of all these to the party leaders within the next two or three weeks. I would kindly invite all of you to give your thoughts on these amendments. Then we shall soon be able to pass the anti-corruption law and soon be able to establish a corruption free government service."

Members debate law...

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charged. The Secretary General said that charges payable for the damages was Rs.130,000. The investigation team took statements from the parliament staff regarding the incident and the MPs responsible were identified.

President to appoint...

Considering the latest developments in the population density and the limited service providing capacity of these institutions, it has been planned to upgrade several Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Western Province as Urban Councils while several other Urban Councils in the province as Municipal Councils.

in all the three districts in the province, namely Colombo, Kalutara and Gampaha.

Ranjan's release: Recommendations...

Speaking at a media conference, the Minister stated that he had obtained relevant instructions from the Attorney General regarding the matter.

day. The minister further stated that all the basic qualities included in the 19th Amendment are included in the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution.

Council in the appointment of the Governor of the Central Bank.

Minister disappointed ...

that comes to their mind. "I entered this august assembly 33 years ago in 1989 as a public representative and I am extremely disappointed at the manner in which certain members of parliament blurt out anything that comes to their mind."

er, if there is violence and the rights of others are violated, then the law would be enforced against those who engage in such violence and violate the rights of others."

President's Fifth ...

The police said that the damage assessment was done only to the goods and that investigations are still being carried out regarding the damage to the building.

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Twenty COVID-19 ...

Nine COVID related deaths were reported on Tuesday while Chief Epidemiologist requested the public to get the COVID booster dose from the nearest MoH office or hospital.

President assures...

He made these remarks when the All Ceylon Makkal Congress led by MP Rishard Bathiudeen, Sri Lanka Muslim Congress led by MP Rauff Hakeem, Tamil Makkal Thesisya Kuttani led by MP C.V. Vigneswaran and the Tamil Progressive Alliance led by MP Mano Ganesan met him for a discussion on the proposed All-Party Government at the President's Office yesterday.

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It was inevitable

At the initial stage of the Aragalaya (Struggle), during a meeting between then Foreign Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris and Colombo based diplomats, Peiris, in a perfunctory dismissal of the agitation said the protest would soon lose steam and the matter would end there. Well, as it has now turned out it has taken a long time before the Aragalaya eventually lost steam and for the Aragalayites to pack their bags and depart from Galle Face.

The last members of the Aragalaya were seen leaving the site after dismantling all tents and other structures which provided them with refuge to carry on the Aragalaya for 100 days, after waging pitched battles with the Police and the Army and resisting all attempts including Court orders to vacate the premises.

Now only a few stragglers remain at the Aragalaya camp - mainly the core group representing the Antharaya and a few lawyers - while all those who rallied to bring in the numbers to Galle Face and enact various dramas, stage musical shows, organise Pirith, dance Thovils (exorcisms) and those who supported the protests in other ways - by providing food, the other forms of sustenance, the regular appearance of well known artistes, national cricketers, their spouses, etc., gradually kept fading from the scene following the eviction of Gotabaya Rajapaksa from office, thus realizing the whole rationale of the Gota Go Home operation- the very *raison d'etre* of the Aragalaya.

Like most commentators noted, it was only a matter of time before the agitation fizzled out. The main slogan - that of driving out Rajapaksas from office - having been achieved, the hardships that brought people from all walks of life to the streets to stage demonstrations too had been gradually easing. The LP Gas shortage has already been resolved to everybody's satisfaction with even a reduction of the original price and fuel queues have mostly disappeared with the streamlining of fuel distribution through the QR Code system.

The disruption of the power supply for long durations has been brought down to tolerable limits and a host of consumer items too have come down in price, easing the pressure on most. In addition, President Ranil Wickremesinghe has opened the doors for a dialogue with Aragalaya members, even sending his emissaries to talk with the agitators. In addition, representatives of the protesters had also met Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, PC and forwarded proposals to be included in the 22nd Amendment.

All this has now taken the wind off the sails of those still holding on at Galle Face though they are very few in number and insignificant. As a face-saving measure, a female leader of the Aragalaya stated that although they are terminating their protest at Galle Face, the Aragalaya would now take on a different dimension with different aims, though it was not said what these aims are going to be.

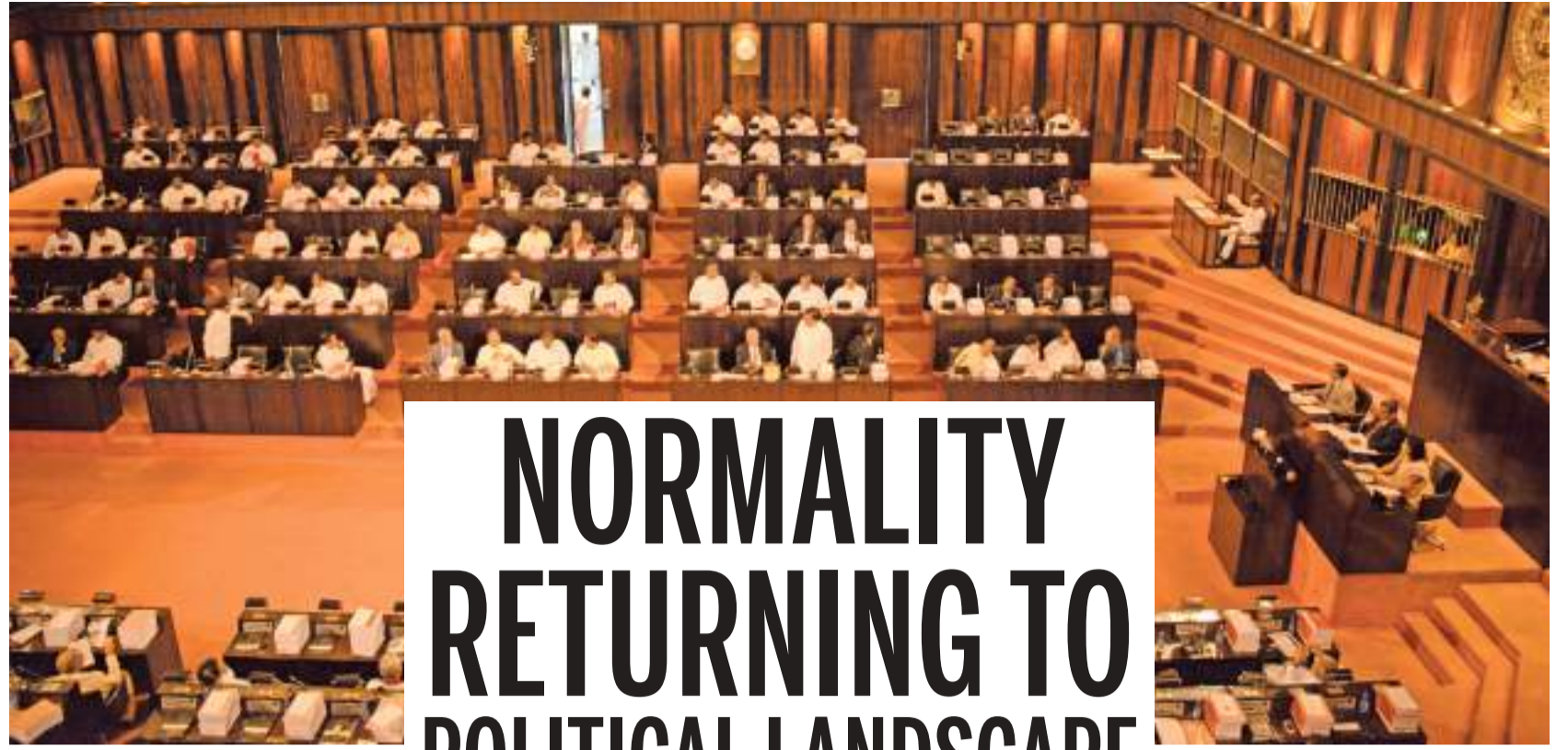
Of course, decisive action of the Police and Armed Forces against mischief makers and violent elements among the Aragalayites too may have resulted in the campaign eventually petering out to almost nothingness. There is much criticism against the Police for arresting members of the Aragalaya - mainly from the JVP and Peratugamis including some lawyers. But it must also be borne in mind that lawlessness cannot be permitted to prevail that could throw the country into anarchy.

The stand taken by the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) in steering clear against appearing for offenders who destroyed public property during the various protest campaigns too is indicative of the importance attached to the rule of law. President Wickremesinghe, too, praised the role of the military in thwarting the country from descending to anarchy by their decisive action, during his visit to the Army Headquarters on Tuesday.

The Opposition, which, one day hopes to come to power, should desist from playing to the gallery and taking the side of the offenders when arrests are made by terming these as 'Witch Hunts' because they too will not expect to be bequeathed a country teetering on the brink of lawlessness and anarchy. The Opposition, as the Government-in-waiting has a responsibility and a duty to ensure the country remains in one piece for it to one day steer the ship of State. All actions should be viewed from the perspective of the Nation's well-being.

The Aragalaya has made a monumental achievement in seeing the back of a powerful executive who failed the people. Having achieved their main target, the Aragalayites should now try to win their other demands without causing any more disruption. As already mentioned, saner counsel has prevailed among most quarters in withdrawing from the protest, which precipitated its reduction to a whimper.

This is not to say that what the Aragalayites had been agitating for should be ignored and cast aside. President Wickremesinghe has on several occasions acknowledged that the country was in need of a System Change - the main slogan of the Gota Go Home protesters. Hopefully, the necessary mechanisms will be established soon to bring the required changes to make this a reality.



NORMALITY RETURNING TO POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Hindsight
LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA

Conflicting views

A similar situation exists following discussions with the SJB. The President gave a patient hearing to lengthy submissions from many SJB stalwarts including its leader Sajith Premadasa, Imtiaz Bakeer Markar and Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka. It was evident that there were diverse views even within the SJB.

Prior to the discussions between the President and the SJB, Party Leader Premadasa, who is also Leader of the Opposition had maintained that the SJB would not accept Ministerial positions in an APG but would work to support the President in his efforts to stabilise the country.

However, it is understood that Premadasa was under pressure from within his own party to change his stance. It was pointed out to him that the SJB was dealing with their former leader with whom they worked for decades and as such was different from working under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

It was also known that the two former SJB Parliamentarians Harin Fernando and Manusha Nanayakkara, who now hold Ministerial portfolios after claiming to be 'independent' were discussing with individual MPs from the party about the prospects of joining a Cabinet led by the new President.

The names of several SJB MPs have been mentioned in this regard. Of particular interest to President Wickremesinghe is the prospect of obtaining the services of a MP, an economist, who has earned the respect of his colleagues by his accurate predictions about the current economic climate many months ago.

It is a confluence of these factors that prompted Opposition Leader Premadasa to adopt a conciliatory approach towards working with the Government. As of now however, the SJB maintains that, while it will contribute with participation in Parliamentary Committees, it will not accept any Ministerial Portfolios.

President Wickremesinghe also held talks with the 'Group of 43' led by former Minister Patali Champika Ranawaka, who had also opted to remain independent of the SJB. Meanwhile, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) which was due to meet the President on Tuesday, cancelled the meeting later as it had decided against forming an APG.

A call by some groups including Field Marshal Fonseka for further protests against the incumbent Government on Tuesday, August 9 did not materialise into large scale unrest. The coming weeks will likely see the formation of a new Government, possibly an APG, and a Cabinet. Therefore, the country appears to be approaching some degree of normality, a harbinger of better times ahead for the people.

Last week saw President Ranil Wickremesinghe continue his efforts to build a consensus among Opposition parties to form an 'All-Party Government' (APG) with a series of discussions with these parties at the Presidential Secretariat in Colombo (now firmly in the hands of proper authorities) and make some progress, receiving positive feedback from several parties.

President Wickremesinghe is mindful that he governs with virtually no support in Parliament for the United National Party (UNP) which he represents. The party's single National List slot which he occupied prior to becoming the President has now been filled by MP Vajira Abeywardena but that is the solitary vote he has in Parliament.

President Wickremesinghe was elected to the Presidency on the strength of votes he received from Parliamentarians of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP). Commanding in excess of 140 seats in Parliament, the majority of them would have contributed towards the 134 votes the President received. There is still much speculation about the votes he may have received from MPs of other political parties.

President's address

This is a curious instance of a political party's representatives opting to vote for a candidate from a rival party, rather than the nominee from their own party. It was the SLPP's Dullas Alahapperuma who contested President Wickremesinghe in Parliament. Alahapperuma received only 82 votes.

A parallel may be drawn with the election of President Maithripala Sirisena in 2015. Just prior to his nomination as a candidate to run against then President Mahinda Rajapaksa, he resigned as General Secretary of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and won the election with votes from the UNP.

It was against such a backdrop that the newly appointed President Wickremesinghe addressed the ceremonial opening of Parliament last Wednesday, outlining the policies for his term of office which extends until November 2024. This was at the first sitting of Parliament after it was prorogued.

President Wickremesinghe was widely commended for his speech even by many Opposition figures. In his remarks, he was critical of the previous administration and questioned the wisdom of certain decisions taken by his predecessors, notwithstanding the fact that it was the same ruling party which voted for him to become President.

"Today we are facing an unprecedented situation that our country had never faced in recent history. We are in great danger," President Wickremesinghe remarked, adding that the country could extricate and be secured from

that danger, "only if we all face this challenge together as one".

President Wickremesinghe strongly reiterated his call for an APG, saying that "the expectation of all the citizens of the country at this juncture is for all their representatives in Parliament to work together in order to build the country; if we divide, it will harm the entire nation".

The President explained that an APG is not a Government that acts on the opinion of one party. "It is a Government that comprises the views of all parties within a common policy framework. Decisions will be taken within this common framework and then implemented," he said.

President Wickremesinghe also dwelt on the difficult times ahead for the country. Unfavourable international economic factors due to the war in Ukraine and the collapse of the world's major economies due to the Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated and complicated Sri Lanka's crisis, he said.

The President said the Government has now minimised the duration of power cuts, commenced buying chemical fertilizer for cultivation and was taking steps to ease queues for LP Gas, adopting measures to avoid food shortages and was obtaining medicines and expediting the re-opening of schools. The QR Code system for dispensing fuel has also proved to be a success, almost eliminating the massive queues.

Opposition parties

Commenting on the fuel crisis, President Wickremesinghe noted that Sri Lanka has had to limit selected imports in order to balance payments for fuel. "Therefore, fuel supply has to be restricted. These hardships would need to be borne possibly until the end of this year," the President pointed out.

The Government has already initiated negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a four-year reform programme and these discussions will continue this month, the President said. The finalisation of the debt restructuring plan has commenced, President Wickremesinghe told Parliament.

It is hoped to raise the economic growth rate to a stable stage, in order to establish a solid economic foundation by 2026, the President said. "Currently, public debt is 140 per cent of Gross



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A world without law and order is a very scary place. - Miranda Devine

The Path to CESSATION of SUFFERING

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Buddha, the great spiritual master abandoning his household life, went into the forest and searched for liberation which would bring the ultimate peace. In his quest of searching this truth, the phenomenon of the world he ended up finding out the truth and he declared it as fourfold - Four Noble Truths, Vice President of the International Institute of Theravada, Venerable Watagoda Maggavihari Thera said.

Suffering - Dukka Sacca
Origin of Suffering - Dukka Samudaya Sacca

Cessation of the Suffering - Dukka Nirodha Sacca

The path leading to the cessation of the suffering - Dukka Nirodha Gamini Patipada Ariya Sacca

What is liberation? Venerable Maggavihari Thera explained that liberation means being freed from all sufferings. The Eightfold Path leads to liberation. "Before that we have to know from what we have to be liberated. It is from suffering. According to the Buddha's explanation, suffering means the existence that we have. Though it is not something very pleasant to the world, in his investigations what he found was that though we admire our lives when we look into it we can easily find that it is full of afflictions, troubles, and unpleasant experiences. From the moment we are born we experience this hardship. That's why most of the children who are born come out from the womb crying. If it is a pleasant experience there is no need to cry. From birth to death we have to experience a lot of hardships. Very common hardship is hunger. Thirst, the nature of our body getting dirty, need for defecation and urinating, sicknesses, aging and death are a few other hardships we have to experience in our lives. When we look into human life it is obvious that it starts with suffering and it is destined to end with suffering. The ultimate suffering is death. According to the Buddha, this existence is indeed suffering. The Buddha has very clearly explained the reason for this suffering." Venerable Thera said.

One can ask a question: can't there be a permanent life that would not end which is full of happiness like in the divine realms as it has been explained in certain books. Personally I feel Bodhisattva, in his spiritual research, surely would like to have a permanent life that is full of happiness. Because he gave up all the luxuries since he was not satisfied with a life that would end one day. He wanted the utmost happiness. That's why he could give up a very wonderful, beautiful, lovely lady like Yashodhara and also to give up the son, on the day he was born and the kingship that would be bestowed upon him by his father. He was in search of greater happiness. I like to see



Venerable Watagoda Maggavihari Thera

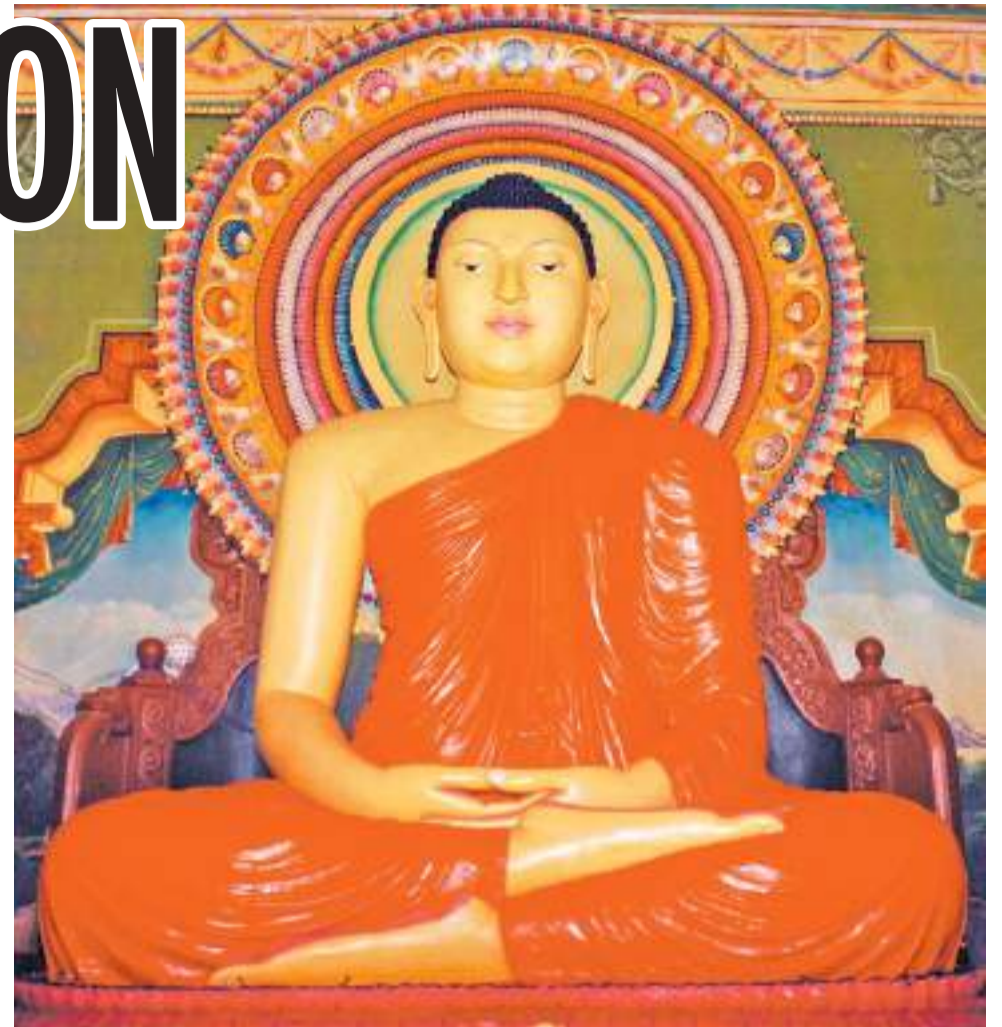
Bodhisattva's renunciation as he went for the utmost happiness other than being fed up with the suffering of the world. Therefore he would have surely thought of a permanent life that would not end. It will be a good choice, if there is such a life. When we look into the scriptures with deep insights, we can understand that an argument he had was about the cause of the birth. Craving is a main factor. For example, if a person lives a good life and has good Kamma, he or she will be born into a better realm. The thing that facilitates the birth is the Kamma, the good or bad deeds we have done. If a person lives a good life and has good Kamma, they will be reborn into a better realm. According to the Buddha, if a life is produced by Kamma, that life has to have a certain limitation, as the Kamma is an impermanent act and an impermanent act can never have an unlimited capacity in yielding results. Therefore, the Bodhisattva ruled out the possibility of a permanent life. Under the guidance of renowned teachers Alara Kalama and Uddakaramaputta who were well known for their spiritual mental absorptions (dhyana), the Bodhisattva gained the highest concentration that humans could gain. These two teachers advocated that this is the final liberation. After attaining these dhyanas you would end up in a permanent everlasting life. That was their doctrine. But the Bodhisattva just gave up reasoning that if it is something conditioned how can it be permanent as he could easily observe that dhyanas too are impermanent and have a limited efficacy.

The Buddha also realized that life is unsatisfactory and full of suffering. While desires might be temporarily fulfilled, physical, emo-

tional or mental suffering cannot be avoided. Suffering is caused by desire or craving. Craving, or Tanha, keeps humans attached to existence. It means that humans are reincarnated again and again, or 'arise' again and again in various lives. Samudaya means the 'cause of arising'. An end to craving is an end to suffering. Nirodha means 'cessation' or stopping. It is possible for us to break the cycle of craving and arising. When we break this cycle, we become free from rebirth and will no longer be born into another life of suffering. To end this craving, we must follow the Noble Eightfold Path. Once we have accepted the first three truths, we might choose to follow the Buddha's teaching in order to stop craving. This path is called 'magga', or the Noble Eightfold Path.

The noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of dukkha: precisely this Noble Eightfold Path: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration.

According to Buddhist Philosophy, existence is full of suffering. It is an impermanent thing. Most importantly it is made out of non-self elements. Buddhists normally call mind and matter not selves. But they appear as selves. If the existence is of this nature - impermanent, full of suffering and without a self - why would we crave for such a thing. That is because of our ignorance. As long as we do not know the truth at the very deepest level and also if we do not keep on observing this truth regularly, craving will pop up. So the Buddha went deeper and found out that it's not possible for him to remove the Kamma as long as craving is present. He also found out that it's not possible to remove craving as long as ignorance is there. Ignorance means avidya or Mona. If one wants to remove the avidya, he or she has to bring up wisdom. That we call vidarshana (The Great Insight). In order to attain this insight that would dispel delusion, one needs to observe the true phenomenon of our very existence. When delusion is removed there will be no kind of craving towards existence. That is what we have to do in our practice. The Buddha further explained that it is not possible to come into this level of understanding, only developing this faculty of understanding. It has to have some prerequisites. Wisdom is also caused by some causes. So what are these necessary factors? The Buddha explained these requirements to be eightfold. Wisdom is one factor. The remaining seven factors are utterly necessary for us to attain wisdom which would dispel ignorance, which eventually removes craving and would not cause any Kamma to give a rebirth. So as a result after the death there would be no rebirth, no suffering and that is the liberation from suffering.



The Noble Eightfold Path (Ariya Athangika Magga)

1. Samma-Ditthi — right view
2. Samma-Sankappa — right thought
3. Samma-Vaca — right speech
4. Samma-Kammanta — right action
5. Samma-Ajiva — right livelihood
6. Samma-Vayama — right effort
7. Samma-Sati — right mindfulness
8. Samma-Samadhi — right concentration

The Buddha has mentioned in some Suttas that the path starts with Samma Ditthi. So the first Samma Ditthi is the knowledge that we gain after listening to Dhamma.

What is the right view? Knowledge about the cause of suffering, knowledge to end the cause of suffering, knowledge of the path to end the suffering. This is called the right view. Understanding the right view, one should be able to differentiate between right thought and wrong thought. One should be resolved to be free from ill-will is what the right intention will teach you. One should always keep themselves from lying and ill speech. One should make best use of their speech and abandon false speech and always speak truth. Never hurting others, criticizing others, and behaving well are the right conduct. One should never conduct any actions that may harm others. The Buddha has explained that "Do not earn your living by harming others. Do not seek happiness by making others unhappy." One should never choose living where his or her way of living may directly or indirectly harm others. Right effort can also be called "right endeavour". One should always try to take any action on the goodwill of people. People must constantly keep their mind to phenomena that may affect the body and mind. This means one must be aware of their thoughts, words, and actions. Right concentration teaches people to concentrate and focus on one thing or object at a time. Thus leading a quiet and peaceful mind. Following these Noble Eightfold Path, one can cultivate their wisdom and thus leading to the path to attain Nibbana.

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The Buddhist history of Sri Lanka is fascinating. Today I am writing about one of the most important spiritual sites in the domain of Buddhism. I first visited Somawathiya Chaitya as a child, and had limited understanding of its religious significance. On my second visit I was able to witness the beautiful aura around this magnificent Buddhist edifice and was impressed by the faith of hundreds of pilgrims gathered here. Before we talk about this awe inspiring stupa which is nestled in the dense wilderness, we must pause to appreciate the political and cultural importance of the once glorious kingdom of Polonnaruwa in ancient Sri Lanka. It is recorded that Polonnaruwa was a great city which came into prominence during its brief period of 2 centuries in Sri Lankan history, being second only to the regal city of Anuradhapura in our island's glorious history.

Polonnaruwa today is a showcase of the great ancient Sri Lankan architecture dating back to 12th Century AD, which was interwoven with many Buddhist monasteries and monuments which were built by the prudent King Parakramabahu I. Later, King Nissankamalla (1187-1196 AD) from Kalinga dynasty also had contributed to the development of many buildings and monuments in Polonnaruwa. During the Anuradhapura period around 1st to 6th Century AD, there have been agricultural developments with irrigation work and constructions such as Elahera canal, Minneriya tank, Kaudulla tank, Giritala tank within the fertile Polonnaruwa area.

King Parakramabahu I, is considered by historians as the greatest King who ruled Polonnaruwa during the Polonnaruwa era for 33 years from 1153-86 AD and it had been a prosperous time for the entire nation. It was a time with numerous architectural engagements which one can still see even in the present time. He developed the city with architects and technicians brought down from India and their influence can be seen from

SOMAWATHIYA the Buddhist Oasis of Polonnaruwa

many well preserved sites existing today.

The most powerful ruler of the time - Parakramabahu the 2nd who vanquished Magha, started the restoration of Polonnaruwa, but he established his base at Dambadeniya. It is said that the area around the Thuparama in Anuradhapura was in wilderness when his son Vijayabahu the 4th started the restoration at Anuradhapura. The "Culavamsa" states that the latter assigned the protection of the city of Anuradhapura to Vanniya or forest chiefs; proceeded to Polonnaruwa and restored it as well before leaving for his capital Dambadeniya. Location on the banks of the Mahaveli made it a suitable area for irrigation and agriculture.

Rajarata - efficient reservoir system

The main centres of power, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa were located in the administrative heartland referred to as 'Rajarata'. The thriving economy of agriculture-based Rajarata was supported by an efficient reservoir system which is testament to the wisdom of our ancestors. The notable factor is that for nearly eighteen centuries, political, economic and social administration was centred around Rajarata. During the time when Anuradhapura was the capital of the country, Thopa, Minneri and Giritala tanks had been built in the Polonnaruwa region. It is assumed that the agricultural development brought about by these tanks resulted in the



Somawathiya Chaitya

migration of people to Polonnaruwa. The Somawathiya sacred area (once known as Somapura) is presently known as the Somawathiya Vihara and situated at Minvila about 50 km north-east of Polonnaruwa consists of a stupa and a few other monumental remains. There are two access ways to the site, from Minneriya via Higurakgoda to Sungavila, and the other from Polonnaruwa to Sungavila. The Somawathiya natural reserve and wildlife sanctuary is under the purview of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. It is 37,645.5 hectares and was established first as a wildlife sanctuary in 1966 and as a national park in 1986. It is one of the four national parks belonging to the Mahaveli Development Project.

In the 1940s, a group that was newly settling into this isolated area had witnessed luminous rays, similar to those emanating from the enlightened Buddha, glow from the position of a large mound. They had duly alerted the authorities. After examining, archaeologists were amazed and recognized it as the Somawathiya

Chaitya in 1947, which was considered lost for nearly 8 Centuries. The revelation of this sacred Buddhist site in this mysterious manner further augments the devotee's faith. There is an oral tradition of a lone monk whose name is said to be Ven. Sirimalwatte Piyaratne Thera walking in the dense jungle, when a ray of light guided him, through the forest to the location of this ancient stupa. The Somawathiya historical site is located 10 km ahead of Sungavila. Further, a branch of the Mahaveli River runs through Sungavila. On the basis of the available archaeological evidence such as Chattrita stone (chatragala), moonstones (sadakadapahana), balustrades (korawakgala), and guard stones (muragala) have been dated to the Second-Century BC.

Today Somawathiya is popular among thousands of pilgrims for three main reasons. Somawathiya holds the right Tooth Relic of the Buddha existing in the human world. The other Tooth Relic is enshrined at the "Daldala Maligawa" in the dazzling city of Kandy. Details with regard to virtues,

dignity and miracles of the Tooth Relic have been recorded in the Dhatuwansha, Thupawansha, Dhadawansha, and Mahawansha. Incredible unexplained phenomena which have been occurring around the stupa. These have been witnessed by thousands of pilgrims. This includes luminous rays of laser like beams and shining orbs around the stupa at night. Some devotees told me they have heard drum beats at night, somewhat similar to drum beats heard at a Buddhist Perahera. This site is located deep inside the jungle and infested with roaming elephants and other wild animals. According to village folk, wild elephants that roam the neighbouring land have often been seen worshipping the stupa. There is a story of one lone elephant who visits the area and venerates this great chaitya. On my second visit to Somawathiya in 2018 I caught a brief glimpse of this gentle giant, moving into the foliage adjacent to the boundary of the temple. But I cannot endorse that he is the same elephant mentioned by the pious devotees. Interestingly elephants have been associated with Buddhism and Buddhist rituals for centuries.

According to ancient chronicles, prince Giri-aba and princess Somawathi (sister of King Kavanthissa) lived on a small community called "Somapura" on the banks of Mahaveli River. Prince Giriaba constructed Somawathi Chethiya on the request of his wife who wanted to engage in religious activities. Upon completion of the Stupa, the prince requested a monk named Mahinda for some "dathu" to be kept in the Relic Chamber of the stupa. Ven. Mahinda Maha Thera gave him the right Tooth Relic of the Buddha. Upon completion of the stupa and five viharas the prince and princess handed over the temple to Ven. Mahinda Maha Thera and sixty other monks.

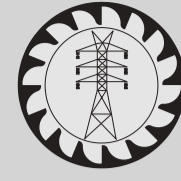
Stupa site

Floods often occur during the rainy season inundating the area surrounding the stupa site. It is evident that the stupa of Somawathiya was under about 7 m (20 ft) of water due to the

floods in 1947. Before starting the restoration of the stupa, excavations were conducted by the Archaeological Survey of Ceylon under the direction of C.E. Godakumbura who has revealed a previously constructed stupa (5 ft 5 in) that is established as the inner stupa with a strong foundation. It was noted that the outer stupa did not have a proper foundation. Apparently, two foundations were identified after the excavation. On the lower level, there are ancient moonstones which were placed parallel on the steps at the present stupa (Godakumbura 1965). There is archaeological and literary evidence for the Somawathiya and its surrounding area showing that it was probably occupied by Early Iron Age inhabitants. According to Deraniyagala, a few archaeological remains were found in some places like Kandakadu, Trikonamadu and Kadiraweli (Deraniyagala 1992).

Nine stone inscriptions have been found around this site and the most popular is the four inscriptions found on the Eric Swan rock. This rock can be seen few metres away from the gravel road, about 100 metres before the main entrance to the temple. This rock got its name because a photographer called Eric Swan who was killed by a wild elephant near this rock. On July 4th in 1981 then President J.R. Jayewardene came to Somawathi to ceremonially open the "Kotha" of the stupa. As soon as they arrived at the site, at about 2 pm the whole sky became yellow and the sun looked like the moon. Multiple colours started appearing around the stupa. All the white clothes worn by the devotees had appeared yellow by this unusual light. On April 28, 2002, a similar occurrence happened in front of thousands of pilgrims. This time it had continued for over 45 minutes, the longest time this phenomenon continued. Many incidents can be found in the Holy Canon about the Buddha Rays. Six coloured rays which were gathering and spreading from the Buddha's body was named as "Shadwarna Rashmi" are signified within the Buddhist Flag and the same six colours have been used to design it. Somawathiya will remain a venerated Buddhist oasis for decades to come.

INVITATION FOR BIDS



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DD 02 (P&D)	DD2/P&D/NCB/2022/029/D-R Fabrication & Delivery of Service Wire - Cable - Alu.PVC Insulated - H.S.Duplex (7/1.35) 10sqmm one core insulated other core bare - 1,220 km / Cable - Alu.PVC Insulated - H.S.Duplex (7/1.70) 16sqmm one core insulated other core bare - 32 km / Cable - Alu.PVC Insulated - Twin Flat (7/1.35) 10sqmm both cores insulated - 109 km / Cable - Alu.PVC Insulated - Twin Flat (7/1.70) 16sqmm both cores insulated - 124 km	31/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	20,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (P&D)	DD2/P&D/ICB/2022/030/D Supply & Delivery of Stay Wire G.S. 7/4.00mm- (Grade- 700)- 140,000 kg	21/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,500.00	ICB
DD 02 (P&D)	DD2/P&D/ICB/2022/031/D Supply & Delivery of Insulator - Stay LT - 42,000 Nos.	21/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,500.00	ICB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/2K22/072 Supply & Delivery of 500 Nos. of 8.3/100kg Pre-stressed concrete poles (CEB spec:044-2:1997)	31/08/2022 15.00 hrs.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	3,500.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/ PS/2K22/074 Supply & Delivery of 100 Nos. of 11m/850kg Pre - stressed concrete Poles (CEB spec:044-2:1997)	31/08/2022 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,500.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/ RC/2K22/075 Supply & Delivery of 500 Nos. of 8.3m/100kg Light weight Reinforced Concrete Poles (CEB Spec: 44-5:2017) for Non-Coastal Area to Uva Province	31/08/2022 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,500.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/ RC/2K22/076 Supply & Delivery of 500 Nos. of 6m/50kg Light Weight Reinforced Concrete Poles (CEB Spec:44-5:2017) for Non-Coastal Area to Uva Province	31/08/2022 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,500.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/ M7/2K22/077 Supply & Delivery of 300 Nos. of Steel Box for Housing Direct Connected 3 phase Meters to Provincial Stores Hali-Ela	31/08/2022 15.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2022/63 Supply & Delivery of Terminal Kit Heat Shrinkable XLPE 11kV/ 3c 95sqmm - Outdoor - 05Nos. / End Termination Kit HS Outdoor - 11kV/240sqmm/3C/XLPE/SWA UG Cable (Without Socket) - 05Nos. / Insulation Tubing HS for 33kV 185sqmm - 40Nos.	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	1,500.00	NCB
DD 04 (SP 1)	SP1/DGM/C5/208/22(N) Supply and Delivery of 10.0m/225kg Pre Stressed Concrete Poles. -50 Nos.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	DGM (SP-1)'s Office, CEB, 167, Matara Road, Galle. T.P.091-2232095	1,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (SP 1)	SP1/DGM/C5/209/22(N) Supply and Delivery of 11m/350kg Pre Stressed Concrete Poles. -50 Nos.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (SP 1)	SP1/DGM/C5/210/22(N) Supply and Delivery of 11m/500kg Pre Stressed Concrete Poles. -50 Nos.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	2,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (SP 1)	SP1/DGM/C5/211/22(N) Supply and Delivery of 11m/850kg Pre Stressed Concrete Poles. -50 Nos.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	3,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (SP 1)	SP1/DGM/C5/212/22(N) Supply and Delivery of 47 Nos. of Safety Helmet (White-39 & Blue-08)	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 04 (SP 2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/T/2022/55 Supply & Delivery of 1000 Nos. of 8.3m (100kg) Pre-Stressed Spun Type concrete poles	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Southern Province2), Chief Engineer (C&CS) unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No.61/1A, Sea Avenue, Tangalle. Tel. No. 047-2200888 Fax: 047-2241806	5,000.00	NCB
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DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/2022/140 Renovation of Existing Consumer Service Center Building at Mirigama-Stage 2	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	5,000.00	NCB
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Generation (LC)	DGM/LC/Civil/Ten/ 2022-05 Removing Silt, Sand and other Hard materials stagnated in front of the Bottom Outlet Stop Lag in Norton Pond.	25/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (Laxapana Complex), Ceylon Electricity Board Laxapana. T.P. 051-2232084,051-2232085	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (LC)	DGM/LC/Civil/Ten/ 2022-06 Removing Silt, Sand and other Hard materials stagnated in front of the Bottom Outlet Valve in Laxapana Dam.	25/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (LC)	DGM/LC/Civil/Ten/ 2022-07 Water Proofing Concrete Roof Slab of Old Laxapana Intake Structure in Norton Bridge	01/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
Generation (MC)	MC/UKTPS/TEN/CVL/2022-093 Providing Maintenance, Cleaning & Gardening Services to Upper Kotmale Power Station and Nearby Premises.	31/08/2022 14.30 hrs.	Office of the Chief Engineer, Upper Kotmale Power Station, Ceylon Electricity Board, Eng. Shaveendranath Fernando Mw, Niyangamdora, Kotmale. Telephone : 0512233211 / 0777253216 / 0777253098 Fax : 0512233168	1,000.00	NCB
Transmission (O&M)-NC	TR/O&M/NCB/2022/066/D Required a house situated in Anuradhapura M.C. limit on lease for 1 year as an official quarters for Electrical Superintendents (ES-22).	24/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (O&M)-North Central, CEB, Bandaranayake Mawatha, Anuradhapura. Tel: 025-2235269 / 025-2225922	250.00	NCB
Transmission (O&M)-NC	TR/O&M/NCB/2022/067/D Hiring of a motor van with fuel and driver for North Central Unit of Tr. O&M - North Branch (Habarana)	31/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of the Chief Engineer Transmission O&M- North Central, Ceylon Electricity Board, Bandaranayake Mawatha, Anuradhapura. TP/Fax : 025 223 5269	200.00	NCB
DD 01 (CC)	DGM(CC)/CE(CW)/PPC/2022/005 Hiring a van for Chief Engineer (Colombo West) - Consumer Service Center 01 of Colombo City (Vehicle) (For 02 years)	31/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 30.08.2022 011-2575930.	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2022/97 Obtaining Private Security Services to the Deputy General Manager (Northern Province)'s Office Complex, CEB, Jaffna	01/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 0496	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2022/98 Obtaining Private Security Services to Vehicle Park & Stores at Jaffna City ECSC Premises	01/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/BD/T/2022/99 Rent or lease a building for the use of CEB Jaffna Circuit bungalow for 2 years period	01/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	-	NCB
DD 01 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/VH/T/2022/101 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Chief Engineer (Construction) - NP On Wet Lease Basis	01/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 01 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/VH/T/2022/102 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for Electrical Superintendent-02 (Distribution Maintenance) - NP On Wet Lease Basis	01/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE(LC&M)/DPC/2022/01 Hiring a Van on wet lease basis (with driver) for a period of 2 years for the use of CE (LC&M) PHM, DD2 office.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Deputy General Manager (P&HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O.Box. 18, Lagamaraya Road, Kandy, 081-2222287 / 081-2204298	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE (LCM)/DPC/2021/39 Hiring a Van on wet lease basis with a driver for the use of CE (LC&M) Office PHM, DD-2 for a period of Two years.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE (LCM)/QD/2022/19 Lease a House for a period of Two years for use of Maintenance Gang - CE (LCM) PHM DD2.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/DPC/2021/44/R Hiring a Motor Car on wet lease basis (with a driver) for 2 years for Official use of DGM office PHM DD-2	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE(LCM)/DPC/2022/19 Hiring a Motor Car on wet lease basis (with a driver) for the official use of CE (LCM) office PHM DD-2 for 2 years	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB

Division and Branch Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid Closing Date & Time	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents & Contact TP. Nos.	Price of Bid Document (LKR)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
DD2 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE (LCM)/DPC/2022/17 Hiring a Car on wet lease basis (with driver) for the use of CE (LC&M) Office PHM - DD2 for a period of Two years	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD2 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE (LCM)/DPC/2022/16 Hiring a Van on wet lease basis (with driver) for the use of CE (LC&M) Office PHM - DD2 for a period of Two years	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE(SC&M)/DPC/2022/03/R Hiring a van on wet lease basis with a driver for the use of CE(SC&M) Office P&HM-DD2 for a period of Two years	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/226 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for ECSC at Yatinuwara in Peradeniya Area for a Period of 01 Year.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 081-2270070	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/227 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for ECSC at Daulagala in Peradeniya Area for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/228 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for Commercial Sub Unit in Peradeniya Area for a Period of 01 Year.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/229 Hiring of a Motor Car for Chief Engineer (EM - CP2) for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/230 Rent/Lease Building for Use as Official Quarters of Electrical Superintendent (Nortorn Bridge) in Ginigathena Area for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 051-2242408 / 081-2270070	-	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/232 Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Sub Unit in Peradeniya Area for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/233 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for ECSC at Eriyagama in Peradeniya Area for a Period of 01 Year.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/235 Rent/Lease Building with Land for Storage Materials belonging to CEB Working Gangs & Parking CEB Vehicles belonging to CE(Construction)-CP 02 Unit for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 081-4949164 / 081-2270070	-	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/236 Rent/Lease Building for Use as Lodging House of Working Gangs & Storage Materials belonging to CE(Construction) Unit-CP 02 for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 081-4949164 / 081-2270070	-	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/238 Hiring of a Motor Car for Chief Engineer - DM - CP2 (SE 01) for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Chief Engineer (Commercial)-CP2, CEB, No.431, Colombo Road, Pilimathalawa. T.P 081-2270070	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/240 Hiring of a Motor Car for CE (Energy Management) Unit -CP 02 (EE 01) for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (CP 2)	CP2/CE(COM)/PPC/2022/241 Hiring of a Light Lorry for ECSC at Maskeliya in Ginigathena Area for a Period of 02 Years.	07/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/D-V61/2022/21 Hiring of a 2WD Crew Cab for Consumer Service Centre - Divulapitiya	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda. Tel.011-2911071/72	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/N-V162/2022/26 Hiring of a 2WD Crew Cab for Consumer Service Centre - Katana	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/KR-V179/2022/79 Hiring of a Motor Car for Electrical Engineer - Kirindiwela	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V56/2022/80 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Gampaha	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/J-V76/2022/88 Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer's Office - Jaela	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/N-V41/2022/91 Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Unit II - Negombo	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/DGM-V163/2022/146 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer's Office (Construction) - WPN	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/CON-V30/2022/147 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer's Office (Construction) - WPN	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/K-V65/2022/148 Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Unit II - Kelaniya	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/G-V101/2022/149 Hiring of a 2WD Crew Cab for Consumer Service Centre - Yakkala	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/K-V149/2022/162 Hiring of a 2WD Crew Cab for Consumer Service Centre - Kirillawala	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/K-V35/2022/163 Hiring of a Motor Car for Electrical Engineer (Maintenance) - Kelaniya	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/SEC-KIR/2022/143 Providing Security Service to Electrical Engineer's Office - Kirindiwela.	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/SEC-NEG/2022/144 Providing Security Service to Chief Electrical Engineers' office- Negombo.	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 02 (WPN)	WPN/NCB/SEC-KEL/2022/145 Providing Security Service to Chief Electrical Engineers' office - Kelaniya	24/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Same as above	1,000.00	NCB
DD 03 (Uva)	DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/BUILDINGS/DEO1/2K22/10 Lease of house for Electrical Engineer (Wellawaya) Unit, Electrical Engineer - Wellawaya, Quarters, Around Wellawaya Town (for 2 years)	31/08/2022 15.00 hrs.	Office of the Electrical Engineer (Monaragala), Ceylon Electricity Board, Monaragala. Tel : 055-2277350	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/58 Hiring of a Van for Agalawatta CSC in Western Province South - I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.011-2638852	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/59 Hiring of a Van for office of the Chief Engineer (Mathugama) Western Province South - I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/60 Hiring of a Van for office of the Chief Engineer Energy Management Western Province South - I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/61 Hiring of a Crew Cab for the Mathugama Consumer Service Center Western Province South-I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/62 Hiring of a Van for the Distribution Maintenance Dehiwala Work Site Western Province South - I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/63 Hiring of a Crew Cab for the Meeghatenna Consumer Service Center Western Province South - I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/64 Hiring of a Van for Office of the DGM, Western Province South - I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/65 Hiring of a Van for the Office of the CE(Kalutara) Western Province South - I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2022/66 Hiring of a Van for the CE(Construction), Western Province South - I	01/09/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (WPS 1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2022/73 Lease out a Building for Distribution Maintenance Work Site for Special Maintenance Unit for Two (02) Years	25/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Same as above	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (PHM)	DD4/PHM/NCB/2022/006/D Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for one year on wet lease basis for SCM unit of PHM-DD4, Piliyandala.	31/08/2022 10.00 hrs.	Office of the DGM(PHM)-DD4,C.E.B., Sri Devananda Mawatha, Piliyandala. 011-2608024 / 011-2608025	500.00	NCB
DD 04 (SP 2)	SP2/CE(C&CS)/vehicle/V128/2022/42 Hiring of a Dual Purpose Van for the Usage of Electrical Superintendent (Hambantota), Chief Engineer (Hambantota) unit of DGM SP2.	31/08/2022 14.00 hrs.	Office of Deputy General Manager (Southern Province 2), Chief Engineer (C&CS) unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No.61/1A, Sea Avenue, Tangalle. Tel. No. 047-2200888 Fax: 047-2241806	1000.00	NCB
Projects (BHP)	BHP/PD/BR/13 Renting/Leasing of Building For Project Office of the Broadlands Hydropower Project	01/09/2022 14.00 hrs.	Project Director, Broadlands Hydropower Project, Ceylon Electricity Board, No:45, Balapokuna Road, Colombo 06. Telephone : 011-2853780 / 011-2853788	-	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International /National Competitive Bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidders or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary, they should get registered in terms of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidders or their accredited Agents on submission of a written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 5 of the above table for each set of Bid Documents, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working day till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions / Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of a written request. Bidding Documents may be inspected by prospective bidders or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding in the presence of Bidders or their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in Column 4. Late Bids shall be rejected.

All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the Bidding Documents.

* ICB – International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.

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The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website www.ceb.lk

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.12.2020 at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank in Polonnaruwa Region and will not be redeemed up to 16.09.2022, will be sold by Public Auction on the date and premises given below.

Auctions will commence at 9.00 a.m. each day.

Date and Place of Auction	17 / 18.09.2022 Polonnaruwa Main Branch
Branches Pawned	Polonnaruwa, Hingurakgoda, Habarana, Medirigiriya, Polonnaruwa Town, Bakamuna, Aralaganwila, Welikanda, Dehiattakandiya, Thambala.
Service Centres Pawned	Kaduruwela, Diyasenpura, Lankapura, Jayanthipura, Polonnaruwa Hospital Premises, Diyabeduma, Manampitiya, Sewanapitiya, Sandunpura, Siripura.

The Bank reserves the right to change the place, cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice to the public.

**Regional Manager,
People's Bank,
Regional Head Office,
New Town, Polonnaruwa.**

T.P. :- 027-2223900 / 2224404 / 2225760 / 2226626 / 2226625



STATE TIMBER CORPORATION
Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS TO EXPORT PINUS TRUNKS

The State Timber Corporation is in the process of exporting 10,000 CuM Pinus Caribaea timber which is an excess number remaining after issuing to the local market, from the State Forest Cultivation, under the Permit of the Forest Conservation Department.

Only Pinus Trunks purchased under the permits of the State Timber Corporation will be allowed to be exported.

Exporters or supply companies willing to export Pinus Trunks for the years 2022 and 2023 can register themselves under the following categories:

- 01) Registration for exporting of the trunks prepared by himself by felling in the commercial forest cultivation and get prepared for export.
- 02) Registration for exporting of the trunks which are purchased under free sale prices of the corporation under tender process, from the depots of the State Timber Corporation.
- 03) Registration for exporting of the trunks by contractors already engaged in felling of trees after obtaining relevant registration from the State Timber Corporation and intending to export same.

Registration applications can be downloaded from our website : www.timco.lk and completed applications could either be delivered to the Operations Section of the State Timber Corporation, on working days or sent by registered post addressed to Deputy General Manager (Operations), State Timber Corporation, No. 82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla, to be received on or before 19.08.2022.

No registration fee will be levied.

Further details can be obtained from the undermentioned telephone numbers :

Deputy General Manager (Operations) - 0112 887296 / 077 2931160
Deputy General Manager (Marketing) - 0112 866 636 / 0772862720
Deputy Manager (Timber Grading) - 0761607177

Email : dgmstoc@gmail.com

Web : www.timco.lk

TRUSTED TIMBER SUPPLIER TO THE NATION

Chairman - State Timber Corporation



PROCUREMENT NOTICE

STATE PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka, Colombo 5 invites sealed quotations from registered and previous sources for following items and bids will be closed at the respective times on the dates given below and will be opened immediately thereafter.

(E-mail/Fax offers as well as FOB offers are not acceptable)

Sealed bids may be sent by post under registered cover or may be personally deposited in the box available for this purpose at Administration Department of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation at "Mehewara Piyasa" 16th Floor, No. 41, Kirula Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka.

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Category	Consumption Block / Time of Use Period	Energy Charge (LKR/kWh)	Monthly Fixed Charge (LKR/month)
Domestic D-1	If Consumption 0 - 60 kWh per month (Incremental Block)		
	Block 1: 0-30 kWh	8.00	120.00
	Block 2: 31-60 kWh	10.00	240.00
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	Block 1: 0-60 kWh	16.00	N/A
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	Block 3: 91-180 kWh	50.00	960.00
	Block 4: Above 180 kWh	75.00	1,500.00
	Domestic - Optional Time of Use Tariff		
	Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hours)	90.00	1,500.00
Day (05:30 - 18:30 hours)	70.00		
Off-peak (22:30 - 05:30 hours)	30.00		
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	Block 1: 0-30 kWh	8.00	90.00
	Block 2: 31-90 kWh	15.00	120.00
	Block 3: 91-120 kWh	20.00	120.00
	Block 4: 121-180 kWh	30.00	450.00
	Block 5: Above 180 kWh	65.00	1,500.00
Industry I-1	Consumption per month (Volume Differentiated)		
	0-300 kWh	20.00	960.00
	Above 300 kWh	20.00	1,500.00
	Industrial - Optional Time of Use Tariff for Agriculture		
	Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hours)	35.00	1,500.00
Day (05:30 - 18:30 hours)	20.00		
Off-peak (22:30 - 05:30 hours)	15.00		
General Purpose (GP-1), Hotel (H-1), Government (GV-1)	Consumption per month (Volume Differentiated)		
	0-180 kWh	25.00	360.00
	Above 180 kWh	32.00	1,500.00
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Day (05:30 - 18:30 hours)	29.00		
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Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hours)	34.00	4,000.00	1,400.00
Day (05:30 - 18:30 hours)	28.00		
Off-peak (22:30 - 05:30 hours)	14.00		

Other Decisions

• In case of Low Voltage Retail supply, Monthly Fixed Charge for consumers with solar roof tops under Net-Metering and Net-Accounting schemes shall be charged the Monthly Fixed Charge applicable to their net imported electricity.

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• Hotel category consumers will be charged 50% of the tariff increase with effect from 10th August 2022, and the balance 50% will be effective from 10th November 2022.

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Sajith Fernando deserved more than he got

Dinesh Weerawansa



Last year's Observer SLT Mobitel Most Popular Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year, Sadisha Rajapaksa has been included in the Sri Lanka Under-19 team which will tour England from next week. This was after a highly successful inter-school for Royal this year too.

In his last outing for Royal this season, he produced a superb performance with the bat and ball to guide his team to a convincing eight-wicket win over S. Thomas in their 45th Mustangs Trophy encounter at the SSC ground last week.

Rajapakse (2 for 45) and Damith Kappagoda (2 for 19) produced two lovely spells as Royal restricted their opponents to an unimpressive 190 for 8 wickets in 50 overs. Mahith Perera (52 n.o) and Muizz Naushan (50) scored half centuries but that could not save S. Thomas.

Sri Lanka Under-19 cap Rajapakse cracked an unbeaten 69 and shared an unfinished 66-run third wicket stand with Uvindu Weerasekara (35 not out).

Royal made a convincing 191 for 2 wickets to taste victory in 42.3 overs as Rajapakse was adjudged man of the match. This was following his fine performance to win the best fielder's award at the Battle of the Blues match in the previous week.

Meanwhile, selections for the 44th Observer SLT Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year will be held shortly.

After Sanjeeva Ranatunga (1988), Kumar Dharmasena (1989), Marvan Atapattu (1990) and Muttiah Muralitharan (1991) marked the second glorious era in Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year series, Sajith Fernando won the next big time winner in 1992.

His willow did the talking, scoring nine centuries in two years – five in 1991 and four in 1992. During his impressive school career, Fernando scored five centuries to fully endorse his batting status to win the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer Best batsman award in 1991.

But he did even better in the following year (1992) scoring 1,000 runs for the season with four centuries and captured 100 wickets to win the top award in school cricket - the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year in 1992. Thus, Fernando, born on September 27, 1972, became only the second cricketer from the



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hill capital to win the big award after Muralidaran.

Despite his strong performances with Sri Lanka 'A' teams and Board XIs whenever a Test or representative team visited Sri Lanka or whenever a Sri Lanka 'A' or under-23 team toured overseas, he failed to catch the eyes of Test selectors.

The left-hand opening batsman scored over 10,000 first class runs and also served as the head coach of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia too. He was also member of the Sri Lanka Under-19 team, led by Anandian Sachithra Alexander that toured England in 1992.

The Lankan Under-19 team included players of the calibre of Chaminda Vaas and Russel Arnold and Sajith Fernando was awarded the most outstanding contributor on the tour. The same year he was a member of the Sri Lanka 'A' team which took part in the SAARC crick-

et tournament. He toured South Africa with the Sri Lanka Under-24 team which was led by Sanath Jayasuriya in 1993.

This was to be the first ever official tour made by a Sri Lanka team. He was also the deputy skipper of the Under-24 team against South Africa and later led the team in the final Test match and two ODI matches. He was a member of the Sri Lanka cricket team led by Marvan Atapattu that took part in the Hong Kong Sixes and the TNT Worldwide Cricket Sixes held in Singapore where they emerged champions in both tournaments in 1995.

Also in 1995, he represented the Central Province in the Inter-Provincial Cricket Tournament and was judged the most promising player and the player of the province in this tournament. He went on to lead the Colts Under-24 cricket team and guided them to victory. Fernando



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Sajith Fernando

also represented the Beenleigh Logan CC in Brisbane and on his return he was given the responsibility of leading the Sri Lanka 'A' side against the South African counterparts.

He was adjudged the man of the series in the Premier limited over tournament in 1998 when Colts emerged champions and was a member of the champion Colts team which emerged Premier League champions in the year 2000 and 2002. After a stint with Colts CC and Tamil Union, he was successful in guiding his side to become the Premier limited over champions of the 2009/10 cricket season.

Fernando also played for various clubs overseas in Australia, England and Bangladesh. His stint in these countries gave him an opportunity to qualify as a Level One coach of Cricket Australia and Level II coach of the English Cricket Board.

Meanwhile, it is interesting to go down memory lane and find out what

things that happened to him in 1988 when he won the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year in the Outstation section. Jayasuriya said playing for St. Servatius' College, Matara brought him immense joy.

He said that school cricketers must be motivated and added that school cricket has helped him a great deal and the much needed push ahead was at St. Servatius' College, Matara. "I must thank the Sunday Observer for giving Matara schools and school cricketers the push".

Thilan Samaraweera, twice winner of the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year Award 1994-1995, said he owes his climb to the top due to the encouragement given by the contest of this nature. Thilan who won the contest in 1994 and 1995, also won the Best Batsman and Best All-rounder on both occasions. He endorsed this long-standing contest as the best for schoolboy cricketers.

Muttiah Muralitharan the world's leading Test wicket taker had this to say: "A contest of this nature means a lot to young cricketers. When I was picked as the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year in 1991, it gave me a lot of satisfaction and spurred me on and I am now where I am because of inter-school cricket and the encouragement it gave me."

Kumar Dharmasena, member of 1996 World Cup winning team, presently ICC Test umpire said that he must congratulate ANCL and the Sunday Observer for keeping the show going for over four decades.

Dharmasena who won the contest in 1989 while playing for Nalanda, added that sponsors are vital for the progress of sports in any country and ANCL has taken the lead that helps the authorities to build up the youth. Development of youth is very important as the youth are the ones who will take the country forward, he said.

Serena Williams suggests retirement from tennis after US Open

Serena Williams has suggested she is set to retire from tennis, saying she will be "evolving away" from the sport after the US Open.

Writing for Vogue, the American 23-time Grand Slam singles champion said she is moving towards "other things that are important to me", adding she does not like the word "retirement".

In an accompanying Instagram post, she wrote that "the countdown has begun".

"I'm gonna relish these next few weeks," the 40-year-old said.

Williams made her singles return at Wimbledon in June after a lengthy injury lay-off that had led to speculation about her retirement. She says she will play at the US Open, where she has won six of her major singles titles, later in August.

Williams has won more major singles title than any female player in the Open era and the second most of all time, behind Margaret Court's 24.

"Unfortunately I wasn't ready to win Wimbledon this year. And I don't know if I will be ready to win New York. But I'm going to try," she wrote.

"I know there's a fan fantasy that I might have tied Margaret that day in London, then maybe beat her record in New York, and

then at the trophy ceremony say, "See ya!"

"I get that. It's a good fantasy. But I'm not looking for some ceremonial, final on-court moment. "I'm terrible at goodbyes, the world's worst. But please know that I am more grateful for you than I can ever express in words."

On Monday, she had her first singles win in 14 months, beating Spain's Nuria Parrizas Diaz to reach the second round of the National Bank Open in Toronto.

In the lengthy essay, Williams says she has been "reluctant to admit to myself or anyone else that I have to move on from playing tennis".

"Alexis, my husband, and I have hardly talked about it; it's like a taboo topic," she wrote.

"I can't even have this conversation with my mom and dad. It's like it's not real until you say it out loud. It comes up, I get an uncomfortable lump in my throat, and I start to cry.

"I know that a lot of people are excited about and look forward to retiring, and I really wish I felt that way."

In singles, Williams has won the Wimbledon and Australian Open seven times, along with six US Open trophies and three French Open titles.

Her first major title was the

1999 US Open, when she was 17. She won her last Slam title at the 2017 Australian Open when she was eight weeks' pregnant with daughter Olympia.

She says there is "no happiness"

in the possibility of no longer playing tennis.

"I know it's not the usual thing to say, but I feel a great deal of pain. It's the hardest thing that I could ever imagine," she wrote. *BBC*



Serena Williams

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National Sports Council has major role to develop sports, says Sports Minister

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

"Good team is very important for Captain to handle the Ship," therefore we wanted to appoint good team for the National Sports Council to build up Sri Lanka sports. Our responsibility and duty is to work for the betterment of sports and through the National Sports Council(NSC) I believe we can uplift the country's sport said Sport Minister Roshan Ranasinghe at the function to appoint the new National Sports Council members yesterday at the Sport Auditorium at Torrington grounds.

Sri Lankan World Cup winning captain Arjuna Ranatunga was appointed Chairman of the National Sports Council while the members of the NSC included well known personalities of the sport field.

The sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe further said the decision making ability, handle the team and straight forwardness were the main reasons of Arjuna Ranatunga as a skipper to get success in 1996 World Cup. During the Terrorists War period Sri Lanka cricket team was able to give good message to the world and major honours should go to team leader Arjuna Ranatunga. This is the main reason I invited Ranatunga to get this big responsibility to build up our sports".

I had to get several efforts to get Ranatunga's word for this top post. I knew his value for this post while his talent to handle the team always very



Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe, Chairman of the National Sports Council Arjuna Ranatunga, Secretary of the Sports Ministry Dr Amal Harsha de Silva and members of the NSC after getting their appointments yesterday. (pix courtesy Sports Ministry media)

well and he proved that at the 1996 World Cup. Now he has to work with team once again at this NSC and I am sure he can go forward to do betterment to the sports said Sports Minister.

For the first time three Forces commanders are included for the NSC and we have idea to get them chance as three forces Army, Navy, Air Force give fine service to build up athletes to bring honour to the country. In addition three Forces gave good support to build up playgrounds and therefore the presence of the three Forces commanders give more strength to NSC.

Three busy characters Army Commander Lt General Vikum Liyanage, Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana, Navy Com-

mander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenna were present to take membership of NSC at this occasion.

The Sport Minister also pointed out when I was appointed as Sport Minister by the former President I had big challenges as countries economic crisis, while sponsors had very tough situation to support the sport. But I took all the challenges and commenced my duties. We knew there are many more Yupun Abeykoon's in out-station areas and I don't know why we can't search them at this stage. The sports bodies have more responsibility to look after these type of athletes. This time all are expected system change and we have to apply this system change to build up sports and

NSC has big responsibility in doing so. I heard the medal winners and coaches words after their victories at the Commonwealth Games. We realized we should give more facilities for the athletes and officials have to work hard for that".

The Central Government, National Olympic Committee, Education Ministry, Sports Ministry, Provincial Council all have to work together to uplift sports. The sports Minister also said we couldn't get good opportunity to host the Asia Cup and that's very unfortunate and Sri Lanka cricket has to get that responsibility. They conducted Australia, Pakistan series very successfully while they have plan to conduct LPL and why couldn't get

hosting chance for this Asia Cup added Sports Minister.

Meanwhile the newly appointed Chairman of the NSC Arjuna Ranatunga said he has played 19 years for the National cricket team while another 17 years worked for the public as a MP, Deputy Minister and Cabinet Minister. However last two and half years I was able to stay with my family commitment. I never expected big position but I never forget I received everything from cricket. I learnt discipline from cricket and today I also admire discipline very much. I had only four centuries at Test cricket and ODI's but more importantly I worked hard for team success. The new Sport Minister has good knowledge about

sports and I am very keen to work in this top post. I got this post to serve the country's sport and I have good vision to uplift the sport.

I think discipline is very important to get success of the sport. Not only the athletes but also the sports officials should maintain their discipline for the success of the sport added NSC chairman.

Especially I am very keen to develop sports not only cricket while I already decided to open office for Wednesdays at Torrington for the public. Athletes, their coaches, parents, media officials are able to meet NSC members on Wednesday from 9.30 a.m said Arjuna Ranatunga.

Former Athletic official Sunil Jayaweera who was a very talented sports administrator, Major General Rajitha Ampemohotti who is the only member retained the same post from the previous NSC while former Rugby President Lasitha Gunarathne, Former NSC chairman and rugby administrator Dr Maiya Gunasekera, former Commonwealth Games silver medalist and Sri Lanka Olympians President Sriyani Kulawansa, Sports Ministers Advisor Sudath Chandrasekera, Senior Lawyer Ajith Pathirana, Nalinda Ilangakoon the present chairman of the Sri Lanka Electricity Board, Sports Director General Amal Edirisooriya and Secretary of the NSC Sujani Bogollagama are the other members of the NSC.

SLC clarifies on MP Nalin Bandara's speech

Sri Lanka Cricket vehemently refutes the false, derogatory and malicious allegations made by Nalin Bandara MP at the Parliament today on the Asia Cup 2022. SLC categorically states that the said statement is baseless, frivolous and vexatious and had been uttered with zero knowledge of the subject matter.

We wish to categorically state that ASIA CUP is not a tournament belonging to Sri Lanka Cricket to claim its ownership and to host it at the SLC's sole discretion unlike a Bilateral tour which is held in Sri Lanka and to the contrary Asia Cup is organized, structured and controlled by the Organization called and referred to as the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) which membership constitutes of cricket playing Member countries within the geographical area of Asia.

Being an independent entity, ACC offers the opportunity for each member country to host the Asia Cup in each respective year of such member country subject to a stringent evaluation and confirmation of the supporting background and other requirements which provides a conducive environment for hosting of the said event with a view to maximizing the profits of the ACC.

Therefore, it should be noted that the Asian Cricket Council having closely monitored the situation and developments in Sri Lanka during the last few months (both economic and social) after much deliberation on the 24th of July at a meeting held among member states decided to play the matches of the 2022 Asia Cup in UAE instead of

Sri Lanka, whilst keeping the hosting opportunity and rights to SLC.

By the statement made by MP Nalin Bandara the actual perspective and the nature of the entire Asia Cup 2022 has been fully distorted and Sri Lanka Cricket is intensely of the view that no Member of the Parliament should make such statements by the use of Parliamentary privileges at a time when SLC has been performing extremely well and the Management has given all the support not only to the Players and game of Cricket but also to the Country, Economy and also to the other sports whilst bringing much needed forex income.

Further SLC condemns the highly irresponsible statement made by Nalin Bandara MP as it appears that the said statement has been made without verifying the facts and without making any inquiry from Sri Lanka Cricket.

It should be further noted that no independent report or research has ever revealed nor confirmed that the Country has ever received a staggering amount of USD 50 Million from hosting an event in Sri Lanka as claimed by Bandara MP and SLC considers such comments are instigated by few individuals with vested interests to destabilize Sri Lanka Cricket to achieve their personal goals.

SLC further wishes to state that no venue in Sri Lanka is capable of accommodating 100,000 spectators for a single match in any of the tournament in this magnitude as the maximum stadium capacity generally limits to 30,000. therefore, SLC

considers that the said comment made by Bandara on the spectator participation is rendered futile.

Commenting on the hosting of bilateral events, SLC wishes to inform that a bilateral tour is only involved with two nations competing each other and under the present situation in the country, the logistical and other arrangements in relation to the two recently concluded bilateral tours (Australia Tour and Pakistan Tour) were fulfilled amidst greatest difficulties.

However, an Event like Asia Cup is involved with six highly reputed Cricketing Nations in the world and under the prevailing circumstances in Sri Lanka owing to the fuel crisis, power supply limitations and other logistical issues confronted by both

facilitators and spectators, it was considered by the ACC that the hosting of the event in Sri Lanka is beyond imaginable in view of the added demands made by stakeholder and its commercial partners.

Moreover, SLC strongly believes that the disgruntle elements have now been activated to jeopardize and destabilize affairs of Sri Lanka Cricket and game of Cricket with a view to attaining their vicious motives when in actuality, SLC is heading to the right and passionate directions. Therefore, SLC wishes to state that by the said statements of such individuals not only hatred is spread among the general public towards the affairs of Sri Lanka Cricket but also misleads the hierarchy of the Government by such baseless and false facts and accusations. (SLC media release)

Danindu Chirath - Sri Lanka's latest batting prodigy

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Sri Lanka's youngest cricketing prodigy Danindu Chirath Sellapperuma is determined to extend his form into the international arena after a heroic batting performance for St. Joseph's College, in Anuradhapura on Monday.

The 15-year-old schoolboy rewrote Sri Lanka's cricketing history with an epic unbeaten record of 553 in their Under-15 Division Three Tournament fixture against Lyceum College, Anuradhapura played at the Salgado Grounds in Anuradhapura.

"I am proud of this achievement today, and I must thank the entire coaching staff, principal and others who inspired me to come to this level," the

Grade-9 student said shortly after his record-breaking innings.

The dashing left-hander is also keen to make it to the top league and to make his presence felt as early as possible and stamp his class as an aggressive opening batsman.

"Today, I played my best innings for my school, and I want to continue this form and bring more honour by representing the country at the highest level," Sellapperuma explained.

Even then, his rare talent and potential would have not been on display if not for the untiring efforts of Coach Athula Rohana, who took the bold decision in promoting

the youngster from the 'B' side to the 'A' team.

"I saw him batting for the second-string team on a couple of occasions, but I thought he would be the ideal person to open the batting for the 'A' team," St. Joseph's Coach Rohana told the Daily News yesterday.

"I can remember Danindu initially, was keen on following a career in football at school but I encouraged him to take a U-turn and join cricket practices," he stressed.

"Danindu also reassembles the batting style of former Sri Lankan legend Sanath Jayasuriya, and he plays the pull shot very effectively and quite frequently," Rohana added.



Danindu Chirath Sellapperuma

"The only hindrance is that we don't have a home ground for practices and matches and our only location is the Salgado Grounds, which is already shared by two other schools in Anuradhapura," he emphasised.

Dikwella guides Greens to first win

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Opener Niroshan Dikwella scored an unbeaten 76 in 56 balls with 8 fours as SLC Greens recorded 8 runs win over SLC Reds in their match of the SLC Invitational T20 league cricket tournament played at the R.Premafada International cricket stadium yesterday.

Greens scored 161 for 6 wickets in their 20 overs with Dikwella leading the way.

Skipper Dasun Shanaka (21) and all rounder Dhananjaya Lakshan (19) also made good knocks for Greens.

The champion leg spinner Prabath Jayasuriya was included for Team Reds yesterday while he was not succeed with given away 20 runs in his two over spell with wicket-less.

SLC Reds chasing a target of 162 restricted to 153 for five wickets in 20 overs. Lasith Croosapulle (31), Kusal Mendis

(30), Bhanuka Rajapaksa (34) made useful contributions for Reds. Niroshan Dikwella was named Man of the Match for his superb knock.

The match between Grays and Blues was scheduled to be played yesterday night at the same venue.

Chief scores
SLC Greens 161 for 6 wickets in 20 overs Pathum Nissanka 10, Niroshan Dikwella 76*, Dinesh Chandimal 15,

Dasun Shanaka*21, Dhananjaya Lakshan 19, Ramesh Mendis 11, Asitha Fernando 2/32

SLC Reds 153 for 5 wickets in 20 overs Lasith Croosapulle 31, Kusal Mendis 30, Bhanuka Rajapaksa 34, Kamindu Mendis 24, Sahana Arachchige 19, Ramesh Mendis 1/22, Lakshan Sandakan 1/25, Dhananjaya Lakshan 1/39, Nuwan Thushara 1/32, Nimesh Vimukthi 1/23

Roll out red carpet to heroes, name and shame missing stars



By Allaam Ousman

Just as much as the country is getting ready to roll out the red carpet for her sporting heroes in Birmingham, we must also be man enough to name and shame those who brought disgrace by performing the vanishing act to extend their stay in England. The worst fears of the tour management came true when

Sri Lanka hit the headlines for the number of people that went missing almost daily from the 160-member contingent that assembled for the XXII Commonwealth Games.

Sri Lanka's Chef-de-Mission Maj. Gen. Dampath Fernando (rtd), a former Sri Lanka Army Chief of Staff, had left no stone unturned to prevent such a scenario from happening.

But even the battle-seasoned Army officer was taken aback and unprepared for the devious methods used by athletes and an official no less to go missing from the Games Village which was scattered across four locations in two universities and two hotels.

Maj. Gen. Fernando was especially peeved when Lt Cdr Duminda Asela de Silva who was manager of the

Judo team ran away with a 31-year-old judoka Chamila Dilani Marappulige after her loss in the opening round. "I am greatly disappointed with the irresponsible act of the manager of a discipline and naval officer," said Maj. Gen. Fernando had set up communication lines with officials through WhatsApp to get regular feedback daily to tackle teething problems they encountered if any. The message was to be filtered down the line but warnings not to decamp and bring shame on the nation during the Games apparently fell on deaf ears. As sporting ambassadors of the nation, it is the responsibility of athletes to put their best foot forward to bring glory in the field of play and not make an exit through the back door whatever the circumstances. All

participants for the Commonwealth Games had got six-month multiple entry visit visas as guests of the British government sponsored by the Commonwealth Games Federation. On hindsight, it could be said that all members of the contingent could have been whetted to get a sniff of their real intentions or some mechanism brought in place to ensure they don't smear the image of the nation during a major international event to seek political asylum or decide to seek greener pastures because of the pre-



vailing economic crisis in the country. The Sri Lanka tour management could only report anyone missing from the Village and hand over their respective passports if they had left them behind while it was a Catch-22 for the British Metropolitan Police since technically speaking they were guests of the nation for 180 days.

However, it was clear that news of players going missing from the Games Village had become a major distraction for the Sri Lanka team management after a wrestler



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after the incident," Sri Lanka's Press Attache Gobinath Sivarajah was quoted in The Sun.

At one time a meme during the rounds on social media highlighted the fact that the number of medals won by Sri Lanka at the Games equalled the number missing. When six more athletes decided to take flight much to the embarrassment of the tour management, they refused to divulge the names though it was an open secret. Sri Lanka's strategy in public relations or damage control was non-existent during the Games failing to give a positive spin to the historic achievements of Sri Lanka's medallists perhaps because the head of media in the National Olympic Committee failed to make the trip after he tested positive

before departure. It was almost impossible for media personnel to be omnipresent at venues that were scattered across Birmingham, Coventry, and Edgbaston for 14 sports Sri Lanka took part in but a better strategy could have been evolved to disseminate information. Even the fact that a former NOC president Hemosiri Fernando was awarded life membership of the Commonwealth Games Federation at its Annual General Assembly held in Birmingham was not highlighted. Closing the doors after the horse has bolted or shooting the messenger is not the solution, tackling it with greater transparency whether it is "good, bad or ugly" as Maj. Gen. Fernando said, could avert rumor-mongering in the age of social media.