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Five-day working week for Govt. employees from Aug. 25

NERANJALA WICKRAMASINGHE

From August 25th, all Government employees will have to report to work on all five working days of the week, Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration M.M.P.K. Mayadunne said. **TO PAGE 04**

Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena and UNDP reps discuss INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC THREE-WHEELERS AND BUSES IN SRI LANKA

IRANGIKA RANGE
An initial discussion was held yesterday between Transport and Highways Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena and UNDP representatives on the possibilities of introducing electric three-wheelers and buses in Sri Lanka to restrict fuel imports and minimise air pollution. **TO PAGE 02**

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Transport and Highways Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena holding talks with UNDP representatives.

Ranil-Sajith talks end on positive note SJB willing to support APG without accepting ministerial portfolios



ANANDA KANNAGARA
The Samagi Jana Balavegaya (SJB) yesterday informed President Ranil Wickremesinghe that the party is willing to support an All-Party Government (APG) without accepting ministerial portfolios but will play a role in governance through Committees in Parliament. **TO PAGE 04**



Universities to be reopened in September

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE
Steps will be taken to fully open all the universities in the month of September by the University Grants Commission (UGC). **TO PAGE 02**

Death fall for Peradeniya Campus Assistant Instructor

Internal bleeding cause of death

ASELA KURULUWANSA and SAMAN VIJAYA BANDARA Mawanelia Special
A member of Explorers' Club of the University of Peradeniya fell to death at the Saradiel Gala, Uthuwankanda on Sunday (21). **TO PAGE 02**



India records over 80 cases of 'Tomato Flu'

INDIA: Just as we are dealing with the Monkeypox outbreak and probable emergence of the fourth wave of COVID-19, **TO PAGE 02**

Australia, India to supply fuel to SLN, SLAF

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI
Australia in cooperation with India is to supply fuel to the Sri Lankan Navy and Air Force. **TO PAGE 02**

Jaffna Uni. Professor attempts suicide

A Professor at a Jaffna University had tried to commit suicide recently as he lost the opportunity to function in the Acting Head of the Department post. **TO PAGE 02**

Jehan Appuhami released on bail

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE
Fort Magistrate Thilina Gamage yesterday ordered actor Jehan Appuhami, who has been issued warrants for violating court orders, to be released on a personal bail of Rs.500,000 after he surrendered to Court. **TO PAGE 02**



Father beats son to death

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Correspondent
A 63-years-old father of Tittaragoda in Pitigala has reportedly clubbed his son to death on Sunday (21) night, Pitigala Police said. **TO PAGE 04**

Over 3,500 arrested over May 9 violence

LAHIRU FERNANDO
Police have arrested a total of 3,553 individuals over the island-wide May 9 violence, by August 22, Police Media Spokesman SSP Nihal Thaldudu said. **TO PAGE 04**

GOVT. TO PROVIDE KEROSENE SUBSIDY TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE
Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera said that the Government will take steps to provide a Kerosene subsidy for

low-income families and people engaged in fisheries and plantations sectors. "This subsidy applies to low-income families dependent on Kero-

sene, as well as to persons employed in fisheries and plantations sectors," he said. Accordingly, he also stated that steps will be taken to continuously supply Kerosene especially to

the fishing community as they are badly affected with the scarcity of Kerosene. Meanwhile, the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) has increased the

price of a litre of Kerosene by Rs.253 from midnight of Sunday (21). Thus, the new price of a litre of Kerosene is Rs.340. The previous price of a litre of kerosene was Rs.87.

YUAN WANG 5 DEPARTS HAMBANTOTA PORT



The Chinese research ship Yuan Wang 5 which arrived at the Hambantota International Port (HIP) on August 16 for replenishments, departed yesterday, August 22.

Over 50 percent of dengue cases reported from WP

SANDYA KARUNARATNE
Chief Medical Officer of the Colombo Municipal Council Dr. Ruwan Vijayamuni stated that there has been an increase in the number of dengue cases reported from the Colombo Municipal Council area due to a lack of facilities and necessary equipment and fuel as a result of the economic crisis in the country. **TO PAGE 04**

Imran Khan booked under Anti-Terrorism Act

PAKISTAN: Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan has been booked under Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act (Punishment for acts of Terrorism) for threatening a judge and two top police officials at his Islamabad rally recently, said reports on Monday. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party said that the Pakistan Government is planning to arrest Khan. **TO PAGE 02**



'Take preventive measures against COVID-19, get booster jab'

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
Director Medical Technological Services and Ministry Coordinator in charge of COVID-19 Dr. Anwar Hamdani yesterday said that despite a decrease in the number of recorded COVID-19 infected people in the third week of August, it cannot be concluded that there are no COVID-19 infected people in society. **TO PAGE 02**

Omicron BA5 variant most prevalent in four areas

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA
A genetic analysis conducted by the Institute of Allergy, Immunology and Cell Biology of the University of Sri Jayawardenapura confirmed that the COVID Omicron BA5 variant is most prevalent in the Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara and Puttalam areas, Director of the Unit Dr. Chandima Jeevandara said. **TO PAGE 02**



Conspirators will become political orphans - Kariyawasam

NERANJALA WICKRAMASINGHE
Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna Secretary General, Member of Parliament Sagara Kariyawasam said yesterday that those who conspire to form other political entities while being **TO PAGE 02**



DELDUWA RESTAURANT SHOOTING, A RESULT OF GANG WARFARE - POLICE

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE and Karadeniya Group
ANURADHA PRIYADARSHANA
Two people were killed after an unidentified gunman opened fire at a group of individuals who were consuming alcohol on the roof top of a restaurant in Delduwa, Ambalangoda on Sunday night. **TO PAGE 02**

'Aragalaya' protesters caused Rs.4.9 Mn in damages to Galle Face area

Action to be taken against those responsible on Minister's instructions

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI
The estimated damages done to the Galle Face Green by the 'Aragalaya' protesters amounts to around Rs.4.9 Million, the Urban Development Authority in a statement said yesterday. The UDA had made this observation citing an assessment report, which had calculated the damage done to the Galle Face Green by the protesters. **TO PAGE 04**

Attack on SLPP supporters: Probe to arrest suspects

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE
Police investigations have started to arrest the people who attacked a group of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) supporters who were ready to go home after attending a meeting at Temple Trees on May 9. **TO PAGE 02**

Probe violent incidents that took place from May 9 to July 12 - Gammanpila

AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI
Pivithuru Hela Urumaya leader MP Udaya Gammanpila yesterday (22) requested to appoint a Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) investigating the violent incidents that took place from May 9 to July 12 in the country. **TO PAGE 04**



Assault on SDIG Tennakoon: 8 suspects granted bail

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE
Fort Magistrate Thilina Gamage yesterday ordered that the eight suspects involved in the attack on the Senior Deputy Inspector General **TO PAGE 02**



Two in custody over Mt. Lavinia Court shooting

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE
The Police Special Task Force arrested a man (27) along with his mistress (37) over the shooting that took place at the Mt. Lavinia Court premises on August 4, on Saturday (20). **TO PAGE 04**

Police officer wanted for alleged rape OIC gave boiled Cannabis water to WPC

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE
A senior Police officer from the Sevanagala Police area, who has been accused of allegedly molesting and attempting to rape an apprentice Women's Police Constable (WPC) will shortly surrender to the Police Children and Women's Bureau, Police sources said. **TO PAGE 04**

90-day detention order issued on Mudalige, two others

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE
The Ministry of Defence issued a 90-day Detention Order (DO) against the Convener of the Inter-University Students' Federation (IUSF) Wasantha Mudalige and two others yesterday. **TO PAGE 04**



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Introduction of electric... From page 01

There are more than 1 million three-wheelers in Sri Lanka and converting them to running on electricity will decrease the fuel bill and passengers can travel at an affordable price.

It has been planned to convert 300 three-wheelers to electric power within this year under the E-Mobility programme implemented as a pilot project of the UNDP and prepare a proper methodology for that.

The UNDP has allocated US\$ three million for this project. Meanwhile, attention was also paid to starting an electric bus service in Colombo city.

The Minister told the gathering that the Cabinet Paper has already been submitted vesting the power to the NTC to handle all the institutions related to passenger transport. Accordingly, the NTC will be vested with powers to amend the Act, determine the fees and impose fines. In future, the activities related to the registration of three-wheelers that will be converted to electric power will also be started.

Universities to be... From page 01

The universities that were completely closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic have not yet fully reopened. In some universities, academic activities are conducted through the online system. Thus, after more than two years, the university system will be fully operative from September and physical lectures in universities will be conducted. Meanwhile, studies in some universities are conducted without the full student capacity as per the COVID-19 regulations issued by the Health Ministry. Accordingly, students are summoned in groups to universities to study.

One of the main demands of the recent protest held by the Inter-University Student Union was to reopen the universities as soon as possible.

Jehan Appuhami... From page 01

The Magistrate who ordered the suspect Jehan Appuhami to appear before the Slave Island police today (23) and give a statement and ordered the Superintendent of Police Special Investigation Division to investigate and report to the Court regarding the alleged escape of Jehan Appuhami, who was said to have been in Police custody.

The Magistrate made the order after observing that the suspect who was in the custody of the Maligawatta Police had escaped on August 19, in the 'B' report.

India records over 80... From page 01

a new virus known as tomato flu, or tomato fever, has emerged India in children younger than 5 years, reports the Lancet journal. Tomato Fever is also known as Hand Foot Mouth Disease (HFMD).

The medical practitioners have sounded an alarm over the spread of 'tomato flu' across the country. While the virus was first reported in Kerala on May 6, India has recorded over 80 cases till now.

"Just as we are dealing with the probable emergence of the fourth wave of COVID-19, a new virus known as tomato flu, or tomato fever, has emerged in India in the state of Kerala in children younger than 5 years," Lancet said in its report.

According to the Lancet study, tomato fever flared in India after children, aged below 5 years, got infected upon contact with the virus. The tomato fever is rarely diagnosed in adults because their immune system is generally stronger than that of a child's.

It may be noted that the rare viral infection is in an endemic state and is considered non-life-threatening; however, because of the dreadful experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, vigilant management is desirable to prevent further outbreaks.

In Tomato flu, children are showing rashes, skin irritation, dehydration and red blisters which is probably how it got its name of tomato flu. - ZEE NEWS

Internal bleeding... From page 01

A graduate and an assistant instructor at the Post Graduate Study unit of the Agriculture Department, Virasmi Weerakody, 27, had been a senior member of the UOP Explorers' Club.

Virasmi and 59 club members had gone to Saradiel Gala for mountaineering. Virasmi had stayed back as she was suffering from an injury in hand.

"She could not climb because she could not have a proper grip on the rope. So we went ahead while Virasmi and a fellow club member stayed back. Later, the two of them attempted to climb the rock using a different path. They had almost succeeded. The student who stayed with Virasmi had told her 'it looked like we passed the difficult part of the journey' to which Virasmi had replied yes. At that moment, she had stepped on some dried leaves, slipped and fell," a club member explained.

Virasmi was severely injured in the 250 feet fall and succumbed to her death on location due to internal bleeding.

Vice Chancellor of the Peradeniya University Professor Terrace Madhujith said certain protocols have been violated. "When a decision is made by a team, everyone should stick to it. Nobody should use alternate routes when a route is decided on. It seem that protocol has been violated," he pointed out.

Australia, India to supply... From page 01

The Australian High Commission in Sri Lanka issuing a twitter message stated, "Australia is pleased to be working with India to provide fuel to the Sri Lanka's Navy (SLN) and the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF).

It will help our longstanding cooperation against transnational crime to continue. As Indian Ocean neighbours, all three countries share a commitment to preserving regional security."

Imran Khan booked... From page 01

The case against Khan was filed hours after Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said that the Government was mulling filing a case against the 69-year-old PTI chief over his provocative speech delivered on Saturday night in the F-9 Park of the national capital.

According to the copy of the first information report, the case was registered at the Margalla Police Station of Islamabad at 10 pm on Saturday under Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act (punishment for acts of terrorism).

The FIR reads that Khan in his speech had "terrorised and threatened top police officials and a respected female additional sessions judge" with the aim to stop them from performing their functions and abstain from pursuing any action against any individual related to his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party (PTI). It says that Khan's speech had spread fear and uncertainty among the police, judges and the nation. - ZEE NEWS

Jaffna Uni. Professor... From page 01

When a Head of the Department (HOD) of a Faculty in the University had applied for sabbatical leave, Jaffna University Vice Chancellor Professor S.Srisatunarakah was appointed Acting Head of the Department after informing the Senate.

However, the Head of the Department who applied for the Sabbatical leave had later informed the VC that his foreign trip will be delayed and he wants to postpone taking sabbatical leave and requested to come back and function in his Department. Then VC had approved his request.

"After hearing about this, the Professor who was appointed as Acting HOD has come to the VC's office while a meeting was going on and poured kerosene on his head and attempted to suicide as he lost the opportunity to function as the Acting HOD. However, the VC had talked to him more than one and half hours and pacified the Professor and sent him home," sources said.

Attack on SLPP supporters:... From page 01

Some of the SLPP supporters were pushed into the Beira Lake and attacked and protesters had set fire to the buses they came from.

Two persons have been arrested by the Colombo Crime Division on suspicion. There is a woman among them.

On May 09, more than 10 buses were set on fire and some of them were pushed into Beira Lake. The police say an organized group led the attack.

They were attacked and pushed into the Beira lake while the buses that had arrived transported them to the meeting held at Temple Trees were set on fire and destroyed.

Police say that about 30 people were thrown into the Beira lake and were kept in the water for more than an hour. A large number of people who were attacked and unable to go to their villages had stayed at Temple Trees premises overnight and the Police say that doctors came and treated the injured.

Police say that although the bus owners complained about the damage to the buses, most of the people who were assaulted did not complain about it.

But according to the complaints received, the Police say that they are currently engaged in identifying the suspects from the videos and photos and video data shared on social media.

Conspirators will become... From page 01

SLPP members will become political orphans in the future. He said this while addressing a press conference held at the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna party headquarters Battaramulla.

Kariyawasam said the SLPP MPs who were misled by the conspirators are returning to the party fold again.

But Kariyawasam said those who engaged in conspiracies from the beginning are now trying to form new alliances.

"We know that such a force cannot be created because everyone came together under the leadership of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The progressive people of this country who love the nation" are still with us" he said. Karitawasam said the SLPP as a party discussed with the President as a party about the return of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to Sri Lanka.

"We requested that the former president be provided with all the necessary facilities for his return as soon as possible and that the security and necessary facilities be provided similar to that given to a former president after his arrival in Sri Lanka" he added.

Delduwa restaurant shooting... From page 01

According to the Police, the suspect had committed the crime using a T56 weapon during the power cut experienced in the area.

The attack is suspected to have been carried out in return to the murder of Wasantha Soyya, who was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen at Urawatta, Ambalangoda on July 26, 2022.

Wasantha was killed on the way back home after appearing in the Balapitiya Court for a hearing. He was accused of over the murder of Ajith Soyya alias 'Buru Ajith' at Parrot Junction in Ambalangoda on August 22, 2020. Wasantha Soyya was arrested by the Police Special Task Force (STF) in connection with this murder.

Following the murder of Wasantha Soyya, his gang carried out a shooting targeting the main suspect of the Wasantha's murder Sujith Soyya while he was participating in a funeral on July 27.

However, Sujith Soyya managed to escape in the shooting while two others including Sujith's Brother Vjith Soyya died on the spot.

Later, on August 19 Police arrested Sujith Soyya and another suspect while they were hiding in a house in Homagama along with the motorbike and the weapon used to kill Wasantha Soyya. A 64-year-old woman who provided shelter to these suspects was also arrested by the Police. "The shooting carried out at the restaurant in Ambalangoda on Sunday was aimed at Dhanushka Soyya, the son of Sujith Soyya's brother, Police said. The shooters were able to kill Dhanushka on this occasion while the other person had died after he jumped in to the swimming pool on the ground floor to rescue Dhanushka Soyya when the shooting took place.

The deceased Dhanushka Soyya and Sandun Madhusanka were residents of Wenamulla, Ambalangoda. Although the Police had advised Dhanushka Soyya not to go out due to the death threats he had been receiving, he had ignored them," Police said. "A dispute between two families is the reason behind this series of murders," Police said.

"Wasantha's faction is receiving the support from underworld kingpin Karadeniyi Sudda and Podi Lasi to commit these murders, police said. A group of armed persons killing the husband, wife and their four-year-old child at Idanthota in Ambalangoda in 2016 also has a connection to this family dispute, police sources said. Karadeniyi Sudda and Podi Lasi had killed this family over a contract given by Wasantha Soyya.

'Take preventive... From page 01

He said that although the number of COVID-infected people reported in the second week of this month had exceeded 200, about 150 infected people were reported again and even though the number is less than that, it cannot be said that the number of COVID-infected people is low.

He also said that when the number of patients decrease, the number of deaths will decrease.

He stated that although there is a decrease in the number of COVID-19 patients, there may not be a decrease in the number of people actually infected with COVID-19 and the real number of patients are not reported because they are not directed to carry out tests to identify COVID-19 except in essential cases.

Dr. Hamdani also said that because there is the prevalence of fever, cough, cold and the dengue disease these days, people are less likely to get tested for COVID-19.

Director General of Health Services Dr. Asela Gunawardena, has confirmed that 95 COVID-19 related deaths have been reported in the 20 days. He has also confirmed that 75 of the deaths reported were people above the age of 60. The Department of Epidemiology informs that 3228 people infected with COVID-19 have been reported only in the first 20 days of this month.

"More than 100 COVID-19 infected patients are being reported from Sri Lanka every day and therefore everyone should be very careful about this disease," said Dr.Samitha Ginige, the head specialist of the department. He also said that people with chronic diseases, including the elderly, should take precautions by getting the COVID-19 booster doses. He stated that as a result of anti-COVID-19 vaccines, the number of infected people have decreased in the past and the immunity rate of the first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccines have decreased.

He also said that the attention of the people should be focused on getting the anti-COVID booster vaccine doses to build immunity against the virus.

Obituaries

FERNANDO - ANOJA of **Rotherfield Place, Colombo 7.** The death is sorrowfully announced of Mrs Anoja Chandravati (Amarasinghe) Fernando on 21st August 2022. Widow of the late Joyce A. Fernando, sister of the late Dr P.H. Amarasinghe, late Ana Amarasinghe, late Upali Amarasinghe and late Asoka Amarasinghe, beloved aunt of Chandri, Rohana, Shirani, Nedra, Hiran, Sathis and Nelun. Private funeral was held on 22nd August 2022. May she attain Nibbana. 048797

FERNANDO - NIHAL (Retired Engineer C.E.B.) At rest with Jesus. Beloved husband of Amitha, loving father of Amal, son of late Bernard & Ila, loving brother of Himani, late Roy, Noreen, Cecil & Sriyangan, brother-in-law of Dawn, late Sunitha & Mark. Cortege leaves **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour** on Tuesday the 23rd of August, 2022 at 4.00 p.m. for Burial at General Cemetery Borella (Anglican Section). 048804

GOONERATNE - RANJIT - Beloved husband of late Dayanthi, loving father of Darshan, Dilrukshi, Ranmalee & Sanjeev, father-in-law of Sunethra, Rohan Jayasekara, Krishantha Athukorala & Aruni, brother of late Lakshman, Ravindra & Mahendra. Remains lie at **The Restpect Home, Borella** on August 24th, Wednesday from 8.30 a.m. Cremation at 4.30 p.m. at General Cemetery, Borella. No flowers please. 048774

PERERA - MAHANATHA ARACHCHIGE GAMINI JAYALATH - Husband of Chandrika Perera; father of Buddhika Rukshan Perera & Janani Charithriya Perera; father-in-law of Majintha Perera & Epitakaduwa Gamage Kalpa Udara, passed away peacefully on August 19th 2022. Remains lie at **The Restpect Home by Jayaratne's** on Tuesday, August 23rd from 9.00 a.m. and cortege leaves at 3.15 p.m. for the Old Crematorium (Devi Balika side) - Borella Cemetery. 048833

PERERA - MRS. MERLYN - Called to everlasting rest. Dearly beloved wife of George Perera, daughter of late Mr. & Mrs. Francis Perera, precious mother of Rohan (USA), Sardha (USA), Jane (UK) and Jeremy (USA), mother-in-law of Ramona, Dayantha and the late Chandra, grandmother of Georgina, Avinash, Saphire and Royce, sister of late Joe, Annette, Patricia and George. Remains lie at **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour**, on Monday 22nd from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday 23rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Service at 3.15 p.m. and burial at (RC Cemetery), Kanatta Borella at 4.15 p.m. 048710

SANMUGANATHAN - MERCY - Wife of late Deva Sanmuganathan, precious mother of Revathy, Ragini, Ranjini (USA), Ravi, Ruby, Rishi (Australia) and Rukesh, mother-in-law of Winfred, Alfred (USA), Anushya, Shivi (Australia) and Shiromi, most loved Nanna of Dushyanthi and Avanka (USA), Ashanthi and Chrisan, Suresh and Melissa, Ravin (Dubai), Bianca (USA) and Ryan (Australia), adored great-grandmother of Anya and Matthias, passed away peacefully on 14th August 2022. Remains will lie at **"Restpect Home", Jayaratne Funeral Parlour, 483, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 08** from 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. on 22nd August and 23rd August from 8.30 a.m. onwards until the Funeral Service at the Parlour at 3.30 p.m. Thereafter burial at General Cemetery, Borella (Anglican Section). **65/7, Saparamadu Place, Waragoda, Kelaniya.** 048713

OBITUARY NOTICE



Mrs. Pushpa Pathirana

Retired teacher, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya - Colombo, former Secretary, Matara Sujatha Vidyalaya Old Girls Association (Colombo branch), expired. Remains lie at Jayarathna Funeral Parlour, Borella from 23.08.2022. Cremation will take place at 11.00 a.m. on 24.08.2022.

Bereaved husband, H.S. Wijerathna (retired Director - Ministry of Education), daughters Deeshana, Bhashini, Dulip (son-in-law), Minma (grand-daughter), Sathiru (grand-son) all in Australia.

Omicron BA5 variant most... From page 01

He said that this test was conducted using 67 samples taken from those areas and 60 of them belong to the Omicron BA5 variety and the remaining seven are covid variants.

He also said that the report of the results of this test conducted by the Institute of Allergy, Immunology and Cell Biology of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was handed over to the Ministry of Health on the 12th this month.

The COVID-19 Omicron BA5 strain has become the most prevalent virus strain worldwide these days.

Assault on SDIG Tennakoon: ... From page 01

of Western Province, Deshbandu Tennakoon be released on personal bail of Rs.500,000 as they had pleaded guilty to the offence. The eight suspects were to be produced for an identification parade.

The Magistrate made this order after considering the request made

by a group of lawyers representing the suspects who submitted affidavits that the suspects were scheduled for an identification parade and that the suspects were ready to plead guilty. The Colombo Crimes Division presented the facts regarding the incident to the Court.



Municipal Council - Kurunegala

Procurement Notice

Invitation for Bids under National Open Competitive Bidding Procedure to Lease the Shops in Dr. Silva Mawatha

Bids are invited under **National Open Competitive Bidding to lease out the shops in Dr.Silva Mawatha** belonging to Kurunegala Municipal Council For 10 Years.

S/No	Type of the Shop	Extent of a shop (Sq. ft)	Minimum Bid to be paid excluding Tax (Rs.)	Tender Form Fees + VAT 12% Rs.	Tender Guarantee Deposits/ Bid Security
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3	03-A	40.68	872,000.00 (Initial fee)	3,240.00	8,720.00
4	04-A	33.29	713,000.00 (Initial fee)	3,240.00	7,130.00
5	05-A	24.15	517,000.00 (Initial fee)	3,240.00	5,170.00
6	06-A	31.52	675,000.00 (Initial fee)	3,240.00	6,750.00

Municipal Commissioner of Municipal Council Kurunegala has decided to invite bids under national open bidding procedure to lease out the above shops. Bidding documents for the above bid can be obtained from the Accounts Department of the Municipal Council Kurunegala from **23.08.2022** till **2.00 p.m. 13.09.2022** tenders will be opened at **2.00 p.m. on 14.09.2022** at the **Committee Meeting Hall of the Municipal Council** and the bidder or an authorized representative can choose to attend in person. Other details are available along with the tender documents.

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**Municipal Commissioner,
 Municipal Council,
 Kurunegala.
 2022.08.23**

People's support very important in resolving country's crisis - Prime Minister

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that the support of people is very important in resolving the country's crisis. He was visiting Sri Sudharmarama Pirivena, Manikkawatta Sri Vijayaramaya and Randev temples in Avissawella on August 21.

A set of furniture including chairs for teachers were provided from the Parliamentary Decentralised Budgetary Fund for the Dhamma schools at these temples.

"The temples have been working together with me for a long time. They give the necessary advice and guidance. We always

hope for the guidance of the Maha Sangha to carry out our work. We are living in the worst time in the history of Sri Lanka. We are here to save the country from that situation. The support of the people is very important in this regard," the Prime Minister said.

Ven. Kuruwita Ratanawansa Thera said that when there was no electricity in this area, the premier gave electricity. "When we said that there was no water in this area, we were given water. We were also provided with telephone facilities and even the roads and infrastructure facilities.

You have done those services when you were a minister," the Thera said. Ven. Madanwala AnandaThera also advised the Prime Minister to take the good measures that can be taken for the prosperity of the country as soon as possible.

"Use this position to move the country forward in a way that benefits the people," the Thera said.

Ven. Madanwala Ananda Thera, incumbent of Randev Temple, Ven. Devalegama Sumangala Thera, incumbent of Sri Sudharmarama Pirivena, Ven. Gonagala Jinaratne Thera,

incumbent of Manikkawatta Sri Vijayarama Vihara, Viharadhikari Ven. Kuruwita Ratanawansa Thera also addressed the gathering.

Parliamentarian Yadamini Gunawardena, Jayantha Rohana, President of Seethawaka Regional Council, Local Council members including Sunny Peiris, Samantha Iddagoda, Aruna Divigalle and Wimal Prasanna, Seethawakapura Municipal Council Chairman Ranaweera Kurugalaarachchi and other Municipal council members U.A.H. Ubesinghe, Ajith Soysa and Sisira Jayasinghe were present.



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena having a chat with the students of a Dhamma School of one of the temples that he visited on the day. Picture courtesy: PM's Media Division

Second batch of urea from India reaches Sri Lanka

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The second batch of 65,000 metric tonnes of urea fertilizer to be given to Sri Lanka under the Government of India's loan scheme was officially handed over to Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera on August 22 morning by Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Bhagle.

Sending the fertilizer stock of 21,000 metric tonnes to the Lanka Fertilizer Company and Commercial Fertilizer Company were also commenced.

The urea fertilizer was handed over at the Port of Colombo on August 22 in the presence of Ports, Shipping and Aviation Services Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva.

The Government of India has taken measures to provide 65,000 metric tonnes of urea fertilizer for paddy cultivation in the spring season. The first batch of 44,000 metric tonnes was received last month and the second batch has been provided now. 98 per cent of the



Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera, Ports, Shipping and Aviation Services Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva and others arriving at the Colombo Port to receive the second batch of fertilizer from the Indian Government.

rice cultivation in the dry season has been distributed to the farmers. The remaining two per cent has been arranged to be distributed in the coming period, and it is estimated that the total amount of urea fertilizer required for the root season will be around 31,000 metric tonnes. Another 35,000 metric tonnes of urea will

be left and it is planned to be distributed to the farmers at the beginning of the next season.

The Minister mentioned that although there was some delay in providing urea fertilizer to the farmers who cultivated paddy in the yala season, the required amount has been distributed so far. Some parties made various allegations regarding the ferti-

lizers provided by the Indian government. Some had claimed that the urea was inferior to fertilizer and toxic. But the farmers are now saying that the quality of this urea fertilizer is very high. Minister Amaraweera said that the World Bank has supported the purchase of urea fertilizer for the upcoming season. While inviting tenders to buy urea fertilizers, it receives recommendations from the World Bank.

Therefore, there will be no room to cheat even a rupee from the fertilizers provided next month. All purchases are made transparently. And a good audit is done. "Therefore, there will be no room for fraud in fertilizer transactions in the future," he said.

The Indian High Commissioner said that Sri Lanka is providing all the support it can provide as a friendly neighbour. "We are really happy to be able to provide this urea fertilizer. The Indian government and people always work with the Sri Lankan government," he said.

Navy holds prescription drugs worth over Rs. 4.5 million in Mannar



A part of the drug stock.

Navy personnel found a stock of prescription drugs washed ashore in Nadukuda, Mannar during a foot patrol on August 20 morning.

SLNS Gajaba conducted the operation in the North Central Naval Command and found the stock of drugs in polythene packages at the Nadukuda beach. These drugs have been made in foreign countries.

Smugglers might have abandoned the stock, Navy sources said.

The market value of the stock of prescription drugs is over Rs. 4.5 million and it was kept in the Naval custody until legal proceedings.

Turkiye donates emergency medicines, medical supplies to Sri Lanka

The Government of Türkiye donated emergency medicines and other medical supplies worth of USD one million. The first consignment including Filgasstrin injections were airlifted to Sri Lanka and provided to the officials of the Health Ministry on August 14.

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Türkiye M. Rizvi Hassen during his meeting with Foreign Affairs Minister of Türkiye Mevlut Cavusoglu and Chairman of Türkiye-Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Group Ahmet Hamdi Camli on August 17 thanked and expressed gratitude to President of the Republic of Türkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the Government of Türkiye for the generous donation and the solidarity extended to the Government and the people of Sri Lanka.

The two containers of

other medicines and medical supplies left the Izmit Sea Port, Türkiye on August 17 and will reach the Colombo Port by mid-September 2022.

The donation was a result of a request by Ambassador Hassen during his meeting with the Chairman of Türkiye-Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Group Ahmet Hamdi Camli and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye in May to brief about the situation in Sri Lanka with a request to consider assisting the health sector of Sri Lanka. The Ministry of Health of Türkiye coordinated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye and expedited the dispatch of the medical consignment with the approval of Republic of Türkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.



Rabies spreads in Galle

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,

Galle Central Special Corr.

Over 2,930 people have sought treatment from the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital Rabies Treatment Unit after they were bitten by dogs and mammals in the first six months of 2022, Dr. Gitanjali Gunaratne of the OPD of the hospital said.

The doctor also said that 1,365 patients who came for treatment were given the anti-rabies vaccine.

Others were instructed to be observant over the animals that had bitten them.

She also said that 95 per cent of the patients who came for treatment were residents of the Galle District.

Dr. Gitanjali said that the anti-rabies vaccine should be used very sparingly and after opening one vial, it can be kept for about six hours and one vial can be injected for five patients.

At least 488 people bitten by dogs arrive at the unit in a month,' he said.

PMB buys 282 metric tonnes of paddy

The Paddy Marketing Board (PMB) has bought 282 metric tonnes of paddy on August 21, which is the fourth day after the commencement of purchasing paddy by the Government.

Within four days, the PMB bought 1,126 metric tonnes of paddy from the farmers, according to PMB Chairman Neil de Alwis. Seventy three warehouses were open on August 21 to buy paddy in areas where paddy is harvested and threshed.

SLFP LG Councillor arrested for May 9 incidents

BIMAL JAYASINGHE, Bandaragama Corr.

A Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) Municipal Councillor who was found to have been involved in six riotous incidents on May 9 in Piliyandala was arrested by Piliyandala Police.

A police official said that the councillor was arrested after he came to the police station following an order.

The municipal councillor allegedly attacked and set fire to Kesbewa Mayor Laxman Perera's house along with another group, damaged and set fire to his cousin's house, damaged and set fire to the house of MP Gamini Lokuge's brother Budhadasa Lokuge, the arson attack on Kesbewa Municipal Councillor Shirley Jaelaga.

The police are investigating.

Navy to promote yoga among Naval personnel

The residential yoga training programme commenced in the Southern Naval Command on March 1 came to a successful end. The programme was launched to promote yoga exercises among Naval personnel who are into these practices, from each establishment in the Southern Naval Command and the initiative is being carried out on a

successful note. This yoga training programme, carried out under the directives of Navy Commander Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne and guidance of Commander Southern Naval Command, aims to improve strength, balance and flexibility of persons who engage in such exercises.

The programme is willingly par-

Pakistan records highest-ever weekly inflation

The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on Friday stated that the inflation measured by the Sensitive Price Index (SPI) rose sharply in the previous week climbing to a record 42.3 per cent year-on-year basis in August. Before this, the highest ever year-on-year increase in the SPI was 38.63 per cent, recorded for the week ending on August 5, the Dawn reported.

The latest data shows that the SPI rose by 3.35 per cent over last week, mainly because of higher food price-

es. The highest week-on-week increase in inflation was recorded at 3.68 per cent for the week that ended on July 28.

The report said that the increase was mainly observed in the prices of food items, including tomatoes (20.28 per cent), chicken (7.57 per cent), onions (2.30 per cent) and eggs (1.63 per cent). The non-food items that witnessed an increase in prices included electricity (6.83 per cent) and petrol (2.96 per cent). - ANI

Nine Senior Brigadiers promoted

Nine more senior Brigadiers of the Army on the recommendation of Lieutenant General Vikum Liyanage, Commander of the Army and the Defence Ministry have been promoted to the rank of Major General by President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Brigadier Shewanth Kulathunga of Sri Lanka Engineers, General Officer Commanding, 23 Division, Brigadier Mihidu Perera of Sri Lanka Light Infantry on foreign course, Brigadier Vipula Thalage of Special Forces, General Officer Commanding, 58 Division, Brigadier Indrajith Vithanachchi of Sri Lanka Army Ordnance Corps, Director, Directorate of Ordnance Services, Brigadier Manjula Kariyawasam of Sri Lanka Artillery, Director, Directorate of Staff Duties, Brigadier Chandimal Peiris of Special Forces, General Officer Commanding, 57 Division, Brigadier Nishshyanka Eriyagama of Special Forces, General Officer Commanding, 21 Division, Brigadier Mahinda Ranasingha of Special Forces, attached to the PSD and Brigadier Wajira Welagedara of Gemunu Watch on foreign course were promoted to the rank of Major General, stated the Military Secretariat at the Army HQ on Friday (19).

Eight more Sri Lankans rescued in Arichalmunai

Eight more refugees from Sri Lanka, including four children, were rescued in Arichalmunai on Sunday. However, their statement that they had been stranded in Indian waters in Arichalmunai for the past three days raised eyebrows regarding the surveillance activities of the Central and State agencies.

When personnel from the Indian Coast Guard spotted the refugees stranded in Arichalmunai, they inter-

cepted and brought them to the shores in a hovercraft on Sunday.

According to Chandrakumar, 36, and his wife Delsi, 35, of the Killinochi District, Sri Lanka, they reached Arichalmunai on an illegal vessel late on Thursday. "The boatmen returned in a hurry after dropping us off. Under the cover of darkness, we did not know where exactly we were. With just five litres of potable water and a few packets of biscuits, we managed

to survive till the ICG personnel rescued us," Delsi said.

The situation in Sri Lanka, according to the refugees, was very bad. "We have lost everything. There are no savings. After selling whatever goods we could, we managed to raise about 1 lakh Sri Lankan rupees with which we paid the boatmen. We were so thirsty, that we used up what little water we had in less than an hour. For almost two days, we drank salt water,

and there was no one to come to our aid in Arichalmunai," she said.

"Early morning on Sunday, the hovercraft rescued us. We thank the Indian Coast Guard and the Marine Police," Delsi added.

Along with Chandrakumar and Delsi, their seven-year-old son Venuson and two-month-old daughter Praveenason were taken to the Marine Police station. Kirubakaran, 30, his wife Nishanthi, 28, and their children

Deepika, nine, and Rakshika, four, from Jaffna were also rescued. A Marine Police officer said they would be handed over to the officials at the Mandapam Rehabilitation Centre.

With the arrival of eight persons on Sunday, the number of refugees has increased to 134, officials said, and added that one aged woman had died after an illness at the Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai.

A fishermen leader in Rameswaram

said that for the last eight days, there was no fishing activity due to the rough weather. "At least, when the fishermen ventured into the Palk Strait, they would notice stranded refugees and inform authorities," he added. Only on Saturday night, about 700 fishermen set sail into the sea from Rameswaram, and it was baffling that they did not notice the Sri Lankan refugees at Arichalmunai, he said. - The Hindu

Two Sri Lankan origin Canadians among Top 25 Canadian Immigrants of 2022

Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Canada Harsha Kumara Navaratne graced the Annual Awards ceremony of the Canadian Immigrant Magazine recently in Toronto where two Sri Lankan origin Canadians, Professor Janaka Ruwanpura and Dr. Sivakumar Gulasingam were among the Top 25 Canadian Immigrants of 2022.

The annual awards celebrates the achievements of inspiring Canadian immigrants.

Professor Ruwanpura is a scholar in construction engineering and an award-winning academic. He is the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-Pres-

ident (Research/International) and Professor of Engineering at the University of Calgary.

Professor Ruwanpura has won international, national, provincial, and municipal awards for his academic accomplishments, research and innovation. A few recent awards received by him include the Distinguished Alumni Award (Arizona State University), Life Time Achievement Award from Sri Lanka Foundation (Los Angeles) and City of Calgary's International Achievement.

Dr. Sivakumar Gulasingam is an award-winning physical medicine and

rehabilitation physician attached to University Health Network's Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and an Assistant Professor of the University of Toronto.

He is a medical graduate from the University of Colombo. Before migrating to Canada, Dr. Gulasingam had worked as the lead physician at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Sri Lanka. He is a national trainer and para-athletics classifier with Athletics Canada, International Paralympic Committee classifier, international trainer for World Para-Athletics and World Para-Dance Sports. Dr.

Gulasingam is a recipient of many prestigious awards including Michael Gordon Award for Humanism in Medicine from University of Toronto and The Most Outstanding Young Persons of the Year - Humanitarian and Voluntary Services, Junior Chambers International (JCI), Sri Lanka (2004).

The Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship of Canada, Sean Fraser, High Commissioner Navaratne and a cross section of academics, professionals and members of the business community in Canada, attended the event.



Another suspect arrested for forcibly entering SLRC

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Cinnamon Gardens Police arrested another suspect for forcibly entering the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC)

on July 13, yesterday. He is a 45-year-old resident of Mattegoda.

The Police arrested him after he surrendered through a lawyer.

Later, he was produced before the Aluthkade No. 1 Magistrate by the Police and the Magistrate released him on bail. Cinnamon Gardens Police are investigating.

'President using PTA to arrest peaceful protestors'

ANANDA KANNANGARA

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Imithiyaz Bakeer Markar on Sunday expressed serious concern over the arresting of university student leaders who were engaged in a peaceful protest campaign demanding that the Government ensure economic prosperity in the country and reduce the prices of essential commodities.

Addressing the media Bakeer Markar said President Ranil Wickremesinghe before he came to power promised that he would not harm young people who were engaged in a peaceful protest campaign at Galle Face.

"However later the President violated his own statement and allowed the Forces to disperse demonstrators using the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)," he said.

He said everybody knows that according to the law, if a person is arrested by the police he should be kept in police custody

only for 24 hours and later be produced in court.

Bakeer Markar said even the Human Rights Commission (HRC) is also keeping a close tab on human right violations in our country.

He said this situation clearly reflects the fact that the Government has begun hunting down demonstrators who urge the Government to strengthen the economy. Recalling the statement made by President Ranil Wickremesinghe before he became the President, Bakeer Markar said the present President had earlier assured that he would abolish the PTA.

"Although the President assured earlier that he would abolish the PTA, he is still using its powers to arrest innocent people who are engaged in peaceful



Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Imithiyaz Bakeer Markar at the media briefing on Sunday.

demonstrations," Bakeer Markar said.

He said the President had earlier assured the UNHRC and the European Union that he would protect human rights but now we have realized that there was no truth in that statement.

Bakeer Markar said the Government will not only hunt down peaceful university

demonstrators but in future even the members of farmer organizations who are engaged in protest campaigns asking for fertilizer will also be arrested using the PTA saying that even farmers are engaged in anti-government campaigns.

He said that even Human Rights Watch (HRW) also published articles saying that the Sri Lankan Government violates human rights.

Over 3,500 arrested over... From page 01

According to SSP Thalduwa, during the operations carried out on Sunday, August 21 alone, Police had arrested 31 people of which six suspects were remanded after being produced before the Courts.

Out of all the suspects arrested so far, 1,255 have been remanded while the others have been released on bail. Police arrested all these suspects based on 858 violence cases reported to the police from across the country.

The May 9 violence took place in response to the mob attack carried out by the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna supporters at the MainaGoGama in Kollupitiya and GotaGoGama in Galle Face on the same morning. Several protestors were admitted to hospital following these mob attacks and a Parliamentarian and his PSO were killed at Nittambuwa after they were beaten by the angry protestors.

SJB willing to support... From page 01

This message was conveyed when Leader of the Opposition Sajith Premadasa and SJB General Secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara met President Ranil Wickremesinghe to discuss the formation of the proposed All-Party Government. Madduma Bandara told the 'Daily News' that the SJB informed the President that the Cabinet formed by an All-Party Government should be a small one as it should not be a burden to the public.

He also said the SJB had informed the President that the party was against arresting activists under the PTA and trying to suppress those who engaged in the Aragalaya using forceful means. Madduma Bandara also said the SJB had suggested to the President that the 19th Amendment to the Constitution should be re-enacted at the earliest. He also said that the SJB had requested for chairperson positions in key parliamentary committees such as the COPE and COPA. Madduma Bandara said the President had briefed the Opposition Leader and himself about the government plans for the future betterment of the country.

Five-day working week for... From page 01

Currently, the period related to the Circular issued to call public employees to work in batches will end on the 24th and it will not be extended, he said.

90-day detention order issued... From page 01

Accordingly, Wasantha Mudalige, Ven. Galwewa Siridhamma Thera and Hashantha Jeewantha will be detained and questioned by the CID/TID for 90 days with effect from yesterday.

The Divisional Crimes Investigation Unit of Kelaniya arrested these three individuals during a protest march organised by the IUSF in Colombo on August 18. By the time of the arrest, the Colombo Fort Magistrate had issued arrest warrants on Mudalige for failing to appear before courts over a case against a protest held in 2021.

After being arrested, the three suspects were initially detained for 72 hours by the Peliyagoda

Police over a DO obtained from the SP in charge of the Kelaniya Division and were later handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on the instructions of the IGP.

The IGP had instructed the CID Director to conduct an investigation to reveal if these suspects have committed any crime or planned any coup against the state and if so, to hand them over to the Terrorism Investigation Division (TID).

Both the CID and the TID function under the purview of the Director CID. However, the 90-day DO was issued by the Defence Ministry while the 72-hour DO was in effect.

Two in custody over Mt. Lavinia... From page 01

According to the STF, they have been identified as the suspects who provided information about the targeted person to the shooters through WhatsApp from inside the courtroom.

The targeted person is said to be an informant who had provided information about the drug network of underworld Kingpin 'Harak Kata' to the STF. STF officers arrested the duo at Kanduboda, Delgoda in the Biyagama police area. During the interrogation, the suspects had revealed that the information about the targeted person was provided to carry out this shooting based on a request made by Harak Kata who is currently in Dubai and the shooting was carried out by another person on the instructions of Ruwan Jayasena, an accomplice of Karak Kata who is also in Dubai. The targeted person had appeared in the court on that day to participate in the hearing of a financial fraud case against him. He had been accompanied by this 27-year-old suspect, who is also an accused of that case.

The information about the dress and the seat number the targeted person was sitting had been sent by the male suspect from inside the courtroom to the female suspect who was outside the court premises and she had forwarded them to Ruwana Jayasena through WhatsApp.

STF investigations were also able to recover four grams and 520 milligrams of heroin in the possession of the suspects.

The STF is conducting further investigations.

Over 50 percent of dengue... From page 01

According to the National Dengue Control Unit, more than 50,000 dengue cases have been reported from all regions of the country so far this year with 50.8 percent of them being reported from the Western Province.

"Due to the scaling down of fumigation activities, the staff who carry out these activities have to face a number of difficulties in carrying out their duties. The fact that house inspections are not carried out properly, prosecutions against people who have mosquito breeding places in their home gardens are hampered resulting in an increase in the number of dengue infected people," Dr. Vijayamuni said.

He stated that the population density of Colombo Municipal Council is 20,000 per square kilometer and when an infectious disease like dengue is caught, it spreads very quickly in the area.

He said that since the beginning of this year, 1938 infected people have been reported from the Colombo Municipal Council area alone and about 4 to 5 dengue infected people are reported every day.

He said that the number of infected people usually increases in May, June and July and decreases in August and increases again in December, January and February and the reason for this is the monsoon rains.

'Aragalaya' protesters caused... From page 01

According to the report, Rs. 150,000 has to be spent to restore the said area and Rs.4.7 Million to place the natural grass turf.

UDA sources observed that subject minister Prasanna Ranatunga has given instructions to charge the above mentioned amount from the protestors.

The UDA release further states, "For about 3 months, the group of protestors occupied the area around Galle Face without permission, demanding former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to resign. After Gotabaya Rajapaksa stepped down, the Court informed the activists to leave the place to which they had to consent."

"The Galle Face area where the protestors were occupying is public property. The area where illegal constructions were set up, in terms of Section 3(1) of the Urban Development Authority Act No. 41 of 1971, belongs to the Colombo Municipal Council Jurisdiction area. The Special Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No.4/1 dated 30/09/1978 has declared the area as an urban development area."

"If any development activity or temporary construction is carried out in an urban development area, a permit must be obtained in terms of Section 8(A)1 of the Urban Development Authority (Amendment) Act No. 04 of 1982. But the protestors have trespassed into the area and committed many atrocities.

The right of the public to freely use the area has also been hindered due to the fact that many unauthorised structures have been built in the same area. All these actions are in violation of the Urban Development Act. Accordingly, the Urban Development Authority has been empowered to take action against such action," the statement further said.

Probe violent incidents... From page 01

Gammanpila also requested to appoint another Presidential Commission of Inquiry to investigate the current economic crisis and those who are responsible for it.

MP Gammanpila said that the Presidential Commission should investigate incidents that inflicted violence against the protestors as well as politicians.

The Parliamentarian made these observations at a press brief held at the Pivithuru Hela Urumaya head office.

"The violent incidents that took place on May 9 are scarier than the ones that happened in the 1987-89 era. Those days when someone is killed, an announcement is kept near the body that explains the reasons for the killing. However, can someone give an explanation as to why Amarakirithi Athukorala was killed? Or explain why Dr. Gunapala Rathnasekara's house was burnt down? Even though the public participated in the protests genuinely, we have got to know that Tamil separatists and NGOs backed by the American government have funded the protests. Considering these facts, our motherland is in great danger," Gammanpila said.

"Thus, we request the President to appoint a Commission of Inquiry to investigate these incidents and backgrounds," Gammanpila noted.

MP Gammanpila also alleged that some Ministers who were in Gotabaya Rajapaksa's government are behind the conspiracy to destabilize the country.

"We announced the plight of the country in October 2020. However, some Ministers turned a blind eye to the matters we raised. Some arrogant Ministers said that Gammanpila is just making up boogeymen. So it is obvious that some Ministers in the Government contributed to the destabilization. People are suffering because of corruption and wrong decision making. We cannot move ahead without finding out who was behind this economic crisis. I am ready to come before such a Commission to give evidence as to who took wrong decisions and mismanaged the country's economy." MP Gammanpila also said.

OIC gave boiled Cannabis... From page 01

Investigations have revealed that the Police Officer who is currently on leave has been allegedly harassing the female Police Constable for a long time.

Following the Women's Police Constable's complaint to the Children's and Women's Bureau, investigations were initiated and further information revealed that the suspect had gone on leave and the Police have not been able to locate the Police officer's whereabouts.

The Women's Police Constable had told the Police Children and Women's Bureau that she was given boiled water mixed with Cannabis by the said officer saying that it would increase her strength. She had said that the suspected officer too had consumed the brew. She had also complained to the Children and Women's Bureau about the alleged molestation after she was transferred from Sevanganala to another Police station.

SC commences... From page 01

clauses of it are unconstitutional. The petitions were taken up before a Supreme Court Bench comprising Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya and Justices Buwaneka Aluwihare, Arjuna Obeyesekere.

When the petitions were taken up before the Supreme Court yesterday, President's Counsel Manohara de Silva, Attorneys V.K. Choksey, Peiris and Nagananda Kodithuwakku appearing for the petitioners made lengthy submissions.

Petitioner Attorney-at-Law Nagananda Kodithuwakku appearing for the petition which was filed by him made submissions and said that the composition of the proposed legislative assembly is problematic and it has been proposed to appoint seven members from within the parliament and three from outside and it will have a harmful effect on the independence of the judiciary and it will directly violate the constitution. All the ten members to be appointed for that should be appointed from outside the parliament and thus the independence of the judiciary is 100 percent protected and the appointments, promotions, transfers, etc. of judges should be done by independent persons. He pointed out that the appointment of judges by the executive violates the independence of the judiciary and is a complete violation of the Constitution.

He also pointed out that Article 28 of the proposed 22nd Constitutional Amendment is against the Constitution and pointed out that the ability of politicians to return to the position after committing any offense while in office should be removed.

When President's Counsel Manohara de Silva appeared for Lieutenant Kernel A.S. Amarasekara making submission over the petition Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya raised a question that how the President's executive power is being deprived by stating that the appointment of the cabinet should be done according to the instructions of the Prime Minister according to the proposed 22nd constitutional amendment?

The Chief Justice also stated that most of the clauses included in this bill have been brought to the attention of the court in the 17th and 19th constitutional amendments.

President's Counsel Manohara de Silva said that the 19th constitutional amendment has confirmed that the executive power of the people of this country belongs to the President and that power cannot be curtailed. He emphasized that although certain restrictions can be placed on that power, it cannot affect his final decisions.

The President's counsel pointed out that the powers of the President have been reduced by the article 44 of the bill and it is against the constitution, he pointed out that according to that constitution the president has been made to act according to the instructions of the Prime Minister.

Father beats son... From page 01

The murdered son was a 40-year-old married man. Police investigations reveal that a personal squabble between the father and the son has led to the crime.

Also, the provision that the appointment of ministers as well as the appointment of Deputy Ministers should be made on the advice of the Prime Minister, the President's counsel stated that the President has been deprived of acting according to his independent discretion.

Accordingly, he pointed out that the relevant appointments must be made on the advice of the Prime Minister and the advice of the Prime Minister must be taken.

However, according to the existing Constitution, the President has the ability to decide whether or not to take the Prime Minister's advice, but he pointed out that this is not the case here. The President's counsel stated that it is a violation of the power of the President.

He said that the court has the responsibility to examine whether the constitution is against the constitution and the court has the ability to propose alternative amendments when such a constitution is unconstitutional but it is not a mandatory matter.

According to the 4th provision of the Constitution, the executive power of the people is vested in the President. In the exercise of that executive power, there is a need to act on someone else's wishes and this is questionable, he added.

The petitions will be taken up again today for further consideration.

The petitions were filed by Attorney-at-Law Nuwan Ballanthudawa, a member of the Central Board of the Patriotic National Front, Dr. Gunadasa Amarasekera, Vinivida Foundation General Secretary Nagananda Kodithuwakku, Lieutenant Kernel A.S. Amarasekara, R.M.W.T.B Rathnayake, H.S. Kumara, H.D.J. Kulathunga, S.M.K. Devinda and D.B. Dahanayake.

The petitioners have cited the Attorney General as a Respondent.

The petitioners say that the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution Bill was published in the Gazette on August 02.

The petitioners challenge that certain clauses of the 22nd Amendment Bill of the Constitution which has been submitted to the Parliament on August 10 are unconstitutional. In order for the clauses included in this bill to become a law, the petitions have requested that it be passed by the people in a referendum with a two-thirds majority in the parliament. The petitioners have pointed out that the proposed provisions are not in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. Therefore, the petitioners seek from the court to proceed on these petitions and express its opinion on the constitutionality of the clauses included in the relevant bill.

Such a bill should be challenged before the court within seven days after its inclusion in the parliamentary order paper. Accordingly these petitions have been filed.

Police further said that the father and son had used to get into drunken arguments constantly. Pitigala Police are investigating.

New political alliance will be formed to present solutions to the prevailing economic crisis - Udaya Gammanpila

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

A new political alliance will be formed on September 4 to present solutions to the prevailing economic crisis, Pivithuru Hela Urumaya leader Udaya Gammanpila said.

MP Gammanpila said the immediate reason behind the new alliance is

the government's and the opposition's inability to provide solutions to the issues in the country.

Gammanpila made these observations at a press brief held at Pivithuru Hela Urumaya Head Office.

"All that the Opposition is doing is repeating the issues faced by the

people. We already know what the issues are, what we need are solutions. The government cannot give any solid solutions either. People also have no idea about the crisis. The Opposition gives no solution. People are sick of listening to these explanations. What they are looking

for is answers." MP Gammanpila pointed out.

"When the SLFP joined the UNP during the last regime, the SLFP supporters were abandoned. They had no leader to support. So we established Mahinda Sulanga. Now the Pohottuwa party supporters

are abandoned as well. They have no leader. They have no political party."

"The 6.9 million voters, who voted for this political party are deserted and nowhere to go. They have been ridiculed. We are setting up this new alliance to gather all

these people." Gammanpila pointed out.

MP Gammanpila also alleged that the government has not produced a successful plan on solving the prevailing economic crisis, while hopes on an all-party government are far from reality.

Public Day restarted at Urban Development and Housing Ministry



Minister Prasanna Ranatunga looking into a problem faced by the people of Nugegoda area presented by MP Vasudeva Nanayakkara

IRANGIKA RANGE

Public days of Ministries were not held properly during the previous years due to the prevailing situation in the country and they have now resumed offering better services to the people. Accordingly, a Public Day at the Urban Development and Housing Ministry has been restarted from yesterday at the Ministry premises in Setshiripaya, Battaramulla.

The Minister made it mandatory for the Chairmen, Director Generals, and General Managers of the 21 institutions under the Ministry to participate in this Public Day and all of them participated.

Among the visitors, Democratic Left Front-General Secretary and MP Vasudeva Nanayakkara was also present at this public day held at the Urban Development and Housing Ministry

seeking a solution to the problem faced by the people of the Nugegoda area from the Minister Prasanna Ranatunga.

Minister Prasanna Ranatunga took steps to provide a solution to his problem within a few minutes.

Commencing the Public Day, Minister Ranatunga informed the heads of all the institutions to provide answers to the problems presented by the people within a week and submit him a report regarding them in that same week.

The Minister said that officers should not let the people waste their time and emphasized that all officials should ensure that these issues should be promptly answered within the same week and should not be brought up to the next public day.

Rajith Keerthi Thennakoon appointed as Director General (Community Affairs)

Former Governor of Southern and Central Provinces, Rajith Keerthi Thennakoon has been appointed as the Director General (Community Affairs) at the President's Office.

Rajith Thennakoon is a professional who has worked in many fields including civil organizations, human rights, and elections. He has local and international experience in economic revitalization and community affairs.

He is a Post Graduate in Mass Communication.



Rajith Keerthi Thennakoon

Two twenty-year-old youths pass away in a road accident

M.P.KUMARA,

Kotadeniyawa Group Corr.

The police say that two twenty-year-old youths have died in a road accident that occurred Sunday afternoon, when the motorcycle they were travelling collided with a container truck at the Mallawalana Junction on the Kotadeniya-Pallegama road.

The police have identified the deceased as a 20-year-old named A. Ranil, a resident of Kotadeniya and a man of the same age, Riyas, a resident of Giriulla.

Police said that the accident occurred, when the motorcycle the two



deceased youths were travelling in collided with the container at the Malla Walana Junction on the Giriulla-Kurunegala road.

Information has been revealed that the two deceased met with this

accident, while travelling to a sports competition.

The post-mortem of the two deceased was scheduled to be conducted yesterday evening at the Dambadeniya Base Hospital.

The police are conducting further investigations.

Popular tutor and three others injured in expressway accident



Dinesh Muthugala

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Popular Advanced Level Biology tutor Dinesh Muthugala and three others sustained minor injuries following an accident that took place on the Central Expressway around

2.30 a.m. on Sunday (21).

According to the police, the accident had happened, when the vehicle he was travelling in collided with a fuel bowser that was plying

from Kurunegala towards Mirigama.

Those injured were admitted to the Kurunegala Hospital and their condition is not serious, police said.

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University of Vocational Technology
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Security Services - 2022/2023

01. The Chairman, Procurement Committee, invites sealed bid from eligible and qualified bidders for above task.

Following Tender No	Tasks Description	Bid Security (Rs.)	Non-refundable Fee (Rs.)
22/UVT/SUP/NCB/SS/01	Provision of Security Service	150,000.00	2,500.00

02. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

03. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant Bursar (Supplies) Telephone Number – 011-2630733 University of Vocational Technology, No.100, Kandawala, Ratmalana from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. (from 23rd August 2022 to 12th September 2022) during working days.

04. Prospective bidders can obtain a complete set of bidding documents from 23rd August 2022 (which is the commencing date of issuance of bid documents) up to 12th September 2022 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on payment of the non-refundable fee (The non-refundable deposit slip which paid from any Bank of Ceylon Branch to the credit of University of Vocational Technology, Account Number 0070308457, Bank of Ceylon, Ratmalana Branch.) and on submission of a written request made to the Assistant Bursar (Supplies), University of Vocational Technology, Ratmalana.

05. The Pre bid meeting will be held on 31st August 2022 at 10.00 a.m. at the Supplies Division of the University of Vocational Technology.

06. Sealed bids in duplicate may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Vocational Technology, No.100, Kandawala, Ratmalana" or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Supplies Division of the University to receive before 2.00 p.m on 13th September 2022. "Procurement No, details of the procurement and the date of opening of bids" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Bids received late will be rejected.

07. Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m on 13th September 2022 and will be opened immediately thereafter bidder or his authorized representative (with letter of authorization) is allowed to be present at the time of opening of bids.

08. The Procurement Committee has all the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage.

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
University of Vocational Technology,
No. 100, Kandawala, Ratmalana.

Tel: 0112630733
Fax: 0112630738
Web: www.uovt.ac.lk
23rd August 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE

In the exercise of its Civil Jurisdiction

Holden in Colombo

NOTICE

Case No. CHC/32/2022/CO
Nature : Winding up

In the matter of Lumiere Textiles Limited of Lot No. 15, BEPZ, Walgama, Malwana

AND

In the matter of an application under Section 270 (e) read with Section 534 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, to wind up the affairs of Lumiere Textiles Limited by court.

Xebec International Pte. Limited,
180B, Bencoolen Street,
#12-05, The Bencoolen,
Singapore (189648)

Petitioner

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the Winding up of the above named Company by the Commercial High Court of the Western Province Holden in Colombo, Sri Lanka (in the exercise of its Civil Jurisdiction) was on the 28th day of July 2022 presented to the said Court by Rasika Wellappili, Attorney-at-Law on behalf of the Petitioner aforesaid and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court on the 10th day of October 2022 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Attorney-at-Law for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the under-signed on payment of the prescribed charge for the same.

Rasika Wellappili
Attorney-at-Law for the Petitioner
No. 25/1/B, Belmont Street, Colombo 12.

Note :- Any person who intends to appear at the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to Rasika Wellappili, Attorney-at-Law, notice in writing of his intention to do so. The notice must state the name and address of the person or if a firm the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Attorney-at-Law (if any) and must be served or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 6.00 o'clock in the afternoon of the 9th day of October 2022.

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT FACTORY - KOLONNAWA

Supply of Double Layer Foam Mattresses 183x91x10cm (6'0" x 3'0" x 4") - 3700 Nos.

Procurement No. 3/1/2/SA/21/RB/16 RE.

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the Department of Government Factory invites sealed bids from eligible & reputed suppliers for the Supply of Double Layer Foam Mattresses 183x91x10cm (6'0"x3'0"x4") - 3700 Nos. Delivery period shall be within 10 weeks after placing the order.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- To be eligible for the contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
- Technical Specifications, Delivery Schedule and other additional details are indicated in the Bidding Document.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Director (Engineering Logistics)/ Mechanical Engineer (Supplies), Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa, (Tel:- (011) 2534579/ (011) 2572351/2 Ext. 149/150/ Fax :- (011) 2572254), and inspect the bidding documents at the same place on any working day from 09.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs from 22.08.2022 up to 12.09.2022.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request to the Director General, Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa from 22.08.2022 up to 12.09.2022. on working days from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of 1000/= for each procurement. The method of payment should be by cash.
- Sealed bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Director General's Office, 3rd Floor, Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa on or before 13.09.2022 at 11.00hrs. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be rejected.
- Bids shall be accompanied by Bid Securities of amounts shown in below table obtainable from a Bank in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as per the correct format, or Bank Draft in favor of "Director General", or receipt for payment in cash made before 3.00 pm on any working day to the Shroff, Department of Government Factory. Dates of Bid validity and Bid security validity are given in the Bidding Documents.
- Local agent who represents foreign principals should register themselves under the Public Contracts Act (PCA) No. 03 of 1987, and shall submit the relevant PCA form with the offer when the value of the procurement exceeds Rs. 5,000,000.00.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 30.08.2022 at 11.00 hrs at Director General's Office, 3rd Floor, Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa.


No.	Procurement No.	Description of Work	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Bid Opening Date & Time
01	3/1/2/SA/21/RB/16 RE	Supply of Double Layer Foam Mattresses 183x91x10cm (6'0"x3'0"x4") - 3700 Nos.	370,000.00	13.09.2022 11.00 hrs

Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Director General's Office,
3rd Floor, Department of Government Factory, Kolonnawa.
16.08.2022

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED

BID FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERS FOR THE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED FOR 2022/2023

BID NO: KPR/ 25 /2022

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL), Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya hereby invites sealed bids (Direct basis) from the eligible, reputed Insurance Service Providers who are registered under the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (IRCSL) and their agents/ brokers for the Provision of Health Insurance Covers for Permanent Employees of Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited. Interested parties may refer the bidding document (*only for viewing purpose*) and obtain necessary information through the website: www.cpstl.lk and the original Bidding Document could be obtained from the undersigned on submission of a written request (*the request letter shall be signed and issued by an authorized person*), during working days from 0900 hrs. to 1400 hrs. from Tuesday, 23rd August 2022 till Tuesday 13th September 2022, upon payment of a non-refundable Bidding Document fee of **Twenty Thousand Sri Lankan Rupees (LKR 20,000.00)** for each.

Duly filled bidding documents may be sent by post/courier under registered cover or sealed cover to reach the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), C/o Manager - Procurement, Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Procurement Function, 01st Floor, New Building, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya or could be deposited in the tender box kept at the main entrance of CPSTL, at or before **1400 hrs. on Wednesday, 14th September 2022**.

In case, the bidders are unable to submit the original bids as above, they could submit the scanned copy of the duly filled original bidding documents in PDF format (e-bid) via email to tenders@cpstl.lk to reach at or before **1400 hrs. on Wednesday, 14th September 2022**, at their own discretion. The original bid document shall be securely kept to be submitted to the Manager - Procurement when requested, however their original bids will be obtained only for the filing purpose, not for verification against the e-bid.

Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. on Wednesday, 14th September 2022 and will be opened immediately thereafter at the office of Manager (Procurement). Due to the prevailing situation in the country, the authorized representatives of the bidders may be allowed to participate /witness the tender opening procedure via video conferencing method.

A pre bid meeting will be held with the prospective parties or their authorized representative/s to clarify any matters relating to the document at **1000 hrs. on Friday, 02nd September 2022** via video conferencing method. Interested parties shall send their request for participating in the pre bid meeting to email: procure@cpstl.lk at or before 1400 hrs. on **Thursday, 01st September 2022** in order to send the link to the meeting.

Bids shall be valid till 14.12.2022.

Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 950,000.00 and shall be valid until 11.01.2023 and beyond any extension subsequently requested.

Any of the interested parties who wishes to submit a bid, shall register himself at the Department of Registrar of Companies www.drc.gov.lk (e-ROC) as per the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 for every public contract value exceeding Sri Lankan Rupees Five Million (LKR 5,000,000).


Further details and clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the Manager - Procurement on Tel: 011-2572156 / 011-5663121, Fax: 011-2572155, E-mail: procure@cpstl.lk.

The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
C/o Manager - Procurement
Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited
Procurement Function,
01st Floor, New Building,
Kolonnawa,
Wellampitiya.


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Sunday
Date : 21.08.2022
Draw No. : 1655
Colour : Green

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 57,513,504/-
* If the super prize has already been won, the starting jackpot will be applicable.

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,739,760/-

Winning Numbers
18 35 50 72

English Letter
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Winning tickets are valid only for six months

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Draw Number ▶ 212
Draw Date ▶ 21.08.2022
Sunday

Winning Numbers
22 32 46

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 1,689,180/-

Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 09

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The Indigo, Light Brown and Green tickets are respectively valid on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

ADA KOTIPATHI - Tuesday
Draw No. : 1657 Colour : Light Blue
Date : 23.08.2022

Today's Jackpot
Rs. 57,600,474/-

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Date : 21-08-2022
Draw Number : 3541
Colour : Purple

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 6,064,700/-

Winning Numbers
08 11 34 58

Scorpio

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 2,561,951/-

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Sunday
Date : 21.08.2022
Draw No. : 3990
Colour : Pink

Winning Numbers
21 27 54 70

English Letter
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Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,805,240/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 73,393,533.30

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NOTICE
REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
This is to inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Power of Attorney No. 5306 dated 16.12.2012 attested by Mr. Mohideen Pitchai Omar Hathab, Notary Public of Pussellawa in favour of Abdul Careem Mohammadu Aris (National Identity Card Holder No. 692860080V) of No. 371, Deniyagoda, Kahapathana, Pundaloya and granted by me to Roshan Bee Bee, (National Identity Card Holder No. 766800149V) of No. 371, Deniyagoda, Kahapathana, Pundaloya, is cancelled and revoked with effect from today and henceforth shall not be liable for any act or deed under the said Power of Attorney.
Abdul Careem Mohammadu Aris,
No. 371, Deniyagoda, Kahapathana, Pundaloya.

SUPER BALL
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Draw Number ▶ 1829 Colour ▶ Red
Draw Date ▶ 21.08.2022 Date ▶ Sunday

Winning English Letter and Numbers
F 21 37 41 49

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 71,038,064.00

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,137,240/-

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English Letter, Super Number & Winning Numbers
Draw No : 1005 Colour : Yellow
Date : 21.08.2022 Sunday

Winning Numbers
P 10 05 24 33 41

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,456,720/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 255,111,547/-

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Municipal Council - Kurunegala

Procurement Notice

Quotations are invited for the appointment of a legal officer with knowledge of the condominium system required for the project consisting of 24 housing units under the new central market construction project belonging to the Kurunegala Municipality.

The Municipal Commissioner of the Kurunegala Municipal Council has decided to call for open national competitive bids to appoint a Legal Officer. Accordingly, the inspection of procurement documents will be done on weekdays during office hours. Bidding documents for the above bidding can be obtained from the Municipal Accounts Department during office hours from **23.08.2022 to 13.09.2022 until 2.00 p.m.** The tender will be opened on **14.09.2022 at 2.00 pm** at the **Committee Meeting Hall of the Municipal Council** and the bidder or their authorized representative can participate. Other particulars can be obtained along with the tender documents.

- Bid Security **Rs. 10,000.00** (Refundable)
- Tender Form fees including VAT **Rs. 2,240.00**

For information
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**Municipal Commissioner,
Municipal Council,
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2022.08.23**

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On View - 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th August 2022
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Municipal Council - Kurunegala

Procurement Notice

Invitation for Bids on Open National Competitive Bidding Procedure to lease business units under the stairs of Maligapitiya Pavilion.

Bids are invited under **National Open Competitive Bidding** to lease out the business units under the stairs of **Maligapitiya Pavilion** belonging to Kurunegala Municipal Council for **49 years**.

S/No	Unit No	Extent of a Unit (Sq. ft)	Minimum Bid to be paid excluding Tax (Rs.)	Tender Form Fees + VAT 12% Rs.	Tender Guarantee Deposits/ Bid Security
1	A-01	411.09	2,704,425.00(Initial fee)	3,240.00	27,044.00
2	A-02	380.34	2,541,525.00(Initial fee)	3,240.00	25,415.00
3	A-03	365.64	2,466,700.00(Initial fee)	3,240.00	24,667.00
4	A-04	343.88	2,220,500.00(Initial fee)	3,240.00	22,205.00
5	A-05	307.75	1,999,925.00(Initial fee)	3,240.00	19,999.00

Municipal Commissioner of Municipal Council Kurunegala has decided to invite bids under national open bidding procedure to lease out the above business units. Bidding documents for the above bid can be obtained from the Accounts Department of the Municipal Council Kurunegala from **23.08.2022 till 2.00 p.m. 13.09.2022** tenders will be opened at **2.00 p.m.** on **14.09.2022** at the **Committee Meeting Hall of the Municipal Council** and the bidder or an authorized representative can choose to attend in person. Other details are available along with the tender documents.

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Reading the riot act

President Ranil Wickremesinghe minced no words in Anuradhapura over the weekend when he told Public Servants to pull up their socks or leave their jobs. He told a District Secretaries' meeting that he cannot afford to feed any Public Servant for free any longer and everyone needs to contribute towards the development of the country.

"If they cannot do that they should go home," he said. There is a large contingent of State officials at ground level and the President has been told that there were nine public officials for each Grama Sevaka division.

"I urge them to divide their sections so that each one is assigned to a specific task. If you want to work then work, if not go home," the President told the public officials.

Of course, the President took the risk of being unpopular with Public Servants by being rather blunt. It has been the practice of all past leaders to woo the Public Servants (including Armed Forces and Police) that number over 1.4 million, which is a healthy vote bank.

How important Public Servants become at elections is seen by salary increments and other benefits showered on them during election campaigns by all leaders. However, the time has come to remove all blinkers and see things as they really are.

Our Public Servants have taken too much for granted and developed a sense of invincibility. They think they are untouchable and beyond the reach of any authority. Hence, it is about time someone in authority read the riot act. It is all too well known that the Public Service is notorious for indifference, lethargy, corruption and hardly justifies its keep.

Today the Public Service has largely become irrelevant and imposed a huge burden on the public who fund it but receive little or nothing in return. On the contrary, it is bleeding the economy white as a result of the colossal amount of funds spent on its behalf. Presently, 80 percent of the national income is spent on salaries and pensions of the Public Servants but what has the country and its people gained?

The economy remains stagnant and the progress retarded while the Government keeps on maintaining 1.4 million Public Servants out of public funds that are fast depleting as a result of the economic downturn.

President Wickremesinghe knows this reality and wants value for money. The country and the economy could no longer afford the luxury of mollycoddling unproductive Public Servants. Like the President observed, all Public Servants should give a periodic account of their work and be judged by their performance.

If not, they should be shown the door. The country cannot continue to pay Public Servants for nothing in return. One has only to walk in to any Government Department to observe this reality. Employees are often idling or engaged in gossip or meaningless chatter.

No one in authority dares to take action against these shirkers and seat warmers since most of them are political appointees. The spring cleaning of the Public Service should start from these segments who mirror what ails our public service. Many Public Servants come to work only to engage in trade union work on behalf of their political masters. Hardly any work is done at all, though they unfailingly collect their pay packets at month's end.

There is also duplication of work. According to a recent report, the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) has 12 workers for a single bus which is an indication of the extent to which State institutions had been packed with political appointees. It was the signal boast of a former leader that he was the only leader who found employment on an unprecedented scale in the Public Sector to jobless youth and was solely responsible for raising the minimum salary of State Sector employees by more than 100 per cent.

Is it any wonder that the economy has gone bankrupt and most State Sector bodies are finding it difficult to pay the salaries of employees and are borrowing from the Treasury to meet their salary bills? It is perhaps this realization that prompted former Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa to order a freeze on recruitment to the public sector and for all State bodies to drastically slash down on expenditure.

But this alone will not suffice to reform the State Sector. As the President noted, performance is the key and the payment of salaries should be made based on performance and output as done in developed countries. In fact, a similar scheme prevails in our private sector, which, no doubt, has made the difference between our State bodies and the private sector in terms of advancement, modernisation and profits.

Inefficiency is not tolerated in private sector organisations and there are no seat warmers either. President Wickremesinghe, no doubt, wants standards that exist in the private sector to be emulated by our State bodies and it was in that context that he has enjoined those who do not work to go home. Hopefully, the cue would be taken by our Public Sector officials to start delivering the goods from now onwards.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Consumer accountability drives quality and efficiency. - Pete Hoekstra

What went wrong?

Flawed 19A and effort to improve it



Prof. RAJIVA WIJESINHA

I have over the last few weeks been concentrating on the current mess in the country, but the rot has been going on for a very long time. This was brought home to me vividly when I had home for dinner an African friend who had served in Geneva in 2009 and been a solid supporter when we were under attack by several Western countries. He said that that had seemed the highest point of Sri Lankan diplomacy whereas now he saw us lower than we had ever been.

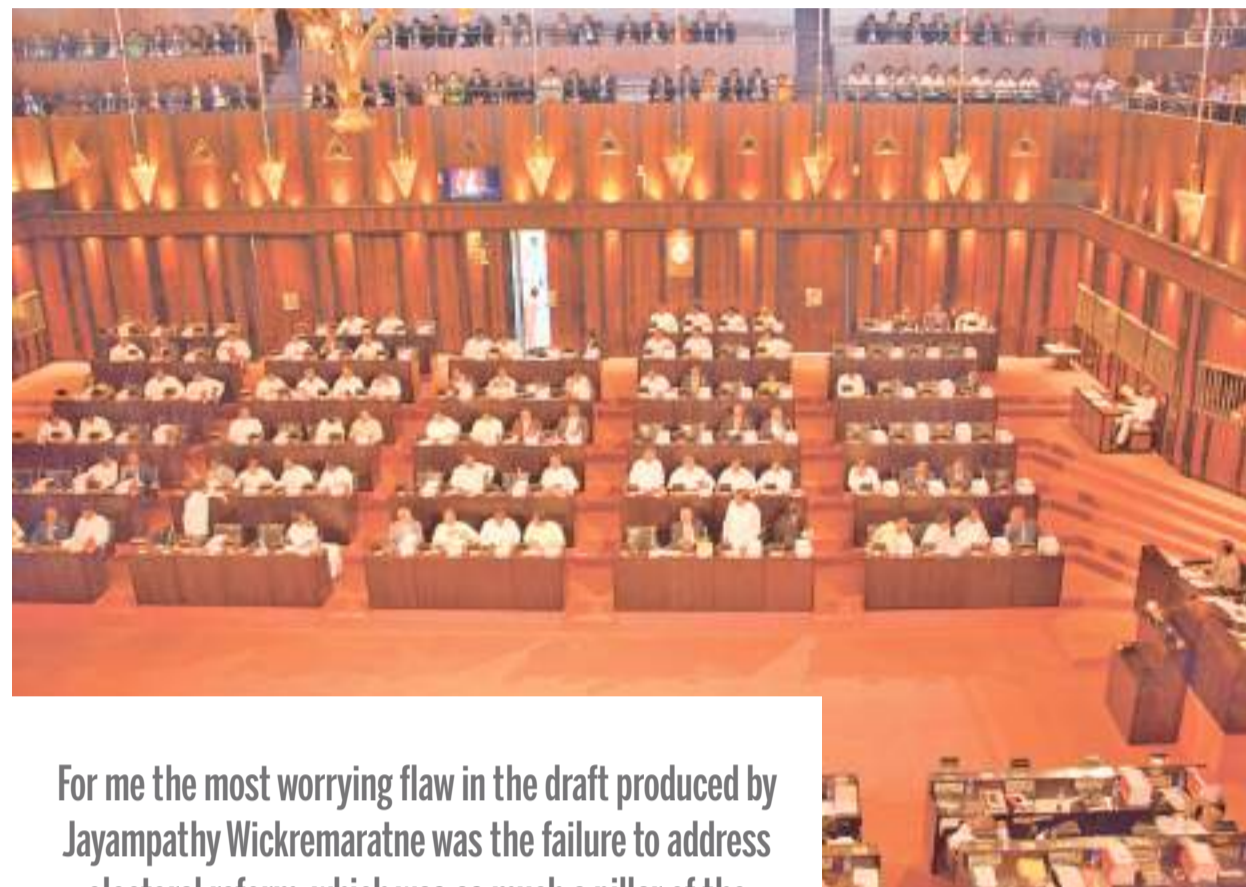
It took me some time to realize that course correction would not happen, so at the end of 2014, having informed Mahinda Rajapaksa well in advance that I could not support him if changed were not made, I decided to support Maithripala Sirisena to implement a reform agenda. That that all went disastrously wrong is now part of history.

But at that same dinner, I was reminded by Dayan Jayatilleka of the amendments I had proposed way back in 2015 to the confused and confusing 19th Amendment, which did very little to fulfil the pledges in Maithripala Sirisena's manifesto about cutting down on executive power.

I did my best to correct things, but no one was interested except for the Speaker and also Dinesh Gunawardena who as I think Chief Government Whip at the time had the grace to ask me what I felt when particular clauses were taken up. That is one reason I still have a soft spot for him, despite his regrettable commitment now to Ranil Wickremesinghe. For others, and in particular those who kept shouting, were simply anxious to get the whole business over and done with, regardless of the confusion it engendered and the failure to strengthen Parliament as had been pledged. Little use in this I suppose, given the general quality of Parliamentarians, for despite lip service no one else bothered at this stage about electoral reform.

Dayan urged that I revive my amendments since it is clear that the proposed 22nd Amendment does little to overcome the problems raised by the 20th. And this finally pushed me to seek for the complete text, which I had not stored systematically so I could not find it after the computer I used then collapsed.

But I finally traced it in an email, and sent it to him, in case he is in touch with political leaders who might want to propose changes to the current amendment. I have no intention now of going to see anyone, but I do respond to queries for assistance and I am surprised that no one in Opposition has bothered to consult someone they know was more knowledgeable about constitutional principles than anyone else in Parliament. Recent complaints from the Opposition about what Government is doing are ironic given that these come from people who cared not a whit about corrective measures I had suggested seven years ago. But failure to seek advice from those who



For me the most worrying flaw in the draft produced by Jayampathy Wickremaratne was the failure to address electoral reform, which was as much a pillar of the manifesto as the reduction of Presidential powers, which sadly Jayampathy merely wished to transfer to the Prime Minister. I began, through an amendment to the preamble itself, with an effort to ensure electoral reform through recording its incorporation in the Constitution. The next change was an effort to extend the Right to Information, another key item in the Sirisena manifesto.

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I also proposed abolishing the completely dotty 3rd Amendment J. R. Jayawardene had introduced, to give the President the power to bring forward the Presidential Election, a provision that no other country has. As we have seen repeatedly since then, successive Presidents, confident of their own popularity but not the popularity of their Governments,

have used such early elections as a substitute for productive action.

My next proposal was to stop premature dissolution, which should not be at the whim of the President. We had agreed on fixed terms, and such dissolution should only be permitted if it is clear to Parliament – a sensible Parliament elected on the new system – that it has outlived its usefulness.

I also tried to and to stop arbitrary pardons, something that has been much abused over the years by successive Presidents.

Fundamental principles

I would like to propose the following amendments to the clauses as numbered below of the proposed Bill to amend the Constitution, in the latest version issued in Parliament on April 21st 2015, but dated March 16th 2015.

1(2) Instead of current text, replace with 'This Act shall come into force following the amendment of Sections 95 to 99 of the Constitution, save that Sections 11, 17, 19, 24 shall come into force on the date

of first meeting of Parliament after the General Election held under the new system introduced by the above amendment'.

This is to ensure that electoral reform occurs simultaneously with the introduction of these new elements into the Constitution

2. Amend the first sentence of 14 A (1) (d) to read 'being information that is required for the exercise or protection of the rights of any citizen or the public good

Amend Section (a) to read 'established or created or recognized by or under any law'

To extend the right to information to cover the public good and to ensure that Non-Governmental organisations functioning officially are subject to this Right

4. (2) Instead of amending 31 (3A) Delete the whole of 31 (3A)

The President should not be allowed to bring forward his election. This is not a privilege enjoyed by other elected Presidents, and leads to confusion as with the winner of such election taking office at different times depending on who wins.

5. Replace 33 3 © with To suspend and prorogue Parliament

The President should not be able to dissolve Parliament, nor should we allow Parliament to be dissolved before the end of its five year terms. I think we agreed on fixed terms all round

Insert a new 5A – Delete the words 'where any offender shall have been condemned to suffer death by the sentence of any court'

It was decided at the meeting of party leaders in March that there should be controls on the President's power to pardon, and that this should be on the basis of consultation.



SL is not an 'OPEN ECONOMIC' country - Prof. Abeyratne



The IMF is not the only option but it will carry some positive results because it comes with around three or four billion dollars of financial assistance with a programme so that we have a commitment to follow it although we have a history of honouring those IMF programmes. There is an improvement in international perception about the Sri Lankan economy and its future. Positive things are coming with the IMF programme.

JAYANTHA SRI NISSANKA
and RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

EXCERPTS:

Q As an economist, what is your opinion about the present situation of the Sri Lankan economy?

A: Sri Lankan economy is in an unprecedented crisis. This situation did not happen overnight. We knew that the country was going in that direction. Crises build up slowly but the collapse is instant. It is different from the crises that developed countries face because they make adjustments from time to time.

This is also a man-made crisis. So our policy errors in the past have brought us to this situation. There were some triggering factors in 2019 and 2020 and the collapse started with those factors.

Q The Government is introducing many reforms. How long do you think it will take for the country to recover from the present situation?

A: It is questionable whether the reforms are comprehensive enough. The way that I see it the reforms are basically not enough aiming at macroeconomic stability. This is only one side of the crisis. It has to do with raising Government revenue, cutting down the expenditure, reforming the State-owned enterprises as well as targeting the welfare programmes and reducing corruption vulnerability. Those are the major elements of the recovery process. However, when we look at the other end of the crisis, the dollar crisis is what stands out for me. Until we have a long-term programme to generate foreign exchange, earnings through export growth require foreign investment because domestic investors alone cannot cope with the situation.

Therefore, we need not worry about investment funds today. We cannot save more as a developing country today because there is no shortage in the global savings which should be available as foreign investment. As long as we do not address this fundamental issue we will not enter the sustainable growth part.

Q Why isn't Sri Lanka attracting foreign investors?

A: Before the end of terrorism, everybody thought that it was terrorism which prevented foreign investors from coming to Sri Lanka. However, even after terrorism we do not possess a good record of foreign investments. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic India received 64 billion dollars of foreign investment. Singapore received 92 billion. Sri Lanka received only less than half a billion. Therefore, we can see how poor we are in terms of receiving foreign investors. Even Vietnam and Thailand received around 10 or 15 billion dollars per year.

Throughout our 40-year period, our accu-

mulated foreign investment stock is not more than 13 billion.

There are three reasons why foreign investors do not come here even after the terrorist era. Our policies are not geared towards export growth. We actually have a policy which is biased towards export promotion. One element of that is that Sri Lanka is not an open economy as suggested. We have very lengthy bureaucratic procedures and complicated regulator systems that have not been reformed for many years. This is very cumbersome for investors. Our policy and political environment is not predictable. We need to show a consistent policy direction for the country. The corruption in the country affects genuine foreign investors too as they look at the corruption records through international records. Therefore, they know Sri Lanka is not a good place to invest in. Unless we resolve these problems, it is difficult for us to expect substantial increase in foreign investment.

Q What are the macroeconomic fundamentals we need to correct to attract investment?

A: Investors look at macroeconomic fundamentals which are related to our monetary policy and fiscal policy. So the Government's budgetary management has to be manageable with sound revenue acts and productive expenditure patterns so that our debt levels can be manageable. The monetary policy had to be geared towards achieving the Central Bank objectives like price stability and the financial sector stability. During the last two and half years the Central Bank has to support the Treasury by providing the necessary funds because it lost physical budgetary management. This is not a wise way of using the Central Bank instruments to sustain Government spending.

Q Inflation has gone up to around 70 percent. However the savings rates are around 20 percent. How will this affect the banking sector?

A: If savers withdraw deposits due to the high inflation, the banking system will collapse. The road to that kind of calamity is actually having due to high inflation. Sri Lanka has the highest inflation among the Asian countries. Inflation is good for borrowings but bad for savings. So depositors are naturally encouraged not to save in this situation. Therefore they exchange their deposits to some other assets.

If this continues to the future, obviously we will face challenges in banking and finance sectors. We need to manage it and reduce the pressure on inflation with the use of monetary policy.

Q Some economists say that the current predicament is due to the negative balance of trade which occurred after introducing the open economic system in 1977.

A: If that is so, it should be applied not only to Sri Lanka but all the other countries in the world like Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand and China. However we have not seen them take on similar routes.

Sri Lanka is not an open economic country. True, we opened it in 1977 but we did not address the fundamental requirements for the open economy like the public sector reforms or reform the public enterprises. We adopted liberalisation programmes and reversed it.

We did not address corruption and rule of law.

One of the most important aspects of having an open economy is having a liberal international trade. Sri Lanka's total tax revenue from the taxes on international trade has a percentage of the Government's total tax revenue which expands to around 18 percent. This was in 2019 before the Coronavirus pandemic. In India it is four and half percent while in Singapore it is almost zero percent. In most of the developing countries in Asia it is three to four percent. This means Sri Lanka is far behind all these countries in having an open economy.

Q Although we tried our best to increase export revenue since 1977, we could not make a sound export-oriented economy due to high cost of production and administrative red tapes. Do you think we can promote Sri Lanka as an export-oriented country?

A: I do think Sri Lanka can be a successful export-oriented economy. For that we need to adopt a comprehensive reform programme. We need to reform our trade policies which are not in favour of exports, our regulator mechanisms which are not in favour of export and investment and other elements.

We have given up our reforms over the last 25 years. Sri Lanka needs to go back to the reform process.

We need to convince the international investors with those reforms. Hence, there will be more investment in this country as well as exports generated within the country. One of the major low hanging fruits is the Port City project. It is free from all these anti-export policies and regulatory mechanisms.

It is a good opportunity to generate foreign investment and export revenue for the country if we adopt the investment promotion schemes now. Even the country can have a good export promotion record because Sri Lanka has all the necessary fundamental conditions to do so.

Q Some say that we should have approached the IMF two years ago. What is your view?

A: I too believe that we should have done that because we could have avoided a lot of downfalls we have experienced so far.

Even if we go to the IMF, it will not provide a comprehensive 100 percent answer to our problem. We have a big part to play at home which will not come out of the IMF. This is especially regarding export promotion and investment promotion. It is our duty to focus on these two areas. The IMF will basically bring about fundamental problems with our physical management.

Q Some say that even if we approach the IMF, we will not be able to attract international investors for our international sovereign bonds as we have been declared as an international bankrupt country.

A: When you declare bankruptcy and the default ratings by the credit rating agencies, there are a lot of bitter consequences that we need to expect. The international community investors have negative trust on our ability to honour borrowings as well as about our businesses. They mistrust the situation of the country and the banking system here. That is why we are facing problems like them not wanting to trade with Sri Lanka.

It is not only that we postponed the matter

but we declared that we cannot pay the loans or have to postpone the payment of loans. This carries a lot of damage to international relations for the economy.

Q Is IMF the only option available for Sri Lanka?

A: IMF is not the only option but it will carry some positive results because it comes with around three or four billion dollars of financial assistance with a programme so that we have a commitment to follow it although we have a history of honouring those IMF programmes. There is an improvement in international perception about the Sri Lankan economy and its future. Positive things are coming with the IMF programme.

However the major part of the work that we need to do is to come out of the economic crisis and to move beyond and above the crisis. Otherwise we will head back to the 2019 situation which is not a good position to be in. All these things are in our hands, not in the hands of the IMF. Our Government and people need to do a lot of cleaning work at home. The IMF will only serve as a support for this.

Q Due to the tax cut done by the former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's Government, the Government lost around Rs. 600 billion annually. How can the Government increase its revenue without it affecting the people who are already suffering from high inflation?

A: You need higher income to reach Government revenue and you need higher Government revenue to reach income. When we look at our tax revenue as a percentage of GDP, it has been declining over the years. It has been declining because we haven't been focusing on our tradable production growth. It was basically about Government spending on our infrastructure and providing Government jobs with small salaries to all the unemployed people. It looked like our economy was moving with all these projects. We improved our per capita income but in reality our tax revenue was declining even before 2019. We would have recognised this problem and made the corrections then and there long ago.

The second part of the issue is that within the tax system there is a major part of the problem because a small share of direct taxes is as a percentage of total tax revenue and is about 20 to 25 percent. The balance 70 to 80 percent comes from the complicated commodity taxes. This is not the correct method of direct and indirect taxes. According to Sri Lankan standards income taxes should be around 50 percent. Therefore around half of our taxes should come directly. Direct taxes are low because many people are not paying taxes. The Government or the tax authorities do not know people's income levels. We haven't established a proper system to get information about people's income and wealth. In such a system many would find it difficult to explain their income and wealth and that might be the reason why there is no such system. Due to this the Government cannot raise direct access and as a result of this the Government resorted more and more to indirect taxes.

Sri Lanka is not an open economic country. True, we opened it in 1977 but we did not address the fundamental requirements for the open economy like the public sector reforms or reform the public enterprises. The *Daily News* spoke to Professor Sirimal Abeyratne of the Department of Economics at Colombo University about his views on the present economic crisis in Sri Lanka.



Prof. Sirimal Abeyratne

Russian missiles rain on Ukraine as war nears half-year mark



RUSSIA, UKRAINE: Artillery shells rained down on a city close to Europe's biggest nuclear plant overnight and Russian missiles hit targets near Odesa, a Ukrainian Black Sea port and a grain export hub, as the war headed for its six-month milestone on Wednesday.

August 24 will also mark 31 years of Ukraine's independence from Soviet rule and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a nightly video address called for vigilance, saying Moscow could try "something particularly ugly".

Russian authorities said on Sunday they were investigating a suspected car bomb attack outside Moscow which killed the daughter of Alexander Dugin, an ultranationalist Russian ideologue who advocates Russia absorbing Ukraine.

While the investigators said they were considering "all versions" when it came to working out who was responsible, the Russian Foreign Ministry speculated there

could be a link to Ukraine, something Zelenskyy's adviser quickly dismissed. As Ukraine prepared to mark its Independence Day embroiled in a war that has flattened towns and cities, killed thousands and forced millions to flee, military and regional officials reported more Russian strikes on targets in the east and south of the country.

The fighting in the proximity of Zaporizhzhia and Saturday's missile strike on the southern Ukrainian town of Voznesensk, which is not far from Ukraine's second-largest atomic plant, has spurred fears of a nuclear accident.

In the latest incident, a drone attack on the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea fleet was thwarted on Saturday morning, according to a *Telegram Post* by Mikhail Razvozhayev, Crimea's Russian-appointed governor, who is not recognised by the West.

- THE MALAY MAIL



A worker stands on an excavator in front of a destroyed apartment building in Mariupol.

Philippine schools reopen after more than two years

THE PHILIPPINES: Millions of children in the Philippines returned to school after more than two years as the academic year started on Monday, with many taking their seats in classrooms for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

The Philippines is one of the last countries in the world to resume full-time, in-person lessons — sparking warnings that the prolonged closure of classrooms had worsened an education crisis in the country. Children in masks and uniforms lined up for a temperature check and squirt of hand sanitizer at Pedro Guevarra Elementary School in Manila, which had shut classrooms since March 2020.

The school has adopted a hybrid system of in-person and remote learning as it transitions its nearly 6,000 students back to face-to-face classes by November — a deadline set by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr soon after he took office two months



Students attend a flag-raising ceremony before singing the national anthem on the first day of in-person classes at the Pedro Guevarra Elementary School in Manila yesterday.

ago. Grade six student Sophia Macahilig said she was "excited" to meet her classmates and teachers after two years of Zoom lessons. After Philippine schools closed, a "blended learning" programme involving online classes, printed materials and lessons broadcast on television and social media was introduced. As face-to-face classes resume, old problems persist: Large class

sizes, outdated teaching methods, poverty, and lack of basic infrastructure — such as toilets — have been blamed for contributing to the education crisis. In the lead-up to the reopening of classrooms, the Government has been ramping up a vaccination drive and will provide students with free public transport until the end of the calendar year.

- THE MALAY MAIL

Imran Khan's live speeches banned

PAKISTAN: Pakistan's media watchdog has banned broadcasting live speeches of former Prime Minister Imran Khan on all satellite television channels with immediate effect, hours after he threatened state institutions and government officials while addressing a rally in Islamabad.

Khan, while addressing a public gathering here on Saturday, threatened to file cases against top police officials, a woman magistrate, the Election Commission of Pakistan and political opponents over the treatment meted out to his aide Shahbaz Gill, who was arrested last week on charges of sedition.

The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) in a communique issued on Saturday said that television channels despite repeated warnings had failed to implement a time-delay mechanism to stop the broadcast of material against state institutions.

"It has been observed that Mr Imran Khan, Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, in his speeches/statements is continuously alleging state institutions by levelling baseless allegations and spreading hate speech through his pro-



Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan

vocative statements against state institutions and officers which is prejudicial to the maintenance of law and order and is likely to disturb public peace and tranquility," it said.

The regulator said Khan's speeches were in violation of Article 19 of the Constitution and against the code of conduct for media.

- THE TELEGRAPH INDIA

IN BRIEF

Somali Forces rescue 106 hostages

SOMALIA: Somali authorities on Sunday ended a deadly attack, in which 21 people were killed and 117 people were wounded, when gunmen stormed a hotel in the capital. It took Somali forces more than 30 hours to contain the fighters who had stormed Mogadishu's Hayat Hotel on Friday evening. - THE HINDU

Over 62% of Germans dissatisfied with Chancellor Scholz's Govt.

GERMANY: A survey conducted by the INSA polling institute for the *German Bild am Sonntag* newspaper, published on Sunday, found that 62% of Germans had an unfavourable view of Scholz. It is a major dip in support, compared to some 39% who said the same in March. Only 25% of Germans believe that Scholz, who was Deputy Chancellor under Angela Merkel in the previous ruling coalition, is doing his job well, down from 46% in March. - DEUTSCHEWELLE

Japanese PM Kishida COVID positive

JAPAN: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has tested positive for COVID-19, the Government said. Kishida, 65, developed a cough and slight fever on Saturday night and came up positive in a PCR test, according to a statement by the Cabinet Office. He's currently resting at the Prime Minister's official residence. - THE HINDUSTAN TIMES

Portugal becomes fastest aging country in EU - Study

PORTUGAL: Portugal currently registers 182 elderly (aged 65 and above) for every 100 young people (aged up to 14), becoming the fastest aging country in the European Union (EU). In 1990, Portugal registered 66 elderly for every 100 young people. Portugal recorded an annual aging rate of 3.6 percent, higher than all EU countries, the study noted. - XINHUA

16 dead in lorry-minibus collision in Russia

RUSSIA: At least 16 people died and another three were hospitalised after a lorry collided with a stationary minibus in Russia's Ulyanovsk region on Sunday. Video footage broadcast by the police showed the crumpled husk of what appeared to be a minibus sandwiched between two lorries and emergency service workers later inspecting the flattened vehicle. - INDIA TODAY

Miss Universe pageant to allow married women from 2023 - Report

INDIA: The Miss Universe beauty pageant is expanding eligibility for its competition by allowing mothers and married women to enter, clearly a historic decision!

According to Fox News, marital and parental status will no longer be criteria for eligibility for pageant contestants starting in 2023.

The Miss Universe pageant's regulations have always required that winners be single and maintain their status as such throughout their reign as the title. Mothers have historically been excluded as well and victors are typically required to avoid getting pregnant while serving as Miss Universe. Miss Universe 2020 winner Andrea Meza of Mexico praised the rule change. She labelled established rules exist' and 'unrealistic.'

"I honestly love that this is happening," Meza said in an interview with Insider. "Just like society changes and women are now occupying leadership positions where in the past only men could, it was about time pageants changed and opened up to women with families." Meza criticised the current guidelines as being "sexist" and "unrealistic" in their endeavour to choose a winner that would appeal to the largest possible audience. "A few people are against these changes because they always wanted to see a single beautiful woman who is available for a relationship," Meza added. "They always wanted to see a woman that, from the outside, looks so perfect that she's almost unreachable. The former is sexist and the latter is unrealistic."

The Miss Universe pageant is broadcast in over 160 territories and countries around the world, including the United States on FYI and Telemundo.

- NDTV



Miss Mexico Andrea Meza is ecstatic as she was crowned Miss Universe 2021 during the Miss Universe pageant finals in Hollywood, Florida in the United States on May 16, 2021.

WHO recommends two new lifesaving medicines to treat Ebola

SWITZERLAND: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has published its first guideline for Ebola virus disease therapeutics, with new strong recommendations for the use of two monoclonal antibodies.

In its guidelines published, the WHO has called for countries to improve access to two lifesaving medicines against viral disease. The recommendation follows a review and analysis of clinical trials for the monoclonal antibodies mAb114 (known as Ansuvimab or Ebanga) and REGN-EB3 (Inmazeb), which have demonstrated clear benefits for people



who have tested positive for Ebola, which is often fatal.

The clinical trials were conducted during Ebola outbreaks. WHO said the largest trial was carried out in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, demonstrating that the highest

level of scientific rigour can be applied even during Ebola outbreaks in difficult contexts.

The UN agency also provided recommendations regarding therapeutics that should not be used as treatments, which include ZMapp and remdesivir.

Ebola is a severe and too often fatal illness caused by the Ebola virus. Previous Ebola outbreaks and responses have shown that early diagnosis and treatment with optimized supportive care —with fluid and electrolyte repletion and treatment of symptoms—significantly improve survival. - ANI

Crises again threatening British monarchy's image 25 years after Diana's death

UK: The British Royal family's perceived botched response to Diana's death sparked a gradual and largely successful shift in its image management, but recent crises have renewed questions about that modernisation effort.

The death of the Princess of Wales on August 31, 1997, prompted an outpouring of national grief that senior Royals, including Queen Elizabeth II and her son Prince Charles, initially seemed out of step with.

There was eventually an acknowledgement missteps were made, and that the family needed to turn the page on a damaging decade of divorces, family infighting and scandals that had dented their public standing.

A quarter-century on, the Monarchy now has a far more nim-



The wreckage of Princess Diana's car in the Alma tunnel of Paris on August 31, 1997.

ble PR operation, adept at social media and rapid-response while still able to stage grand events like June's Platinum Jubilee celebrations with aplomb.

However, recent controversies - notably Prince Andrew's links to billionaire paedophile Jeffrey Epstein, and Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle quitting frontline Royal duties - have cast doubts on the Monarchy's remoulding.

"Diana's death is this whirlwind moment, which requires the Monarchy to reorientate its public image, to embrace a more modern, expressive kind of celebrity image as a way of appealing to audiences," royal historian Ed Owens said. Nonetheless, Buckingham Palace's press operation was gradually revamped, with more PR-savvy people brought in.

- THE STRAITS TIMES

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'Chicken, egg price increase due to high cost of feed'

MRP for poultry products unacceptable

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The All Ceylon Egg Manufacturers Association (ACEMA) says the unbearable prices of maize and soya which are the major feeds used by poultry farmers have resulted in the high cost of chicken and eggs in the open market.

ACEMA, Chairman Sarath Ratnayaka said in addition to maize and soya prices of vitamins and other related medicines, used by poultry farmers for hens have also been increased in the market and the Government should consider this situation before imposing price restrictions.

According to the Consumer

Affairs Authority (CAA) the maximum retail price of a white egg has been set at Rs. 43 while a brown egg should be sold at Rs. 45.

Meanwhile an extraordinary gazette notification was also issued on Friday declaring the maximum retail price (MRP) for eggs. Mentioning about the high production cost of eggs and chicken Ratnayaka said under a such situation it is not ethical for CAA officials to take a decision that poultry farmers should reduce the prices of



ACEMA, Chairman Sarath Ratnayaka

eggs in order to bring a relief to consumers.

"Even Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera also recognized the problems faced by poultry farmers due to the massive shortage of poultry foods such as maize and soya as well as vitamins," he said.

Ratnayaka said the Minister has also advised officials to cultivate more maize and soya bean even in abandoned paddy fields since soya and maize are also the major food of cattle. It is said a period of at least five

months are taken to a well-breed hen to lay eggs and farmers will have to bear a huge cost to maintain a poultry farm and other labour charges including the transportation of hens from one place to another. According to reports there are over 5,000 large scale poultry farms in the country, owned by companies and also individuals.

A leading poultry farm owner in Chilaw John Fernando said most poultry farmers have started to produce only high quality eggs with the thick yellow coloured yolk as there is a great demand for such eggs which are highly nutritious.

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Browns Fabric to invest USD 52.3 mn on Lanka's largest textiles plant in Pannala

The Board of Investment Sri Lanka (BOI) recently signed an agreement with Browns Fabric Limited for a state-of-the-art, modern and one of the largest Weft Knit Fabric production facilities in Browns Industrial Park, Pannala Kurunegala with an investment of 52.3M USD and they plan to commence operations in August 2023.

Company has taken the initiative to bridge a significant vacuum in supply and demand, flexibility and speed to produce fabric to the export-oriented US Dollar earning apparel industry in Sri Lanka. Browns Fabric is equipped to empower renowned fashion retailers through its multi-faceted fabric solutions while remaining committed to sustainability at all times.

With the infusion of technologically advanced machinery, systems and LEAN design, the fully accredited and certified facility is armed with the expertise to provide a plethora of options to direct brands, regional hubs and apparel manufacturers.

Using the finest fibres and



Athula Haputantri, BOI Board Member; Renuka Weerakone, BOI Director General; Sanakan Thamotharampillai, Chairman, Browns Fabric; Prithiv Dorai, Director, Browns Fabric; Kenneth Wijesuriya, Director, Browns Fabric, Charitha Jayasingha, Director, Browns Fabric.

yarns in collaboration with regional spinning and knitting partners, the Company's production capability encompasses knitting, dyeing, finishing and printing along with value added mechanical finishes of suede, brush, pre-shrunk and specialized chemical finishes such as bio, antimicrobial, easy-care and water repellent.

The infrastructure spans 22.5 acres and is strategically located within close proximity to many major apparel compa-

nies. Browns Fabric (a subsidiary of Browns Group PLC) strives to be the preferred fabric source in Sri Lanka, Asia and Africa while achieving high nomination for major global brands across the US, Europe, UK and Asia. With this project, the Company is generating direct employment and improving livelihoods of over 800 people whilst uplifting over 2,000 people and related businesses in the North Western Province and surrounding areas.

Browns Fabric Chairman, Sanakan Thamotharampillai stated, "We are pleased to be a part of an initiative that will reap benefits on a cross-section of levels; from targeting foreign revenue and increasing exports, to fostering the local economy and providing much-needed job opportunities, Browns Fabric Limited will consistently and diligently work towards evolving into the leading fabric manufacturer in Sri Lanka."

Inflation hits 66.7% in July

The overall rate of inflation as measured by National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) on Year-on-Year basis is 66.7% in July 2022 and inflation calculated for June 2022 was 58.9%.

With respect to July 2021, the reported inflation for the month of July 2022 was mainly due to the higher price levels prevailing in both food and non-food groups. Accordingly, the Year-on-Year inflation of the food group increased to 82.53% in July 2022 from 75.8% in June 2022 and the Year-on-Year inflation of the non-food group increased to 52.4% in July 2022 from 43.6% in June 2022.

On a Year-on-Year basis the contribution of food commodities to infla-

tion was 39.28% in July 2022 compared to the month of July 2021. Contribution of non-food items was 27.44%. This was mainly due to price increases in groups of items such as Transport (10.10%), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels (3.61%), Restaurant and Hotels (3.04%), Furnishing, Household equipment and Routine household maintenance (2.37%), Miscellaneous goods and services (2.19%), Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics (1.54%), Health (1.74%), Clothing and Footwear (1.34%), Education (0.81%), Recreation and Culture (0.59%) and Communication (0.12%) during the period.

The month-on-month change was

contributed by increases of index value of food items by 2.42% and non-food items by 3.15% respectively.

The increases in index values were reported for milk powder (0.49%), rice (0.28%), fresh fish (0.26%), biscuits (0.19%), chicken (0.15%), dried fish (0.14%), bread (0.14%), sugar (0.11%), Fresh fruits (0.09%), potatoes (0.09%), infant milk powder (0.09%), canned fish (0.07%), dried chillies (0.04%), beef (0.04%), green chillies (0.03%), curry powder (0.03%), buns (0.03%) and eggs (103%).

However, decreases in index values were reported for vegetables (0.17%), coconut oil (0.07%), coconuts (0.06%), big onions (0.04%) red onions (0.03%) and limes (0.01%).

"Many untapped trade opportunities await Lanka, Mexico"

There are many untapped opportunities for Sri Lanka and Mexico to enhance bilateral ties including in economic, trade and commercial, environmental, political and cultural spheres, Sri Lankan Ambassador to USA, Mahinda Samarasinghe said.

Mexico is considered to be among the 15 largest economies in the world with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of over USD 1.2 trillion with its real GDP per capita estimated at over USD 10,200. It is the



second largest economy in Latin America. Sri Lanka's exports to Mexico in 2021 have shown a positive trend with total exports at nearly USD 205 million. Mexico was the 17th largest export market for Sri Lanka with a share of 1.37% in 2020.

"Hence there is great potential for increased bilateral trade which we hope to explore and I am looking forward to engaging with the Government of Mexico with a view to maximizing the positive benefits of trade and other engagement for our two countries."

"I have the highest expectations of growing our existing close relationship to encompass many areas of mutual cooperation, across the spectrum of our friendship."

Discussion on Indo-Lanka tourism promotion



Dr. D. Venkateshwaran, Deputy High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in Chennai, who met Dr. M. A. Mathiventhan, Tourism Minister of Tamil Nadu last week had a productive discussion focusing on tourism promotion of Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu, among local communities respectively in Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka.

Additionally, they also discussed hosting a Sri Lankan cultural program and a food festival in Chennai, with the assistance of the Tamil Nadu Tourism Ministry.

Industrial production down by 3.4% in 2Q

The volume of industrial production for the second quarter of 2022 has decreased by 3.4% compared to the same quarter in 2021 according to the Department of Census and Statistics.

The volume of industrial production has decreased by 0.8% in the month of June, 2022 compared to the same month in 2021. The production in the month of June 2022 has decreased by 0.1% when compared to the production in the month of May 2022.

Over \$18 Tn wiped off global markets in 1H 2022 - WFE data

New data published by the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the global industry group for exchanges and central clearing counterparties, lays bare the full economic impact of the Ukraine war upon a global economy still trying to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The WFE's Market Highlights report for the First Half of 2022 reveals a sharp retraction in market capitalization of around 15% when compared with the previous six-month period, with all global regions experiencing decreases of similar proportions. A total of more than \$18 trillion was wiped

off global markets in the first six months of 2022.

The number of IPOs plunged 52% over the same time period and the capital raised through IPOs fell by 62%.

There are some glimmers of hope, however. Trading activity in cash equities increased in the Americas and in the EMEA region, which groups Europe, the Middle East and Africa, during that time, by 26% (the Americas) and 16% (EMEA). The value traded increased by 17% and 13% respectively compared with the last six months of 2021. In the Asia Pacific region (APAC) the number of



Chief Executive Officer at the WFE, Nandini Sukumar in Colombo

trades decreased marginally by 2.98% but the value traded decreased by around 23%.

The WFE report also reveals that the number of exchange-traded derivatives contracts reached its highest level in the last five years, totaling \$39.37 billion, an increase of 17.2% on figures from the second half of 2021.

Chief Executive Officer at the WFE, Nandini Sukumar, said: "Growth prospects were already subdued as the tragic Ukraine conflict caused major disruption in the energy and commodity markets. This combined with global economies already struggling to recover from the pandemic has led to a perfect storm that has hit growth prospects hard." [TO PAGE 12](#)

Apparel exports net in over USD 1 bn in June, July

The Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF), says that Sri Lankan apparel exports have shown a massive increase to all countries especially in the last two months (June and July 2022).

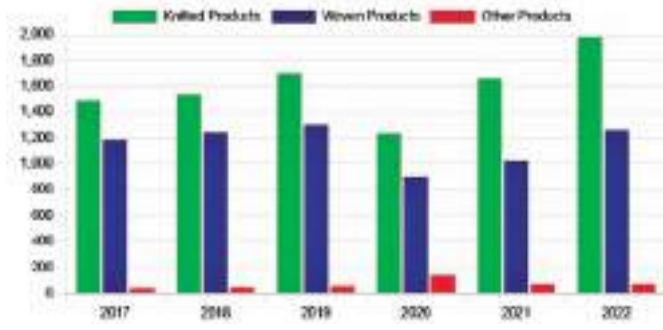
"In both June (USD \$ 522 mn) and July (USD 537 mn) the industry netted in over USD 500 million a month (with a 22% plus increase month on month) and this trend is expected to continue."

In the first nine months total apparel exports have brought in USD 3.3 billion. This is a 22% increase against the corresponding period in 2021.

Apparel and textile exports

increased by 19.73% to US\$ 2,967.39 million during the period of January to June 2022 compared to the same period of 2021. Except Made-up Clothing Acces-

sories (-8.7%), Yarn (-21.38%) and Textile Floor Coverings (-3.28%); exports of other sub categories of Apparel & Textiles sector increased.



Apparel export trade revenue from January 2022 to July 2022

India won't make sovereign commitment on digital services tax



In a move that could delay the implementation of a global tax deal, India and other developing countries under

the G24 grouping have objected to the proposal of making sovereign commitments to not introduce any future digi-

tal services tax like equalisation levy.

The developing countries are of the view that any com-

mitment to not enact future measures should be in the nature of political commitments only. [TO PAGE 12](#)

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Table of market statistics for the Colombo Stock Exchange, including columns for Security, Volume, V.W.A. Previous Close, Open, High, Low, V.W.A. Yesterday's Close, and Change (Rs.).

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COCONUTS

Table of coconut market statistics, including sections for Fresh Coconut, Copra (At Colombo Auction), and COCONUT OIL, with columns for quantity, price, and location.

EXCHANGE RATES

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

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Over \$18 Tn wiped off...

Some highlights from the report: Cash Equity Domestic market capitalization decreased about 15% when compared to the previous six-month period...



Market jump starts by +1.3%...

against the 12-month average daily turnover of Rs. 4,474.3 mn, whilst the volume traded for the day was 130,104.3k against the 12-month average daily volume of 213,978.2k.

India won't...

Commenting on the Pillar One progress report released last month by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Secretariat, the G24 members said: "We should be conscious that any commitment beyond a political commitment will effectively constrain..."

HNB Thinkcube signs MoU, offers novel 'ezBiz' ERP solution to SMEs

HNB PLC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with next-gen collaborative cloud computing product developer Thinkcube Systems (Pvt) Ltd., to introduce the latter's renowned 'ezBiz' enterprise resource planning (ERP) software to small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

HNB entered into this partnership with the objective of fulfilling the market gap of ERP solutions for the Bank's lower level SME clientele, at an affordable rate.

"Businesses of all scales can operate seamlessly and focus more on growth over focusing on the day-to-day operations, when they are equipped with the right

technology. This is very evident with SMEs that are at the very early stages of the business, or if they are manually operating at full capacity. This is what we aim to disrupt through this partnership, and Thinkcube System's 'ezBiz' ERP solution is the perfect tool, which our potential and existing SME customers can utilize at special/concessionary rates," commented HNB Niluka Amarasinghe (Head of SME Products and Partnerships).

The 'ezBiz' solution is an integrated cloud business application which caters the vital requirements of businesses, while ensuring a user-friendly experience with ease of access to their busi-



HNB Deputy General Manager Retail and SME Banking, Sanjay Wijemanne exchange the MoU with Thinkcube Solutions Chairman, Alexis Lovell, with HNB Undergraduate Trainee, Nethmini Morawaggoda, HNB Head of SME Products and Partnerships, Niluka Amarasinghe, and HNB Assistant General Manager, SME K. Indravanan, Thinkcube Solutions Director, Iri-shad Ally, Thinkcube Solutions Director, Damitha Kariyawasam, Thinkcube Solutions Group Finance Controller, Chandima Dilrukshi and Thinkcube Solutions Assistant Manager Human Resources, Nipuni Perera.

ness data anytime, from anywhere. Aspiring SME customers may

see this as the perfect opportunity to take their business to the next level, being enabled with cloud-

based capabilities including Purchasing, Point of Sale (POS), Accounting, Inventory, Jobs,

Sales and Customer Relationship Management (CRM).

"Our ERP solution can be seen as a very successful tool used by a magnitude of SMEs, including mobile shops, pharmacies, hardware stores, bookshops, cosmetic shops, restaurants, clothing stores and mini marts.

We envision our home-grown 'ezBiz' solution becoming a household name, and found a great opportunity to accommodate a much larger scope of SME customers through this partnership with HNB," said Thinkcube Systems (Pvt) Ltd Damitha Kariyawasam Director- ThinkCube Solutions.

HNB will be working together

with Thinkcube Systems, sharing internal human resources to make initial introductions and facilitate potential customers with the fully-fledged ERP solution. The Solution enables the SMEs to extract vital MIS on their business in a convenient manner which would help them to use them effectively when they seek credit facilities from Financial institutions.

Under the MoU, HNB will play a key role in sourcing potential SMEs to uplift their operating standards, while Thinkcube Systems (Pvt) Ltd will ensure the proper functioning of the ERP platform, services and aftersales services.

Sampath Bank sponsors 'Women on Boards' training programme

Sampath Bank has been named one of the Annual Corporate Partners sponsoring the 'Women on Boards' Training Programme launched by the Women Directors Forum (WDF) of the Sri Lanka Institute of Directors (SLID). The initiative, announced to coincide with this year's International Women's Day, will include the compilation of an e-Directory of Board and Board-Ready Women.

It is a key element of the WDF's ambitious goal of creating a female leadership pipeline.

The 'Women on Boards' Training Programme is in the process of identifying and assembling a deep talent pool of Sri Lankan working women with professional backgrounds, management experience, people skills and leadership potential. These are prime candidates for board membership, managers who are ready for bigger things.

The plan is to groom these talented individuals and fast-track them for placement on the boards of public and private corporate entities. Formed in 2019, Women's



Nanda Fernando Managing Director, Sampath Bank PLC together with Aroshi Nanayakkara Senior Vice Chairperson, The Sri Lanka Institute of Directors, exchange the agreement. Tharaka Ranwala Senior Deputy General Manager and Group Marketing, Deposit Mobilization and Digitalization, Sampath Bank PLC and Radika Obeysekera Chief Executive Officer, The Sri Lanka Institute of Directors.

Diversity Forum spearheaded SLID's agenda to foster diversity on boards. Among other accomplishments, this resulted in progressive gender quotas being included in the budget presented by the Minister of Finance in March 2019. It mandated a mini-

mum of 20% female membership on boards by the end 2024, and encouraged a voluntary target of 30 percent. The WDF also partnered with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) on its first Women on Boards and Leadership Training Programme.

"Women are somewhat an under represented gender on corporate boards, so we at Sampath Bank are glad to be part of this movement to radically change the status quo," said Nanda Fernando-Managing Director, Sampath Bank PLC.

"Case studies done at Harvard Business School and other prestigious management training institutions have proved over and over again that women leaders bring diverse and different thinking to the board table. Women are seen to be more collaborative and are great team players. Women tend to be non-confrontational and are thus very effective at conflict-resolution and problem-solving."

"The WDF's plan to redress the imbalance at the board table is both timely and noteworthy. There's a vast pool of underutilized talent that's going to waste - qualified, motivated women who are no strangers to hard work. Tapping into this rich resource is long overdue, and should have significant benefits for corporate bottom lines, he added.

PwC to host webinar for Food and Beverage industry



PwC Sri Lanka with the aim of supporting the Food and Beverage industry in Sri Lanka adopt their business operations and practices to align towards a sustainable future, has partnered with the Export Development Board to hold a webinar titled "ESG towards a responsible future in the Food and Beverage Industry" on August 24, from 3 to 4.30 pm.

Covering salient topics that include in outlining what is environmental, social and governance (ESG) in the food and beverage industry, challenges and opportunities for consumer markets and examples related to the industry, the webinar will focus on giving guidance to leaders in the food and beverage industry on global ESG trends in the F&B industry and how manufacturers could establish company level ESG strategies.

This will be backed by a Panel Discussion on Sustainability in the F&B Industry in Sri Lanka.

The eminent panel of speakers for the webinar include Suresh de Mel, Chairman and Chief Executive EDB who will deliver the keynote address, followed by Sebastiaan Nijhuis, Advisory Leader Finance Sustainability, PwC Netherlands, Sandeep Kumar Mohanty Partner, ESG Strategy, Net-zero/ Carbon Neutrality, and Sustainable Finance PwC, India, Anil Cooke-Chairman Ceylon Tea Roadmap 2030, and Dharmika Gunasekara, Past President Sri Lanka Food Processors' Association and Managing Director Tropical Life (Pvt) Ltd.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Zahra Cader, ESG leader and Director PwC Sri Lanka.

Zahra Cader, ESG Leader and Director for PwC Sri Lanka stated that a sustainability strategy and an actionable roadmap to achieve a more sustainable future is what will drive value creation for the food and beverage industry in the future.

Shippocket raises \$33.5 mn, becomes India's 106th unicorn

Zomato-backed logistics technology platform Shippocket on Wednesday became India's 106th unicorn after raising \$33.5 million (about Rs 270 crore) in a funding round co-led by Temasek and Lightrock India.

Shippocket was valued at around \$1.2 billion with a fresh round of funding. The fresh funds will help Shippocket extend its operating system by building newer software and intelligence products along with deepening its capability in the fulfilment and same-day delivery experience, it said in a statement.

"This investment will help accelerate our roadmap and will also help us bring world-class e-commerce experiences to every direct commerce retailer in India," said Saahil Goel, CEO and Co-founder, Shippocket.

Launched in 2017, Shippocket delivers packets to more than 66 million consumers annually and is growing 3 times year on year. Last month, Shippocket acquired Omni channel commerce company Arvind Internet Limited's technology business called 'Omuni' for Rs. 200 crores in a stock

and cash deal. The deal will leverage both companies' technology and resources to enable quick, efficient, hassle-free deliveries from the closest store/warehouse in a larger D2C commerce enablement segment, Shippocket said in a statement.

In June, Shippocket acquired a majority stake in Pickrr, an e-commerce software-as-a-service (SaaS) platform for D2C brands and SME e-tailers for around \$200 million which is nearly Rs. 1,560 crores.

(www.business-standard.com)

ALFT Packaging launches second phase

ALFT Packaging Company Chairman Lakshman De Fonseka headed the launch of the second phase of ALFT Packaging - a brand new, state-of-the-art production facility at Ekala.

The new plant primarily consists of European machinery including world-renowned W&H Miraflex II printing machinery and other technologies, offering local and global businesses with highest quality packaging on par with top international standards.

"For the first time in Sri Lanka, we have in-house plate-making technology. Apart from that, the innovation that the latest machinery like W&H Miraflex II offers is exceptional quality, colour options, room for creativity and lead time. It also creates vast marketing opportunities for our clients," commented ALFT Packaging Company Chairman Lakshman De Fonseka.



Ceylon Biscuits Ltd Chairman Ramya Wickremasingha, ALFT Packaging Chairman Lakshman De Fonseka, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, Unilever Chairperson/MD Hajar Alaffi, Nestle Lanka MD Jason Awanefia, Dr. Sarath Ranasinghe, Prima DGM Group Sajit Gunaratne, JF Lanka Hotels Director C. Wijegunasekara, and Russel Fonseka at the launch.

"This occasion turns a new leaf, not only for ALFT but for the packaging industry itself, as international technology of this calibre is making its way into the country for the first time. Needless to say, this advanced technology will revolutionize the way our clients experience pack-

aging. Our client Prima was the first to launch their seasonal packs using the latest technology."

"We are optimistic that this venture will benefit the economy as local companies can reduce dependence on international suppliers, compete strongly in the export

market and it also opens opportunities for ALFT to cater to international clients. In that sense, this is truly a remarkable achievement for Sri Lanka's packaging industry" Fonseka further added.

On top of high quality and other advantages, ALFT offers an outstanding service to their customers, a highlight of which is the fully equipped laboratory that facilitates customers to do their testing using ALFT's highly sophisticated equipment.

Commenting on this, ALFT Packaging Company Managing Director Chathura Jayatissa said "Best customer service and 100% transparency policy are cornerstones of our success. Our clients have been greatly appreciative of our commitment to confidentiality and the lowest lead times which support their agile marketing efforts."

Unilever ranked 'Most Respected FMCG Company in Sri Lanka'



Unilever Sri Lanka has been ranked the Number 1 Most Respected FMCG Company in the country in LMD's Most Respected Entities publication for 2022.

This marks the 17th consecutive time that Unilever has been ranked in the list, moving 4 places up from 2021 to claim the overall sixth position from over 100 varying companies. Unilever was also declared the Sector Winner in both the 'Consumer Products' 'Multinational' categories yet again, maintaining its winning streak.

The company also emerged as the highest rated FMCG company to appear in LMD's Top 12 performance measures/indicators for awarding the rankings, namely: 'Financial Performance', 'Quality Consciousness', 'Management Profile', 'Honesty', 'Innovation', 'Dynamism', 'Corporate Culture', 'CSR & Sustainability', 'Vision', 'National Perspective', 'HR & People Management' and 'Crisis Management'.

Unilever Sri Lanka Chairperson and Managing Director Hajar Alaffi said, "It is truly a proud moment for us to be ranked as Sri Lanka's Most Respected FMCG company once again and more so for the 17th consecutive time of being recognised by the people of Sri Lanka. This underscores the positive impact we have made in the lives of Sri Lankans across the years, through our purposeful brands, our corporate vision to make sustainable living commonplace, and the unwavering commitment of our people towards integrity and excellence in all that we do. We also offer our heartfelt appreciation to LMD and its management for creating a platform to encourage and recognise good corporate conduct across the economy, society and the environment."

The company was ranked the 'Number 1 Employer of Choice' for the 10th consecutive year in 2021 by NielsenIQ, awarded the 'Most Effective Marketer of the Year' award for the 6th consecutive year at the 2021 Effie Awards, adjudged the 'Most Awarded Entity' in the 'Consumer Products' and 'Multinational' Categories in Sri Lanka in LMD's 2021 'Most Awarded' Edition, and had 15 Unilever brands ranked as the 'Most Loved Brands' in Sri Lanka in LMD's 2022 Brands Annual Ranking.

The 'Most Respected Entities in Sri Lanka' ranking is based on an annual survey conceptualized by Sri Lanka's leading business magazine - LMD and conducted by NielsenIQ.

'Daraz Payment Partner Performance Awards 2022' concludes



Award winners with Team Daraz

Sri Lanka's e-commerce marketplace leader Daraz recently concluded the annual "Daraz Payment Partner Performance Awards 2022" on a high note at Uga Residences, Colombo. The Awards recognises key players in the payment cards and digital payments solutions industry, who have partnered with Daraz.

Daraz is currently one of the highest digital payment generators in Sri Lanka. Understanding the significant contributions to propel this success further, payment partners are awarded for their outstanding efforts in delivering service and value into the Daraz ecosystem, going above and beyond to become a part of Daraz's goals of developing the local e-commerce industry through innovation.

Daraz Sri Lanka Managing Director Rakhil Fernando stated: "The Daraz Payment Partner Performance Awards was introduced to make sure our banking and financial partners striving to make an impact on Daraz are recognized for their incredible contributions in their respective niches. These efforts enhance value to the cardholders and Daraz users, thereby adding on to the positive role played by banks in propelling the growth of the digital payment landscape of the country."

Payment partners awarded this year were LOLC for Best New Entrant; Standard Chartered Bank for Best Payment User Experience; Seylan Bank for Category

Accelerator; Union Bank for Most Campaign Partnerships; NDB for Tactical Campaign Innovator; People's Bank for Best Debit Card Growth and Best Turnaround Bank; NTB Amex for Most Valued Credit Card Base and Campaign Promoter; Bank of Ceylon for Best Debit Card Base; HSBC for Best Campaign Partner; HNB for Best All-round Growth; Sampath Bank for Highest Revenue Generator; Commercial Bank for Best Engaging Card Base; and Mastercard for Most Valued Payment Partner.

Daraz Sri Lanka Head of Payments and Partnerships Dulika Jayamanne said; "This year's Awards not only highlighted the Partners who brought in high volumes in Digital Transactions but also those who strived tirelessly to ensure a seamless end to end Digital Transaction experience as well as creative communications of promotions and offers. We worked closely with each partner to not only provide greater payment flexibility to our users through discount schemes and easy settlement plans, but to increase digital inclusivity to their customer base."

Supported by the strength of the Alibaba Group, Daraz is transforming into the fastest growing e-commerce platform in the region. The e-commerce marketplace is focused on delivering excellent customer experiences, ease of purchase, comprehensive customer care, and a hassle-free shopping and returns experience.

India supplies nearly 60% of vaccines used worldwide - Indian FM

Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said nearly 60 per cent of all the vaccines used in the world are produced in India and over the decades, the country has made a remarkable contribution to vaccinating the world.

India today is double dosing every citizen and producing COVID-19 vaccines even during the lockdown period, she added.

Launching the book 'India's Vaccine Growth Story' by Additional Secretary, Expenditure Department Sajjan Singh Yadav, Sitharaman said it is in the country's DNA to be able to contribute to world vaccination.



Nirmala Sitharaman

"Over the decades India has made remarkable contributions. Nearly 60 per cent of all the vaccines which are used in the world are produced in India.

India has a singular contribution to make to the world in terms of vaccination and that which is being produced and supplied to the entire world," Sitharaman said

Today, the country is double dosing every citizen, she said, adding it is not easy to produce and execute COVID vaccination at that scale.

India crossed the target of 200 crores of COVID vaccinations in a time-bound manner.

So far, 208.57 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered under the nationwide inoculation drive.

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Colombo City Centre presents 'Kidventures' holiday camp 2022

Colombo City Centre (CCC) hosts a holiday camp for kids aged four to 13 years from August 20 to 28. The aptly titled exclusive four-day edutainment-packed camp, Kidventures offers kids an adventurous and unique experience with the opportunity to explore and discover new interests, skills and talents while creating memories that would last a lifetime.

CCC hopes that such an edutainment camp would be of great value at a time when the psychological wellbeing of kids was adversely affected by the C-19 pandemic,



economic and political upheavals that hit the country back-to-back and the resulting recurrent disruptions to schooling.

The Kidventures holiday camp would be an ideal opportunity for kids to keep

their minds and bodies active while their parents finally take that well-deserved break. It also presents an ideal personal growth opportunity

for kids, removed from their school-home routine, to take on new responsibilities and challenges while honing new skills, developing confidence and independence in the process. But best of all Kidventures would be an ideal space

to form new friendships amidst fun and learning, that may last a lifetime.

Ballet and Drumming workshops were conducted by Ranara Academy on August 20 from 4.00 to 6.00 pm and on August 21 from 4.00 to 6.00 pm respectively. A Robotics workshop and STEAM activity will be conducted by Learnware from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm on August 27 and a Coding workshop followed by another STEAM activity will be conducted by Learnware from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm on August 28.

Parents interested in

enrolling their kids in the edutainment-packed CCC Kidventures holiday camp can preregister their kids, could obtain more information via the Colombo City Centre Facebook and Instagram pages. Colombo City Centre always ensures that the initiatives taken by them are for the happiness and well-being of the community, and with that objective in mind, CCC conducts Kids Craft Village on weekends for children to enhance their creative skills and the newly introduced bouncy castle gives the children the opportunity to have fun.

Bank of Ceylon celebrates 83rd Anniversary

The Bank of Ceylon celebrated its 83rd Anniversary on August 1 serving the country as the No.1 Bank since its inception in 1939.

In line with the anniversary celebrations, the bank's Buddhist Association organized its annual pirith ceremony and alms giving recently in the hope of invoking blessings of Triple Gem on its staff members, valued customers and all its stakeholders. These events took place at the Bank's Head Office, with the participation of the bank's Chairman Kanachana Ratwatte, the General Manager K.E.D. Sumanasiri, Members of the Board of Directors, Members of the Corporate and Executive Management and staff members.



People's Bank's Muthiyangana branch relocates



Officials of Peoples Bank at the opening.

People's Bank Muthiyangana Branch was opened by People's Bank Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku at its new location recently.

This branch was opened at the commercial and banking complex, Post Office Road in Badulla Muthiyangana, with digital technology and featuring exclusive services. In

addition, a Self-banking Unit also has been installed here.

A YES Account Promotion Programme was held with participation of The Voice Teens Sri Lanka Season 2 winner Praneerasha Thiagaraja and one of the finalists Russel Themindage.

Deputy General Manager Channel Management, Mahinda Premanath, Assistant General Manager Channel

Management, T.M.W. Chandrakumar, Badulla Regional Manager, Nalin Poththawela, Badulla District Secretary Damayanthi Paranagama, Deputy Chief Secretary Human Resources Training, of the Uva Provincial Council M.M. Nandasena, Deputy Chief Secretary Finance M. E. Sumithra Silva, Deputy Chief Secretary Planning Ananda Vijitha Kumara

Mapa, Badulla Provincial Secretary Lalith Hemantha Dissanayake, Asst. Regional Managers of the People's Bank K. Chandrakumar and S.M.A.P.K. Samarakoon, Asst. Regional Manageress Manjula Perera, Muthiyangana Branch Manageress A.I. Sooriyapperuma, including Government Officers, Bank staff and customers, were present at the opening.

Dialog offers discounts on bill payment with MyDialog App

Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, is offering a 10% bonus/discount on all reloads and bill payments made using the simple and user-friendly MyDialog App to its valued customers.

Thanks to the MyDialog App, you no longer have to go anywhere to reload/pay



your bills, saving you the hassle of travelling at this time when it's difficult to

even move about for essentials. Along with this, by taking advantage of this offer, you will be able to save on your daily spending for reloads and bill payments. The offer is valid for three months, from June to August 2022 and all you have to do is just

save your debit/credit card on the MyDialog App.

Once you do that, you can pay your bills with just a few taps at anytime, anywhere, more conveniently than ever before. And, each time you do, you'll receive a 10% bonus/ discount for any Dialog reload and bill payments until August 2022.

Futureworld opens 'Exclusive Apple Store' in Colombo 3

Futureworld Lanka Pvt Ltd an Apple Authorized Reseller in Sri Lanka opened its flagship 'Exclusive Apple Store' in Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha Colombo 3.

The state-of-the-art showroom will showcase the latest range of Apple Macs, iPads and Accessories.

To celebrate the opening a launch of two new products the MacBook Pro 13.3 inch and the MacBook Air 13.3 inch models with the powerful M2 chip available for the first time in Sri Lanka. These two latest MacBooks are only available exclusively at the Futureworld store.

Furthermore professionals, corporates and entrepreneurs can get on-site demonstrations by Apple certified technical personnel.

"Our team comprises of experienced, professionally trained and passionate Apple Ambassadors who will guide customers to make the best choice when it comes to choose Apple products", said General Manager Futureworld Ramesh de Silva. The new store is nearly twice the size of the original Futureworld showroom and is designed to be the new hub for Sri Lankan consumers to discover Apple

products and services, get support and participate in exciting promotions.

"Colombo has an incredible energy and has long been a destination for the latest IT gadgets and great brands and the Futureworld Apple store will be right at the center of this brand revolution."

"Futureworld also wishes to engage younger audiences with innovative digital experiences and promotions that will captivate this target group."

The Apple brand is extremely popular among young millennial customers and the new Futureworld store will engage this group by providing new products and trends and will be their 'hangout' for connecting with friends physically or virtually, while enjoying the brand experience.

Customers also can get all their Apple products repaired or checked at the Futureworld Apple Service Centre.

The well-equipped service center supported by experienced 'factory trained' professionals provides exceptional after sales support and preventive maintenance services. Futureworld also



Hilmeey Niyas, CEO Thakral Group, Sri Lanka and Maldives, Ramesh de Silva, General Manager Futureworld Lanka Pvt Ltd, Key Managers and Executives of the company at the opening.



provides one-on-one training to individuals and organizations.

From its humble beginnings in Vietnam, Futureworld spans across ten countries in Asia, with over 35 listed stores to date.

Operating with strong support by the Thakral Group Singapore and its flagship company in Sri Lanka Trident Corporation Pvt Ltd, Futureworld is the only Reseller and Service provider to be accredited with the Premium status for Apple authorized products and services in Sri Lanka.

"We are proud that Futureworld is committed to revolutionize the IT industry in Sri Lanka, while ensuring its continuous growth", said Hilmeey Niyas CEO Thakral Group Pvt Ltd.

"The next generation of Sri Lankan IT students and professionals can be a part of the Futureworld experience."

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Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 31st August 2022 at 3.00 p.m.** which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

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Royal smash Trinity hopes in epic Bradby first leg



Action from the match between Royal and Trinity

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Royal College have cleared their first hurdle in their attempt to retain the Bradby Shield for the fourth successive year. Last week, they dished out some fantastic all-round rugby to demolish their traditional rivals Trinity College 29-0 in the first leg encounter played at the Royal Sports Complex in Reid Avenue.

This outstanding performance by Royal has almost put the issue beyond doubt for another Bradby triumph and they will be even more confident when they face the same opponents in the second leg fixture at the Pallekelle Stadium in two weeks' time.

Royal, not only produced a clinical performance but

they have also dealt a severe psychological blow on their opponents as Trinity will need a huge turnaround and win the second leg by a massive margin to have any hopes of a comeback.

This was a crunch game that really tested Royal's nerves and their character and eventually, they came out with blazing guns firing all cylinders when it really mattered for the side.

Four splendid tries, three conversions and a penalty simply summarised all their hard work and 70 minutes of sheer dominance as they carried the same momentum, which they unleashed during the 'A' Division League Tournament.

There was nothing that could have prevented this Royal team from dominat-



S. Thomas' Rugby Team celebrate with the Archibald Perera Memorial Trophy

ing the Bradby first leg and even with 13-men they surprised the opposition and produced a magnificent try, which showed their class and determination on the field.

Trinity, of course, were playing catch up rugby for a better part of the game and they only had the chance of reducing the margin but even that they completely

failed as they squandered at least three penalties.

The other factor that really frustrated the Trinitians was Royal's solid defence and the patience as the home side produced some ferocious tackles and excellent spoiling work to complete a memorable victory in the end. There were several occasions where Trinity invaded the Royal '22' with

great hopes of a breakthrough but all their hard work was dashed and had to return without putting any points on the scoreboard.

In contrast, Royal always ensured they added some points on the scoreboard whenever they came into their opponent's territory, which in fact became a routine with their famous rolling maul, pick-up and dummy passes causing severe damage to the Trinity defence.

S. Thomas' vs St. Peter's Meanwhile, S. Thomas' College eventually were able to win a piece of silverware this season as they retained the Archibald Perera Memorial Trophy by pulling off a thrilling 23-22 win against St. Peter's College at Bambalapitiya.

In a high-scoring game, the Thomians ran down four superb tries during a tremendous first-half performance and then held on determinedly in the second half to thwart the home side with some good defensive play.

In fact, S. Thomas' grabbed every opportunity during the first 35 minutes of play to build up a crucial lead of 20-14 and thereafter, they simply piled up pressure on the Peterites, who were guilty of committing several mistakes and handling errors.

Altogether, it was not the ideal day for St. Peter's, who continued with their miserable journey in the current season having recorded just a solitary win in the 'A' Division League Tournament.

Manuja, Sandew, Javindu and Nushan make centuries

Manuja Nayanajith of Maris Stella College Negombo, Sandew Amarakoon of St. Anthony's College Katugastota, Javindu Madusanka of Gurukula College Kelaniya and Nushan Perera of St. Joseph's College Colombo made centuries and steered their teams to victory in the second round fixtures of the Under 15 division 1 inter schools cricket tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association.

Manuja Nayanajith (Maris Stella College Negombo) scored 148 runs against Christ King College Ja Ela and Sandew Amarakoon (St. Anthony's College Katugastota) scored 136 runs against St. Anthony's College Wattala. Javindu Madusanka (Gurukula College Kelaniya) scored 121 runs against Trinity College Kandy and Nushan Perera (St. Joseph's College Colombo) scored unbeaten 109 runs against Mahinda College Galle in the second round fixtures. Nadula Randika of Lumbini College Colombo claimed 5 wickets for 44 runs.

In the Second Round

At Giriulla (Gurukula College Kelaniya won first inning) Trinity Kandy:259/5 d (43) (Sethmika Senevirathne 56 n.o., Chaniru Senarathne 56, Mahendra Aboysinghe 52, Iduwara Oshada 2/45) *Gurukula Kelaniya:262/8 (53.2) (Javindu Madusanka 121, Ashwin Herath 4/70, Sethmika Senevirathne 3/49)

At Ratgama (Match drawn and St. Benedict's College Kotahena won by points) St. Benedict's Kotahena: 202/6 d (53) (Manikya Deshpriya 42, Imal Thushantha 2/51) *Richmond Galle: *186/6 (47) (Minaga Ariyadasa 64 n.o., Aksha Hewa 33, Nirwan Jayathilake 2/36, Dinath Senila 2/40)

At Ananda Mawatha (Match drawn and Ananda College Colombo won on points) Ananda Colombo: 263/6 d (54.2) (Kithma Sithmal 80, Nethula Edirmanne 75, Ovin Perera 53, Puljith Wathsuka 3/41) Devapathiraja Ratgama: 185/5 (44) (Puljith Wathsuka 39, Gimhan Rasanjana 34, Yasiru Lakshan 33, Kithma Sithmal 3/23)

At Matara (Rahula College Matara won the first

inning) Rahula Matara 177/8 (55) (Risinu Geenuka 48, Pawara Pabasara 47, Mevindu Kumarasiri 4/15) Sri Sumangala Panadura 136 (54.2) (Visal Hansitha 61, Lelum Weerasinghe 35, Nadil Sandesh 3/20, Risinu Geenuka 2/38)

At Moratuwa (Prince of Wales College Moratuwa won the first innings)

Harischandra NS Negombo: 125 (38.1) (Sithum Nethsara 28, Hansaka Perera 27, Nethul Anuhas 3/39, Nethula Damthusha 2/8, Vonal Peiris 2/11, Rusandu Silva 2/23) Prince of Wales Moratuwa:157/6 (33) (Nethula Damthusha 42, Praveen Rangana 33, Mathisha Aponu 28 n.o., Nethula Damthusha 22, Sandaruwan Silva 3/20, Hansaka Perera 2/36)

At Galle (St. Joseph's College Colombo won first inning) Mahinda Galle:138/7 (55) (Rasanjana Thisal 46, Imal Thushantha 41, Nushan Perera 3/29, Prashas Perera 2/22) *St. Joseph's Colombo 266/7 d (42.2) (Nushan Perera 109 n.o., Aveesha Samash 62, Ameesha Guruge 39, Vishmitha Sathara 2/61, Sandew Nethmina 2/74)

At Bambalapitiya (St.

Peter's College Bambalapitiya won the first inning) St. Peter's Bambalapitiya: 197 (41.4) (Hiruka Silva 30, Sethila Sewhas 3/38 Hirun Lindula 2/35, Nadila Nethmitha 2/44) and 150/3 (18) (Joshua Sebastian 83 n.o., Jason Fernando 34, Nadila Nethmitha 2/57) *President's Kotte 62 (38.1) (Theviru Dinsara 14, Oshadha Akalanka 3/7, Janith Panditharathna 2/18)

At Ja Ela (Maris Stella College Negombo won the first inning) Maris Stella Negombo :230 (45.4) (Manuja Nayanajith 148, Sandaru Perera 3/41, Sunesh Nimshan 3/62, Rashmika Nonis 2/52) Christ King Ja Ela 163 (43.5) (Shenal Nipun 46, Rashmika Nonis 37, Shevin Hewavitharana 4/51, Binal Fernando 2/26, Kevin Malan 2/38)

At Kandy (Maliyadeva College Kurunegala won the first innings)

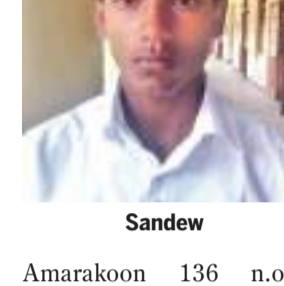
Maliyadeva Kurunegala: 153/6 d (52.3) (Thiwanka Pabasara 53, Pahasara Bandara 34, Chamika Basnayaka 4/35) St. Sylvester's Kandy 100 (44.2) (Piyumaka Karunarathne 35,



Manuja



Nushan



Sandew



Javindu

Rusara Bandara 3/17, Lakdula Rathnayake 3/32, Damalath Gamage 2/20)

At Mt. Lavinia (S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia won on points) S. Thomas' Mt. Lavinia 239 (52.3) (Tenuka Amaraweera 70, Nethun Withanage 50, Sanuka Ganepola 3/35, Pahan Thilakarathne 2/30)

At Panadura (Lumbini College Colombo won the first inning) Lumbini Colombo *141/6 d (54) (Januda Kolambage 47, Esanda Bino-

dya 31, Thenul Sathsanda 30 n.o., Aken Theekshana 2/10) *St. John's Panadura 127 (33.5) (Tharul Laksanda 41, Nadula Randika 5/44, Lakila Laksitha 2/8)

At Katugastota (St. Anthony's College Katugastota won first innings)

St. Anthony's Katugastota: 288/4d (40.5) (Sandew Amarakoon 136 n.o., Minon Kemitha 74, Kaushika Kumarasinghe 48, Thimira Sandaru 3/56) *St. Anthony's Wattala:190/9 (55) (Kavindu Vihanga 109, Mohomad Hiraz 31, Okitha Fernando 4/42)

At Godigamuwa (St. Joseph Vaz College Wenuppu won the first inning) Pangnananda Vidyalaya Raddolugama 76 (29) (Ranindu Yomal 5/7, Nevin Senkith 2/11, Darshana Seneth 2/16) and 79/3 (9.2) (Vasaka Fernando 2/20) St. Joseph Vaz Wenuppu: 275/9 (54.5) Nevin Senkith 74, Darshana Seneth 46, Ranidu Yomal 35, Bodana Dissanayake 33, Sachindu Rashmika 32, Shashmitha Shenul 2/32 Monila Buddhija 3/41 Shashmitha Shenul 2/32 (Y.K.)

Trincomalee District Eastern Province Cricket Champions

Text and Pictures by: I.L.M.RIZAN, Addalaichenai Central Correspondent

Trincomalee District Team won the Eastern Province limited overs Cricket championship beating Batticaloa District team in the final at the Palamunai Public Playgrounds in Ampara district



Eastern Province men's cricket champion Trincomalee district team with officials.

recently. Batticaloa district team was the runner-up. The cricket championship was held as a part of Eastern Province Sports Festival-2022.

This cricket tournament organized by the Eastern Province Department of Sports under the guidance and supervision of the

Eastern Province Sports Department Director N.M.Nowfees while Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee district teams participated.

Trincomalee District Team batted first and scored 64 runs in the 13.4 overs. In reply Batticaloa district team, scored 46 runs in the 13.5 overs. Trincomalee District team beat Batticaloa District

team in the final. The champion players at this Provincial level competition which will have to contest at National level competition will be conducted by the Sports Ministry. Ampara District Secretariat Sports Officer M.I.M.Ameer Ali, Eastern Province Sports Department Officials, Sports Officers and many others were present.

Antonians out to give a better display in the knock-outs



HAFIZ MARIKAR

St. Anthony's College ruggers are gearing up for the quarter finals, where they are expected to play St. Josephs College in Colombo in the Dialog inter schools under 19 knock outs. If they meet it should be a bruising rugby encounter. For these two schools, this will be an important game whenever they meet they give a good display of rugby. This time the St. Anthony's College squad is made out of players like Jeyan Amarasinghe (Captain) S.D. Kavishka Masushan, M. Rahuman, S.V. Athukorala, Y.R. Gamage, R.Pillee, S.N. Kothalawala, M.J.M. Zaky, W.M.C.O.Gunaratne, D.L.S.A Keerthisiri, M. Tyron, M. Rishard, T.A. Sellapperuma, W.M.R.A.B. Welgedera, H.M.s. Perera, J. Relano, M.U.sman, M. Abdullah, D. M. O. R. Dissanayake,

R.P.Gregory, A.M.K.A.I. Munasinghe, Y.R.Perera, L.D.D.T. Liyanage, W.A.A.H. Jayawansa, T.H.B. Nishaam, A. Rajith, M.T.K.Rodrigo, H.C. Emmanuel, K.Lakmina, S.M.P.D. Suriyabandara. In the league they beat Kingswood College 57-7 and went down to Trinity College 18-25, Royal College 12-22, S. Thomas' College 25-32 and St. Josephs College 20-35

This time too they are being coached by Samedha Malawana former Vidyarthi College, Navy SC and Sri Lanka player; he is an experienced coach and a knowledgeable man in the rugby field. He learnt his ruggar at Vidyarthi College, and played in 1986 and in 1998 was his best school year. Later went on to represent the Havelock SC from there he joined Navy in 2000 and guided nearly fifteen years. He also guided Navy as an assistant coach, his old school Vidyarthi College, and helped them to do well. The backs coach is Pavithra de Silva a product of St. Anthony's College. Aruna Ranasinghe Trainer, Gunasekara Arachige is the MIC.

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DRAW NUMBER: 163

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

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WINNING NUMBERS

05 17 42 43

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Rs. 4,087,490.80

Govisetha

DRAW NUMBER: 3096

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

Rs. 3,316,900.00

WINNING LETTER

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WINNING NUMBERS

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Rs. 70,934,050.40

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DRAW NUMBER: 804

TOTAL PRIZE WON IN THIS DRAW

Rs. 1,840,240.00

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Chandimal and Chamara reach personal milestones

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Former Sri Lankan skipper Dinesh Chandimal and Chamara Silva reached personal milestones in the ongoing Major clubs three day cricket tournament. Chandimal the wicket keeper batter of Army SC who is in good form reached the 10,000 run mark at the last three day game against Bloomfield while Police SC experienced batter Chamara Silva reached 15,000 first class runs in their game against BRC.

Chandimal played his 137th first class game last week-end scored a superb knock of 152 in 245 balls hitting 10 fours and 8 sixes to reach the milestone of 10,000 runs. This was his 28th first class century with a highest individual score of 354 against Saracens CC in 2020. He has scored an unbeaten 206 against Australia at the last Australian series at Galle in a fighting last wicket stand. Chandimal made his first class debut in August 7, 2009 for SLC Development XI against New Zealand. At that time he was at Ananda College Colombo scoring heavily during the school season.

Chandimal always likes to play fighting innings. He said "he had a bad patch earlier but his dedication paved the way to continue his career. He was the T-20 Captain when Sri Lanka won the world cup in Bangladesh in 2014. Actually he did not play last two games and Lasith Malinga was the acting skipper in

the last two games including the T 20 world cup final at Minpur. I like to play for my team and as well as my country and my dedication is very high. My first coach at Dharmasoka College Ambalangoda Asoka Kumara Gange always gave his blessings while my wife, parents and brothers always encouraged me to go forward. I always prefer to play Test cricket but never wanted to be labelled as a red ball player and I enjoyed all three formats, said Chandimal. He has been included for the Asia Cup 20 member squad and named as the third wicket keeper of the side. I was a National wicket keeper but now most of the time I am very keen to play as a batter. However for the team I always like to give my service. If I will keep the wickets I will find it difficult to bat in the top order. But it's depend on the match situation and my first priority is for the team's success, said Chandimal.

Meanwhile 42 year right hander Chamara Silva who has completed his milestone of 15,000 first class runs said he had a target to reach this mark. I maintained fitness and worked hard to achieve this. Actually I completed 15,000 runs with a century against BRC. Playing first class cricket I really enjoyed. I have completed level three coaching qualification and think about a role of coaching in future. Actually in my 233 first class match I was able to reach my target of 15,000 runs with a fighting century (111)_which was my



Dinesh Chandimal reached 10,000 first class runs



Chamara Silva reached 15,000 first class runs

39th first class century. With this century I have a question what's the standard of our cricket at this moment. Now I am 42 years old and I still can make a century at the first class level. I am playing club cricket now after retiring from international cricket. My last ODI was against Pakistan in Abu Dhabi in 2011 and my last Test was against West Indies in 2008 at Post of Spain.

I think we have to think twice about our school cricket. After leaving school the cricketer graduates to club cricket directly. Unlike those days. In my personal view school coaches should get more responsibility and I am very concerned about the school coaches. They should develop more and they have to update always. Fitness is

very important for the cricketer. The player has to work hard for his fitness and still I am keeping fit, said Chamara Silva who has very powerful 'helicopter shot' to make strokes.

His sweep shots and reverse sweeps always very attractive and school players can learn a lot from a player like Chamara Silva.

St. Peter's thrown out of K/O Rugby Tournery

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

St. Peter's College were thrown out of the President's Trophy Inter-Schools Knock-Out Rugby Tournament after they were found guilty of fielding an ineligible player during the 'A' Division League Tournament, which concluded recently.

As a result, The Peterites will not take part in this year's President's Trophy Knock-Out Tournament, which begins this week, and their place will be taken by Dharmaraja College.

St. Peter's had a miserable league tournament as they managed only a solitary victory and figured in one drawn game and lost to S. Thomas' College in their annual Inter-Schools encounter played last week.

According to reliable sources from the Sri Lanka Schools Rugby Football Association, St. Peter's are likely to be demoted to the Segment 'B' category as well in next year's Inter-Schools Tournament.

Meanwhile, Dharmaraja who replaced St. Peter's, will take on the reigning league champions Isipathana College in the first quarter-final of the knock-out tournament on Saturday.

In addition, the giant killers Vidyarthi College will be up against S. Thomas' College, Wesley will meet Science College and the league runners-up St. Joseph's College will face St. Anthony's College.

All matches will be played off at the Royal College Sports Complex and at Havelock Park with the semi-finals scheduled for September 3 and 4 and the final on September 11.

Meanwhile, Royal College and Trinity College have pulled out from this year's President's Trophy Knock-Out Tournament.

National women's tennis team off to Tajikistan



Sri Lanka women's Tennis team: First row seated from left: Sujani Bogollagama (Team Manager), Iqbal Bin Issack (president SLTA), Pradeep Gunasekara (Securty SLTA), Gayanga Weerasekera (coach). Second row from left: Neyara Weerawansa, Anjalika Kurera, Rukshika Wijesuriya, Hasali Gajaba and Janali Manamperi

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka women's tennis team is participating in the Billie Jean King cup by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Group 2 Tennis Tournament which started yesterday in Dushanbe Tajikistan which will continue till August 28.

Eight countries Brunei Darussalam, Guam, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Sri Lanka are taking part at this tournament.

Sri Lanka women's team comprises Anjalika Kurera (ICBT campus) and national champion Rukshika

Wijesuriy (playing college team USA), Janali Manamperi (MAS Kreedha), Neyara weerawansa (British School Colombo), Hasali Gajaba (Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo) with Sujani Bogollagama as the Manager while Gayanga Weerasekera is the coach of the team.

Azlan powers Malay CC to third consecutive win

PRIVAN DE SILVA

An unbeaten half ton by Azlan Samsudeen powered Malay Cricket Club to their third consecutive win in the Governors Trophy Cricket Tournament when they overcame Old Servatians CA & FC by four wickets at the Uyanwatta Stadium on Monday.

Azlan's 50 came off 61 balls and

included four boundaries and a six and shared an unbeaten seventh wicket stand with Savindu Uthsara to steer his team from a precarious 76/6 to victory.

Invited to bat first Old Servatians were restricted to 145 runs. Binara Sanketh and Tharush Damindu contributed with thirty plus scores while Madushika

Sandaruwan and Kalana Madusanka shared seven wickets.

Sachira Rashmika 3/21 (10 overs) and Ashan Lakintha 0/24 (9 2 overs) bowled economically but Azlan took the game away from the home team with four wickets in hand and 46 balls to spare.

Brief Scores
Old Servatians CA & FC 145 in

44.1 overs (Binara Sanketh 33, Rajantha Chandula 21, Tharush Damindu 34; Kalana Madusanka 3/26, Madushika Sandaruwan 4/19)

Malay CC 146/ in 42.2 overs (Geeth Perera 32, Azlan Samsudeen 50 not out, Akila Lakmal 2/29, Sachira Rashmika 3/21)

SL U-19 and England U-19 four day game

Duvindu and Asitha shine at day two

Duvindu Ranatunga took bowling honours on the first day taking 4 for 100 in the first four day game between Sri Lanka under 19 and England under 19 played at Chelmsford, England yesterday.

End of the first days play on Sunday England under 19 were 387 all out. George Bell scored a fine knock of 107 while Bertie

Foreman scored 58. When the page was going to the press on second day of the match yesterday, Sri Lanka under 19 were 159 for 3 wickets in 58 overs. Opener Asitha Wanninayake was not out on 65.

Chief scores
England Under 19: 358 all out Harry Singh 27, Ben MacKinney

33, Ross Withfield 86, George Bell 107, Bertie Foreman 58, Duvindu Ranathunga 4/100, Dulaj Damuditha 2/105, Wanuja Sahan 2/56

Sri Lanka Under 19: 159 for 3 wickets in 58 overs Asitha Wanninayake 65 not out, Shevon Daniel 22, Pawan Pathiraja 32, Ranuda Somaratne 13 not out, Benjamin Cliff 2/28. (D.R)

17th 'Uva Battle of the Golds' ends in a draw



St. Joseph's College and Bandarawela Central Collage teams with the trophy and officials

Chatham Lakpriya of Bandarawela Central Collage managed to get 10 wickets in the match with 5 wickets hauls in both innings while Bandarawela St. Joseph's took major honours in their drawn 17th Uva battle of the golds 2-day big match played at MRICS, Hambantota recently.

Lakpriya who took 5/43 in the first innings of St. Joseph's and finished with 5/33 in the second innings was good enough to win the Man of the Match award as well.

After being asked to bat first St. Joseph's College posted 142 for their first innings and restricted Bandarawela Central Collage's first innings to 91. In second innings St. Joseph's College posted 99 for five wickets declared but Bandarawela Central Collage were 66 for two wickets at the end of the match. However St Joseph's College won first innings points.

Brief Scores:
St. Joseph's College - 142 (83.4) (Sahan Hansaka 29,

Sithija Chamindu 25, Tehmiya Sheheron 21, Yasiru Ruwantha 20, Chatum Lakpriya 5/43, Yasitha Heshan 3/19) and 99/5 Dec. (36) (Yasiru Ruwantha 57 notout, Chatum Lakpriya 5/33)

Bandarawela Central Collage - 91(55) (Sadith Rathnayake 24, Uthpala Lankathilaka 7/35, Sahan Hansaka 3/15) and 66/2 (20)

Individual Awards:
Man of the Match - Chatham Lakpriya (Bandarawela Central), Best



Man of the Match - Chatham Lakpriya (Bandarawela central)

Batsman - Yasiru Ruwantha (St. Josephs), Best Bowler - Uthpala Lankathilaka (St. Josephs), Best Fielder - Dulara Wijesuriya (Bandarawela Central)

Koojana guides Colombo North to win

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

All rounders Koojana Perera had a fine figures of 4 for 39 and scored fluent knock of 51 as Colombo North team recorded three wickets win over Galle team in their under 17 SLC youth League cricket fixture played at Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Galle team were all out for 134 in 48.5 overs while Colombo North were 195 for 7 wickets in 48.4 overs with Koojana Perera leading the way. This tournament is organised by SLC to focus on 2024 youth world cup.

Chief scores
Galle team 134 all out in 48.5 overs (Dinura Kalupahana

56, Reshin Dhilara 22, Senitha He, lamage 49, Sadev Gamage 24, Thanusha Paligawadana 2/29, Koojana Perera 4/39)

Colombo North team 195 for 7 wickets in 48.4 overs (Vihans Thwimika 30, Hiran Jayadundara 28, Samindu Maduranga 37, Koojana Perera 51, Sandu Dilshan 2/29, Senitha Halambage 3/39).