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Ban lifted on six Tamil diaspora organisations, 316 persons

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The Defence Ministry has lifted the ban imposed on six Tamil diaspora organisations and 316 individuals.

The ban on these organisations previously over various involvements with the Banned LTTE.

The Sri Lankan government had imposed the ban on these organisations previously over various involvements with the Banned LTTE.

Accordingly, the ban on the Tamil Coordinating Committee, the World Tamil Movement, the Transnational Government Of Tamil Eelam, the National Council of Canadian Tamil, and two other organisations have been lifted from August 1.

President directs Govt institutions to limit expenditure

SHIROMI ABEYASINGHE



regarding the limitation of government expenditure.

The President's Secretary has relayed this information to the Ministry Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Provincial Secretaries, Corporation Presidents, Institutional Boards and Government-owned trading institutions.

This step has been taken based on the need to limit government expenditure as an aid to overcome the economic challenges facing the country.

The President has also advised that the approval of the Treasury should be obtained before the lease of new buildings for government offices or

Ranjan signs affidavit apologising, lawyer positive of release

Former MP Ranjan Ramanayake signed the relevant papers for requesting a presidential pardon at the Welikada Prison on Saturday.



Father held for sending threatening video with child

A man who made a video of holding a knife to his five year old son's neck and threatening to kill him unless his wife who is working abroad comes back home has been arrested by the Kuliyaipitiya police.



Power line kills three elephants in Mihintale



Three elephants have been killed after coming into contact with an illegally drawn power line by a farmer in the Mihintale area.

Two drown in Meemure waterfall

An eight-year-old boy and his 59 year old grandmother drowned while bathing in the Pusse Ella waterfall in Meemure.

Wives want heroin addicted husbands sent for rehab

The Minuwangoda Magistrate T.Thenabadu recently ordered prison authorities to refer two men arrested for having heroin to the Pallansena rehabilitation centre for one year.

PAEDOPHILE OPERATING DEVALAYA IN UNAWATUNA

POLICE TO PROBE WHETHER COVER UP OCCURRED

ABUSED MORE THAN 20 BOYS

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Southern Province Senior Deputy Inspector General (SDIG) Ajith Rohana has initiated a special investigation with the approval of the Inspector General of Police to probe allegations that some police officers allegedly provided assistance to a person said to be a paedophile preying on young boys.

It is now being revealed that the complaint had not been investigated properly. Police information revealed that when an act of abuse done by him to a child was revealed, money had changed hands and a complaint was settled without even recording it in the police books.

It has now become a well-known secret among the police officers in Galle that the officer who took money and help from this person was the



The 'Ella Odyssey' inter-city luxury train between Colombo and Badulla which operates on weekends began on Saturday. This train has been launched according to the instructions of the Minister of Transport, Highways and Mass Media, Dr. Bandula Gunawardena. The journey to Badulla, which is considered as one of the most scenic train journeys in the world, is a top tourist attraction in the country.

Sapugaskanda oil refinery to resume operations Two crude oil shipments here between August 23, 29

The Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery will resume operations by mid this week, Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekara said. He said the 100,000 MT Crude Oil cargo which arrived in Colombo on Saturday night was to undergo quality sampling yesterday.



Get anti-COVID booster jabs soon - Dr.Ginige

Over 6.4 mn have not got first booster still SANDYA KARUNARATNE

Chief Epidemiologist Dr.Samitha Ginige, stated yesterday (14) that out of the 60 deaths that have occurred in the past 12 days due to COVID, 48 are over 60 years.



President should announce future development plans - Dr. Harsha

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Dr. Harsha de Silva said if President Ranil Wickremesinghe needs to form a stable Government with all political parties in Parliament he should first reveal

the details about his future development plans. He said the exact time period to conduct a parliamentary election should be specified as people need a fresh election now to elect new members who



India provides Dornier maritime surveillance aircraft today



CAMELIA NATHANIEL

India will provide a maritime surveillance aircraft Dornier 228 Maritime Patrol Aircraft to Sri Lanka. Media reports suggested that during the Defence Dialogue between India and Sri Lanka on January 9, 2018 in New Delhi, the Sri Lankan government had sought the possibility of obtaining two Dornier Reconnaissance Aircraft from India to enhance the maritime surveillance capabilities of Sri Lanka.

As a sequel to the request of Sri Lankan government, the Indian government has agreed to provide one Dornier 228 Maritime Patrol Aircraft from Indian Naval Fleet on gratis basis for initial two years

Mason arrested over loss of ring in Yala camp site Minister's daughter finds Rs 2.5 mn worth ring missing

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Kirinda Police have arrested a mason who was present at the construction site of a tourist hotel near the Yala Park yesterday morning for stealing a diamond-encrusted ring said to be worth around Rs.2.5 million, belonging to the daughter of a Cabinet Minister.

The theft is said to have happened Saturday (13) while she was staying at a resort near the Yala National Park with her husband and some family friends.

President must uncover hidden truth in Easter Attacks - Cardinal

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Colombo Archbishop Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith said that Sri Lanka will not achieve true freedom until political leaders themselves obey the law. The Cardinal said this during the second financial donation given



Special police team to take over drug lord from Dubai

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) says there are unofficial reports that the drug trafficker named Harak Kata has been arrested by the Dubai security officials when he arrived at the



Chinese ship 'Yuan Wang 5' to dock in Hambantota from August 16

The Foreign Affairs Ministry issuing a statement on the Chinese vessel 'Yuan Wang 5' on Saturday August 13, 2022 said clearance to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China was conveyed for the deferred arrival of the vessel from August 16 to 22.



Gotabaya to remain indoors in Thailand for security reasons - Report

Thailand: Former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is staying at a hotel in the heart of Thailand's capital, where police have advised him to remain indoors for security reasons, according to a media report on Friday.



Schools to function all five days from this week

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Education Ministry informed that all government and government approved schools will be conducted as usual on all five days of the week from today (15).



Leopard's death probe: Anaesthetist was in fuel queue

BUDDHIKA IMBULANA

Wildlife officials have told a team of investigators looking into the death of a mountain leopard caught in the trap of a hunter recently that in the

Author Salman Rushdie 'off ventilator and talking' - Agent



Author Salman Rushdie (L) and his attacker Hadi Matar

US: Salman Rushdie has been taken off the ventilator and is able to talk, said his book agent Andrew Wylie, a day after The Satanic Verses author was stabbed at an event in New York.

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Human-Elephant conflict mitigation

More electric fences to be constructed in vulnerable areas

The human-elephant conflict has seen an increase in the last three years leading to the destruction of the lives of wild elephants and humans in various parts of the island. Accordingly, 407 elephant deaths and 122 human deaths were reported in 2019, 328 elephant deaths and 112 human deaths in 2020 and 375 elephant deaths and 142 human deaths in 2021 respectively.

In the first four months of 2022, 57 elephant deaths and 34 human deaths have been reported. Of these wild elephant deaths, 13 were shot, 17 were due to electrocution, 19 were due to Hakka Patas blasts and eight due to injuries.

A discussion regarding the prevention of elephant-human conflict in the Hambantota district was held on Saturday (13) under the patronage of Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera at the Lunugamwehera Wildlife Office. Wildlife officers and other officials participated.

It was revealed here that the elephant-human conflict exists in 131 Regional Secretariat jurisdictions in 19 districts located in eight provinces of Sri Lanka.



Agriculture, Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Minister Mahinda Amaraweera inspecting the equipment required for the construction of electric elephant fences at the Hambantota District Office.

Minister Amaraweera observed that the necessary equipment for the construction of electric elephant fences to cover all areas where wild elephants are threatened in the Hambantota District are available in the Lunugamwehera Wildlife Office. Nevertheless, it was revealed that the construction of electric fences remains a problem due to the protest of some farmers' organisations.

It has also been revealed that the equipment brought to set up electric fences which is stored at wildlife offices all over the island have not been properly utilized.

Therefore, as a step to mitigating the human-elephant conflict within the next year, the Minister instructed Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation Secretary Chandra Herath to have discussions with farmer

organisations and farmers in order to expedite work on the project. Minister Amaraweera also said that although elephants are included in the list of animals that damage crops, steps should be taken to include them in the protected animal category to work out a future plan so that land located in areas where wild elephants are abundant not be given for development projects.

Duty of all politicians to help form APG - Minister Ranatunga

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Chief Government Whip and Urban Development and Housing Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said in Parliament on Friday that they invite everyone from all parties to help form an All-Party Government (APG).

The Minister said that he will help the All-Party Government to fulfill the expectations of the voters who voted for the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP).

"The people want everyone to come together and form a National Government. We as the SLPP are sensitive to the people's request and that is why we will support it. Some claim that we have lost the 6.9 million mandate we got from the people. Yes, we accept that. There was a protest either with or without international help to oust the former President and he bowed to the people's request and stepped down. Even the church hurled ridiculous allegations against Gotabaya Rajapaksa and accused him of having a hand in the Easter attacks, of abducting people in white vans and various other allegations. They even called him Hitler. Yet, he very peacefully stepped down and went."

Ranatunga said that Ranil Wickremesinghe is not a new person to the Opposition but a leader who is in the seat of the opposition. He said that if there is

no All-Party Government, then at least an All-Party System of Government should be established where everyone can come together to help the country recover from the situation it is currently in.

Minister Ranatunga also



said that it is ridiculous to expect an election in six months when the country is facing a serious economic crisis.

He made these comments joining the Parliamentary debate on the President's Policy Statement.

INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

May the Indian tricolour always fly high. We wish the Government and people of India a very happy Independence Day.

HERO TITAN HAVELLS Jaipan Premier orient Abans

Arms, drug seizure from Lankan boat

Accused raised funds to revive LTTE, says NIA

KOCHI: In a major revelation in a case pertaining to the seizure of a huge quantity of narcotic drugs along with five AK-47 rifles and 9mm ammunition numbering 1,000 from Sri Lankan fishing boats, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has stated that an accused had been involved in activities of proscribed terrorist organisation LTTE within India and abroad.

The accused had also plotted to procure prohibited arms and ammunition, besides contraband articles. The NIA filed the report in the Kerala High Court in response to the bail plea filed by Ramesh, a Sri Lankan native and eighth accused in the case.

The Coast Guard intercepted the boat, 'Ravihansi', near Minicoy Island, Lakshadweep, on March 18, 2021. There were no proper documents and six Sri Lan-

kan nationals found on board were arrested by the Kochi sub zone of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on their arrival at Vizhinjam Port in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Central Government directed the NIA to take over the probe and later the seventh and his brother and eighth accused were taken into custody, allegedly for being members of the banned Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Ramesh revealed that he had stayed in India without a visa violating the provisions of the Foreigners Act.

According to NIA, Ramesh and the other accused, including his brother being a core cadre of the LTTE, held secret meetings and conspired to carry out illegal activities of trafficking in drugs and also arms and ammunition with the intention of raising funds to

revive and further the activities of the LTTE, both in India and Sri Lanka. They formed a terrorist gang and transferred money through hawala channels for the procurement of drugs, arms and ammunition.

A witness in the case also spoke of the drug and hawala business carried out by the brothers and specifically referred to Ramesh having collected hawala money from a person named Faseel Bhai. While dismissing Ramesh's bail plea, the court noted that the statements of the witnesses show not only his inextricable connection with the illegal activities but also his definite link with LTTE, with full knowledge and complicity in the attempt to smuggle heroin, arms and ammunition in the boat, intercepted before its entry into the port. - *The New Indian Express*

Arson attack on Minister Keheliya's house; 3 more suspects arrested

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The Police yesterday arrested three more suspects in connection with the arson attack on the house of Minister Keheliya

Rambukwella in Kandy. Police said that the suspects are residents of Mulgalampola, Heerassagala and Vihara Mawatha in Kandy. The suspects are to be

produced in Court under the charges of pelting stones at the house and setting fire to it, and for being members of an illegal assembly.

Truck turns turtle killing driver

ROHAN C PREMATHILAKE

Hemmathagama Group Corr. A refrigerated truck carrying vegetables overturned on Friday night (12) on the road leading to the Ambuluwawa hill in Gampola due to brake failure.

"The accident occurred near the Kakatiya bend," Police said.

The driver had died on admission to hospital after being in a critical condition while his assistant too has been hospitalised with serious injuries.

"The brakes of the truck had reportedly failed when it started to descend the hill," according to Police. It is reported that the driv-

er had lost control of the truck due to faulty brakes resulting in the accident.

The vehicle which had veered off the road and fallen over the cliff onto the road below.

According to local residents, the accident took place between 9 and 10 pm amidst heavy misty conditions.

"Residents had taken the driver and his assistant who were trapped in the lorry to the Gampola hospital. They were later transferred to the Gampola Hospital and from there to the Kandy General Hospital where the driver succumbed," hospital sources said.

This freezer truck was packed with vegetables at the time of the accident. Gampola Police are investigating.



The wreckage of the refrigerated vegetable truck that overturned on the road leading to the Ambuluwawa hill in Gampola.

THE CONVENIENCE OF MODERN BANKING NOW IN SACRED MUTHIYANGANAYA

The undisputed leader in the sphere of banking in Sri Lanka, People's Bank, moves its branch located at No. 01/B, Bazaar Street, Badulla, to a brand new, enhanced premises, at the **Commerce and Banking Complex, Post Office Road, Badulla**, from today.

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Killing of Middeniya funeral parlour owner

Army deserter held in alleged contract killing

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The officers of Tangalle Police Crimes Division on Saturday arrested an Army deserter who allegedly shot and killed the owner of a funeral parlour in Middeniya recently for sum of Rs. 2 million.

The suspect, who is a

resident of Witharandeniya, was arrested while hiding in the Hambantota area.

Although the alleged shooter has confessed that he also had a grudge against the deceased businessman, the police believe it was a contract killing.

Earlier the Police said they have launched an investigation to arrest a millionaire businessman on suspicion of ordering the contract killing of the funeral parlour owner in Middeniya.

The Police said they had uncovered that the businessman had allegedly

given the contract to an Army deserter for Rs. 2 million.

The murder took place last June 26 in Middeniya. Pratabhath Manju, the owner of the funeral parlour was shot and killed when he was opening the parlour in the morning. Two people who came in a

car had shot him with a T-56 gun.

Several special police teams, including the Middeniya Police, conducted investigations in this regard and discovered that the shooter had come to the site of the attack in a Wagon R rented car from Tangalle.

The investigation also revealed that the shooter was an Army deserter who had gone into hiding after the incident. Investigations have revealed that the millionaire businessman has given the contract due to a personal dispute with Pratabhath Manju over his daughter.



The Pakistani High Commission in Sri Lanka celebrated the 75th Independence Day of Pakistan yesterday (14). Pakistani High Commissioner Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki hoisted the national flag in a colourful ceremony at the High Commission. The event was attended by members of the Pakistani community, officials and families of the High Commission, local dignitaries, journalists and friends of Pakistan. Picture by Ruzaik Farook



Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva at a recent inspection visit of the tug-boat section of the Colombo Port.

Boosting operations at Colombo Port

Minister takes steps to strengthen tug-boat fleet

"The fleet of tugs at the Port of Colombo (POC) should be strengthened to further boost efficiency of the maritime operations at the Port," says Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva.

The Minister made these comments at a recent inspection visit of the tug-boat section of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA).

He said that the employees, staff and the executive officers of the section emphasized the measures to be taken towards increasing efficiency of these operations and accordingly, instructions were extended to relevant authorities to take steps to add at least two more new tug-boats to the fleet of the port, in addition to the seven tug-boats already in operation.

"Increasing the number of tug-boats at the port will increase the operational efficiency and enable ease of handling larger vessels calling at the port. It is my responsibility to boost efficiency at the port to bring more foreign exchange as revenue into the country. Accordingly, I will take all necessary steps to expedite developmental activities

inside the port," the Minister said.

He also expressed his gratitude to all employees who are dedicated in their services amidst limited facilities at the port. Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation K.D.S. Ruwanchandra, SLPA Vice Chairman G.U.K. Algawattege, several executive officers and staff of the SLPA tug-boat section were also present.

Police tracking down ordinary people these days – Mano Ganesan

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Leader of the Tamil Progressive Alliance Mano Ganesan said that the main duty of the Police these days is to track down ordinary people who entered President's House and Temple Trees during the protests.

"The struggle was very peaceful until May 9," he said.

Joining the debate on the President's Policy

Statement in Parliament on Friday, he said that certain law enforcement officers too provided motivation to the protesters during the struggle.

"The peaceful protest was hailed by many European countries as a model protest. Even those in Colombo clearly saw how peaceful the protest was. Yet now the



orders that they had received. They are arresting ordinary citizens who went to President's House and Temple Trees, but we saw on social media how

even Police officers in uniform were using the gym at President's House and also playing the piano. Is it fair to arrest only the ordinary people who went to see President's House? They went there out of curiosity similar to visiting the zoo."

"Therefore, I urge the President to immediately order the authorities to stop hunting down these protesters. This is wrong," Ganesan said.

Power cuts for Aug. 15 and 16

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) has authorized the Ceylon Electricity Board to cut power for one hour and 20 minutes today (15) and tomorrow (16).

Accordingly, under 21 categories, electricity will

be cut between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

The power cut was reduced to one hour due to the torrential rainfall last week. With the ceasing of the rains, the authorities have taken step to increase the duration of the power cuts.

Five held for motorcycle racing at night

D.P. HERATH Dehiwela Corr.

Police said that five members of a group who engaged in motorcycle racing on the Galle Road at night were arrested by the Mount Lavinia Police Traffic Division in the early hours of yesterday.

The police also had seized five motorcycles. Police said they were arrest-

ed for holding motorcycle races at night engaging in dangerous riding while inconveniencing the public and violating traffic rules.

Police said members of this group have been apprehended for similar violations in the past as well.

The Police are conducting further investigations.

PNS Taimur conducts Passage Exercise with SLNS Sindurala

The Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) Taimur which arrived in Sri Lanka on a formal visit, conducted a Passage Exercise with SLNS Sindurala in seas off Colombo before she departs the island today (15), upon completion of her visit.

In this backdrop, certain media reports circulating about a 'war game'

between the Sri Lanka Navy and the Pakistan Navy are fallacious, a news release from the Sri Lanka Navy said.

The Sri Lanka Navy with the concurrence of foreign navies conducts Passage Exercises as a routine engagement with visiting naval ships after making official port calls.

The prime motive of

these efforts is to enhance interoperability, partnerships and goodwill as well as exchange best practices with foreign navies.

As part of this Passage Exercise, PNS Taimur and SLNS Sindurala conducted Maneuvering and Search and Rescue exercises.

The Sri Lanka Navy has conducted similar Passage Exercises with the navies

of countries such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Japan, Germany, UK, Russia and Australia on a number of previous occasions.

Conducting similar naval exercises with regional and extra-regional navies will enable each partner to overcome common maritime challenges in the future, through enhanced cooperation.

Foreign Minister meets visiting UNDP Deputy Regional Director

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Christophe Bahuet who is presently on a visit to Sri Lanka, called on Foreign Minister Ali Sabry, on Friday (12).

Foreign Minister Sabry appreciated the consistent support extended by the UNDP to Sri Lanka for over five decades and in particular, during difficult times. Sri Lanka is keen to continue its close cooperation with the UNDP and Deputy Regional Director Bahuet affirmed the continued support and cooperation of the UNDP to Sri Lanka, particularly in the priority areas identified and recovery measures being taken by the Government to overcome the current challenges.

The Foreign Minister and the Deputy Regional Director also discussed



Foreign Minister Ali Sabry with UNDP Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Christophe Bahuet, at the Foreign Ministry, on Friday.

ways to enhance cooperation between the UNDP and the Government of

Sri Lanka to support social protection measures for the vulnerable

communities and ensure sustainable recovery from the current challenges.

JICA signs grant agreement under JDS for Master's and Doctoral Degree Scholarships

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which is in charge of administering Japan's Official Development Assistance, signed a grant agreement with Sri Lanka on August 8 for accepting 17 Sri Lankan public sector officials for Master's and Doctoral Degree courses in Japan, starting from 2023.

Japan's Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) was initiated in 2010 to support the capacity

development of young officials of the Sri Lankan government sector by providing diverse opportunities to study at reputed Japanese universities.

The most recent grant agreement was concluded for an amount of 282 million Japanese Yen between Finance Secretary K.M. Mahinda Siriwardana and JICA Chief Representative in Sri Lanka Tetsuya Yamada, on August 8 at the Finance Ministry.

The agreement will allow 17 Sri Lankan pub-

lic sector officials to follow Master's and Doctoral Degree courses starting from 2023 in the study areas of public administration, economics, disaster management, business administration and so on.

"JICA has been sending young Sri Lankan Government officials under the JDS programme for more than 10 years, and it is our utmost pleasure to be able to send another batch of 17 scholars to Japan in this memorable year of

70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Sri Lanka. We believe that the expertise and experience that the participants acquire in Japan through this programme will contribute to the strong recovery of Sri Lanka from the current crisis in the near future and will have long-lasting impact on the country's further development, as well as friendship between the two countries," said Yamada at the signing event.

Since the programme's initiation, 152 young officials from Government services, including the Sri Lanka Administrative, Sri Lanka Planning, Accounting, Medical and other sectors related to disaster management and investment promotion have completed the programme under the JDS and have successfully returned to higher positions including Divisional Secretaries and Directors of Ministries, where they actively contribute to socio-economic

development framework of the Government.

"I am Eng. K.R. Withanage of the Department of Engineering Services of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council, a former JDS fellow."

"I completed my Master's in Civil Engineering under the JDS in 2016 from the University of Tokyo and currently I am selected as a JDS PhD scholar at Yokohama National University in the research area of Ground Improvement Techniques

in Road Construction. I would like to see the implementation of these new Japanese techniques enabling the Sri Lankan Government to reduce high operational and maintenance costs spent on roads, through building better quality infrastructure that lasts for a longer period."

"I also feel this opportunity to move with Japanese society is a great prospect to learn and understand Japanese management systems, as Japan

has been the first non-western developed country in Asia," says a JDS PhD scholar of the current cooperation phase.

JICA will continue to support capacity development of Sri Lankan government officials through the JDS and other training programmes.

It is expected that the Sri Lanka-Japan relationship will be further strengthened through JDS activities in the coming years, a JICA news release said.

Woman born to SL Tamil parents in T'Nadu is Indian, Court rules

TAMIL NADU: Bringing relief to a woman who was born to Sri Lankan Tamil parents in the Mandapam refugee camp in Ramanathapuram district in 1986, the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court held that as per the Citizenship Act, 1955, she was an Indian citizen, and directed the authorities to issue a passport to her.

The court was hearing a petition filed by the woman, K. Nalini, who is currently residing at the Tiruchi refugee camp. She said her parents came to India when Sri Lanka was on the verge of a civil war and there were atrocities committed against Tamils. She was born in the Mandapam refugee camp on April 21, 1986.

The petitioner said she was married now and was a mother of two children. Since she was born in the refugee camp and had stayed there for long, there was stigma attached to it. She said she got an opportunity to go abroad and had applied for an Indian passport.

She said she applied for the Indian passport and the application was processed. But it was kept pending as the authorities had doubts about her nationality. She was born on Indian soil and by virtue of the Citizenship Act, 1955, she was an Indian citizen.

Nalini pointed out that as per Section 3 of the Citizenship Act, every person born in India on or after January 26, 1950, but before July 1, 1987, should be a citizen of India by birth. The objection raised by passport authorities was not warranted. She was an Indian national by birth, she said.

Justice G.R. Swaminathan observed that as per Section 3 of the Citizenship

Act, 1955, every person born in India between January 26, 1950 and July 1, 1987 was an Indian citizen.

In the present case, the petitioner was born to Sri Lankan refugees in the Mandapam refugee camp in 1986. She was now residing in the Tiruchi refugee camp. As per the Act, she was an Indian Citizen. Therefore, she was entitled to a passport, the court said and directed the Tiruchi passport authority to issue a passport to the petitioner. (The Hindu)

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Parliament to convene on August 29

Parliament Secretary General Dhammika Dasanayake said that the Committee on Parliamentary Business has decided to commence the sittings of Parliament at 9.30 am from August 29 and limit the lunch break to half an hour from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm.

This decision was taken by the Committee on Parliamentary Business which met on August 10 under the chairmanship of Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

Accordingly, it has been decided to convene Parliament on August 29 and hold the Adjournment Debate moved by the Opposition on the increase of electricity bills, from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm the Secretary General said.

Also, if the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill No. 30 of 2021 for the fiscal year 2022 presented to Parliament on August 9 is not challenged in the Supreme Court, it has been decided by the Committee to hold the debate on the Bill on August 30, 31, September 1 and 2.

Sri Lanka, a broken nation as a result of corruption - Diana Gamage

CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Parliamentarian Diana Gamage revealed in Parliament on Friday that there are 527 establishments under the Government. "Of these, only 52 have been identified as those with strategic importance. The asset value of these 52 establishments has been identified as Rs. 12,437 billion. Yet with such an asset base, the Government has received only Rs. 30 billion as revenue last year."

"CEB, Ceypetco, SriLankan Airlines, etc., are some of these establishments and the losses amounted to Rs. 286 billion last year alone, she said.

The MP said that if such public sector-owned institutions are making losses, more attention should be paid to it.

She noted that Sri Lanka is a broken nation as a result of corruption and everyone must unite in order to rebuild it. "The country is in a very difficult situation, both economically and politically."

"However, with all the Opposition dithering, I don't know if we will ever be able to get into some sort of agreement to establish an All-Party Government. The IMF requests that we have a stable government and stable country if we are to go any further. As citizens of this country, it is our duty and responsibility to contribute to get the country out of this situation."

She noted that the country is in this situation due to long-standing issues such as malpractice, corruption, incompetence and not taking the right decisions at the right time. "The country has been suffering from corruption over the past so many decades. Hence, this is something that we have to work on with transparency. This is what President Ranil Wickremesinghe is trying to do and I feel this is of utmost importance and we should support him."

Virgo Date: 13-08-2022
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 6,610,740/-
Draw Number: 3533
Colour: Light Blue
Winning Numbers: 04 27 30 31
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 2,639,740/-

English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
Draw No: 997 Colour: Red
Date: 13.08.2022 Saturday
Winning Numbers: R 05 16 21 25 29
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,609,320/-
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 253,381,051/-

ADA KOTIPATHI Saturday
Date: 13.08.2022
Draw No.: 1647
Colour: Yellow
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 56,871,732/-
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,926,860/-
Winning Numbers: 22 27 45 54
English Letter: H

SUPER BALL Draw Number: 1821 Colour: Blue
Draw Date: 13.08.2022 Date: Saturday
Winning English Letter and Numbers: F 38 52 55 69
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 70,065,267.60
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,023,100/-

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Date: 13.08.2022 Draw No.: 3982
Colour: Green
Winning Numbers: 06 30 59 65
English Letter: H
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,892,760/-
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 72,503,594.40

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Date: 13-08-2022 Draw Number: 518
Colour: Red
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 11,836,200/-
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,581,600/-
Winning Numbers: Z 02 26 60
Fate Number: 01

ලග්නා Date: 12-08-2022
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 7,416,060/-
Draw Number: 3532
Colour: Blue
Winning Numbers: 29 30 33 54
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 2,504,479.40

English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
Draw No: 996 Colour: Indigo
Date: 12.08.2022 Friday
Winning Numbers: M 32 10 28 29 67
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,714,420/-
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 253,170,673/-

ADA KOTIPATHI Friday
Date: 12.08.2022
Draw No.: 1646
Colour: Purple
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 56,792,950/-
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 4,102,180/-
Winning Numbers: 03 13 37 44
English Letter: E

SUPER BALL Draw Number: 1820 Colour: Pink
Draw Date: 12.08.2022 Date: Friday
Winning English Letter and Numbers: B 13 22 63 67
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 69,945,643.60
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,095,660/-

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Date: 12.08.2022 Draw No.: 3981
Colour: Orange
Winning Numbers: 03 10 49 51
English Letter: O
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,894,500/-
Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 72,395,480.70

සංචාරි Draw Number: 208
Draw Date: 12.08.2022 Date: Friday
Winning Numbers: 12 32 41
Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,775,900/-
Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners: 09

Sri Lanka safe despite surge in global MONKEYPOX cases

RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

Though it came to the global spotlight only recently, following the much talked about Coronavirus pandemic, Monkeypox is not a new disease. In some African countries it is endemic. However, it was the international outbreak which began in May 2022, that has prompted the World Health Organisation (WHO) to declare it as a global health emergency.

Infections in non-endemic areas in more than 10 countries with no links to travel from endemic countries and infected animal contact raised concerns. Studies are underway to determine the source of infection and to provide the necessary health care to prevent further spread.

The Allergy Immunology and Cell Biology Unit of Sri Jayewardenapura University too had red flagged that there is a risk of Monkeypox entering Sri Lanka. Speaking to the *Daily News* Senior Lecturer Dr. Chandima Jeewandara stated that the spread of the virus can be far less than that of the Coronavirus as symptoms can be detected easily.

"So far we have not detected any suspected or confirmed Monkeypox infections. However, a close surveillance will be done to prevent entry



Dr. Chandima Jeewandara

and spread of Monkeypox in Sri Lanka," he said adding that Sri Lanka is not facing an immediate threat though neighbouring countries like India and Thailand have reported infections.

From just a handful of cases in Europe in early May, more than 25,000 cases, mostly in men, were reported from 85 countries by early August. According to WHO data the number of confirmed infections rose to 77 percent from late June through early July.

Eleven deaths have been recorded

so far according to WHO and data collated by *global.health.Brazil* confirmed the first Monkeypox death outside the African continent on July 29. Soon after Spain reported the first Monkeypox death in Europe on the same day. India reported Asia's first Monkeypox death on July 30.

The virus has probably been circulating undetected in Europe since at least April. Caseloads tripled in

visit these areas get infected with the virus by physical contact with infected animals and spread it to other human beings. Rashes, body fluids such as pus or blood from skin lesions and scabs are particularly infectious. The virus also spreads through saliva so objects which have been in possession of the infected person such as clothes, bedding and utensils can carry the virus.

The symptoms of this disease usually include fever, severe headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy, swollen lymph nodes, and skin rashes or lesions. The rash usually begins on the first or third day of the onset of fever. The lesions may be flat or slightly raised, filled with clear or yellowish fluid, then crust over, dry up, and fall off. The rash tends to appear on the face, the palms of the hands, and the soles of the feet. They can also be found in the mouth, genitals, and eyes. In several cases the symptoms include skin infections, pneumonia or eye infections which can result in vision loss.

July in the US, with the virus reported in more than 40 States.

Monkeypox originated in 1958, when it was detected in several laboratory apes. It is a zoonotic viral disease, meaning that it can be transmitted from animals to humans. It can also pass from human to human.

Human Monkeypox was first identified in 1970 in Congo. It was detected in a nine-month-old boy living in an area where smallpox had been eliminated in 1968. The symptoms were similar to those found in smallpox but less severe.

The first Monkeypox outbreak outside Africa was recorded in 2003 in USA. It was reported that the virus was suspected to have emerged in those who have links with pet prairie dogs.

Monkeypox is endemic in regions of Central and Western Africa where animals carrying the disease are found in rainforests. People who

"Raising awareness about the disease is important especially among those who are at risk. Health workers too need to be updated on how to handle and treat the infected," Dr. Jeewandara pointed out.

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In most cases, the symptoms of Monkeypox go away on their own

Where Has Monkeypox Spread To?

Number of recorded monkeypox cases per country (May 13-26, 2022) and where disease is endemic



within two to four weeks but, in between three and six percent of cases reported in countries where it is endemic, it can lead to medical complications and even death. Newborn babies, children, and people with health conditions may be at risk of more severe symptoms and death. Skin-to-skin contact is the main means in which the virus can spread. The virus can also be transmitted from a pregnant woman to the foetus through the placenta.

Apart from infections linked with travel, the outbreaks have primarily affected men who have sex with men. Around 97.5 percent of the transmissions from this category are gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, according to a WHO report released on August 3.

Avoid contact with people who you suspect is infected with the virus. If you have to live in the same house with an infected person, encourage the infected person to self-isolate. Wear a mask and use

disposable gloves in the presence of an infected person. Wash your hands regularly with water and soap. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Clean and disinfect any contaminated surfaces.

Notify a doctor immediately if you suspect that you have symptoms which are related to the disease. Isolate yourself. Avoid contact with others. Your health authorities will take a sample for testing.

Several vaccines which have been created to fight small pox are effective against Monkeypox. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention says smallpox vaccine, antivirals, and vaccinia immune globulin can be used to treat Monkeypox as well as control it. Tecovirimat, also known as Tpoxx, was approved by the European Medical Association for Monkeypox in 2022, but isn't yet widely available. The UK Health Security Agency (HSA) also lists cidofovir as an antiviral that can be used.

Thevis Guruge's 33rd Death Anniversary

A Distinguished Broadcaster whose VOICE WAS SILENCED

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Thevis Guruge was a distinguished broadcaster who was attached to (then) Radio Ceylon now Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC). He was the very first Sinhala Announcer with Radio Ceylon, the oldest radio station in the South Asia. Not like these days, the radio announcers and almost all journalists were well read and educated. They did not use slang language. They obeyed all ethics in journalism.

On July 5, 1989, he was appointed as the authority for the censorship of the news

which was imposed by then (1989) Government. On July 23, 1989, Guruge (68) was killed by a group of young Sinhalese youths who called themselves rebels when he was going to a shop in the morning on the bridge at Polhengoda Road in Narahenpita while he was taking his morning walk near his home in South Colombo. He was shot with a T-56 assault rifle and five bullets were found in his body. The funeral took place on July 25, 1989 at Borella cemetery.

He was the director of the Sinhala Service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) from 1970 to 1977. He was appointed as the Chairman of the Independent Television Network (ITN) in 1978. He retired in 1983.

He enjoyed iconic status alongside other announcers attached to the SLBC. Guruge was one of the early pioneers particularly where the Sinhala Service was concerned. Millions tuned into Radio Ceylon. It was not only for entertainment. It was for accurate reliable information and education. Radio Ceylon is the oldest radio station in Asia. Broadcasting was started on an experimental basis in Ceylon by the colonial Telegraph Department in 1923, just three years after the inauguration of broadcasting in Europe.

The Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) came into existence on January 5, 1967 when Radio Ceylon became a public corporation. Then Prime Minister (1967) ceremonially opened the newly established Ceylon Broadcasting Corporation. All State media, both print and electronic have been maintaining their standards from the beginning.

In the 1980s Thevis Guruge was appointed Competent Authority of ITN in Sri Lanka after it was acquired by (then) Government. Guruge was assassinated in 1989 after a group of young thugs who called themselves rebels had threatened him the week before.

As he had not bowed to their threats, this visionary chairman met his demise. His killers did not stop there. The same young Sinhala youths who called themselves rebels killed 30 politicians, 23 academics, 1 clergy, 2 Government officials, 89 civilians and 61 service personnel, from July 1987 to January 1990.

They began preparing to topple the Government. They began targeting opponents, carried out robberies to collect funds and began acquiring weapons. Usually collecting pistols and shotguns from owners who had gained gun licences from the Government. Thereafter they planned to raid armouries of the Government, who had deployed its forces to the North and East of the country to counter the LTTE. On December 15, 1986, they abducted and murdered Daya Pathirana, Leader of the Independent Students Union (ISU) of University of Colombo, which was a rival student union of them.

Then they gradually eliminated all students' unions from all universities except their one. Today they dominate all State Universities.

They carried out a large number of murders. They killed more than seventy Members of Parliament between July and November 1989. They murdered probably thousands of people and crippled the country with violently-enforced general strikes for two years. Individuals or organisations were warned or intimidated with messages dropped in the night to homes or posters or graffiti that appeared overnight. Those that did not cooperate were brutally killed, with the repercussions extended to their family members. Executions were mostly carried out at night with armed groups coming to the homes of the victims and carrying them away to be tortured, executed and left as an example, while occasional bombings took place.



Thevis Guruge

In most cases the funerals of these victims were not allowed by them, traditional final rights were not allowed and the caskets were to be carried below knee level as a mark of disrespect. With these techniques of fear and intimidation they were able to bring the country to stand still. Acts of sabotage were common, with destruction of Government property such as buses, trains, State buildings etc. Electric transformers were a common target. Killings took place in both urban and rural areas and the Government seemed powerless in the face of it.

Once the LTTE terrorist Prabhakaran said Sri Lankan people remember things only for two weeks. This is one of the weaknesses we have as Sri Lankans. As patriotic Sri Lankans, we should not forget our recent history, especially the history after the Independence. We must remember who did what and when. This is the only way of preventing future terrorism which can kill some more watchdogs of the people similar to late Thevis Guruge. It is very pathetic to see some individuals and groups in Sri Lanka only commemorate some murdered journalists of their choice. Such events cannot be named as commemorations because they are very biased and only use as tools to gain political advantages. We should not forget how they were killed and who killed them. Anything can be forgiven but forgetting things can put us in troubles or disasters that may never end within our life time. Therefore we must educate our young generation about our recent past.



Radio Ceylon

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Babies will go nowhere

Last week almost all media spoke about the measures taken by the Labour Ministry to amend the Labour law in order to allow school students aged between 16-20 years to undergo internship programmes at private companies.

Even editorials were written in some newspapers on this topic. But none spoke about what needed to be spoken in connection with this subject.

During a discussion attended by Labour Minister Manusha Nanayakkara, it has been observed that there are several disputes in the labour market as students are not trained for various job environments.

Thereby, it has been decided to engage school students aged over 16-20 years to undergo internship programmes for a period of 20 hours for one month. Under this new measure, the Labour Ministry will also permit private companies to provide payments to the students during this training period.

There is no argument that this is one of the best decisions made recently in connection with schoolchildren. It is more admirable because the decision had been made by the Labour Ministry and not by the Education Ministry. But there are certain very important factors that need to be included and considered when implementing this new measure.

Priority should be given to the undergraduates in State Universities who totally depend on the Mahapola Scholarship / Bursaries and the money given to them by their innocent poor aged parents. It should be made compulsory for all undergraduates in all State Universities except Medical students to do part time jobs during their university education.

This will help the country to progress in many ways. It will use their valuable time for something useful and they will not have time and enthusiasm to walk along roads, shout saying various unrealistic slogans, make ordinary people's lives a hell and destroy State properties. With the time being they will understand how hard it is to earn money. The best fact is already some of the undergraduates are doing part time jobs and they do not take part in any destructive activities. Most of those part time employed undergraduates are from the Management Faculties. Those who do not do any part time jobs are from Arts Faculties. Then comes the schoolchildren between the ages of 16 and 20. The bitter truth in Sri Lanka, parents treat their children as toddlers even after they get married and parents become grandparents. On the other hand some young parents just neglect their children due to various reasons such as poverty, drug addiction, underage marriages (due to becoming parents when they themselves are children under the age of 18 or 21) etc.

Anyway a country cannot walk forward under this situation. The system has worked so far due to certain reasons. Those reasons were very interesting. One such reason is that the parents did not have to face many economic hardships. There was a certain culture which did not include International Schools and encouraged schoolchildren to build up their whole personality without limiting themselves to education. There were fewer school dropouts. Anyway they helped their parents to earn money by helping them at home in various ways such as assisting agricultural activities, etc. They had an idea about income generating even during their school age.

But by now the entire environment has changed into the negative side. The most affected are urban and semi-urban children. They are just 'toddlers' for their parents and they don't even know how to make a cup of tea or wash their own clothes even at the age of 25. So there is no point in talking about the 16 to 20 age limit. They think that it is the responsibility of their parents to feed them and offer whatever amount of money demanded by them at any time for anything. They do not know the real value of money and how hard it is to earn money because they get money without any problem.

Due to this same reason most of the time they waste money for drugs, fun, etc. But letting them earn money will give them an idea about the hardships their parents undergo to earn money for them.

About four years ago almost all media reported how some young schoolgirls in some popular schools in the Colombo city were involved in prostitution in order to earn money to pay their mobile phone bills. This was discussed in Parliament at that time. This is very valuable information for today. Parents should cut down the monthly amount of money they usually give to their children to pay tuition fees, school van fees, to use as pocket money etc. to match with the amount of money the children earn now.

The parents should have a proper, swift and daily coordination with the employer of the child/children. A proper monitoring system should be established by the Labour Ministry for each and every child who does a part time job. No need to listen to the trade unionists who don't have children and are still single.

Failed attempt by 'Wrong Generation' to destroy country

Now & Then
BY NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Last week there were many hot topics telecast/broadcast and published in almost all of the mainstream media and social media platforms. Since all those topics are important for the future of the country, it is necessary to take them one by one and talk about them. The most important fact is pointing out what was not pointed out by mainstream media and social media because as Sri Lankans we want to see our country move forward and not backwards. It is very important to discuss those incidents because there are certain bankrupt elements which are still eyeing on capturing power using undemocratic tactics.

Last weekend the last group of the 'Wrong Generation' left the Galle Face Green after staying there for over three months. Earlier, some elements of the 'Wrong Generation' left Galle Face after completing the mission they had been assigned by their foreign NGO and INGO Masters. Anyway the 'story' of the 'Wrong Generation' will continue because all who could not migrate will be here in Sri Lanka. They will live here in the same manner they stay like in a boarding house. They only think about the things that the country should offer them and not the things that they can offer the country. No one belonging to the 'Wrong Generation' loves their Motherland at least as much as they love the toilet paper they use. That is why they destroyed / damaged and stole millions worth in State properties during the past three months. If someone gives them money, food, free internet etc. they will do anything to anyone or to any place as they did during the past three months. This is the typical urban and semi-urban current lot belonging to the 'young generation' in Sri Lanka.

The best example for the 'Wrong Generation' was given last week when Commonwealth Games Bronze medalist Nethmi Ahinsa met the former Sports and Youth Affairs Minister in the previous Government. Almost all social media carried photos and the news of the event. But what we discuss here is what appeared on social media after that event and not about that event.

All drug addicts, thugs and especially those who did not contribute towards the country's betterment at all started to humiliate the young schoolgirl for meeting the former Minister. Some said she does not have a backbone. The funniest part is those who said that she does not have a backbone, does not even have a healthy mind and a body similar to her. There is no point talking about the backbones of those sick individuals. They are just a heavy burden for the entire country. They could have very easily sling mud at the former Minister without dragging the International Bronze Medalist into the issue. But they did not do it because hatred and jealousy were the only things that mattered to them.

The young schoolgirl who brought the bronze medal is a strength to the country. She has more than one backbone. That is why she went and met the former Minister. She is a huge strong tree planted in this precious land. That is why she greeted the former Minister in the traditional Sinhala Buddhist way. The individuals who humiliated her on social media very clearly showed their pure jealousy towards the achievements of this schoolgirl who came from a village. But very strangely no one mentioned anything about the 10 members of the Sri Lankan team who vanished into thin air in order



Protesters who had put up structures and tents at Galle Face have now moved out.
Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunne

to avoid returning to Sri Lanka. Some social media posts praised them.

From this event the entire country can understand who uses social media often and what type of individuals they are. No wonder they do this now. Several years ago a popular powerful politician said in Parliament that Olympic Silver Medallist Susanthika Jayasinghe is ugly and looks like a man. It is recorded in the Hanzard in Parliament. No point in talking about others.

When considering the recent developments, the importance of regulating social media became visible and clear.

The Sri Lankan people or the Government cannot allow certain individuals such as drug addicts, thugs, brainwashed undergraduates, paid employees of certain NGOs, paid employees of certain bankrupt political parties, paid artistes, paid popular public figures to destroy the country. Enough is enough and they have already destroyed the country to a certain extent. What is pathetic is how they totally destroyed the image of Mother Lanka. It will take decades to rebuild it. All Sri Lankans should understand that the majority of those social media heroes do not earn even a cent by themselves by serving this country and they are being fed by their aged parents who work hard and earn money. Those aged working parents not only feed them, they feed their grandchildren who are the children of those social media heroes. The only thing done so far by the sons and daughters belonging to the 'Wrong Generation' is infecting them with COVID-19 and killing them before they die naturally. No wonder 3,310 are in custody by now for destroying State properties and various similar offences.

It was they who named themselves as the 'Wrong Generation' and they said that the former President messed up with the wrong generation. By now the entire country can very clearly see who messed with whom and what happened to the country after the 'Wrong Generation' in action for over three months. It is time to reply to a few certain very clear and short questions. How many income generating avenues have they opened in order to bring dollars to Sri Lanka during the past three months? Did they encourage Sri Lankan expatriates to send dollars to Sri Lanka through legal channels? How many tourists did they bring to Sri Lanka in addition to the INGO representatives who funded them and provided them all facilities? What sort of uplift and preservations done to the State properties by them during the past three months? How many of them rejected Mahapola Scholarship and Bursaries because of not attending lectures at State Universi-

ties and those scholarships are paid using taxpayers' money? What they did to prevent another deadly COVID-19 wave very clearly knowing that the country cannot face another such wave? Even any Sri Lankan citizen who has an iota of brain can judge by himself/herself whether the generation is right or wrong by simply checking the answers they give to the above few questions.

'Kapuwa Kapothie'

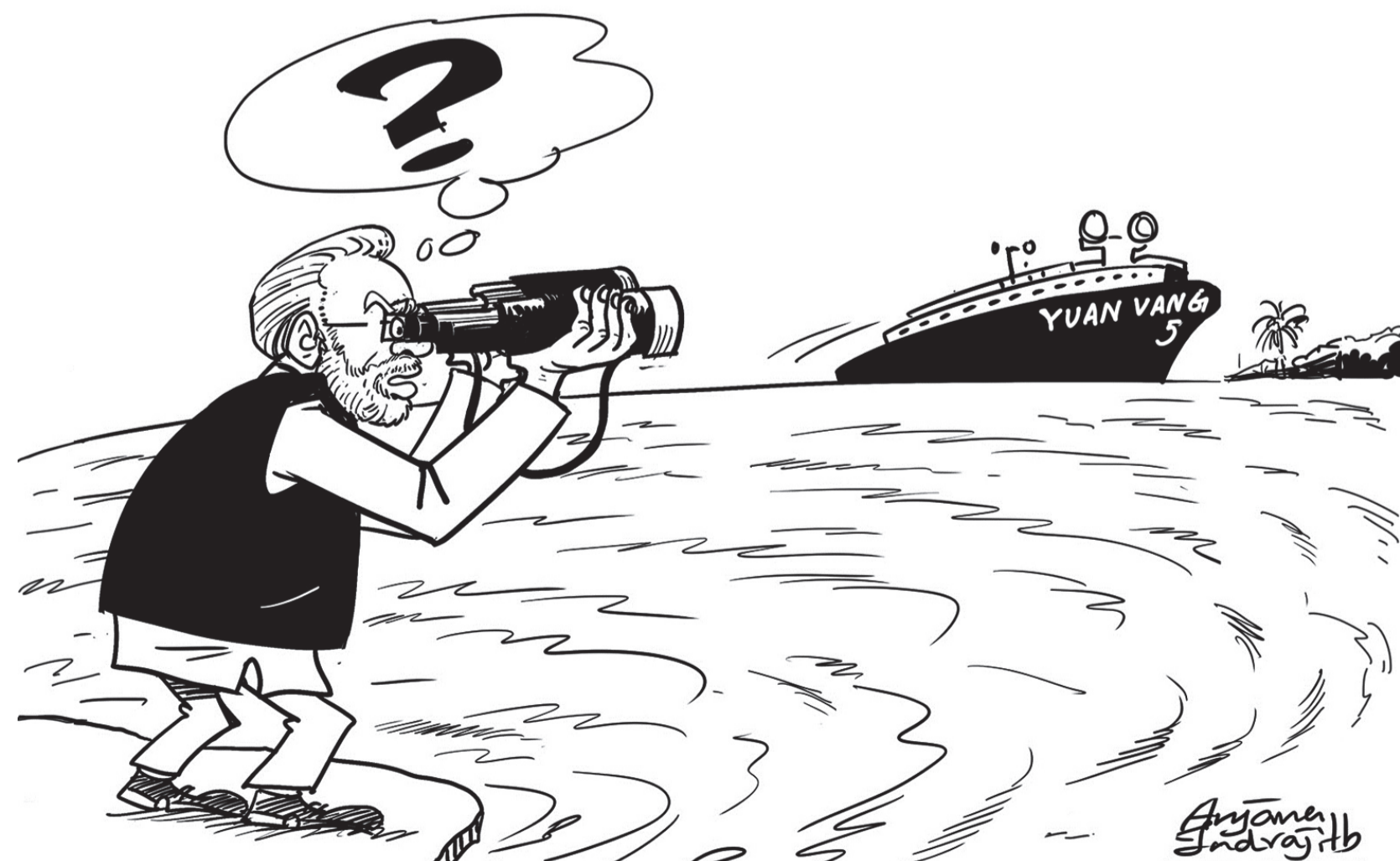
The second shocking incident reported by all media last week was about an exorcist (Kattadiya) who sold nude videos of schoolboys for millions of money. The same media reports praised the CID for being not biased and doing their job as best as possible while certain politicians, male and female police officers, VVIPs, business tycoons, etc. tried their level best to save the Kattadiya. The funniest part is this man had made several talismans for drug kingpins living here and abroad. But unfortunately he had failed to make one for himself to stop being detected and arrested! This is not the first or the last time popular figures found guilty for crimes here in Sri Lanka. The best example is Sakwithi. This trend will continue without any change as long as stupid Sri Lankans believe that another ordinary human being with ordinary body organs and ordinary mental power can be more powerful than another similar human being. There is no cure for stupidity.

Child Exploitation

In another incident the mother of a young girl was arrested while transporting her to sell to 'buyers' for money. In other words the mother forced her own daughter to engage in prostitution. These incidents are not that surprising when considering the social destruction that has been taking place here in Sri Lanka since the late 70s. Children are only another income generating avenue for some young parents belonging to a part of the 'Wrong Generation'. It was several decades ago when parents protected their children as their own eyes. Even animals and birds protect their eggs and small ones. Those animals and birds never let anyone come near their small ones and attack whoever approaches the nests and cages. Those animals and birds are much better than some present day mothers and fathers. Take a close look at the dog which feeds her puppies at your home.

Nowadays children are born by themselves and parents look after them because they cannot sell or kill them. During this era, no wonder if we hear more and more similar incidents. This is why some mothers let their children go away from home with various individuals who are not family members. This is how last week one child was kidnapped and prepared to sell by another individual who worked at a house. The man has taken the child and gone saying that he will buy yogurt for the child. Several other similar incidents were reported last week from various parts of the country.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. - Benjamin Franklin

Diffusing Foreign Interferences and Influences

PART III

SHIVANTHI RANASINGHE

Foreign interferences do not necessarily confine to engineered or manipulated efforts to create political instability or threaten national security. The very fact that our economy started to fall like a pack of cards for want of a USD 1.5 billion Credit Line from China is a case in point. Thus, this topic on foreign interferences and influences must be discussed on this broader perspective.

In the past, politician turned economist Dr. Harsha de Silva warned Sri Lanka that China is an "economic hitman". It is however noteworthy that when he was in power and considered as the 'UNP's economic guru', he did not dissuade his political bosses from seeking financial assistance from China.

According to former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, China sat on Sri Lanka's request for about a year. Even the USD 1 billion loan Sri Lanka requested from China was not exactly rejected by China, but withheld as China did not believe in facilitating loans to service debt.

This put a spanner in the Gotabaya Administration's efforts to find a homegrown solution to Sri Lanka's contentious debt web. Living off loans to enjoy unaffordable luxuries as well as essentials has become a vicious and addictive cycle for Sri Lankans. We are an island with abundant natural resources and an intelligent workforce. Yet our revenue avenues are limited and our main ones as the apparel sector, export agriculture as tea, remittances from Sri Lankan expatriates and even tourism to a larger degree are blue collar jobs. Therefore, our income in itself is relatively meagre and one that certainly cannot afford our current lifestyle.

The most unfortunate global pandemic has forced almost all countries to face an all time high inflation and prohibitive recession. In this context the Gotabaya Administration was unable to boost the economic growth it promised in its manifesto. Lack of imagination, focus and courage to challenge existing systems and methodologies also played its part in languishing an already ailing economy.

Still, the effort was to bridge the financial gaps with currency swaps and Credit Lines than seek assistance from entities such as the IMF or World Bank. Former President Gotabaya was confident that when the industrial parks and novel projects such as the Colombo Port City comes into effect that he would be able to kick start the economy. After all, he had barely covered half his term. Until then, it was a matter of keeping the economy rolling.

When China stopped playing ball with Sri Lanka, the whole plan backfired. Soon, we were without the means for basics such as fuel and certain commodities such as milk powder and electrical goods. Interestingly, the market flourished with imported chocolates and confectioneries and despite official restrictions, shop shelves continued to bulge with imported fresh fruits as well as canned and bottled food items. Though it was common knowledge that we were without sufficient forex to purchase essentials, the demand for non-essentials in the market continues.

Even so, Sri Lanka suffered from a lack of essentials. The Gotabaya Administration struggled and failed miserably to keep the supply chains unbroken. This led to long queues that sometimes lasted for days and an economy that contracted even more.

Yet, China had neither gained nor sought to gain from Sri Lanka's economic troubles. Therefore, it is unlikely that China had an ulterior motive, or was making a deliberate effort to create an economic crisis in Sri Lanka.

When Sri Lanka announced the decision to seek a bailout package from the IMF, China was visibly unhappy. The Chinese embassy in Sri Lanka immediately called a press conference to express their surprise. Though it was claimed therein that China was about to grant this Credit Line, it still was not offered to Sri Lanka, which would have saved the island nation quite a headache. Instead, China stated that they would be watchful.

China allowed Sri Lanka to trip over Sri Lanka's own feet simply because China was not feeling very friendly towards Sri Lanka. This is not to be misread as hostility as China is not a hostile country to Sri Lanka. China was only frowning over the fertilizer controversy and the cancellation of already approved projects through the tender system.

If Sri Lanka does not correct course and rekindle good relations with China, then Sri Lanka would have a lot more to contend with than the present sore economy. It is very possible that given the current turn of events, China's frown has already deepened to displeasure. This is then only a step away from hostility. Whether Sri Lanka can afford to lose a good friend who has clout in international forums is not even a question.

However, the main point here is our vulnerability as highlighted by this situation. If all it took to topple our economy was China's hesitancy over granting a USD 1.5 billion Credit Line and a loan of USD 1 billion, then the case before us is very clear. Obviously, we are so weak that we cannot even afford a tiff with a good friend without suffering dire consequences.

How did we become so vulnerable?

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Colombo Port City



Former President J.R. Jayewardene



Former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike

Before the European forced occupation, we were a self-sufficient Island Nation. Then, we were the producers and suppliers of our own needs.

By the time 1948 dawned we were already dependent on the import markets for both our basics and to upkeep newfound lifestyles. We were now using fossil fuels, which at the time was facilitating our transport. In the later decades fuel became needed in other areas as electricity generation.

Though our main staple remained rice, we over the decades became increasingly adapted to wheat based foods. Today, there are more wheat based foods than rice based.

As a nation we also were afflicted with a serious attitude problem. For some reason we believed then and continue to do so that imports are better in terms of quality and reliability than local produce. The best example would be the case of milk powder.

Milk powder was introduced to the Sri Lankan market in the '80s decade. Employing the most elegant beauty queen Rosy Senanayaka as the brand ambassador, milk powder was promoted with the tagline that it is imported. To the Sri Lankan mind, the inference was that this is the better milk simply because it is imported.

Here is an interesting question for the reader: has the reader seen in any Western film, sitcom, drama or any other movie production a scene where milk powder is reconstituted with water? Or do the characters always consume liquid milk from a carton?

Then, we must ask ourselves as to the reasons we believe that powdered milk from these very same countries is better than liquid milk. Most Sri Lankans reject liquid milk claiming that they get phlegm from it. Consequently, our local dairy farmer is struggling to earn a decent income from his produce, which is organic and free from hormones.

Formula milk fed babies and toddlers who drink powdered milk products tend to be unusually plump. Most develop lifelong health issues as obesity, diabetes and even heart ailments. Medications for these including sophisticated diagnostic equipment too are imported.

From time to time, health experts worry over contamination and other additives in the powder. The marketers themselves admit to "fortifying" the powder with substances that supposedly will increase brain activity. Nevertheless, a robust discussion on the necessity or effects of such artificial substances is absent in the local forums.

Despite this history and obvious detrimental consequences, milk powder is classified as an essential commodity. One of the main contentions of the recent anti-Government protests was also the difficulties in obtaining imported milk powders.

None of the politicians (who come to power on the votes of the likes as local dairy farmers), agriculturalists, economists or health experts contested the need for milk powder or pointed to the better alternative found in liquid milk that is good for both our health and economy. This implies either ignorance or ten-

When Sri Lanka regained her territorial Independence in 1948, we missed a key observation. We did not realize it then or even now that we have continued to stay economically dependent on foreign nations. Before the European forced occupation, we were a self-sufficient Island Nation. Then, we were the producers and suppliers of our own needs. By the time 1948 dawned we were already dependent on the import markets for both our basics and to upkeep newfound lifestyles.

tion to the criticism. He was more interested in the contacts and networks these families had with the business world outside South Korea, especially with the US.

He allowed these families to grow richer, but not at State expense. Those who violated this golden principle found themselves bankrupt almost overnight. As these families grew, so did the buying power of their employees. This in turn helped the South Korean economy to boom. Today, it is the fourth largest economy in Asia and the 10th in the world.

Staring right at these testaments our political leaders did the exact opposite. Sirimavo Bandaranaike's extreme leftist policies created space for Sri Lanka to be flung right out into an open economy. However, due to the fundamental sins committed by her Government, there were no takers within Sri Lanka to embrace the open economy.

JR Jayewardene's harsh decisions ended professionalism in the State sector. Today, it is the civil servant who is considered the most corrupt in our society. This has had a devastating effect on our business environment.

Continuing to live in sin

We still blame the JR Jayewardene Government's open economy for the lack of industries in Sri Lanka. However, that administration ended almost 50 years ago. Since then, we have had different styled administrations, including those that were offshoots of the Bandaranaike policy.

Chandrika Kumaratunga was SWRD and Sirimavo Bandaranaike's daughter. Mahinda Rajapaksa was a loyalist of this power couple. His father was a pioneer in the SLFP party founded by SWRD and he himself a guardian of their legacy. Neither the daughter nor the loyalist re-enacted Bandaranaike's policies wholesale nor corrected the flaws of JR's open economy. Whether headed by the UNP or the SLFP, the Governments since JR's have mixed and matched each other's economic principles.

Even so, we have been unable to protect our economy. The fundamental problem that beset us, but not realized by many, is that we do not have entrepreneurs amongst us to drive the economy forward. Sirimavo invested a lot to create local industries. With her Government's downfall these also perished. However, despite the accusations it was not JR's open economy that failed these industries.

It was the absence of entrepreneurs who are passionate and possessive enough of the business to face the daunting challenges and take the necessary risks to keep their businesses alive and growing. Without such personalities, we as a nation are without exciting economic opportunities and compelled to depend on overseas entrepreneurs even for our pins and pencils.

The expenses our own meagre incomes cannot bridge must be met with loans from other nations. It is immaterial whether we borrow from those who consider us as friends or subordinates for the effect is the same - we lay ourselves vulnerable to their moods.

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dency to justify any argument that augments a political agenda.

Forsaken by our politics

Our economic woes are not confined to an attitude problem alone. The political prejudices, myopia and blunders have created a greater havoc in our economy.

Until 1970, Sri Lanka yo-yoed between capitalism and socialism. From 1948 to 1970, a Government's average lifespan was five or less years. It bounced from the capitalists, most of whom who had developed a taste for European lifestyle, and the socialists, majority of who were desperate survivors of a system that disowned them.

This political instability only heightened the society's political divide. Those with wealth or means were portrayed as extortionists of the working man. A man's integrity cannot be prejudged based on his economic status never made its point home. Just because one is better off than the other would not make him evil or the poor honest by default is a concept many still do not grasp.

More than the religious or social leaders, it is the political leaders who are largely responsible for this misconception. When the South Korean General Park Chung-hee captured power in 1961, he adapted an export-oriented industrialization policy. He stopped all imports except raw materials and supported a business environment that promoted exports as well domestically produced commodities that until then were imported. His foreign policies focused on technology transfer.

Instead of hating the business community, he supported chaebols (large family-owned business conglomerates). This did not earn him any brownie points from the general public, who saw these families as mostly corrupt. General Chung-hee paid zero atten-



Boosting local dairy industry will help reduce milk powder import.

Salman Rushdie's attacker pleads not guilty to attempted murder



Author JK Rowling receives death threat over tweet on Salman Rushdie

UK: Author JK Rowling has received a death threat for a tweet condemning the attack on Salman Rushdie. Rowling, 57, took to Twitter to share screenshots of the threat message from a user. The Harry Potter author had reacted to the stabbing incident involving Rushdie with a tweet saying she felt very sick and hoped the novelist would be ok. In response, a user wrote: "Don't worry. You are next." - PTI

Eight injured in Jerusalem bus shooting

ISRAEL: Eight people were injured, two of them critically, after a shooting attack on a bus in Jerusalem's Old City, Israeli Police and medics said early Sunday. The bus driver said the attack occurred near King David's Tomb. - INDIA TODAY

3 killed, 5 injured in Pakistan landmine blast

PAKISTAN: At least three people were killed and five others injured in a landmine blast in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province on Saturday, police said. The incident happened in the Mir Ali tehsil area of North Waziristan when those killed were riding on the same bike that hit the land mine. - INDIA TODAY

Odinga ahead in Kenya's Presidential race

KENYA: Veteran Opposition Leader Raila Odinga led Kenya's Presidential race, official election results showed pushing Deputy President William Ruto into second place. With just over 26 per cent of votes counted, Odinga had 54 per cent and Ruto had 45 per cent, according to results provided by the Kenyan Election Commission on Saturday. - THE MALAY MAIL

Actress Anne Heche dead

US: Hollywood actress Anne Heche has been declared legally dead, one week after she crashed her car into a Los Angeles building, a spokeswoman said Friday. Heche, 53, had been comatose in hospital with a severe brain injury since the fiery collision on August 5. - NDTV

Biden expresses shock at 'vicious attack'

Rushdie had once complained about 'too much security' - Report

Iran's hardline newspapers praise Rushdie's attacker

US: A 24-year old New Jersey man charged with attempted murder and assault for attacking author Salman Rushdie has pleaded not guilty. Rushdie was on a ventilator and is likely to lose an eye after undergoing surgery.

Hadi Matar of Fairview, New Jersey was arraigned in centralised arraignment on Saturday and was remanded without bail at Chautauqua County Jail.

Matar was arrested Friday by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation for attempted murder 2nd degree (B Felony) and assault 2nd degree.

Matar was processed at State Police Jamestown and transported to Chautauqua County Jail. Matar was arraigned in centralised arraignment on Saturday and



Author Salman Rushdie is tended to after he was attacked during a lecture at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, in New York on Friday.

"remanded without bail to the Chautauqua County Jail," the New York State Police said in a statement.

Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden expressed shock over the "vicious attack" on Salman Rushdie and said that

he pray for his health and recovery.

In his statement praising the first responders, Biden said that he is grateful to the first responders and the brave individuals who jumped into action to render aid to the author.

Meanwhile, Rushdie, the 75-year-old Mumbai-born writer has faced Islamist death threats for years after writing "The Satanic Verses".

Rushdie had previously complained about having too much security around him, according to a media report on Saturday.

In 2001, Rushdie publicly complained about having too much security around him, *The New York Post* reported.

While attending the Prague Writers' Festival, he told



The man suspected of stabbing Salman Rushdie, Hadi Matar arrives for an arraignment in the Chautauqua County Courthouse in Mayville, New York on Saturday.

reporters, "To be here and to find a large security operation around me has actually felt a little embarrassing... I thought it was really unnecessary and kind of excessive and was certainly not arranged at my request."

Meanwhile, several hardline newspapers in the country on Saturday openly praised the 24-year-old attacker. Rushdie's

novel had drawn death threats from Iran since 1989.

The Kayhan newspaper, wrote, "A thousand bravos ... to the brave and dutiful person who attacked the apostate and evil Salman Rushdie in New York." It added, "The hand of the man who tore the neck of God's enemy must be kissed". - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

FBI seized 11 sets of classified material from Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence

US: The FBI seized 11 sets of classified records during the search of former US President Donald J Trump's Florida property Mar-a-Lago earlier this week, including some materials marked as "top secret/sensitive compartmented information".

The judge authorized the FBI to search what the bureau called the "45 Office" as well as "all other rooms or areas" at Mar-a-Lago that were available to former President Trump and his staff for storing boxes and documents. The search warrant identifies three possible federal crimes as the reasoning behind the search: violations of the Espionage Act, obstruction of justice and criminal handling of government records.

According to the unsealed



warrant, the FBI collected photos and information about the president of France, among other things.

One of the newly unsealed documents is a search warrant "receipt" revealed that FBI agents removed more than 20 boxes from the former President's resort and residence in Palm Beach, Florida, as well as binders of photos, and sets of

classified government materials and at least one handwritten note, CNN reported.

Federal agents seized just one set of "top secret/SCI" documents, according to the search warrant receipt. Agents took four sets of "top secret" documents, three sets of "secret" documents, and three sets of "confidential" documents. - ANI

Car thief caught hiding inside giant teddy bear

UK: A man in the United Kingdom who was wanted for car theft was sent to jail on Friday after police found him hiding inside a teddy bear.

According to a social media post by Greater Manchester Police, 18-year-old Joshua Dobson had been wanted by cops since May, when he stole a car before fuelling up without paying.

Last month, when officers went to his address to arrest him, they noticed a large teddy bear on the property that appeared not to be entirely inanimate.

The cops found that the 18-year-old had stuffed himself inside the giant 5-foot teddy bear.

"When we went to arrest him, our officers noticed a large bear breathing in the

address before finding Dobson hidden inside!" the Greater Manchester Police said on Facebook.

"He's now stuffed behind bars after being sentenced last week for theft of a motor vehicle, driving while disqualified, and making off from a petrol station without payment," the officials added.

- NDTV



Police found suspected car thief hiding inside a giant teddy bear.

Fuel price hike inflates further essentials cost in Bangladesh



People line up to buy onions in Dhaka, Bangladesh, considered to be an essential food item.

BANGLADESH: Prices of essentials rose by up to 14 per cent in a week in Bangladesh after the country witnessed a record hike fuel price recently, immediately affecting the transport sector, sparking street protests.

According to a State-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) tally, the prices of most essentials continued to go up every day since the Government enhanced the fuel prices.

"During the past one week prices of 25 out of 26 essential items spiraled" said a spokesman of TCB, which monitors the market, on Saturday.

TCB said the price of Bangladesh's staple rice rose by 22 per cent, farm-grown chicken by 45 per cent, onion by 43 per cent, egg by 20 per cent and fish by 10 per cent in the past one month.

"The prices of essentials rose by up to 14 per cent in a week after the government hiked fuel prices," the Daily Star estimated based on the TCB price chart. Bangladesh's inflation rate remained above 6 per cent for the past nine months and hit 7.48 per cent in July, exposing middle-class and poorer families to miseries to meet their day-to-day expenses. - PTI

Italy's largest lake wilts in Europe's heatwave



A view of the Sirmione Peninsula, on Lake Garda in Italy, on Friday shows that the water level has dropped critically during the severe drought, resulting in rocks that used to be underwater being exposed around the peninsula.

ITALY: Italy's worst drought in decades has reduced Lake Garda, the country's largest lake, to near its lowest level ever recorded, exposing swaths of previously underwater rocks and warming the water to temperatures that approach the average in the Caribbean Sea.

Tourists flocking to the popular northern lake Friday for the start of Italy's key summer long weekend found a vastly different land-

scape than in past years. An expansive stretch of bleached rock extended far from the normal shoreline, ringing the southern Sirmione Peninsula with a yellow halo between the green hues of the water and the trees on the shore.

"We came last year, we liked it, and we came back this year," tourist Beatrice Masi said as she sat on the rocks. "We found the landscape had changed a lot. We were a bit shocked when we

arrived because we had our usual walk around, and the water wasn't there."

Northern Italy hasn't seen significant rainfall for months, and snowfall this year was down 70 percent, drying up important rivers like the Po, which flows across Italy's agricultural and industrial heartland. Many European countries — including Spain, Germany, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and Britain — are enduring droughts this summer that have hurt farmers and shippers and prompted authorities to restrict water use.

The parched condition of the Po, Italy's longest river, has already caused billions of euros in losses to farmers who normally rely on it to irrigate fields and rice paddies.

With 1,589 cubic feet of water per second being diverted to rivers, the lake on Friday was 12.6 inches above the water table, near the record lows in 2003 and 2007. - THE COLUMBIAN

Man detained over shots fired at Canberra Airport

AUSTRALIA: A gunman reportedly fired shots inside Canberra's main airport yesterday, sending passengers fleeing but injuring no one before he was detained by Australian police.

Images posted on social media showed a police officer restraining a man on the ground inside the terminal as the emergency alarms sounded in the capital's main airport.

Outside, several apparent bullet impacts were visible on the glass front of the airport, according to images shown by Australia's public broadcaster ABC.

"Police were called to the Canberra Airport following reports of gunshots in the main terminal building," Australian Capital Territory police said in a statement.

"Shortly after one person was taken into custody and a firearm was recovered," they said, adding that there were no reports of injuries.

After examining the airport's closed-circuit television images, Police said they believed the man had acted alone. The situation was now "contained", they said. - THE MALAY MAIL



Australia's Canberra Airport.



THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

INVITATION FOR BIDS



Invitation of Quotations to obtain suitable Labour Hands on contract basis, to engage in work in the Aparekka Project Office 1 Mechanical Section of the Southern Expressway Extension

- Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Section, on behalf of the Road Development Authority, from eligible and qualified Bidders, for the Project stated below in the Southern Expressway road extension.

Contract No.	Name of Project	Labour Hands per day	Contract Period (Months)	Bid Security (Rs.)
RDA/EOM & M/ GOSL/ESEP/MECH-LAB/2022/30	Provision of suitable Labour Hands to engage in work in the Mechanical Section for the Aparekka Project Office 1 of the Southern Expressway Road Extension	04	12	50,000.00

- The implementing Agency will be the EOM & M Unit of the Road Development Authority.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To qualify for granting of contract, Bidders should possess experience in provision of labour in equal capacities.
- Bids should be valid up to 91 calendar days (06.12.2022) from the bid closing date.
- Bids should be accompanied with a Bid Security to the value stated in the table above and it should be valid up to 03.01.2023. Bids not accompanied with a Bid Security will be rejected.
- Bidders should sign every page of the set of bid documents and place the official seal.
- The relevant pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held at **10.30 hrs. on 30.08.2022** at the Procurement Section Office of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority at Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Participation of bidders at this meeting will be compulsory and non-participation of bidders at this meeting may result in either cancellation of their bids or made unqualified for granting of contract.
- A complete set of bid documents, prepared in Sinhala language, can be obtained from **15.08.2022** up to **05.09.2022** between **9.00 hrs. and 13.15 hrs.** by interested bidders on payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 3,000.00 + 360.00 (VAT)** by cash and submission of a written application, made to the office of the Director, Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Unit of the Road Development Authority at Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Acceptance of Bids will be closed at **2.00 p.m. on 06.09.2022.**
- Sealed bids with a copy, could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Unit, Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Section, Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama or delivered personally, to be received at or before **2.00 p.m. on 06.09.2022.** The cover containing the bid should be marked, "**Provision of Labour Hands on contract basis to engage in work in the Aparekka Project Office 1 - Mechanical Section of the Southern Expressway Extension**" at left-side top corner.
- Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids at the office of the Director of the Expressway Operation Maintenance and Management Section of the Road Development Authority at Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. Bidders or their authorized representatives can be present at the opening.
- For further details, contact the following:
 - Engineer (Construction - EOM & M Unit) Road Development Authority - Tel. No. 011-3047806.

Chairman,
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ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS

Rs. 60,000 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an auction on 17th August 2022

The Details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows :

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09122K182	LKA18223B178	LKA36423H187	
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn.)	30,000	15,000	15,000	60,000

Date of Auction	: 17 th August 2022
Date of Settlement	: 19 th August 2022
Date of Issue	: 19 th August 2022
Closing date and time of bid submission	: Wednesday 17 th August 2022, at 11.00 a.m.
Minimum amount of a bid	: Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/=) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/=) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities.

Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

The CBSL may accept a higher or lower amount than the offered amounts for each maturity by reallocating amounts between the maturities, depending on the market conditions, but without exceeding the total amount on offer at this auction.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed Commercial Banks

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

* International Securities Identification Number

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Ministry of Education

National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority



INVITATION TO BIDS FOR SECURITY SERVICE AND JANITORIAL SERVICE

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Supply of Janitorial Service to Head Office of NAITA and National Institutes for one year period and for supply of security service to all movable and immovable assets in the organization for one year period.

- | Description | Bid No | Bid Security Amount (LKR) | Non-Refundable Fee (LIAR) | Date of Pre-Bid Meeting | Bid Closing Date & Time |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Supply Security Service (all movable and immovable assets) | P&S/PRO/12/02/(22) | 500,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 10.00 a.m on 30.08.2022 | 2.00 p.m on 06.09.2022 |
| 2. Supply Janitorial Service | P&S/PRO/12/01/(22) | 250,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 11.00 a.m on 30.08.2022 | 3.00 p.m on 06.09.2022 |

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the office of the Director (Admin & HR), National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA), 971, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya and inspect the bidding documents at the address given above from 16.08.2022 up to 05.09.2022 during 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Working days. Tel: 0112888782-5, Ext.343 and Fax: 0112875553.
- Bid eligible criteria are included in the Bidding Documents.
- A set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala language for each tender may be purchased by interested Bidders with submission of request letter for issuing bid document to the Director (Admin & HR), National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA), 971, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya from 16.08.2022 up to 05.09.2022 during 9.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee.
- Sealed Bids for each Tender shall be delivered separately in ORIGINAL and COPY addressed to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA), 971, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya on or before above closing date and time. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the bidder / bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late Bids will be rejected and not accepted.
- Bids shall be valid until the date 05.12.2022. (90 days)
- Bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security", for an amount stated in the above table, in unconditional on demand guarantee obtained from a commercial bank approved by Central Bank of Sri Lanka on the format given in the Bidding Document. The Bid Security shall be valid until 19.12.2022.
- Procurement Committee has the right to reject a bid or part of the bids or cancel the entire bids.

Chairman
National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority,
971, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha,
Welikada, Rajagiriya



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CRICKET GROUND EQUIPMENT

TENDER REFERENCE: SLC/ADM/081-2022

Sri Lanka Cricket now invites sealed bids from the eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of Cricket Ground Equipment as specified below;

Lot	Description
Lot A	200 Nos of Nylon Nets for Practice Side Wickets
Lot B	100 Rolls of Boundary Ropes - Thickness 24 mm
Lot C	100 Rolls of Boundary Ropes - Thickness 32 mm
Lot D	50 Nos of Pitch Covers
Lot E	18 Nos of Pitch Covers (Light)

Bidders are allowed to quote one or more Lots.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Manager Procurement, (Tel :0112681601-4 Ext. 212, Email: sampath.pushpakumara@sri.lankacricket.lk) and inspect the document at the Administration Division, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.

A complete set of Bidding Document in English Language may be purchased by eligible bidders during normal working days with a written submission (Monday to Friday, between 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. from 16th August 2022 to 5th September 2022) from the Administration Department, Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07, upon a payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.10,000/- in cash inclusive taxes.

Pre bid meeting will be held on 23rd August 2022 at 11:00 hrs at the Auditorium of the Sri Lanka Cricket, No 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07.

Bid shall be delivered in duplicate (clearly marked Original and Duplicate separately and sealed separately) to The Head of Administration, Sri Lanka Cricket, No. 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07 on or before 15:00 hrs on 5th September 2022. Alternatively, Bids may be sent by registered post to reach before the closing time of the Bid.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security (shall be an unconditional guarantee issued by a reputable bank operating in Sri Lanka) as specified in the bidding document.

Late bids will be rejected, and the valid bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders/representatives who choose to attend at the opening of bids.

Sri Lanka Cricket
No. 35, Maitland Place,
Colombo 7

Unbeaten Pathana crowned U-20 League champions



CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Isipathana College clinched the 2022 Inter-Schools Under-20 'A' Division League title when they defeated arch-rivals Royal College 21-15 in a thrilling final encounter played at Havelock Park yesterday.

Isipathana also kept their unbeaten record intact as they collected their points from one goal, one try and three penalties after trailing 6-10 at half time while Royal responded with one goal, one try and one penalty.

In addition, Isipathana shattered Royal's chances of retaining the 'A' Division League title for the fourth successive year and went on to regain the Major Milroy Fernando Memorial Trophy.

Even then, Isipathana were under tremendous pressure in the beginning as they conceded an early try to their opponents and were trailing 0-10 after just 15 minutes of play.

In fact, Royal drew first blood in the 12th minute with a superb try from Pasindu Heshan who powered his way to touch down after the forwards had worked their way to gain a great amount of territorial advantage.



Isipathana skipper, Daham Wickramarachchi, lifts the coveted Dialog Schools Rugby League Trophy. Also in picture, Nirodha Wijerama, Secretary, SLSRFA, B A Abeyratne, President, SLSRFA, Harsha Samaranyake, Senior General Manager - Brand and Media, Group Marketing, Dialog Axiata PLC and Upali Amaratunga, Deputy Director, Physical Education, Ministry of Education.

Yehiya added the extra points and three minutes later, he converted a good penalty to put Royal in a commanding position at that stage.

However, thereafter, a little bit of indiscipline crept into the Royal camp as they were reduced to 13-men shortly before half time following a red card and a yellow card due to late tackles.

Isipathana managed to capitalise on this

advantage and reduced the deficit to four points with a penalty each from Rinesh Silva and malith Mihisara respectively. After the turnaround, Isipathana reduced the margin to a solitary point with Mihisara firing across another penalty from a good 30 metres out.

Isipathana were now really fired up as their three quarters simply cut loose with fly half Naveen Kanishka finding a huge gap in the Royal defence to score under the post following a superb dummy.

Mihisara converted the try and Isipathana were able to take the lead 16-10 for the first time in the game.

However, Royal responded almost immediately and scored a magnificent pushover try through Danindu Samararatne to make it 15-16 going into the last few minutes of the game.

Isipathana then completely sealed the contest in their favour with Praveen Stephan producing a brilliant solo effort to breakaway and touch down completely unchallenged.

Mihisara missed the conversion, but Isipathana ran out victorious 21-15 and won their first league title since 2016.



Action from the match between Royal and Isipathana (Pic by Wasitha Patabedige)

SLC Invitational T20 League

SLC Blues confront Reds in final today

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

SLC Blues will meet SLC Reds in the final of the SLC Invitational T20 League cricket tournament fixture which will be played today (15) at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium, commencing from 7.00 pm.

The two teams met each other in the last league game on Saturday when the Reds led by Kusal Mendis recorded a 33-run victory to enter the final. Mendis the top form batter played a superb knock of 86 in 60 balls with ten fours and a six which is also the highest individual total of this tournament. The opener Kusal Mendis was leading from the front while all rounder Wanindu Hasaranga played a remarkable unbeaten knock of 69 in 41 balls with 3 fours and 5 sixes and was adjudged Man of the Match in this game.

The opener Lasith Croospulle, dashing stroke maker Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Kamindu Mendis young all rounder Dunith Wellalage and Lahiru Madushanka are the other stroke makers of the Reds side.

The useful all rounder Sahan Arachchige also strengthens the middle order while pacesman Asitha Fernando, and Matheesha Pathirana who has an action similar to Lasith Malinga while two main spinners Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Theekshana have been always challenging for the opponent Blues team today at the final. Reds scored 178 for 5 wickets in their last game against Blues which was the highest team total so far in their tournament.

Meanwhile, the Blues team had a big blow as their regular skipper Charith Asalanka tested positive for Covid-19 while all rounder Dhananjaya de Silva is standing skipper from the last game. Dhananjaya de Silva has good experience to handle the team while Lahiru Udara, Sadeera Samarawickrama, and wicket-keeper Sithara Gimhan are the top order batters to build up the innings.

Ashen Bandara and Chamika Karunaratne strengthen the middle order while all rounders Suminda Lakshan and Lahiru Samara-



... koon are also useful batters who can make good contributions in today's final.

Dilshan Madushanka the young paceman who bowled really well during this tournament has a good ability to do early damage for team Blues while Kasun Rajitha and leg spinner Praveen Jayawickrama are the talented bowlers of the Blues team.

SLC Blues main strike bowler

Dilshan Madushanka is knocking on the Asia Cup's door.

not a vital factor today but Reds team have good hard hitters like Wanindu Hasaranga, Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Kusal Mendis have a good advantage to chase a target.

The spinners like Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana both from the Reds while Praveen Jayawickrama of Blues and Red's pacesman Asitha Fernando are among the wickets in this tournament and all are in this final which is going to be a keen tussle today.

SLC conducted this tournament before the Asia Cup and T 20 World Cup while selectors were keen to see this tournament to select the best for the Asia Cup and T 20 World Cup. The Asia Cup team has already been submitted for the Sports Minister's approval while all the players are keen to succeed in this final before this Asia Cup.



SLC Reds skipper Kusal Mendis and all rounder Wanindu Hasaranga (Pic courtesy SLC)

SRI LANKA UNDER 19 TEAM LEAVE FOR UK



Sri Lanka Under 19 team led by all-rounder Raveen de Silva left England yesterday for two four-day unofficial Test matches and three unofficial ODI matches. The tour will start on 16 with three-day practice games. The picture shows the Sri Lanka Under 19 team posing with officials for a photograph before their departure. (Pic courtesy SLC)

Godamanna retires as Sri Lanka beat Iraq 2-0



Harshana Godamanna receiving a special memento from the SLT President and Secretary to the Sports Minister Dr. Amal Harsha de Silva.

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka came out victorious in the crucial decider match of the Asia Oceania Zone Group IV Event 'A' Tennis Tournament for promotion to Group III when they outclassed Iraq by 2-0 at the SLTA clay courts on Saturday.

This was an emotional farewell for Sri Lankan tennis player Harshana Godamanna who announced his retirement from tennis.

After the Davis Cup group IV tournament, SLTA officials handed over a special memento to the Harshana Godamanna at the SLTA courts.

Results: Promotion Playoff: Sri Lanka beat Iraq 2-0

Singles: Yasitha de Silva (Sri Lanka) beat Abdullah Ali Hatem (Iraq) 2-0 (6/4, 6/2)

Harshana Godamanna (Sri Lanka) beat Adel Mustafa Al-Saedi (Iraq) 2-0 (6/3, 6/2)

Mobil extends support to Sri Lankan Badminton team



Several young athletes represented Sri Lanka at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Mobil, a brand that is close to the hearts of many Sri Lankans, is proud to support the Sri Lankan Badminton team and extends wishes and strength to the team to make our nation proud on this international platform.

Rohan De Silva, President of the Sri Lanka Badminton Association and Chaminda Gunaratna, Joint Managing Director of McLarens Lubricants Ltd. met with the team to support and extend best wishes.

Neymar scores twice as PSG thump Montpellier

Neymar scored twice as Paris St-Germain made it two Ligue 1 wins from two under new boss Christophe Galtier with a resounding defeat of Montpellier.

While Kylian Mbappe saw a first-half penalty saved, PSG went ahead through Falaye Sacko's own goal.

Neymar scored from the spot and headed his second to put the hosts three up.

Wahbi Khazri and Enzo Tchato were on target for Montpellier but Mbappe and Renato Sanches goals ensured another emphatic win for PSG.

In Galiter's first home game as boss, PSG dominated from the start, earning a 23rd-minute penalty after a Jordan Ferri handball.

While Mbappe was denied by Jonas Omlin, Sacko turned the ball into his own net before Neymar continued his fine form with a double either side of the break - having scored one and set up another three in last week's 5-0 win at Clermont.

Former Sunderland forward Khazri pulled one back for Montpellier but goals from Mbappe and Sanches - either side of what would have been a Neymar hat-trick goal being chalked off for offside - put PSG 5-1 clear before Tchato's superb consolation strike in added time. (BBC)

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MESSAGE FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER



I convey warm greetings to my brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka as India celebrates her 75th Anniversary of Independence today. It is also a matter of great happiness that Sri Lanka as well is in the 75th year of its Independence.

Under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', a series of initiatives and activities have been undertaken across Sri Lanka to mark this momentous occasion. Joint celebration of 75 years of Independence by India and Sri Lanka is one of the highlights of these celebrations.

Friends, guided by 'Neighbourhood First' policy, India keeps in her heart all the time the people of Sri Lanka and their well being. Unprecedented financial, economic and humanitarian assistance of close to USD 4 billion this year underscores our commitment to our brethren in Sri Lanka. India and her people rose to respond to various requirements of the Sri Lankan people in a prompt manner through our multi-pronged assistance.

Bilateral ties are evolving into newer areas. Eight documents were signed between the two Governments during the visit of External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar to Sri Lanka in March 2022. These

documents cover a large canvas - from the next generation Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity Project to the USD 15 million grant for the promotion of Buddhist linkages, and to defence, among others. These are a testimony to the dynamism in our relationship.

India has been an active partner in catalyzing the economic recovery of Sri Lanka. Indian investments in mutually beneficial sectors such as ports, renewable energy, infrastructure etc will be instrumental in this through employment generation and stepped up economic activities.

Civilizational connect, shared heritage and abiding bonds between the people are the hallmark of India-Sri Lanka ties. Today, as we rapidly move forward on the path laid out by generations from antiquity, we also seek to strengthen these age-old linkages for posterity as well.

I once again convey my greetings to all Indians and our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka.

- Gopal Baglay

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Towards a greener tomorrow (Solar Power Plant in Sampur)

- Cooperation in renewable energy sector is a priority area
- 100 MW Solar Power Plant
- Joint Venture and Shareholders' Agreement (JVSHA) between NTPC Limited from India and CEB



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India's multi-pronged support of around USD 4 billion to the people of Sri Lanka in 2022

“ India will continue to stand with the people of Sri Lanka and support democracy, stability and economic recovery in Sri Lanka. ”
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi


- Concessional loan of USD 1 billion for food, medicines and essential commodities.
- USD 500 million credit line for purchase of petroleum products.
- Line of Credit of USD 55 million for procurement of Urea Fertiliser.
- Deferment of dues of about USD 1.8 billion till June 2022 to be paid by CBSL to the Reserve Bank of India under the Asian Clearing Union framework.
- Currency swap of USD 400 million to strengthen the forex reserves.
- Donation of more than 26 tons of medicines to various entities across Sri Lanka.
- Distribution of dry rations among needy sections of the society.
- Kerosene for fishermen to sustain their livelihoods.
- Advocating for Sri Lanka in international forums



Ministry of Finance
Union Finance Minister Smt. @nithuram met Sri Lanka Finance Minister Mr Ali Sabry on the sidelines of IMF-WB Spring Meetings, at Washington D.C., today, and discussed current economic situation and its approach towards addressing the prevailing challenges in Sri Lanka. (1/2)
Union Finance Minister Smt. @nithuram assured Sri Lanka that as a close friend and good neighbour, India will try to extend all possible cooperation and assistance to Sri Lanka. (2/2)
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VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DR. S. JAISHANKAR TO SRI LANKA IN MARCH 2022



Documents signed during the visit

- ▶ MoU on implementation of grant assistance from India to promote Buddhist ties between India and Sri Lanka
- ▶ Exchange of notes on the amendment to Article IX of the MoU on construction of Jaffna Cultural Center
- ▶ MoU on implementation of Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SL-UDI) programme with GOI's grant assistance
- ▶ MoU for providing Maritime Rescue Coordination Center
- ▶ MoU on implementation of Hybrid Power Projects in three Islands off Jaffna
- ▶ MoU on cooperation in development of Fisheries Harbours in Sri Lanka
- ▶ MoU for the establishment of Modern Computer Labs and smart boards with customized curriculum software in 200 schools in Galle District
- ▶ MoU between Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and the Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute.

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A FUTURISTIC PARTNERSHIP

Economic and Commercial linkages

► Bilateral trade

- Sri Lanka's largest trading partner and third largest export destination in 2021.
- Annual bilateral merchandise trade amounted to about USD 5.45 billion.
- Substantial increase in trade since 2000, when the FTA came into force.
- More than 60% of Sri Lanka's exports use the benefits of FTA.
- Corresponding figure for India's exports is only about 5%.

► Indian investments

- One of the largest contributors to FDI in Sri Lanka.
- Number of leading companies from India in diverse sectors have their presence in Sri Lanka.
- FDI from India is estimated to be more than USD 2.2 billion.
- More investments in the pipeline.

THE AGILE JUMBO: INDIAN ECONOMY

Indicators

Real GDP growth provisionally estimated to be 8.7 % in 2021-22.
Real GDP growth for FY 2022-23 expected to be 7%, highest among major economies.
External debt of US\$ 614.9 billion is around 20% of the GDP.
Forex reserves at US\$ 574 billion in August 2022.

Drivers

Rising Capex in the public sector.
Disbursement of INR 1 trillion in interest-free Capex loans announced.
Increase in government revenues expected.
Fiscal deficit to GDP ratio likely to be unchanged from its budgeted level.
Retail inflation of around 7% in June 2022.

Resilience

Highest annual FDI inflows of US\$ 84.8 billion last year.
Sustained momentum despite commodity price shocks.
Growth of PMI manufacturing and services indices.
Improvement of other indices in core industries production, industrial production and freight traffic.
Gross Non-Performing Assets ratio for the banking sector declined to its lowest level in six years.

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DEFENCE

A PARTNERSHIP WITH MULTIPLE FACETS

The sturdy bilateral defence relationship is built on the foundation of close linkages between the two militaries. Commonalities on the security front guide the defence cooperation, which has a wide landscape, encompassing training, joint exercises, supply of military equipment and high level bilateral visits, among others. Annual dialogues are held at levels of National Security Advisor (NSA), Deputy NSA, Defence Secretary and Service Chiefs. Periodic bilateral goodwill visits by Navy and Coast Guard ships are also a striking feature of the bilateral defence partnership.



MILITARY EXERCISES

The 8th edition of India -Sri Lanka joint military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI commenced with the landing of 120 - strong Indian Army contingent onboard Indian Air Force IL-76 transport aircraft on 2 October 2021. Bilateral Naval exercise SLINEX off Vishakhapatnam was held from 07-10 March 2022.



BILATERAL PLATFORMS

The 5th NSA level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave was held on 9-10 March 2022 in Maldives followed by 6th Deputy NSA level meeting on 07-08 July 2022 at Kochi. The then Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army General MM Naravane, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC visited Sri Lanka from 12-16 October 2021 followed by Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (South) Vice Admiral Anil Chawla, PVSM, AVSM, NM, VSM, ADC from 25-28 October 21.



HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

Supporting Sri Lanka's fight against COVID-19, Indian Naval Ship Shakti arrived in Colombo on 22 August 2021 with 100 tons (5 containers) of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) from Visakhapatnam. Further, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Gharial was specially deployed for ensuring expeditious delivery of medical supplies to Sri Lanka in April- June 2022.

GEARING FOR TOMORROW

Towards enhancing the capability and capacity building of Sri Lankan Armed Forces, multiple MoUs and agreements were signed between Governments of India and Sri Lanka in March 2022. These include a 4000T Floating Dock for Sri Lanka Navy on gratis basis to enhance their ship repairing capability, two Dornier Aircrafts to Sri Lanka Air Force towards strengthening their Maritime security capabilities multifold and the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre for Sri Lanka Navy. 750 vehicles (SUV/MUV) are also being given to Sri Lanka Police.



TRAINING

Training is an enduring pillar, with India being the largest provider of foreign training assistance to Sri Lankan Armed Forces. Overcoming the hurdles posed by Covid-19, participation in premier courses at reputed institutions in India continued.



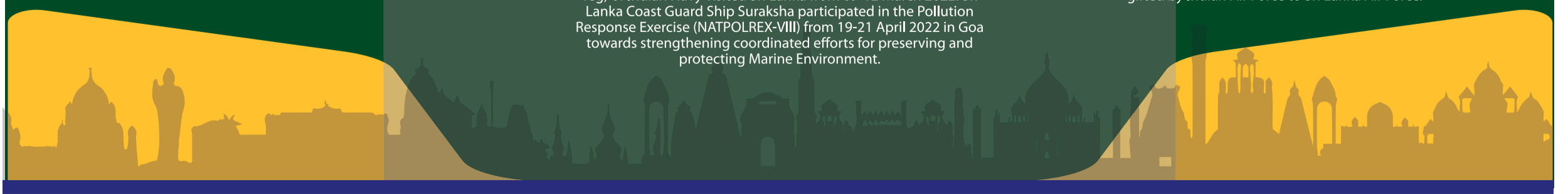
MARITIME DOMAIN

Indian Naval Ship 'Nireekshak' (advanced diving support ship of Indian Navy), facilitated Mixed Gas Diving training for Sri Lanka Navy in February 2022 and five sailing vessels of Indian Navy (Mhadei, Tarini, Bulbul, Kadalpura and Hariyal) catering to ocean sailing training/ experience for Sri Lanka Navy in March 2022. Four ships of the Western Fleet (INS Brahmaputra, Talwar, Chennai and Teg) of Indian Navy visited Sri Lanka from 09-12 March 2022. Sri Lanka Coast Guard Ship Suraksha participated in the Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-VIII) from 19-21 April 2022 in Goa towards strengthening coordinated efforts for preserving and protecting Marine Environment.



ENHANCING OPERATIONAL READINESS

INS Sharda arrived with the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) embarked onboard for training of Sri Lanka Air Force Pilots and to execute shipborne helicopter operations for Sri Lanka Naval Ships from 23-29 March 2022. SLNS Sagara spares were provided on grant basis. Further, in order to ensure operational readiness of AN32, two propellers are being gifted by Indian Air Force to Sri Lanka Air Force.



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Making a tangible impact on daily lives:

PEOPLE-CENTRIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



Homes for the homeless

Development projects carried out by India in Sri Lanka have people and their daily lives at its very heart. At an overall commitment of over USD 5 billion with around USD 600 million grants, these projects cut across diverse spheres such as large-scale infrastructure, connectivity, health, education, housing, and industrial development, among many others. Spread across the 25 districts of Sri Lanka, this key pillar of bilateral cooperation spurs the local economy as they rely mostly on Sri Lankan contractors and labour for their implementation.

With their dynamic working structures, these projects negotiate the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic well. Testifying to their evolving and demand-driven nature, a MOU on grant assistance for the next-generation Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity project was signed between the two countries in March 2022.

Overall, India has been associated with more than 85 grant projects in Sri Lanka. This includes the flagship Indian Housing Programme for the construction of 60,000 houses, nation-wide 1990 Suwaseriya Emergency Ambulance service, and the iconic Jaffna Cultural Center. State of the art Rabindranath Tagore auditorium in Ruhuna University and the first of its kind temperature-controlled warehouse in Dambulla are among other projects which attests to the breadth and versatility of India-Sri Lanka development partnership.



Soft launch of state-of-the-art Jaffna Cultural Centre



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Connect between people across generations

Historical, cultural, spiritual, and linguistic ties have interwoven India and Sri Lanka into a common cultural tapestry that dates back more than two millennia.

Jataka Tales Audio Book in Sinhala



Marking 75th anniversary of India's Independence, the Audio Book containing 50 Jataka Tales was launched at the Ruwanweli Maha Seya premises in Anuradhapura on the sacred Poon Poya on 14 June 2022. Tales selected under the theme of 'Good Advice' primarily caters to the Visually impaired. The first Audio Book was offered to the Venerable Maha Sangha. This unique initiative was the joint collaboration between SVCC and the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies (CCIS), University of Colombo.

International Day of Yoga

The 8th International Day of Yoga was organized in collaboration with Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs at the iconic Independence Square on 21 June 2022 in Colombo. Themed 'Yoga for Humanity', the mega event was held under the gracious presence of H.E Ranil Wickremesinghe, several Ministers, Members of Parliament and other dignitaries. Hundreds of yoga enthusiasts from all over the country took part in the event. The event was a part of the 'Guardian Ring' which connected Yoga events from all over the world to highlight the unifying power of Yoga. A series of other programmes were organized throughout the month of June in the run upto the grand event on 21 June 2022.

DID YOU KNOW?


The United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga on 11 December 2014. The resolution was passed by the highest number of votes ever recorded for any General Assembly resolution.




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EQUIPPING FOR THE FUTURE: CAPACITY BUILDING



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ITEC

The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme was instituted by Government of India in 1964 as an assistance programme. This fully funded Programme, covering airfare, accommodation, study tours, course fee and other allowances, has grown considerably over the years and along with its sister program SCAAP (Special Commonwealth African Assistance Programme), 161 countries across the globe are invited to gain from sharing of the Indian developmental experience. Under capacity building, which is an important pillar of ITEC, professionals from these countries are offered tailor-made training courses in both civilian and defence spheres in reputed institutions in India.

Sri Lanka is among the most important ITEC partner countries and 402 fully-funded slots are offered every year to Sri Lankan Government personnel and other nationals for short term training programs towards enhancing their skill-set. The courses are spread over a multitude of sectors such as Management & Leadership, International Trade, Tourism, Textiles, Renewable Energy, Petroleum & Hydrocarbon, IT, English language etc. The Programme draws an enthusiastic response in Sri Lanka every year and 415 participants from Sri Lanka attended various e-ITEC programs last year.

A highlight has been the five customized capacity building training courses for educational administrators, officials, curriculum developers and school heads by the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) Chennai for 200 Sri Lankan officials. Inaugural edition of the innovative Young Leaders' Neighbourhood-First Fellowship Programme at the prestigious St. Stephen's College was attended by seven young participants from Sri Lanka.

The inaugural edition of the Gen Next Democracy Network Programme to mark 75 years of India's Independence was attended by Hon'ble MPs Jeevan Thondaman, and Kavinda Jayawardena, former Chairman of the Weligama Urban Council, Rehan Jayawickrema and Member of the Colombo Municipal Council, Ms. Gayathri Wickramasinghe. The delegation visited various places in India during the week-long programme from November 25-December 2, 2021.




Inaugural ceremony of the St. Stephen's Young Leaders' Fellowship Programme



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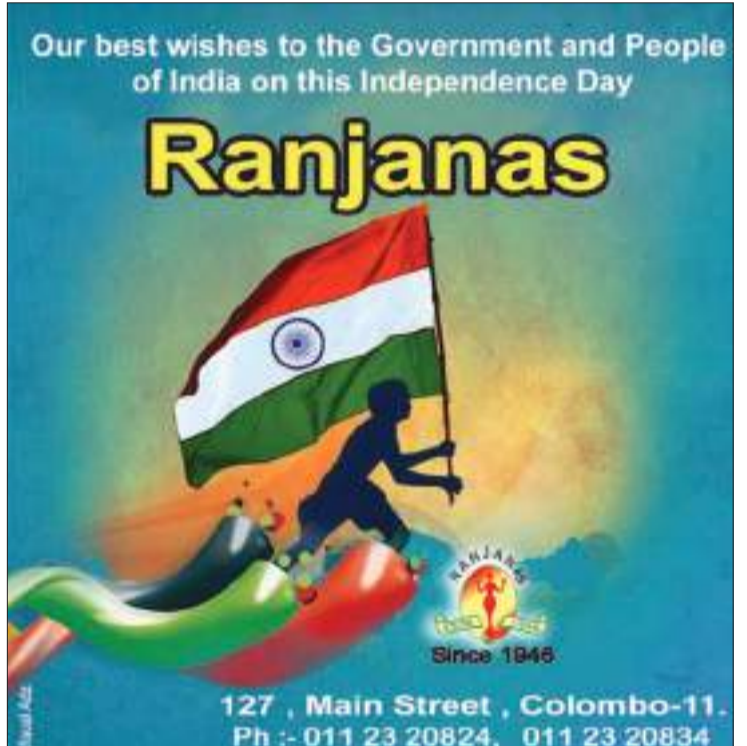
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Daily News TENDER AND OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS

AUCTION SALE OF TODDY / FOREIGN LIQUOR TAVERN RENT FOR THE YEAR 2023

DIVISIONAL SECRETARY'S DIVISION - NEGOMBO

Bids for the above auction are received at the Divisional Secretariat - Negombo on below dates.

Details	Closing Date	Time
Auction of Toddy Tavern	23.09.2022	10.30 a.m.
Auction of Foreign Liquor Tavern	23.09.2022	10.30 a.m.

Part I of the Gazette Notification No. 2294 dated 19.08.2022. Section (II B) - is published in detail and the information can be obtained by visiting the website www.documents.gov.lk

A.U. Pathirana,
Divisional Secretary,
Negombo.

Divisional Secretariat, Negombo.

10.08.2022

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 Nuwara Eliya Region and will not be redeemed up to 13.09.2022 will be sold by public auction on the date and premises given below.

The Auction will commence at 9.00 a.m.

Date of Auction	Place of Auction
14.09.2022	Nuwara Eliya Branch Premises
Branches Pawned	Hanguranketha, Ragala, Talawakelle, Nildandahinna, Nuwara Eliya, Pundaluoya, Maskeliya, Hatton, Udupussallawa, Ginigathena, Rikillagaskada, Bogawanthalawa.
Service Centers Pawned	Hewaheta, Padiyapellella, Adikarigama, Ragala, Agarapata, Walapane, Kandapola, Nanuoya, Hapugastalawa, Thawalantenna, Upcot, Dickoya, Kotagala, Watawala.

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,
Nuwara Eliya.

Telephone Nos. 052-222555
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052-2235282



INVITATION FOR BIDS

INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NETWORK LTD.

ACQUIRING OF ON DEMAND VIDEO & AUDIO STREAMING SERVICES AND LIVE VIDEO & AUDIO STREAMING SERVICES FOR ITN WEBSITES

Bid No. ITN/Q/157/2021

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Independent Television Network Ltd. invites sealed bids from reputed service providers for the acquiring of On Demand Video & Audio Streaming Services and Live Video & Audio Streaming Services for ITN websites. The assignment will be on contractual basis for a period of two (02) years.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Bidders shall comply with following eligibility criteria to qualify for consideration
 - Having a valid Business Registration
 - Should have minimum 03 years' experience in configuring On Demand Video & Audio Streaming Services for Radio and TV Stations in Sri Lanka
 - Having 24/7 direct customer support service and help center facility.
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English language may be inspected free of charge and purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Manager (Procurement), Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 + VAT in cash to the Chairman, Independent Television Network Ltd., during office days (Monday to Friday, except Mercantile Holidays) from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 05th September, 2022.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy General Manager (Engineering) of Independent Television Network Ltd.,
Tel. 0112774592 / Fax No. 0112774591 /
Email : engineering@itn.lk and Manager (Procurement) Tel No. 0112775493/
Email : supplies@itn.lk
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below either by Registered post or deposited in the 'Tender Box' kept at the Front Security Office of ITN, Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla before the closing time of 2.00 p.m. on 06th September, 2022. Late bids will be rejected.
- The caption, "Procurement of Acquiring of on Demand Video & Audio Streaming Services, Live Video & Audio Streaming Services for ITN Websites - Ref. No. ITN/Q/157/2021" should be mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 06th September, 2022 at the office of Engineering Division of ITN, Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 150,000.00.

Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Independent Television Network Ltd.,
Wickremasinghepura,
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Auction Sale of Toddy Toll of the Imbulpe Divisional Secretary's Division in the Rathnapura District - Year 2023 Pinnawala Toddy Tavern No. 02

It is hereby informed that the above mentioned Toddy Toll will be sold by Auction at 10.30 a.m. on 13th September 2022 at the Divisional Secretariat Office, Imbulpe.

- Further details have been published in the Government Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 05th August 2022.

D.P.G. Renuka
Divisional Secretary
Imbulpe.

Office of the Divisional Secretariat
Imbulpe
10.08.2022

Lucian Perera Associates,
Attorneys-at-Law & Notaries Public,
No. 51/64, Gunasinthepura Lawyers' Complex,
Dias Place, Colombo 12.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO NOTICE OF APPLICATION

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of late Mohamed Razeen Salih late of No. 3181, Bay View Avenue Apartment 214, Toronto, Ontario M2K272 Canada.

Deceased

Case No. DTS/00165/22
Nature : Testamentary
Value : Rs. 151,195, 383/01

And

In the matter of an application under Section 554U of Chapter xxxviiiB of the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101) for the re-sealing of the Foreign Probate.

- Yuparaet Salih also known as Yuparaet Ayesha Salih of No. 23, Danville Dr., Toronto, Ontario M2P 1H7, Canada.

- Yuparat Jamaliya Salih of No. 52, Longwood Dr., Toronto, Ontario M3B1T8 Canada

The Executors named in the said Last Will and Testament appearing by their Attorney Fathima Azkiya Zaheed of No. 7, Bawa Place, Colombo 8.

Petitioners

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiry of Twenty Eight (28) days from the date hereof, application will be made to the District Court of Colombo under Section 554(U) of Chapter xxxviiiB of the Civil Procedure Code (Cap 101) for the re-sealing of the Probate dated 23rd of June 2020 granted by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Canada in respect of the estate of the late Mohamed Razeen Salih the above named deceased late of No. 3181, Bay View Avenue Apartment 214, Toronto, Ontario M2K272 Canada.

On this 15th day of August 2022

Sgd/Lucian Perera Associates
Attorneys-at-Law for the Petitioners

Cancellation of Special Power of Attorney

KURUGAMAGE JAYANTHA MANJULA PERERA (Holder of N.L.C. No: 743046694 V) of No: 79A, Karjakkuliya, Mugunuwatwama, hereby inform the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and do the General Public in that the POWER OF ATTORNEY bearing No: 6116 dated 17th December 2015 attested by Sirimal A.E. Pinto Notary Public that WARNAKULASURIYA MEGA PRABATH FERNANDO (N.L.C. No: 903291001 V) of No: 280, Mugunuwatwama West, Malwatta, Iluppadeniya as my Attorney in the said Republic of Sri Lanka is cancelled and revoked.

REVOCAION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

It is hereby notified that the Power of Attorney signed by me, Warnakulasuriya Patabendige Gayani Anette Priyanka Perera of St. Mary's Road, Kudamaduwella, Thoduwawa attested by M.A. Dilani P. Marasinghe, Notary Public granted by me the aforesaid to Warnakulasuriya Patabendige Antony Theodore Perera of St. Mary's Road, Kudamaduwella Thoduwawa, bearing No. 7287 dated 01.02.2017 is hereby cancelled and revoked.



THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



Mahaweli Water Security Investment Program (MWSIP)

Program Management Unit (PMU)

Loan 3625-SRI - Tranche 2

Extension of Bid Closing Date

(Open Competitive Bidding)

Supply of Muriate of Potash (MOP) for 2022/23

Maha Season Paddy Cultivation

M/MWSIP/ADB/GDS/MOP FERTILIZER/OCB/2022/037

Please be informed that the following amendments were made to the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for aforesaid goods which was published on 27.07.2022.

- The Bidder shall have minimum average annual turnover of **US\$ 80 million** calculated as total certified payments received for the supply of fertilizer, within the immediate past three (03) years.
- Extended date and time for Bid submission - **24.08.2022 at 10.00 a.m.** (Local time)
- Bids shall be delivered to the address provided below and to reach at or before **10.00 a.m. (Local time) on 24th August 2022** and it will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids.

Program Director,
Mahaweli Water Security Investment Program (MWSIP),
Program Management Unit (PMU),
No. 493 1/1,
T.B. Jayah Mawatha,
Colombo 10.

Tel. No.: +94 11 2675810
Fax No.: +94 11 2675227
E-mail address: ebid.mwsip@gmail.com

BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA (BOI)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

CONSTRUCTION OF GABION WALLS AT POLGAHAWELA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE AND MAWATHAGAMA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE

The Chairman Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for following Bids.

Bid No.	Description	CIDA Registration Required IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE CANALS	Estimated Cost without VAT (Rs. Mn.)	Construction Period	Bid Validity	Bid Security Amount (Rs.) and Validity	Pre Bid Meeting
BOI/NWRO/PWEPZ/2022/10.09.005 & 006	Construction of Gabion Walls to protect eroded river bank at rear side of Lot No. 1 C and Lot No. 4 at Polgahawela Export Processing Zone	Grade C7 and C6	8.2	90 Days	Bids shall be valid up to 06.12.2022	150,000.00 valid up to 03.01.2023	Date : 30.08.2022 Time : 10.00 hrs Venue : BOI Admin Office at Polgahawela Export Processing Zone
BOI/NWRO/PWEPZ/2022/09.09.008	Construction of Gabion Wall to protect eroded river bank area in rear side of Lot No. 06 at Mawathagama Export Processing Zone	Grade C8 and C7	4.1	60 days	Bids shall be valid up to 06.12.2022	75,000.00 valid up to 03.01.2023	Date : 30.08.2022 Time : 14.00 hrs Venue : BOI Admin Office at Mawathagama Export Processing Zone

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include :
Experience as a Main Contractor for at least one work of a similar nature and complexity equivalent to the proposed works over the period of last 5 years.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Director (NWRO), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, North Western Regional Office, MAS Fabric Park, Kurunegala Road, Thulhiriya through Tele No. 037-2277035, Fax No. 037-2277036 and inspect the Bidding Documents from the same address between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs. during weekdays.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to Director (NWRO), North Western Regional Office, MAS Fabric Park, Kurunegala Road, Thulhiriya from 15.08.2022 until 05.09.2022 between 09.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 + VAT. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to reach "The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, C/o Director (NWRO), North Western Regional Office, MAS Fabric Park, Kurunegala Road, Thulhiriya" on or before 06.09.2022 at 14.00 hrs. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

Chairman
BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA



DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING

N-77

Invitation for Bids for the sale of Discarded Off-cut Papers (White & mixed)

Reference to the newspaper advertisement published on 10.08.2022 for the sale of discarded off cut papers (white & mixed) from the Department of Government Printing from 01.09.2022 to 30.03.2023. The material relevant for sale in the said advertisement should be amended as follows:

Sales material published	Sales material to be amended
Discarded off-cut paper (white & mixed)	Discarded off-cut paper (white & mixed) and cardboards and other discarded paper e.g. Wrapping Papers (without wax paper)

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Department of Government Printing,
No. 118, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 08.
Telephone: 011-2673311 | Fax: 011-2671922
Website: www.documents.gov.lk
10.08.2022

An Act to Incorporate the Susarana Lanka Foundation

I, Asanka Navarathna, do hereby give notice under Standing Order No. 53(1) of the Standing Order of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that I propose to introduce to Parliament a Bill titled "An Act to incorporate the **Susarana Lanka Foundation**". The aim of the Bill is to incorporate the said Foundation which has the following general objects:-

1. Providing education scholarships, school equipment as well as other aids and support services targeting low-income children.
2. Coordinating with foreign educational institutions to provide international level knowledge and experience to the children of Sri Lanka in various fields and implementing knowledge exchange programs with those countries.
3. To improve library facilities in difficult schools and providing books to encourage children to read and other physical facilities to those schools, to organize literary competitions and other creative programs.
4. Providing training programs and experiences to school children by experts in respective fields related to the development of entrepreneurial qualities and skills in children to suit the future local and foreign job market etc.

Asanka Nawarathna
Member of Parliament
Kurunegala District

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NORTH WESTERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Name of the Project: General Education Modernization Project (GEM)

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Provincial Director of Education (North Western Province) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction & Repairs as given in the table funded by Ministry of Education.

Se/ No.	Bid Code No.	Title of Contract	Divisional Engineer's Office	Required CIDA Grade (Buildings)	Contract period (Days)	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Validity Period of the bid Security	Non-refundable tender Fee (Rs.)	Validity Period of the bid
01	22/E/Putt/GEMP/NCB/C3	Construction of 30x25 Mathematics Unit at St. Anne's Vidyalyaya, Thalawila	Puttalam	C7 or C6 only	180	92,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
02	22/E/Putt/GEMP/NCB/C8	Construction of 30x25 Library Building at Ralapanawa K.V.	Puttalam	C7 or C6 only	180	97,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
03	22/E/Ride/GEMP/NCB/C6	Construction of 30x25 Library Building at Ogodapola School	Redeegama	C7 or C6 only	180	93,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
04	22/E/Kuli/GEMP/NCB/C2	Construction of Mathematics Unit at Ingaradawla M.M.V.	Kuliyapitiya	C7 or C6 only	180	100,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
05	22/E/Ridee/GEMP/NCB/C1	Construction 30x25 Mathematics Building at Rambadagalla School	Rideegama	C7 or C6 only	180	95,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
06	22/E/Ride/GEMP/NCB/C5	Construction 30x25 Library Building at Doratiyawa School	Rideegama	C7 or C6 only	180	95,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
07	22/E/Putt/GEMP/NCB/C4	Construction of 40x25 single Std. Library Building at Erukampitiya K.V.	Puttalam	C6 or C5 only	180	121,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
08	22/E/Wari/GEMP/NCB/C11	Landscaping of Education Resource Centre at Wariyapola	Wariyapola	C8 or C7 only	110	48,000/-	Up to 09.12.2022	1,500/-	Up to 11.11.2022
09	22/E/Wen/GEMP/NCB/C7	Construction of 30x20 Library Building at Mellawa K.V.	Wennappuwa	C6 or C5 only	180	113,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	3,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022
10	22/E/Wen/GEMP/NCB/C12	Construction of Water Supply System and Security Room at Pambala Education Development Centre	Wennappuwa	C7 or C6 only	110	75,000/-	Up to 23.12.2022	1,500/-	Up to 25.11.2022

2. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the required grade of the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) registration.
3. Interested bidders may obtain further **Technical Information** from **Director, Provincial Department of Engineering (NWP), 2nd Floor, Provincial Council Office Complex, Kurunegala.**
Tel/Facsimile: 0372222700.
4. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Accounts Branch on the submission of written application to the **Director, Provincial Department of Education, Kandy Road, Kurunegala** until **8th September, 2022 from 9.00 hrs. to 15.30 hrs.** during working days.
5. Bids shall be delivered under registered cover in **duplicate** to the address given below or **deposited** in the "Tender Box" provided for the purpose, at the **Chief Accountant's Office at the Provincial Department of Education (NWP), Kandy Road, Kurunegala on or before 10.00 hrs. on 9th September, 2022. Bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs. on 9th September 2022.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in person at the aforesaid address at **10.00 hrs. on 9th September 2022.**
6. **Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Total Cost Estimate of these procurements are below Rs. 50 Mn. Regional Preference and CIDA Grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(iii).**
7. Bidder should be registered under the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1997 and submit the certificate.
8. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **29th August 2022 at 10.00 hrs.** at Provincial Department of Education at the address given below in Paragraph 9.
9. The address referred to above is:
A.S.K. Jayalath
Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Provincial Department of Education (NWP),
Kandy Road,
Kurunegala.
Telephone: 037-2222422
Facsimile Numbers: 037-2222422, 037-2222545
Web address: www.nwpedu.lk
Date: 15.08.2022.

BANK OF CEYLON

INVITATION FOR BIDS

SUPPLY OF 2 WELFARE VEHICLES FOR BANK OF CEYLON NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

Bids are invited for the Supply of two (02) Welfare Vehicles on Rent Basis for Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts in North Central Province

Applicant should have the minimum qualification given below to participate in this bid ;

- ▶ The vehicles should be duly registered, passenger transport, high roof vehicle with comfortable seating capacity for 14 passengers.
- ▶ Should be registered as passenger transport vehicles.
- ▶ Vehicles should have dual air condition facility.
- ▶ The manufacture year of the proposed vehicle should be 2012 or later.
- ▶ The vehicles should be fully insured with the passengers.
- ▶ Bidder should be able to supply vehicles facilities on relevant district basis.
- ▶ Cost of vehicles maintenance / Driver's wages / Insurance & fuel charges should borne by the owner of vehicles.
- ▶ The owner of the vehicle should have the ability to supply vehicles facility by meet the requirements of the institution.
- ▶ Owner should have additional Vehicles with similar facilities with there own and expected to have the ability to provide vehicles with the experienced and discipline drivers.

Relevant application form can be obtained from Operations Manager, Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office, Anuradhapura upon payment of a tender fee of Rs. 1,500/-. Bids should be deposited in the tender box available in Operations Manager, Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office, Anuradhapura or post by register post reach to above address on or before 10.00 a.m. on 29.08.2022.

For further details, please contact Operations Manager on tel : 025-2235680 / 025-2235685 during the office hours on week days.

Operations Manager,
(North Central Province),
Bank of Ceylon, North Central Province Office,
Anuradhapura.
Tel No : 025-2235680

www.boc.lk



MINISTRY OF HEALTH, NUTRITION & INDIGENOUS MEDICINE

TENDER NOTICE

Supply of General Goods at Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa

1. Sealed bids for the supply of following **General Goods** at Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa which will be received by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa **up to 10.00 a.m. on 02.09.2022.**

S.No	Goods	Quantity
01.	Garbage Bags: Yellow Orange Red Black	75,000 Nos. 30,000 Nos. 20,000 Nos. 10,000 Nos.
02.	Green Cloth	4,000 Metres.

2. Sole nominated representative / accredited agent of manufacturers / sellers of the General Goods offered for the Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this tender.
3. Bid document should be made on a complete set of bidding documents purchased by any interested eligible bidder, agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of a bidder on the submission of
 - a) A written application to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.
 - b) Upon payment of a non - refundable fee of Rs. 1000/= in cash to Accountant, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa during the working hours.
 - c) A certified copy of certificate of business registration.
4. Bid documents could be collected from the Planning Development Unit of Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa **up to 01.09.2022 between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.** during the working days.
5. Sealed bid documents should be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the tender box maintained in the office of Chief Accountant **at or before 10.00 a.m. on 02.09.2022.**
6. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of tender at the Director's Conference Room on **02.09.2022 at 10.00 a.m.** and at the time of opening of bids, the bidder or his representative could be present as an observer.

Chairman,
Regional Procurement, Committee
Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.
15.08.2022

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Ministry of Agriculture

AGRICULTURE SECTOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT STAFF (Uva Province)

The Ministry of Agriculture with the financial assistance of the International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank is implementing the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project in line with the Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) to support smallholder farmers to produce competitive and marketable commodities, improve their ability to cater to market requirements and move towards increased commercialization. The remaining period for the project implementation period is about 1 year and the estimated cost of the project is US\$ 90.23 million (World Bank loan of US\$ 64.23 plus EU grant of US\$ 26.0 million).

Applications are invited from the citizens of Sri Lanka with the below mentioned qualifications and experience to fill the following positions of the Provincial Project Management Unit (PPMU) in Uva Province as per the Management Services Circular No.01/2019 of 05.03.2019

- 01. Provincial Deputy Project Director (PS 2) - 01 Post
- 02. Provincial Financial Management Specialist (PS 3) - 01 Post

01. Provincial Deputy Project Director - (PS 2)

● **Required Qualification**

- I. A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree (Covering the subjects of Agriculture, Project Management, Accounting, Finance, Commerce, Economics, Management, Business Administration) Or equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission.
Or
 An Associate Membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field
With
 At least 11 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level out of which 05 years should be in the Senior Managerial Level
- II. A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree (Covering the subjects of Agriculture, Project Management, Accounting, Finance, Commerce, Economics, Management, Business Administration) Or equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission
And
 Corporate/Chartered membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field
Or
 A Postgraduate Degree in the relevant field
with at least 09 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level. Out of which 04 years should be in the Senior Managerial Level
- III. A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree (Covering the subjects of Agriculture, Project Management, Accounting, Finance, Commerce, Economics, Management, Business Administration) Or equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission
And Post Graduate Degree in the relevant field
And Corporate /Chartered membership / A Similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field
With at least 07 Years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level. Out of which 03 years should be in the Senior Managerial Level
- IV. Grade 1 officer of a Government All Island Services or a similar status in the relevant field
With
 At least 04 years experience in the Grade 1 post

02. Provincial Financial Management Specialist (PS 3) - 01 Post

● **Required Qualification**

- I. A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission
Or
 A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field.
Or
 An Associate Membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field
With
 At least 10 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level
 - II. A Successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission
Or
 A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field
Or
 An Associate Membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field
And
 A Postgraduate Degree in the relevant field or Corporate Chartered membership or similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field
With
 At least 08 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level
 - III. Class 1 officer of a Government All Island Services or a similar status in the relevant field
With
 At least 03 years post qualifying experience in the Class 1 post
- Experience in Foreign Funded Projects is essential and experience in World Bank funded projects will be an added qualification
 - Candidates above 64 years of age on the closing date of application are not eligible to apply

Method of Selection: Shortlisted applicants based on qualifications and experience will be called for an interview.

Salary Scale: Salary is based on the Management Services Circular No.01/2019 of 05.03.2019

Conditions of Employment

All appointments will be made according to the Management Service Circular No 01/2019, dated 05.03.2019.

Applications:

All Applicants are requested to forward their applications together with Curriculum Vitae along with two non-related referees and copies of the certificates under registered post on or before **29th August 2022** to reach the address given below. Applicants currently in government / semi government services should forward their applications through the Head of Departments and Ministries.

- Applied post should be clearly stated on the top left hand corner of the envelope containing application.

Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture
 Agriculture Sector Modernization Project
 No. 123/2, Pannipitiya Road, Battaramulla

PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (GOSL FUND)



UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO SCHOOL OF COMPUTING (UCSC)

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO CANTEEN AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING-SOUTH EAST WING AT UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO SCHOOL OF COMPUTING.

(UCSC/W/NCB/ENG/2022/004)

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) Invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders **Proposed Extension to the Canteen and Administration Building-South East Wing at the University of Colombo School of Computing.** No 35 Reid Avenue Colombo 00700.

1. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
2. To be eligible for contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirement.
 - Construction contractors who are registered with the ICTAD for grade C5 or above in the field of Building works.
 - Experience in the construction of at least one successfully and timely completed contract value Rs.35 Million of a nature and complexity equivalent to the building construction work over the last 05 years.
 - The bidders shall register themselves with the Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka in terms of the Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987.
3. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant Bursar – Procurement, Tel: 258 1245 ext: 6042, UCSC No 35, Reid Avenue, Colombo or send an email to hkj@ucsc.cmb.ac.lk and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at Finance Division from 9.00 AM to 3:00 PM during normal working days from **15th August 2022 to 06th September 2022** or you can view the draft bidding document available in the UCSC website (<https://ucsc.cmb.ac.lk/news/>)
4. The duly completed sealed set of bidding document with Duplicate, addressed to the "CHAIRMAN DPC, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO SCHOOL OF COMPUTING (UCSC)" shall be deposited to the Tender Box at the Finance Division 4th Floor of the UCSC No 35, Reid Avenue Colombo 07 on or before **2.30 PM on 07th September 2022.**
5. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 700,000.00. The bid security shall be Valid up to **21st December 2022**



<https://ucsc.cmb.ac.lk/>

Director/Chairman DPC
 University of Colombo School of Computing
 No 35 Reid Avenue Colombo 00700.
 Phone: 0112581245 Ext.6042 Fax: (011) 2 587 239



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & time
CES/FP/05/PT/6178(MW)	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Manual Vertical Turning & Boring Machine	800,000.00	12,500.00	08/09/2022 10.00hrs
CES/FP/03/PT/6295(HM)	01 No. Hydro Pen System with CO2/DCP Application	80,000.00	1,000.00	13/09/2022 10.00hrs
CES/FP/05/PT/6361(MP)	3008KG Wire Rope Lubricant for Container Cranes	130,000.00	3,500.00	13/09/2022 10.00hrs
CES/FP/05/PT/6287(EL)	Fan Coils for Chilled Water Air Conditioning System of Pilot Station	40,000.00	1,000.00	13/09/2022 10.00hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/013	Exhaust Fans & Ceiling Fans	40,000.00	1,000.00	06/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/12/009	Vegetable Cutters - 03 Nos	17,500.00	1,000.00	06/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/054	Speaker Horns for the Cranes at JCT	20,000.00	1,000.00	06/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/055	Led Street Lamp Fittings	20,000.00	1,000.00	07/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/09/051	30 Nos. of 825 X 15 14 - 18PR Tyres for 3.5T & 6T Fork Lift Trucks	42,000.00	1,000.00	07/09/2022 13.30hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/04/057	Gold Coins - 22KT with SLPA Logo	1,489,000.00	20,000.00	07/09/2022 13.30hrs

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.3 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total Cost exceeding Rs.5million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any bidder who wishes to act as an agent, sub-agent, a representative or a nominee for and on behalf of any foreign manufacturer or a supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
3. Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last Five (5) years.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 04 from 15th August 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days, up today prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be in cash.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All bids must be accompanied by the amount of above mentioned Bid Security.

**Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
 Supplies Division,
 Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
 No.45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.**

**Telephone Nos. :- 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2483024, 2482638
 Fax Nos :- 2381652, 2470443**

NOTICE

Tenders for the sale of Toddy Tavern rents in No. 01 Katupitiya for the year 2023 will be received by me, N.A.A.S. Priyankara the Divisional Secretary, Mallawapitiya till 10.30 a.m. on 12.09.2022.

Please refer the Gazette paper No. 2292 dated 05.08.2022 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for conditions, concerned.

N.A.A.S. Priyankara
Divisional Secretary
Divisional Secretariat
Mallawapitiya.

10th August 2022
Divisional Secretariat Mallawapitiya.

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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH, NUTRITION & INDIGENOUS MEDICINE
APEKSHA HOSPITAL, MAHARAGAMA
PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

1. Quotations will be received from qualified suppliers for the purchase of the following items for our hospital.

Tender Form No.	Name of Equipment	Qty	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)
1.	Data Storage Server	02	2,000/-

2. Only any bidders, agents or a nominated person who supply the above items to the Sri Lanka market will be eligible to participate in this bid.

At the time of obtaining Bid documents, bidders should -

- Submit a request letter addressed to the Director of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital.
- Pay a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 by cash for every tender form to the Accountant of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital.
- Submit a certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate.
- Relevant Bid documents can be obtained from 16.08.2022 up to 04.09.2022 on weekly working days, between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. from the Finance Section of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital.

On the occasion of submission of Bids, Bidders should

- Submit a copy of the registration certificate valid for the supply of above contracts within Sri Lanka.
- Should submit a registration certificate for the supply of these items under the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine.
- Every tender should be accompanied with a 2% Bid Security (cheques will not be accepted)
- Bids should be prepared in two copies (as the original and duplicate) placed in separate covers marked clearly the name of item and the number at the left-side top corner.
- All bids should be prepared only on the bid forms issued by the hospital.
- Completed sealed bids, could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama or placed in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Accountant of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital, to be received at or before 10.00 a.m. on 05.09.2022. Incomplete and late bids will be rejected.
- Bidders or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the bid opening.

3. Tenders containing quotations received will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 05.09.2022 at the office of the Director of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. Further details required can be obtained from the Accountant of the Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. The decision of the Regional Procurement Committee in this regard shall be the final.

Tel. Nos. 011-2839589, 011-2850252, 011-2850253
Fax: 011-2839589

Chairman,
Regional Procurement Committee,
Apeksha Hospital,
Maharagama.



**Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies
Invitation for Bids**

Procurement of Landscaping Service for Treasury Premises 2022/2023

The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Procurement of Landscaping Service for Treasury Premises for a contract period of one year.

02. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).

03. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Accountant (Supplies), Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, The Secretariat, Colombo 01, via the contact Numbers 011-2484538 / 011-2484600 (Ext. 1430) and may inspect the bidding documents at the address given below up to 02nd September 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 pm.

04. Qualification requirements include :

- Registration under the Business Registration Regulations
- Minimum of 3 years' experience in carrying out landscaping and garden maintenance services in at least 3 reputed organizations with a contract value of not less than Rs. 3 Million per annum of at least one contract with a satisfactory track record. A list of clients should be submitted along with the bid forms as Annexure I.
- The Bidder shall be capable of deploying one Garden Development Assistant (as Supervisor) and 06 Garden Labourers including 2 Tree Maintainers.

05. Additional details are provided in the bidding document. A complete set of the bidding documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to Chief Accountant, Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Colombo 01 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,500.00 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 15th August 2022 till 02nd September 2022. The method of payment will be by cash.

06. All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security obtained from any commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The amount of the Bid Security should be Rs. 60,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Thousand Only), with a validity period of 105 days from the date of bid opening (05th September 2022 till 18th December 2022) and it should be addressed to Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.

07. Bids must be submitted in the Tender Box kept in the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies or dispatched by Registered Post to the address Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Lotus Road, Colombo 01, to reach at or before 2.00 p.m. on 05th September 2022. Late Bids shall be rejected. The top left-hand corner of the envelope should be marked "PROCUREMENT OF LANDSCAPING SERVICE FOR TREASURY PREMISES 2022/2023". Bids will be opened immediately thereafter at the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Lotus Road, Colombo 01 in the presence of the Bidders and their authorized representatives.

08. A Pre Bid meeting will be held at the Finance Division, Upper Ground Floor, New Building, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Colombo 01 on 24th August 2022 at 11.00 a.m.

Chairman
Ministry Procurement Committee
Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies,
Lotus Road, Colombo 01.



Base Hospital, Kanthale

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ministry of Health of Sri Lanka, now invites sealed bids from eligible & qualified bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of below mentioned Air Conditioning machines of the Base Hospital, Kanthale.

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Procurement No.	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Estimated value LKR	Value of bid security LKR	Eligibility of bidders
01	Air condition Machine-48000 BTU	02 Nos.	BHK/ AB/07/2022/20	1,000.00	2 M	20,000.00	Company Registration
02	Air condition Machine-36000 BTU	02 Nos.					
03	Air condition Machine- 9000 BTU	02 Nos.					

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding. Must be Separately bid for above three Categories in one bid document.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Officer of Base Hospital, Kanthale & inspect the bidding documents from 15th August 2022 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (Everyday-up to 05th September 2022)

Tel: 0262234261 Ext: 134/ 0262234945/0763931464

- Bid will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 5th September 2022. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives at 02.30 p.m. on 05th September 2022.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security amount described in the above table.
- The title of the bid should be clearly mentioned on the top left corner of the bid submission envelope as specified in Procurement No. mentioned in the above table.
- The bid No. and the title of the bid must be stated in the top left corner of the bid submission envelope.

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee,
Base Hospital,
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
Office of the Galle District Director of
Health Services**

Sealed tenders will be received from 15.08.2022 up to 10.00 a.m. on 05.09.2022, by the Chairman, Procurement Board of the Office of the Galle District Director of Health Services for the below stated subject works. Tenders received will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 07.09.2022 in the presence of the Bidders, at this office.

S/ No.	Description	Refundable Security (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Fee (Rs.)	Required Registration
01	Office of the Medical Officer of Health, Baddegama - Repairs to Wanduramba Clinic	10,000.00	1,000.00	C9
02	Office of the Medical Officer of Health, Udugama - Repairs to Naranowita Clinic	20,000.00	1,500.00	C8
03	Gonapinuwala Office of the Medical Officer of Health - Construction of the Fence	10,000.00	1,000.00	C8
04	Office of the Medical Officer of Health Udugama - Repairs to Ketagoda Clinic	20,000.00	1,500.00	C8
05	Office of the Galle District Director of Health Services - Repairs to electricity system	10,000.00	1,000.00	C8
06	Unawatuna Regional Hospital - Repairs to electricity system	7,500.00	750.00	C9
07	Unawatuna Regional Drug Store - Repairs to Rack System	10,000.00	1,000.00	C8

2. Relevant Bid documents can be obtained from 10.00 a.m. on 15.08.2022 up to 2.00 p.m. on 02.09.2022 from the office of the Galle District Director of Health Services. Contractors who possess the required qualifications stated above, who are registered with the Sri Lanka Institute for Construction Training and Development and under the Galle Provincial Council can submit applications.

3. Details relevant to the bid documents can be obtained from the office of the Galle District Director of Health Services by calling over or by contacting Telephone Nos. 091-2234078, 2250680, 2232152.

4. Completed sealed bids, the relevant cover marked the name of the work at the left-side top corner, prepared in two copies, could either be sent by registered post or placed in the Tender Box kept on the First Floor (Accounts Section) of the office of the Galle District Director of Health Services. Tenderers or one of their authorized representatives can be present at the bid opening.

5. The bid security amount relevant to the above stated works should be paid by cash to the office of the Galle District Director of Health Services and a photocopy of the receipt thus received should be submitted with the bid.

6. Tenders containing deficiencies will be rejected and the Bid Securities of such persons as well as of those who fail to submit tenders, will be forfeited.

7. Please note that the decisions of the Procurement Committee in this regard shall be the final.

**Office of the Galle District Director
of Health Services,
Unawatuna Office, Galle.**
Date: 12.08.2022

Dr. K.M. Somarathna
Chairman,
(Procurement Board)
Galle District Director of Health Services

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