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President to travel to Japan next month

(Reuters) - Sri Lanka will ask Japan to invite the country's main creditor nations, including China and India, to talks on bilateral debt restructuring as it seeks a way out of its worst economic crisis in decades, its president said on Thursday. **▶ PAGE 02**

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No re-structuring of domestic debt - Governor

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Central Bank Governor Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe expressed hope that debt sustainability can be reached without re-structuring domestic debt, which will have serious implications on the domestic financial sector.

"The position of the govern-

ment still remain that we will restructure only the external debt." Governor Weerasinghe told at the Monetary Policy press briefing held yesterday (18) at the Central Bank.

Governor Weerasinghe stated that Sri Lanka needed time to repay external debt as the country is currently experiencing a Balance of Payments crisis.

He said further that restructuring domestic debt will have serious implications on domestic financial sector including banking sector and it will not help economic recovery or even external creditors to recover relief that they intend to provide us. **▶ PAGE 02**

Govt will write to private creditors this week - President

President Ranil Wickremesinghe said the government will write to private creditors this week and inform them about the present economic situation of the country. Speaking to The Economist magazine, he said that the government will restructure the loss making government ventures. When asked what are the State Owned Enterprises that can be restructured, he said that apart from SriLankan Airlines, Sri Lanka Insurance, Sri Lanka Telecom, many are there. **▶ PAGE 02**

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WE CAN NOW SURVIVE WITHOUT BRIDGING FINANCING - GOVERNOR

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Central Bank Governor Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe said the country has now its own system of managing the situation with export proceeds, foreign remittance to import essential items such as gas, fuel and medicine.

The Central Bank introduced a slew of measures to encourage migrant workers to remit money via formal channels while cracking down

on illegal transfers through Undiyal and Hawala. In addition, CBSL took measures to introduce rules in respect of repatriation and conversion of export proceeds to Sri Lankan Rupees.

"With these measures the situation has improved and without bridging financing, we have been able to manage the situation as of now."

Governor Weerasinghe however

said that Sri Lanka made a request from China to relax the usability of currency swap facility.

"Moreover we have asked the Central Bank of India to enhance the currency swap facility."

Governor Weerasinghe also noted that the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has withdrawn the mandatory requirement to convert service export receipts, proceeds, that are

received in Sri Lanka on or after August 12, 2022, to encourage service exporters to bring in all export proceeds to the country at this time of need.

Governor Weerasinghe expressed hope that with these measures, additional proceeds will come into the banking system to provide more for essential imports out of the export proceeds. **▶ PAGE 02**

PRESIDENT MEETS UN DELEGATION



President Ranil Wickremesinghe met a United Nations delegation at Presidential Secretariat yesterday. The UN delegation included Regional Director Asia-Pacific, UN Development Coordination Office (UNDCO) David McLachlan-Karr, UN Sri Lanka Resident Co-ordinator Hanaa Singer and Resident Co-ordinator Office Team Leader and Strategic Planning Officer Andreas Karpati. **Picture by President's Media Division**

Senior Engineers will support CEB restructuring - Members

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The Senior Engineers Union of Ceylon Electricity Board declared that it will support the proposal to restructure the Ceylon Electricity Board. **▶ PAGE 02**



The Senior Engineers Union members with the Minister.

Nine petitions challenging 22nd Amendment

DILSHAN THARAKA

Nine petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution Bill that certain clauses of it are unconstitutional.

The petitions were filed by Attorney Nuwan Ballanthudawa, a member of the Central Board of the Patriotic National Front, Dr. Gunadasa Amarasekera and the Vinivida Foundation General Secretary Nagananda Kodithuvakku and six others. **▶ PAGE 02**

Ensure safe passage for GR - Basil

Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) National Organizer Basil Rajapaksa requested President Ranil Wickremesinghe to facilitate the safe **▶ PAGE 02**



Sevanagala OIC in hiding after molest of young WPC

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Child and Women Abuse Prevention Bureau has revealed that the Sevanagala OIC wanted in connection with an attempt **▶ PAGE 02**

IUSF Convener, 13 arrested after march

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE



Police yesterday arrested 14 university students including Inter University Student Federation Convener Wasantha Mudalige, after dispersing a protest march organized by the IUSF. **▶ PAGE 02**

Tuks to charge Rs.120 for first km now

IRANGIKA RANGE

All-Island Three-Wheeler Driver's Union Chairman Lalith Dharmasekara said that three-wheeler fares have to

be raised again. Accordingly, Rs.120 will be charged per first kilometer while Rs.100 will be charged from every subsequent kilometer. **▶ PAGE 02**

No genuine intent for an APG - JVP

UPALI KARUNARATNE



JVP politburo member and former MP Dr. Nalinda Jayatissa yesterday said that discussions **▶ PAGE 02**

Courier lorry crashes killing two in Kosgoda

THUSITHA KUMARA DE SILVA in Aluthgama

Two persons were reported dead after a lorry skidded off the road and crashed into a cafeteria at Galabada, Induruwa along the Colombo - Galle highway around 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday (17), police said. **▶ PAGE 02**

Train staffer assaulted after smoking warning

SUNIL S. PELLANDENYA and LAHIRU FERNANDO

A train ticket inspector was admitted to the Maho hospital after he was assaulted by a passenger when the inspector warned him not to smoke inside the train between Galgamuwa and Maho railway stations yesterday. **▶ PAGE 02**

Three weddings at Kandy hotel turn sour, over 600 fall ill

ASELA KURULUWANA

Over 600 persons who fell ill after three wedding ceremonies held at a hotel in Kandy have been referred for medical assistance. **▶ PAGE 02**

Grama Niladhari throws child into canal

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

A drunken Grama Niladhari was arrested for throwing a child into a canal.

The child (8) has been sitting near a canal watching an elephant given a bath when the suspect, 54, has lifted the child and thrown him into the water. The child has sustained a bone fracture. **▶ PAGE 02**

Man arrested with ICE in Kotahena



GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Police Special Task Force (STF), investigating on a drug peddling network operated from Qatar, arrested a suspect with a haul of narcotic substance called ICE (670g) and Rs 1.4 million in cash, on Wednesday in Kotahena. The haul of ICE is said to be worth about Rs.10 million. **▶ PAGE 02**

Warning and bail for child abuser

VEYANGODA SPECIAL CORR.

A suspect who had abused a mentally handicapped underaged female was granted bail by the Attanagalla Magistrate on Wednesday (17).

The suspect (22) is a resident of Wathupitiwala area. He had lured the victim (16), to an abandoned house and abused her. **▶ PAGE 02**



Inflation likely to stay below 70%, peak in September - Governor

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Inflation will not likely to reach 70 percent contrary to previous projections made by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), Governor Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe said yesterday. **▶ PAGE 02**

Jayamaha's amnesty: CID records statement from former President

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Former President Maithripala Sirisena has been questioned by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in connection with the alleged

bribery that took place when the convict Jude Shaman Anthony Jayamaha was released under a Presidential Amnesty. Jude Jayamaha was convicted of the murder of **▶ PAGE 02**

LG polls slated to be held before next February

SHAVINI MADHARA

National Elections Commission Chairman Nimal PUNCHIHewa said suggestions have been presented to initiate mobile voting booths for the people with disabilities and special needs.

Speaking at a media conference yesterday, he said that the Local Government Elections are expected to be held before the end of February 2023.

He also said, "The term of Local Government bodies had been extended by another year. **▶ PAGE 02**

Ranawaka sounds alarm over coal imports, says 10 hour power cuts inevitable

RANMALI SOMASIRI

SJB MP Patali Champika Ranawaka yesterday said that if two and a half million tonnes of coal are not imported by the end of September, the country will have to go for power cuts of about ten hours. **▶ PAGE 02**

IED looking for Scot

The Immigration and Emigration Department (IED) has launched an operation to locate Scottish national Kayleigh Fraser who is overstaying after her visa expired on August 15. **▶ PAGE 02**

Ten SJB MPs to support APG Nothing of that sort - Madduma Bandara

Ten Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MPs have decided to extend support to the All Party Government sources said. Meanwhile, Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara yesterday **▶ PAGE 02**



Mervyn arrested by CID over 2007 SLRC walk-in, released

SHAVINI MADHARA

Former Minister Mervyn Silva, who was arrested by the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) was released without bail by the Colombo Additional Magistrate Kheminda Perera yesterday. **▶ PAGE 02**



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WE CAN NOW SURVIVE WITHOUT... From page 01

"However we will be monitoring the system. And we will bring back mandatory conver-

sion if we do not see any improvement," Governor Weerasinghe said.

Three weddings at Kandy... From page 01

Guests at three wedding ceremonies held at a star hotel in Kandy have fallen ill.

A newly wed couple who went to Malaysia for their honeymoon had also been admitted to a hospital in Malaysia over the same reason.

Health officials suspect that an issue with the table water in the hotel could be the cause of illness. They

have collected water samples from the tank in the hotel and sent them to the laboratory in at the Peradeniya University for tests. They said the investigations have become difficult as they received the complaint after some delay.

People suffering from allergies have received treatment from government as well as private hospitals.

Three drugs released to private pharmacies on ... From page 01

The event of releasing Levothyroxine 50 mcg for thyroxine deficiency, Omeprazole 20 mg capsules for preventing gastric acidity and Mefenamic Acid 500 mg tablets for pain relief to the open market was held recently at the SPMC premises in Ratmalana under the patronage of Health Minister Keheliya Rambukwella.

The State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation (SPMC) pointed out that this is a great achievement in the field of pharmaceutical production in this country. However certain media reported that the same drugs released that day have been manufactured locally since February 2020 and the SPMC had misled the Minister and the public by stating that the relevant drugs are being released to the hospitals and the market as new.

A communique issued by the SPMC Chairman Dr. Uthpala Indrawansa as a response to these false allegations said that the approval to produce Mefenamic Acid 500 mg locally was granted in 2021 and during the recent event the SPMC marked the issuance of this drug to the Medical Supplies Division (MSD) of Ministry of Health as bulk packaging and also to the private sector

pharmacies as blister packs. All necessary measures have already been taken to issue this drug to private sector pharmacies from today (19) onwards.

The other two drugs were previously issued to the MSD during the period of former Pharmaceuticals Minister Dr. Channa Jayasumana. But the issuance of these two drugs to the private sector pharmacies began after the recent ceremony held on August 15 under the patronage of Minister Rambukwella.

Dr. Indrawansa further said that those who cannot bear the breaking up of the monopoly maintained by the private sector drug manufacturers are spreading falsehoods.

During this drug launching ceremony, Health Minister Rambukwella said that the plan to produce 40 percent of the medicines needed in this country is currently being implemented and the target of 20 percent has been achieved by now.

The minister said that through this, it will be possible to save money spent on importing medicines, and this is expected to provide a high resolution to the ongoing dollar crisis.

Courier lorry crashes killing... From page 01

The deceased have been identified as the owner of the cafeteria and a woman who was walking along the road.

According to the police, the lorry was transporting parcels of a courier service to Colombo from Galle and three individuals including the driver had been in the lorry by the time of the accident. The accident happened when the driver attempted to prevent the lorry from knocking the said woman in front of the cafeteria. The vehicle had skidded off the road and crashed into a telephone pole and into the shop.

The driver of the lorry and his two assistants have also been admitted to the Balapitiya hospital.

The shop next to the cafeteria also has incurred damage due to the accident. Kosgodia police are conducting investigations.

Jayamaha's amnesty: CID records... From page 01

19 year old Yvonne Johnson, and sentenced to death by Court. The former President was interrogated yesterday (18) for about three hours and his statements were recorded.

The CID had initiated this investigation based on two complaints made by MP Ven. Athuraliye Rathana Thera.

The complaint made by Ven. Athuraliye Rathana Thera is based on the statement made by the former President, during a political programme on a private television channel.

A senior official of the CID said that former President Maithripala Sirisena had also made complaint to the CID regarding this.

The CID had questioned the former President and recorded a statement at his residence in Colombo.

Grama Niladhari... From page 01

The suspect is the Grama Niladhari of Udupola division, Polgahawela. The suspect was produced before the magistrate yesterday (18).

Sevanagala OIC in hiding after... From page 01

to molest and rape an apprentice woman police constable (WPC), is in hiding. The Bureau has taken steps to file fact in the Embilipitiya Magistrate's Court regarding this incident.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that she had become the victim of the OIC at the OIC's office and the official quarters several times over. Investigations have revealed that several senior police officers in Sabaragamuwa province have known about this incident and they have not taken any action against the OIC.

But instead of that, the 21-year-old apprentice police constable was transferred to another police station in Embilipitiya police division and the investigations revealed that the OIC had been shielded. Police began investigations into the OIC based on the complaint made by the young WPC.

Inflation likely to stay below 70%... From page 01

Nevertheless, he mentioned that as per the latest projections by the CBSL, inflation is likely to peak in the month of September and subsequently it will be trending down.

"Our previous projections indicated that inflation will reach over 70 per cent, however I do not think it will reach that level now."

Speaking on inflation targets, Dr. Weerasinghe said electricity price revision will reflect in inflation projections in short-term.

Inflation will be increasing gradually until September. But inflation will not reach over 70 per cent. It will be less than what we predicted earlier," Dr. Weerasinghe said.

Another who torched MPs ... From page 01

The 25-year-old suspect is a resident of Loluwagoda. Police said that he does not even have a permanent job and is addicted to drugs. Police said that 21 persons have been arrested in connection with this incident. A monk was first arrested in connection with this incident.

Ranawaka sounds alarm over coal... From page 01

The government which was claiming that there is no foreign exchange to import coal, has suddenly presented a Cabinet paper for the import of coal till 2025 and question lies as to how the coal will be imported.

Ranawaka was addressing a press conference held in Colombo yesterday. He added that it is not known whether there has been a technical breakdown in the Norochcholai power plant, but one of the power plants was in a state of being closed for maintenance.

The MP said that this crisis has been created by not procuring coal in a manner that

would withstand a formal procurement process and the country's economic situation and foreign exchange reserves.

The MP also pointed out that instead of suddenly increasing the electricity bill in an unbearable manner, the government should have increased the bill successively in the past years.

Ranawaka said the Ceylon Electricity Board may have lost a lot of money due to the non-payment of electricity bills by government institutions, and that a system of daily payment of these bills should be set up before increasing the electricity bill.

LG polls slated to be held before... From page 01

The Commission does not agree at all regarding postponing the elections. The Election Commission should have the power to postpone Local Government elections".

"Provincial Council Elections have not been held for many years now due to the problematic nature of two Acts. The Parliamentary Select Committee had recommended to amend the said Acts and to hold

the Provincial Council Elections in the old way. The Commission is ready to conduct the election in any way," Punchihewa added. "Parliament should be dissolved to hold the Parliamentary General Elections. But according to the provisions of the Constitution, even if the President wishes, he does not have the power to dissolve the parliament for two and a half years after the first parliament convenes," he said.

Train staffer assaulted after smoking ... From page 01

The incident took place around 10.30 a.m. in the Colombo Fort-bound Uttara Devi intercity express train (4018) from Kankesanthurai and Jaffna.

This is the second incident reported involving passengers and railway staff in this area within this week. Earlier on August 15, a tense situation was reported in the Yal Devi express train when a group of passengers clashed with another group of passengers and train staff over a seat-related issue. Three passengers were hospitalized following this incident.

The ticket inspector sustained injuries to his eye and is receiving treatment, the hospital sources said.

Railway security officers have arrested the suspect and handed him over to the police for necessary action. Maho police is conducting investigations.

On July 23, a railway security guard was killed after two drunken train passengers kicked him out of the train when he advised them against their conduct between Veyangoda and Wandurawa railway stations.

1st Year Remembrance Remzie Alfred Anura Fernando. 01.10.1949 - 18.08.2021. Today marks one year since we lost you, but we know you are watching over us from above. Nothing means more to us than your presence and love. Although you're not with us in person today, your memories will remain in our hearts forever. I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. John 11:25-26. Your loving Wife Swinitha, daughters Deanne, Nicola and Trishika (Late), son-in-law Nishan, grandchildren Anaya, Noah and loved ones.

COLOMBO LOTUS TOWER MANAGEMENT COMPANY (PVT.) LTD. Invitation for Bids (IFB) Correction Notice - Extension of Closing Date (Addendum -1) The Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Colombo Lotus Tower Management Company (Pvt.) Ltd, No. 320, D. R. Wijewardana Mawatha, Colombo 10 had published an Invitation for Bids on 06.08.2022 for design and build projects. The following Correction (addendum - 1) to the above Bid Notice has been issued as follows. The Closing date of the submission of bids is extended up to 14.00 hrs on 26.08.2022. DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COLOMBO LOTUS TOWER MANAGEMENT CO. (PVT) LTD. No 320, D.R. Wijewardana Mawatha, Colombo 10.

State Timber Corporation Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resource Conservation. PROCUREMENT NOTICE. PROCUREMENT NO. - STC/PSM/2022/PRO - 04 INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RAW MATERIAL FOR THE FURNITURE FACTORIES AT AMPARA, BOOSSA, & KALDEMULLA. Table with 3 columns: Item Name, Price, Unit. 1. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure. 2. Bidders may purchase bidding documents from the Manager (Purchasing & Shipping) at the above address. 3. To be eligible for a contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been defaulted. 4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Manager (Purchasing & Shipping) at above address over the Telephone Number - 011-2866601-04. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Manager (Purchasing & Shipping). 5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request to the Manager (purchasing & Shipping), State Timber Corporation, 82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla on or before 10.30 hrs on 13.10.2022 from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on normal working days upon payment of a non-refundable document fee of Rs. 3,500/- in cash per one set of bidding document. 6. Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, State Timber Corporation, No.82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla on or before 10.30 hrs on 13.10.2022. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders, representatives who choose to attend. 7. All Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to the value of Rs. 100,000/- of the bid value for a period of 118 days. Chairman - Procurement Committee State Timber Corporation.

RDB Regional Development Bank. Addendum for Extension of Bidding Period. Table with 4 columns: No, Item Name, BID No, Date of Published. Notice to the intended to bid for the above procurements as per advertisements published in the Daily News on July 27, 2022. The bid closing date of the above procurements have been extended as below. Revised Closing date - on or before 2.00 p.m. August 30, 2022. All other information appended in the advertisements are remained unchanged. Chief Human Resource Officer, Pradeshiya Sanwardana Bank, No.933, Kandy Road, Wedamulla, Kelaniya.

Govt will write to... From page 01

When questioned that the Trade Unions will be very hostile to restructuring, he said "I don't worry about unions, what matters is people. People are going to stand it if they think things can get better".

Wickremesinghe also said that the government will have to raise taxes such as tax on capital, tax on wealth. "The tax net has to be widened. And that will bring some of the lost revenue. By about the middle of next year, we'll have the same, or we'll even go beyond the tax net we had in 2018".

The President said that beginning of 2023 will be tough but the ending will be better, "we're trying to reduce the period of pain. If the revenue keeps coming in, we'll know in the next three months, then the end will be better".

He said Sri Lankan economy will return to normal maybe about 2024, 2025. Initially we thought 2024 but it looks like 2023 is going to be a bad year globally, so it can be 2024, 2025.

When asked what country Sri Lanka wants to follow, he said "We would like to be like Singapore, but let's start by emulating the standard of Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam".

The President also said that remittances are picking slowly but it may get better next year, and there's the prospect of tourism returning too. "We're trying to get the tourists starting this winter and prices will be cheap. But from next year onwards, we have to get the summer and the winter. This year, the attraction will be prices".

IED looking for Scot... From page 01

The visa issued to her was terminated by the department after she had violated visa conditions by posting Aragalaya protest content on social media.

The Immigration and Emigration Department seized her passport and later informed her to leave Sri Lanka by August 15.

Following this incident, Fraser filed an application to the Court of Appeal on Tuesday (16) seeking to terminate the decision taken by the Immigration and Emigration Department to deport her from Sri Lanka. But, it was rejected by Court.

Currently, she has gone missing instead of leaving the country and legal action will be taken against her after she is arrested, the Department said.

Senior Engineers... From page 01

Senior Engineers Union representatives stated this in a discussion held on Wednesday evening with Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera. They said that they will offer their support to the restructuring plans of the Electricity Board as it is the only available remedy to avoid further destruction now.

They said it should be done right now. Recently, many trade unions took trade union action against the revision of the Electricity Act.

But they said that their trade union did not work against it and this time also they will support the restructuring proposal by giving their suggestions.

They emphasized that it is problematic that the Electricity Board continues to be a burden on the people, the country and the Treasury and that it can be built as an effective institution by restructuring. They added that support will be provided for the speedy implementation of renewable energy projects.

Warning and bail ... From page 01

The magistrate strongly warned the suspect that two persons should sign the bail and if any influence is put on the plaintiff after the bail, bail will be revoked and the suspect will be kept in remand until the end of the trial. Nittambuwa police informed that a similar case where the same victim was abused is still ongoing.

Tuks to charge Rs.120... From page 01

He said that this step was taken due to a number of factors including limited fuel quota supplied for three-wheelers per week which is not sufficient to carry out their profession. The skyrocketing price of goods have also badly affected to their livelihood.

No re-structuring of... From page 01

"We want to minimise the impact on the Banking sector, economy, EPF as a result of debt restructuring. With this exercise, the economy will recover faster and external creditors will be able to recover their debt faster."

Speaking further, Dr. Weerasinghe said CBSL has asked banks to look at all the implications in particular rising Non Performing Loans (NPLs) that they might experience due to current economic crisis.

Obituaries

LAKDUSINGHE - CHANDRALATHA - Wife of Sirinimal (Ex - Director of Musaeus), mother of Subashini (Janadhpathi Vidyalaya - Veyangoda), Madhubashini (U.S.A.), mother-in-law of Engineer - Sanjaya Navaratna and Professor - Nimantha Jayaratne (U.S.A.), expired. Cremation on Friday, 19th at 4.30 p.m. at Malwatta Crematorium. 629/1, Pandaranaike Rd., Veyangoda. 071-8324762. 047739

SILVA, JENNIFER - Daughter of the late Pius and Florence Silva, sister of Genevieve White (Australia), Nandi and late Rohan Silva, sister-in-law of George White (Australia), aunt of Gina & Reno (Australia), Ashanti & Niraj. Cortege leaves Jayaratne Funeral Parlour Borella on Saturday, 20th August at 11 a.m. for Burial at General Cemetery, Borella, Roman Catholic Section. Viewing from 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, 20th August. 048137



Labour and Foreign Employment Minister Manusha Nanayakkara yesterday donated 10 computers to the Sri Lanka Police to help streamline the process of issuing Police Clearance Reports of migrant workers. The Human Resources Development Service of Korea brought to the Minister's attention that the delay in issuing Police Clearance Certificates can severely impact the securing of job contracts offered to Korean job aspirants.

Army boosts Green Drive with Kirby Cucumber cultivation

The Sri Lanka Army accelerated its Green Agriculture Drive around the country with multiple implementations of agriculture corps on different scales.

The Army recently boosted this Mega Drive by cultivating Kirby Cucumber on 1,500 acres of abounded Government-owned lands in the General Kandakadu area with the human resources and agricultural experts of the Sri Lanka Army farm in Kandakadu.

The inauguration of the project was launched recently by joining hands with H.J.S Condiments Limited of the Hayleys Group of Companies technical aids composed for the Army to succeed this Mega Drive.

Army Commander Lt. Gen. Vikum Liyanage directed the Sri Lanka Army Directorate of Agriculture and Livestock and Sri Lanka Army Corps of Agriculture and Livestock (SLAC) to continue this green agriculture drive to ensure food security with the use of available resources in an effective and efficient way.

Kirby Cucumbers are usually short and they're always bumpy. They have a range of skin colours, from yellow to dark green. Kirbys are wonderfully crunchy for eating raw but flavourful enough to be perfect for pickling. Sometimes, they're even sold under the name "pickling cucumbers."

Representatives of the H.J.S Condiments, including the CEO, Director, Agriculture and Livestock Sri Lanka Army, a few Officers and Other Ranks of the Army, attend the inauguration.



Army personnel planting Kirby Cucumbers under the Green Agriculture Drive.

Initiative to mitigate flooding in Akuressa and Athureliya

PRIYAN DE SILVA

The initiative taken by START Network together with CARITAS SED Galle to clear over 50 km of clogged irrigation canals in the administrative districts of Akuressa and Athureliya has helped avert major flooding in the areas with the onset of the South West Monsoon.

In addition to mitigating flooding through it's 'Cash for Work' programme, the project provided 10 days of employment for 560 members of low income families, single parent families and families with persons with special needs. It also improved the irrigation system and reduced the threat from marauding crocodiles.

The START Network provided Rs. 20 million for the project which was carried out under the guidance of Rev Lasantha Sanjewa Fonseka Director CARITAS SED Galle and project officers Priyantha Indunil, Chandima Pereira and Nayanthara Fernando.

The START Network also provided flood relief equipment and utensils to four Disaster Management safety centers in the Akuressa and Athureliya administrative districts and the Disaster Management Center in Matara.

The START Network of which Caritas Sri Lanka is a member is an international Non Government Organisation whose vision is to create a proactive, innovative and locally owned humanitarian system that enables the delivery of better quality humanitarian aid, maintains the dignity of people caught up in disasters and saves more lives and livelihoods. It also provides financial infrastructure that offers timely, efficient and predictable funding to support at-risk populations by empowering members with the necessary resources to act effectively and efficiently.

Japan provides Rs.1,265 Mn to improve NCD treatment facilities at Sri J'pura hospital

"Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages" is a Sustainable Development Goal and its Target 3.4: "By 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being".

Accordingly, the Government of Japan will provide medical equipment and technical assistance to improve Non-Communicable Disease Treatment Facilities at the Sri Jayawardeneperu Government Hospital (SJGH) under Japanese Government Non-Project Grant Aid Programme.

Based on the request of the Government of Sri Lanka, the Government of Japan has agreed to provide Japanese Yen 500 million (approximately Rs. 1,265 million) grant under the Japanese non-project grant aid scheme for provision of equipment to improve the facilities at the Sri Jayawardeneperu Government Hospital (SJGH).

Under this grant assistance, Angio-CT machine, Other Radiology equipment, Ophthalmic instruments, Surgical instrument set (stainless steel with satin finish), Fifteen Dental Units with accessories, Liver transplant Instrument set, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory will be provided.

This improvement at the hospital will facilitate for enhancing the quality of the care provided specially to the patients with non-communicable diseases while enabling to provide high quality medical professional training to medical undergraduates and postgraduates from National School of Nursing in Sri Jayawardeneperu and Faculty of Medical Sciences of University of Sri Jayawardeneperu. Accordingly, this project will eventually assist the development of human resources of the health sector in Sri Lanka.



Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies Ministry Secretary K.M. Mahinda Siriwardana and Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Mizokoshi Hideaki at a ceremony held at the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies yesterday.

The Exchange of Notes pertaining to the above grant were signed by Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies K.M. Mahinda Siriwardana on behalf of the

Government of Sri Lanka and the Ambassador of Government of Japan Mizokoshi Hideaki yesterday (August 18) at the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.

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Passenger Terminal at Colombo Port to be upgraded

Passenger terminal facilities will be upgraded to better serve foreign passengers arriving in Colombo by sea and air, Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said.

He made these statements at an inspection visit of the Passenger Terminal of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) yesterday. The Minister also noted that the number of passenger vessels that have called at the Colombo Port according to previous years' reports, have declined in number due to the Covid-19 pandemic and recent financial recession in the country. He said that the SLPA Passenger Terminal should be improved and upgraded with modern facilities aiming at the upcoming tourist arrival season to attract overseas travellers and tourists arriving in the country and more passenger vessels calling at the Colombo Port.

He instructed that these facilities should include air-conditioned waiting rooms, modern sanitary facilities, a state-of-the-art duty free shopping complex and improved transport facilities.

The Minister stated that successful discussions have already been made with shipping lines and their local agents on encouraging passenger vessels to call at the Port of Colombo and stated that the Marketing and Business Development Division of the SLPA should implement a large-scale internet-based strategic promotion programme on the matter. "As the Subject Minister I am dedicated



Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva during the inspection visit of the Passenger Terminal of the Colombo Port.

towards obtaining maximum Port sector contribution to the Government's programme to increase foreign revenue in the country," Minister de Silva said.

Secretary to the Ports, Shipping and Aviation Ministry K.D.S. Ruwanchandra and SLPA Vice Chairman G.U.K. Algewater also attended the inspection visit.

'National security demands greater attention unlike ever before'

Sri Lanka's national security demands greater attention now than at any point in the history of the country since independence, said Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne on Wednesday (17).

"Sri Lanka has to keep its 'eyes' and 'minds' open to counter all these threats that are at her doorstep," he said.

The Defence Secretary participating at the inaugural of the National Defence College's (NDC) Research Symposium 2022 as the chief guest said that it is a great leap forward and hopefully the output of the NDC would certainly contribute towards facing future challenges to ensure lasting peace and security.

NDC Commandant Maj. Gen. Amal Karunasekara received the chief guest Gen. Gunaratne and the keynote speaker Lalith Weeratunga on their arrival at the venue. The maiden NDC-organized symposium, which is exclusively designed to promote defence research and create an environment to explore research ideas related to the discipline of National Security and Strategic Studies was held under the theme 'Exploring Multi-nodal Security Dynamics' at the Faculty of Graduate Studies auditorium, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU).

Defining national security as the ability of a country's government to protect its citizens, economy, and other institutions, the Defence Secretary went to say that today the scope of security in the context of a non-military nature revolves around the provision of economic security, political security, energy security, homeland security, cyber security, human security, and environmental security, in a broader context. Pointing at the differing modes of tactics



NDC Commandant Maj. Gen. Amal Karunasekara greets Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne, on his arrival at the function.

used by governments to ensure national security including political, economic, and military power, along with diplomacy that are commonly known as elements of national power, he said, "It has quietly moved away from its traditionally centred approach of defence and military protection of sovereignty and territorial integrity, in protecting the country from external invasions as well as internal rebellions to a more people-centred approach of security and safety of citizen which is a late 20th century phenomenon."

Citing the conceptual developments and distinction between 'National Security' and 'Human Security', Gen. Gunaratne, while

concerning the country's standpoint, stated that the national security dynamics today includes managing global pandemics, mitigating and adapting to climate change, maintaining clean water, maintaining reliable food supplies, and protecting the property of individuals and communities, dealing with economic and political dilemmas as well as the ability to protect state sovereignty, influenced by a number of international actors.

Sri Lanka has become vulnerable for arms and drugs trafficking, illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing on the man-made cycle, whereas global warming and resulting sea-level rises and weather anomalies, increased ocean pollution and impact on marine eco-systems, depleted fisheries, rising of ocean temperatures and salinity, as natural issues that are creating problems in the Indian Ocean which in turn has created a severe impact on the security of Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean, he added.

While delivering the keynote address Lalith Weeratunga said that the modern defence and security systems are now expected to be equipped not only for military threats but also for non-military and hybrid threats.

Research symposiums of this nature are catalysts to foster networking among academia, military top brass, and Police and also to exchange academic notions associated with present-day security issues.

Chief of Defence Staff, Tri-Forces Commanders, KDU Vice Chancellor, Defence Attachés, advisors of the friendly foreign nations and members of the diplomatic corps, eminent scholars, senior military and Police officers, course participants, KDU students and a large gathering of invitees were present.

BIA launches Gold Route for premium passengers

International airports provide exclusive passenger services for their premium passengers, especially for High-Net-worth Individuals (HNWIs) who are looking for premium services at airports.

At present, Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) offers only the Silk Route Service facility for Commercially Important Passengers on a payment basis which does not target the HNWIs.

Therefore, with the objective of serving the travel needs of the aviation and tourism industry, Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited launched its newly established service product under the brand name 'Gold Route' to provide a 'Premium Airport Experience' for its valued passengers who travel through the BIA. Further, this new service will contribute to earning additional foreign currency for the country.

The unique feature of this service is that high-end passenger will be able to use an exclusive route to speed up the

arrival and departure processes with a premium service experience.

At the Gold Route lounge, guests can experience a speedy check-in process including Customs, Immigration and Emigration, and all other formalities. The Gold Route service facility at BIA will be offered to passengers at US\$ 200 (per arrival or departure) and the reservations could be made through www.airport.lk.

The new facility was opened at the BIA yesterday with the participation of Ports, Shipping and Aviation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva, K.D.S. Ruwanchandra, the Secretary to the Ministry, Major General (Rtd.) G.A. Chandrasiri, Chairman, Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited, Dr. Ajith Mendis, Vice Chairman of Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) (Private) Limited and P.A. Jayakantha, the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka, and the key officials representing other agencies.

Galle's champion blood donor felicitated

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A champion blood donor in Galle, a well-known fishery entrepreneur, was felicitated by Galle District Chamber of Commerce and Industries (GDCCI) and Galu Pura Lions Club at the Blood Donation Crusade that had been jointly organized by the two organizations on Monday (15) at the chamber's auditorium at Oropuwatta, Galle.

The champion blood donor is L.M. Sujith of Meegoda, Wanchawala, Galle, a longstanding fishery entrepreneur in

Galle who has selflessly donated blood on 87 times since his teens. At present he is 50 years of age.

At the felicitation Sujith was presented a special award together with a cash prize. Commenting on the success of the blood donation Galle District Chamber of Commerce and Industries Chairman Hemantha Gamage said 100 individuals voluntarily donated blood.

Galle HQI Kapila Senapathi, GDCCI Secretary Ashoka Samarasinghe, the chamber's ex-chairmen Ravi Kalansooriya and Dhammika Lokuge were also present.



L. M. Sujith is presented with a special award.

Ensure safe passage for GR ... From page 01

return of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to the country during an official meeting between the President and the SLPP representatives held at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday.

He said that it is the foremost request of his party from the President.

Former Minister Basil Rajapaksa reiterated that the SLPP will extend support to the President unreservedly to get the country out of present economic crisis.

The members of the Maha Sangha including Most Ven. Ittepana Dhamma-

lankara Thera had made the same request from the President.

Minister Prasanna Ranatunga, SLPP General Secretary Sagara Kariyawasam, Parliamentarians Rohitha Abeygunawardena, Johnston Fernando, Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Namal Rajapaksa and Sanjewa Edirimanna participated in the meeting on behalf of the SLPP.

President's Chief of Staff Sagala Ratnayake, UNP Chairman Wajira Abeywardena, Deputy Leader Ruwan Wijewardene, Shamal Seneviratne participated in the meeting.

PMB starts buying Yala paddy from farmers

The Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) has made all arrangements to start buying paddy in the Yala season from last Wednesday (17).

Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera told PMB Chairman Neil De Alwis that all activities for the purchase of paddy from the farmers should be started from Wednesday (17), and that all the problems arising therein should be speedily resolved.

Accordingly, the PMB issued a cir-

cular to all regional managers regarding the purchase of paddy. There are seven regional offices under the PMB and there are 310 paddy warehouses under it. The relevant circular has also instructed to prepare all the equipment related to the purchase of paddy, such as moisture measuring equipment, weighing equipment, etc. Arrangements were made to display banners related to buying paddy in front of all warehouses and regional offices.

Harvesting of paddy in the Yala season has been completed in several districts and harvesting has started in several other districts. Therefore, paddy buying activities will be started only in the areas where paddy harvesting has been completed and where it has started. The PMB Chairman says that with the commencement of harvesting in the remaining areas, necessary arrangements have been made to start buying paddy from those farmers as well.

Mervyn arrested by... From page 01

The Magistrate observed that it was not necessary to set bail for the suspect. The Magistrate further stated it would be sufficient for the suspect to appear before Court on November 16.

The Criminal Investigations Department informed the Magistrate that former Minister Mervyn Silva was arrested following advice given by the Attorney General.

Former Minister Mervyn Silva has been arrested by the Criminal Investigations Department today in connection with forcibly entering Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC) in 2007.

Attorney Prasad Silva appearing on behalf of the Mervyn Silva said that his client went to the Criminal Investigations Department following the notice issued by CID and then his client came to know that there was a complaint against him.

The Counsel stated that his 75-year-old client is a sick person and there is no need to hide as he is a social worker. He also requested the Magistrate to release him on a suitable bail.

Ten SJB MPs to support... From page 01

categorially denied the statement made by certain print and electronic media that several SJB Parliamentarians including himself have decided to join the Government within the next few days.

"It is completely a false and fabricated statement. Our Party members have never taken or will never take even such a decision now," Madduma Bandara said.

Speaking to Daily News Madduma Bandara further expressed his dissatisfaction over the planting of such made-up statements by certain media with the sole intention of gaining cheap publicity and said neither himself nor any other SJB



MPs join this nature of temporary formed government where members have been picked from other political parties even without considering their abilities.

He said even the international community does not accept that this is a people's friendly Government since almost all citizens in the country are suffering due to the on-going economic crisis.

Madduma Bandara further said under this current deteriorating economic situation in the country where no proper future plans to develop the economy, it is doubtful even a parliamentarian from any other party would like to join a Government in this nature.

No genuine intent... From page 01

aiming at forming an All Party Government (APG) are in progress without genuine intent.

He said that the concept of forming an All Party Government is a ruse and the President or the government do not have a genuine interest in forming such an All Party Government to face the challenges ahead in the country.

Dr. Jayatissa said that the objective of forming an All Party Government should be to run the country with the participation of all parties in parliament for a brief period until the people are given an opportunity to elect candidates of their choice at an election.

He said that Parliamentarians can extend their support from the Opposition if the government is for bringing democratic reforms and provision of relief to the public.

President to travel to Japan next month... From page 01

Someone needs to call in, invite the main creditor nations. We will ask Japan to do it, President Ranil Wickremesinghe told Reuters in an interview, adding that he would travel to Tokyo next month to meet Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Udeeshan Jonas, chief strategist at Colombo-based investment bank CAL Group, said Wickremesinghe's outreach to Japan could help secure additional funds after once a restructuring plan is agreed.

"As one of the Quad countries, Japan

can bring India and the rest of the key bilateral creditors together and Sri Lanka can work on a restructuring plan that will cover a large part of the debt," Jonas said, referring to the Quad grouping of the United States, Japan, Australia and India.

"Only China will be on the other side," he said.

Wickremesinghe said talks were ongoing with China, and that they had been positive so far. Sri Lanka's total bilateral debt was estimated at US\$ 6.2 billion at the end of 2020 by the IMF,

according to a March report, with Japan and China holding the largest shares.

This year alone, India has poured in around US\$ 4 billion to help keep Sri Lanka's economy afloat, mainly through credit lines and swaps.

Sri Lanka also has US\$ 14 billion of international sovereign bond debt. Besides seeking help from its allies, Sri Lanka is also negotiating with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a loan package worth between US\$ 2 billion and US\$ 3 billion, Wickremesinghe said.

IUSF Convener, 13 arrested after march... From page 01

The protest march was proceeding from Town Hall towards Fort when the police blocked the march at Union Place after firing tear gas and water cannons.

Police said warrants have also been issued on IUSF Convener Wasantha Mudalige. Actor Jehan Appuhany has also been arrested by a police team. But

after handing him over to another police team, an investigation is underway regarding his release, a senior police officer said.

They gathered at Lipton's Roundabout in the afternoon and planned to move towards Colombo Fort. Police dispersed the crowd by using water cannons and tear gas.

Nine petitions challenging 22nd... From page 01

The petitions have cited the Attorney General as a Respondent. The petitioners challenge that certain Clauses of the 22nd Amendment Bill of the Constitution which has been submitted to the

Parliament on August 10 are unconstitutional. The petitions cited several rulings that the Bill must be passed by a Two-Thirds majority in parliament and by the people at a referendum.

Man arrested with ICE in Kotahena... From page 01

The suspect was carrying the drugs to hand them over to a person in Armour Street on the instructions received to him from the drug peddler in Qatar.

The suspect (30) is a resident of Borella. The suspect with his motorcycle, the drug haul and the money has been handed over to Kotahena Police for investigation.

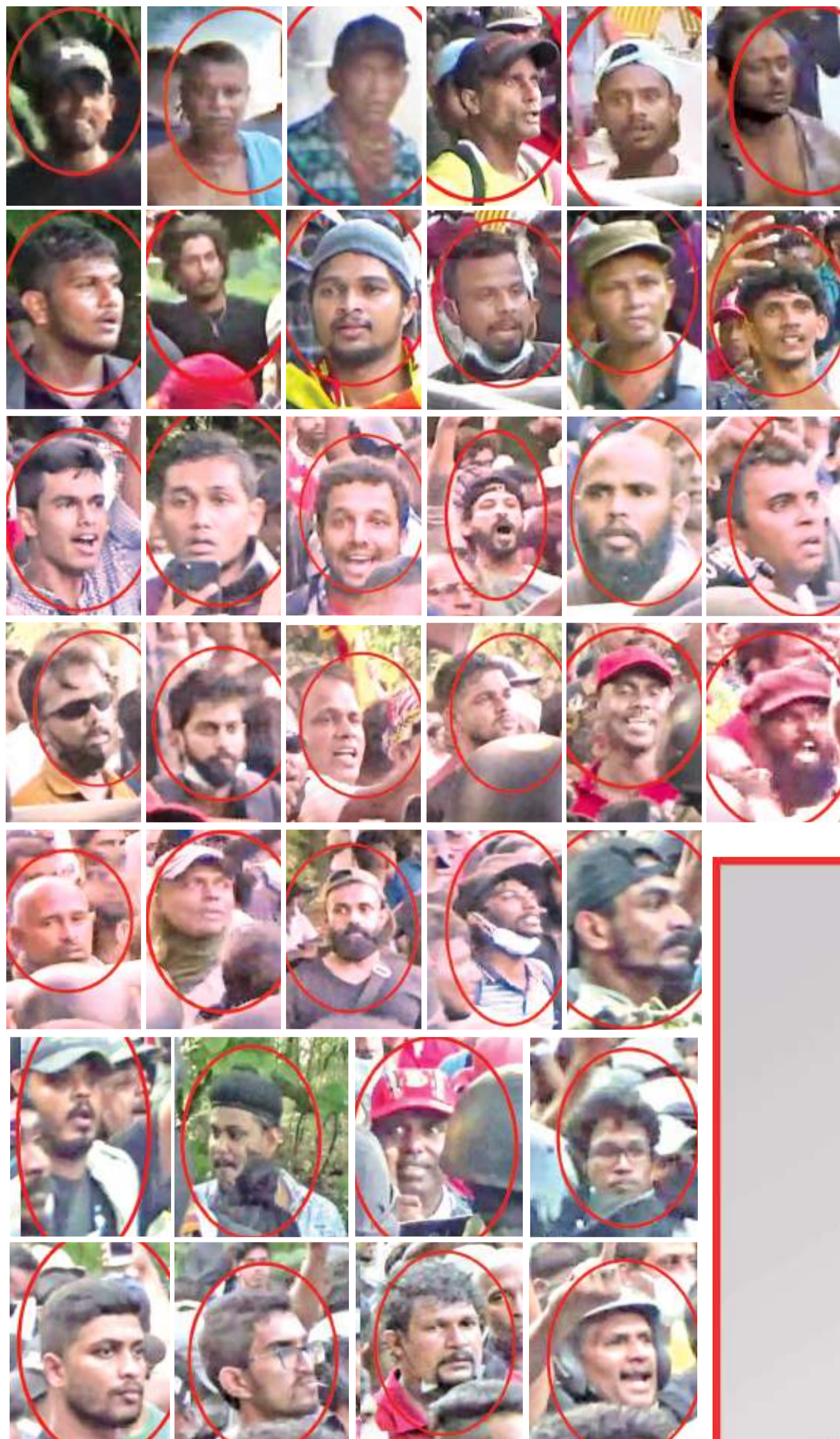
Police release photos of those wanted for Polduwa Junction incident

The Colombo Crimes Division, which is conducting investigations regarding the blocking of the Parliament entrance road from Polduwa Junction on July 13 and the assault on two army soldiers and the seizure of two T56

weapons, is seeking the public's assistance in uncovering the identity of 37 persons.

The Police Headquarters released the photos of 16 people to the media to identify them on August 5th. The Police Media Spokes-

man's Office requests the public to contact the police on 071-8591733, 071-2685151 or on the short number 1997, if they have any information regarding the persons in these photos.



Well-known teacher and Principal of Alubomulla S. Mahinda National School passes away

Principal of Alubomulla S. Mahinda National School I.A.D Lakshman Jayalath, 56, passed away on Wednesday following a brief illness. He has served a number of schools in the district including Bandaragama National School, I.A.D. Lakshman was assistant principal of Bandaragama National School before being appointed as Principal of Alubomulla S. Mahinda Vidyalaya.



Principal I.A.D Lakshman Jayalath

A well-known teacher in the area, Lakshman was serving as the principal of Nawalanka Dhamma School established by Tibetan monk S. Mahinda Thera for years. He focused on the discipline and academic activities of the students alike. The Alubomulla National School won many accolades in many fields under his able guidance. The funeral will take place today at Bandaragama Crematorium at 7 p.m. Cortege leaves residence at S. Mahinda Mawatha, Alubomulla at 1.30 p.m. today and remains will be brought to the Alubomulla S. Mahinda Vidyalaya at 3.30 p.m. for the students, academic staff and the parents to pay their last respect.

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LESSONS TO LEARN FROM ACHIEVEMENTS OF SINHALA KINGS

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There is much talk today about overcoming the current economic crisis some of which is frivolous and confusing the people abusing the hallowed freedom of expression nurtured by the indignant culture based on Buddhism, a cornerstone of which is the spirit of inquiry long before it was found to be a *sine qua non* of philosophical excellence. During the days of the European Renaissance of around 1500 the so-called activists were still active for no cause after the real strugglers performed their task.

One such activist a lawyer of all professions in a context when there are lawyers and lawyers told a rabble rousing TV channel nakedly anti-President Ranil Wickremesinghe because he did not give a National List slot to its founder that he did not see a constitutional solution to the present political question thereby implying that he is for an extra-legal course which if successful would be legal and if not criminal.

All this talk also not only by university students, trade unionists but also by those of the myriad of political parties, some of which feign to be revolutionary, is manifestly utter nonsense because a revolution is not generally talked about but rather something one would get up with in the morning and as we are all aware of attempts beginning with the abortive Catholic *coup d'état* of 1962 attempting to bring back the colonial era after 1505, the 1971 Insurrection and the 1988-89 Subversion ended in a fiasco as the actors were only rebels masquerading as revolutionaries.

Today's pseudo-revolutionaries are only bringing shame upon our Sinhala kings of yore among whom there were real revolutionaries too, one in the person of Kutakanatissa (41-19 BCE) who put the infamous queen Anula to death by setting fire to the palace in which she led a dissolute life, ascended the throne himself and restored order and good governance once more although such acts can never be condoned in the present context.

Some of our politicians, too, who have proliferated as pavement hawkers forming three-wheeler or even push bicycle parties, trying to show that politics is a rocket science which only the fat-bellied can comprehend bring disgrace upon the Sinhala kings



When the Pandyas invaded the country during the first decade of the reign of Sena I although the country fell under their suzerainty and the Sinhala king had to flee to Trincomalee to escape to the Srivijaya kingdom of Malaya accepting the proposal of the Pandya monarch entered into a treaty to pay indemnity thereby saving Sri Lanka from foreign domination.

of yore. Just describing the work of two of our insignificant kings Sena I (833-853) and Sena II (853-887) or their comparatively long reigns would suffice to prove the point. When the Pandyas invaded the country

during the first decade of the reign of Sena I although the country fell under their suzerainty and the Sinhala king had to flee to Trincomalee to escape to the Srivijaya kingdom of Malaya accepting the proposal of the Pandya

monarch entered into a treaty to pay indemnity thereby saving Sri Lanka from foreign domination. It is amazing that the king largely accomplished the task of rebuilding the capital Anuradhapura, founded a large monastery on Ritigala or the Pansakulika (ascetic) Bhikkhus and constructed several other religious buildings: his queen, the princes and the ministers followed the king's example.

His nephew and successor Sena II to avenge the defeat his predecessor had suffered jumping at the opportunity of invading the Pandya kingdom on invitation by the aspirant to its throne emerged victorious and recovered the royal treasure of the Sinhala kings as well as the gold and the jewels of the monasteries which the Pandyas had carried away twenty years earlier. In University of Ceylon: A Con-



President Ranil Wickremesinghe

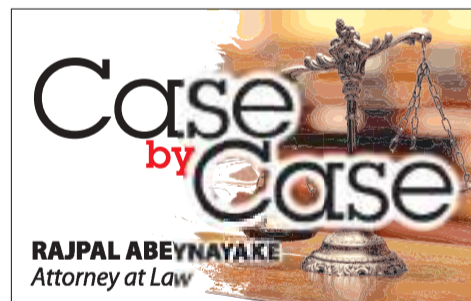
cise History of Ceylon C.W. Nicholas says: "The victory over Pandya did not make the Sinhalese king complacent about the security of Ceylon. He feared some retaliation because he strengthened the coast guard service and the other defensive measures on the coast and 'made the island hard to subdue by the foe'.

The remaining twenty-six years of the reign of Sena II were a period of peace and affluence. The king endowed the monasteries, built new shrines and gave alms liberally. In irrigation he extended the Minipe scheme on the Mahaweli Ganga and constructed a feeder canal to augment the supply of Mahakanadarawa tank near Mihintale."

It would have been well for politicians who worked within the dispensation of Parliamentary democracy post-Independence, to have taken a leaf from the book of the majority of the Sinhala kings of yore who answered the description of European benevolent despots such as long reigning Empress Catherine the Great (1762-1796) and Emperor Peter the Great (1682-1725) of Russia and Emperor Frederick the Great (1740-1786) of Prussia.

It is fervently hoped that President Ranil Wickremesinghe who for all intents and purposes is well and truly representative of the entire populace through Parliament elected by the people and so well-read as not to lose anything by the wanton incineration by ruffians of his cherished possession, his library will emulate his royal forefathers for the rebuilding of Sri Lanka.

Demurrage as unavoidable as death and taxes?



The issue of demurrage was in the news recently with news that fuel ships that could not be unloaded incurred considerable demurrage entailing a further drain in foreign exchange.

This case concerns a writ application in the Court of Appeal (Fonnys Pvt Ltd. v Sri Lanka Ports Authority - SLR - 108, Vol 2 of 2004 [2004] LKCA 44; (2004) 2 Sri LR 108 (17 September 2004)) with regard to a consignment of industrial off-road tyres.

The Court of Appeal judgement records the case antecedents as follows:

"The petitioner imported from Israel a consignment of industrial off-road tyres valued at US\$ 25,238 which is equivalent to Rs. 1,621,412.41 at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the filing of this application. The petitioner states that its representatives were informed by the Valuation Department of the Sri Lanka Customs that the consignment cannot be cleared since the documents have been referred to the Preventive Division of the Sri Lanka Customs for their approval.

The petitioner complains that the Preventive Division of the Sri Lanka Customs took 63 days to satisfy itself that there was no under-valuation of the goods, and the petitioner was allowed to clear the said consignment only on 2nd June 1998. It is common ground that the petitioner made representations to the Director-General of Customs that the petitioner should not be burdened with payment of port demurrage charges for the said period."

When the petitioner's representative went to the port to clear the goods he received a letter from a Port Authority official stating that penal rent should be waived, but basic

rent and port charges should be levied. Basically, a lot of demurrage there.

The petitioner sought among other relief: (a) a writ of certiorari quashing the order and / or decision made by the 2nd respondent as evidenced by the endorsement made by him on the letter dated 6th July 1998 marked as I;

(b) a writ of mandamus ordering the 1st and 2nd respondents to release the consignment referred to in the said letter marked as 'I' on payment of the relevant port handling charges.

The Minister in charge of Ports and Shipping had issued a letter and it was the position of the petitioner that this letter has approved a waiver of rent and not just penal rent — all types of demurrage, and rent.

The Appeal Court judgement goes on to explain the difference between penal rent or demurrage and other regular rents in the following terms:

"The 'demurrage rent' referred to in the said letter marked as H is in respect of 'penal charges' as appearing in the SLPA Tariff Guide marked as '2R2'. Accordingly, it is contended by the respondents that as only 'penal rent' or what is commonly referred to as the 'demurrage rent' have been waived,

the petitioner is liable to pay the basic rent and port handling charges to the SLPA, which has been calculated at Rs. 147,000 as evidenced by the documents marked '2R4a' to '2R4c'."

What is demurrage? The Court judgement went so far as to quote the Oxford dictionary with regard to what demurrage is, and what it entails.

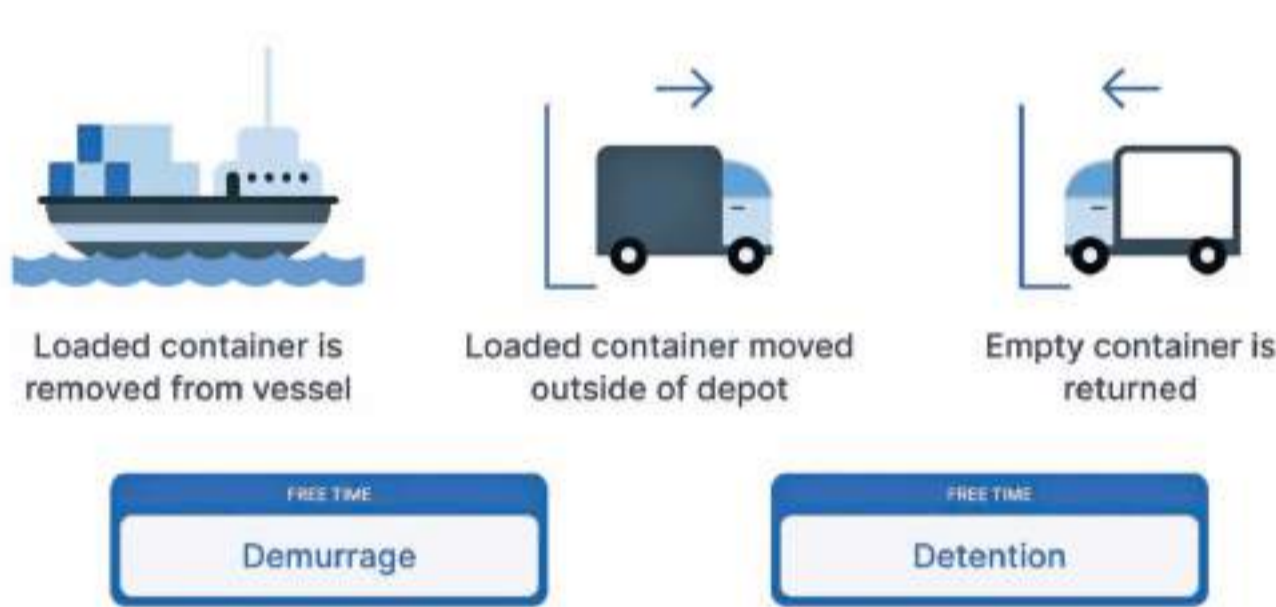
"The Oxford Dictionary (10th Edition) page 381 defines 'demurrage' as "a charge payable to the owners of a chartered ship in respect of delay in loading and discharging". In Krishna Mining Co. Ltd. v Pan Islamic Steamship Co. Ltd Nimal Dissanayake J., defined the term as "damages payable by the charterer for the delay caused over and above the agreed time for discharging or loading."

In a decided case (Tajit & Co (Pvt) Ltd v Sri Lanka Port Authority and Two others) the Director General of Customs has recommended that because the Customs Department delayed a certain consignment, demurrage should be waived. However, the Court of Appeal did not agree.

In the case under review, the Court of Appeal cited the Tajit case in judgement in the following manner:

"It is true that according to P3 the Director-General of Customs has suggested to the Ports Authority that the petitioner should be given some relief in respect of the consignment as there was no customs violation committed. It is observed that the concession suggested by the Director-General of Customs should be considered in the light of the provisions of section 38 (1) of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority Act which deals with 'Recovery of charges in arrears.'"

After analysing the provisions of section



Authority, and the Court of Appeal did not see anything wrong with that. Though it is not stated anywhere in that judgement in those specific terms, it appears that the Court goes by strict adherence to the Sri Lanka Port Authority Act.

Nowhere does the Act state that any delays due to the work of other Government departments should be compensated by waiver of demurrage of rent. It appears that the reasoning is that the Ports have to do their job and that those who use their services have to expect — and plan for delays — such as Customs delays if and when they occur. i.e. these are par for the course, and cannot be reasons for denying the Port Authority rents and other fees they charge for their services.

In conclusion the judgement observed:

"It is important to note that this question of interpretation arises in the context of a letter written by an officer of the Government for the purpose of communicating a decision of a Minister in regard to a matter for which there is no express statutory provision. In fact, learned State Counsel has stressed that there is no express provision in the Sri Lanka Port Authority Act, No. 51 of 1979 for waiving any of the charges that may otherwise be levied by the said Authority, and that the Authority could have in law ignored the decision of the Minister to waive 'demurrage rent' communicated to the petitioner by the letter dated 6th July 1998 marked 'H'."

For the foregoing reasons the court decided to dismiss the application of the petitioner for the twin writs of certiorari and mandamus with cost fixed at Rs. 12,000 payable by the petitioner.

When the petitioner's representative went to the port to clear the goods he received a letter from a Port Authority official stating that penal rent should be waived, but basic rent and port charges should be levied. Basically, a lot of demurrage there.



Pakistan assures continued support to Sri Lanka



A meeting between Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and Pakistan High Commissioner Major General Umar Farooq Burki took place on August 17 at the Prime Minister's Office in Colombo.

The High Commissioner confirmed that Sri Lanka will continue to receive the cooperation of his country, as the two countries have a long and strong friendly relationship.

The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to Pakistan for its consistent support at international platforms to protect the

sovereignty of Sri Lanka. They held a lengthy exchange of views on the possibilities of developing relations in the fields of commerce, investment, education, technology, tourism, farming and dairy production.

The Prime Minister requested Sri Lankan Buddhists to be provided with the necessary facilities to visit the ancient Buddhist pilgrimage centers including Taxila.

Anura Dissanayake, Secretary to the Prime Minister also participated in this discussion.



Minister Bandula inspects housing units in Kottawa

IRANGIKA RANGE

Transport, Highways and Mass Media Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardana yesterday inspected the housing units which are being constructed currently under the Malapalla Apartment project at Kottawa for the people, who have lost their homes due to the Kelani Valley Railway expansion project.

A program has been implemented under the Ministry of Transport to evict the illegal residents of the railway reserve from Maradana to Padukka and provide them with houses in appropriate places in order to

upgrade Kelani Valley Railway line into a double track.

Under this project, 120 new houses are currently being constructed in the Kottawa-Malapalla area for the people who have evicted from homes in the Kelani Valley line belonging to the Railway Department.

ADA KOTIPATHI Friday
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Fisheries Act to be amended to boost the industry



Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda during his recent inspection tour of major fisheries harbours located along the North Western and Western coastal belt.

NIMAL WIJESINGHE
 Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda during a fact-finding tour of all major fisheries harbours located along the North Western and Western coastal belt said that a Cabinet paper would be put up to get Cabinet approval for making necessary amendments to out-of-date laws and regulations in the existing Fisheries Act.

The Fisheries Minister visited the Kalpitiya, Puttalam, Chilaw, Udappuwa and Negombo fisheries harbours where he had several discussions with the officials and the fishermen, which mainly focused on the acute scarcity of kerosene oil.

The owners of multi-day fishing vessels in Kalpitiya brought to the notice of the Minister that the ban imposed on their vessels prohibiting prawn fishing is not justifiable. Minister Devananda admitted that such acts caused big losses to the fishermen as well as a significant loss of foreign exchange that could be earned from the prawn export business.

Minister Devananda during the observation tour instructed the officials concerned to accelerate the improvements to the Kalpitiya harbour's breakwater, which is being extended by 75 metres.

He promised the fishing community in Udappuwa to take action without delay to stop erosion in the Udappuwa maritime area. During his visit to the Negombo fisheries harbour, the Fisheries Minister instructed the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation General Manager Janaka Mudalige to finalize the plan for the deepening of the fisheries harbour.

At a meeting with the Negombo fishing community Minister Devananda pledged to end the kerosene oil scarcity in the fisheries industry. He said that it was a serious problem to provide kerosene oil to nearly 27,000 fishing boats in the country, out of the limited quota being allocated for the fisheries industry.

COLOMBO LOTUS TOWER MANAGEMENT COMPANY (PVT.) LTD

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Correction Notice - Extension of Closing Date (Addendum - 1)

The Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Colombo Lotus Tower Management Company (Pvt.) Ltd, No. 320, D.R. Wijewardana Mawatha, Colombo 10 had published an Invitation for Bids on 12.08.2022 for Supply, Installation, Check, Commissioning and Maintenance of LED Screens.

The following Correction (addendum - 1) to the above Bid Notice has been issued as follows.

The Closing date of the submission of bids is extended up to 14.00 hrs on 25.08.2022.

DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 COLOMBO LOTUS TOWER MANAGEMENT CO. (PVT) LTD.
 No 320, D.R. Wijewardhana Mawatha, Colombo 10.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

PROVINCIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (W.P.)

(Ministry of Power & Energy, Provincial Roads, Housing & Construction, Water Supply and Drainage, Social Welfare and Urban & Estate Infrastructure Facilities - Western Province)

PROVISION OF A HOUSE ON RENTAL BASIS

Bid No : PRDA/WP/PRO/2022/20R

Open Bids are invited from Land Lords by the Chairman of the Procurement Committee to obtain a single or two storeyed with furniture on rent basis for a period of one year, suitable to be used for purposes of this Authority.

The proposed house should be located at Nugegoda, Battaramulla, Pagoda, Nawala, Koswatte, Medawelikada, Rajagiriya, Kohuwala, Boralesgamuwa, Kirulapone, Wellawatte, Thimbirigasyaya or an area surrounding Colombo. Also, it should be of 1500 - 2000 sq.ft. approximately with 03/04 rooms. There should be parking space to park around 2 vehicles at a time and an uninterrupted accessway. The award of bid will be effected by considering quotations submitted and the Government valuation.

Issuance of Bids

Relevant bid documents could be obtained from 22.08.2022 to 02.09.2022 from the Procurement Division of this office from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on working days of the week upon payment of a non-refundable form fee of Rs. 1,000 + 12% VAT or could be downloaded from the Internet www.prda.wp.gov.lk

Tender Forms so downloaded should be submitted along with the security deposit and the receipt obtained from the Bank of Ceylon for the payment of the Tender Form Fee and a sum of Rs. 3,120.00.

Receiving and Opening of Bids

Perfected bid documents should either be sent by Registered Post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the 2nd Floor of the following address before 2.30 p.m. on 05.09.2022. (The top left-hand corner of the envelope should be marked as "Supply of a House on Rent Basis".)

Account No. 71752231 Bank of Ceylon - Aluthkade Branch.

Chairman
Procurement Committee
Provincial Road Development Authority (W.P.),
No. 59, St. Sebastian Hill,
Colombo 12.

Telephone No : 0115676903

ADA KOTIPATHI Wednesday
 Date : 17.08.2022
 Draw No. : 1651
 Colour : Pink

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 57,187,298/-

Winning Numbers: 01, 22, 26, 51
 English Letter: Z

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,949,100/-

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

කයෝද Jayoda
 Date : 17-08-2022
 Draw Number : 1845
 Colour : Orange

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 34,711,436/-

Winning Numbers: 02, 09, 19, 58
 ENGLISH LETTER: E

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 1,768,800/-

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

ශ්‍රීදා Sri Dha
 Wednesday
 Date : 17.08.2022
 Draw No. : 3986
 Colour : Purple

Winning Numbers: 02, 11, 23, 51
 English Letter: Q

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,868,940/-
 Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 72,940,321.50

Winning tickets are valid only for six months

ලග්නා Lagna Wasilawa
 Date : 17-08-2022
 Draw Number : 3537
 Colour : Green

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 9,853,128.60

Winning Numbers: 24, 27, 51, 56
 Gemini

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 2,000,000/-

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

SUPER BALL
 Draw Number : 1825
 Colour : Orange
 Draw Date : 17.08.2022
 Date : Wednesday

Winning English Letter and Numbers: C 20 43 44 65

Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 70,546,908/-

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 2,295,720/-

25 English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
 Draw No. : 1001
 Colour : Green
 Date : 17.08.2022
 Wednesday

Winning Numbers: L 11 03 28 48 59
 Super Number

Total Value of Prizes: Rs. 3,065,100/-
 Next Super Jackpot: Rs. 254,231,305/-

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A sound step

The move by President Ranil Wickremesinghe to establish a Committee to go into all appointments and/or replacements of Heads of State sector organisations is a sound one indeed that would ensure merit over anything else to be the criterion in all such selections.

It would also ensure an independent assessment of the capabilities and competence of the prospective candidates usually recommended by the Minister concerned. Presently all such appointments are made based on affiliations to the Ministers/politicians concerned and/or personal loyalty. Needless to say, this is hardly the recipe for efficiency or progress.

Earlier, former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa too appointed such a body to vet selections to top posts in the State Sector including Ministry Secretaries. However, this only proved to be a cosmetic exercise, with mostly square pegs in round holes placed in important positions. The Public Service was packed with retired military officers with no inking of the subjects they were entrusted to oversee, and hand-picked Vijayath Maga followers, who proffered wrong and hasty advice that is at least partly responsible for the present crisis.

The mammoth losses suffered by 52 State Sector ventures as detailed in our editorial yesterday shows to what extent inefficiency and mismanagement had led to this state of affairs. Needless to say, the appointment of misfits, toadies and yes men to top bureaucratic positions in the State Sector spelled ruin for these bodies for which the country is paying a heavy price today. This is because loyalty took precedence over skills and ability with the rulers doing as they please.

It is well known that in most State Sector bodies under the last Government, friends and relatives of the ruling clan ruled the roost, drawing fat salaries and giving nothing in return. Many a State body was run to the ground due to such thoughtless acts.

The new Committee, it is hoped, would ensure that the right man/woman is appointed for the job and merit alone would be the criterion in all such selections. The country has been brought to its knees by the callous decisions of the rulers in making ill-advised appointments to responsible positions in Government. Not just in State bodies, but all appointments to top posts should be guided by merit and ability including postings to our foreign missions.

The newspapers are full of accounts of the doings of a so-called diplomat to a powerful Western nation during an earlier presidency which brought shame and dishonour to the country. We can do without such types and only the very best from among our career diplomats should be appointed for posting to important countries.

According to the news item on the appointment of the Committee, any appointment as Head of a State Corporation, Statutory Board or a State-Owned Enterprise (SOE) should first have the approval of the Committee. Similarly removal or replacements of serving Heads of such bodies too should receive the approval of the Committee, in case the Ministers wish to make such changes.

This would also ensure that no arbitrary decision is taken by a new Minister to remove the serving Head of a Government body that will come under him or her (new Minister), who could then be replaced by the Minister's favourite, sometimes unjustly.

The decision taken by the President to ensure tight control of expenditure in all State Sector organisations too is a positive step and would lead to a drastic reduction of waste and profligacy in Government spending. Especially the abuse of official vehicles and renting out of vehicles by Heads of Government bodies when there are vehicles already available in the pool should come under the sharp scrutiny of the Presidential Secretariat.

Also the move taken to hold the Heads of Departments accountable for any overspending too is a good one and will act as a deterrent against splashing around as most State Sector organisations do at present. In fact, under the Yahapalanaya too there was a similar move to hold to account the Heads of Government Departments responsible for excess spending and in the case of recruitment above the required cadre, to get the Head of Department to pay such salaries out of his/her own pocket. It is not known what became of this project.

It will also be a sound move to get all Heads of State Sector organisations to give an account of their performances during a given period of time and if found wanting, they should be replaced pronto. Today, it is known that with a very few exceptions Heads of State bodies are warming their seats while drawing fat salaries. A progress report of the work performed should be demanded periodically from all Chairpersons and Directors.

Private sector organisations are run efficiently and profitably because such requirements are mandatory and those who fall back on the job invariably get fired, perhaps on the spot. The problem with the State sector is that the Head of the State body concerned more often than not is a stooge of the Minister or another top politician and is invariably protected. This is why the Committee appointed to oversee appointments should be extra vigilant.



'Yuan Wang 5' at the Hambantota International Port. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

BALANCING ACT TO PROTECT SOVEREIGNTY AND FRIENDSHIP



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena stressed that Sri Lanka's biggest asset is its strategic location and the prime interest of the Government is to keep the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace for free commercial navigation. The country has no interest whatsoever to get involved in regional or international power games. Sri Lanka treats every nation as a friend, while zealously guarding the sovereignty and independence of the country.

In his first interview to a foreign news service, Prime Minister Gunawardena told Tomomi Asano of the Japanese newspaper *Yomiuri Shimbun* that since ancient times the ports in Sri Lanka were popular with commercial vessels of the traders and the country continued to provide facilities to vessels from all corners of the world. Even today, vessels of many countries call on Sri Lankan ports and occasionally there are Naval crafts calling on for replenishments, joint military exercises or on friendly calls. During all these Sri Lanka strictly maintains the condition that such visits are not directed against the interests of a third country as Sri Lanka strictly adhere to its policy of neutrality.

This policy has displayed its practicality once again, when there were some apprehensions about the entry of Chinese satellite tracking ship Yuan Wang 5 to Hambantota Port and those fears were smoothened by frank discussions with all the parties concerned.

Though the permission was given in June 2022 for the vessel to enter the Port on August 11 and remain until 16th, Sri Lanka requested for its deferment as it was essential to sort out reasons with India and the United States regarding their expressed concerns. The positive outcome of high level official consultations resulted in solving those issues and then it was intimated to China that the vessel could enter Hambantota Port on



Tomomi Asano of the Japanese newspaper *Yomiuri Shimbun* clicking a photo of Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena during the interview.

August 16. The talks succeeded as there is a very good understanding between Sri Lanka and its immediate neighbour India as well as the United States.

The friendship and cooperation with India was further stressed when Vice Chief of the Indian Navy Vice Admiral SN Ghormade came to Colombo earlier this week to hand over a maritime surveillance Dornier aircraft to the Sri Lankan Navy. The aircraft was provided to Sri Lanka from the inventory of the Indian Navy to help the country meet its immediate security requirement. The Indian Navy has already provided extensive training to a team from Sri Lanka Navy and the Air Force to operate the maritime surveillance aircraft.

Indian media, quoting highly placed defence source, said, "Sri Lanka has been a key partner of India and we will continue to expand our bilateral defence cooperation in the months and years to come." The source added that the participation of President Ranil Wickremesinghe at the handing-over ceremony, was a clear signal about expanding strategic ties between the two countries. India will provide to Sri Lanka two Dornier aircraft which were being manufactured by the Government-owned aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

At the handing-over ceremony President Wickremesinghe thanked India for gifting a Dornier aircraft to enhance Sri Lanka Navy's maritime surveillance capabilities and bolster the India-Sri Lanka defence ties. He said that history has brought both nations together like two sides of the same coin and the two countries must forge ahead together. "This is the start

of cooperation between our Air Force, Navy and Indian Navy in maritime surveillance."

The aircraft will be flown and maintained by 15 Sri Lanka Air Force crew who were specifically trained in India for four months. The team consists of pilots, observers, engineering officers and technicians. They will be supervised by the Indian technical team attached to the Sri Lanka Air Force. The team would undertake comprehensive supervision of aircraft, airframe, aircraft support equipment, ground support equipment, and relevant documents and would ascertain the serviceability of all the assets.

Indian defence sources said it was significant that the Dornier was handed over to Sri Lanka a day before a high-tech Chinese satellite tracking ship docks at Hambantota Port.

The world's attention to foreign vessels and aircraft entering Sri Lanka in the last few days did not limit to the Chinese vessel and Indian aircraft. Pakistan's newly-commissioned Chinese-built frigate PNS Taimur docked at the Colombo Port on last Friday for a couple of days and a section of Indian media inaccurately reported that the vessel took part in Sri Lanka-Pakistan joint 'war games'.

Immediately Sri Lanka Navy rejected the fallacious media reports that it was holding war games with a Pakistani warship docked at the Colombo Port but confirmed that it would hold a "Passage Exercise" in the Western seas with PNS Taimur as it leaves the port. Sri Lanka allowed PNS Taimur to make a port call in Colombo while on its way to join the Pakistan Navy fleet after the Bangladesh Government denied it permission to dock at Chattogram Port as August is a month

of mourning for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as her father, Sheikh Mujib-ur-Rehman was assassinated on August 15, 1975.

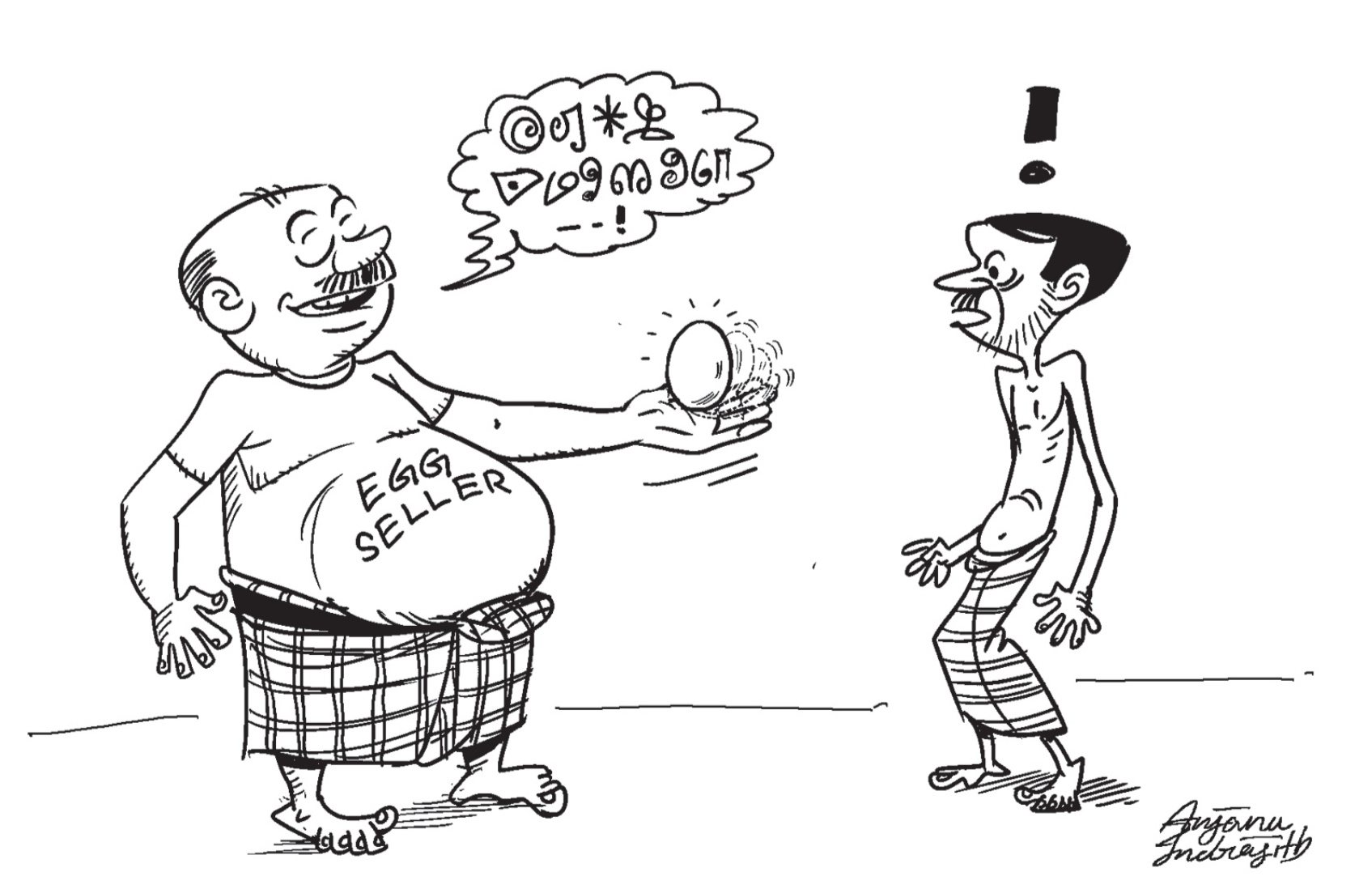
Indian defence analysts are of the opinion that there was no need for India to worry about the entry of Chinese ships to ports in South Asia. Two analysts, Sameer Patil and Don McLain Gill argued that the unfolding situation may impede China's intent to increase its regional strategic influence and power projection. In an article in *Diplomat* magazine, they argued that critical indicators of the strategic influence of an extra-regional power lie in its ability to sustain bilateral military exercises and operationalize defence cooperation with regional states.

"While China has emerged as a major arms exporter to the region (primarily Pakistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar), it has not been able to expand military exchanges and other facets of defence cooperation with South Asian states," Patil and Gill said in a joint write-up.

Citing India's growing material capabilities and its geographic proximity, the regional experts said most South Asian states too have found it prudent to not overtly engage in actions with extra-regional states that may directly upset the regional balance of power. "Therefore, China's attempts to convert its growing presence into strategic influence to offset India's leadership role in the region received a setback," they said.

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena emphasized the importance of ties with India last week. "The deep, long-standing ties between our two countries have promoted our common strategies for development and enriched our cultures," he said in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of India's 75th Independence Anniversary last Monday. "We are also bound by the common beliefs of peace, harmony and solidarity of the region and world at large," he said.

Our strong partnership - built on the foundation of shared democratic values has never been more important, Prime Minister Gunawardena said and assured, "We look forward to continued close cooperation to build better, safer and more prosperous lives for the peoples of our two countries."



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one. - Marcus Aurelius

PRESIDENT RANIL WICKREMESINGHE'S INTERVIEW WITH *THE ECONOMIST*

ALL-PARTY GOVERNMENT, SPRINGBOARD FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY



President Ranil Wickremesinghe explains how he plans to help Sri Lanka's recovery in an interview with *The Economist* in Colombo on August 14, 2022.

Excerpts from the interview:

The Economist: Thank you very much for taking the time to see us, Mr. Wickremesinghe. The last time we were here was three weeks ago, when it was obvious that this was a country in crisis. We got in last night and the vibe has changed tremendously. It's visible on the street, on the way in from the airport. What has happened since July 21st to have caused that change?

Ranil Wickremesinghe: Firstly, I think people wanted law and order. A lot of people are losing out... employed people couldn't go to work. They had complaints about the Government, but when President Gotabaya [Rajapaksa, Mr. Wickremesinghe's predecessor] left, they were willing to give us another chance.

The election of the President went constitutionally, Parliament voted, and has taken on the existing Cabinet so that we can call for an All-Party Government, with people from outside within the committee system. We will devise some new mechanisms for that. People know that we are going in for a tough time. And they want to get out of it as soon as possible. Even those that supported the Aragalaya [the protest movement], from about the end of May, they were getting tired of [the chaos]. And they didn't expect the violence that took place on the 9th and the 13th.

TE: Concretely though, there's obviously more fuel in the country, the QR code system seems to be a big success, the fuel queues have vanished. There are more cars and auto rickshaws on the street. What steps have been taken in the past three weeks to have changed the mood of the country?

RW: Well, first, we had to tackle the fuel issue. Second was the fact that we were reaching out to everyone. Even peaceful protesters in the Aragalaya were welcomed. We are willing to establish people's assemblies to look at all the changes to be made. The new standing order for oversight committees makes room for four youth representatives. And they can ask questions, with the permission of the chairman. And while they can't subscribe to the report, they can have their views recorded in it. And the Parliament itself is grappling with ensuring that all the parties in the all-party administration can work together.

TE: You've said it's very important to you to form that kind of Government. What's so important about it? And what makes it problematic?

RW: Well there's a big crisis here. So how do we even get parties to work together? I've taken the lead in pushing the 22nd Amendment [to reduce the powers of the Executive Presidency], which is what they all wanted. So we will bring that in. And then you can set a new study for a new constitution, if they want.

I brought that together with the select committee, the oversight committee system, plus a new National Council, modelled on something like the European Council. Also, we will try to get behind a common minimum programme so that the Government knows that we have party support. Other issues can be discussed regularly, once a month.

That's to get the party leaders in. I said that I'm willing to have some of the chairmen of the oversight committees invited to Cabinet as and when necessary.

TE: What have been the obstacles in setting up this All-Party Government?

RW: We're only in discussions and every party is now in different groups. It's not merely a question of parties, but groups and their point of view. The responsibility for the country coming out of the crisis lies with Parliament. I refer even the IMF proposals to Parliament. If anyone has better proposals, certainly we look at them. Otherwise we have to go ahead with what we have.

TE: You've been very honest in recent weeks about how difficult it's going to be, and what needs to happen to reduce the deficit and get back to a primary surplus, to reduce Government debt. In terms of concrete steps, legislative priorities on economic policy, what are some of the things you need to tackle first?

RW: We need a public-finance bill on the new taxes, then on State-owned enterprises [SOEs]. My idea is to do a deep cut and make a legislative framework for a highly com-



President Ranil Wickremesinghe

petitive export-oriented economy, and then ensure the recovery takes off by 2024. It's not worth dragging this out.

Take a deep cut, but ensure that you can get recovery going so...

TE: What do you mean by deep cut?

RW: So that when you make changes, make it deep, make all the changes you have to make and then allow it to come up. Thailand did that but Thailand only had a banking crisis, they didn't have a budget crisis. We have both but I am confident we can somehow make it through.

TE: What does it mean in practice to say that you want to establish the legislative framework for a competitive economy?

RW: Firstly, budgetary. You take the fiscal and monetary steps to get your deficit down. At the same time you have to look at the legislative steps that are necessary to build a highly competitive, export-oriented economy. We did this back in 1977 when I was in the Cabinet. We brought in legislation to open up the economy.

TE: So can you give us two or three examples, for the short term, for the budget, on income tax, VAT, SOEs?

RW: You will have to raise taxes, you will have to tax capital, tax wealth. The tax net has to be widened. And that will bring some of the lost revenue. By about the middle of next year, we'll have the same, or we'll even go beyond the tax net we had in 2018.

TE: You've also mentioned you want Sri Lanka to be not just upper-middle income but upper income in 25 years. What are some of the things you need to do now to make that happen?

RW: That's a question about how do you open up? Before that, we've got to handle the whole issue of banks. We are looking now at disposing of some State assets, which will give us about \$ 2bn-3bn. That's the groundwork. Then to open up we have some of the reports we used in 2018-19 that you could implement, but basically integrate yourself with the region. In South Asia itself I can't see very much regional integration. So we will look at closer relations with ASEAN [Association of South-East Asian Nations] and RCEP [Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, an Asian trade pact].

TE: Apart from Sri Lankan Airlines, what are some of the marquee SOEs that could be privatised?

RW: Well, you can sell Sri Lanka Insurance, there's Telecoms. What we do with the Petroleum Corporation is another question.

TE: So open up the petroleum market to other players?

RW: Yes, we'll open up investments, but we have to talk to all holders of concessions because some have been running for over 40 years. Laws governing the offshore economy also need to change. We're looking at Ireland as a model for that.

TE: What are some of the immediate laws you're going to bring in?

RW: A law similar to US Chapter 11 bankruptcy is one of the most immediate. The rest are about economic stability. We've also got some additional powers for the next year and a half to tackle the situation.

TE: You mentioned a few laws that you said you're going to bring into Parliament. That's what I was referring to.

RW: Well this process will go on into 2024, company law has to be amended, a whole lot of commercial laws, we are looking at ease of doing business. So that means cutting through so many regulations. There are so many laws for how to operate even a basic item—there are so many authorities running by themselves. I'm also looking at the BOI [Board of Investment], we have to look at the overall investment effort of Sri Lanka. I'm not satisfied with it. The money we put in we haven't gotten back. So I suppose in one way this is a disaster, but it's also an opportunity to create something new, like we did in 1977.

TE: How much are the things that you were just talking about part of the demands from the International Monetary Fund, and how much goes beyond that?

RW: The demand is actually always tabulated for the four-year agreement. So we have to go ahead with that. That'll be the base for the restructuring, and then we'll be able to build on that.

TE: With some of the things you're talking about, it sounds like you're not just dealing with the immediate situation, but ensuring that Sri Lanka has a strong foundation.

RW: A strong foundation. And we won't be around then, but we'll become an upper-income country one day.

TE: You said that the IMF agreement, which was supposed to come in August, is probably only going to be in September?

RW: We've been discussing, there are about three items that have been finalised, the team is coming, then you're also picking up the discussions with Lazard and Clifford Chance [Sri Lanka's financial and legal advisers]. The problem is that the disturbances of July pushed back the time for this to go ahead.

TE: And then what does the timeline look like from September?

RW: If we can get the board agreement, then we can get at some of the other organisations' advance and get some money until the tranche comes through. But more than that, it will inspire investor confidence. We speak to some other countries, too. The main issue thereafter is debt sustainability. First, we have to tackle this with the major official donors, then for the first time, you'd have to go to the London Club [of private creditors].

TE: What will determine whether the agreement happens?

RW: There are some outstanding issues. Debt sustainability, the criteria we have given, some of the incentives of taxation.

TE: You've been very complimentary in the press about India's assistance. How sympathetic have the other bilateral creditors been?

RW: Many of them are but they're saying first go to the IMF. They felt that Sri Lanka just allowed this crisis to happen. I think there will be more assistance once we get the IMF agreement.

TE: Are you encouraged by the agreement between China and Zambia?

RW: Yes, but it's for a low-income model, and we are in a middle-income country.

TE: Moving on from economics, there's been a lot in the Indian press in the last couple of weeks, not only about the Chinese ship that is supposed to dock at Hambantota but also the Pakistani ship that's supposed to dock or has docked in Colombo. Now Sri Lanka obviously cannot entirely align itself with one or another big Asian power. But how do you manage that balance of competing interests from big powerful neighbours?

RW: It's becoming more difficult now, especially after Ukraine and the agreement between Russia and China. You could see the pressure building up on the European side.

And in particular my worry is that this rivalry can come into the Indian Ocean. We've so far kept out the power rivalry from the Indian Ocean. But I think we have to face up to that situation and work with everyone. Sri Lanka, of course, has a special relationship with India where we have to look after each other's interests. But most countries in the Indian Ocean want to stay out of the power rivalry. So we have to be clear about that and say what our policies are.

TE: So you think the rhetoric we see in the Pacific and the South China Sea, you think the Indian Ocean is perhaps the next venue for that sort of thing?

RW: You don't want that to happen. For instance, now, Nancy Pelosi on her own has created a crisis [in Taiwan]. I don't think the US Government has been happy, but they had to back her up. We don't want any of

that happening here. We see India as the net security provider in the area. And then all other countries can also be present as long as it doesn't lead to rising tensions or increase the rivalry between states.

TE: Are there lessons for other countries in how you're handling this?

RW: There'll be something to learn from what we have done and from what we haven't done.

TE: In the past few months Western publications have written that Sri Lanka could be the first of many countries to default. In the same vein, given the conditions of 2022, what lessons do you think there are for other countries to avoid some of the same mistakes made in the past few months and years economically?

RW: There are many lessons. For instance, you can't subsidise items every day, you will run out of money. Second, the balance of trade. That's the big issue for all of us, because we have greater disadvantages on the balance of trade compared to bigger economies like China and India. We have people leaving the country. We have to put our economy in order to attract investment, but for different reasons: the reason to go to Bangladesh is quite different from the reason to come to Sri Lanka. What I've learnt is that for the smaller economies in the region, you want to go to the IMF on time, be careful about the foreign debt that you run up. Basically Governments have to make hard decisions if they want to prevent default.

TE: On the subject of making the economy more competitive, who do you see as your peers, or indeed your influences or competitors?

RW: We would like to be like Singapore, but let's start by emulating the standard of Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam.

TE: In terms of what you were talking about earlier, making decisions to make the economy more competitive, cutting the debt and deficit, all of these are going to be painful decisions. How do you intend to take Sri Lankans with you after this period of political unrest?

RW: You have to be honest about what is happening, and how much money are you setting aside for the vulnerable people? I mean, people realise it's bad, they just want to get out of it, you can assure them that you can get out quickly then it'll be harder for a time. But get them out quickly is what we have to do, and there is hope. And you can't just reject what the Government does if you can't offer a solid alternative.

TE: But how will you deal with it if there's renewed hostility or protests once people realise just how bad things are and how hard they're going to get? How much do you worry about that?

RW: I worry especially on food. People need food, we don't want them to go hungry. The middle class was expanding and now we've got to make cuts in their living standards, with people who were above the poverty line falling below it, we have to give support to them in the shortest possible time. We have to dispose of some State assets and have that money in our reserves.

TE: But it's a hard message, isn't it? I mean, after everything over the past six months, 12 months, to tell people, "You know what, things are going to be even tougher now for a little while?"

RW: People know that, I mean, basically, we tell them the truth, tell them that we are going through a hard time.

TE: What's your experience been with telling people about this?

RW: I've been losing some elections.

TE: With SOE restructuring, in particular, the unions have been very hostile.

RW: I don't worry about unions, what matters is people. People are going to stand it if they think things can get better.

TE: One of the things the previous Government did was pretend things were not so bad. And of course, people are not idiots. They knew things were bad, and they came on to the street. Is it perhaps

a hope that by being honest to people by saying, "Look, I'm going to level with you, this is what's happening," that will persuade them that there's no point protesting, because that's just what things are?

RW: I hope so. And also we are looking at other political issues, at getting in the changes to the system that they want, to discuss those, to open up the political system.

TE: You've started to develop quite warm relationships with the military. That's not really something that people have been used to about you, can you talk us through that?

RW: I don't have warm relations with the military at all. As President and Minister of Defence I have certain functions. The only time that I did something out of the way was to give those certificates to the air mobile battalion that safeguarded Parliament. Tomorrow I'm going to the handing over of the Dornier aircrafts by the Indians to us in the National Defence College, as the President. And the air mobile battalion is something I started in 1993. So I was quite happy to be amongst them. I go to the Security Council, which I have to do once a week. Other than that, some of the events I'm going to are just ones the President has to attend.

TE: So you wouldn't say there's been any change in your relationship with the military?

RW: No, just that one time I gave certificates to the people who protected Parliament. If the Parliament went, there would have been chaos in the country. And I wanted to give a message that the soldiers have done their duty. Now the MPs must do their duty too.

TE: The Dornier thing tomorrow is really interesting because again, it's Sri Lanka doing this balancing act. On the one hand there's this ship in Colombo, there's that ship in Hambantota and then the President is going and accepting surveillance aircraft from the Indians. Am I interpreting this correctly as balancing?

RW: We have been involved with India in the Colombo dialogue on the maritime security of this area. And this is a part of extending the Sri Lankan reach by having maritime surveillance aircraft. The Dornier is being given by India to train our people but we've been working alongside them. The problem now is the shortage of fuel. Our Navy has not been able to operate at full capacity. There's a similar operation that we are carrying on with Australians on the boat people. We are intercepting a large number every week. I go to the Defence Ministry when people come in, it's 40, 50, 60 people every week who try to get from here to Australia. So, we are working with both India and Australia.

TE: Why did you decide to keep the Defence Ministry as part of your portfolio?

RW: The Defence Ministry is basically held by the President and I took it over so that we could stabilise and establish law and order. But I think we also have to make a lot of changes in the defence structure. And we are talking about defence [in] 2030, and have it embedded from then onwards. It's a part of the restructuring and modernisation we have to do.

TE: So what are the defence priorities for Sri Lanka?

RW: Firstly, to help the Police, civil power to maintain security here. Secondly, we are looking and then working with India, Australia on the maritime side. But we are also looking outward, we are in Mali now and expanding our role in the UN Peacekeeping Forces. In Mali we're doing quite well. So we can expand that, see if we have a future there. But we also have to contain the defence budget.

TE: On the defence budget, that's one of the possible areas where you might need to make cuts. How are you going to do that?

RW: I think that's for the Secretary of Defence and the others to work out.

TE: On the subject of terrorism, one of the things you said while you were Prime Minister is about asking British Intelligence to do a full proper inquiry about the 2019 Easter bombings.

RW: Yes, British Intelligence is involved in these inquiries about the Easter bombings. There are so many issues that have been raised. And we are talking to the UK to get help to do a final review. We don't have their theories of what's happening.

TE: So the idea is to do an authoritative final one and put that to rest?

RW: Yes.

TE: Just to go back to the adjustments in the negotiation process with the IMF. So you're going to resume negotiations at the end of the month. And then hoping to get the staff level agreement sometime in September? And how is that

going? Are you already speaking to the various creditors, bilateral, private etc?

RW: We're talking to official creditors. I will be writing to the private creditors, maybe some time this week.

TE: And what are you asking them to do?

RW: We're informing them on the situation.

TE: Do you have a prediction to make: at what point does Sri Lanka return to, say, 2018 levels of prosperity? What can Sri Lankans look forward to?

RW: Maybe about 2024, 2025? Initially we thought 2024 but it looks like 2023 is going to be a bad year globally, so it can be 2024, 2025.

TE: And for Sri Lankans, will 2023 be a better or a worse year than 2022?

RW: I would say the beginning will be tough. But the ending will be better, we're trying to reduce the period of pain. If the revenue keeps coming in, we'll know in the next three months, then the end will be better.

TE: Are remittances picking up?

RW: A little. But it may get better next year, and there's the prospect of tourism returning too. We're trying to get the tourists starting this winter and prices will be cheap. But from next year onwards, we have to get the summer and the winter. This year, the attraction will be prices. I hope that prices won't be the attraction next year.

TE: To come back to our very first question, what are the concrete steps you took between coming in and now for things here in Colombo to at least look like they have improved?

RW: It's picking up now because with all the turbulence economic activity could not take place. Those economic activities are now taking place. We've had quite big festival crowds, people are feeling free and they're moving around. So they are feeling quite relaxed, more secure. But the turbulence was here. What happened here was originally very nice. I mean, young people protesting, saying the President has to go home. But at some stage they got taken over, they got pushed out. And many of them have spoken to me because they could not take on the more violent crowds. So we restored order here, and we've closed that place. We are now preparing another place where young people can go, maybe in a month's time hope that we can get it ready.

TE: As in, a designated protest site?

RW: Yeah for anyone, people who want to come and perform, similar to the site they had here earlier in April and early May.

TE: In the initial days after you became President, we met some of those people in front of the building here. They were convinced that you were somehow representing or protecting the Rajapaksas. How do you deal with that sort of perception amongst these people?

RW: I worked with President [Chandrika] Kumaratunga. I contested in the previous election [in 1999]. And in the [2001] election, I won Parliament so we worked together for two years, then the whole thing came apart. Next time I went along with President [Maithripala] Sirisena, who was from another party but we carried him through. We had our own problems. So I have a habit of working with Presidents who are on the other side when the situation arises. And there are some ministers who have done the same thing from both sides. And I came in because the situation was so bad, and we had to handle it economically. And I was not even the first choice, they offered it to Sajith Premadasa, the Leader of the Opposition. He didn't want to take it, so I came in and tried from that time to bring about a broader based Government.

TE: Some of the laws you're going to bring to Parliament are going to cause a lot of pain for people. Are you confident you can push them through?

RW: We have already said that if you don't want the IMF, you must come up with alternative plans.

TE: Do you foresee at some point in the 2020s or perhaps the 2030s a future President Rajapaksa?

RW: I can't speak of the future.

TE: Did you think you'd become President?

RW: I didn't think that my house would be burnt, so, you know...

TE: Was it a fair exchange, do you think?

RW: No.

TE: Do you feel that still—you're strong politically, but emotionally?

RW: Of course you feel it when you go home and you don't have books to read, or music to listen to.

TE: Mr. Wickremesinghe, thank you very much for your time.



35% spike in COVID-19 deaths in 4 weeks - WHO Chief

Monkeypox cases jumped 20% last week across 92 countries

SWITZERLAND: Deaths linked to COVID-19 reported globally have increased by 35 per cent in the last one month, said World Health Organisation (WHO) Chief Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus in the latest briefing on COVID-19 and Monkeypox.

With the pandemic in its third year, it has been repeated multiple times by leaders and experts that the world has to learn to live with COVID-19. But in a warning against dropping guards, the WHO Chief said that this does not mean that "we pretend it's not there". "It means we use all the tools we have to protect ourselves, and protect others," he said.

"We're all tired of this virus, and tired of the pandemic. But the virus is not tired of us," the World Health Organisation chief further said.

Omicron remains the dominant variant and, in the last one month, BA.5 sub-variant represented more than 90% of sequences.

"None of us is helpless. Please get vaccinated if you're not, and get a booster (dose) if you need it. Wear mask and maintain social distancing," the

WHO Chief urges in the video. "We cannot live (with the virus) with 15,000 deaths a week. We cannot live with mounting hospitalisations. We can't live with inequitable access of vaccines," the WHO Chief said in a desperate appeal.

The world has reported over 59 crore cases since the start of the pandemic and over 64 lakh deaths. The United States has reported a majority of these cases (over 9.3 crore), followed by India (around 4.4 crore).

Meanwhile, the WHO Chief also said that more than 35,000 cases of Monkeypox have now been reported from 92 countries and territories, with almost 7,500 cases being registered last week - a 20 per cent increase.

Ghebreyesus said there has been a total of 12 Monkeypox-related deaths across the world so far. Ghebreyesus's statement comes even as Bavarian Nordic A/S, the only company with an approved vaccine for Monkeypox, said it's no longer certain it can meet demand as cases continue to rise across the world. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES



Bombing at Kabul mosque kills 10

AFGHANISTAN: A bombing at a mosque in the Afghan capital of Kabul during evening prayers Wednesday killed at least 10 people, including a prominent cleric, and wounded at least 27, an eyewitness and police said. Several children were reported to be among the wounded.

- THE INDIAN EXPRESS

Algeria forest fires kill 26

ALGERIA: At least 26 people were killed and dozens injured Wednesday in forest fires that ravaged parts of northern Algeria. Algeria's Interior Minister Kamel Beldjoud said. He said that 24 people lost their lives in fires in El Tarf, near the border with Tunisia, in addition to two others who died earlier in Setif.

- ARAB NEWS

Man in Court over threat to kill Queen with crossbow

UK: A man who got into the grounds of Windsor Castle armed with a crossbow told police he wanted to "kill the queen," prosecutors said during a Court hearing Wednesday. Jaswant Singh Chail, 20, is charged under the Treason Act with intending to "injure the person of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, or to alarm her Majesty."

- JAPAN TODAY

Measles outbreak kills 157 children in Zimbabwe

ZIMBABWE: A measles outbreak in Zimbabwe has killed 157 children, most of whom were unvaccinated. At least 2,056 cases have been reported and virtually all of the deaths have been children who were not vaccinated, Information Minister Monica Mutsvangwa said.

- YAHOO NEWS

Israel, Türkiye restore full diplomatic ties

ISRAEL, TURKEY: Israel and Türkiye agreed on Wednesday to reinstate full diplomatic ties and dispatch ambassadors to each other after years of tensions. Türkiye and Israel have been working to mend their ties in the past months, including Israeli President Isaac Herzog's visit to Türkiye in March, the first of its kind by a senior Israeli official since 2008.

- XINHUA

UKRAINE ACCUSES RUSSIA OF LAUNCHING MISSILES FROM BELARUSIAN AIRSPACE



A Russian drone launches a missile during war games by Russian and Belarusian forces at the Mulino training ground in the Nizhny Novgorod region of Russia in this September 11, 2021 file photo.

UKRAINE: Russian President Vladimir Putin and Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko held their own meeting on Saturday at Putin's summer residence near St. Petersburg, where they discussed increasing weapons shipments to Belarus, including nuclear weapons.

The barrage of missiles struck a wide swath of territory as Ukrainian forces struggled to hold on to the eastern city of Lysychansk, Kyiv's last foothold against a Russian onslaught in the Luhansk region.

A military base near the western Ukrainian town of Yavoriv was hit by four Russian missiles fired from the Black Sea, regional governor Maksym Kozmitsky said. He said two other missiles were intercepted. Details of casualties were not immediately known, but at least 35 people were killed in a similar attack on Yavoriv in March. Missile strikes were also reported on Chernihiv and Zhytomyr in the north, with a total of 48 missiles launched, according to Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak.

Ukraine charged that the strikes from Belarusian airspace reflected a deliberate effort by the Kremlin to "draw Belarus into the war in Ukraine as a direct participant."

Belarus's Lukashenko is a long-standing and loyal ally of Putin, and allowed Russian troops and materiel to remain in his country after joint exercises in February. Those troops, tanks and other equipment were then used in Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. - TIMES OF INDIA

BOOK SALES FOR RUSHDIE'S THE SATANIC VERSES SURGE AFTER STABBING

RUSHDIE ATTACKER SAYS HE IS 'SURPRISED' AUTHOR SURVIVED - NEW YORK POST

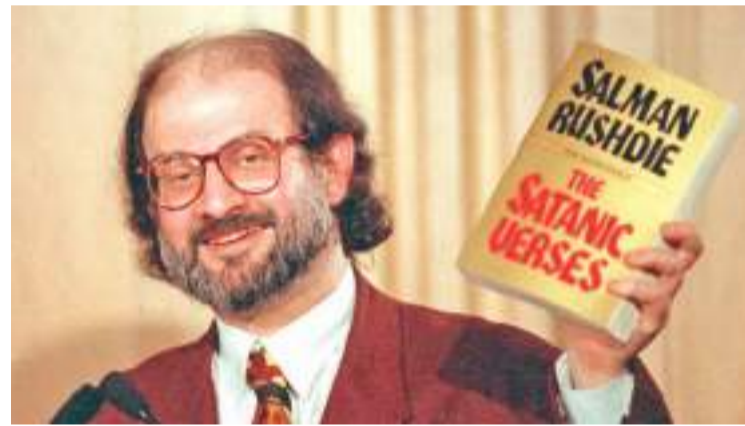
US: Book sales for Salman Rushdie's novel *The Satanic Verses* have surged after the author was stabbed at an event in the US last week.

The contentious 1988 book rose to number eight on Amazon's chart of most-sold fiction books of the week and was sold out by other booksellers. The sales spike appeared to be somewhat driven by readers showing solidarity with Sir Salman, who has been the target of death threats for decades including a fatwa, over the book.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the sold-out paperback edition of the book was the No. 2 bestselling book on Amazon's Contemporary Fiction and Literature chart.

Meanwhile, the New Jersey man accused of stabbing Salman Rushdie told the *New York Post* in an interview published on Wednesday that he was "surprised" the author had survived the attack.

"When I heard he survived, I



Salman Rushdie holds paperback copy of *The Satanic Verses* in 1992.

was surprised, I guess," Hadi Matar, 24, told the tabloid, which said they held a video interview with the jailed suspect.

The suspected assailant, who has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder charges, did not say whether he was inspired by the 1989 Edict, or Fatwa, issued

under Iran's former Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, that ordered Muslims to kill the writer for what he deemed the blasphemous nature of the book "The Satanic Verses." Matar told the paper he had "read a couple pages" of Rushdie's novel. - SKY NEWS, JAPAN TODAY

DEAD SOLDIER FOUND AFTER 38 YEARS ON 'WORLD'S HIGHEST BATTLEFIELD'

INDIA: The body of an Indian soldier who went missing 38 years ago on a glacier on the border with Pakistan has been found.

A unit of the Indian Army tweeted pictures of the coffin of Chander Shekhar wrapped in an Indian flag early Wednesday, two days after India celebrated the



The wife and daughter of Chander Shekhar holding a portrait of him.

75th anniversary of Independence. The Army said Shekhar was deployed for Operation Meghdoot in 1984 when India and Pakistan fought a brief battle to assert control over the Siachen Glacier, reputed to be the world's highest battlefield.

At over 18,000 feet (5,486 metres) with temperatures that can plunge to minus 50 degrees Celsius (minus 58 Fahrenheit), Siachen is one of the toughest military deployments in the world.

Local media reported that Shekhar was part of a 20-member group that got caught in an ice storm during a patrol.

Fifteen bodies were recovered at the time but the other five could not be found, among them Shekhar, the reports said.

His last rites will now be performed with full military honours in the state of Uttarakhand, where his family lives.

His daughter, who was four years old when he went missing, said the family would now get closure. "He has been long gone... Papa has come but I wish he was alive," the *Hindustan Times* newspaper quoted her saying. - GULF NEWS

MADHUBALA GETS RELIEF AFTER YEARS OF DENTAL PAIN

PAKISTAN: Madhubala, a 16-year-old elephant in Pakistan suffering for years from a dental infection and pain caused by a broken tusk, finally got relief on Wednesday after undergoing treatment while under unique standing sedation.

Madhubala is one of four African elephants being treated in Karachi by an eight-member team from global animal welfare group Four Paws, which in 2020 relocated Kaavan - an elephant dubbed the world's loneliest - to Cambodia from Islamabad.

Named after a legendary Indian actress, Madhubala's eyes were taped shut, her legs tied to side-grills to support her during sedation and the subsequent treatment at the Karachi Zoo.

The veterinarians had to use drills and other heavy surgical tools to extract the infected tusk which came out in bits and pieces.

"Due to long-term inflammation the tissue is so fragile and thin it's not possible to take it out at once, it is breakable," said,



Vets and animal experts from the FOUR PAWS International, perform dental procedure of a 16 year-old elephant, Madhubala, at the Karachi zoo in Pakistan on Wednesday.

Dr. Marina Ivanova said, showing reporters the extracted tusk.

An endoscopy before the procedure showed the full tusk inside measured 31 centimetres (12.2 inches), she said.

During the five- to six-hour procedure, Madhubala did not put up much resistance as she was kept sedated. - FRANCE 24

MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO: POLICE RESPOND AFTER MONKEY ACCIDENTALLY CALLS 911

US: The police in California received a phone call from a zoo, but before any conversation, the call got disconnected. Cops were immediately dispatched to investigate a possible emergency at Zoo to You in Paso Robles after the call on Saturday night, Metro said in a report. The deputies traced the call to the zoo



Route the monkey apparently dialed 911 sending Police officers to a California zoo.

office but couldn't find any human in trouble. Later, their prime suspected turned out to be a primate that had played mischief, the outlet further said.

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office believes it was a little monkey who placed a call to police. It told Metro that a Capuchin monkey at the zoo - named Route - had apparently picked up the zoo's cell phone that was left abandoned in a golf cart.

According to officials the golf cart had been left unattended amid the zoo's 40 acres of land, and the curious little monkey got her hands on it.

The Sheriff's Office also shared several photos of the mischievous monkey at the zoo on Facebook, saying officers had seen their "fair share of" monkey business, "but nothing quite like this." - NDTV

'IT'LL ALL BE OK', SAYS JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ AMID LAUNDERING CASE



Jacqueline Fernandez

INDIA: Actress Jacqueline Fernandez, who was on Wednesday named as an accused in the charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate in a multi-crore money laundering case linked to alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar and others, shared a post on her social media page saying she will remain "strong" in these testing times.

The federal probe agency filed the fresh (Second Supplementary) charge sheet or prosecution complaint in this case on Wednesday before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Delhi and, according to sources, the Actress has been arraigned in it as an accused.

While Fernandez didn't directly comment on the case, she re-shared an anonymous motivational quote on her Instagram stories. "Dear me, I deserve all good things, I'm powerful, I accept myself. It'll all be ok. I'm strong, I'll achieve my goals and dreams. I can do it (sic)," read the post. The 36-year-old Actress, known for films such as "Kick", "Bhoot Police" and most recently "Vikrant Rona", is the only accused named in the latest charge sheet. She has been questioned multiple times by the ED in this case, the last being in June. Fernandez, a Sri Lanka national, debuted in the Hindi film industry in 2009. - ZEE NEWS

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"Sri Lanka will approach creditors after IMF staff level agreement"

INDUNIL HEWAGE

Once the International Monetary Fund (IMF) staff level agreement is reached, Sri Lanka will approach creditors on debt restructuring, Central Bank Governor Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe said.

Sri Lanka is expecting an IMF team towards the end of this month and intends to finalize a staff level agreement, he said.

Accordingly, all the external creditors including commercial creditors, Paris Club members like Japan and Non Paris Club members such as China and India will be officially approached by the Government to seek relief.

"Once we reach the staff level agreement with the IMF, which will give us a clear picture on



The International Monetary Fund (IMF), global growth is estimated to moderate to 3.2% in 2022 from 6.1% recorded in 2021

debt sustainability and debt targets for us to achieve in 10 years," he said.

He expressed hope that all creditors will support Sri Lanka once the long-term structural reforms and economic policy

adjustments programme is presented. Governor Weerasinghe added that the programme will bring credibility in the overall process.

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to shortages of power and energy, and uncertainties associated with socio-political developments are expected to have caused significant adverse effects on economic growth in Q2 2022, while such impact is expected to have continued through Q3 2022 as well.

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"The Monetary Board had one



on one discussion with senior Management Boards of all the banks to ascertain risks, challenges that they might face due to contraction in economy and rising NPLs and to find solutions to curtail the negative impact on the banking sector."

He stated that despite these challenges, the rupee liquidity situation in the banking sector is improving along with the improvements in the foreign currency liquidity.

Furthermore he said that the economy would contract to 8% this year and with the sharper negative growth in the economy this year, Dr. Weerasinghe expressed hope that the economy would recover faster next year.

SDFR and SLFR to remain unchanged

The Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, at its meeting held on August 17 2022, decided to maintain the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) of the Central Bank at their current levels of 14.50% and 15.50%, respectively.

In arriving at this decision, the Board considered the latest model-based projections, which point towards a larger than expected contraction in activity and a faster than expected easing of price pressures, compared to the previous monetary policy review.

Domestic economic activity to record notable downturn

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INSEE breaks ground for USD 3 mn warehouse at H'tota Port Industrial Park



The HIPG and INSEE teams at the HIP warehouse site

INSEE Cement began construction of their mega capacity warehouse within the industrial park in Hambantota International Port (HIP) last week.

The US\$ 3 million investment by INSEE will be the largest warehousing facility inside a port in Sri Lanka for raw materials used in the production of cement. The warehouse which will see completion in the next 6 months will hold a capacity of 45,000 cubic metres and is being built on a 17,300 sq metre plot of land. Johnson Liu, CEO of HIPG and Nandana Ekanayake Chairman/

Chief Executive Officer of INSEE were chief guests at the ground-breaking ceremony, which was held at the warehouse site. The CEO of HIPG said, "INSEE was the port's first bulk cargo customer since inception and the largest volume contributor."

"We have always had a win-win collaboration with INSEE where they could increase their volumes owing to the high-quality service we offer and help streamline their local supply chain, while contributing to the largest dry bulk volumes handled by the port. This new investment by INSEE in

HIP's industrial park is proof of their trust in us, as well as being a commitment to meet the demands of the local industry."

Chairman/CEO of INSEE Nandana Ekanayake, said, "Hambantota Port is a vital link in our raw material supply chain. INSEE has been using this port since 2018 and so far, we have cleared around 1.7 million tons of bulk cargo through the port, of which we did a little over 1 million in 2021."

"Today, we laid this foundation as another step to strengthen our partnership with HIPG and it is a part of our commitment when we

signed the 10-year lease agreement with the port, to construct this 100,000 square foot warehouse for slag. We see great potential in developing channels through HIP and we will double our investment in the future."

Once it is completed, it will be used to store shipments of cement raw material arriving at the Hambantota International Port and later be transferred to INSEE's production plant. The modern construction of the warehouse is geared to store the raw material in safe environmentally friendly surroundings.

Commercial Credit posts Rs. 4.52 bn PAT for FY 2021/22 Records 93.6% growth compared to previous FY

Commercial Credit and Finance PLC reported a profit after tax of Rs. 4.52 bn for the financial year ending March 31, 2022, a 93.6% growth compared to the previous year.

This growth was mainly fuelled by the 32.3% increase in the net interest income, 67.5% increase in the fee and commission income and the 82.4% increase in the other operating income. The Company's asset base grew to Rs. 93.6 bn from Rs. 91.1 bn during the financial year ended March 31, 2022 recording a growth of 2.7%. This was mainly caused by the growth in the net loan book which grew by 7.9% during the period.

The Company's asset quality continued to improve finishing the year with a Gross Non Performing Accommodation (NPA) ratio of 4.67% compared to the 5.39% the previous year. The Company's net NPA also improved to a negative 4.09% from 1.46% reflecting diligent provisioning. The deposit and savings base of the company increased by 0.2% during a challenging year for fund mobilisation, finishing with a deposit and savings base of Rs. 48.1bn.

The significant increase in profitability while enjoying steady growth in the asset base saw the Company reporting a Return on Assets (ROA) of 4.9% compared to 2.6% the previous year. Return on Equity (ROE) also grew to 26.1% compared to 15.6% the previous year, providing value to its shareholders. Both the core capital ratio and the total risk weighted capital ratio improved during the year to 17.6% and 19.2% respectively, compared to 13.5% and 14.6% reported during the previous year. Both ratios remained comfortably above the minimum regulatory requirement of 7% and 11% respectively indicating continued stability.

The country is facing an unprecedented economic crisis which is having a bearing on corporates and individuals representing all walks of life. In this bleak backdrop, the Company believes that its purpose and shared values will provide the Company with the much needed foresight and direction to rehabilitate and uplift lives to the best of its capabilities.

"As a Company which has grown together with people it is our duty to support our customers in these times of distress and help them overcome these predicaments. Our Company's purpose and shared value will continue to guide us through these perilous waters," said Rajiv Cassie Chitty, Director/COO, Commercial Credit.



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Rajiv Cassie Chitty

SLAITO, One Industry One Voice hail lifting of Emergency, French travel advisory

Sri Lanka Association of Inbound Tour Operators (SLAITO) and 'One Industry One Voice' (A coalition of tourism associations in Sri Lanka coming together for the sustainable development of the industry) state that they are happy to hear that plans are in

place not to extend Emergency Regulations beyond this week-end.

"This move will no doubt open the doors for tourism to flourish once again. With this important move and the easing of the fuel supplies, we hope the foreign governments will

lift the negative travel advisories currently in place, on travel to Sri Lanka which will be another positive move.

It's time we as an industry get together to promote Sri Lanka once again and also we look forward to working closely with the newly appointed Tour-

ism Advisory Committee in this endeavor. We hope that we will be able to participate in the forthcoming important trade fairs, IFTM Paris, WTM London & ITB Berlin which will no doubt be a boost to the industry. We also hope to host the Travel Agents Association of

India congress together with the SLTPB, which has been postponed to November."

They also said that the French authorities have relaxed the travel advisory to Sri Lanka which is a welcome move and hoped that other countries too would consider this.



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Month's Amnesty period to dispose forex notes

In order to attract foreign currency banking with the public into the banking system, the Minister of Finance has issued an order granting an amnesty period of one month effective from August 15, 2022 for persons in, or resident in, Sri Lanka who hold foreign currency notes in possession.

They are requested to: i. Deposit into a Personal Foreign Currency Account or into a Business Foreign Currency Account as specified in the Order, as applicable; or ii. Sell to an Authorized Dealer (Licensed Commercial Bank or National Savings Bank).

Further information can be accessed by: a. Contacting any Licensed Commercial Bank or National Savings Bank. b. Referring the Order under Section 8 of the Foreign Exchange Act published in the Gazette (Extraordinary) Notification No. 2293/07 dated August 15, 2022 via the website of the Department of Foreign Exchange, www.dfe.lk or through dfe@cbsl.lk.



Colombo District LVI increases to 186.9

Land Valuation Indicator (LVI) for Colombo District increased to 186.9 with a year-on-year change of 17% during the first half of 2022.

This annual increase (17) and the semi-annual increase (4.6%) of LVI, showed a deceleration of the increasing trend observed in the second half

of 2021. All sub-indicators of LVI, namely Residential LVI, Commercial LVI and Industrial LVI contributed to the overall increase.

Industrial LVI recorded the highest annual increase of 20.6%, followed by Commercial LVI and Residential LVI.

India's SpiceJet explores partial stake sale

SpiceJet Ltd promoter Ajay Singh is exploring the possibility of a partial stake sale, sources told news agency ANI, adding that the company continues to be in discussions with various investors to secure sustainable financing and will make appropriate disclosures in accordance with applicable regulations. Shares of SpiceJet

jumped more than 10% on the BSE to 48 apiece in Wednesday's early deals after the reports of the possibility of stake sale.

The low-cost carrier said it has entered into a full settlement with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and has cleared all outstanding principal dues of the airport operator.



Sampath Bank posts Rs 7.1 bn PAT, Rs. 9 bn PBT

Despite the prevailing economic turmoil, Sampath Bank posted a commendable PAT of Rs 7.1 billion and PBT of Rs. 9 billion for the period ended 30th June 2022, reflecting a minor increase of 0.3% and slight decrease of 5.5% respectively compared to the figures declared in 1H 2021.

In the meantime, the Group declared a PAT of Rs 7.4 billion and PBT of Rs 9.6 billion, denoting a decline of 2% and 5.5% respectively over the first half of 2021. Total interest income increased by 41.1% year on year to Rs 59.2 bn in the first half of 2022, compared to Rs 41.9 bn in the same period of the previous year. This significant increase in interest income is due to the upward trend in interest rates in the first half of 2022. The AWPLR at the end of the reporting period reached 22.62%, which is 1,711 bps higher than the rate reported on 30th June 2021.

Interest expenses increased by 22.6% compared to the corresponding period of last year due to the rising interest trend. The

Bank's total interest expense was Rs 27.8 bn at the end of the current reporting period compared to Rs 22.7 bn reported in 1H 2021. The Bank recorded a significant increase of 69.9% in its net fee and commission income (NFCI) in 1H 2022 compared to the same period of the previous year. During the first half of 2022, net other operating income increased to Rs 16 bn, an unprecedented 378% increase compared to Rs 3.4 bn recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year. This was mainly due to the 80%



Chairman, Harsha Amarasekera and
Managing Director, Nanda Fernando

depreciation of the rupee against the US Dollar. Continuing to act prudently, the Bank recognised a total impairment charge of Rs 28.2 bn for 1H 2022 compared to Rs 5 bn reported in the corresponding period of last year, representing a 464% increase. In order to absorb the possible losses, the Bank decided to increase the allowance for overlay against the tourism sector customers. The Bank provided Rs7 bn against SLDBs and Rs 11.8 bn against SLDBs as at June 30, 2022.

Operating expenses for the first half of 2022 amounted to Rs 13.7 bn, a 24.3% increase from the Rs 11 Bn recorded for the first half of 2021. The primary reason for the increase in operating expenses was an increase in the inflation rate, which rose significantly during the first six months of 2022. The Return on Average Shareholders' Equity (after tax) increased to 12.06% as of 30th June 2022 compared to 11.05% reported at the end of the year 2021. ▶ TO PAGE 12

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Market Statistics on 18.08.2022

Table of market statistics for shares on 18.08.2022, including columns for Security, Volume, V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, and Change (Rs.).

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EXCHANGE RATES

Table of exchange rates for various currencies, including columns for Currency, Buying Rate, and Selling Rate.

(1) The average rates of the following currencies quoted by commercial banks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as follows.

Table of approximate exchange rates of Gulf Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the USS are as follows.

(2) The approximate exchange rates of GULF Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the USS are as follows.

(3) The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 12-Aug-2022, by all commercial banks was 25.31 percent and 15.50 percent respectively.

(4) The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of Jul-2022 was 9.56 percent.

MARKET STATISTICS

Table of market statistics including sections for EQUITY DETAILS, GOVT. SECURITIES, CORPORATE DEBT, and EQUITY INDICES.

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Throughout 1H 2022, the Bank maintained all of its capital ratios well above the regulatory minimum requirements. The Bank maintained a strong position with regard to its capital ratios with sufficient buffers to absorb any shocks that may result from economic uncertainties. At the end of June 2022, Sampath Bank's total assets surpassed Rs. 1.3 tn, denoting an increase of Rs. 122 bn (annualized growth of 20.2%) from Rs 1.2 tn as of December 31, 2021. Total advances grew by 29.7% (annualized) in 1H2022 to reach Rs 933 bn as at June 30, 2022, up from Rs 813 bn at the end of December 2021.

Colombo bourse back in green territory

Colombo bourse bounced back to the green territory yesterday with local and foreign investor interest. Thus, All-Share Price Index increased by 3.2 points (+0.0%) to close at 8,910.6 for the day whilst S&P SL20 Index also gained by 15.3 points (+0.5%) to close at 2,962.3. Ceylinc Insurance, Hatton National Bank, Commercial Bank, Richard Pteris and Asiri Hospitals remained as the top negative contributors to the ASP during the day. Further, broader market's total turnover stood at Rs. 2,721.3 mn against the 12-month average daily turnover of Rs. 4,486.1 mn, whilst the volume traded for the day was 115,688.4k against the 12-month average daily volume of 214,595.4k. Insurance, Banks and Capital Goods mostly contributed to yesterday's turnover.



The top turnover generators for yesterday were Lanka IOC Rs.578.9 mn (+1.1%), Expo-lanka Holdings Rs. 313.5 mn (+0.4%), Lankem Developments Rs. 208.4 mn (+23.7%), Browns Investments Rs.84.7 mn (+1.2%) and LOLC Holdings Rs. 83.1 mn (+3.4%). Foreigners recorded a net inflow of Rs. 83.2 mn yesterday. Foreign purchases stood at Rs. 147.8 mn whilst total foreign sales amounted to Rs.64.6 mn. Additionally, Lankem Ceylon, Lankem Developments, Sri Lanka Telecom, Udapussellawa Plantations and Renuka Agri Foods were the top price gainers yesterday whilst Nation Lanka Finance, Sanasa Dev. Bank, Chrissworld and Ceylinc Insurance were the top price losers.

DFCC Bank partners SLASSCOM, provides financing solutions for sustainable power generation

DFCC Bank has entered into a partnership with SLASSCOM, the apex body representing the IT/BPM industry in Sri Lanka, a sector that is one of the top foreign exchange earners for the country.

Given that the industry has been adversely impacted as a result of the present energy crisis, through this partnership, DFCC Bank and SLASSCOM will work together to provide accessible and affordable financing for sustainable power generation for the sector, through special financing schemes, concessionary rates, and other exclusive benefits.

Acknowledging the crucial need

for such a scheme at this time, Thimal Perera Director and CEO, at DFCC Bank said, "Ensuring sustainable, reliable and even self-sufficient power generation for this sector is essential at this juncture. Thus, we have worked together with SLASSCOM to present the industry with tenable sustainable solutions."

SLASSCOM Vice Chair Ashique Ali said, "Sri Lanka's IT/BPM sector is one of the key foreign exchange earners for Sri Lanka with earnings topping USD 1.5 billion in 2021 and projected to reach USD 5 billion by 2025. This is an industry that has shown resilience

throughout the pandemic, and thereafter the current financial crisis, growing in exports and employment; adopting flexible work arrangements to deliver on its commitments to global clients and investors."

"The industry has taken the initiative to encourage IT-BPM companies and the workforce to adopt solar energy solutions to overcome electricity supply disruptions. Industry wide adoption will reduce the dependence on the national grid and contribute to reducing the foreign exchange outflow for fuel imports. It is SLASSCOM's vision to position Sri Lanka as a green

destination for the IT/BPM industry. Adoption of sustainable energy sources and looking after employee wellbeing will help us move towards our ESG goals."

Through its Sustainability Strategy, DFCC Bank seeks to create a resilient world for everyone. Developed and implemented in 2020, DFCC Bank's Sustainability Strategy maps out the Bank's sustainability goals for the next decade, to ensure that DFCC Bank emerges as one of Sri Lanka's most sustainable and resilient banks, providing and creating exceptional value for all of its stakeholders.



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Gunawardana tea factory celebrates yet another all-time record price



Gunawardana Tea Factory, situated in Akuressa has been successful in obtaining yet another all-time record price of Rs.2,150 per kg on a BM grade in the off grade category, which was sold at the E-auction held on August 17 and 18, 2022 by breaking its own latest record prices of

Rs.2,100 for the same grade (sold at the auction held on August 8 -9 2022).

Gunawardana Tea Factory is renowned for manufacturing high quality, award winning teas and is well-known for achieving top prices frequently at weekly tea auctions. This

Tea Factory is owned and managed by the Proprietor, J.J. Gunawardana who is reputed in manufacturing high quality, standard 'Ceylon Tea' at all times.

This line of tea was successfully auctioned by Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd and purchased by Ahamed Teas (Pvt) Ltd.

ComBank revolutionizes Lankan banking with 'wearable banking' via Flash Digital Account

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has scaled new heights in digital innovation, becoming the first bank in Sri Lanka to take banking to the realm of wearable technology.

The Bank's and the country's first "wearable banking" product was achieved with the integration of access to and select features of, the Bank's 'Flash' Digital Account with Apple Watch in collaboration with Digital Payment Services Pvt Ltd.

Flash account holders who own Apple watches linked to iPhones can now check their account balances and check payment requests and bill sharing requests from the smartwatches on their wrists without reaching for their phones, the Bank said.

"We are excited about this latest innovation because it is the first step in a stimulating new journey of infinite possibilities," Commercial Bank Managing Director and CEO Sanath Manatunge said; "Smart watches are no longer a gimmick of the so-called tech nerds. They are playing a growing role in enhancing convenience for a significant customer segment, which we



expect to grow substantially in the years ahead. As a leader in digital banking, Commercial Bank is proud to introduce another breakthrough banking solution in the form of wearable banking."

While the first step of this initiative focuses on enabling account balance view and accepting fund transfer requests, the Bank is already exploring the possibility of enabling additional features such as bill payments and own

account transfers that will significantly enhance the functionality of wearable banking, Manatunge added.

Flash users who own Apple watches can install the Flash app to their watches via their iPhones, creating a shortcut to the app on the list of apps accessible via their watches.

The app is equipped with a Quick Response (QR) Payment module that enables users to scan a LANKAQR code of any merchant to make payments directly from their accounts to the merchant for purchases. It is also integrated with the PickMe app QR and enables customers to add any bank account to top up Flash and make payments via the 'JustPay' feature.



Maliban supports schoolchildren in Anuradhapura

Maliban Biscuit Company launched another programme in the series of Maliban Yahagunaye Uttama Pranama programmes, centered in Anuradhapura.

The Maliban Biscuit Company has been constantly committed to strengthening the lives and futures of Sri Lankan children. A noteworthy mission has been put forward to identify gifted children who do not meet the task of improving their nutritional needs and providing quality education. The objective of this programme is to provide children with the necessary support to succeed in their educational journey.

A program was recently implemented as a part of the ongoing social care

to distribute essential school supplies to gifted children in Anuradhapura who were unable to achieve their educational goals since they are suffering from various difficulties.

This event was held in front of Anuradhapura Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi Premises in the presence of Anuradhapura's District Secretary, R. M. G. Senarathne, representatives of the Maliban Company, children's parents, and a large number of devotees.

Maliban's Regional Sales Manager Nishantha Karunaratna stated that Maliban, as a brand that has grown with the people, hopes every Sri Lankan child receives a successful education. Maliban is an organization that is dedi-

cated to bringing that dream to fruition.

"We have launched numerous programs to encourage children who are struggling to meet their goals, particularly those who suffer various difficulties. Moreover, we have identified children in remote villages of the Anuradhapura district who are seeking educational support."

"Maliban will continue implementing this program for children in various areas in the future, to provide relief to parents in the current challenging situation. Despite the current situation of the country, we strongly believe that our priority is to fulfill our responsibilities for the welfare of the country and society".

Bank of Ceylon relocates Point Pedro branch

Bank of Ceylon Pedro Point branch was recently relocated at Main Street, Pedro Point.

A special ceremony was held recently with the bank's Assistant General Manager Northern Province V. Sivanathan, Operations Manager Northern Province S. Anandaraja, Jaffna Super Grade Branch Chief Manager K. Suwaganasundaram, Regional Manager Jaffna-East U. Yogarajasingam, Point Pedro Police Station OIC Priyantha Amarasinghe and Point Pedro Branch Manager R. Rathnaraj.

Equipped with CDM and ATM facilities, the relocated BOC Pedro Point branch stands to play a greater role in advancing socio-eco-

nomical well-being of its customers in the region. It is enabled to offer an enhanced tailor-made banking solutions to meet customer requirements inclusive of digital banking solutions.

BOC Point Pedro is connected with the network of 646 BOC branches across the country, hence, granting customers with the privilege of carrying out banking transactions to any part of the country through the Point Pedro branch.

The branch also offers a wide array of banking services to its customers inclusive of deposit products such as current and local or foreign currency savings and fixed deposit



BOC officials and invitees at the opening.

accounts, investment plans, retail loan products and special development loans schemes. Moreover, customers can also avail themselves of international debit/credit cards and international money transfer/remittances services.

In order to conduct daily banking transactions with greater convenience, customers can also enroll for digital banking services such as BOC Smart online banking, B-APP mobile banking and SmartPay QR scan mobile app through the branch.

Dialog offers 10% saving on reloads, bill via MyDialog App

With the prevailing challenging economic situation in the country where people are looking for ways and means to reduce their daily expenses Dialog Axiata PLC, considering these current challenges, is offering a 10% bonus/ discount

on all reloads and bill payments made using the simple and user-friendly MyDialog App to its valued customers.

"Thanks to the MyDialog App, you no longer have to go anywhere to reload/pay your bills, saving you the hassle of

travelling at this time when it's difficult to even move about for essentials," dialog said.

Along with this, by taking advantage of this offer, you will be able to save on your daily spending for reloads and bill payments.

The offer is valid for three months, from June to August 2022 and all you have to do is just save your debit/credit card on the MyDialog App.

"Once you do that, you can pay your bills with just a few taps at anytime, anywhere,

more conveniently than ever before. And, each time you do, you'll receive a 10% bonus/ discount for any Dialog reload & bill payments until August 2022."

More details can be obtained from, <https://dlg.lk/MDOffers>



SLIIT organisers ROBOFEST 2022 with onsite competition

SLIIT, Faculty of Engineering, organized the annual 'ROBOFEST 2022' competition held physically and on-site after a hiatus of several years and set to showcase participant's knowledge, innovation, teamwork and dedication.

This year too, the competition is being held under two categories: the School and University Category. Registration for the competition is now open, with August 19 announced as closing date for all applications. ROBOFEST Event Day is scheduled for September 26 at the SLIIT Malabe Campus.

SLIIT ROBOFEST is recognized as the premier robotic competition in Sri Lanka. The event is an excellent opportunity for participants to showcase their theoretical and practical knowledge of robotics in an exciting and energetic atmosphere. With the event's growing popularity, the organisers are dedicated to ensuring the annual competition is more innovative, exciting, and competitive each year.

This year's competition has been designed to challenge the competitors in technical aptitude, innovation and imagination, which, no doubt, will make for an interesting and tightly contested competition.

To compete in the University category, each team must design and build a fully autonomous robot and impart to the micro-mouse an adaptive intelligence to explore different maze configurations and to work out the optimum route for the shortest travel time from start to finish.

In the School category, participants should design and implement a mobile robot capable of navigating along a playing field following lines and line maze solving. In addition, the robot should be able to pick up, carry and place a specified object from point A to B. Participants must submit a video demonstrating that their robot is capable of successfully navigating the specified Level 1 playing field.

The qualifying participants will then compete in Level 2 of the competition on the day of ROBOFEST 2022 at the venue. The organisers aim to conduct an online informational and outreach session for each category. Details of the programme will be posted on the competition Facebook page shortly.

Attractive prizes including awards and cash presentations are on offer for winners from both categories.

ROBOFEST continues to promote the mastery of multiple STEM and computer science subjects, which in turn drives preparation for high-tech careers.

Amaya Hills, Kandy offers special deals for Bradby Shield

Amaya Hills, Kandy going beyond their traditional Bradby deals are offering a series of special 'deal' for the 76th Bradby Shield encounter between Trinity College and Royal College on September 3.

The Resort will be offering transfers from the train station to the resort, shuttle service to Pallekele stadium and back, live music featur-

ing OIC, papare bands, a gala dinner buffet from 7 p.m. to midnight with a massive spread of International and local cuisine, live cooking stations, bites corners, beverage promotions and entrance to the Le Garage nightclub after party with Sun FM.

This would be followed by a lavish breakfast buffet on September 4

and an unlimited brunch all for a special price. In addition to this, the resort will also offer a special rate for two adults inclusive of transport from Kingsbury Colombo to Amaya Hills Kandy and back. The Resort features some of the most talented Chefs in the city displaying skill and flair, taking you on a gastronomic journey.

Amaya Hills Kandy also boasts the most popular nightclub in the city - Le Garage which will reopen its doors on September 3, together with SUN FM DJ's taking over the floor to give the best night of your life in Kandy with a brilliant after party featuring their best DJ's. From midnight snacks to special beverage promotions are also offered.

Amaya Hills Kandy is located in the lush green mountain range of Hantana bordering the best views in the city, with a unique view of sunsets and cool vibes. "With 100 rooms and suites, restaurants, a rooftop view bar, nightclub and a large pool, the resort is the ideal location for the vibrant Bradby weekend," a hotel official said.



'Invigorating agriculture could save billions spent on food imports'

FIZEL JABIR

Having all the supportive agricultural base and having 25% of the country's people engaged in agriculture still the island has to resort to import food spending somewhere around USD 2.5 billion," affirmed **Roshan Rajadurai** addressing the Advocata Reset conference which concluded recently in Colombo.

It is therefore evident that although one fourth of the population engaged in agriculture with supportive irrigation and riverine systems, the sector was still in a very bad state. Although paddy has been the staple crop with 1.8 million people engaged in paddy cultivation, if one looks at the figures paddy farmers were in eternal debt cycle. This was not only applicable to paddy but other crops as well.

Having all the advantages, the country's agricultural sector and workers were not thriving. This is evident with the cost of rice imports to Sri Lanka in 2020 exceeding Rs 2 billion. However, he noted that the inherent geographical topography climate and ecosystem of Sri Lankan land provided a favorable platform which can invigorate agriculture on which about 28% of the island's employed people were directly involved.

"More so 77% of our population is rural based and most of these agricultural holders or operators are in the region so by invigorating agriculture we can uplift the quality of life and the lifestyle of about two million of our population," he observed. Rajadurai also claimed that agriculture was important to Sri Lanka in terms of



the country's food security, noting that during the pre-pandemic period Sri Lanka had 90% food security. "I look at this sector as having enormous potential to develop. Agriculture is

not the dead end it is probably a start because we have this kind of potential and this is the scenario currently.

So what I feel is that the country's agriculture sector is like a huge giant tied down by thousands of small strings which resembles the giant in the story of Gulliver. Rajadurai attributed the current state of the agriculture sector to very low land and labour productivity, improper land

use, small size of holdings, declining land under cultivation, poor knowledge and awareness by operators, high labour component cost, insecurity of tenure and ownership terms, diseconomies of scale, low use of technology, innovation, mechanization and automation, climate impact, subsistence and homestead crop farming system and no guaranteed price and government policies among others

IFS reports sharp increase in ARR + 33% YoY, Software Revenues YTD 76%

IFS, the global cloud enterprise software company, reported its financial results for H1 as of June 30, 2022, with its share of Recurring Revenue reaching 71% of Total Revenues and Software Revenues reaching 76% of Total Revenues.

In the first 12 months of IFS Cloud's general availability, the company reported the same number of new users as it secured over a 25 year period with previous generation software.

IFS CEO Darren Roos commented: "Our H1 results establish the importance of investing in the things our customers care about – a quality solution that end-users enjoy using, that is implemented quickly and effectively." Roos continued: "Building a strong and healthy business, whilst delivering growth has been a key theme for the first half of the year as we see macroeconomic challenges starting to emerge. Our differentiation of empowering our customers to deliver amazing moments of service to their customers is compelling, but in the immediate term, the speed and extent of the value we can return to a customer in how



IFS CEO Darren Roos

they navigate the headwinds is key."

IFS Chief Financial Officer, Constance Minc, commented: "Our H1 performance demonstrates we have built further resilience into our business with a significant increase in our ARR driven by an uplift in the share of Cloud ACV at 68% and Subscription ACV at 78% YTD. Our H1 Net Revenue also showed an increase of 14% YoY, a strong result aligned to our strategy of moving more consulting revenue to our growing partner ecosystem. In addition to our organic growth, we are acquiring businesses with strong foundations as well as a

proposition that will add functionality and choice to benefit our customers."

Following the close of H1 2022, IFS announced the acquisition of Ultimo, a provider of Cloud Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) software. IFS is a leader in the EAM space, thanks to its ability to uniquely offer customers Intelligent Asset + Service capabilities. In H1 2022, Gartner named IFS as the #1 vendor in its Global EAM Market Share report for 2021, in addition winning the Gartner Peer Insight Customers' Choice Award for EAM software.

Other industry analyst accolades from H1 2022 included being named a Leader in three IDC MarketScape reports (Worldwide Manufacturing Service Life-Cycle Management Platforms 2022, Worldwide Field Service Management Solutions for Utilities 2022 and Worldwide SaaS and Cloud-Enabled Manufacturing ERP Applications 2022), as well as being listed in the Constellation Research Shortlist for Field Service Management and Product-Centric Cloud ERP 2022.

India targets a five-trillion-dollar economy by 2026

As India celebrates 75 years of independence, India launched a global campaign to mark 75 years of a progressive and self-reliant country with vistas of modernism and technological advancement.

India has made headway with giant strides in converting the country into an economic hub in the Indian Ocean region. It has already taken up the challenge of emerging as an assiduous and unremitting giant in Asia in every sense of the word in a short time frame.

As one of the largest economies in the world and valued at two trillion dollars, India has the potential for rapid expansion to a five trillion dollar economy by 2026-27.

According to the Hindu Newspaper, Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran said that India is in a relatively better position than other emerging economies and predicted a five trillion economy in 2026-27 and ten trillion by 2033-34 he said addressing an event organised by the UNDP India.

Adding greetings to India on its 75th Independence Day celebrations, US President Joe Biden on Sunday joined the people of India to honour the democratic

journey of the country, saying that the two nations are indispensable partners.

The United States also joined the people of India to honour its democratic journey, guided by the message of truth and non-violence by Mahatma Gandhi.

"We (US) also celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and the US this year. The two nations are indispensable partners. The US-India Strategic Partnership is grounded in our shared commitment to the rule of law and promotion of human freedom and dignity," Biden said.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, gracing the occasion of gifting a Dornier Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka that coincided with India Independence Day, said history has put Sri Lanka and India together. India and Sri Lanka are like two sides of a single coin. Because of that, both countries commit themselves to further strengthening of relationships.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on an unremitting forward march and President Wickremesinghe says India-Sri Lanka is like two sides of a single coin.

In these circumstances, India is confident that it will be recognised as a global leader sooner rather than later as one of the largest democracies. A member of the BRICS nations along with Brazil, Russia, China, and South Africa, India is making refinement as an emerging economic giant.

Most Indians hold Prime Minister Narendra Modi in high esteem because they believe the growth sustained by India is superior to what it was ten years ago.

Although little less than half of the population relies on agriculture as their primary source of income, the information technology industry is where the growth shows an upward trend and concentration.

India is also a member of numerous international financial institutions, including the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization.

At the same time, India hopes to take over the leadership of the G20 countries on November 20, taking another significant step forward. The G20 countries collectively account for 60% of the global population, 80% of global

GDP, and 75% of worldwide commerce.

Every year, members of the G20 rotate, holding the presidency, and the country currently holding the presidency, along with the prior and following presidency-holder, constitute the "Troika" to assure continuity. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, after Indonesia, India will hold the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and convene the first G20 summit in 2023. The 2023 summit is to be held in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The first G20 Summit was in 2008 in Washington DC, the United States.

The G20 has no permanent secretariat. The G20 representatives, referred to as "Sherpas," collaborate with the finance ministers and central bank governors to coordinate the timetable and activities. India recently said ex-NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant would be the G20 Sherpa after Piyush Goyal.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given leadership to the Indian representation at G20 summits since 2014. In a recent paper by the Observer Research Group, under the caption, "What will India's G20 presidency focus on,"

authored by SAMIR SARAN and JHANVI TRIPATHI, said:

"India's Presidency must leave the grouping with the agility and energy to respond to new realities. It must create a future-ready multilateralism through a novel and robust institutional architecture. India's agenda must resonate beyond the one year it holds the presidency."

"Two major transformations will define our economies and societies going forward: the digital transition and the green transition. Both are key to addressing the development challenge as well. These transitions are the meeting point of geopolitical and youth aspirations that will dictate our political, economic, and social well-being."

On the digital front, India, to a large extent, has been a first mover. Indian youth aspirations are digital-first; the government has responded, and the digital economy is at the centre of its aim for a \$5-trillion economy by the second half of the 2020's.

The youth survey carried out by the Observer Research Foundation on tech policy found that 83% of respondents want India to adopt policies that prioritise its domestic technology industry.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Joe Biden at the G20 Summit in Rome. (Photo: PTI)

At the same time, 80% welcome greater cooperation with international partners on technology. An appropriate balance is needed where technological multilateralism does not come at the cost of the needs of developing countries.

The Think Tank 20 (T20) engagement process has identified the internet as a fundamental right and that technology access is vital to reducing inequalities.

India-G20 must also recognise the unprecedented carbon-constrained nature of future

growth. Arguments for a green transition can no longer be limited to the moral high ground of saving the planet.

India is ready to handle these challenges with diligence and for the well-being of the developing nations as an emerging global economy.

India also can, through its initiatives, resuscitate the ailing economies in the region and create a new economic order for the Asian region with the aim of uplifting not only India but the entire region as a global economic powerhouse.

Indonesian ambassador hands over donation package to Sri Lankans in need at the 77th Indonesian Independence Day



On August 17, 2022, the Indonesian Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Dewi Gustina Tobing, handed over a donation package worth LKR 2.5 million to the Sri Lankans in need after the flag-hoisting ceremony commemorating the 77th Indonesian Independence Day, which took place at the Indonesian Embassy premises in Colombo.

The event, which took place at 9.20 am, was attended by the Indonesian Community residing in Sri Lanka, representatives of the Sri Lanka Indonesia Friendship Association (SLIFA), Sri Lanka Malay Association (SLMA),

religious representatives and other guests. In addition, other Indonesians in Sri Lanka and the Maldives who could not attend in person were also joined through online. The flag-hoisting ceremony was led by Major Achmad Febryanto, an Indonesian military officer currently studying at the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) in Sri Lanka, while the flag-raising personnel were Dita Setiawan, Nisa Nurfitriani and Zakat Siregar.

After the flag-hoisting ceremony, Ambassador Dewi Gustina Tobing, in her remarks thanked the Indonesian people in Sri Lanka who attended the ceremony. Ambassador Dewi also expressed high appreciation to representatives of the Sri Lankan community who attended the event. "August 2022 is a special month for Indonesia considering that there are two important events, namely the 77th Anniversary of Independence Day of Indonesia and the 70th Anniversary of

Diplomatic Relations between Indonesia and Sri Lanka," said Ambassador Dewi.

"Today, we handed over a donation package, consisting of various types of food, as a form of solidarity and friendship," said Ambassador Dewi. The donation was funded by the Indonesian community in Sri Lanka and the Maldives as well as from the Indonesian community in Western Australia, where the Ambassador was posted earlier.

Ambassador Dewi Tobing symbolically handed over the donation to the representatives of religious organization in Sri Lanka, i.e. to the Venerable Watina Paha, Somananda Thera the Director of Education of State Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas and Bhikku Education; Ramachandra Kurukkal Babu Sharma, the Secretary of International Hindu Religious Federation; Reverend Father Anura Perera, Director of Department of Social Responsibility Methodist Church; and to

the Muslim community represented by Rilwan Careem the General Secretary of Malay Association. Ambassador Dewi further said that in the context of 70 years of diplomatic relations Indonesia-Sri Lanka and the 30th Anniversary of SLIFA, the Indonesian Embassy in Colombo and SLIFA is organizing a charitable bazaar in October 2022 in helping Sri Lankans in need."

In April 2022, Indonesia has provided humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka in the form of medicines and medical equipment worth US\$ \$ 1.6 million", said Ambassador Dewi.

The flag-hoisting ceremony, complemented by the cutting of Nasi Tumpeng (the cone-shaped rice dish), as the Indonesian traditional symbolizing of gratitude. Ambassador and the Indonesian community also sang Indonesian patriotic songs to show respect and dedication to their beloved country.

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD EASHWARAGE SHINES IN CANADA

Ranumi Eashwarage is a Canadian born swimmer of Sri Lankan origin. She is currently the fastest 12 years old female sprinter in Canada for her age in butterfly and freestyle. On July 10th, 2022, Ranumi engraved her name in Canadian record books with a new Alberta provincial age group record for the girls 12 and under 50m butterfly short course. That 50-butterfly time broke the previous record once was held by Tokyo 2020 Olympic silver medalist Rebecca Smith and after her, Canadian National team swimmer Kyla Leibel for the last eight years. This 12-year old's 50m butterfly time is faster than the current Sri Lankan woman's national record for this event of all ages.

"It's amazing. It was the last day of the meet. I was just trying to put in every bit of strength I had in me. I knew coming into this meet that with all the training I've had, I would set at least one new record- if not more", Ranumi said after the race.

With all her dedication and hard work, Ranumi was able to earn number 1 rank in all of Canada for 50m butterfly, 100m butterfly and 50m freestyle in both long course and short course for her age in 2021/2022 meets. Her amazing swim talents were first identified at the age of 6, when she surprised her parents by completing all the available swim levels in the city of Calgary for 5-12-year-olds. Then her parents signed her up for a swim club introducing competitive swimming and she never looked back. The 12-year-old rising star who was inspired by Michael Phelps for always practicing the hardest to become the best of the best. Her Sri Lankan born mother and father who graduated from Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa said "It is hard to set a new record at this stage as the previous world class Canadian swimmers have already set up those records even tougher when they were young. Therefore, these records are not broken frequently. It was the moment that

we were hoping for. On the other hand, this is a sport that almost every Canadian child learns from a young age - So, holding the number-one- rank in Canada for an entire swimming season among thousands of same age swimmers is truly remarkable."

The 12-year-old sprinter had an incredibly successful season this year 2022, winning 50m, 100m butterfly and freestyle in each swim meet including Spring and Summer Provincial Championships. "She always came home with many podium finishes and aggregate winner awards", her parents further stated.

Additionally, Ranumi is keen on piano, saxophone, guitar, art, and public speaking. She can read, write, and fluently speak the Sinhala language although she was born and raised in Canada. Apart from the fluency in English and Sinhala, she is learning two other languages as well. Ranumi's motto: "Be yourself and be unique. Start where others have stopped."



Ranumi Eashwarage

MWCA make a successful tour of Lanka

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Melbourne West Cricket Academy (MWCA) had a Successful Cricket tour of Sri Lanka recently and youngsters really enjoyed this short tour which was organised by SS Sports and Tours, the Founder and Managing Director of the Company, former Sri Lanka National Cricket Squad Member, Sri Lanka 'A' Team, Sri Lanka U23, U20, U19 First Class Player Suranjith Silva. He was partnered by Sri Lankan Express. Managing Director Dilan Fernando to make this tour.

The Coaches, who travelled with the team were Head Coach Upul Fernando (former Sri Lanka A, U24, U19 First Class player) and his Assistant Coach Brenton Jones. In fact this tour was highly successful in which players of the Melbourne West Cricket Academy got match exposure at venues like Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium Hambantota, SSC grounds and

Welagedera Stadium Kurunegala said former Sri Lankan leg spinner Suranjith Silva.

The Aussie youngsters, also witnessed the first test between Sri Lanka and Australia at Galle International Cricket Stadium

The Melbourne West Cricket Academy players handed over cricket gear to the team members of the opponent teams especially at Great Cricket School Academy at Monaragala which helped to build up friendship which was the main focus on this tour.

Melbourne West Cricket Academy Team Cam Saliba, Hunter Togni, Yunal Sumathipala, Jack Hussey, Spence Lang, Gyan Weerasiri, Jayvirk Virk Harvey



Melbourne Western Cricket Academy team with officials Suranjith Silva and Upul Fernando.



Suranjith Silva the former Sri Lankan leg spinner who organised this tour handing over trophy to a Melbourne Western Cricket Academy player while Sri Lankan Academy coaches looks on.

Wade, Sithum Induruwage, Jarrod Gaylard, Ashley Fernando Match scores 1st match against Neil Rajapaksa Academy at MCA grounds T20 game (Melbourne West Cricket Academy (MWCA) won by 39 Runs)

MWCA 107/8 wickets Cam Saliba 30, Spence Lang 30 Jack Hussey 15 Neil Rajapaksa Acad-

emy 68 all out Ashley Fernando 4 for 8 Yunal Sumathipala 3 for 10

2nd match against MCA Academy at MCA grounds T 20 (MCA won by 8 wickets MWCA 100 Jayvirk Virk 23, Hunter Togni 14 MCA Academy 101/2 wickets Harvey Wade 2 for 12

3rd match against SSC at SSC 40 overs (SSC won by one wicket MWCA 165, Cam Saliba 59, Yunal Sumathipala 32, Ashley Fernando 21 SSC 166/9 wickets Yunal Sumathipala 4 for 38

4th match against Great Cricket School Academy Monaragala at Hambantota International Cricket Stadium (40 overs) MWCA won by 164 Runs) MWCA 298/8 wickets Cam Saliba 80, Gyan Weerasiri 48 Yunal Sumathipala 45 Great Cricket School 134 all out Jayvirk Virk 3 for 24, Jarrod Gaylard 4 for 14

5th Match against Maliyadeva (40 over) At Welagedera Stadium MWCA 174 Sithum Induruwage 30, Cam Saliba 22 Jack Hussey 21, Hunter Togni 19 Spence Lang 19 Maliyadeva 175/3 wickets Jack Hussey 1 for 10, Yunal Sumathipala 1 for 12.

Royal vs Trinity: schools rugby rivalry that transcends barriers

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

The Bradby Shield will return after a lapse of two years as the traditional rivals Royal College and Trinity College will resume their rivalry with the first leg of the 76th encounter scheduled for Saturday at the Royal Sports Complex in Reid Avenue.

The two teams have figured in some fascinating rugby over the years and the stage is set for another blockbuster clash following their exciting game in the Inter-Schools 'A' Division League Tournament last month.

In fact, Trinity will have a slender psychological advantage going into this important clash after having won that League Tournament fixture by a solitary point (21-20) at this same venue.

Even then, the history is in favour of Royal as they are chasing an elusive fourth successive Bradby Shield success having emerged victorious in 2017 (35-25), 2018 (66-26) and 2019 (47-41) respectively.

The 2019 Bradby Shield in fact, was filled with plenty of excitement and drama as Royal managed to reign supreme on aggregate despite losing the second leg fixture to Trinity 13-24 on their home grounds.

Royal's convincing 34-17 triumph at the Palkelele Stadium turned out to be a crucial factor as that 17-point lead was good enough for them to retain the Bradby Shield on a higher aggregate. The other significant feature in Royal's success in this series in the recent past is that they have had a share of the Bradby since 2015 as the 2016 fixture ended in a tie with 35 points each.

Royal went into the deciding

second leg with just a five-point lead after having won the first leg 22-17 in Colombo before Trinity came from behind to triumph 18-13 and to level the scores.

Incidentally, this was only the second time in the history of the Bradby Series that the match had ended in a tie after the 1992 encounter, where the first leg finished as a 3-3 draw and the second leg pitched into a scoreless draw.

This means Trinity are yet to win the Bradby Shield outright since their success in 2014 where they triumphed 28-16 and 19-18 respectively.

The 2014 victory also helped Trinity to retain the Bradby Shield for the fourth successive year following their success in 2011, 2012 and 2013. In fact, Trinity's 2011 Bradby Shield win was quite a remarkable achievement as they staged one of the greatest comebacks in the series to emerge victorious on



Action from this year's League Tournament match between Royal and Trinity (Pic by Hirantha Gunathilaka)

aggregate 65-38. Trinity were almost down and out as they were beaten 25-33 in the first leg before they smashed their opponents with a ruthless performance to triumph 40-5 in the second leg.

Earlier, Royal had produced a similar performance in 1998 to stage a magnificent comeback as they lost the first leg 18-20 before completely outplaying their opponents 42-11 in the

second leg encounter. Meanwhile, Royal holds the record for the biggest victory margin in the series as in 2002 they annihilated Trinity 83-0 on aggregate after winning the first leg 39-0 and the second leg 44-0 respectively.

However, Trinity holds one of the oldest records in the Bradby Shield having the longest winning streak of six victories in a row from 1952 to 1957.

Kandy Youth CC back in the fray



HAFIZ MARIKAR

Kandy Youth Cricket Club have geared for the Division one fourth Governors trophy tournament and played the first game on Wednesday. This club is one of the top cricket playing clubs within the cricket structure of Kandy and earned a promotion to Division I - the Sara Trophy Cricket Tournament.

Kandy Youth Cricket Club came out for the first game with a good talented side and played the first game on August 17 against last year's champions Moratuwa SC at Wickremabahu Grounds Gampola which was a low scoring game where Moratuwa SC won. Kandy YCC batting first made 123 in 34 over's with Sandaru Dias - 24, Chatura Kumarasiri - 22, Hasintha Polkottuwa - 18, Nimesh Fernando took 4 for 18 and Vinuja Ranasinghe 2 for 28. Moratuwa SC scored 127 for 8 wickets in 35 over's Hashika Fernando - 16, Asanka Lokuketiya - 17, Sandaru Dias 4 for 21, Chatura Kumarasiri - 3 for 43 and Dulara Bandulasena 1 for 20

The 2nd game is on 20th August with Servatious SC at Matara, on 24th vs Rio SC at Wickremabahu Grounds on 31st Aug vs Sandalanka S.C at Wickremabahu Grounds and the rest of the matches on the card - are against Antonians SC, Kurunegala S.C, United Southern, Malaya CC, Narammala S.C, Hettipola SC, Old Zahirians.

This time the team is blended with few experienced players and schoolboy cricketers from St. Anthony's, St. Sylvester's,

Kingswood, Dharmaraja, Sri Rahula, Thurstan, Wickremabahu and the side will be led by experienced player Chatura Kumarasiri. Under his able leadership Kandy Youth C.C won all first round games in last year's Governors trophy competition and entered the final round.

Chatter Kumarasiri will be well supported by former school captains Mohamed Kamil of St. Anthonys College, Ganidu Kamburugamuwa, Deegayu Bandara from Kingswood College, Bawantha Udampitiya from Dharmaraja College, Sadaru Dias from Thurstan College. Malcolm Perera the current president of the club is well supported by Anton Perera Secretary, Manjula Pihilianga, Upul Gamarachchi, Bandulasena, Roland Perera, Palinda de Silva and Lalith Ranjan from the coaching staff.

This time their squad is made out of players like Chatura Kumarasiri (Capt), Ganidu Kamburugamuwa, Madushan Bothotage, Saman Ambilmeegama, Mohamed Kamil, Bawantha Udampitiya, Sandaru Dias, Kasun Maduranga, Dinidiya Polkottuwa, Devinda Dissanayake, Hasintha Polkottuwa, Deegayu Bandara, Hshika Gamage, Yohan Ranameramulla, Kaveesha Bandara, Dulara Bandulasena, Isuru Pannala, Charuka Ayeshan, Sanuth Nandinu, Shashika Basnayake, Abdul Hakam, Mohamed Imahd, Thisarasi Ekanayake.

The pace bowlers in the team are Madushan Bothotage, Deegayu Bandara, Kaveesha Bandara and the spinners are Sadaru Dias, Dulara Bandulasena, Devinda Dissanayake, Akila Wickremasinghe, Chatura Kumarasiri, Ganidu Kamburugamuwa.

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DRAW NUMBER: 4850

Prizes won in this draw

Rs. 8,203,520.00

The super prize of next draw

Rs. 36,578,402.60

JATHIKA SAMPATHA

DRAW NUMBER: 1309

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

Rs. 1,538,660.00

WINNING DIGIT: 6

WINNING NUMBERS: 7 3 2 1 0

THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW

Rs. 10,685,780.40

HANDAHANA

DRAW NUMBER: 159

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

Rs. 5,920,820.00

WINNING DIGIT: 20

WINNING NUMBERS: 24 41 53

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DRAW NUMBER: 3092

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

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THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW

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DRAW NUMBER: 800

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4th Indian Open National Para Athletic Championship

Samitha Dulan aims for a World Record

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Nine Sri Lankan para athletes are taking part in the 4th Indian open National Para Athletic Championship held in Bangalore, India. The two-day event started yesterday.
Paralympic bronze medal winner of the Javelin throw (F-44) Samitha Dulan is the key member of the Sri Lankan team. The event was scheduled to be held yesterday and today (18,19) in Bangalore, Karnataka. The event was conducted by the Paralympic Committee of India which is providing food and accommodations and Sri Lankan Sports Ministry provided air tickets to the Sri Lanka team.
This is going to be a good opportunity for Samitha Dulan to establish a new World Record at the Javelin throw event (F-44).
Earlier, Samitha Dulan the Paralympic bronze

medal winner came to the limelight at the National Para Athletic Championship held at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo last month.
Samitha Dulan set up a new World Record in the F-44 Javelin throw event with a 66.60m throw at the National Para Athletic Championship in Colombo last month.
Samitha Dulan Kodituwakku from Sri Lanka Army hails from Deniyaya won the bronze medal at the last Tokyo Paralympics with a distance of 65.61m while he was able to improve his distance at the National Championship erasing the previous record of this event held by Australian Micheal Burian with a distance of 66.29m.
National Paralympic Committee (NPC) headed by Lt. Colonel Deepal Herath said NPC made a great effort to take part in the Indian open National Paralympic Athletic Championship



Samitha Dulan in action at the Tokyo Paralympic Games

while Sports Ministry gave good support to get visas.
However, the world Para athletic body pointed out that Samitha Dulan's achievement couldn't be recognized as National Para Athletic Championship is not considered by the World Para Athletic Federation and Dulan is very keen to take part in this Indian meet.
This Indian Open National Para Athletic Championship was recognized by the World Para Athletic body. If Dulan will achieve the World Record mark it will be considered by the world Para body.
Meanwhile, Paralympic Javelin Throw gold medalist Dinesh Priyantha Herath (67.79m) in the F-46 event did not take part in this meet yesterday due to injury while Commonwealth Games silver medalist (Discus throw) Palitha Bandara did not take part in this Indian meet as he is rested after the Commonwealth Games said National Paralympic Committee President Lt Colonel Deepal Herath who is the Manager of the Sri Lankan team for Bangalore.
Kumudu Priyantha the Paralympic lady athlete also with the Sri Lanka team while Anil Jayalath, Buddhika Indrapala (long jump and 100m sprinters) are also among the nine-member team.

Sri Lanka team for the Indian Open National Para athletic Championship:
Samitha Dulan javelin throw (F-44), Nuwan Indika long jump, 100m (T44), Buddika Indrapala 100m, long jump (F42), Anil Jayalath 100m, long jump (T42), Saman Subasingha 400m, 100m (T47), Pradeep Somasiri 1500m (T46), Kumudu Priyantha 100m, long jump (T46), Thisara Jayasingha shot put (F56), Janani 100m, long jump (T 47).

S. Thomas' out to retain Archibald Perera Trophy



Chariya Kurukulasuriya (S. Thomas' Captain)



Sudesh Jayawickrama (St. Peter's Captain)

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE
Two equally good teams S. Thomas' College and St. Peter's College will clash in their annual Inter-Schools Under-20 rugby encounter for the Archibald Perera Trophy at Bambalapitiya today.
Both teams had a disappointing League Tournament with several setbacks and few defeats and now they will look to restart with an improved performance in preparation for next week's knockouts.
Even then, the Thomians will be the more fancied team to retain the Archibald Perera Trophy following some encouraging performances during the latter stages of the League Tournament.
After three successive demoralising defeats, S. Thomas' finally managed to get their winning formula by recording back-to-back victories against St. Antho-

ny's College (32-25) and Kingswood College (36-8) respectively.
That also helped them to finish in fourth place of the League Tournament points table, which was not a bad effort at all, considering their early situation of the current season.
In contrast, for St. Peter's this has been a disastrous season as they look to pick up their pieces and form a good combination as early as possible ahead of the knock-out tournament.
They had just a solitary win to their credit from their five outings and suffered a shock 10-12 defeat against Science College in their last league encounter.
The two teams last met in 2019 and on that occasion the Thomians pulled off a thrilling 20-19 victory at Mount Lavinia.

U-17 Div. Two Inter Schools Cricket Quarter Finals

Karunyan and Abhilash guide Lyceum Nugegoda to semis

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Karunyan Ponkowan made an unbeaten century in 109 balls with 16 fours and a six while Abhilash Sashidharma had fine figures of 5 for 20 in his ten-over spell as Lyceum International College Nugegoda recorded an easy 7-wicket win over St. Patrick's Jaffna in their under 17 division two inter-school quarter-final cricket fixture played at Wickramashila grounds Giriulla yesterday.
Meanwhile, Christ King College Ja-Ela defeated Wayamba Royal College by 18 runs in their quarter-final match played at Darley Road yesterday. Royal College 'B' won by 23 runs over St. Peter's 'B' Bambalapitiya in their quarter-final

game at Moratuwa while Royal College Panadura recorded a 21-run win over St. Joseph's 'B' Colombo in their quarter-final game played at Reid Avenue yesterday.
Chief scores
● **At Darley Road:** Christ King Ja Ela beat Wayamba Royal by 18 runs
● **Christ King** 218 all out in 40 overs Sharith Sudeena 47, Samindu Maduranga 25, Tharusha Lakshan 19, Avishka Nirmal 46, Pramod Chamika 29, Navindu Rasanjana 17, Kavindu Shehan 2/23, Kavishan Karunaratne 3/46, Kavindu Dulanjana 3/45
● **Wayamba Royal** 195 aqll out in 45.5 overs Sanju Wickramasinghe 17, Kavindu Dulanjana 39, Oshada Kawshalya 14, Dinusha Tennakoon 30, Mattheesha Pankaja 24, Malith Prem-

athilleka 14*, Samindu Maduranga 4/30, Sharith Sudeena 3/33
● **At Wickramashila grounds Giriulla:** Lyceum International Nugegoda beat St Patrick Jaffna by 7 wickets
● **St Patrick's** 206 for 9 wickets in 50 overs P. Mathushan 47, A. Abhilash 40, K Sarushan 22, J Mehewarasinghan 41, Sethika Balasoorya 3/57, Abhilash Sashidharma 5/20.
● **Lyceum Nugegoda** 208 for 3 wickets in 39 overs Sayuru Botheju 18, Karunyan Ponkowan 100*, Chanuka Amarasekar 15, Aritha Vinnal 29*. J. Megawarasinghan 1/10
● **At St Sebastian grounds Moratuwa:** Royal College 'B' beat St Peter's 'B' by 23 runs
● **Royal 'B'** 252 for 9 wickets in 50 overs Dimuth Karunaratne 57, Immadh Meezan 45, Khalid Rahimdeen 40, Dil-

ith Wijethunga 30*, Senesh Wijeratne 2/52, Tharin Senvidu 2/49.
● **St Peter's 'B'** 229 all out in 48.2 overs Shalinka Uyanange 15, Savi Fernando 32, Dineth de Silva 56, Saniru Fernando 16, Dimalsha Jayawardena 24, Enosh Karunanayake 32, Movin Amarasinghe 25, Eranga Weerakkody 2/21, Khalid Rahimdeen 2/31, Menaka Heiyanthuduwa 2/41, Mahith Rajapaksa 3/44
● **At Reid Avenue:** Royal Panadura beat St Joseph's 'B' by 21 runs
● **Royal Panadura** 189 all out in 48.4 overs Sehandu Fernando 65, Sadew Wijeratne 38, Kushan Dewaka 30*, Demion de Silva 2/40, Kyle Makalanda 2/41, Nirvana Abeysekera 4/27
● **St Joseph's 'B'** 168 for 9 wickets in 50 overs Kanishka Dissanayake 20, Leason Liou 23, Chamath Perera 41, Kyle Makalanda 27*, Kaveesha Perera 2/40, Sethika Dilmith 3/49

National Selector accuses FSL of selection meddling

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE
Football Sri Lanka (FSL) National Selector Naina Mohamed accused the authorities of interfering with selection policies, which has brought disaster to the national and junior teams during the recent past.
Mohamed blamed FSL officials for including three players who were not seen at the trials without their permission for next month's Women's SAFF Championship in Nepal.
"We have given a squad of 35 players, but they have brought in another three players who were not seen at the trials without our permission."



Naina Mohamed

"We are helpless as even after selecting the final squad the FSL authorities have a habit of shifting the positions of players according to their will, to create an opportunity for an outsider to come in, which I think is unethical."
"Thereafter, the coaches start complaining about the players, and we cannot do anything about it as we had selected the players based on their performances."
"I am totally disappointed with the panel of coaches because most of them are not suitable for the role, and I believe they should be selected through a panel of professionals."

SLC provides training kits for coaches



SLC Vice President Ravin Wickramaratne, who is in-charge of Domestic Cricket Operations, Head of the High Performance Centre Tim McCaskill, and Sri Lanka Cricket Head of National Development Council Kamal Dharmasiri hand over a training kit to one of the coaches.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) handed over 'Training Kits' for 51 District and Provincial Coaches, who play an important role in preparing the young cricketers talent from across the country for the future.
The training kits, which were handed over recently at the RPICS, Colombo, consisted of Fielding Bats, Senior and Junior Balls, Side Arm, Plastic Stumps, Spring Wickets, Stop Watches, Stretch Bands, and a cooler box, among many other important training tools.
The 51 SLC-appointed coaches, who received the 'Training Kits' consisted of 37 district coaches, 11 provincial coaches, and also 3

Provincial Talent Scouts, covering the 25 districts in the country.
Sri Lanka Cricket Vice President Ravin Wickramaratne, who is in charge of Domestic Cricket Operations, Head of the High-Performance Centre Tim McCaskill, and Sri Lanka Cricket Head of National Development Council Kamal Dharmasiri graced the occasion.
Apart from handing over the 'Training Kits', the coaches were also made aware of their roles and responsibilities, pertaining to the development of the game. Several District and Provincial Association representatives were present at the ceremony.

SLR to conduct four Provincial Tournaments

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Sri Lanka Rugby (SLR), in partnership with Nippon Paint Lanka (Pvt) Limited will conduct a series of Provincial Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournaments, commencing this week.
Nemantha Abeysinghe, the General Manager of Nippon Paint Lanka (Pvt) Limited and Rizly Ilyyas, President of SLR signed the official

agreement during a ceremony held on Wednesday in Colombo.
The first event in the calendar will be the Southern Province Inter-Club Women's Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament on August 21 at St. Aloysius' College Grounds in Galle.
Thereafter, SLR will conduct the Central Province Inter-Schools Under-12 and Under-14 Rugby Tournaments on September 10 at the

Nittawela Grounds in Kandy. The third event in the calendar will be the Western Province Inter-Club Seven-A-Side Tournament on September 11 at the Police Park in Bambalapitiya.
The fourth and final event in the calendar will be the Western Province Inter-University Women's Tag Rugby Tournament on September 17 at Longden Place.



Nemantha Abeysinghe (right), General Manager of Nippon Paint Lanka (Pvt) Limited and Rizly Ilyyas, President of SLR exchanging documents after signing the agreement.

S. Thomas' College stickers emerge champs at WP tournament

M.H. YAKEEM

S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia beat St. Joseph's College Maradana by 2 goals to nil in the final of Western Province National Schools Hockey tournament. This was organised and conducted as a Sports festival by the Educational Zonal office, Western Province, where 15 teams participated and played at the Astro Turf recently.
In the first semi final, S. Thomas' College beat St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya by 1 goal to nil and in the second semi final St. Joseph's, Maradana beat Maris Stella, Negombo by 2 goals to nil.
In the decider of the second runner up place, St. Peter's beat Maris Stella, Negombo on penalty strokes (7-6), where the game ended nil all at full time.
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia took this Championship after 19 years. Head Coach H.M.C.H. Bandara and Coach B.L.V.S. Perera who are reputed hockey players turned coaches worked tirelessly to guide them to achieve this great win.



Western Province hockey champs S. Thomas' College team

Asitha hits century against Young Lions XI

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Asitha Wanninayake scored a fine century with 13 fours in 200 balls as Sri Lanka Under 19 team scored 248 for 6 declared in their three-day practice match against Young Lions International XI played at ECB Performance Center, Loughborough, England yesterday. Wanninayake all rounder from St. Anthony's Kandy was leading the way by scoring a fine knock of 100.
According to the Sri Lankan Under 19 team Manager Jayantha Seneviratne, Sri Lankan under 19 side led by Raveen de Silva made a good batting display on the first day while the second day of the game washed



Asitha Wanninayake

out due to rain. Yesterday, at the time of going to press, Young Lions International XI were 80 for 5 wickets on the third and final day.
Sri Lanka Under 19 team is scheduled to play their first four-day Test against England Under 19 team at Chelmsford (Essex CCC) from August 21 to 24 followed by the second four-day Test from August 28-31 at Derby (Derbyshire CCC).
Chief scores
● **Sri Lanka under 19:** 248 for 6 wickets declared (Raveen de Silva 30*, Sadeesha Rajapaksa 24, Asitha Wanninayake 100)
● **Young Lions International XI:** 80 for 5 wickets in 8 overs

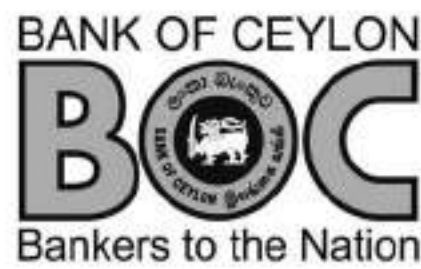
Battle of the Golds of Uva

Chatum takes bowling honours on day one

The promising leg spinner Chatum Lakpriya had fine figures of 5 for 43 as St. Joseph's Bandarawela was all out 142 while Central College Bandarawela was 21 for 1 wicket at close of the first day's play in their 17th Battle of the

Golds of Uva annual cricket encounter played at the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium yesterday.
Chief scores
● **St Joseph's Bandarawela:** 142 in 83.4 overs Yasiru Ruwan-

tha 20, Themiya Sheheron 21, Shithija Chamindu 25, Sahan Hnasika 29, Chatum Lakpriya 5/43, Yasitha Heshan 3/19)
Central College, Bandarawela: 21 for 1 wicket at close Sadith Ratnayake 11*) (D.R.)



Applications are invited from reputed Suppliers / Contractors / Service Providers & Professionals who wish to register themselves with the Bank of Ceylon for the procurement of goods / work / services and consultancy services for the year 2023. Suppliers who have already registered for years 2021 and 2022, need not apply.

SUPPLIES:**GROUP NO.****1.0 OFFICE EQUIPMENT/ MACHINES**

- 1.1 Franking machines
- 1.2 Photocopy machines
- 1.3 Duplicating / Shredding
- 1.4 Weighing scales
- 1.5 Fax machines
- 1.6 Note binding machines
- 1.7 Cheque deposit machines
- 1.8 Electronic typewriters
- 1.9 Calculators / Adding machines
- 1.10 Encoding machines / Sealing machines
- 1.11 Note counting / Coin counting / Cash sorting machines
- 1.12 Signature verification / Ultraviolet lamps
- 1.13 Multimedia projectors
- 1.14 Sound systems / Video conferencing systems
- 1.15 Docuprints
- 1.16 Cameras / Web cameras / Drone cameras
- 1.17 Any other type of office machines (except above items)

2.0 FURNITURE

- 2.1 Wooden
- 2.2 Steel
- 2.3 Aluminium
- 2.4 Sofas
- 2.5 Any other type of furniture (except above items)

3.0 ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL & OTHER SERVICES

- 3.1 Electrical installation (medium voltage)
- 3.2 Extra low voltage installation (public address system, pipe music system)
- 3.3 Mechanical ventilation and air-conditioning
- 3.4 Elevators & escalators
- 3.5 Generators
- 3.6 UPS
- 3.7 Solar panels (CIDA registration not required)
- 3.8 Plumbing & drainage
- 3.9 Steel fabricator

4.0 ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES/ EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

- 4.1 Television
- 4.2 Table, pedestal, ceiling, wall fans / voltage stabilisers
- 4.3 Electrical wires, fitting & fixtures
- 4.4 Any other type of electrical appliances / equipment (except above items)

5.0 SECURITY ITEMS

- 5.1 Fire extinguishers & refilling fire extinguishers
- 5.2 Security alarm systems
- 5.3 CCTV (closed circuit television) systems / IP (Internet Protocol) systems
- 5.4 Access control systems / time attendance systems / fingerprint machines
- 5.5 Fire detection, protection and suppression systems

6.0 SAFES

- 6.1 Main bank safes
- 6.2 Pawning safes
- 6.3 Vault doors
- 6.4 Drop safes
- 6.5 Time locks
- 6.6 Fire resistant filing cabinets
- 6.7 Safe deposit lockers

7.0 PAWN BROKERING

- 7.1 Testing stones
- 7.2 Gold specimen etc.
- 7.3 Electronic weighing scales
- 7.4 Density meters

8.0 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT/ HARDWARE & RELATED ITEMS

- 8.1 Computers
- 8.2 Laptops / Notebooks / iPads
- 8.3 Automated teller machines
- 8.4 Cash deposit machines
- 8.5 Printers
- 8.6 Document scanners / Cheque scanners / Passport scanners
- 8.7 Computer accessories
- 8.8 POS terminals / Mobile POS
- 8.9 Digi pads
- 8.10 Cash recycle machines
- 8.11 Servers
- 8.12 KIOSK machines
- 8.13 Any other type of computer equipment and hardware (except above items)

9.0 IT SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

- 9.1 Application system
- 9.2 Data transmissions
- 9.3 Security solutions
- 9.4 Operating systems
- 9.5 Software repairs
- 9.6 Database administration software
- 9.7 Any other type of computer software (except above items)

10.0 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

- 10.1 Telephones
- 10.2 Mobile phones
- 10.3 PARS and related accessories
- 10.4 Local Area Network (LAN)
- 10.5 Wide Area Network (WAN)
- 10.6 Radio set (walkie-talkie)
- 10.7 Routers
- 10.8 Switchers
- 10.9 Data communication equipment and accessories

11.0 COMPUTER CONSUMABLES

- 11.1 Printing ribbons
- 11.2 Paper rolls for ATM / CDM printers (impact & thermal paper rolls)
- 11.3 Magnetic tape, cartridges, flash drives
- 11.4 Toner cartridges for computers and photocopiers
- 11.5 Mouse, hard disks, keyboards, data cables
- 11.6 Any other type of computer consumables (except above items)

12.0 PRINTED MATTER

- 12.1 Forms
- 12.2 NCR forms
- 12.3 Envelopes
- 12.4 Registers
- 12.5 Carrier envelopes
- 12.6 Brochures
- 12.7 Computer forms
- 12.8 Savings pass books
- 12.9 Periodicals / Magazines
- 12.10 Digital, flex, corrugated board printing
- 12.11 Offset and digital paper / board printing
- 12.12 Pin mailers
- 12.13 Any other type of printed matter (except above items)

13.0 SECURITY PRINTING

- 13.1 Direct mailers with date
- 13.2 FD receipts
- 13.3 ID cards
- 13.4 Electronic cards (credit and debit cards)
- 13.5 Account statements (with data printing)
- 13.6 Cheque books (continuous cheque leaves and other security documents)
- 13.7 Gift vouchers / savings certificates
- 13.8 Any other type of security printing (except above items)

14.0 SUNDRY & STATIONERY

- 14.1 Papers (photocopy, typing, Conqueror, ledger, foolscap, stickers, etc.)
- 14.2 All types of sundry & stationery (files, plastic folders, etc.)
- 14.3 Plastic card covers (credit / debit cards)
- 14.4 Any other type of office stationery (except above items)

15.0 TEXTILES & ALLIED PRODUCTS

- 15.1 Textiles
- 15.2 Uniform materials
- 15.3 Shoes
- 15.4 Any other type of textiles & allied products (except above items)

16.0 COMPLIMENTARY, PUBLICITY MATERIALS & GIFT ITEMS

- 16.1 T-shirts & caps
- 16.2 Umbrellas
- 16.3 School & travelling bags
- 16.4 Mugs
- 16.5 Tills / Toys / Bicycles
- 16.6 Book sets / Accessories / Customised pens
- 16.7 Clocks & watches
- 16.8 Education & corporate gifts
- 16.9 Electronics & technological gift item
- 16.10 Any other type of gift items (except above items)

17.0 SECURITY SERVICES

- 17.1 Armed
- 17.2 Un-Armed

18.0 CONTRACTORS

- 18.1 Building constructions
- 18.2 Renovation & refurbishment
- 18.3 Design & build contractors
- 18.4 Aluminium works & finishes
- 18.5 Floor / Wall / Ceiling finishes
- 18.6 Carpentry & joinery
- 18.7 Waterproofing
- 18.8 Landscaping
- 18.9 Piling
- 18.10 Geological / Soil investigation (CIDA registration not required)
- 18.11 Light metal work (cladding, roofing, handrails)

19.0 IT SYSTEMS / EQUIPMENT REPAIR, SERVICE & MAINTENANCE**20.0 NAME BOARDS / BANNERS**

- Light board, LED panels, hoarding / billboards, gantries, pylon, branch branding and merchandising, canopy / flag poles, pull-up, X-stands, light boxes, A-boards, banners & flags, flag poles & bases, pennants, LED walls, rotating banners, 3-fold boards, backdrops

21.0 SUPPLY OF FLORA, FLOWERPOTS / VASES AND MAINTENANCE OF GARDEN**22.0 TYRES, TUBES & BATTERIES FOR VEHICLES****23.0 SUPPLY OF BRAND NEW MOTOR VEHICLES / MOTOR CYCLES****24.0 SERVICES**

- 24.1 Auctioning
- 24.2 Janitorial services
- 24.3 Pest control services
- 24.4 Courier service
- 24.5 Clearing & forwarding
- 24.6 Call centre services
- 24.7 Vehicle servicing
- 24.8 Laundering
- 24.9 Catering service
- 24.10 Disposal of discarded / obsolete stationery & documents
- 24.11 Hiring of furniture, temporary sheds, canopies etc.
- 24.12 Hiring of vehicles & transport service
- 24.13 Shifting of iron safes, office furniture equipment etc. (movers)
- 24.14 Supply of water dispensers and drinking water bottles
- 24.15 Advertising
- 24.16 Laminating / Scanning
- 24.17 Debt collection service
- 24.18 Disposal of e-waste
- 24.19 Photography and video coverage
- 24.20 Any other type of services (except above services)

25.0 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- 25.1 Furniture
- 25.2 Motor vehicles
- 25.3 Generators
- 25.4 Escalators
- 25.5 Air-conditioners
- 25.6 UPS
- 25.7 Office machines, office equipment / electronic office equipment
- 25.8 Power & stabilisers
- 25.9 Guns / Safes
- 25.10 Refrigerators
- 25.11 CCTV
- 25.12 Any other type of repairs (except above repairs)

26.0 CONSULTANCY SERVICES

- 26.1 Architectural
- 26.2 Structural engineering
- 26.3 Electrical / Mechanical engineering
- 26.4 Consortium consultancy service
- 26.5 Green consultants
- 26.6 Land surveying
- 26.7 Energy management
- 26.8 Interior designing
- 26.9 Geo engineering
- 26.10 Fire and security
- 26.11 Quantity surveying
- 26.12 Drafting
- 26.13 Construction projects management (individual)

Application for registration should show written proof of:

1. Registration under the business names (business registration should be on or before 01/01/2020).
2. Valid CIDA registration for building contractors and electrical, mechanical & other services (formally ICTAD registration).
3. Suppliers who expect to register under disposal of e-waste (24.18) category should be registered with the Central Environmental Authority for the same category and should submit the latest registration details.
4. Having undertaken and satisfactorily executed orders for similar supplies and services from government departments, statutory boards and reputed private sector institutions. Acceptable copies of purchase orders should be submitted for registration (at least three years' experience which is necessary for registration).
5. Having financial and other resources to execute orders of the respective (it has to be supported through audited financial statements / bank reports).

CONDITIONS:

1. Suppliers who have already registered for years 2021 and 2022, need not apply as their registration is valid up to 31.12.2023.
2. The prospective suppliers of repairable / serviceable items such as machinery and relevant equipment should have workshop facilities of their own to effect repairs whenever necessary.
3. The prospective suppliers who fail to quote promptly when requested or fail to make deliveries / provide services on time and in conformity with specifications / samples or as prescribed in the purchase order or who supplied substandard goods are liable to be expunged from the register.
4. Quotations for supply of items / providing services will normally be invited from the list of Registered Suppliers. However, the Bank reserves the right to invite quotations and purchases from any other source or register new suppliers as and when necessary.
5. If registration is sought for more than one group of items, a separate application should be submitted for each group by paying in cash (non-refundable) Rs. 5,000/- per application as application charges.
6. If spouses or children of employees of the Bank are applicants / proprietors / partners / directors of companies, such applicants / suppliers / contractors / service providers and consultancy service providers are not eligible to apply for registration.
7. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any application for registration without adducing any reason. In the event the Bank rejects, applicant is not eligible to claim the application charges.
8. Registration for motor vehicle repair and vehicle service providers will be done only on the BOC's Transportation Section Assessment Report.

Application should be made on the prescribed set of forms obtainable from the following office on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000/- in cash per application for each group of items. **Prospective applicants are required to produce a letter of request on a letterhead mentioning the service and the number of the category, according to this Paper Advertisement. Application forms can be examined, free of charge.**

Applications could also be obtained from following Province Offices:

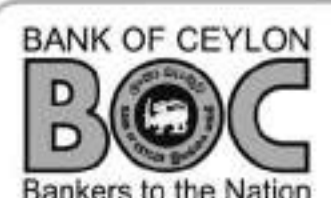
- Central Province Office, "Ceybank House", No. 88, Dalada Veediya, Kandy.
- Northern Province Office, No. 476, Hospital Road, Jaffna.
- North Central Province Office, Anuradhapura.
- Sabaragamuwa Province Office, No. 227, Colombo Road, Ratnapura.
- Western Province South Office, No. 175, High Level Road, Nugegoda.
- Eastern Province Office, No. 455, Main Street, Trincomalee.
- North Western Province Office, No. 18, Mihindu Mawatha, Kurunegala.
- Southern Province Office, No. 11, Kumathunga Mawatha, Matara.
- Uva Province Office, No. 17, Hill Drive, Keppitipola Road, Badulla.
- Western Province North Office, 2nd & 8th Floors, BOC-Merchant Tower, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 3.

Acceptance of cash and issue of set of Application Forms: Between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on business days of the Bank up to 25.10.2022.

Acceptance of duly completed applications: Shall be submitted before 31.10.2022.

All applications preferably bound in separate files and marked "Registration of Suppliers / Contractors / Service Providers / Consultancy Service Providers for the Year 2023" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope should be forwarded to the Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Department at the undermentioned address by registered post.

The Chief Manager
Properties & Procurement Department,
 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office,
 "BOC Square", No. 1, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 1.
 Tel. 011 2204233, 2204272, 2204260 Direct: 2544310, 2430268 Fax: 2449629
 Email: procurement2@boc.lk



TENDER NOTICE

KURUNEGALA PRADESHIYA SABHA

Tenders are invited for the leasing of the assets of the Kurunegala Pradeshiya Sabha mentioned in the schedule below for the period from 01.01.2023 until 31.12.2023.

01. Tender Forms will be issued from 17.08.2022 until 14.09.2022.
02. Tender forms will be issued only up to 03.00 p.m. on 14.09.2022 and tenders will be received only up to 10.00 a.m. on 15.09.2022 and tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on the same day.
03. Tender forms issued upon payment of the specified tender security, bid security and tender form fee should be perfected and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary, Kurunegala Pradeshiya Sabha, Udadigana, Saragama" or deposited in the tender box kept in the office.
04. All the assets for which you pay tax are subjected to taxes and fees imposed by the government from time to time.

**Chairman
Kurunegala Pradeshiya Sabha
Udadigana
Saragama**

Schedule 01

Assets to be given on lease for year 2023

Ser. No.	Assets to be given on Lease for Year 2023	Tender Form Fee	Refundable Bid Security	Minimum Bid for 2023
		Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.
1	Wellawa Saturday Weekly Fair (with Canteen and Toilet)	250.00	43273.13	865,462.50
2	Wellawa Weekly Fair Fish Stall (No. 01)	350.00	2546.78	25,467.75
3	Wellawa Weekly Fair Fish Stall (No. 02)	350.00	2546.78	25,467.75
4	Wellawa Weekly Fair Fish Stall (No. 03)	350.00	2601.90	26,019.00
5	Wellawa Weekly Fair Fish Stall (No. 04)	350.00	2601.90	26,019.00
6	Wellawa Weekly Fair Chicken Stall (No. 01)	350.00	1702.06	17,020.50
7	Wellawa Weekly Fair Chicken Stall (No. 02)	350.00	1756.65	17,566.50
8	Wellawa Weekly Fair Beef Stall	350.00	12458.25	124,582.50
9	Wellawa Weekly Fair Pork Stall	350.00	1874.25	18,742.50
10	Office Room near Wellawa Weekly Fair	250.00	1400.70	14,007.00
11	Shop near Wellawa Weekly Fair No. 5/6	250.00	1493.63	14,936.25
12	Shop near Wellawa Weekly Fair No. 03	250.00	1285.20	12,852.00
13	Shop near Wellawa Weekly Fair No. 04	250.00	679.60	5,796.00
14	Shop near Wellawa Weekly Fair No. 1/2	250.00	2083.73	20,837.25
15	Shop near Wellawa Weekly Fair No. 07	250.00	1157.63	11,576.25
16	Maspotha Sunday Weekly Fair (with Canteen and Toilet)	250.00	38587.50	771,750.00
17	Maspotha Weekly Fair Fish Stall (No. 01)	350.00	2083.73	20,837.25
18	Maspotha Weekly Fair Fish Stall (No. 02)	350.00	2083.73	20,837.25
19	Maspotha Weekly Fair Fish Stall (No. 03)	350.00	2083.73	20,837.25
20	Maspotha Weekly Fair Fish Stall (No. 04)	350.00	2083.73	20,837.25
21	Maspotha Weekly Fair Chicken Stall (No. 01)	350.00	1620.68	16,206.75
22	Maspotha Weekly Fair Chicken Stall (No. 02)	350.00	1620.68	16,206.75
23	Maspotha Weekly Fair Pork Stall (No. 01)	350.00	1852.20	18,522.00
24	Maspotha Weekly Fair Pork Stall (No. 02)	350.00	1852.20	18,522.00
25	Coconut Yield of Roshita Watta Public Land	250.00	661.50	6,615.00
26	Coconut Yield of Weligode Watta	250.00	1100.00	11,000.00
27	Coconut Yield of Sooriyawatta Land	250.00	546.00	5,460.00
28	Coconut Yield of Yanthampalawa Thurusevana	250.00	766.50	7,665.00
29	Coconut Yield of Maligathennawatta	250.00	472.50	4,725.00
30	Coconut Yield of Assedduma Muslim Cemetery Land	250.00	997.50	9,975.00
31	Coconut Yield of Ebewatta	250.00	2761.50	27,615.00
32	Coconut Yield of Uyandana New Auction Land	250.00	409.50	4,095.00
33	Coconut Yield of Ranwana Public Land	250.00	231.00	2,310.00
34	Coconut Yield of Doratiyawa Gamsabha Watta Land	250.00	462.50	4,625.00
35	Coconut Yield of Hanwella Public Land	250.00	840.00	8,400.00
36	Coconut Yield of Boraluwa Watta Public Land	250.00	150.00	1,500.00
37	Coconut Yield of Boraluwa Watta Public Land 02	250.00	500.00	5,000.00
38	Coconut Yield of Karambe Watta Public Land	250.00	120.00	1,200.00
39	Coconut Yield of Karambe Watta Kings Park II Public Land	250.00	800.00	8,000.00
40	Coconut Yield of Melrose Watta Public Land	250.00	522.50	5,225.00
41	Coconut Yield of Galagedera Mega City	250.00	840.00	8,400.00
42	Coconut Yield of Gonagama Nature Park	250.00	300.00	3,000.00
43	Coconut Yield of Kamal Watta Public Land	250.00	400.00	4,000.00
44	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 07	250.00	1911.00	19,110.00
45	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 1/7	250.00	1058.00	10,580.00
46	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 2/7	250.00	1029.00	10,290.00
47	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 3/7	250.00	850.50	8,505.00
48	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 4/7	250.00	1018.50	10,185.00
49	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 5/7	250.00	1396.50	13,965.00
50	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 6/7	250.00	1058.00	10,580.00
51	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 7/7	250.00	1047.50	10,475.00
52	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 8/7	250.00	1218.00	12,180.00
53	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 9/7	250.00	903.00	9,030.00
54	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 10/7	250.00	1008.00	10,080.00
55	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 11/7	250.00	871.50	8,715.00
56	Sahana Stall in Boyagane Public Market premises	250.00	7000.00	70,000.00
57	Boyagane Public Market Shop No. 08	250.00	1995.00	19,950.00

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Schedule - 02

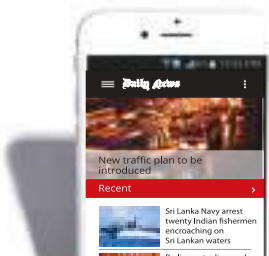
Assets to be given on lease for Cultivation Purposes in Year 2023

Ser. No.	Assets to be given on lease for Cultivation Purposes in year 2023	Tender Form Fee	Refundable Bid Security	Minimum Bid for Year 2023
		Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.	Rs. Cts.
1	Bamunawala Helgama Watta	250.00	250.00	5,000.00
2	Bamunussa Bush Wood Watta	250.00	300.00	3,000.00
3	Land near Rathkarawwa Kiula Wewa	250.00	300.00	3,000.00
4	Hettigedera Nadee Uyana Land	250.00	300.00	3,000.00
5	Gonagama Watta (Nature Park) (Aselro)	250.00	300.00	3,000.00
6	Gonagama Watta (Mark Benjamin)	250.00	300.00	3,000.00
7	Rosewood Watta	250.00	400.00	4,000.00
8	Green Valley Watta Public Land	250.00	200.00	2,000.00

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SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

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

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT) (Rs.)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/04/PT/6360(EL)	25 Nos. Capacitors for the Yaskawa FS Drive Modules of the STS Cranes	40,000.00	1,000.00	15.09.2022 10.00 Hrs
CES/FP/06/PT/6362(MP)	Hydraulic Pump for RAM Single Lift Spreaders at JCT	10,000.00	1,000.00	15.09.2022 10.00 Hrs
CES/FP/04/PT/6366(EL)	30 Nos. Access Points & Antennas	95,000.00	1,000.00	15.09.2022 10.00 Hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/10/054	Lever Switches for the Cranes of JCT	20,000.00	1,000.00	08.09.2022 13.30 Hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/057	Electrical Panel Board Type A (AS PER Drawing)	25,000.00	1,000.00	08.09.2022 13.30 Hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/04/056	Motor Tyres 700X12, 12PLY	120,000.00	3,500.00	08.09.2022 13.30 Hrs
CMS/LP/22/PT/20/055	Bearings for Preventive Maintenance Forklift Trucks -14	50,000.00	1,000.00	08.09.2022 13.30 Hrs

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contracts Act No.03 of 1987 are applicable to tenders total Cost exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly all parties involved in aforementioned tenders 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 19th August 2022 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day 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**



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority invites sealed bids from interested parties for the following contract works/jobs.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
EW/8/PT/235/T/TC/2022	01 Year Term Contract for Service and Repairs of Air Conditioning Systems of Terberg Yard Tractors	Rs. 150,000.00	Rs. 4,500.00	14.09.2022 14.00 Hrs
EW/8/406/2022	01 year Term contract for Rebuilding of Motor Tyres	Rs. 30,000.00	Rs. 8,000.00	14.09.2022 14.00 Hrs

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 are applicable to tender exceeding Rs. 05 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
3. Bidders should have been in the business of similar service at least during the last three years.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Engineer (Mechanical Plant), Mechanical Plant Engineering Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01 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 from Engineering Works Branch, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01, on submission of a written application addressed to the Chief Engineer (Mechanical Plant), upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 04 by cash from 19.08. 2022 (09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs) up to date prior to the closing date .
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below and on or before closing time of relevant date. Late bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened at the same address immediately after the closing of tender in the presence of the bidders' representatives. All bids shall be accompanied by the amount of relevant Bid Security.

Chief Engineer (Mechanical Plant),

**Mechanical Plant Engineering Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road,
Colombo 01.**

Telephone :- 011 2451920, 011 2482960 Fax No. 011 2324071



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Ministry of Education

Technological Education Development Programme (TEDP)

The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Secretary, Ministry of Education invites sealed bids for the below mentioned procurements, from eligible and qualified bidders. Complete details are included in the bidding document, Expected delivery period is 16 - 20 weeks from the date of letter of acceptance. Bidder may quote for one or more bids as well as one or more lots. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security as indicated in the table below.

S. No.	Bid Description and Reference No.	Lots & Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable fee	Date and Times for submission of bids
01	Procurement of Laptops, Smart Panels & Document Cameras (Supply, Delivery & Installation) for Technological Faculties of Schools under TEDP Bid No. ED/TEDP/PRO/01/2022/G-02	1,375,000.00	Rs. 25,000.00	09 th September 2022 On or before 10.00 a.m.
02	Procurement of Computers, Laptops & Smart Panels (Supply, Delivery & Installation) for 13 Years guaranteed Education Programme under TEDP. Bid No. ED/TEDP/PRO/01/2022/G-08	2,370,000.00	Rs. 40,000.00	09 th September 2022 On or before 11.00 a.m.
03	Procurement of Biology & Chemistry Equipment for Technological Laboratory of NIE under TEDP Bid No. ED/TEDP/PRO/01/2022/G-10	Lot A = 45,000.00 Lot B = 20,000.00 Lot C = 32,000.00 Lot D = 2,000.00 Lot E = 40,000.00 Lot F = 85,000.00 Lot G = 10,000.00	Rs. 8,000.00	09 th September 2022 On or before 11.30 a.m.

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Division, Ministry of Education, 5th Floor, "Isurupaya" Battaramulla (Telephone: 011-2785573) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from 09.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m. on working days until 8th September 2022.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Procurement Division, Ministry of Education, upon submission of a written application at or before 3.00 p.m. on 08th September 2022 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 26th August 2022 at Procurement Division, Ministry of Education, 05th Floor, Isurupaya, Battaramulla (For S.No. 1 and 2 only).
- Each bid should be submitted in a separate envelope. Bids must be delivered to the Procurement Division, Ministry of Education, 5th Floor, "Isurupaya" Battaramulla on or before above mentioned date and times. Late bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given above after closing of bids.

Secretary
Ministry of Education
"Isurupaya",
Battaramulla.



Sri Lanka Customs

Notice to the Public

PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL ENTRY OF GOODS TO THE COUNTRY

Due to the prevailing foreign exchange crisis in the country, over the past period, the Government imposed restrictions temporarily on importation of several non-essential and luxury goods.

However, Sri Lanka Customs has observed an increase in the importation of such restricted goods by the way of accompanied passenger baggage and packages sent through freight forwarders / service providers (Unaccompanied Passenger baggage - UPB), gift parcels (air & sea cargo, and postal and courier services). It is further observed that some passengers are bringing such goods in commercial quantities, violating the regulations imposed under the Customs Ordinance and Imports and Exports (Control) Act.

Therefore, Sri Lanka Customs informs to refrain from bringing such restricted or temporarily suspended goods or goods in commercial quantities to the country through accompanied passenger baggage, in packages sent through freight forwarders / service providers (Unaccompanied Passenger Baggage - (UPB), gift parcels (air & sea cargo and postal, courier services) with immediate effect.

If these regulations are not followed, action will be taken against such offenders, in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Ordinance and Imports and Exports (Control) Act.

Director General of Customs

Sri Lanka Customs
"Customs House",
No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11.

16.08.2022

PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned on or before 31 December 2020 at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank, Galle Region and unredeemed up to 23.09.2022 will be sold by Public Auction at the following Branch Premises starting from 9.00 a.m. each day.

Date of Auction	24th of September 2022 (Saturday)			25th of September 2022 (Sunday)
Place of Auction	Galle Fort Premises	Ambalangoda Premises	Hikkaduwa Premises	Thalgaswala Premises
Branches Pawned	Galle Fort, Galle Main Street, Ahangama, Koggala, Karapitiya	Ambalangoda, Elpitiya, Balapitiya, Urugasmanhandiya	Baddegama, Hikkaduwa, Batapola	Udugama, Imaduwa, Thalgaswala, Wanduramba,
Service Centres Pawned	Pettigalawaththa, Wanchawala, Ginthota, Kaluwella, Pinnaduwa	Ambalangoda Main Street, Wathugedara, Karandeniya, Pitigala, Kurundugahahatakma, Kosgoda	Rathgama, Gonapinuwala, Kumarakanda, Meetiyyagoda	Neluwa, Yakkalamulla, Bogahagoda, Nagoda

The Bank reserves the right to change the place, cancel, amalgamate or postpone any of these Auctions without further notice to the Public.

Regional Manager
People's Bank,
Regional Head Office, Galle.
Telephone Nos. 0912223563, 0912223564,
0912234174



COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

INVITATION TO TENDER / BID

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed tenders for the following supply of services / goods from eligible and qualified tenderers / bidders.

Se/ No.	Tender No.	Description	Eligibility of Tenderers / Bidders	Non-refundable Tender/ Bidding Document Fee	Value of Bid Bond / Security (Rs.)
1	CPD21/1400 /2022	Tender for hiring of buses for staff transport		Rs. 5,600.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 50,000.00
2	CPD 17/1635 /2022	Burial of the bodies of poor persons who could not be identified and the owners did not appear as per the orders issued by the Judicial Medical Officer at the Borella Police Mortuary and burial in the Borella Cemetery.	Suppliers/Service Providers having Experience in this type of supplies/ services with Business Registration	Rs. 2,240.00	Unconditional on demand guarantee for Rs. 200,000.00

Tender document (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by two methods.

Method 01 - Download from the CMC website (www.colombo.mc.gov.lk).

I. Non-refundable Tender / Bidding Document fee can be paid by following method.

- Any People's Bank Branch to credit People's Bank, Town Hall Branch, Acc No: 167-1-001-6-3169425.
- Payment counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo city limits from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekdays.
 - **District Office 04**
No: 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 06.
 - **Drainage & Water Supply Division,**
Maligakanda, Colombo 10.

II. It is mandatory to attach the original receipt / slip with the tender / bidding document.

Method 02 - Collect from Town Hall Premises.

- Tender / bidding document could be obtained from the office of Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07 on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 07/09/2022, upon payment of a non-refundable tender document fee for each tender / bidding to the shroff counters of Town Hall Premises.
- Tender /bidding documents will not be available on the website / issued after 3.00 p.m. on 07th of September 2022.
- Value of unconditional on demand bid bond / security should be valid till 150 days from the date of closing of tenders / bids. Bid bond / Security shall be valid till 04/02/2023. Offer should be valid till 04/01/2023.
- The ORIGINAL duly filled sealed tender / bidding document with the DUPLICATE should be deposited in the Tender box kept at the Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 08th of September 2022.
- Tenders / bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 08th of September 2022 and tenders / bids received after closing time will be rejected and tenders / bids will be opened immediately thereafter. If this day is declared as a Public Holiday, tenders / bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs. on the following working day. Tenderers / bidders or authorized representatives are allowed to be present at the opening. Clarifications could be obtained from the Chief Accountant (Procurement) Tel: 0112- 686389, 0112-686369, 0112-662329.
- Tenderers/ bidders whose tenders/ bids are over Rs. 5.0 Million should submit PCA (3) after registration with the Public Contracts Registrar according to the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.

J . M. Bhadrane Jayawardhana
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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PEOPLE'S BANK

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Articles pawned up to 31.12.2020 at the undermentioned Branches and Service Centers of the People's Bank in Monaragala Region and will not be redeemed up to 21.09.2022, 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	22.09.2022
Place of Auction	Monaragala Branch
Branches Pawned	Bibile, Medagama, Wellawaya, Badalkumbura, Monaragala, Siyabalanduwa, Buttala, Kataragama, Thanamalwila
Service Centers Pawned	Ethiliwewa, Dambagalle, Monaragala, Okkampitiya, Hambegamuwa

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,
No. 99, Wellawaya Road,
Monaragala.
Telephone No. 055-2276350



PEOPLE'S BANK

Embilipitiya Branch

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 29D OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO.29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY THE ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

It is hereby notified that the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board of Directors of the People's Bank under Section 29D of the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986 at their meeting held on 30.06.2022.

Whereas

Darshaka Udayakumara Hemantha Handuwala

has made default in payment due on the **Mortgage Bond No. 03** dated 01.12.2016 attested by **Sakula Prajapathie Kumaranayake** Notary Public and **Mortgage Bond No. 3117** dated 09.05.2018, **Mortgage Bond No. 3209** dated 16.10.2018 attested by **Darshani Dassanayake** Notary Public, in favour of the People's Bank and there is now due and owing to the People's Bank a sum of **RUPEES TWENTY FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED & TEN THOUSAND (RS.24,910,000/-)**, **RUPEES SIX MILLION NINE HUNDRED & EIGHTY THOUSAND (RS. 6,980,000/-)**, **RUPEES FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND (RS.4,990,000/-)** on the said Bonds. The Board of Directors of People's Bank under the powers vested in them by the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986 do hereby resolve that the immovable property and premises mortgaged to the said bank by the said bond Nos. **03, 3117 & 3209** to be sold by Public Auction by Schokman & Samarawickrama, Licensed Auctioneer of Colombo for recovery of the said sum of **RUPEES TWENTY FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED & TEN THOUSAND (RS.24,910,000/=)** with further interest thereon at **Weekly AWPLR + 4.5%** per annum from **05.05.2020**, **RUPEES SIX MILLION NINE HUNDRED & EIGHTY THOUSAND (RS. 6,980,000/=)**, with further interest thereon at **Weekly AWPLR + 6.5%** per annum from **05.05.2020**, **RUPEES FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND (RS.4,990,000/=)** with further interest thereon at **Weekly AWPLR + 7.5%** per annum from **05.05.2020**, to date of sale and costs and moneys recoverable under section (29L) of the said People's Bank Act less payment (if any) since received.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY MORTGAGED

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked **Lot A** depicted in Plan No.6562 dated 28.03.2015 made by L K Gunasekara Licensed Surveyor, and the land called **"BIMBADUYAYA"** situated at Embilipitiya Pallegama Village, Pallegama Gramaniladhari Division, Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat area, in the Diyapotagam Pattu of Kolonna Korale in the District of Ratnapura Sabaragamuwa Province and bounded on the **North** by Land claimed by T D Premadasa & K Dayawathie, on the **East** by remaining portion of the same land claimed by D U H Handuwala, on the **South** by remaining portion of same land claimed by D U H Handuwala, on the **West** by Road access, Lot B (Reservation) and containing in extent **One Rood, Nine Perches (00A,01R,9P)**, together with the buildings, trees, plantations & everything else standing thereon and together with the right of way over and along the Lot B in Plan No. 6562 containing in extent **Eight decimal One Four Perches (00A,00R,8.14P)** and all other right of ways to enter this land.

Above land is a re-survey of the land described below

All that divided and defined allotment of land depicted in Plan No.1222 dated 05.07.2000 made by G W K Manamperi Licensed Surveyor, and the land called **"BIMBADUYAYA"** situated at Embilipitiya Pallegama Village, Pallegama Gramaniladhari Division, Embilipitiya Divisional Secretariat area, in the Diyapotagam Pattu of Kolonna Korale in the District of Ratnapura Sabaragamuwa Province and bounded on the **North** by Land claimed by T D Premadasa & Siman Singhgo, on the **East** by land claimed by Aron Singhgo, on the **South** by Land claimed by Aron Singhgo & M Siripala, on the **West** by Road access, (Stream Reservation) and containing in extent **One Rood, Nine Perches (00A,01R,9P)**, together with the buildings, trees, plantations & everything else standing thereon and registered under **L27/128** at the District Land Registry of Embilipitiya.

By order of the Board of Directors
Regional Manager
Ratnapura

People's Bank
Regional Head Office,
New Town, Ratnapura



NOTICE !

It is kindly informed by me, that views and proposals of the General Public of the authority area of the Kalawana Pradeshiya Sabha, to be included in the Budget Proposals for the year 2023, be sent to be received on or before 31.08.2022, by the Kalawana Pradeshiya Sabha.

K.V.S. Chaminda Indrapriya
Chairman
Kalawana Pradeshiya Sabha
Kalawana

SALE OF TODDY RENTS BALANGODA DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT DIVISION - 2023

TODDY TAVERN NO : 01-BALANGODA

The above rents will be sold by tender at the Divisional Secretariat Balangoda on 08th of September 2022 at 10.30 a.m.

For further particulars, please see the Government Gazette No. 1303 dated 29th of July 2022 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

H.M.H. Bandara
Divisional Secretary
Balangoda

Divisional Secretariat, Balangoda.
10th of August 2022

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Purchase of Medical Equipment

Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services

Office of the Regional Director of Health Services - Matale

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Matale invites bids from qualified bidders for the purchase of medical equipment for the year 2022.

	Medical Equipment	Quantity
01	Diathermy Machine	01

- Bid application forms prepared for bidders for the supply of medical equipment will be issued at the office of the Regional Director of Health Services, U.C. Road, Matale from 19.08.2022 to 01.09.2022 on working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
- The receipt obtained from the Shroff of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Matale for the cash payment of a non-refundable sum of Rs. 3000.00 per each list should be produced to obtain bid applications.
- Your Bids should be accompanied with a Bid Security of 2% of the total bid value obtained in favour of the Regional Director of Health Services, Matale from a reputed commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- Duly perfected bids inserted in two separate covers as original and duplicate should be enclosed in a single envelope of which the top left-hand corner be marked as **"Supply of Medical Equipment"**.
- Duly perfected bid forms should either be sent by registered post to the address mentioned below or hand delivered and deposited in the bid container kept at the Accounts Division of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Matale at or before 10.00 a.m. on 02.09.2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives could participate at the time. For further details please contact TP 066-2222326 / 066-2222734.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 29.08.2022 at the Auditorium of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Matale.

Chairman
Procurement Committee,
Office of the Regional Director of Health Services
Matale

19.08.2022

Newspaper Advertisement

Land Ministry No :
4-3/10/2020/MV/288-A

Chapter (460) of the Land Acquisition Act as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

Notice Under Section 7

The lands described below are expected to be acquired by the Government for the construction of the Bowathenna Tunnel and the construction related to the North West Provincial Canal Project. For more details see the Special Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2291/22 dated 02.08.2022.

Schedule

District : Matale
Divisional Secretary's Division : Naula
Gram Niladhari's Division : Meegolla
Village : Meegolla
Land Name : As mentioned in the Special Gazette
Extent : As mentioned in the Special Gazette
Lot Nos : 1298, 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316
Preliminary Plan No. : F.V.P. 252, Sup No. 43 and Sheet No. 43
Address : Divisional Secretary Office - Naula

Chinthaka Ilangasingha
Land Acquiring Officer /
Naula Divisional Secretary

Date : 15.08.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR

Name of Company :
CEYLINCO INVESTMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED
Registration No : PB 354
Address of Registered Office :
No. 22/2/1, 2nd Floor, Mihindu Mawatha, Kurunegala.
Court
Commercial High Court, Colombo
Case No. HC (Civil) 13/2015/CO
Date of Order
23rd March 2022
Notice of the Appointment of Liquidator
04th August 2022
Name of Liquidator
Getawa Kandage Sudath Kumar
Address of Liquidator
No. 46, Lumbini Mawatha, Dalugama, Kelaniya.
Office Address of Liquidator
No. 142, 3rd Floor, Yathama Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

Replies to Classifieds & Casual Advertisements published C/o the

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should only be sent by ordinary post. Replies sent under registered cover will not be accepted.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 9 (2) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 in respect of the Name Change of undermentioned company.

Former Name of the Company :
Taprobane Securities (Private) Limited

New Name of the Company :
Ambeon Securities (Private) Limited

Registration No. : PV 16031

Registered Office Address :
No. 10, Gothami Road, Colombo 08.

Date of Name Change Certificate : 29th July 2022.

On behalf of the above Company
Managers & Secretaries (Private) Limited
Secretaries
No. 08, Tickell Road, Colombo 08.



SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

TENDER FOR DRY DOCKING OF P/L PILOT 16 FOR OVERHAULING OF DIRECTIONAL PROPULSION SYSTEM

Tender No. : EW/04/PT/2022/MA/24/16

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority invites sealed bids from interested parties for **Dry Docking of P/L PILOT 16 (IMO No. 9873682) for Overhauling of Directional Propulsion System** at a shipyard where necessary facilities are available for dry docking more than 25 m length, 4 m width and 100 GRT vessels.
- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of the public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable to tender exceeding SL Rs. 05 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each tender are required to strictly abide by the said Act throughout the duration of contract and submit the duly completed registration certificate along with his bid documents.
- Bidders should have been in the business of similar service at least during the last five years where should have 03 years of proven experience in dry docking of vessels or boats not less than 100GRT.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Engineer (Marine), Marine Engineering Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01 and may inspect the bidding documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders from Engineering Works Branch, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01, on submission of a written application addressed to the Chief Engineer (Marine) given below, **from 09.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs on working days from 22.08.2022 to 07.09.2022 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of SL Rs. 2500.00** (Inclusive of 12% VAT) by cash.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs. 98,000.00** and **"Dry Docking of P/L PILOT 16 (IMO No. 9873682) for Overhauling of Directional Propulsion System- EW/04/PT/2022/MA/24/16"** should be clearly indicated on top of the left corner of the envelope of the sealed bid.
- Sealed bids may either be sent by registered post addressed to Chief Engineer (Marine), Marine Engineering Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01 or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the same address **at or before 14.00 Hrs on 08.09.2022**. Late bids shall not be accepted.
- Bids will be opened at the same address immediately after the closing of bids and bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of bid opening.

Chief Engineer (Marine)
Marine Engineering Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.
Telephone :- 011-2482330, 011-2342537 Fax No. 011-2342537



GAMPAHA WICKRAMARACHCHI UNIVERSITY OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE

TO OBTAIN HOUSES ON LEASE BASIS FOR THE PROVISION OF HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

- Applications are hereby invited to obtain houses, on lease basis, suitable for the use as students' hostels of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine.
- Interested owners of such houses having clear title deeds of ownership, may submit tenders with following information. Lease period will be for 02 years, leasing will be conducted subject to the Govt. valuations of the houses concerned.
 - Should be houses, capable of providing residential boarding facilities for around 30 - 40 Nos. students, situated within 02 kilometres from the Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine.
 - Should consist of adequate water, electricity and sanitary facilities and should be situated in a secure and safe environment, having boundary walls and gates fixed surrounding the said house.
 - Should have an unobstructed clear and easy access road facility.
 - Expected monthly lease rental should be stated clearly.
- Tenders are conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- All tenders should be deposited in the tender box kept at the Students Welfare Division of the University, to receive at or before 2.00 p.m. on 02.09.2022, and tenders thus received will be opened at 2.15 p.m. on the same day. Late tenders will be rejected. Tenderers or their accredited agents could be present on this occasion of opening of tenders.

For further details in this regard, if required please contact Assistant Registrar (Students Welfare) over telephone No. 033-2222618.

Registrar,
Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine
Yakkala.

19.08.2022

Bid Invitation**Ministry of Tourism & Lands
Survey Department of Sri Lanka****Procurement of annual requirements - 2022****Bid No: SD/IV/2022**

01. Invitation to submit sealed bids from suppliers for procurement of the following service relevant to the Procurement of annual requirements for 2022 in the Survey Department.

Serial Number	Description	Bid Security (Rs.)
01	Obtaining of Security Service for the Surveyor General's Office (for one year)	100,000.00

02. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
03. Interested bidders may inspect Bidding Documents from the Senior Superintendent of Surveys (Procurement and Supplies) in Surveyor General's Office during office hours and feel free to contact us on 011-2368106 for further information.
04. Pre-Bid meeting will be held at old auditorium of the department at 10.00 am on 07.09.2022
05. A complete set of Bidding Documents can be obtained upon an application and payment of a non-refundable fee of two thousand rupees (Rs.2,000.00) from the Senior Superintendent of Surveys (Procurement and Supplies) in Surveyor General's Office until 2.30 p.m. during office hours on 21.09.2022.
06. Indicating the name of the item on the top left corner of the envelope enclosing the duly completed bid forms (Must have two copies), sealed envelopes should be sent to reach to the address of Senior Superintendent of Surveys (Procurement and Supplies), Survey Department, No. 150, Kirula Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 05 before at 11.00 a.m. on 22.09.2022. Late applications will be rejected. Bids will be opened at Procurement and Supplies Branch in Survey Department at 11.05 a.m. on 22.09.2022 and those who submitted bids or their authorized representatives are allowed to be present at the opening of bids. All bids must be accompanied by bid securities mentioned in the schedule above.

**Surveyor General,
Survey Department,
No. 150, Kirula Road,
Colombo 05.**

19.08.2022

**Information Technology Resources
Development Authority
Western Province****Invitation for Bids
(IFB) (WP/ITRDA/AD/PU/ICT/4/WPC-02)**

**Supply, Delivery, Installation, Configuration, Testing, Commissioning Renewal and Maintenance of Microsoft Software Licenses, Microsoft Products Support, Services with Hardware Servers and Technical Support :
Western Provincial Council Building-Battaramulla**

The Chairman, Procurement Committee (PC), on behalf of IT Resources Development Authority, Western Province invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Configuration, Testing, Commissioning Renewal and Maintenance of Microsoft Software Licenses, Microsoft Products Support, Services with Hardware Servers and Technical Support: Western Provincial Council Building-Battaramulla. Detailed description of the Requirements and Specifications is given in the bidding document.

Bidding will be conducted using the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure that shall be governed by the procurement guidelines of Government of Sri Lanka and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the eligibility and qualification requirements given in the bidding documents. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Director, IT Resources Development Authority (WP), Sri Sangaraja Mawatha, Colombo 10 and inspect the bidding documents during office hours on working days commencing from August 17, 2022 at the above address. Telephone: 011-2381125, Fax 011-2381122, Email: info@itrd.wp.gov.lk. Bidding Documents are also available on www.itrda.wp.gov.lk and https://www.promise.lk/only for inspection purposes.

**Chairman
Procurement Committee
Information Technology Resources Development
Authority - Western Province**

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**SUPPLYING, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF PLAY
ITEMS FOR THE PROPOSED CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
"ECO AGRO PARK, HOLUWAGODA" GALLE**

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLIDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contract.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Security
S/460/22	Supplying, Installation and Commissioning of Play Items for the Proposed Children's play area "Eco Agro Park, Holuwagoda" Galle	09 th September 2022 13.30 hrs	Rs. 280,000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from 19th August 2022 up to 08th September 2022 (working days) upon payment of non-refundable fee of Rs.7,500.00 The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3rd Floor, New Building).
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1st Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before **09th September 2022 at 13:30 hrs.** Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time.
- Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on 1st September 2022 at 10.00a.m at SLIDC board room.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (D&R) of SLIDC Tel: +94 11 2862058 Fax: +94 11 2862058

**Chairman
Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation**
No.03, Sri Jayewardenepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.
Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk

TENDER NOTICE**Ministry of Plantation
Elkaduwa Plantations Limited****Tender Invitation for the cut and removal of dangerously
positioned trees and timber trees****Tender No - EPL/PL/TB/T-06/2022 Timber**

Sealed Tenders will be received for the cut and removal of trees, stated below, in the undermentioned plantations administered under the Elkaduwa Plantations Limited.

Estate	Type of Trees	No. of Trees	Other Facts	Lot No.	Refundable Deposit - Rs. -
Ratwatta	Mahogany	20	Trees belonging to Forest Management Plan	01	50,000.00
Ratwatta	Mahogany	20	Trees belonging to Forest Management Plan	02	100,000.00
Ratwatta	Eucalyptus	7	Trees belonging to Forest Management Plan	03	50,000.00
Ratwatta	Mahogany	27	Trees belonging to Forest Management Plan	04	50,000.00
Elkaduwa	Albizzia	15	Trees belonging to Forest Management Plan	05	100,000.00
Elkaduwa	Albizzia	12	Trees belonging to Forest Management Plan	06	50,000.00
Elkaduwa	Eucalyptus	15	Trees belonging to Forest Management Plan	07	100,000.00
Nalanda	Maara	01	Trees blocking Electricity Transmission Lines	08	1,000.00

Relevant tender documents and the conditions can be obtained from 19.08.2022 up to 12.30 p.m. on 01.09.2022 from the relevant estate offices or the sub office at No. 320, "Janawathu Piyasa", T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 or from 19.08.2022 up to 12.30 p.m. on 02.09.2022 from the Head Office of the Elkaduwa Plantations Limited at Ratwatta, Ukuwela on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000/- .

Duly filled sealed bid documents should be handed over to the Chairman of the Tender Board of the Head Office of the Elkaduwa Plantations Limited at Ratwatta, Ukuwela, to be received at or before 1.00 p.m. on 02.09.2022. Bids received will be opened in the presence of the Tenderers at 1.00 p.m. on 02.09.2022. The decision of the Chairman, Tender Board, shall be the final.

- The Chairman retains the right to negotiate with all the buyers who submit maximum quotations which are considered unsatisfactory.

**Chairman,
Procurement Board,
Elkaduwa Plantations Limited,
Head Office,
Ratwatta,
Ukuwela.**

**Tel. Nos. 066-2242522 - Head Office
066-3133355 - Elkaduwa Estate
066-3682734 - Ratwatta Estate
066-3682755 - Nalanda Estate**

**Telecommunications Regulatory
Commission of Sri Lanka****Invitation for Bids****LICENSE RENEWAL OF VIRUS GUARD OF TRCSL**

Bidders are invited by the Chairman of the Senior Procurement Committee of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL), No. 276, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo - 08 for License Renewal of Virus Guard of TRCSL.

Bid documents can be obtained by the interested parties on submission of a written application to the Administration & Human Resource Division of TRCSL upon a payment of non-refundable tender fee of **Rs. 2,000.00** in cash from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** on weekdays till **06.09.2022**.

Bidders may obtain further information, inspect and acquire the bid documents from the Administration & Human Resource Division of TRCSL.

Sealed bids written "**License Renewal of Virus Guard of TRCSL**" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope should be delivered to the Chairman, Senior Procurement Committee, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka, No. 276, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08 to receive on or before **07.09.2022 at 2.00 p.m.** through registered post or to place in the bidding box available at the entrance of the TRCSL. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time in the presence of the bidders.

**Chairman,
Senior Procurement Committee,
Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka,
No. 276, Elvitigala Mawatha,
Colombo - 08 .**

INVITATION FOR TENDERS**TEMPORARY LEASING OF THE TOMLIN PARK RESTAURANT OF THE KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Sealed applications in two copies are invited by me up to 10.00 a.m. on 08.09.2022 for maintaining the Canteen located in the Tomlin Park premises belonging to the Kandy Municipal Council on temporary leasing to be maintained as a Restaurant.

Tender applications containing tender conditions will be issued during working days of the week up to 2.45 p.m. on 07.09.2022 during office hours by the Accountant - Revenue of the Kandy Municipal Council.

Applications will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on 08.09.2022 and further details could be obtained on Telephone No. 081-2227395.

Schedule

Serial No.	Location	Nature of Business	Period of Tender	Non Refundable Tender Form Fee Rs. Cts.	Value of Refundable Tender Guarante Deposit Rs. Cts.	Minimum Bid Rs. Cts.
01	Tomlin Park Restaurant	● Restaurant	For a period of 05 years	3000.00 + VAT	500,000.00	5,000,000.00

- This restaurant should be maintained as a A Grade Restaurant and based on the particulars in the Tender Conditions List, a successful bidder will be selected after an evaluation.
- The refundable tender deposit amount is Rs. 500,000.00. The receipt obtained upon payment of the tender deposit amount to the Shroff Division of the Kandy Municipal Council should be attached and submitted with the tender application. Applications submitted in contrary to this procedure will be rejected.
- In addition to the accepted tender amount, value added tax should be paid.

Office of the Kandy Municipal Council
15.08.2022

**K.K.G.I.D.P. Wijethilaka
Kandy Municipal Commissioner**

**PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF
UNREDEEMED PAWNED
GOLD ARTICLES**

Gold Articles pawned up to 31.03.2021, including that date, at the rural bank branches of the Minuwangoda Multi Purpose Cooperative Society Limited, pawning agents of Sri Lanka Cooperative Rural Banks Federation Limited, namely, Minuwangoda, Uduwampola, Nedagamuwa, Horampella, Opatha, Korase, Vidiyawatta, Kotugoda, Devalapola, Asgiriya, Nilpanagoda West, Yatiyana, Naiwala, Madelgamuwa, Vigoda, Essella, Doranagoda, Mabodala I/Uduwampola, Wathumulla, Medagampitiya, Galloluwa and Yakahatuwa and not redeemed up to 20.09.2022 will be sold by public auction on two days: **Saturday, 24.09.2022 and Sunday, 25.09.2022** on the upper floor of the Minuwangoda Filling Station, belonging to the Society.

**General Manager
Minuwangoda Multi Purpose Cooperative Society
Limited,
M.P. de Z. Siriwardene Mawatha,
Minuwangoda.**

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 Peoples Bank in Ampara Region and not redeemed up to 19.09.2022, will be sold by Public Auction on the date and premises given below.

The Auction will commence at 9.00 a.m. each day.

Date of Auction	20.09.2022, 21.09.2022, 22.09.2022
Place of Auction	Ampara Regional Head Office Premises
Branches Pawned	Ampara, Kalmunai, Akkaraipattu, Sammanthurai, Pottuvil, Mahaoya, Uhana, Karativu, Thirukkovil, Addalaichenai, Nintavur, Sainthamaruthu, Maruthamunai
Service Centres Pawned	Nawagampura, Eragama, Alayadivembu, Sammanthurai, Vilinayady, Panama, Padiyathalawa, Gonagolla, Central Camp, Oluvil, Palamunai

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,
D.S. Senanayake Mawatha, Ampara.
Telephone Nos. 063-2222516, 063-2222332



PUBLIC NOTICE APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR

Name of Company : SERAKA INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Registration No : PB 879
Address of Registered Office :
No. 134, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Court
Commercial High Court, Colombo
Case No.
HC (Civil) 51/2019/CO
Date of Order
01st December 2022
Order of Appointment of Liquidator
20th July 2020
Notice of the Appointment of Liquidator
22nd July 2022
Name of Liquidator
Getawa Kandege Sudath Kumar
Address of Liquidator
No. 46, Lumbini Mawatha, Dalugama, Kelaniya.
Office Address of Liquidator
No. 142, 3rd Floor, Yathama Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

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TENDER NOTICE

Quotations are hereby invited from prospective manpower outsourcing vendors for providing below services to People's Bank.

Tender No.	Description	Bid Bond Value (LKR)	Last date & time of issuing Tender Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P/089/2022	Recruitment of 12 drivers for 12 months on outsource basis.	100,000/=	1 st Sept. 2022 at 2.00 p.m.	2 nd Sept. 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

- Tender documents could be obtained upon producing a request letter under bidder's letterhead and paying Rs. 1,500/- as a non-refundable Tender fee for each tender form, to People's Bank - Supplies Department between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from 19th August 2022 until the last date of issuing Tender Documents as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
- Bids should be accompanied by a refundable deposit as Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond from a Commercial Bank (other than People's Bank) issued by a reputed Bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for procurement of goods & services, equivalent to a sum of Rs. 100,000/- as security deposit, valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the day of opening the tender. Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts are also acceptable in lieu of Bid bonds. Cheque drawn by the bidder will not be accepted. Conditional Bonds also not accepted.
- Sealed tenders may be sent by registered post, courier or deposited in the tender box kept at this Department at No. 30/ 101, Kew Road, Colombo 02, Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the above mentioned date. Tenders received after 2.00 pm. on due date will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a tender without assigning any reasons.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on the telephone nos. given below.

Chief Manager (Supplies)
People's Bank, Supplies Dept.,
No. 30/101, Kew Road,
Colombo 02.
Tele. Nos. : 2439577 / 8, 2307326
Fax No. : 2439576
Web : www.peoplesbank.lk
Email : supplies@peoplesbank.lk



Invitation for Bids

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Ministry of Agriculture

National Competitive Bidding

Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP)

IDA Credit No : 6346 LK - P163742

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) - World Bank towards the cost of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project of the Ministry of Agriculture and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the Contracts given in the table below.
- The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee on behalf of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of GOODS described in the table below.

No.	Contract No.	Description of Work	Non Refundable Fee (LKR)	Bid Security Value in (LKR) and Validity Date
01	LK-MOA-282150-GO-RFB/PMU/Print(24)2022/03	Printing of Hand Books and Work Books for Farmer Business School Training Program, and Leaflets for Farmer Producer Society Program in Sinhala and Tamil Languages	6,500.00	386,000.00 valid up to 2nd February 2023
02	LK-MOA-280247-GO-RFB/PMU Mi. sprnk(18)/2022/003	Purchasing of Sprinkler Irrigation Systems for Yala, Maha and Cluster Village Program for 2022 for Northern, Eastern, Uva, North Western, North Central and Southern Provinces Lot No. 1 - 1567 Nos of Supplying, installation and commissioning of Sprinkler Irrigation Systems 0.25 Acre for Northern, Eastern, Uva, North Western, North Central and Southern Provinces Lot No. 2 - Supplying, installation and commissioning of 40 Nos of Sprinkler Irrigation Systems 0.5 Acre for Eastern Provinces Lot No. 3 - Supplying, installation and commissioning of 94 Nos of Jet Irrigation Systems 0.25 Acre for Northern Province Lot No. 4 - Supplying, installation and commissioning of 2 Nos of Jet Irrigation Systems 0.5 Acre for Southern Province Lot No. 5 - Supplying, installation and commissioning of 342 Nos of Drip Irrigation Systems 0.25 Acre for Northern, Eastern, Uva, North Western, North Central and Southern Provinces	6,500.00	2,233,000.00 valid up to 2nd February 2023 166,000.00 valid up to 2nd February 2023 155,000.00 valid up to 2nd February 2023 8000.00 valid up to 2nd February 2023 770,000.00 valid up to 2nd February 2023
03	LK-MOA-300295-GO-RFB/PMU (All Province)/GrB(02)/2022/36	Procurement of 2,670,950 Nos. of Grow Bags for Six Provinces (Northern, Eastern, Uva, North Western, North Central and Southern Provinces) under Home Gardening Program 2022 under World Bank Funded Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project	6,500.00	2,867,000.00 valid up to 2nd February 2023

- Bidding shall be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Procurement - Specialist, Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project - CSIAP No: 61/1, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha, Madinnagoda, Rajagiriya. Tel : 0112871293/0112053252 Fax No : 0112053167 and inspect the bidding documents free of cost at the same place on working days from **18th August 2022 to 9th September 2022 from 9.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs.**
- Bidding Document in English Language can be purchased by eligible bidders on the submission of a written application on original Letterhead to the Project Director at the address mentioned in Item 4 above, and paying a non-refundable fee (Please refer above table for the amount) in Cash only on Working days from **18th August 2022 to 9th September 2022** from 09:00 hrs. to 14:00 hrs (2.00 p.m.).
- To be eligible for Contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the requirements in Bidding Document.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on **25th August at 10.00 Hrs.**, at the place mentioned in Item 4 above. Prospective bidders are requested to get well conversant with the Bidding Document especially with Specification, ITB, and Contract Data before attending.
- Bid must be accompanied by an Unconditional Bid Guarantee in prescribed format in the Bidding Document for the value and date mentioned in above Table. Any Bid without a valid Bid Guarantee as indicated will be considered as non-responsive and rejected without any query.
- All pages of the Bidding Documents shall be signed by the bidder and affixed his seal. The Bids shall be submitted as the Original and the Duplicate. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed in separate sealed envelopes and marked as the "Original" and "Duplicate" respectively. Both envelopes shall be enclosed in a sealed single envelope, and write the Description of GOODS and Contract No. on top of left-hand corner of the envelope.
- Completed Bids shall either be deposited in the Tender Box kept for this purpose or sent under registered post addressed to The Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, Project Management Unit, Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project, No: 61/1, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha, Madinnagoda, Rajagiriya to reach at or before **14:00 Hrs. (2.00 p.m.) on 9th September 2022.**
- Bids shall be closed at **14:00 Hrs. (2.00 pm) on 9th September 2022** and opened immediately. Late bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened immediately after closing in the presence of the bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the bid closing date specified above due to Government Notice, the bid closing date will be the immediate next working day and will be opened at the same time and venue.
- The decision of the Project Procurement Committee is final and conclusive. The Project Procurement Committee is empowered to reject single, any or all bids at its own discretion.

Chairman,
Project Procurement Committee, Project Management Unit
Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project,
No. 61/1, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha,
Madinnagoda, Rajagiriya.

Date - 18.08.2022

Bid Invitation

**Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine,
Social Welfare, Probation & Childcare Services**

Office of the Regional Director of Health Services - Nuwara-Eliya Year 2022

Bids will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Office of the Nuwara-Eliya Regional Director of Health Services from qualified bidders, for the purchase of the undermentioned Medical Equipment required for the Office of the Nuwara-Eliya Regional Director of Health Services, under the Provisions reserved by the Primary Health Services Strengthening Programme for the Year 2022.

No.	Matter	Qty.	Non Refundable Fee - Rs. -	Value of Bid Security as a Percentage (Rupees)		Bid Security Valid Period (Rs.)
				Cash	By Non-Cash	
1	AutoClave Table top	10	3500.00	1%	2%	91
2	ECG Machine, Single Channel	10	3500.00	1%	2%	91
3	Emergency Folding rescue Stretcher	5	2500.00	1%	2%	91
4	Hematology Analyzer, 3 part	2	3500.00	1%	2%	91
5	Biochemistry Analyzer, Semi Automated	2	3500.00	1%	2%	91
6	Biochemistry Analyzer, Fully Automated High Through put	1	3500.00	1%	2%	91
7	Dental Unit Floor Mount	2	3500.00	1%	2%	91
8	Light Curing Machine LED Type	8	2500.00	1%	2%	91
9	Dental Micro Motor Units	3	2500.00	1%	2%	91
10	Table Top Instrument Sterilizer (medium)	3	2500.00	1%	2%	91
11	Dental Ultrasonic Scalar Machine	7	2500.00	1%	2%	91
12	Dental X-Ray Extra Oral (Opg) Digital	1	3500.00	1%	2%	91
13	Scanner Ultrasound High End	1	3500.00	1%	2%	91

Relevant bid documents can be obtained from 19.08.2022 up to 08.09.2022, on weekly working days, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission to the Accounts Section of the Receipt received from the Shroff of the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services at Hawaeliya, Nuwara-Eliya on payment of the non-refundable bid fee, as stated above. Bid documents can be inspected free of charge on weekly working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. by calling over at the Office of the Nuwara-Eliya Regional Director of Health Services.

Acceptance of bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 09.09.2022 and completed bids could either be sent by Registered Post to the undermentioned address or placed in the Bid Box kept at the Institution. Bids received will be opened at 10.30 a.m. same day.

- Bids should be prepared in two copies as original and duplicate and placed in separate covers, marked accordingly and then the two covers should be placed in a single sealed cover marked, **"Matter for submitting Bids"** at the left-side top corner very clearly.
- Bid Security to be submitted with the bid could either be paid by cash to the Office of the Nuwara-Eliya Regional Director of Health Services or by Bid Security obtained from commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and drawn in favour of the Nuwara-Eliya Regional Director of Health Services.
- Bids submitting Institution should be a firm registered with the National Drugs Regulatory Authority and should not have been blacklisted. (Bids submitted by blacklisted firms will be rejected).
- Every bid will be forwarded to an Evaluation Committee and the decision of the Procurement Board in this regard shall be the final.
- Bidder or one of his representatives possessing a written authority can be present at the bid opening.

Further details required can be obtained from the Office of the Nuwara-Eliya Regional Director of Health Services - Tel. 052-2234482.

Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Office of the Regional Director of Health Services.

Date - 19.08.2022

at Nuwara-Eliya

CALLING FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
**HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**



Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), being the Governing Body of Cricket in Sri Lanka hereby invites and seeks "Expression of Interest" from reputed companies who are interested in providing a suitable Human Resource Management System (HRMS) for SLC.

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- Maintain role-based access and user privileges
- Integrated time management solution
- Maintain multiple leave policies, workflow and reporting
- Processing Over Time and Allowances by Group, Category or Organisation-wide
- Provide a standardised and online Recruitment facility
- Employees self-service portal

EOI Submission Procedure:

The EOI must be submitted with a brief description of your organization and details of systems developed by your organization on or before 3:00 pm on 29th August 2022 in writing to "The Senior Manager Human Resources", Sri Lanka Cricket, No. 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 07 or via our email - hr@srilankacricket.lk

SLC reserves the right to cancel, amend or vary this EOI at any time at its sole discretion, without assigning reasons whatsoever.

Human Resources Dept. Sri Lanka Cricket,
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS
DIVISIONAL PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD**

Bid No. CEB/MFS/Ph.I Ext/2022/03

**Procurement for Supply 2 Nos of Excavators for Drainage
Canal Excavation Work At Pesalei, Mannar Island**

Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee (Projects) on behalf of Ceylon Electricity Board, invites sealed bids from potential bidders for the contract mentioned above on the basis of National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Bids should be submitted only on bidding documents purchased from the CEB.

Price of Bidding Document - Rs.1,000.00
Value of Bid Security - Rs.50,000.00

Information copies are available on <http://www.ceb.lk> free of charge.

The bidding document may be purchased by any prospective bidders or their accredited agents, on submission of a written request to Project Director, Mannar Wind Power Project (Phase I Extension & Phase III), Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 754, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla, upon payment of the fee indicated above, between 0900 - 1500 hrs., on any working day till two (02) days prior to bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favor of the General Manager, CEB.

Bids should be deposited at	Office of Project Director Mannar Wind Power Project (Phase I Ext & Phase III) No. 754, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
Bids will be opened at	Office of Project Director Mannar Wind Power Project (Phase I Ext & Phase III) No. 754, New Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.
Bid closing date & time	2022 September 05 at 10.00 Hrs.

Tel: 011-2889640 | Fax: 011-2869631 | Website: www.ceb.lk

Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee (Projects)



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Sri Lanka Customs,
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e-mail - ciu@customs.gov.lk



**MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT PROMOTION
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION
INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**Supply and Installation of Application Server for the
Department of Immigration and Emigration, "Suhurupaya",
Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla**

Contract No. : DIE/PRO/01/2022/18

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Department of Immigration & Emigration invites sealed bids as described below from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply and Installation of Application Server for the Department of Immigration and Emigration, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla.
- This Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy Controller (Procurement), Procurement Division, Wing "B", 5th Floor, Department of Immigration and Emigration, Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on any working day.
Contact Nos. - Phone: 011-5329530 /011-5329535 Facsimile: 011-2879091
- A complete set of bidding Documents printed in English medium may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Deputy Controller (Procurement), Procurement Division, Wing "B", 5th Floor, Department of Immigration and Emigration, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla from 9.00am to 3.00pm from 19.08.2022 until 08.09.2022 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Thirty Five Thousand (Rs.35,000.00).
- All bids shall be hand delivered or sent by registered post to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Wing "B", 5th Floor, Department of Immigration and Emigration, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla to reach at or before 2.00pm on 09.09.2022. Bids will be opened before the representatives of the Bidders who wish to be present immediately after closing the invitation of bids at the above address. Late bids will not be entertained and such bids will be returned unopened.
- Bids presented by the bidders shall be valid for a period of 91 days or any extended period with effect from the last date of accepting bids.
- All bids shall be sent to the address of the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration accompanying a Bid Security as mentioned in the form in Section III of the Bidding document. The Bid Security shall be for an amount of Rupees Two million (Rs. 02 million), valid up to 06.01.2023 (91 days + 28 Days) and it shall be issued by one of the agencies indicated in Section II of the Bidding Data Sheet.
- Pre bid meeting will be held at 02.00pm on 30.08.2022, on the 5th Floor of the Department of Immigration and Emigration, "Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla.

Chairman
Procurement Committee of the Department
Department of Immigration and Emigration
"Suhurupaya", Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Sri Lanka Army



Extention of the Invitation for Bids (IFB)

**Procurement for supply and delivery of
Fresh/ Dry provisions for Sri Lanka Army - Year 2023**
Contract Identification No.: S&T/03/DRY RATION/FRESH RATION/2023 (18)

- This is with reference to the Procurement Notice published in Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran paper on 21.07.2022 regarding above mentioned procurement. It is informed that the date and times of issuance of Bid Documents, closing of bids and opening of "FRESH FOOD ITEMS & DRY FOOD ITEMS" stipulated in the IFB para No. 06 of relevant to the ration tender hereby amended as follows.

Last date and time for issuing Bidding Documents - Up to 3.00 pm on 22/09/2022

Last date and time for submission/ closing Bids - Up to 9.00 am on 23/09/2022

Venue, date and time for opening of Bids: - At 10.00 am on 23/09/2022
(Army Indoor Stadium, Army Cantonment, Panagoda)

- All other conditions which have been published in the notice mentioned in para 01 above will remain unchanged.

- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following address and telephone numbers.

Attention : Director, Supply & Transport

Address : Commander of the SL Army,
Army Headquarters,
Sri Jayawardenapura,
Kotte.

Telephone Number : 011 2302569, 011-2302568

Fax Number : 011-2302569

E-mail : dtesandt@army.lk / dtesandt0@gmail.com

Chairman,
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee ,
(Procurement of Food Items (Raw & Dry Rations)
for the Three Armed Services for year 2023),
Ministry of Defence.

TENDER NOTICE




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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

REPLACEMENT OF THERMAL INSULATION OF CHILLED WATER PIPE MAIN SECTION OF THE CENTRAL AC SYSTEM

Tender Number	FMD/MTN/T2/2022/06
Tender Description	Replacement of Thermal Insulation of Chilled Water Pipe Main Section of the Central AC System of the Extension Building of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Bid closing and opening	Date : 9 th September 2022 Time : 1430 Hrs. Location : Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01.
Pre-bid Meeting	Date : 30 th August 2022 Time : 1000 Hrs. Location : Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01.

For further information, please refer
<https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders>
or contact Maintenance and Projects Engineer on 011-2477479.

Director, Facilities Management Department - Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Procurement Notice

Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha


Supply of a Solar Power System under 40 kW Net Metering Method

Procurement No. KMPS/3/1/SOLAR

- Sealed bids are invited by the Procurement Committee of the Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha for the transport, supply, stationing, commissioning and maintenance of a Net Metering Solar Power System.
- All bidders should be institutions registered with the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (for more than 05 years) and should have experience in planning and transport, supply, stationing, commissioning and maintenance of Solar Power System.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- When submitting the duly perfected tenders, a bid security to the value of Rs. 100000.00 drawn in favour of "Chairman, Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha should be submitted and this may be paid in cash or may be submitted by a bank guarantee issued by a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Bank guarantee should be valid for 90 days from the opening date of bid.
- Bid documents may be inspected free of charge by calling over at the Head Office of the Pradeshiya Sabha during normal working hours (Between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.) on working days and further details and clarifications may be obtained either by calling on Tel. No. 011-410288 or via email: kmpsdev@gmail.com
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of bid documents printed in English language between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 19.08.2022 until 08.09.2022 on submission of written application on a Business Letterhead addressed to Pradeshiya Sabha, Gothatuwa New Town upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5000/= in cash.
- Duly perfected bids in duplicate in separate covers mentioning as Original and Duplicate should be reinserted in a single cover mentioning "Invitation of Bids for the Supply of a Solar Power System under 40kW Net Metering Method" on the left hand top corner of the outer envelope and may be deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Official Room of the Secretary at the Head Office of the Pradeshiya Sabha to receive at or before 2.00 p.m. on 09.09.2022. Late tenders will be rejected without opening. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 09.09.2022 immediately after closing of bids at the Meeting Hall at the Head Office of the Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha in the presence of the tenderers or representatives of the tenderers.
- Incomplete and late bids will be rejected and the Procurement Committee of the Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to accept or reject the bids.

Chairman
Kotikawatta Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha
19.08.2022

EXTENTION OF INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SRI LANKA AIRFORCE

Procurement for Supply of delivery of Fresh/Dry Provisions for Sri Lanka Air Force - Year 2023

Contract Identification No SLAF/RA/TB/2023

- This is with reference to the Procurement Notice published in **Daily News, Dinamina, Thinakaran** paper on **21.07.2022** regarding above mentioned procurement. It is informed that the Dates and times of issuance of Bid Documents, closing of bids and opening of "FRESH FOOD ITEMS & DRY FOOD ITEMS" stipulated in the IFB para No 06 with relevant to the ration tender hereby amended as follows;

Last date and time for Issuing Bidding Documents	Up to 03:00 pm on 22.09.2022
Last Date and time for Submission/ closing Bids	09:00 am on 23.09.2022


(at Sri Lanka Air Force Station Colombo)

Venue, Date and time for Opening of Bids: (at Sri Lanka Air Force Trade Training School, Ekala)

"FRESH FOOD ITEMS & DRY FOOD ITEMS" - At 11:00 am on 23.09.2022
At the Trade Training School, Sri Lanka Air Force, Kotugoda, Ekala.
- All other conditions which have been published in the notice mentioned in para 01 above will remain unchanged.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Procurement Officer (Tel. 011-2347694 or 011-2441044 Extension : 23550, 23569 Fax: 011- 2441553).

Attention	: Chief Procurement Officer
Address	: Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force, Air Force Station, Colombo, No. 140, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02.
Telephone Number	: 011 - 2347694/ 011 - 2441044 (Ext: 23550, 23569)
Facsimile Number	: 011- 2441553
E-mail	: cpd@slaf.gov.lk

Chairman,
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,
(Procurement of Fresh Foods and Dry Rations to the Three Armed Services for year 2023),
Ministry of Defence
Defence Headquarters Complex,
Sri Jayawardanepura, Kotte.



LANKA SALT LIMITED

Service of Company Secretary

Lanka Salt Limited (LSL), the largest salt producer in the country with SLS & ISO 9001:22000 accreditation, Applications are called from qualified secretarial firms for the position of Company Secretary in Lanka Salt Limited . Special consideration will be given to the institutions located in the Southern Province.

Corporate Governance :

- Guiding the Board of Directors on the best practice of corporate governance, including good boardroom practice, appointment and induction of directors with relevant approvals as per Companies Act, duties and scope of directors, adoption of best practices at the board meetings.
- Guide the board on latest e-tools that are used for board governances and functionality.

Scope of the Services :

- Attend the meeting of Directors, recording the minutes of the meeting, issuing an extract of the decisions within 3 working days for Chairman Signature.
- Board papers and Agenda to be circulated to all directors before 3 working days of the directors meeting.
- Preparation of Circular Resolutions if needed and its required actions
- Advise the all-Senior Management of preparation of Board Papers as per best board governance
- Issuing the final draft of the Directors Minutes within 7 working days for Chairmans review and amendments as necessary
- Advising and assist the Chairman of directors meeting and its conduct including maintenance of good board governance
- Strict maintenance of confidentiality of board decision and its related documents
- Adhere to statutory provisions stipulated in Companies Act and timely action as necessary.
- Maintenance of required statutory books and other records as per best practices.
- Notifications and filling to the local authorities required by the law and drafting the requisite documents, whenever needed.
- Complete all the required formalities as stipulated in Companies Act such as Annual Returns, Filling of required Forms etc,
- Board Meetings will be held once or twice a month either in Colombo or Hambantota.

Please submit applications with your company profile, previous experience, detailed charges per Board meeting and full CVs of proposed company secretaries with the names and addresses of two non-related referees to the undermentioned address by registered post on or before 31st August 2022. Please indicate as "Application for Company Secretarial Post" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

The Director Board of the Lanka Salt Limited has the full right to fill this post or refrain from it.

Due to the prevailing issue in the postal services, it is compulsory to send the scanned copy of the detailed application and the CVs directly to the following email before you post it.

janakagunawardana@yahoo.com Chairman
Lanka Salt Limited,
Mahalewaya,
Hambantota.
Tel : 047-2037305

Employment Opportunities

POST OF MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

The Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the above contractual position at the Institute.

Job Requirements: Bachelor's degree from a recognised university; Excellent communication skills in English and Good IT literacy. Experience in quality assurance activities in the educational sector will be an added qualification.
Age: between 24-45 years.

Applications: A full curriculum vitae (CV) with all relevant information should be forwarded to the Senior Assistant Registrar of the Institute on or before August 25, 2022, by mail or e-mail.

Director
August 19, 2022



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EXTENTION OF INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)



SRI LANKA NAVY
Ministry of Defence

Procurement for Supply and Delivery of Fresh/ Dry Provisions for Sri Lanka Navy Ships/ Establishments - Year 2023

Contract Identification No: SLN/VICT/ 01/2023

- This is with reference to the Procurement Notice published in **Dinamina, Daily News** and **Thinakaran** paper on **21.07.2022** regarding above mentioned procurement. It is informed that the date and times of issuance of Bid Documents, closing of bids and opening of "FRESH FOOD ITEMS & DRY FOOD ITEMS" stipulated in the IFB para No 06 of relevant to the ration tender hereby amended as follows.

Last date and time for issuing Bidding Documents	Up to 3.00 pm on 22/09/2022
Last date and time for submission/ closing Bids	Up to 9.00 am on 23/09/2022
Venue, date and time and for Opening of Bids:	At 9.00 am on 23/09/2022

(at Admiral Somathilaka Dissanayake Auditorium, Navy Headquarters)
- All other conditions which have been published in the notice mentioned in para 01 above will remain unchanged.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following address and telephone numbers.

Attention	: Director Naval (Victualing and Clothing)
Address	: Commander of the Navy, Navy Headquarters, P O Box 593, Colombo 01.
Telephone Number	: 011 7190000 Extension 12351, 0117192351
Facsimile Number	: 0112424577
E- Mail	: nhqdnvc@navy.lk

Chairman,
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,
(Procurement of Food Items (Raw & Dry Ration) for the Three Armed Services for Year 2023),
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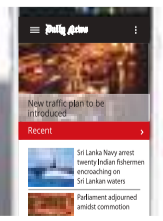
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