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PROMISES PROMPT ACTION TO SUPPLY DRUGS IN SHORT SUPPLY

PRESIDENT VISITS JACKSON IN HOSPITAL

The President emphasized that steps will be taken to provide the drugs that are in short supply promptly, adding that he has a great responsibility pertaining to the lives of patients

affected by the shortage of drugs across the country.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe made these remarks during the visit to the Colombo National Hospital yesterday morning

(19) to check on the well-being of actor, cinematographer and historian Jackson Anthony, who was seriously injured in an accident in Anuradhapura recently. **TO PAGE 02**



President Ranil Wickremesinghe in conversation with Jackson Anthony's wife.

INDIA TO ASSIST SRI LANKA IN IMF DEAL - JAISHANKAR

Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S.Jaishankar said India had done the best of its abilities to assist Sri Lanka. This year alone India had extended US\$3.8 billion of support to Sri Lanka, including line of credits and swap arrangements, he said.

"Any help we can give to Sri Lanka at the IMF [International Monetary Fund] that we will naturally do," Jaishankar said. He made the remarks while responding to a series of questions after delivering a lecture on 'India's Vision' **TO PAGE 02**



NTC INTRODUCES PRE-PAID TRAVEL CARD

IRANGIKA RANGE

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has initiated the pilot project introducing a pre-paid travel card that can be used to pay bus fares when traveling in buses. **TO PAGE 02**



SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN COLOMBO DISTRICT LAND VALUE - Central Bank

The land value in Colombo District increased substantially in the first half of the year 2022, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) said. According to the Statistics Department of the Central Bank, the Land Valuation Indicator (LVI) for the Colombo District climbed to 186.9 with a Year-on-Year change of 17.0 percent during the first half of the year. **TO PAGE 02**



IMMENSE POTENTIAL FOR INVESTMENTS IN SRI LANKAN ENERGY SECTOR - Iranian Ambassador

Iranian Ambassador Hashem Ashjazadeh said there is immense potential for Iranian investments in the energy sector in Sri Lanka. He stated this when Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena briefed him on the steps taken to restructure the energy sector and to attract foreign investor participation. **TO PAGE 02**



RESIDENTS DEFAULTED RS.10 BN OF NHDA LOANS

ONLY RS.127 MN RECOVERED AS AT LAST JULY

IRANGIKA RANGE and ASELA KURULUWANSA

Speedy action will be taken to recover the Rs.10 billion in loans granted by the National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) for the housing programmes," Chief Government Whip, Urban Development, and Housing Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said yesterday.

Minister Ranatunga has instructed the relevant officials of the Authority to immediately implement the targeted programme to

recover Rs.300 million loans monthly from the loan recipients. It has been reported that nearly Rs.563 million in loans have to be recovered by the National Housing Development Authority monthly.

The Minister made these remarks at a special workshop held in Kandy yesterday to make aware the District Managers of the Authority regarding the prompt recovery of loans and the future activities of the NHDA.

It has been reported that the total debt to be recovered from loan recipients of this

country is Rs.10 billion since the inception of NHDA in 1979.

However, the Authority has been able to collect only Rs.127 million by last July and it is about 23 percent from the total debt.

During 2015-2019, loans were granted using all assets and money owned by the Authority. However, the Authority has been unable to grant full installments for recipients and it has resulted in creating many problems in recovering loans during this period. **TO PAGE 02**

Right of every civilian must be secured - Dr. Gunawardena

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Any Parliamentarian, similar to that of any other civilian, should have the right to live and work freely in the country, Minister of Transport and Highways and Mass Media. Dr. Bandula Gunawardena said yesterday (19). **TO PAGE 02**



Intelligence agencies reveal Students forcibly brought for IUSF protest

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

Intelligence agencies have revealed that the students have been forcibly brought to the protest organised by the Inter-University Students Federation at Town Hall on Thursday evening. **TO PAGE 02**



Picture by Thilak Perera

RANJAN GOES TO WATCH HIS FILM

BUDDHIKA IMBULANA

Former Parliamentarian Ranjan Ramanayake who is currently serving a prison sentence in Welikada Prison, went to the Gold Class Theatre at Scope Cinema at the Colombo City Center yesterday (19) to watch the movie 'The Game' in which he acted.

Ranjan Ramanayake was taken by the prison

officers to the theatre at around 2.30 pm yesterday under strict security and a limited number of people attended the scene.

The Film Director had made a written request to the Minister of Justice to allow Ramanayake to watch the movie and accordingly he had been granted special permission. **TO PAGE 02**

Sajith ready for discussions with President on country's future

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa said that he is ready to discuss with President Ranil Wickremesinghe on establishing a constructive

restructuring process to revitalize the country. Premadasa made this observation at a discussion held at the Opposition Leader's Office in Colombo yesterday (19). **TO PAGE 02**

Body of Indian died at sea brought to Galle KTH

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,

Galle Central Special Correspondent

The body of an Indian sailor who died at sea was brought to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital (KTH) early morning yesterday (19), Galle

Additional Municipal Inquirer into Sudden Deaths Said.

The deceased was a 34-year-old married man named Venkatesh Dunjini. The death occurred in a ship which was sailing back **TO PAGE 02**

Govt. illtreating me, Dullas tells PM

NUWAN KODIKARA

The Government is illtreating me and those who supported me during the election of the succeeding President, MP Dullas Alahapperuma has informed Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena in a letter yesterday (19).

The Government has taken steps not to re-elect MPs who supported me **TO PAGE 02**



Man who dressed as a female arrested

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,

Galle Central Special Correspondent

A young man who came to travel by train disguised as a

woman was arrested by the Railway Security Department yesterday (19) at the Galle railway station. **TO PAGE 02**

Egg prices to be reduced by Rs. 5

The price of an egg will be reduced by Rs. 5 with effect from August 22, the All Island Egg Producers Association told the Daily News. Chicken and egg prices

have risen in the country due to an increasing demand in the market and shortage of animal feed. The price of an egg has increased to around Rs. 62 in the market.

Sixteen IUSF protesters released on bail

Mudalige detained in connection with July 9 incidents

SHAVINI MADHARA

Sixteen of the 19 suspects who were arrested in connection with the Inter University Students Federation (IUSF) protest at Union Place, were released on bail by Colombo Additional Magistrate T.N.Ilangasinghe. **TO PAGE 02**



Picture by Sudath Nishantha

Another suspect in MP Amarakeerthi's murder remanded till Aug.22

VEYANGODA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Another suspect who was arrested in connection with the murder of MP Amarakeerthi Athukorala and his personal security officer on May 9, 2022, was ordered to be remanded till August 22 by the Aththanagalla Magistrate's Court. **TO PAGE 02**



NTC TO REGULATE THREE-WHEELERS

IRANGIKA RANGE

The National Transport Commission has decided to implement a special programme to regulate three-wheelers covering all the Provinces.

NTC Director General Nilan Mirando said that this programme will be implemented according to the instructions of the Minister of Transport, Highways and Mass Media, Dr. Bandula Gunawardena.

He said that the related Cabinet memorandum has already been prepared and has been forwarded to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval. **TO PAGE 02**

CPC temporarily stops fuel distribution to 12 filling stations

The Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) has taken measures to temporarily stop fuel distribution to 12 filling stations that contributed the least to the QR system.

During a follow-up on the issuance of fuel in accordance with the QR system, it has been revealed that some filling stations have not responded positively to this system. **TO PAGE 02**

Investigation into escape of Jehan Appuhami from Police custody

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

An investigation has been launched into the escape of actor Jehan Appuhami while he was in Police custody.

A group of protesters including actor Jehan Appuhami were arrested during the protest march at Union Place in Colombo recently.

Jehan Appuhami was arrested by a Police team led by the Officer in Charge of the Maradana Police. He was then handed over to a group of other Police officers who loaded him into the bus. **TO PAGE 02**

JVP calls for release of IUSF Convener, four activists

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI

JVP General Secretary Tilvin Silva demanded the Government to immediately release the Convener of

the Inter-University Students' Federation (IUSF) and the four activists who were arrested last Thursday (18) at a peaceful protest. **TO PAGE 02**

Navy seizes over Rs.27 Mn worth Kerala cannabis

A foot patrol conducted by the Navy in the Saukkadi, Madagal beach area in Jaffna led to the seizure of about 93kg and 200g (wet weight) of Kerala cannabis valued at over Rs. 27 million yesterday morning. The seizure was made by SLNS Agbo in the Northern Naval Command after searching a shrimp-weir off Saukkadi, during a foot patrol conducted in the beach area. **TO PAGE 02**

Govt. officials' foreign employment and referral programme expedited

The attention of the Government has been directed towards the expansion of the Government officials' foreign employment and referral programme. During the discussion with the Secretary to the President Saman Ekanayake, focus was placed on expediting the programme on increasing foreign exchange through productively engaging State Sector employees in foreign employment and resolving the issues faced by the connected institutions.

Discussions were also focused on Public Administration circular amendment no. 14/2022 and six other matters.

Through the amendment to the Public Administration Circular, systematic approval would be granted to remit funds into a non-resident foreign cur-

rency account or rupee account, to enable the use of this account to receive widows and orphans' contributions and to be able to settle loan installments through it.

While the amendment to the public administration circular would enable the depositing of remittances at least once in three months, it would also enable the relevant officer to open an account in his name to deposit money or open a joint account or even designate an account to receive funds that are deposited.

It has been decided to implement a programme to identify potential foreign employment segments and inform target groups by quickly finding foreign employment opportunities for applied Government employees and forwarding

the applications to the relevant parties. It has been planned to encourage public service development officers to pursue foreign education opportunities through foreign scholarships by making a wide coverage under the program to effectively send them abroad.

In this discussion, attention was also paid to opening the data obtained by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau for the reference of the Pension Department to regularize the payment of pensions to Government employees who go for foreign employment.

Discussions also focused on issuing instructions and a time frame to the head of the institution regarding the procedures to be followed in forwarding applications for obtaining leave, and to establish an online appeal sys-

tem for applications that are delayed in approval of leave. The President's Secretary also instructed the Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration and the Director General of Pensions to prepare and implement a system before the 31st of this month to ensure that the bank loans and pension contributions of widows and orphans are received as scheduled before the leave is approved. It is also expected to consider multi-development performance to develop the skills of civil servants to apply for foreign jobs, identify short-term needs in areas of demand and direct civil servants to those courses.

It was further discussed to follow up on the programme of sending Government officials for foreign jobs periodically.

The Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs M.M.P.K. Mayadunne, Secretary of the Ministry of Labor and Foreign Employment R.P.E. Wimalawera, Director General of the National Planning Department W.A.Kumarasiri, Director General Department of Management Services Hiransa Kaluthanthri, Director of the Central Bank, Dr. B.H.P.K.

Tilakaweera, Director General of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau D.P. Senanayake, Director General of Pensions Jagath D. Diaz, Director General of the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs Provincial Councils and Local Government Chandana Kumarasinghe were present at this meeting.

RESIDENTS DEFAULTED RS.10 ... From page 01

NHDA General Manager K.A.Janaka said that the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic problem and political instability in the country have also caused delays in recovery. The Chairman of that Authority Rajeev Suriyachchi said that the District Managers should pay more attention in the future to recover the debt. He also said there is a risk of paying the salaries of the employees of the Authority if the loans are not recovered properly in the future.

He said that the goal of the Authority is to recover monthly loan installments of Rs.300 million and it is mandatory. The Chairman further said that there have been many unauthorised residents and unauthorised constructions on the lands owned by the Authority and that immediate action will be taken in this regard.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said that the Authority was set up to fulfill the basic need of housing of the people.

However, this institution led to collapse due to the necessary political intransigence in the past and he hopes to rebuild it under the proper mechanism. He said that new housing projects will be restarted as soon as the current economic crisis is resolved.

The Minister also instructed the officials to immediately start mobile programs at the district level to solve housing problems that have not been solved for a long time.

NTC to regulate three... From page 01

Then it will be forwarded to the Law Drafting Division. He said it was proposed to establish a National Authority for the regulation of three-wheelers during the previously presented budget.

He said the Commission will determine the fees related to the regulation of three-wheelers, regulation of three-wheelers, giving advice and guidance, after obtaining the approval.

After that, the relevant laws and regulations will be prepared and the powers to implement them will be directed to the respective Provinces.

He further said that registration of all three-wheelers should be done through the nine Provincial Councils and this system will be implemented through the Provincial councils.

Sajith ready for discussions... From page 01

The Opposition Leader stressed that he has no intention of accepting any posts in the Government and pointed out that his objective is to establish a platform where the Opposition can support any progressive measures taken by the Government. Premadasa also said that he will never betray the mandate of the people.

JVP calls for release of... From page 01

Silva made this observation at a press brief held at the JVP head office yesterday (19) evening.

He pointed out that the Government instead of solving the problems in the country, is hunting down protesters. He noted that the Government is using indirect methods to hunt down the protesters who were a part of the 'Aragalaya'.

Silva criticized the Government for deploying large Police units to curtail a peaceful protest organised by the IUSF.

Silva demanded the Government to put a stop to repressing people.

He also pointed out that the Government is also putting pressure on the media and journalists for reporting protests.

Substantial increase in... From page 01

This annual increase (17.0) and the semi-annual increase (4.6%) of the Land Valuation Indicator, showed deceleration of the increasing trend observed in the second half of 2021.

All sub-indicators of the Land Valuation Indicator, 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.

CPC temporarily stops... From page 01

Accordingly, the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) has taken steps to temporarily stop the fuel distribution to these 12 fuel stations from yesterday.

Power and Energy Minister Kanachana Wijesekera said that it was observed how all the filling stations have worked in using the QR system and accordingly it was decided to temporarily stop the distribution of fuel at about 12 filling stations that have contributed the least to the system.

He also emphasized that the information received from public complaints will be given to the relevant police stations for investigation.

"Also, the QR system and fuel distribution activities are to be continuously regulated," he said.

Sixteen IUSF protesters... From page 01

They were released on a surety of Rs.500,000.

The Magistrate also imposed a travel ban on actor Jehan Appahamy. The Magistrate made this order pursuant to a request made by the Slave Island Police.

The Slave Island Police further informed the Magistrate that they had received intelligence information that the IUSF members would again enter to President's Secretariat and the Ministry of Finance.

The police also claimed that a suspect named Jehan Appahamy, who was arrested in connection with this incident, has now escaped from the police custody.

Police requested the Magistrate to remand all the suspects as the investigations related to the incident have not been completed.

The President's Counsel Saliya Peiris appearing on behalf of the suspects said that the police are trying to remand these suspects by presenting false facts before the court.

The President's Counsel Rienzie Arsacularathne appearing on behalf of the suspects stated that the police had arrested a group of suspects by misusing the law.

The Attorney-at-law representing Jehan Appahamy informed the court that his client went to the Maradana police station and left because the Maradana police officers said that there was no need to arrest him.

After considering the facts, the Magistrate fixed further inquiries for September 12.

Meanwhile, Police said that three suspects including the Convener of Inter University Students Federation Wasantha Mudalige were detained for questioning for three days in connection with the incidents that took place on July 09.

It is unlikely that GR will... From page 01

However, the Minister said it is unlikely that the former President will return to politics.

"Former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa should also have the same freedom and privileges enjoyed by the ordinary citizens of this country. He renounced his American citizenship in order to serve this country. Therefore, we can not let him hide abroad in fear of the strugglers. It is also a violation of his human rights. Therefore, we requested President Wickremesinghe to ensure the security of the former President and provide him with the necessary facilities to return to this country," he added.

We also requested President Ranil Wickremesinghe to take steps to establish either an Interim Government or an Interim Administration as soon as possible. Because we believe, the prevailing problems should be resolved soon as the country is facing a severe dollar crisis at present. The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) unconditionally supports the President to solve the problems of the people and the country.

Even today, the SLPP is represented by 145 MPs in Parliament. Our strength was visible during the last election to elect the President held in Parliament. That majority in Parliament is a great strength to solve the problems of the country.

Another suspect in... From page 01

The arrested suspect is a resident of Wathupitiwala.

So far, 38 suspects have been arrested and remanded in connection with the murder of MP Amarakeethi Athukorala and his security officer.

MP Amarakeethi Athukorala and his security officer were killed in the Nittambuwa area during the riots that took place across the country on May 9.

Comply with Govt. ... From page 01

The Prime Minister pointed out that there are allegations that the recruitments and salary payments made in certain Provincial Councils have been done without proper procedures and the Government is paying attention to such matters.

The prime minister said that the support of the provincial councils is essential for the program of stabilizing the country and said that quick decision-making and implementation must happen.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the Provincial Councils can play an active role in promoting renewable energy to solve the electricity crisis and thereby save the foreign exchange which is drawn out of the country.

Govt. illtreating me, Dullas... From page 01

in the election to the Parliamentary Committees, Alahapperuma has pointed out to the Premier.

The letter further said that Alahapperuma condemned these moves. It further suggested that all those MPs who revealed the shortcomings of the Government are mistreated.

The letter also said that while the President speaks about working together, he is repressing his opponents.

Alahapperuma had pointed out that he, who had been a member of many Parliamentary Committees for an extended period of time, had not been re-appointed. This, Alahapperuma pointed out, as an uncivilized political culture. Alahapperuma also noted that his main supporters such as Dilan Perera, Charitha Herath and Nalaka Godaheva have also been deprived of being in Parliamentary Committees.

PMB buys 209 metric tons of paddy a day

The Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) has started purchasing paddy for the Yala Season from Thursday (18). The PMB buys Nadu paddy at Rs.120 per kilo, Samba Paddy at Rs.125 and Keeri Samba paddy at Rs.130.

Under that, 55 warehouses belonging to the PMB were opened yesterday to buy paddy from the farmers in several districts where the

harvest has been completed and in several districts where the harvest is being harvested.

Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera, said that the Paddy Marketing Board Chairman has informed him that 209,600 kilogrammes of paddy was purchased on Thursday by the PMB warehouses in Ampara District, Anuradhapura District and the Northern Province.

President visits ... From page 01

The President visited Anthony at his hospital room and inquired about his treatment and also spoke with the doctors regarding his condition.

President Wickremesinghe also met with the Hospital Director and inquired about the medication needed by other patients and the medicines that are currently in short supply.

The President emphasized that steps will be taken to provide the drugs that are in short supply promptly, adding that he has a great responsibility pertaining to the lives of patients affected by the shortage of drugs across the country.

President Wickremesing-

he also met Jackson Anthony's wife and extended sincere wishes for his speedy recovery. President Wickremesinghe also requested her to inform him immediately if there is any help required regarding Anthony's treatment.

President Wickremesinghe told the family members of Jackson Anthony that as religious and spiritual blessings are important as well as medical treatment, they should organise a religious programme for him. On his way out of the hospital, the President did not fail to inquire into the well-being of the patients who had come to the hospital for treatment.

NTC introduces pre ... From page 01

The prepaid card system was initially implemented in private buses plying from the Makumbura Multimodal Transport Center in Kottawa to Galle on the Southern Expressway under the patronage of Transport, Highways, and Mass Media Minister, Dr. Bandula Gunawardena yesterday.

A prepaid credit card functions like a regular debit card and allows passengers to deposit the money required for the prepayment method and thereby pay the money related to the journey. As a very secure payment method,

this card is currently available through the People's Bank. This payment facility is also available for existing cards.

The Minister instructed the relevant officials to take necessary measures to resolve the shortcomings and problems identified through this pilot project and to make necessary improvements to upgrade the system.

Initially, the card system would be introduced to public and private buses and the project would be expanded to train commuters in the future.

Investigation into escape ... From page 01

Accordingly, the relevant Police officer stated that Jehan Appahamy had escaped from his custody at that time.

The Police further men-

tioned that if the investigation reveals that if the Police officers were found to have committed any wrongdoing, disciplinary action will be taken against them.

Students forcibly brought for... From page 01

According to intelligence sources, the IUSF leaders had lined up Second Year students after their examinations were over and brought them to the protest.

Intelligence agencies have also revealed the student leaders had sneaked into safer places when the Police dispersed the students by using

water cannons and tear gas at Union Place.

It has also been revealed that some students residing in and around Colombo have failed to heed the intimidation of student leaders and gone home after the examination. Meanwhile, some parents have taken their children home.

Man who dressed as a female ... From page 01

After he entered the Galle railway station, dressed as a female, a passenger on the platform got suspicious about this person and informed the railway security officials.

During questioning, the suspect had said that he had received information that his fiancée had left him and was having a relationship with another man. This prompted him to disguise himself as a

woman in order to find out the truth. Investigations have also revealed that he is a resident of the Makuluwa area in Galle. The suspect has been handed over to the Galle Police for further investigation. The suspect was arrested by Sergeants Abeyratne and Ariyaratne on the instructions of CI Kodithuvakku, Head of the Railway Security Division of Galle Railway Station

Ranjan goes to watch... From page 01

It is reported that for the first time in the history of the Prisons Department that a famous actor was allowed to go to a cinema to watch a special screening of a movie in which he acted.

Immense potential... From page 01

The Prime Minister said Iran has the opportunities now to invest in new sectors such as agriculture and industrial sectors in addition to the energy sector.

The Iranian Ambassador said his country will donate a stock of medicines and medical equipment to Sri Lanka later this month. The Prime Minister thanked Iran for the support and assistance provided to Sri Lanka for the development work as well as to help early recovery from current economic problems.

Chief of the Economic and Consular Section of the Iranian Embassy K Soheil and Additional Secretary to the Prime Minister Harsha Wijewardane were also present during the meeting.

Body of Indian died... From page 01

to South Africa after bringing coal from India and after unloading the shipment.

The crew of the ship had stated that the deceased was engaged in cleaning the tanks of the ship and that he was found dead between the tanks at around 4 p.m. on August 17. At the time of the incident, the ship was located in the sea near Kirinda.

"On information on the death, a team including the Coroner, a doctor and a Public Health Inspector who went there in a vessel called Johanna, received the body at around 2 a.m. yesterday (19). The autopsy on the body was scheduled to be held at the Galle Teaching Hospital, after which a decision will be taken to send the body to India," the Coroner further said.

India to assist Sri ... From page 01

of the Indo-Pacific' at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.

Responding to another question, the External Affairs Minister dismissed criticism for importing discounted Russian oil, saying India was not the only oil importing country. The U.S. and European nations have imposed heavy sanctions on Russia since Moscow sent troops into Ukraine on February 24. India has raised oil imports from Russia after the Ukraine war despite criticism from the West and continues to engage with Moscow for business. The Hindu

Right of every civilian ... From page 01

"I have never used the housing facilities given to Ministers. I have never obtained any government expenses from the Government either," Dr. Gunawardena said. Dr. Gunawardena pointed out, "I don't know why I am deprived of my right to go, live or be anywhere I want. I have the right to live anywhere I want. A Parliamentarian is given a revolver for security purposes. I have never taken it. If a Cabinet Minister cannot freely live in his private house, this country has fallen victim to pure cruelty." "One MP was brutally killed by the mob recently. The houses of 72 MPs were destroyed within 12 hours. This incident can be considered a black mark in global politics. We need to secure the right of every innocent civilian to lives and works freely in this country," Dr. Gunawardena furthered.

Navy seizes over Rs.27... From page 01

It is believed that smugglers might have left behind the consignment of Kerala cannabis stuffed in 40 packages in the shrimp-weir, being unable to bring it ashore due to naval operations in the area. The Kerala cannabis stock has been kept in the naval custody until further investigations are completed.

Obituaries

KAMALA JAYARAJU née **RAJARATNAM** - Called to rest on 18th August 2022. Daughter of late Mr and Mrs Rajaratnam, beloved wife of late Muhundan Jayaraju, loving and devoted mother of Niroshini, Niroshan and Shamila, mother-in-law of Sutharshan and Marlon, grandmother of Shemaiah, Nathan and Amanda, sister of late Princely, Hannah, Rani, Saro, late Selvarajah and Usha, sister-in-law of late Thiagaraju and Geetha. Cortège leaves residence on 20th August at 3.30 p.m. from **100 Jeya Mawatha, Balagolla, Kandy for Christ Church, Kandy** and thereafter for burial at Mahaiyawa Cemetery (Anglican section) Kandy. **RSVP - 077 891 3118 / 077 212 7934.** 048684

SALVADOR - LANCELOT SHELTON (Rtd. SSP), Dearly beloved husband of late Gertrude, precious father of Bernadette and father-in-law of Gladwyn, much loved son of the late Henry and Lilian Salvador, passed away on 18th August 2022. Remains lie at **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour**. Cortège leaves parlour on Saturday, 20th August 2022 at 11.00 a.m. for burial at General Cemetery, Borella (R.C. Section). 048416

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. Cortège leaves **Jayarathne 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

UNDCO promises all assistance for development programmes

UN Development Coordination Office (UNDCO) Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific David McLachlan-Karr said the UN is highly impressed with Sri Lanka's commitment to work in close cooperation for the development of the country.

During his meeting with Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena at

the Prime Minister's Office in Colombo he assured that the UNDCO would extend every possible assistance to Sri Lanka's development programmes related to Sustainable Development Goals, green economy, social cohesion and social protection.

Prime Minister Gunawardena thanked UNDCO for the support extended

to Sri Lanka and welcomed the signing of the agreement to launch the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSD-CF) 2023-2027, which will guide the work of all the UN Agencies in Sri Lanka and articulates the collective vision and contribution of the United Nations to support Sri Lanka to accelerate

actions towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Prime Minister stressed the need for accelerated actions to ensure a rapid recovery from the economic crisis along with the impact of COVID-19.

Prime Minister Gunawardena and Secretary Anura Dissanayake held

a detailed discussion with Regional Director David McLachlan-Karr and Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka Hanaa Singer-Hamdy on prioritising support to revitalise the economy and economic activities, social services, decent employment, social cohesion, and health and well-being for all people in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka greatly values its partnership with UN - Foreign Minister

Foreign Minister Sabry appreciated the goodwill, support and understanding from the UN, particularly during the difficult period and stated that Sri Lanka values its partnership with the UN. The Minister welcomed the launching of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023 - 2027 on August 17 that will guide the work of the UN system in Sri Lanka in the next five years.

Minister Saby was speaking when the Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Development Cooperation Office (UNDCO) David McLachlan-Karr, who is currently on an official visit to Sri Lanka, paid a courtesy call on him on Wednesday.

The Cooperation Framework was finalized in partnership with the Government of Sri Lanka under the guidance of the Ministry of Finance and is underpinned by the principle of "leaving no one behind".

The Minister stated that due to the free healthcare, education and social security system of the country, Sri Lanka has achieved a Human Development Index value which is well above the regional average. The Regional Director stated that Sri Lanka is a pioneer in providing health and education to the people and that the Cooperation Framework aims to augment such systems by a widened social protection net for vulnerable groups. He stated that the UN looks forward to closer cooperation and engagement with Sri Lanka.



The Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Development Cooperation Office (UNDCO) David McLachlan-Karr paid a courtesy call on Foreign Affairs Minister Ali Sabry, PC on Wednesday.



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena yesterday participated in religious activities at the Abayarama temple in Narahenpita. Chief Incumbent of the Temple Ven. Muruththettuwa Ananda Thera, Ven. Galagama Dhammaransi Thera and Parliamentarian Gamini Lokuge were present. Picture by Sudath Malawera

Two arrested over Katugastota woman's murder

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Two suspects were taken into custody in connection with the murder of 76-year-old female in Uguressapitiya, Katugastota yesterday (18).

The 24 and 26-year-old suspects who are siblings have been residing close to the house of the victim. They are relatives of the deceased and drug addicts.

When the victim's son and daughter-in-law were away from the house, the suspects who were regular visitors to the house had suffocated her to death, during one of their visits.

Following the murder, the two suspects had fled to Akkaraipattu. Katugastota Police arrested both the suspects along with a gold chain.

Sri Lanka to increase engagement with African countries - High Commissioner Moragoda

Continuing the series of engagements with concurrently accredited Diplomatic Missions to Sri Lanka from New Delhi, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India Milinda Moragoda interacted with a group of African Heads of Mission, and briefed them on the present developments in Sri Lanka. The interaction was also to increase Sri Lanka's engagement with the states in the African continent, particularly in trade and economic spheres.

This group of Heads of Mission included two Ambassadors, two High Commissioners and five chargés d' affaires who are concurrently accredited or designated to Sri Lanka from New Delhi. A second group of African Heads of Mission is to be hosted at the next interaction session.

The Ambassadors of Ethiopia and Mali along with the High Commissioners of Botswana and the Gambia as well as the chargés d' affaires of Algeria, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Lesotho and Malawi attended this meeting.

High Commissioner

Moragoda welcomed the invited Heads of Mission and expressed his keenness in further strengthening Sri Lanka's relations with their respective countries, particularly in the trade and economic spheres. He also pledged all possible support of his Office to them in carrying

out their duties. He briefed the Heads of Mission on the current economic and political developments in Sri Lanka, in particular the plans for the stabilization and recovery of the Sri Lankan economy. A detailed discussion followed, with the Heads of Mission pos-

ing several questions to High Commissioner Moragoda. The diplomatic staff of the High Commission of Sri Lanka also attended this interactive session.

This was the fifth time that High Commissioner Moragoda interacted with concurrently accredited Heads of Mission in this manner since assuming office in New Delhi. Previously, he had interacted with a group of European Heads of Mission and a group of Latin American and Caribbean Heads of Mission on June 21 and July 19, 2022, respectively.

The High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi functions as the main coordinating point between the concurrently accredited 94 Foreign Missions and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka.



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NAU highlights importance of cultivating traditional crops in abandoned lands

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The importance of cultivating traditional crops such as manioc, sweet potatoes and varieties of yams in abandoned paddy fields and other cultivable lands were highlighted by the National Agrarian Union (NAU) which also stated that these food items could also be used instead of our staple food rice.

Speaking to the Daily News, NAU organiser Suriya Seneviratna said a

recent research revealed that over 70 per cent people especially in the plantation sector are in the habit of eating either rice or flour based food items rather than using varieties of yams.

He suggested that people should get used to consuming manioc, sweet potatoes and varieties of yams at least for one meal twice a day, so that the country could greatly reduce its imports of wheat flour.

Referring to a statement made by Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera on cultivating yams in home gardens, the NAU Organiser said currently yams are used even in most plantation sectors instead of wheat flour considering its nutritious value.

Seneviratna said it is reported that there are large extents of uncultivated lands and abandoned paddy fields in the country and the Division-

al Secretariats should urge the owners of such lands to cultivate them without keeping idle.

Recalling Minister Amaraweera's statement, he said even agriculturists predict that there will be a food shortage in the country and such a shortage will not happen if people start cultivating these types of food items.

He said even the NAU commenced a programme to cultivate manioc, sweet

potatoes and other yams in certain areas with the assistance of area agricultural experts, Agrarian service officials and farmer organisations.

The NAU Organiser also urged Divisional Secretariats to encourage the owners of lands which are lying idle in their respective areas to cultivate manioc, sweet potatoes and varieties of yams and help the Government's islandwide cultivation drive.

Navy rescues six distressed fishermen

The Navy rescued six fishermen from a local multi-day fishing trawler in distress about 18.5 nautical miles (34 km) off Dondra in the southern waters and brought them ashore yesterday morning.

The multi-day fishing trawler 'Dileesha Putha II' (Reg. No. IMUL-A-1024 MTR) which left the Kudawella Fisheries Harbour on a fishing voyage on August 16, 2022, was at risk of sinking having collided with a ship in the sea area. Accordingly, the owner of the fishing trawler was

reported the incident to the fishing monitoring point of SLCG at Kudawella fisheries harbour. Upon dissemination of the incident to the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) Colombo at the Navy Headquarters by Sri Lanka Coast Guard, the MRCC Colombo sent a distress signal to the ships in the sea area about the development.

Subsequently, the Fast Attack Craft P 472 of the 4th Fast Attack Flotilla (4 FAF) in the Southern Naval Command was rushed to the sea area

where the incident was reported to rescue the six fishermen on the distressed fishing trawler. Having located the distressed trawler, the Navy promptly rescued the six fishermen from the distressed trawler yesterday morning and rushed them to the Tangalle Base Hospital after bringing them to the Tangalle Fisheries Harbour.

The Navy remains on standby to assist Naval and fishing communities around the clock in Sri Lanka's Search and Rescue Region.



Some of the rescued fishermen.

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Draw No.: 3987
Colour: Red

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Date: Thursday

Winning English Letter and Numbers: S 45 58 61 74

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Date: 18-08-2022
Draw Number: 519
Colour: Blue

Winning Numbers: 20 32 41
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Mervyn Silva and law's delays

The arrest of former MP Mervyn Silva on Wednesday for an incident that took place 15 years ago lays bare how the law applies differently to individuals depending on which side of the Government he/she is in and in whose good books he/she may be. It also brings into question the whole issue of the implementation of the law itself. Is the law operational only when it suits someone while at other times it is made to lie dormant?

The maverick politician together with a mob broke into the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC) in December 2007 and attempted to rough up its Director General for the latter's failure to air a speech made by Silva in Matara derogatory of a fellow MP who had by then quit President Mahinda Rajapaksa's Government. However, Rupavahini employees turned tables on Silva and the mob, resulting in the latter getting beaten up while also being held hostage until the arrival of the Police to their rescue.

In the ordinary course of events, Silva would have been immediately arrested for trespass and criminal intimidation. Besides, breaking into a State institution and running amok smacked of a direct challenge to the Government itself which should have prompted the Police to act fast. The then Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa likened the incident to a coup against the Government.

However, Police took no action to apprehend Silva and Co. on that occasion. Nor was any case against Mervyn instituted by Rupavahini itself. When asked by the media why no arrests were made, the prompt reply given by the then IGP was that Silva and Co. were given their just deserts by Rupavahini employees, and, as such, the matter need not be taken further.

What would have been the position if another party acted in this manner inside a Government institution? Wouldn't the Police have gone into action immediately? Fifteen years later, though, another IGP and the CID have had a change of heart and are seeing things differently and did what should have been done in December 2007, by arresting the former MP and producing him before Courts.

Had another invasion of Rupavahini not taken place in July 2022 and the main suspect arrested by the Police, in all probability nothing would have been heard about Mervyn Silva who recently rejoined the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP).

This is just one incident of the unequal application of the law under all Governments and all political parties to suit their whims and fancies. The Rupavahini incident is just one episode of Silva's antics during the Rajapaksa era. He personally tied a Samurdhi officer to a tree for failing to attend an event graced by the politician. On that occasion too, Police looked the other way. When one is ensconced in power and his/her antics entertained by the powers of the day - a privilege enjoyed by Mervyn to the fullest under the then regime - the law is made to remain silent. Only when out of power with no political leader to give backing, one becomes susceptible to the long arm of the law - in this instance taking 15 long years to mete out justice.

This is why we need an Independent Police Commission which will function outside the remit of the political authority. Then the Police will be free to implement the law and take action against all wrongdoers whoever they are, regardless of the influence they wield. Implementing the law or failure to do so becoming contingent on who is in power not only makes a mockery of the law but is also a travesty of justice against the victims. We have seen how the law is being implemented against politically connected offenders only when a change of Government takes place. If the Government continues to remain in office for a further term, justice gets further delayed. And we talk of law's delays when all the while the delay is brought about for political reasons and Mervyn Silva's case clearly stands out in this regard.

All Governments that come to power after a prolonged stay in the Opposition always want to dig up cases against their political rivals as a means of taking revenge, although in this instance it was not a case of political revenge but a means of balancing the odds. The Rupavahini incident involving Silva is another instance where the Police were made to look helpless due to the political clout wielded by the MP. In the same way, we see the MPs who misbehaved inside Parliament during the 52-day illegal Government in a far worse manner than Mervyn and Co. inside Rupavahini, going scot-free.

Now that Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena has cleared the air on the limits of MPs' privileges declaring that MPs are not above the Criminal Procedure Code and the Penal Code for acts committed inside Parliament, why not get the Police to act? After all, the Police too were targets on that occasion. Or are we expected to wait for a similar predicament that befell Mervyn Silva 15 years after he was let off lamely by the law?

TOURISM REVIVAL TO SHORE UP ECONOMY



Tourists bring much needed Dollars.

LAKSHMAN I. KEERTHISINGHE

Tourism provides employment to the poorest of the poor. Gram seller earns something, autorickshaw driver earns something, Pakoda seller earns something, and tea seller also earns something.

Narendra Modi
Indian Prime Minister

Sri Lanka Tourism has declared 2022 as the 'Visit Sri Lanka Year' following the integrated five year Global Communication Campaign targeting to attract six million tourists and USD 10 billion output by 2025 in spite of the challenges posed by recent COVID spread and economic crisis facing Sri Lanka affecting the tourism industry. Travel advisories have been issued by Canada and the United Kingdom advising their citizens to restrict visiting Sri Lanka due to the country's frequent power cuts, gas and food shortages escalating food prices. In addition to the fear of the pandemic, the present spread of dengue in the country has placed Sri Lanka in a desolate position.

The UK is Sri Lanka's third biggest source of inbound tourists behind Russia and India. Tourism accounts for about five per cent of Sri Lanka's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), with Britain, India and China being the main markets. Canada has also advised its citizens to keep supplies of food, water and fuel in hand in case of lengthy disruptions and to make sure to have sufficient supply of medicines in hand as they may not be available and monitor local media for the latest updates. Thus, it seems Sri Lanka is facing its all-time worst foreign exchange crisis after the COVID-19 pandemic hit the nation's earnings from tourism and remittances.

Action plan

As a measure to overcome the worst aspect of the pandemic and the economic crisis, the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2022 (WESP) Report, produced by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), in partnership with several other UN institutions, calls for better targeted and coordinated policy and financial measures at national and international levels. As discussed in the above mentioned report, national fiscal and monetary authorities need to carefully analyse and coordinate their policies to avoid sudden disruptions. This requires the complete mobilisation of the relevant Government departments, international financial institutions, credit-rating agencies and others. It appears from the report that the inefficiency in decision making of the Sri Lankan Government and not taking the required steps at the right time as mentioned on the WESP Report, have put the country in dire disruption.

The Investment Information and Credit Report Agency (ICRA) highlights that one of the most crucial factors for economic recovery in Sri Lanka, as well as globally, is the revival of tourism. Further analysing the sector's role in economic recovery, the UN report notes that many destinations, in particular tourism-dependent countries, will need to diversify their tourism sector throughout 2022 and beyond. The report also highlights how destinations could develop domestic and rural tourism to help local economies in rural and depressed areas to boost job creation and protect natural resources and cultural heritage, while at the same time empowering women, youth and indigenous people.

Thus, it is understandable that driven by both public and private sectors, tourism is not only a source of foreign currency, but it has the potential to serve as a development 'tool' to strengthen supply chains, improve local firm productivity, create one out of ten jobs and provide income for women and young people. Thereby, implementing doable policies and acts to regain tourism would provide a 'sort of hope' to the Sri Lankan economy to increase its forex earnings.

An article published by the World Bank Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships, Mari Elka Pangestu on the World Bank Blog presents three clear steps for tourism to build better forward, discussed during the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) Aid for Trade Stocktaking event last year (2021).

Accordingly, first it is very important to improve traveller confidence; second, understand and track new market trends and the drivers of demand; and third, commit to build more resilient

and inclusive tourism sectors. Sri Lanka tourism has a vital role to play in creating the trust and confidence among travellers despite the on-going crisis with fuel, gas, power and essential food items, making sure tourists are under vigilant care and do not face any of the above issues while on tour in the country.

As for the second step, learning from the best practices is quite effective, thus it is required to observe the tourism programmes conducted by other competitors and new market trends and try to follow them and reinvent implementable theories and policies to the industry. Recently, Kenya's Minister of Tourism and Wildlife Najib Balala shared how his Government is working on diversifying conservation revenue; the important progress being made in public private partnerships in conservation, and engaging in wildlife bonds, to ensure their natural heritage is protected during tourism crises. Resilience comes through focusing on the environment, people and technology to prepare for Climate Change and crises. Mainstreaming risk management and investing all along the tourism value chain is Kenya's approach.

Re-energising domestic tourism, systematically preparing people to be resilient, embracing inevitable changes, support to the tourism business by the Government are some of the measures taken by New Zealand. India also focused on purposeful research to rebuild tourism and also focused on virtual reality trips, sustainable travel certifications and eco-labelling.

It says in Guyana, the Government, private sector and tourism communities worked together on four priorities as in, re-tooling the country's tourism product, re-gaining the confidence of the tourism market, preparing for the new breed of traveller while also focusing on domestic tourism.

On the face of COVID-19, North America Tourism focused on the safety of travellers by reducing customer touch points by using robotics, automation and self-service kiosks and

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embraced Artificial Intelligence (AI) for tourism operations.

At the third stage, following global sustainable goals with local community participation in the industry is an effective strategy. Thus, offering job opportunities; making them participate in tourism programmes etc. would create a source of income for the local communities. Hence, educating the general public on why tourism is important for the country's economic recovery should be one of the key strategies in the process of the resumption of Sri Lanka Tourism; thus the attitude of the locals will be aligned for support in tourism revival.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

Sri Lanka will target high-spending tourists to revive the tourism sector which has been shattered by the Coronavirus pandemic Sri Lanka plans to tap Indian tourists to revive the battered tourism sector and shore up its depleted Foreign Exchange Reserves. Authorities will hold roadshows starting next month in five Indian cities to attract travellers seeking "wellness, leisure, and Ramayana-trail," tours, corporate functions and destination weddings, said Tourism Minister Harin Fernando. Ramayana is the mythological life story of the Hindu God Ram.

The worst economic meltdown since Independence, coupled with political turmoil, has hurt the nation's tourism sector, that's been a key driver of foreign currency inflows. Sri Lanka's forex pile has dwindled to a meagre USD 1.89 billion in May this year as it needs nearly US\$ 6 billion in the next few months to tackle shortages and support its currency.

Sri Lanka is banking heavily on multilateral institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, and friendly countries, for aid to tide over the crisis. Neighbouring India, so far, has extended US\$ 3.5 billion of support in the last few months. Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and New Delhi have been picked for the roadshows, and hope to attract about 1 million tourists in 2022. Sri Lanka welcomed a peak of around 2.5 million tourists in 2018 before the Easter Sunday terror attacks dried up arrivals.

In conclusion, Sri Lanka must improve its tourist arrivals with promotion measures supported by its diplomatic missions abroad with its patriotic diplomats striving for the economic revival of our Motherland.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.
- Honore de Balzac

Constitutional Amendment Procedures

Part 1

Guest Column

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As media reported, the Government is to re-implement the 19th Amendment to the 1978 Constitution as the 22nd Amendment, with an essential and timely amendment to establish socio-economic and political stability to address the issues of the people. The Constitution is the supreme law of the country. Here the word Constitution is used to refer to a special document having special legal sanctity in which some of the more important constitutional rules, values and goals are set out. A Constitution, it must be remembered, is a totally different kind of enactment from an ordinary statute. It is an organic instrument defining and regulating the power structure and power relationship of the State. It embodies the hopes and aspirations of the people. It projects a system of values and it sets certain objectives and goals. It cannot therefore be interpreted or amended like an ordinary statute. A constitution must not be to ridged or to flexible in regard to amendment.

This Article reviews the Amendment Procedures under the Post-Independent Constitutions - the 1947, the 1972 and the 1978 Constitutions of Sri Lanka.

Amendments to the Soulbury Constitution

This Constitution was granted by the British following the recommendations of the Commission on Constitutional Reform established in 1945 under the Chairmanship of Lord Soulbury for the purpose of the country to become an independent 'dominion' within the British Commonwealth. It was given effect to, by the Ceylon Order in Council of 1946 read together with the Ceylon Independence Act of 1947 and came into force on February 4, 1948.

By Amendment No.36 of 1971 to the Soulbury Constitution of 1946, the Senate was abolished on October 2, 1971, prior to the adoption of the new republican Constitution of Sri Lanka on May 22, 1972. The United Front, an alliance consisting of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party and the leftist parties that came to power at the May 1970 election introduced a Parliamentary Bill to abolish the Senate. The Bill's second reading was passed by the House of Representatives on May 2, 1971. The Senate met for the last time on September 28, 1971. *The Ceylon (Constitution and Independence) Amendment Act No.36 of 1971* received Royal Assent on October 2, 1971, becoming an Amendment to the Soulbury Constitution. The Senate was abolished after nearly 24 years of existence. This Constitution (save for Section 29) was to a large extent a codified model of Britain's 'unwritten' Constitution. However, being codified, it could not be altered or amended without a two-thirds majority of the total membership of the House voting in favour (Section 29(4)).

However, judicial interpretation of Section 29 had unexpected consequences. Section 29(1) empowered Parliament to make laws for the 'peace, order and good Government' of the island. Section 29 (2) rendered void any law or any part of a law that sought to restrict the free exercise of any religion or subject persons of any community or religion to disabilities or restrictions not imposed on other communities or religions. Section 29(3) declared that any law made in contravention of sub section (2) would be void to the extent of such contravention. Section 29(4) declared that no Bill for the amendment or repeal of the Constitution shall be presented for Royal Assent (the Sovereign being represented by the Governor General) unless it bore the Speaker's certificate to the effect that it had been passed by Parliament by a two-thirds majority vote.

Certain doubts and ambiguities persisted with regard to the issue of the competence of the Sri Lankan Parliament to amend Section 29(2) of the Soulbury Constitution, which the Privy Council interpreted in *Ranasinghe's case* as containing an absolute limitation rendering it completely unalterable. In this case of *Bribery Commissioner v Ranasinghe*, the actual dispute was whether an amendment to the Bribery Act creating a special Bribery Tribunal had been passed with the required two-thirds majority in terms of Section 29(4) in view of the fact that it was in conflict with the provisions of Section 55 of the Constitution dealing with judicial power. However, in the course of reviewing the provisions of Section 29, the Judicial Committee of Privy Council hearing the case stated that Section 29(2) set out 'entrenched religious and racial matters which shall not be the subject of legislation'. These matters in the view of the Judicial Committee represented 'the solemn balance of rights between the citizens of Ceylon, the fundamental conditions

on which *inter se*, they accepted the Constitution and these are therefore unalterable under the Constitution'.

Deriving its authority directly from the sovereign will of the people of Sri Lanka, the Constituent Assembly process was invoked in 1970 to frame a new Constitution by the new Government. The elected members of the House of Representatives who were the 'founding fathers' met as duly authorized representatives of the people at a Constituent Assembly to establish a new Constitution. This procedure was adopted in order to establish the autochthony of the Constitution or to cause a break in legal continuity with the previous legal order rooted in Britain. Two fundamental features underscore the transition from a Dominion to a Republican Constitution, namely, the principle of autochthony and the doctrine of the supremacy of Parliament. Ironically, after Sri Lanka enacted the 1972 Constitution to become a Republic, the UK Parliament enacted the Sri Lanka Republic Act 1972 to make provision for Ceylon to become a Republic within the Commonwealth under the name of Sri Lanka.

1972 Constitution

The 1972 Constitution proclaimed Sri Lanka to be a 'Free, Sovereign and Independent Republic', and also to be a unitary State. In place of Article 29(2) of the Soulbury Constitution, the 1972 Constitution guaranteed equality to all citizens and dealt with religion in Article 6 of the 1972 Constitution.

Although the 1972 Constitution expressly acknowledged the concept of sovereign power of the people, it did not contain provisions which made that concept justiciable. Apart from this, while the Constitution provided for a separate chapter enshrining fundamental rights and freedoms, there was no specific machinery to challenge any executive or administrative action which might have been volatile of those rights and freedoms. Furthermore, the Constitution expressly precluded judicial review of enacted legislation, but permitted pre-enactment judicial review of legislation. This stood in contrast to the position under the Soulbury Constitution under which as interpreted by the Courts it was possible to challenge any legislation enacted by Parliament after its enactment.

Under the 1972 Constitution, the power to repeal or amend the Constitution was vested exclusively in the National State Assembly. The special majority required for Constitutional Amendment was two-thirds at least of the whole House (including those absent) voting affirmatively in favour of passing the provisions. (Article 51(5)). No referendum was required but in the event of repeal of the Constitution a new Constitution had to be enacted to replace the one that was being repealed. Suspension of the Constitution was prohibited but the National State Assembly could by a two-thirds majority pass a law that was inconsistent with the Constitution. Compared to the 1972 Constitution, the provisions of the 1978 Constitution relating to Constitutional Amendments are different due to certain provisions being entrenched.

A procedure was also introduced under the 1972 Constitution for challenging Parliamentary Bill before a special Constitutional Court set up under Article 54 (1) of that Constitution whose jurisdiction could be invoked by any citizen. However, this right could be suspended in the case of a Bill certified as 'urgent'. The provisions of these last two paragraphs were reproduced with some variations in the 1978 Constitution. Under the 1978 Constitution the Supreme Court was substituted as the highest Court of the land for the Constitutional Court under the 1972 Constitution. The Constitutional Court set up under the 1972 Constitution in its ruling on the Local Authorities (Imposition of Civic Disabilities) No.2 Bill rejected the argument that there were certain provisions in the Constitution which were fundamental to it which could not be changed or amended or repealed even with a two-thirds majority.

One of the significant orders of the Constitutional Court was in relation to the Excise Amendment Bill which it held conflicted with the Constitution - one of the few Bills which the Constitutional Court had held to be contrary to the 1972 Constitution. The Court noted that the Bill on the face of it sought to vest an unfettered discretionary power in the Minister without assigning any reason to direct any authority granting licence to grant a licence, to renew or cancel a licence and to compel such authority to give effect to discretion. Accordingly the Constitutional Court held that the Bill

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The Constitution of 1978 has taken over the wording of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of 1972 with regard to the exercise of sovereignty with the significant inclusion of fundamental rights the franchise as forming part of the sovereignty of the people.

was inconsistent with Section 18(1) (a) of the 1972 Constitution. Once the Court has held that a Bill conflicts with a provision of the Constitution it could be enacted, if a two-thirds majority of the entire membership of the National State Assembly vote in favour of it.

Following the General Election in 1977 the United Front Government that had introduced the 1972 Constitution was defeated and the United National Party came to power with a 5/6th majority of the seats in Parliament. Initially the new Government sought to amend the 1972 Constitution in a sweeping manner so as to convert what was still essentially a Westminster model of Government into an Executive Presidential system. The change was effected under the terms of the 1972 Constitution. The two factors that influenced the former President Jayewardene's long standing advocacy of a Presidential system for Sri Lanka as stated by him were a search for executive stability and an anxiety to create and maintain consensus of politics.

Second Amendment to the 1972 Constitution

The Second Amendment Bill was rushed to the Constitutional Court seeking an opinion and by the debate

in the National State Assembly was taken up only two weeks later. The Bill was certified on October 20, 1977, but was brought into operation only on February 4, 1978 for the new President to take office on Independence Day.

J. R. Jayewardene had been appointed as the Prime Minister on 23rd July 1977 and would have been entitled to continue in that office for six years from that date. The Second Amendment provided for the incumbent Prime Minister to become Executive President and to be in office for six years from the date on which he assumed the Presidency, which would be until February 4, 1984.

The 2nd Amendment, albeit brief in its content, sliced through the Constitution of 1972 and, by virtue of Section 19 and the Amendments to Section 20, the President became the Head of State, the Head of the Executive, the Head of Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and was empowered to declare war and peace.

Significantly, Section 27(1) which required the President to act on the advice of the Prime Minister or a Minister assigned by the Prime Minister for this purpose, was explicitly repealed, elevating the President to the status of sole and untrammelled repository of Executive Power. Sec-

tion 5, the key provision of the Constitution of 1972 which relates to the exercise of sovereignty, was repealed and replaced by the following sections:

"The National State Assembly and the President are the supreme instruments of State power of the Republic, and accordingly, the Sovereignty of the People shall be exercised in the following manner:

(a) the legislative power of the People shall be exercised by the National State Assembly;

(b) the judicial power of the People shall be exercised by the National State Assembly through courts and other institutions created by law except in regard to matters relating to the powers, immunities and privileges of the National State Assembly; and of its Members, wherein the judicial power of the People may be exercised directly by the National State Assembly according to law; and

(c) the executive power of the People, including the defence of Sri Lanka, shall be exercised by the President."

Select Committee which would also seek the views of political parties not represented in the Assembly. Accordingly, a Select Committee was convened in November in 1977 to consider and draft further revisions to the Constitution. The new document was adopted by the National State Assembly in August in 1978 and inaugurated on September 7, 1978. In 1978 the Second Republic Constitution was enacted under Section 51 of the 1972 Constitution. Therefore the present Constitution draws its validity from the 1972 Constitution, which in turn was brought into operation by the Constituent Assembly established through a people's mandate.

The Constitution of 1978 has taken over the wording of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of 1972 with regard to the exercise of sovereignty with the significant inclusion of fundamental rights the franchise as forming part of the sovereignty of the people. As regards Executive Power, Article 4(b) reads as follows:

"The executive power of the People, including the defence of Sri Lanka shall be exercised by the President of the Republic elected by the People."

The words 'elected by the People' are the only words added to the original formulation in Section 5(c) of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of 1972. These words are significant and add an extra dimension to the executive power including the defence of Sri Lanka which is reposed in and exercised by the President, through the mandate directly received from the People in the exercise of their franchise at the election of the President. This is distinct from the mandate received by Members of Parliament who exercised the legislative power of the People in terms of Article 4(a).

(The writer is a Retired Professor in Law in the University of Sri Jayawardenepura. He is an Attorney-at-Law, practiced in Courts and holds Ph.D in Law.)

To be continued

PM for stronger Lanka-Cuba ties

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that he is committed to further develop the deep friendship between Sri Lanka and Cuba.

The Prime Minister was speaking during a meeting with Cuban Ambassador Andres Marshelo Gonzales Garrido, who paid a courtesy call on him at the Prime Minister's Office in Colombo on Wednesday.

Prime Minister Gunawardena said that he is committed to further develop the deep friendship between the two countries

and emphasized the need to exchange new scientific and technological innovations in the agricultural sector.

Cuban Ambassador Andres Marshelo Gonzales Garrido said that he was happy with the successful experiments carried out by the Sri Lankan Coconut Research Center and mentioned that he is working to get coconut saplings for cultivation in his country.

The Ambassador further stated that there is scope to develop cooperation in food production, farming and animal husbandry sectors in Sri Lanka.

He thanked the Prime Minister for strengthening the friendship between the two countries by holding the Presidency of the Cuba-Sri Lanka Friendship Association. Secretary to the Prime Minister Anura Dissanayake was also present on the occasion.



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena meeting Cuban Ambassador Andres Marshelo Gonzales Garrido at the Prime Minister's Office in Colombo on Wednesday.

Korean for advancing economic, trade cooperation with Sri Lanka - Ambassador

Korean Ambassador to Sri Lanka Santhush Woonjin Jeong underscored the importance of advancing the economic, trade, investment and labour cooperation between Korea and Sri Lanka.

The Korean Ambassador was speaking when he called on Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena at the office of Prime Minister.

on August 16. Ambassador Santhush extended his warmest congratulations to Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena on the assumption of office of Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. While recalling the long-standing friendship between Korea and Sri Lanka since 1977, Ambassador Santhush and the Prime Minister held a cordial discussion on further strengthening bilateral ties which marks the 45th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year.

In celebration of this

important milestone, the Korean Embassy has organised various events like the Quiz on Korea, K-Pop World Festival, Lantern Festival for Korea Week and the Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championship. The upcoming Korean film festival in Sri Lanka will further enhance the relations between our two countries.

The two parties referring to the recent Sri Lankan Government's initiative to introduce long-term residence visa for foreign investors including Korean investors, Ambassador Santhush said that he hopes this initiative would be conducive to promote more foreign investment to Sri Lanka.

The Korean Ambassador further requested the cooperation of the Sri Lankan Government to resolve the difficulties faced by Korean nationals in terms of extending visa require-

ments. Korean businessmen in Sri Lanka have played a key role to integrate and develop our economies for a long period of time and their continuous commitment to conduct business activities in Sri Lanka has been essential to consolidate our bilateral investment. Long term visa issuance based not only on the amount of investment, but also on the duration of those Korean nationals would support them to conduct their economic activities smoothly in Sri Lanka. Both parties agreed to closely work together to make a favourable environment for deepened economic cooperation in a reciprocally beneficial way.

Ambassador Santhush Woonjin Jeong and Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena carried out the "END Violence" campaign, the global SNS campaign to help protect children from all forms of violence.

World Bank funded Landscape Design Methodology launched

NIMAL WIJESINGHE, Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The World Bank is assisting Sri Lanka with the implementation of a Landscape-based Design Planning Methodology that focuses on natural resources and human activities. The Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project in collaboration with the Government's Wildlife and Forest Conservation sectors will implement two pilot programmes in the Dry Zone and Wet Zone. In the pilot projects, planning process villages with human activities, home gardens, cities, agricultural lands, including other Government lands are identified for using areas sustainably.

The two pilot project areas in the Dry Zone Aare the Hurulu - Kaudulla - Kantale landscape and the Sinharaja Landscape. The Hurulu - Kaudulla - Kantale landscape is about 528,826.85 hectares of this around 272,557.03 hectares are protected land while the balance 256,269.82 hectares consisting of habitations agriculture lands and private Land resources.

The other landscape area for which landscape management plans are being executed is the Sinharaja Forest Reserve Zone extending in 242695.17 hectares. Out of this 150,473.07 hectares are forest cover which include protected areas while the balance 99222.10 hectares used for many other purposes. The Sinharaja World Heritage Site as well as forest reserves such as Handawal Kanda Mudali Kanda, Yakkanda, Nawkanda,

Walankanda, Sooriyakanda etc. come under this particular landscape.

A spokesman (ESCOMP), the pilot project implementation body told the Daily News that this process involved identifying areas that are suitable for the different need such as areas to be conserved, restored, ecologically sensitive areas etc. Also the work programme includes development of forests, Soil erosion control, flood control and watershed conservation.

"The total forest cover at the beginning of 20th century was 80% of the land. At present, the forest cover has declined to a mere 29.2% which counts for about two million hectares. Of this area, nearly 1,335,400 hectares that include 65 Protected forests, as well as one national heritage site comes under the forest department.

The various protected areas under the wildlife conservation include approximately 13,136,440 hectares of thick forests bushland, grasslands and wetland areas. Therefore, it is imperative that those land areas are released for other purposes only after a thorough investigation has been carried out according to the specified criteria," the ESCAMP Spokesman further said. It is learnt that the Dry Zone Landscape Designing Pilot Project includes 14 DS Divisions in the Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Trincomalee Districts. The Sinharaja Landscape Plan comprises 16 DS Divisions in the Ratnapura, Galle, Matara and Kaluthara Districts.

SECURITY CHIEFS CALL ON PRESIDENT

The Heads of Security called on President Ranil Wickremesinghe at the President's Office today (18).

It is customary for the President to meet the Security Chiefs upon assuming office. Accordingly, President Ranil Wickremesinghe, as the Commander-in-Chief, met the Secretary Defence General Kamal Gunaratne (Rtd), Chief of Defence Staff General Shavendra Silva and Commander of the Army Lt. Gen. Vikum Liyanage yesterday.

Following the meeting with the Secretary Defence, Chief of Defence Staff and Army Commander, the President also met with Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana and Commander of the Navy Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenna.

The President also met with the Director General Department of Civil Security Major General N.R. Lamahewage (Rtd) and the Director General Sri Lanka Coast Guard Rear Admiral Anura Ekanayake.

In keeping with traditional practices, souvenirs were presented to the President during the meetings.



Defense Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne (Rtd)



Chief of Defense Staff General Shavendra Silva



Commander of the Army Lt. Gen. Vikum Liyanage



Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana



Commander of the Navy Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenna

Vavuniya brothel raid: Four arrested, 30 bullets recovered

VAVUNIYA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Police raided a brothel in the Vavuniya Thekkavatti area this afternoon (19.08) and four persons including two women were arrested and 30 rounds of T 56 were recovered from the hostel.

Following a tip-off from the Vavuniya police, the Vavuniya crime prevention unit and the alcohol control unit under the leadership of Vavuniya chief police officer JAAS Jayakkodi raided a hotel located in Thekkavatti area of Vavuniya with the help of a sniffer dog.

The Police arrested four people,

including two women staying in the said hostel and the manager of the hostel, a retired army soldier. Also, if the police checked the said hostel, the police discovered that a path had been set up in a wall so that the women could escape from there.

Also, when the police raided the hotel, 30 bullets of T56, which were hidden, were recovered.

The hotel in question belongs to a retired army soldier and the police who have conducted intensive investigations against the arrested persons have taken steps to present them in the court after the investigations.

Death of Sarojini Rajapaksa Wickremasinghe



The death occurred yesterday of well known social worker Sarojini Rajapaksa Wickremasinghe of 13/427, Madiwela, Thalawathugoda Kotte. She was the daughter of popular businessman D.P. Rajapaksa and Mrs A.N. Ranasinghe of Pannala. She is the mother of Inukshi Perusinghe, Lakmini Wijesinghe and Mother-in-Law of Gairuka Perusinghe and Jayantha Wijesinghe. She is the grandmother of Seniru and Theviru. The Funeral will take place on August 21 at 5 p.m. at Thalawathugoda Cemetery.

Sajith felicitates Nethmi

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa visited the home of Commonwealth Games Bronze medalist Nethmi Ahinsa Polruthogage to congratulate her for her exceptional achievement at the recently concluded Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham, the United Kingdom. Nethmi created history by winning Sri Lanka's first ever medal in the sport of wrestling and becoming the youngest ever Sri Lankan medallist at the Commonwealth Games.

The Opposition Leader during his brief visit to Nethmi's residence at Welpalla in Pannala was all praise for the 18-year old wrestler for opening a new chapter in the history of Sri Lankan Wrestling by becoming the youngest ever Sri Lankan athlete

to win a medal in the Commonwealth Games.

The Opposition Leader also thanked Nethmi's coach Suranga Kumara for guiding her on the correct path to achieve this historic feat and presented cash awards to both Nethmi and her coach Suranda on behalf of Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB).

Speaking on the occasion the Opposition Leader said the SJB always encourages athletes to showcase their inborn talents in and outside the country.

He highlighted the SJB is always ready to make any sacrifice for Sri Lankans who represent the country and bring glory to the Motherland and said the SJB will provide all encouragement to Nethmi in her future endeavors in bringing more international awards and medals to our country.



Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa greeting Commonwealth Games Bronze medalist Nethmi Ahinsa.

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MAHAJANA SAMPATHA
DRAW NUMBER : 4851
Prizes won in this draw
Rs. 6,204,130.00
The super prize of next draw
Rs. 37,970,372.60

WINNING LETTER: Q WINNING NUMBERS: 1 7 4 2 8 8

JATHIKA SAMPATHA
DRAW NUMBER : 1310
TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 1,530,820.00
THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 10,724,526.40

WINNING LETTER: V WINNING NUMBERS: 1 4 9 8 3 1

Dhana Nidhanaya
DRAW NUMBER : 001
TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 3,105,720.00
THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 121,703,538.00

WINNING LETTER: V WINNING NUMBERS: 31 32 34 43

Govisetha
DRAW NUMBER : 3093
TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 3,899,480.00
THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 70,276,138.00

WINNING LETTER: N WINNING NUMBERS: 04 29 66 73

HANDAHANA
DRAW NUMBER : 100
TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 5,510,100.00
THE SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW
Rs. 3,899,976.00

WINNING LETTER: GEMINI WINNING NUMBERS: 07 21 33 62

Mega POWER
DRAW NUMBER : 1199
TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW
Rs. 4,075,000.00
NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE
Rs. 266,167,462.00

WINNING LETTER: N WINNING NUMBERS: 19 24 39 43 73

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

Mr. Chaminda Prabhat Srilankan National and Ms Anusha Limbu Indian National, presently residing in UAE have given notice of intended marriage between them. Under the Foreign Marriages Act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage he/she should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the Act/rules within thirty days from the date of publication of the notice, on email : cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in, cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in

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Sri Lanka Customs

TENDER SALE OF FORFEITED GOODS

Tender to sell forfeited Vehicles / Gold / Gold Jewellery / Electrical / Electronic Appliances and some Miscellaneous Items will be held on **25th of August 2022 at 10.00 a.m. at Central Disposal Directorate of Sri Lanka Customs.**

The List of the goods to be sold can be collected from the **Central Disposal Directorate, 3rd Floor, Sri Lanka Customs** on payment of non-refundable amount of Rs. 25/= from **10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. of 22nd, 23rd & 24th of August 2022.**

Further, the list of the goods to be sold will be displayed in Customs official website, www.customs.gov.lk from **19th of August, 2022** onwards.

For further details, contact : **011-2430795**
011-2143434 Ex. 7300

Director General of Customs
Sri Lanka Customs
Customs House,
No. 40, Main Street,
Colombo 11.

Ministry of Plantations
SRI LANKA STATE PLANTATIONS CORPORATION

INVITATION OF BIDS FOR THE SUPPLY OF COLOUR SEPARATOR
Goomera Tea Factory
Thawalantanne

TENDER NO. SLSPC/PL/Colour Separator-Goomera/T-156/2022

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation invites sealed bids from qualified suppliers for supply of Colour Separator to Goomera Tea factory.

| Type of Machine | Non Refundable Bid Document Fee(Rs.) | Bid Security (Refundable) (Rs.) | Closing date & Time of receiving Bids |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Colour Separator 04 Stage | 2000.00 | 300,000.00 | Date - 09-09-2022 Time - 2.00 p.m. |

- Interested Bidders can obtain Bid submission documents from the Procurement Division of Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation, No. 21, Meeraniya Street, Colombo 12 or from SLSPC Regional Office, Galphille, Panwila from 25th August 2022 between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on working days upon payment of Rs. 2000/= submitting a written request on the company letterhead.
- Bids can be handdelivered or sent by Registered Post to The Chairman, Procurement Committee or placed in the tender Box kept at SLSPC Head Office, Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation, No. 21, Meeraniya Street, Colombo 12 to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 09th September 2022. The top left hand corner of the envelope should be clearly marked the **Tender Number "Supply of Colour Seseperator - Goomera Tea Factory"**.
- Bids will be opened soon after the closing time in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who are present at the time of opening at the Procurement Division of SLSPC.
- Bids should be valid and stable at least 63 days from the closing date of receiving bids and bid security should be valid for 06 months period.
- Bids can be submitted for Sri Lankan Rupees as well as US\$.
- The Chairman Procurement Committee of SLSPC reserves the right to acknowledge or cancel the entire or part of the tender.

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Trinity out to foil Royal's fourth 'Bradby' win in-a-row

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Trinity will look to bring an end to Royal's dominance in the Bradby Shield series during the recent past when the two teams clash in the first leg of their 76th annual encounter at the Royal Sports Complex in Reid Avenue today.

In fact, Royal are chasing an elusive fourth successive Bradby success while Trinity are hoping to regain the coveted Shield after a lapse of eight years having last emerged victorious in 2014. Trinity of course, had a share of the Bradby Shield in 2016 after the fixture ended in a tie but since then it has been all Royal, who went on to make a hat-trick of victories from 2017 to 2019.

Out of the 75 matches Trinity have won 39 while Royal have 34 with two matches ending in a tie. The match was not played in 2020 and 2021 due

to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, both teams are confident ahead of this high-profile game, but Trinity will be rather concerned as they have not played a competitive match for almost a month.

Their last League Tournament match was played on July 23 on their home grounds in Pallekele where they outplayed Kingswood College by a massive margin of 53-6.

In contrast, Royal have been quite a busy team as they made it to the Super Round stage of the League Tournament and figured in two tough games against Wesley and Isipathana respectively.

Even then, Trinity will have a psychological advantage and will look to draw inspiration from this year's League Tournament fixture where they edged out Royal 21-20 in an exciting contest at this same venue. But



Lithmal Moragoda (Trinity Captain)



Harsith Peiris (Royal Captain)

that was the early part of the season and since then Royal have come out with some stellar performances and to eventually secure the third place of the 'A' Division League Tournament.

No doubt, Royal's main try scoring potential is with their mobile set of forwards, but they will need to focus more on the line outs, which sometimes could also bring their downfall

due to poor decision making. Royal also have a couple of good ball carriers with them and Danuja Samararatne Abdullah Yoosuf and Rahil Wijesekera will have their work cut out against an equally brilliant set of forwards.

However, Trinity would probably depend more on their back division and will look for players like Ashen Wijesuriya, Anuhas Kodituwakku and Bashana Wijesinghe to deliver the goods.

Royal's other key factor is their solid halves combination of Hasnaka Higgoda and Thivain Perera, who have always created doubts in the opposition camp through some beautiful work from the base.

Royal (Probable): Shenal Adhikaram, Danuja Samararatne, Supun Gamlath, Abdullah Yoosuf, Rahil Wijesekera, Navin Perera, Buwaneka

Senanayake, Randul Senanayake, Hasnaka Higgoda and Thivain Perera, Pasindu Heshan, Kaveen Sasanga, Philio Calyaneratne Harsith Peiris (Captain), Nabeel Yehiya.

Trinity Squad: Thenuk Fernando, Kaveesha Edama, Loshika Wijekoon, Jayageeth Basnayake, Thisanga Disanayake, Harith Samaraweera, Shamendra Dissanayake, Chamedra Dhanapala, Sheveen Premaratne, Anuhas Kodituwakku, Upek Gammudali, Lithmal Moragoda (Captain), Abdul Kaleel, Bashara Wijesinghe, Aathab Manzil, Sheshan Zakir, Kovida Wickremasinghe, Ashen Wijesooriya, Senula Alexander, Yasiru Ariyawansa, Bihindu Pananwala, Ravin Ilangaratne, Venuka Kumara, Lakindu Herath, Sachindu Wanasekera, Rushen Bandaranayake, Amdan Faizal.

Referee: Ishanka Abeykoon.

Thomians edge out Petes to retain Archibald Perera Trophy

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

S. Thomas' College pulled off a thrilling 23-22 victory over St. Peter's College in their annual Inter-Schools Under-20 rugby encounter played at Bambalapitiya yesterday.

The Thomians collected their points from four tries and one penalty after having led 20-14 at half time and went on to retain the Archibald Perera Memorial Trophy for another year.

The Peterites of course have only themselves to be blamed for missing out several scoring opportunities as they lost their fourth match of the current season having collected their points from two goals, one try and one penalty.

The Thomians got off to a flying start as they scored four tries during a superb first-half performance although the momentum kept on changing every few minutes of the game.

But the home side came back strong-

ly in the second half to dominate the proceedings with their acting Skipper Chanuka Cooray leading the way through some terrific loose play.

In fact, the Peterites snatched the lead (22-20) mid-way in the second half with Chathumina Nethsara scoring a beautiful try near the corner flag, which was followed by a good penalty from Windya de Mel.

However, the reliable Yehan Bulathsinhala fired across a crucial penalty a few minutes from the final whistle as the Thomians went ahead once again 23-22 and held on to that lead until the end.

Earlier, S. Thomas' enjoyed a productive first half with Mahith Perera and Rehan Wickremasuriya doing the scoring with Bulathsinhala missing out on all conversions.

Hiran Gunaratne scored the first try for St. Peter's with Emith Jayaweera adding the extra points.



S. Thomas' scrum-half Mahith Perera scoring a try.

Major League 3-day Cricket Tournament

Avishka Perera hits unbeaten 210 for Colts CC

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Opener Avishka Perera stroked a superb unbeaten knock of 210 as Colts CC made 409 for 3 wickets at close in their Major League three-day cricket tournament fixture against Nandu Customs CC played at Colts grounds yesterday.

The former Nalandian Avishka Perera hit 17 fours and 3 sixes in 253 balls for his marathon knock while Hashan Dumindu scored 130 in 161 balls with 12 fours and a six and the pair added 284 runs for the second wicket to build up the innings on the first day yesterday.

Sadeera Samarawickrama of Tamil Union (117), Dinesh Chandimal of Army SC (152), Lasith Croosulle of Acc Capital

CC (160), Thanuka Dabare of Acc Capital CC (133), Anuk Fernando of Baduraliya SC (109 n.o.), Nishan Madushka of Ragama CC (150), Pasindu Sooriyabandara of Moors SC (133) were the other centurions on day one.

Chief scores
At Panadura. Panadura SC: 153 (Pawan Sandesh 44, Sanjaya Chaturanga 20, Roshan Wijenayake 37, Thimira Isrushika 6/62, Avindu Theekshana 3/34) **Chilaw Marians SC:** 134/3 at close (Irosh Fernando 29, Jathar 51*, Anjo Jothin 34*)

At P. Sara Oval. Tamil Union: 301/9 at close (Sadeera Samarawickrama 117, Kamesh Nirmal 55, Santhush Gunatilleka 40, Ravindu Fernando 24, Dilruwan Perera 24, Lasith Embuldeniya 4/107, Ashian Daniel 2/72 vs NCC).

At Air Force grounds. Katunayake. Air Force SC: 249 (Udewansa Parakrama 54, Sithija Chamod 34, Adithya Siriwardena 69, Gayan Sirisoma 22*, Dilanka Auwardt 4/93, Ayesha Devinda 3/76) **Navy SC:** 17/3 at close (Gayan Sirisoma 2/8)

At Army grounds. Panadura. Army SC: 256 (Lakshan Edirisinghe 27, Dinesh Chandimal 152, Asela Gunaratne 28, Dineth Samaraweera 2/41, Chanaka Komarasu 2/116, Nimesh Perera 3/32) **Bloomfield:** 6/3 wickets at close (Sehda Zoysa 2/5)

At BRC grounds. Police SC: 172 (Randunu Ganganath 29, Chamara Silva 31, Nadeera Balasooriya 37, Chaturanga Kumara 39, Duvindu Thillekaratne 3/35, Dushan Hemantha 2/20) **BRC:** 82/3 at close (Dilan Jayalath 20, Leo Francisco 29, Danal Hemananada 21*, Lahiru Diyantha 2/14)

At Bloomfield grounds. Acc Capital CC: 471 (Lasith Croosulle 160, Thanuka Dabare 133, Ninda Kadam 83, Duleeka Tissakuttige 21, Teron Basker 22, Theeraka Ranathunga 21, Mohammad Dilshad 4/72, Isitha Wijesurendra 2/62, Sadun Mendis 3/122) vs Saracens SC.

At Colts grounds. Colts CC: 409/3 at close (Avishka Perera 210*, 253 balls, 17x4, 3x6), Hashan Dumindu 130, Ravindu Ransantha 30* vs Kandy Customs SC.

At SSC grounds. CCC: 352/4 at close (Minod Bhanuka 74, Kamindu Mendis 97*, Lasith Abeyratne 92, Lakshitha Rasanjana 2/79) vs SSC.

At Rangiri Dambulla Stadium. Kurunegala YCC: 237 (Dhanushka Dharmasiri 55, Muditha Premadasa 93*, Asantha Basnayake 49, Tharinindu Siriwardena 2/48, Insaka Siriwardena 3/28, Themal Bandara 3/40) **Kalutara TC:** 9 for no loss at close.

At BOI grounds. Katunayake. Baduraliya SC: 264/7 at close (Dunith Jayathunga 84, Anuk Fernando 109*, Gihan Rupasinghe 41, Dhanushka Sandaruwan 5/65 vs Negombo CC).

At Galle International Cricket Stadium. Ragama CC: 322/8 at close (Nusal Dharmaratne 40, Nishan Madushka 150, Dulaj Bandara 26, Dellon Pieris 24, Ishan Jayaratne 42*, Rajith Priyan 2/72, Hareen Budhila 3/72) vs Galle CC.

At Moors grounds. Moors SC: 429/6 at close (Pabasara Waduge 32, Sohan de Livera 75, Pasindu Sooriyabandara 133, Ramesh Mendis 78, Mohammad Shamaz 52, Sisira Weerasooriya 22*, Imtiyaz Salza 27*, Yasiru Rodrigo 2/75, Yasiru Tharaka 2/34, Rajewea Weerasinghe 2/117) vs Lankan CC.

Asia Cup Trophy Unveiled



The President of Sri Lanka Cricket Shammi Silva (third from right) and the President of the Emirates Cricket Board, Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan who is also the Minister of Tolerance in UAE, posed for a photograph with the Men's Asia Cup Trophy at launching ceremony in Dubai yesterday. Ashley De Silva, CEO of Sri Lanka Cricket, Thusith Perera, General Manager of the ACC, Mubashir Usmani, General Secretary of the ECB, Subhan Ahmad, Advisor to Emirates Cricket Board, and Prabhakaran Thanraj, Head of Events of ACC, are also in the picture. (Pic by SLC)

Indian Open National Para Athletics C'ship

Sri Lankan para athletes clinch six silvers, one bronze

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
Sri Lankan para athletes won six silver medals and one bronze at the Indian Open National Para Athletics Championship held in Bangalore, India yesterday.

"Sri Lankan paralympic bronze medalist Samitha Dulan was satisfied with winning silver, while his distance was 65.27m, it was not enough to set up a world record", said National Paralympic Committee President Lt. Colonel Deepal Herath. Dulan, who had a distance of 66.60m at the National Para Athletic Championship, threw 65.27m to take the silver medal. The Indian athlete won the gold medal in this F 44-64 event with a distance of 68.25m.

"Samitha recorded his best with 66.60m in the F-44 event last month. However, in yesterday's F-44-64 event, he was not up to his best standard to set up a world record", added Lt. Colonel Deepal Herath. Thisara Jayasinghe won the silver medal in the Shot Put F-54-56 event with 5.90m while Anil Jayalath won silver in the 100m T-42 event clocking at 12.59 seconds and the same event third place was won by Sri Lanka's Buddika Indrapala with 13.43 seconds.

In the 100m T-44 event, Nuwan Indika won the 100m T-44 silver while Saman Subasinghe 400m T-44 silver with 50.55 seconds while Pradeep Somasiri clinched the silver at the 1500 T-46 event. Kumudu Priyanka and Janani Dhananjana were placed eighth and ninth at the women's 100m T-46-47 event.

Test of the summer after four wins in a row at the start of Ben Stokes' captaincy.

The lead was already a handy 124 overnight, but England received a lift in the opening over of the day as Kagiso Rabada fell to Matthew Potts' third ball. Rabada's firm pull looked to be clearing Stuart Broad at wide mid-on, only for the 36-year-old to pull off a spectacular one-handed catch above his head.

With the second new ball almost due, England might have had thoughts of keeping South Africa below 300. But a sustained short-ball attack against Anrich Nortje, even once the old ball had been traded in, was unsuccessful as the No. 10 helped Marco Jansen add another 29 runs to the total.

Chief scores
South Africa 1st Innings: 326 (Erwee 73, Jansen 48, Elgar 47, Maharaj 41, Broad 3/71, Stokes 3/71)

England 1st Innings: 165 and 2nd Innings: 38/2 at lunch (Lees 12*, Maharaj 2/6).

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Wanuja and Asitha grab the honours in drawn game

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Leg spinner Wanuja Sahan's 4wickets for 13 and Asitha Wanninayake's century were the highlights of the 3-day warm-up match between Sri Lanka U19s and Young Lions Invitational XI which ended in a draw on Thursday (18) at Brockington Ground, Loughborough.

After the second day's play was washed out completely, the final day commenced on time with the visitors at 182/4 in their first innings. Left-hander Asitha Wanninayake took the batting honours with a

superb century. Sri Lanka under 19 scored 248 for 7 wickets declared while in their second easy they were 132 for 2 wickets at close with Abhishek Liyanarachchi scoring a fine knock of 51 in 57 balls while Sadeesha Rajapaksa scored 32.

Young Sri Lankans bowled really well to restrict the home side for 104 in the first innings while credit should go to experienced leg spinner Wanuja Sahan Kumara who finished with 4 for 13 and the two pacemen Dulaj

Samuditha and Duvindu Ranathunga took two wickets apiece.

Chief scores
Sri Lanka U19s - 248 for 7 wickets declared (Asitha Wanninayake 100, Raveen de Silva 33*, Ranuda Somaratne 29, Sadeesha Rajapaksa 23, Pawan Pathiraja 23, R Evitts 3/53, E Jack 2/43) **and 132 for 2 wickets at close** (Abhishek Liyanarachchi 51, Sadeesha Rajapaksa 32, Shevon Daniel 25*, Lahiru Dawatage 21*)

Young Lions Invitational XI - 104 all out (MD Wagstaff 53, Wanuja Sahan 4/13, Dulaj Samuditha 2/27, Duvindu Ranathunga 2/34)

Maharaj double rocks England in face of big first-innings deficit

South Africa struck twice before lunch, having taken a 161-run lead on first innings, to plunge England into further trouble on day three of the first Test at Lord's. Keshav Maharaj removed Zak Crawley and Ollie Pope cheaply - the later via a review - the final ball before the break - as the tourists maintained their grip on proceedings.

It could have been worse for England, who also saw Alex Lees dropped in the slips off Kagiso Rabada, with the home side

facing their stiffest Test of the summer after four wins in a row at the start of Ben Stokes' captaincy.

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