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SECOND READING OF APPROPRIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL TO PRESENTED IN HOUSE TODAY



The inauguration speech of the Second Reading of the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill to amend the Appropriation Act No. 30 of 2021 is scheduled when Parliament convenes at 1 p.m. today (August 30). President Ranil Wickremesinghe is to present the Second Reading of the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill following which, Parliament will be adjourned. The

debate on the Second Reading of the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill will be held on August 31st and September 1st from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. On September 2 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., the Second Reading of the Appropriation (Amendment) Bill will be debated, following which the Bill is scheduled to be passed after the Committee Stage and the Third Reading.

PATALI WILLING TO TAKE UP CHAIR IF COMMITTEE ON FUEL PROCUREMENT APPOINTED

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Patali Champika Ranawaka said that he is willing to take up the Chair if a Parliamentary Committee is appointed to monitor the process of procuring fuel and coal. MP Ranawaka made this observation respond-

ing to Minister Kanchana Wijesekera who proposed to appoint a Parliamentary Committee to monitor the process of procuring fuel and coal headed by the Opposition. Minister Wijesekera suggested a Parliamentarian like MP Patali Ranawaka who is well versed in the subject, should head the Committee. **TO PAGE 02**

A/L RESULTS 2021

10,000 STUDENTS OBTAIN 3A PASSES

OVER 63.5 PERCENT OF STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR UNI ADMISSION - EXAMINATIONS CHIEF

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

The performance of candidates based on the Advanced Level Examination (2021) results issued last Sunday, nearly 10,000 students (including private candidates) have obtained 3A passes each for all three subjects marking an average percentage of 3.95.

Last year, 7,278 candidates obtained 3A passes each marking an average of 2.9 percent. Examinations Commissioner General L.M.D. Dharmasena said that the analysis of the

Advanced Level (2021) results indicate that even though it was not possible to hold schools regularly in the recent past, it has not hindered the education of the students.

He said this was confirmed by a team of six Professors analyzing the 2021 Advanced Level results issued last Sunday.

The Commissioner said that due to factors like the COVID-19 pandemic and the fuel crisis, schools could not be held properly. Therefore, there were various obstacles

to school education. However, he emphasised that this year's results do not show any difference in student performance when compared to the previous years' results. Accordingly, this year (2021) 63.53 percent of students have qualified to apply for university admission. The figure last year (2020) was 65.98 percent.



GALLE FACE BACK TO WHAT IT WAS...



Once again families gather for sunset at the Galle Face Green and play together and enjoy the street foods, following the exit of the 'Aragalaya' (struggle) protesters who occupied the area for several months. Here a child with the kites brought to the area by a kite seller. Picture by Wimal Karunatilake

14-year-old boy passes A/Ls with three 'B' passes

A 14-year-old boy from Kadawatha has reportedly passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination - 2021 with three 'B' passes. **TO PAGE 02**



Over 22,900 A/L candidates fail in all three subjects

Of the total number of students who sat for the GCE A/Ls, 22,928 candidates have failed in all three subjects. The percentage of failed in all three subjects is 9.71. The figure last year (2020) was 21,697 and the percentage was 8.64.

Students who wish to re-sit A/L exam can apply online

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

Based on the Advanced Level Examination 2021 results, students who wish to re-sit the exam can apply online from September 1st to 8th. **TO PAGE 02**

PM calls on political parties to expedite National Council formation

Prime Minister chaired a meeting of political parties to discuss the proposed Parliamentary Committees and the proposed National Council at the Parliament complex yesterday (29). **TO PAGE 02**



Medical student gets three 'A' passes in Maths stream

A medical student, Nilshi Jeewandara who passed the A/Ls in 2020 from the Biology Stream had again sat the A/Ls in the Maths stream in 2021 and has secured three 'A' passes. She is an old girl of Visakha Vidyalaya Colombo.



Increase in electricity charges unavoidable - Minister

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Considering the expenses of the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB), increasing the electricity charges is imperative despite the difficulty the people have to go through, Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera said yesterday (29).

Minister Wijesekera made this observation joining the debate on the increase of electricity charges, moved by the Opposition yesterday (29). Minister Wijesekera noted that the CEB is due Rs.76,000 Million for renewable energy projects and private power plants. **TO PAGE 02**

Appointment of Committee on fuel, coal procurement proposed

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera yesterday proposed to appoint a Parliamentary Committee on the procurement of fuel and coal. He further proposed to appoint a member of the Opposition as the Chairman of that Committee.

Responding to a question by Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, Minister Wijesekera said in Parliament yesterday that President Ranil Wickremesinghe stressed the importance of appointing more Parliamentary Committees. **TO PAGE 02**



FM to address 51st Session of HRC on Sept. 12

The 51st Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) is scheduled to be held from 12 September to 07 October 2022 in Geneva. **TO PAGE 02**

Expedite construction of new Rajagirya-Nawala bridge - Dr. Bandula

IRANGIKA RANGE

Transport and Highways Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardane yesterday instructed the relevant officials of the Road Development Authority (RDA) **TO PAGE 02**

Petition filed against MP Sanath Nishantha's alleged contemptuous statement

DILSHAN THARAKA

A petition was yesterday filed in the Court of Appeal seeking to file charges against MP Sanath Nishantha for the alleged contemptuous statement made by

him in relation to the Judiciary and the judicial officers.

The petition says that MP Sanath Nishantha had made a contemptuous statement scandalizing the Judiciary **TO PAGE 02**



Sajith queries Govt's stance on nominating Opposition members to COPE, COPA

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa yesterday inquired whether the Government had changed the

decision to nominate members of Opposition to the Chairmanship of Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) and Committee on Public Accounts (COPA). **TO PAGE 02**



Speedy measures to bring 'Harak Kata' to Sri Lanka

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) which has collected all information related to 22 crimes including murder, drug trafficking and other crimes against large-scale drug trafficker and

underworld criminal Nadun Chinthaka or Harak Kata, now in the custody of the Dubai Police is taking necessary steps to file them and forward them to the Dubai Police, Information has revealed. **TO PAGE 02**



Dr. Harsha commends Minister Kanchana's commitment

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Dr. Harsha de Silva commended Minister Kanchana Wijesekera for being committed to solving the energy crisis in the country. **TO PAGE 02**

Woman who left child and ran away arrested

BIMAL JAYASINGHE, Bandaragama Corr.

The woman who fled after giving her two-year-old child to a man to whom she befriended on a flight from Dubai to Colombo recently has been arrested by the Police at Udugama, Galle. **TO PAGE 02**

Sevenagala OIC remanded till Sept. 9

NUWAN JAYASEKERA, Sooriyawewa Corr.

The Embilipitiya Magistrate's Courts yesterday ordered the OIC of the Sevenagala Police station who was arrested in connection with an alleged attempt to molest and rape an apprentice Woman Police Constable to be remanded until September 9. **TO PAGE 02**

Three-wheeler registration in WP from Sept. 1

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE and ANTON FERNANDO

The registration of three-wheelers involved in passenger transport activities in the Western Province (WP) will begin from September 1. **TO PAGE 02**

Passenger nabbed at BIA with gold worth over Rs. 14 mn

T.K.G.KAPILA, Katunayake Corr.

A Sri Lankan passenger who tried to smuggle a stock of gold worth over Rs. 14 million into the country was arrested by Customs officers at the arrival terminal of the Bandaranaik International Airport, Katunayake yesterday (29) morning.

The suspect is a 25-year-old man from Dehiwala who works as a Financial Consultant in a private company. **TO PAGE 02**

Six more students allegedly abused by Kapuwa identified

GAYAN KUMARA WEERASINGHE

The CID has identified six more students allegedly sexually abused by Keerthi Batagoda, the Kapuwa (Custodian) of a Devalaya in Metaramba, Unawatuwa, Habaraduwa currently in remand over his involvement **TO PAGE 02**



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IN BRIEF

Evicted tenant kills three others

US: A man evicted from a Houston apartment building shot five other tenants — killing three of them — Sunday morning after setting fire to the house to lure them out. The gunman opened fire on the other tenants and then on the firefighters battling, forcing them to take cover until Police spotted the prone gunman and shot him dead.

- JAPAN TODAY

Two pilots suspended after fighting in cockpit

FRANCE: Fisticuffs in the cockpit, leaving a leaky engine running while cruising over Africa — two pilots were suspended after physically fighting in the cockpit on a Geneva-Paris flight in June, an official said Sunday. It is reported that the pilot and co-pilot had a dispute shortly after takeoff and grabbed each other by their collars after one apparently hit the other. Cabin crew intervened and one crew member spent the flight in the cockpit with the pilots.

- JAPAN TODAY

3 killed as tour bus drops off cliff in Türkiye

TURKIYE: A tour bus rolling off a cliff in Türkiye's northwestern province of Bursa left at least 3 dead and 37 wounded on Sunday, Demiroren News Agency (DHA) reported. The tour bus was driven off the cliff and rolled downwards until hitting a tree, and initial reports indicated that the bus had brake failure, according to the report.

- XINHUA

Two Colombian journalists shot dead on highway

COLOMBIA: Two Colombian journalists were shot to death by unknown assailants on a motorcycle, who attacked them while they were traveling in a car on a highway in northern Colombia on Sunday. Although authorities said it remains unclear whether the murders were related to the journalists' profession, the Foundation for Press Freedom called for the case to be investigated.

- NDTV

International aid arrives for flood-hit Pakistan

Over 5.7 million people affected

Pakistan's south braces for deluge from swollen northern rivers



Pakistan may import tomato, onions from India amid surge in prices

PAKISTAN: The first consignment of assistance from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to cope with the aftermath of torrential rains that triggered massive floods in Pakistan arrived at the Nur Khan Airbase in Rawalpindi yesterday, said Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb.

The Minister said the consignment for victims of the catastrophic floods is being sent at the request of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif who during his recent visit to the sheikhdom appealed to its leadership for assistance.

The goods included disaster tents, edibles, medicines and other items. A further 15 aircraft carrying relief items are expected to arrive from UAE in the coming days, Aurangzeb added. Her statement came days after the Prime Minister asked for international help in battling deadly flood damage in the nation.

Meanwhile, over 5.7 million people were affected in Pakistan as the country faces the worst rain-induced flooding in its history, according to *The News International*.

The rescue, relief and rehabilitation in the country continue. According to *The News International*, the catastrophe has killed around 719,558 livestock. The Pakistani Government has made appeals for donations to cope with the devastating impact of floods on both national and international levels. The flooding has also affected agricultural land and infrastructure in Pakistan leaving 949,858 homes damaged across provinces.

At least 1,033 people have died while 1,527 have been injured since June 14 from the rains and floods, Geo News reported citing National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

Cumulative data from June 14 from across Pakistan showed that 3,451.5 km of road has been damaged, and 149 bridges have collapsed, 170 shops were destroyed.

A total of 949,858 homes have been partially or fully destroyed. Out of the total, 662,446 homes have been partially damaged, and 287,412 have been fully destroyed. At least 110 districts of Pakistan have been hit by the floods with 72 of those districts declaring calamity hit, according to Geo News.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's flooded southern Sindh Province braced yesterday for a fresh deluge from swollen rivers in the north as the death toll from this year's monsoon topped 1,000.

The mighty Indus River that courses through Pakistan's second-most populous region is fed by dozens of mountain tributaries to the north, but many have burst their banks following record rains and glacier melt. Officials warned

torrents of water are expected to reach Sindh in the next few days, adding misery to millions already affected by the floods.

Meanwhile, Amid massive surge in the prices of various vegetables and fruits in Lahore and other parts of Punjab province due to devastating floods, the Pakistan government may import tomato and onion from India, according to the market dealers here.

"On Sunday, per kilogram of tomato and onion were available in Lahore's markets at around Rs500 and Rs400 respectively. However, in Sunday markets both commodities were available at Rs 100 per kg less than that of those available in regular markets," Jawaad Rizvi, a wholesale dealer of Lahore market, told PTL.

He said that in the coming days the prices of commodities will increase further as the supply of vegetables from Balochistan, Sindh and south Punjab has been badly affected because of floods.

- PAKISTAN TODAY, ANI, INDIA TODAY, THE MALAY MAIL



An aerial view of flooded areas near Muzaffargarh in Pakistan's southern Punjab Province.

BANK OF CEYLON

INVITATION FOR BIDS

OUTSOURCING OF 1,582 NOS OF SECURITY PERSONNEL FOR BANK OF CEYLON BRANCHES AND HEAD OFFICE

BID NO. P/PROC/2022/218

01. Sealed Bids are hereby invited for the Outsourcing of 1,582 Nos. of Security Personnel for BOC Branches and Head Office from organizations who have following qualifications.

- The bidder should not currently be placed in the list of Defaulters by Bank of Ceylon. (Affidavit I should be filled by the Bidder)
- Bidder should have a cadre of over 550 Security Personnel at the time of submitting the Bid. (Verifiable by EPF/ETF Returns for last 06 months).
- Bidder should have a valid Business Registration and a valid Registration at the Ministry of Defense as a Security Service Provider with Fire Arms.
- Bidder should have an administrative set up in the Province / s for which Bids are submitted
- Should have minimum of 5 years' service as a registered security service provider.

02. Initial Contract period shall be two years and it may be extended as required by the Bank under exceptional circumstances with same Terms and Conditions subject to acceptable performance of the Service Provider.

03. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Chief Manager (Properties & Procurement) during working hours from 0900 hrs until 1430 hrs from 30.08.2022 until 19.09.2022 at the same address.

04. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address, The Chief Manager, Properties and Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, "BOC Square", No 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs.14,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Thousand only) inclusive Taxes (Rs.12,500.00 + VAT Rs.1,500.00). Method of payment is in Cash.

05. Sealed Bids in duplicate shall be deposited in the Tender Box available at the Ground Floor, Bank of Ceylon, No. 01, "BOC Square", Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01 or send by registered post addressed to "The Chief Manager, Properties and Procurement Department, 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, "BOC Square", No 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01" to reach him on or before 1000 hrs on 20.09.2022. Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

06. Bids shall be valid up to 20.12.2022. (91 calendar days from the date of closing of the Bid)

07. The Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 12.09.2022 at 1100 hrs at 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, "BOC Square", No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01.

08. Bidders are required to furnish a Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee; irrevocable, unconditional and encashable on demand, along with their Bids for a sum Rs. 100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Rupees) per province from a licensed commercial bank (other than Bank of Ceylon) valid up to 17.01.2023. Cash Deposits for the same amount are also accepted in lieu of Bank Guarantee. Personal Cheques drawn by the bidder will not be accepted. Bidders shall submit Bid Security in multiples of Rs.100,000.00 depending on the number of provinces for which the bidder intends to submit the Bid.

09. PCA 3 Form should be accompanied with the Bid as per provision set out in the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 or any amendments thereof.

10. Authorized person who signed the Bid should be declared by a Certified extract of Board Resolution / Power of Attorney as appropriate and the document should be submitted along with the Bid.

11. The Bank of Ceylon reserves the right of rejecting any or all Bids and the right of accepting any portion of the Bid without adducing any reason.

12. Interested Bidders may obtain further information and all clarifications from the Chief Manager (Properties & Procurement), Bank of Ceylon, 14th Floor, "BOC Square", No 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01, Tel. Nos. 0112204260 / 0112544310, Fax : 0112449629, E-mail : procurement@boc.lk

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India to turn into a hub of e-vehicles - PM Modi



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

INDIA: India is turning into a hub of e-vehicles, both two-wheelers and four-wheelers, and the country is witnessing a "silent revolution" as the e-vehicles do not make noise, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday.

Speaking at the commemoration of 40 years of Suzuki in India, Modi said the e-vehicles market was expanding in the country at a very fast pace which could not be visualized till a few years ago. The occasion marked the launch of a new manufacturing plant of e-vehicles' batteries in the western state of Gujarat, and the beginning of a new manufacturing facility of Suzuki in the northern state of Haryana.

"This silent revolution does not only belong to the engineering fraternity, but the country as a whole," said Modi, adding that the foundation of this revolution was laid in the past eight years.

- XINHUA



Democratic Socialist republic of Sri Lanka

iSSue of treasury bills

Rs. 67,500 million Treasury Bills are to be issued through an Auction on 31st August 2022

The details of Treasury Bill issues are as follows:

Maturity Period	91 Days	182 Days	364 Days	Total
ISIN*	LKA09122L024	LKA18223C036	LKA36423I011	-
Amount Offered (Rs. Mn)	27,500	20,000	20,000	67,500

Date of Auction	: 31 st August 2022
Date of Settlement	: 02 nd September 2022
Date of Issue	: 02 nd September 2022
Closing date and time of bid submission	: Wednesday, 31 st August 2022, at 11.00 a.m.
Minimum amount of a bid	: Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Government Securities. Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

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

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bills from the following Primary Dealers or any other Licensed commercial banks.

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

* International Securities Identification Number

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Prime Minister on granting permanency to graduates

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, as the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government, announced in Parliament on yesterday that

he will find a solution to the problem of the graduates who were not made permanent yet. Answering a question asked by the Opposition Leader, he said that 461 graduates have not

received appointments due to various deficiencies and that the Ministry Secretary has already started discussions in this regard. Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena further said: "Honourable Deputy Speaker, As the Leader of the Opposition mentioned that the number of qualified graduates who have not yet been appointed in the depart-

ments under the Ministry of Public Administration, the Secretary of the Ministry has already started discussions regarding this issue. We hope to find a solution to it."



PARLIAMENT

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Committee on Ethics and Privileges

The names of the members of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges announced to Parliament.

The Deputy Speaker Ajith Rajapakse yesterday (29) announced that following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 118 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on August 10, 2022.

Accordingly, (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakse, Dilan Perera, Dullas Alahapperuma, Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Kabir Hashim, R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara, (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala, Kanaka Herath, Vijitha Berugoda, Tharaka Balasuriya, Anuradha Jayaratne, G. G. Ponnambalam, Heshu Withanage, (Mrs.) Kokila Gunawardene, Weerasumana Weerasinghe and Samanpriya Herath have been nominated to serve in the Committee on Ethics and Privileges

Loss-making institutions, a huge burden to the people - Minister Sabry



The high production cost, the diesel mafia and poor management have resulted in an increase in the electricity tariff, said Minister of Foreign Affairs Ali Sabry, PC in Parliament yesterday.

He was joining the Adjournment Debate moved by the Opposition on the "The difficulties faced by the public due to increase in the Electricity Tariffs by a large proportion".

He said that the loss-making

institutions are not the assets of the country but a huge burden for the people of this country.

The Government should not engage in businesses. If it is a business, there should be profits. But the Government cannot engage in profit-making businesses since there are no limitations for the number of workers.

He stressed the importance of introducing a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) to reduce

the number of excess workers and also for a performance-based evaluation for the workers of the Ceylon Electricity Board.

The Minister further said that the top management of the institutions have to follow the instructions given by trade unions. He alleged that there is a monopoly within the Electricity Board which ruins the institution.

"Not only the burden on the

public, but maintaining this type of loss-making institution is a huge barrier for the country's journey towards the export economy," he added.

He further said that sustainable development cannot be achieved without an export-oriented economy. Usage of renewable energy is very much essential to meet export market opportunities by competing with other countries.

Measures to strengthen school meals programmes - Education Minister

Leader of the House and Education Minister Susil Premajayantha said in Parliament yesterday that measures have already been taken to strengthen the school meals programmes with the assistance of International Organisations, NGOs and various other institutions.

Responding to a question by Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, Minister Premajayantha said that Sri Lanka has around 19,000 Early Childhood Develop-

ment (ECD) centres which are staffed by around 40,000 teachers. The nutritional needs of these ECDs were successfully addressed during the recent past and currently, the Health Ministry is providing Thripasha and fulfilling other nutritional needs of these students.

A Government-funded school meals programme to provide daily nutritious meals to over 1.1 million students were also successfully implemented. "As the

Minister of Education, I have already discussed with UNICEF, WFP, Embassies and various other institutions and NGOs seeking their assistance to strengthen the school meals programme," said the Minister.

Accordingly, the first consignment of canned fish and dhal provided by the United States under the Food and Agriculture Organisation has already been received. China has also pledged to provide 10,000 MTs of rice

and the first consignment has already been received. Measures have already been taken to distribute these stocks.

The Save the Children Organisation has also extended its assistance to this programme. John Keels has also expressed its willingness to implement a nutrition programme in 200 selected schools.

"It is also expected to allocate more funds from the next Budget for the school meals programme," he added.



CB Governor to conduct special programme on current economic situation - Deputy Speaker



Deputy Speaker Ajith Rajapakse announced that the special programme conducted by the Governor of the Central Bank on "Sri Lanka's current economic situation and way forward" will be held on August 31.

The Deputy Speaker informed yesterday that the dialogic discourse

on the "Sri Lanka's current economic situation and way forward" which was scheduled to be held today, (August 30) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parliament Complex, will not be held due to unavoidable reasons and has been postponed for Wednesday (August 31) from 2.30

p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Arrangements have been made to conduct the programme in Committee Room No. 01 of the Parliament Complex.

The special programme conducted by the Governor of the Central Bank Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe aims to provide an opportunity for

an effective discourse on the current economic situation and future economic direction of the country, so that it will be useful for the Members of Parliament to actively participate in the upcoming Parliamentary debates regarding fiscal matters.

Sajith requests for debate on UNICEF child malnutrition report



Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa yesterday (29) requested a debate on the report presented by UNICEF regarding child malnutrition in Sri Lanka.

Premadasa also said that he

would request the Minister of Health to clarify the facts regarding the information revealed in that report.

Premadasa made these observations making a statement with the permission of

the Deputy Speaker. The Opposition Leader said that a UNICEF report shows that Sri Lanka is ranked 6th among

countries with severe child malnutrition and said that Sri Lanka is ranked second in

South Asia in terms of child malnutrition.

The Leader of the Opposition also said that he would request to start a programme to provide school lunch to school children and said that it should

be included in the Interim Budget. He further said that the Government should pay more attention to improving the nutritional status of children instead of building official residences for politicians.

Increased electricity charges greatly affecting people - MP Mujibar Rahuman



Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Mujibar Rahuman stated that the country could have built another thermal power plant with the money paid to the Chinese company for 12 years to maintain the Norochcholai Thermal Power Plant.

Rahuman made this obser-

vation by moving the Adjournment Motion on the increased electricity tariffs yesterday (29).

MP Rahuman questioned whether there are no Sri Lankan engineers and technical officers to maintain the Norochcholai Power Plant and said

that the electricity consumers will have to bear these unnecessary costs.

The MP said that things have gone from bad to worse as the electricity charges have been increased while the Cost of Living has skyrocketed.

MP Rahuman pointed out

that even though the Government said that they would provide relief to the poor people, no proposal or programme has been presented by the Government to do so. He also pointed out that many factories have collapsed as well.

MP Rahuman observed that other countries in the region have provided electricity at a lower price than Sri Lanka, and if a system is not made to provide electricity to investors at a lower price, investors will stop coming to the country.

No option but to increase electricity rates - Mahindananda



ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Kandy District Member of Parliament Mahindananda Aluthgamage said in Parliament yesterday that there is a big difference between the electricity generation cost and the selling price of a unit.

The MP was joining the Adjournment Debate moved by the Opposition on the "The difficulties faced by the general public due to increase in the Electricity Tariffs by a large proportion".

The electricity board has no option but to

increase the electricity bill. If the electricity bill is not increased in 2022, 2023, there will be a loss of Rupees five hundred and eight billion. Everyone should find solutions to this together.

"This proposal was brought by the Opposi-

tion. But there is no one to listen. No power plant has been set up after the establishment of Norochcholai. Why do we buy electricity from the private sector? Because we did not build power plants, all governments including us are responsi-

ble for this situation. All 225 of us are responsible. All of us as well as the Electricity Board are responsible for increasing the electricity tariffs. See how the Samurdhi subsidy is given today. Subsidies should go to the right people," he said.

Committee on Standing Orders

The Deputy Speaker Ajith Rajapakse announced to Parliament yesterday (29) that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Standing Orders, with the Speaker as the Chair, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairperson of Committees, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 116 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on August 10, 2022.

Accordingly, (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha, S. B. Dissanayake, (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, (Dr.) Suren Raghavan, Mayantha Dissanayake, Charles Nirmalanathan, K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera, Sagara Kariyawasam and Yadamani Gunawardena have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Committee on Standing Orders.

Backbencher Committee

The Deputy Speaker Ajith Rajapakse announced to Parliament yesterday (29) that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection, to serve in the Backbencher Committee, with the Chief Government Whip as the Chair and the Chief Opposition Whip, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 126 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on August 10, 2022.

Accordingly, Kapila Athukorala, S. Noharathalingam, Selvarajah Kajendren,

Waruna Liyanage, Thisakutti Arachchi, M. Udayakumar, Sanjeewa Edirimanna, Karunadasa Kodithuwakku, (Major) Sudarshana Denipitiya, W. H. M. Dharmasena, Kins Nelson, Rohana Bandara, Kumarasiri Rathnayaka, Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam, D. Weerasingha and (Mrs.) Manjula Dissanayake has been nominated to serve in the Backbencher Committee.

Members for House Committee

Deputy Speaker Ajith Rajapakse announced to Parliament yesterday (29) that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the House Committee, with the Speaker as the Chair, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 117 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on August 10, 2022.

Accordingly, A. L. M. Athaullah, Chandima Weerakody, Premalal Jayasekara, (Dr.) V. Radhakrishnan, (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, J. C. Alawathuwala, Nimal Lanza, Piyal Nishantha De Silva, Jayantha Ketagoda, Charles Nirmalanathan, Jagath Kumara Sumithrarachchi, Kins Nelson, (Mrs.) Muditha Prishanthi and Marjan Faleel have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the House Committee.

Committee on Public Petitions

Deputy Speaker Ajith Rajapakse announced to Parliament yesterday (29) that the following Members have been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions, in terms of the provisions of the Standing Order 122 of the Parliament and the motion agreed to by Parliament on August 10, 2022.

Accordingly, Imthiaz Bakeer Markar, Jagath Pushpakumara, Piyankara Jayaratne, Dilip Wedaarachchi, Vadiwel Suresh, S. Viyalanderan, Ashoka Priyantha, A. Aravindh Kumar, (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmala Kumarasinghe, B. Y. G. Rathnasekara, Sarathi Dushmantha, Govindan Karunakaram, Jayantha Ketagoda, Mohomad Muzammil, Thushara Indunil Amaraseena, Velu Kumar, Waruna Liyanage, U. K. Sumith Udukumbura, Mayadunna Chinthaka Amal, Nipuna Ranawaka, Gamini Waleboda, (Mrs.) Rajika Wickramasinghe, M. W. D. Sahan Pradeep Withana has been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions.

Committee on Parliamentary Business

Deputy Speaker Ajith Rajapakse announced to the Parliament yesterday (29) that four more Members have also been nominated by the Committee of Selection to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business.

Accordingly, Mahinda Amaraweera, Wajira Abeywardana, (Mrs.) Thalatha Athukorala and Eran Wickramaratne have been nominated to serve in the Committee on Parliamentary Business.

IN MEMORY OF CINEMATOGRAPHER DONALD KARUNARATHNE

Gifted with Visual Artistry and Technical Wizardry

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

A cinematographer is a wizard. A master of illusion. He makes you see what he wants you to see. It is all about imagination. You know it is a film, and you know that they are just actors and actresses. But the cinematographer defies logic and reason. For the duration of the film you imagine that it is real. You enter into a sort of 'pact' with the cinematographer. The plot is so good, the actors and actresses so brilliant, but to create that magic, you need the cinematographer.

Donald Karunaratne was one such master of illusion. This Sri Lankan won 19 best cinematographer awards. We are told that it is a record yet to be equaled. In 2017 he was honoured by the President's Lifetime Award.

He was a part of classics like *Ahas Gawwa* (1974), *Ahasin Polawata* (1978), *Karunakarayo* (1980), *Ganga Addara* (1980), *Kaliyugaya* (1981), *Dadayama* (1983), *Sagara Jalaya Madi Handuwa* (1988), *Golumuhude Kunatuwak* (1991), *Pon Mami* (1993) (Tamil), *Sakkarang* (2016).

But what was it that made him such a legend? He was undoubtedly talented. All Cinematographers are able to use the camera to capture movement on film in the most dynamic way. And Karunaratne was someone who perfected this art in the films he worked in. Some say that all great cinematographers have a 'sixth sense'. But this so called 'sixth sense', may in reality be simply a combination of experience and commitment.



He worked with every leading director of his generation. Was he at the right place at the right time? Possibly. Donald Karunaratne is no longer with us. But according to Somasiri Munasinghe, his chance meeting with Director Mike Wilson, set him on the path to greatness in film. This chance meeting proved to be a godsend. These directors had a vision. Karunaratne was the man who took a dream and turned it into a reality.

Donald Karunaratne has passed away at the age of 77 in Los Angeles, United States. The *Daily News* spoke to some of his colleagues in film, who shared with us what the legend Donald Karunaratne meant to them and what he meant to cinema.

Sri Lankan filmmaker, **Bood-ee Keerthisena**, met Donald

Karunaratne in 1988-1989, at the height of the insurgency.

"There was this screenplay written by Kamal Addararachi called *'Redeem'*. It was about the uprising of the university students and the whole background of what was going on in the country. I was looking for a cinematographer who could work with this. Then some of my friends advised me to meet Donald Karunaratne. At that time, he was already a legend and famous. He had worked with some of the biggest names in the industry," said Keerthisena.

His first impression of Karunaratne, was that the great Cinematographer was a very simple man. But he was worried that Karunaratne would turn him down when he told him (Karunaratne) that

this was a project with a small budget. Fortunately, Karunaratne agreed to be a part of the project. He told Keerthisena that he would love to do it.

"I asked him what kind of salary he expected, thinking he was a giant and he would quote a large figure. But Karunaratne said - *'oh whatever you can afford'*. I was like WOW! So working with Donald was an amazing experience. He was a rebel at that time already. He wanted to do things that others would not do. And I was just like him. I was really amazed. We had a wonderful relationship and it was easy for us to work with each other. He was a teacher to me as well. He would never say no. In general, he would never say no to any shot. He would say - *'let's try and do this, this way or that*

"There's so much about Donald Karunaratne to remember. He was a man passionately committed to his profession. He had an unforgettable smile that eternally adorned his face, he had a great sense of humour and a most amicable personality. He was loved by all in the industry. He was just unique. He was simply unforgettable," said actor Ravindra Randeniya

way'. He would always take everything positively and try to do it. He was filled with so much energy and boundless enthusiasm, which was really great. He is undoubtedly a great influence on cinematographers of future generations. He understood the film language very well. At the age of 72, to me he was like someone in his early 40's! He was so energetic! Of course everyone has differences when they work together. But he is a legend in local cinema. He was a very radical cinematographer when I met him. He was the most creative cinematographer I have ever met. I have wonderful memories of him. He would go beyond the call of duty," explained Keerthisena.

Actor Ravindra Randeniya, says that working with Donald Karunaratne was a magnificent experience. He points out that Karunaratne's immense talent and experience combined with his great sensitivity for the theme of the film, as he sees it through his lens, made his contribution add great value to

every film he handled as the Director of Photography.

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Randeniya went on to explain that Karunaratne was a pillar of strength for the discerning Sri Lankan film maker. He was the Director of Photography most sought after by the best of Sri Lankan film Directors, from Dr. Lester Peries, Sumithra Peries, Wasantha Obeyesekera and Dharmasena Pathiraja.

Karunaratne has handled the camera in 61 outstanding movies and won the Best Cameraman Award over 20 times. His 60-year contribution is sufficient just to get a glimpse of what he meant to Sri Lankan Cinema. Karunaratne was invaluable and can never be replaced!

Reminiscing vintage Ceylon

P. SHANTHINI SAMUEL

Memories are the beautiful chapters we retain in life. As a reader of the *Ceylon Daily News* (presently *Daily News*) for the past 60 years, I thought of sharing some vintage memories. Newspapers were the only source of trusted information, long before the advent of television and other digital media news platforms. The iconic Lake House building still remains a landmark of how the print media industry was born, and thankfully survived amidst challenges. We had the pleasure of visiting Lake House as schoolchildren to see how the newspaper was printed. It was indeed a delightful memory. This generation will not remember Colombo City as we knew it when we were children. At 73 years now, I can recollect the serene beauty of Ceylon and a pleasant childhood. Of course the country faced difficult moments, but for now let us remember the good chapters.

I cannot reminisce about the bliss of childhood, without remembering my parents. My father Isaac Paul was blessed to have a fruitful career in Government Service. He was among the young men selected to join the then Royal Army Service Corps (RASC) decades ago. During the onset of the Second World War the British recruited young men from across Asia. My father has told me that the interview was conducted at Campbell Park, Colombo 8. Fluency in English language was a must for enlistment. Because the army in that era took great pride in working in English. My father enlisted as a Lance Corporal and rapidly got promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, Staff Ser-

geant, and Sergeant Major. He left the RASC as a Warrant Officer. I recall many instances where he mentioned how the British officers read the *Ceylon Daily News* during breakfast, as a credible news source.

During his rewarding service he was posted for a brief duration to India and Egypt. Such postings in that era were an opportunity to see the world and interact with other cultures. He returned to Ceylon and got married to Grace. Subsequently with some Ceylonese soldiers he was given the "movement order" to proceed to Malaysia. A large merchant vessel named the Empress of Scotland, berthed in the Colombo Harbour. The Ceylonese con-



Lake House building



Shanthini Samuel

Today I still read the *Daily News*. This newspaper has been part of my entire life. I wish all Sri Lankan children will take a genuine effort to learn English, and a good way is to read a newspaper. Vintage Ceylon has transformed into modern Sri Lanka. May we live together as one people, and may this generation also make pleasant memories.



CTB Double Decker

tingent boarded some with their wives. My parents were taking their first voyage together. They reached Penang and live within a military community of Indians, Malays, British, and Singaporeans. Their immediate neighbour was a Chinese family. My mother was quite overwhelmed with the new Malaysian cuisine, which was of course different from the routine Ceylonese rice and curry. They were served many dishes at the mess, and were sometimes hesitant about the ingredients of some forms of soup. Frog soup had been served one night!

The people of Malaysia were kind and friendly. During their stay of three years they befriended a Methodist Church Bishop, Rev. Duraisawmy. When I was born few years later, I was bestowed the same name as that of the Bishops elder daughter. I have four sisters. After his distinguished service with the Royal Army Service Corps, dada was absorbed in the Ceylon Police Service. Some other who served with him migrated to England. During this time my father had many friends, and the most vibrant was Chief Inspector Vernon Prins. He was a Sri Lankan cricketer par excellence. He was a six foot solidly built man with a kind heart. My father travelled with him on many official outstation visits. The "Colombo policemen" were always warmly accepted in rural areas. My father's other friends were Gamiini Jayasinghe (late DIG), Abdul Gafoor (late DIG), Nihal Weerakkoddy (late DIG), Ignatius Canagaratnam (late DIG).

We had a multi-cultural mix of school friends who enriched our life. We had many

Burgher, Malay, Sinhalese and Tamil friends. Their parents worked in the police, prisons department and railways. We used to visit Mount Mary (present Baseline Road) to meet most of them. I was happy to have travelled in the trolley buses and double decker buses. I can also remember the rickshaw rides- but this was a bad practice, the men were worked like slaves and I am thankful it ceased. We also rode in Morris Minor taxis, now and then.

During our school days we went to Jaffna, Badulla and Kandy. Our father used his annual railway 'warrants' to reserve the train seats. My parents took us to India. The first phase was going to Talaimannar by train. A long journey. From the pier at Talaimannar we sailed to Dhanashkody by steam ship. As teenagers this was a welcome adventure, we enjoyed. A tug boat pulled alongside the ship, and we had to board this to get to the Dhanashkody Railway station (not the harbour mind you). Today thank God for aircraft and the pleasure of flying. Finally the connecting train took us to Madurai City. Here we stayed with a family friend who was a magistrate. I recall visiting a studio where they created "settings" for popular Tamil movies.

I vividly remember the Girl Guide camps and cooking with friends. That was an era in Ceylon when things were sold in pounds. Some items sold for few cents and rupees. My prudent mother had a fowl cage- with around 25 hens in the back garden. These docile hens gave us fresh eggs. During the weekends we cycled and played. Today the once relegated bicycles are making a comeback to Colombo! Indeed old is gold. I would assume. Mother 'marshaled' our support to keep a beautiful garden. Birds chirped around every morning, as the sun's rays bounced off the colourful flowers. Christmas and Easter were days of joy and extended family reunions. Prayer was a daily part of our lives. Humans need divine grace. Life was simple but full of value and rich in humanity. Today I still read the *Daily News*. This newspaper has been part of my entire life. I wish all Sri Lankan children will take a genuine effort to learn English, and a good way is to read a newspaper. Vintage Ceylon has transformed into modern Sri Lanka. May we live together as one people, and may this generation also make pleasant memories.

'Ready to work together to resolve food crisis' - Sanasa President

A discussion between Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and the Sanasa Movement was held at the Prime Minister's Office in Colombo recently.

Parliamentarians Suren Raghavan, Yadamini Gunawardena and Anupa Pasqual, Prime Minister's Secretary Anura Disanayake, Public Administration Ministry Secretary Priyantha Mayadunne, Sanasa President Dr. Kirivandeniya, Prof. Hilary Silva and several other Sanasa officials were present.

Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena said that the network resources available with Sanasa are very important to strengthen the rural economy at this moment. Sanasa has been working with the rural people for a long time, and it has a satisfactory community-base as well. With that experience in hand, you need to intervene on a large scale, the Prime Minister said.

Dr. Kirivandeniya said that Sanasa has branches all over the country. "We have 26 societies in Mullaitivu. We advised them to cultivate Dollars. Then the people asked how to do it. We advised them to cultivate grains such as



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena addressing the Officials. Picture courtesy: Prime Minister's Media Unit

Undu and green gram, which are imported from foreign countries. Doing so, we could reduce imports and release the local harvest to the market. In this regard, we have given one Rs. 10 million to the 26 societies and within a season, they have repaid all the money with interest. This time we have given Rs. 20 million. The first thing to do is to fix the mindset of the people. We suggest that people should be given the oppor-

tunity to develop the village. There are matured people in elders' organisations, but they are not given any work worthwhile. Those who implement new programmes in the village are not being admired and appreciated. I request that development councils be established again. We need to create methods of selling and safeguarding products. The Government should be strengthened. Non-governmental organisations

are being blamed, but they are performing extremely well in the village level. Cooperatives are a subject of local governments. To strengthen the cooperative, we need to understand these issues. We need to change from what we eat and from what we wear. In that, education has an important role to play. As soon as a graduate leaves university, they are sent to the private sector for management training. Even degree holders do not receive the due recognition. Why can't that training be done in university itself? We work with millions of farmers. We want to work amicably with the farmers. The disease should be properly diagnosed and treated," he said.

"A long-term programme should be planned. While the cultivation is aimed at the garden and the field, we identify separate villages and create producers targeting the market. So far, 200 villages have been selected for that and market representatives have been introduced to those villages to buy the products. The Government should provide them with some relief as it will incur more expenses in exporting," he added.

Two suspects nabbed with Kerala cannabis worth over Rs 15 Mn

A special search operation conducted by the Navy in Thondamanaru, Jaffna this morning (29) held two suspects with Kerala cannabis while they were transferring about 51.5kg of narcotic drug by a van.

The SLNS Uthara in the Northern Naval Command inspected a van at the Thondamanaru Bridge and seized the Kerala cannabis in two sacks. Accordingly, the two suspects who were on the van with Kerala cannabis were arrested and the vehicle was also taken to custody.

The street value of the stock of Kerala cannabis is about Rs. 15 million. The accused together with narcotics and the van were handed over to the Achchuweli Police.



ADA KOTIPATHI - Tuesday
 Draw No: 1664 Colour: Light Blue
 Date: 30.08.2022
Today's Jackpot
Rs. 58,207,396/-
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 Date: 28.08.2022
 Draw No.: 1662
 Colour: Green
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Rs. 58,116,406/-
 Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,732,400/-
 Winning Numbers: 25, 27, 56, 59
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Service and Maintenance of Centralized Air-Condition System and Mortuary Coolers - Colombo North Teaching Hospital Ragama, Nursing School - Kandana. Maintaining Canteen Service - Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Hospital - Ragama.

Quotations are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama from qualified Contractors for the Services in Colombo North Teaching Hospital and affiliated institutions mentioned below.

Serial No.	Location	Item	Quantity	Non refundable fee (Rs.)	
01	Professors' Building	Petra 75 ton Chiller Machine	02	2000.00	
		Ton 75 Cooling Tower affiliated AHU	05		
		COVID ICU	Petra 10 ton air cool package		02
		GIGU Operating Theatre	15 ton air cool package		03
02	Mortuary	Mortuary Coolers	01	2000.00	
		A - 5.5 hp G - 3.5 hp H - 3.5 hp	01		
03	Nursing School - Kandana	10 Ton air cool package	01	1000.00	
04	Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Hospital - Ragama	Maintaining the Canteen Service		1000.00	

- Interested Bidders or representatives may obtain bid documents from the Finance Division of Colombo North Teaching Hospital from 30.08.2022 up to 19.09.2022 on normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on submission of the following.
 - A written application to the Director of Colombo North Teaching Hospital.
 - A copy of the receipt obtained for the payment of the non refundable fee as per above made to the Shroff of the Colombo North Teaching Hospital.
 - A certified copy of the Business Registration Certificate.
- Sealed bids should either be sent by registered post to reach the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama or deposited in the tender box kept at the Chief Accountants Office, Colombo North Teaching Hospital at or before 10.30 a.m. on 20.09.2022. Late bids will be rejected. Bidders or their authorized representatives only could be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Bids in duplicate inserted in two separate covers mentioned as the original and the duplicate should be enclosed in a single cover of which the top left hand corner should be marked with the name of the relevant bid.
- Further details could be obtained from telephone Nos. 0112-959261 - 4 / Ext. 132, 722.

Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama.

Sun directly over Sri Lanka until Sep. 7

On the apparent southward relative motion of the sun, it is going to be directly over the latitudes of Sri Lanka until September 7, the Meteorology Department said.

The nearest towns of Sri Lanka over which the sun is overhead today (30) are Mannar, Periyamadu, Vallivappalai, (Mullattivu District), Marutodai (Vauniya District) about 12.10 noon. Meanwhile, atmospheric conditions are getting favourable for evening thundershowers in most part of the island. Several spells of showers will occur in the Western Province and in the Galle and Matara Districts. Showers or thundershowers will occur at several places elsewhere during the evening or night.

Heavy falls above 100mm may occur at some places in the Uva, Eastern, North-central, Central, Sabaragamuwa and North-western Provinces.

The public is requested to take adequate precautions to minimise damages caused by temporary strong winds and lightning during thundershowers.

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Lagna
 Date: 28-08-2022
 Draw Number: 3548
 Colour: Purple
 The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.
Winning Numbers
36 49 52 58
Capricorn
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 3,599,474.80
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 Draw Number: 215
 Draw Date: 28.08.2022
 Sunday
Winning Numbers
05 14 28
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 1,823,520/-
Total no of Rs. 100,000 winners | 10
 Development Lotteries Board
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SUPER BALL
 Draw Number: 1836
 Draw Date: 28.08.2022
 Colour: Red
 Date: Sunday
Winning English Letter and Numbers
S 19 50 67 75
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 71,948,183.60
Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 2,806,160/-
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 Sunday
 Date: 28.08.2022
 Draw No.: 3997
 Colour: Pink
Winning Numbers
13 28 38 57
English Letter
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Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,925,600/-
Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 74,229,681.90
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COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL INVITATION FOR BIDS

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed tenders for the following supply of services and works from eligible and qualified bidders.

Serial No.	Tender No.	Description	Non-Refundable Fee Rs.	Value of Bid Security Rs.	Eligibility of Tenders / Bidders	Contact Person for further details
01	ME/ME/ML/80/2022	Rates for Items Related to Supply Lay and Compact Asphalt Concrete Within Colombo City Limits.	5,600.00	200,000.00 Unconditional on demand Guarantee	Contractors having CIDA C Grade For Highway Construction	Dir (Works) 0112-685055

Bidding document (Original & Duplicate) could be obtained by **two methods**.

Method 01 - Download from the **CMC** website (www.colombo.mc.gov.lk).

- Non-refundable bidding document fee as mentioned above can be paid by following method.
 - Any People's Bank branch to credit **People's Bank, Town Hall branch, Acc No: 167-1-001-6-3169425**.
 - Payment counters of following Municipal premises of Colombo city limit from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on week days.
 - District Office 04**
No. 147, High Level Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 06.
 - Drainage & Water Supply Division,**
Maligakanda, Colombo 10.

II) It is mandatory to attach the original receipt / slip with the bidding document.

III) Bidders who collect the bidding documents from the web site shall inform following details by e-mail to the dirproj@colombo.mc.gov.lk

- Name and address of the Company.
- Contact Telephone Number and e mail address.

Method 02 - Collect from Town Hall Premises.

a) Bidding document could be obtained from the office of **Project Management Division of Municipal Engineer's Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Town Hall, Colombo 07** on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. till 10.00 a.m. on 19/09/2022, upon payment of non-refundable bidding document fee as stated in the tender notice for each bid to the Shroff Counters of Town Hall premises.

- Bidding documents will not be available on the website / issued after 10.00 a.m. on 19/09/2022.
- Value of unconditional on demand bid bond / security should be valid for **210 days** from the date of closing bids. **Bid bond / Security shall be valid till 18/04/2023. Offer should be valid till 19/03/2023. Security deposit in cash will be accepted.**
- The ORIGINAL duly filled sealed bidding documents with the DUPLICATE should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07** at or before **10.00 a.m. on 20/09/2022**.
- Tenders will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 20/09/2022** and bids received after closing time will be rejected and bids will be opened immediately thereafter. If this day is declared as a Public Holiday, bids will be closed at 10.00 hrs. on the following working day. The bidders or authorized representatives are allowed to be present at the opening.
- Detailed invitation for bids will be issued with the bidding documents. Bidders whose bids are over Rs. 5.0 Million should submit PCA 3 after registration with the Public Contracts Registrar.

J.M. Bhadrane Jayawardhana,
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A costly extravagance

Featuring in a TV talk show the other day, Secretary Ministry of Public Administration Attorney-at-Law Priyantha Mayadunne revealed that the public service could be run efficiently with one third of the 1.4 million workforce currently being employed in all State sector organisations and that over 100,000 of those employed have no functions whatever assigned to them and are drawing their salaries by merely idling. He said political appointments were the chief reason for the highly bloated State sector and that steps should be taken immediately for a course correction, pointing out the need for trimming the fat if the public sector is to run efficiently. In a news report yesterday, Power and Energy Minister Kanachana Wijesekera revealed that although the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and the Sri Lanka Storage Terminal at Sapugaskanda has a combined workforce of 4,500 they could manage with as little as 500 hands and that a majority of the workers were clueless as far their jobs are concerned describing them as *Weda Beri Tarzans*.

It is heartening to note that a Minister has done some plain speaking about institutions that come under his own purview which no doubt is going to earn him the wrath of the workers. However it is time to take the bull by the horns even at this late hour. After all, what the Minister opined was what is known to all. The public sector is and has been a huge burden on the public which gobbles up 80 percent of the national income by way of payment of salaries. Are we to continue with this state of affairs forever? Something drastic has to be done to put things right. If not, this massive waste is going to further bleed the economy. Minister Wijesekera even though a left leaning politician like his father former Minister Mahinda Wijesekera has called for the restructuring of all State sector institutions- in other words, private sector participation, if these bodies are to be turned around and made to run as profitable ventures. This appears to be the only remedy. If not, no foreign aid is going to come our way and we will only plunge further into the economic mire.

For, donors have to be satisfied that we are in a position to pay back our debts and continuing to maintain loss-making State institutions that is haemorrhaging the economy is hardly the recipe that will convince the prospective aid givers. Minister Wijesekera has rightly called for all salaries in State institutions to be based on performance and output. This will help ferret out the idlers and seat warmers who should be shown the door. The country can no longer afford to dish out freebies or *pin padi* as the local idiom goes. It is already paying a heavy price for this. The public certainly should not be forced to subsidize unproductive labour, particularly at a time like this when they are made to bear heavy burdens as a result of the state of the economy. As already mentioned, salaries should be based on performance as is the case in the private sector and is the main reason why they are run efficiently and profitably. Like President Ranil Wickremesinghe said the other day, public servants who do not work should go home. It is hoped that the President will announce plans to revive the public sector institutions during the Interim Budget he is due to present in Parliament today. During the last Budget former Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa slapped a ban on all public sector recruitment and ordered spending curtailments by State sector bodies. From the looks of things though the 'spending' part appears to not to be adhered to, going by news reports of splurges engaged by some Government bodies particularly in the purchases of new vehicles for top officials when plenty are available in the pool. President Wickremesinghe should ensure a cap is placed on all State sector spending. He has even delayed the appointment of State Ministers pending finalization of discussions with the IMF delegates who will naturally frown on extravagance and on thrift will depend the chances of the country receiving a substantial aid package. Of course Government Ministers must show the way by cutting down on extravagance and even volunteer cuts in their salaries. We say this because employees in most workplaces have had their pay slashed and allowances pruned starting from the COVID days. It is only fair that politicians too empathize with the difficulties endured by ordinary citizens. It is said that a whopping Rs. 8 million is spent on a single day's sitting of Parliament. Those who call for cutting down expenditure in Government institutions should also turn the searchlight inwards lest there be accusations that the legislature too is another loss making public sector organisation.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

FAILURE IN 2015 TO ENTRENCH PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS



The Committee shall examine the credentials of any members recommended by the President for appointment to any of the positions mentioned in Schedule A or to any of the Commissions mentioned in Schedule B. The Committee may, if it is not satisfied with any individual nominee, or any nominee to a Commission, request the President to reconsider.

Prof. RAJIVA WIJESINHA
I continue today with my proposed amendments in April 2015 to the 19th Amendment. This section deals with what seemed abject failure to address one of the major problems highlighted in Maithripala Sirisena's manifesto.

The power of arbitrary appointment the President had needed to be got rid of, as proposed there, but what Jayampathy Wickremaratne did was set up what was termed, absurdly in following what had first been introduced in 2001 (for it had nothing to do with the Constitution), a Constitutional Council that had a majority appointed by the Executive. What happened in practice then was that the President and the Prime Minister had their own loyalists. In addition, given that after the election of August 2015 given Karu Jayasuriya's perversion of the concept the Opposition Leader did not represent the main opposition in the country, his nominee too was part of a cabal.

In order to actually give power to Parliament I proposed a Parliamentary Advisory Committee elected by Parliament on a system that ensured that different interest groups in Parliament had representation which would promote a plurality of views.

And to ensure thinking about appointments instead of rubber stamping I added the need for reports on nominees to high positions. I specified that such reports needed to be public, since it is essential that there is not only transparency about appointments to important positions but also that all relevant information should be shared with the public. It should not be forgotten that the decisions of both executive and legislature are in terms of power that belongs to the people, and while that power is exercised by those bodies, sovereignty lies with the people who should therefore know what is happening and why.

The highlighted sections in brackets, a sentence in the change to 41A and a para at the end, are explanatory notes about the text of the changes I had proposed. STV is a system that provides for the widest possible range of representation of that body in any group that is elected by any body.

10 Instead of the proposed Chapter VIIA have

Chapter VIIA

Parliamentary Oversight with regard to public positions.

41A There shall be a Parliamentary Advisory Committee chaired by the Speaker and consisting of twelve persons selected by the membership of Parliament from a list of nominees put forward by members, provided that any nomination should be by at least 10 members of Parliament. The selection shall be by Single Transferable Vote. The Speaker shall be the Chairman of the Committee. Every member shall hold office for a period of three years. In the event of any vacancy, Parliament shall appoint a member to fill up the remaining term.

(This is to ensure that this is not a body dominated by the two main parties. STV means that any group of 20 can select a member).

The Committee shall examine the credentials of any members recommended by the President for appointment to any of the positions mentioned in Schedule A or to any of the Commissions mentioned in Schedule B. The Committee may, if it is not satisfied with any individual nominee, or any nominee to a Commission, request the President to reconsider.

The Committee shall submit a report on all nominees to the relevant Consultative Committee in the case of the Commissions in Schedule A, and to the High Posts Committee in the case of individuals.

The Standing Orders of Parliament shall ensure that the Chairs of all such Committees shall be members of the

Opposition. Any Member of Parliament may make representations to the High Posts Committee with regard to individuals nominated for positions in Schedule A.

No nomination shall be made by the President except with the approval of the relevant Consultative Committee, ratified by Parliament. The Consultative Committee shall prepare a report on its recommendations to Parliament, incorporating the views of any members who submit written acquiescence or rejection of any nominees.

The Reports of both the Parliamentary Advisory Committee and of any Consultative Committee shall be public document.

In the event of the Consultative Committee or Parliament rejecting any nominees, the President shall submit fresh nominations. In the event of the Consultative Committee or Parliament rejecting nominees of the President more than three times, the Committee shall select nominees who shall, subject to ratification of Parliament, be appointed to such positions or Commissions by the President.

Schedule A

- The Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court
- The President and the Judges of the Court of Appeal
- The members of the Judicial Service Commission
- The Secretary General of Parliament
- The Auditor General
- The Attorney General
- The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman)

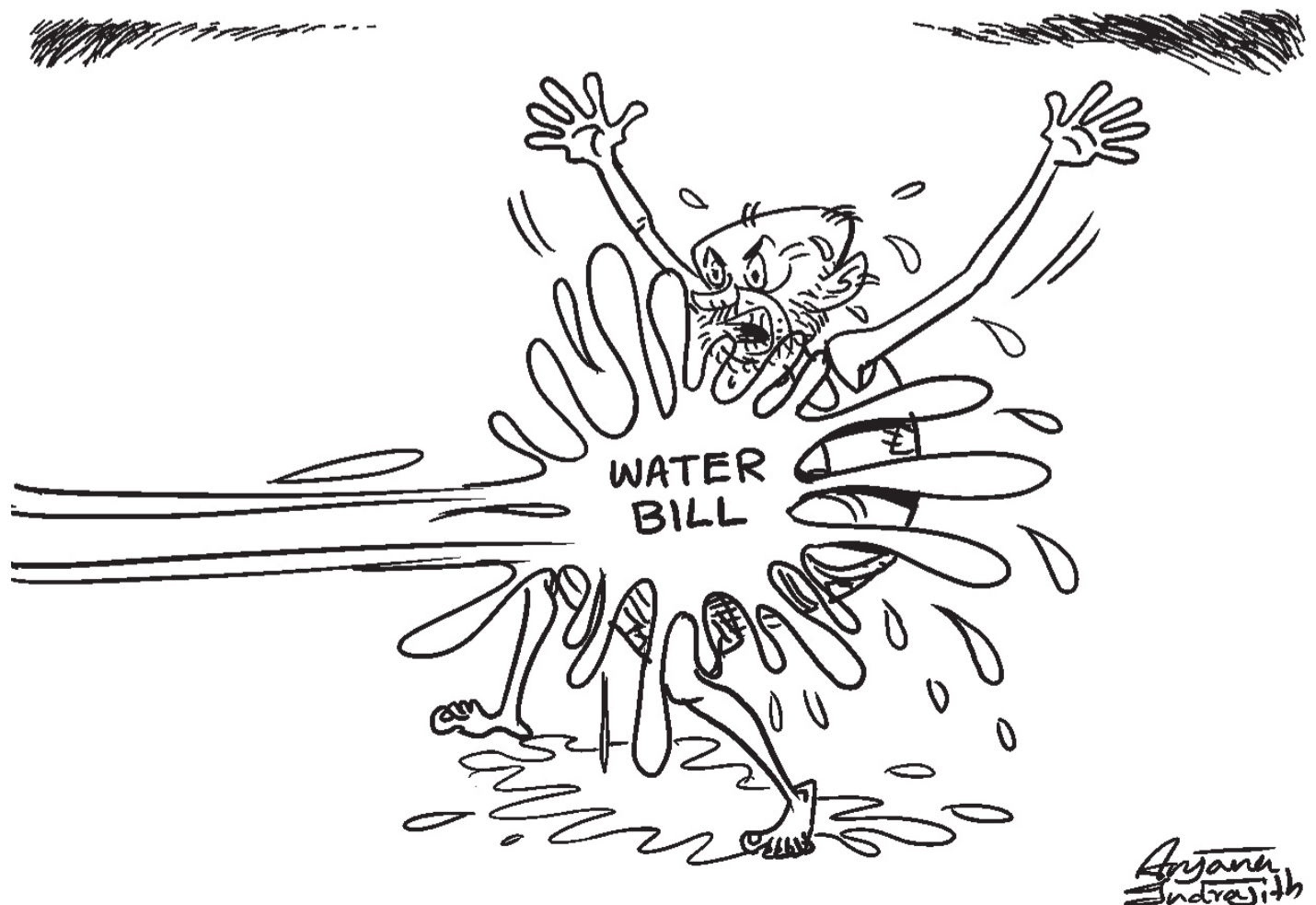
The Inspector General of Police

Schedule B

- The Elections Commission (CC on Defence and National Integration)
- The Public Service Commission (CC on Public Administration)
- The National Police Commission (CC on Public Order)
- The Audit Service Commission (CC on Human Rights and Good Governance)
- The Human Rights Commission (CC on Human Rights and Good Governance)
- The National Procurement Commission (CC on Finance)
- The Commission to investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption (CC on Justice)
- The Finance Commission (CC on Finance)

41B The Secretary General of Parliament shall nominate an officer of his staff to act as Secretary to the Advisory Committee, and other such officers as the Speaker, in consultation with the Secretary General, deems necessary. The Speaker shall preside at meetings of the Committee and, in his absence, a member elected by the Committee from its membership. Any member may contribute individual comments to reports prepared by the Committee. The Council may make its own rules of procedure, subject to ratification by Parliament.

(The principle is that oversight should be by elected representatives of the people, albeit they will require expert independent advice. To hand over power regarding important positions to an unelected body, chosen by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition gives too much power to party leaders (and to the Executive in the form of the Prime Minister) and to what will inevitably be an elite institution based in Colombo. Some Commissions in the draft have been omitted, since those work closely with particular Ministries (and will be answerable to the Consultative Committees of those Ministries). The entire Parliament should also however have the right, and the obligation, to look at the composition of Commissions that closely affect the rights of the people in terms of democracy, finance and law and order. All references to the Constitutional Council will have to be deleted in other sections of the Amendment, with consequential changes as necessary.)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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

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WE NEED NEW LAWS TO COMBAT MODERN TERRORISM

- DR. MAHANAMAHEWA

JAYANTHA SRI NISSANKA and RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

Modern terrorism has grown in step with the development of innovative weapons and modern means of transportation. Sri Lanka needs to initiate a Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) to counter modern terrorism. The *Daily News* spoke to Attorney-at-Law, former Dean and Professor, University of Technology, Jamaica, Dr. Prathiba Mahanamaheva on the issues related to the existing PTA.

EXCERPTS:

Q: What was the reason for the PTA to be introduced during President J. R. Jayewardene's period?

A: It was introduced due to the 1971 riots. The unlawful use of violence and intimidation of civilians against the pursuit of political aid. In 1964 there was another case to overthrow the legally appointed Government by the IGP, Commander of Army, Commander of Navy, Commander of Air Force. During the Douglas Liyanage case they tried to take the country's power into their hands with a military action that failed. However the Government under Sirimavo Bandaranaike did not come up with a PTA. They used a public security ordinance under that. A special law was passed where the criminal procedure code was specifically passed. The JR Jayewardene Government had the power, 5/6 of the members and the people's support. They believed that some terrorism activities could emerge. This was done to prevent terrorism but during his period this act was said to have been used to suppress the political opponents. There were a lot of torture, arbitrary arrest, and detention. It moved away from the fundamental rights which are accepted by the 1970 Constitution. It was also used to gain the favour of political opponents.

Q: Why is the PTA so unpopular?

A: PTA was not continuously unpopular during the past 40 years. For example in 1979 Act number 48, PTA temporary provision was introduced to combat a country in a situation where youths tried to overthrow a legally appointed Government through illegal means. Therefore, in that case, this is a popular type of Act. The Act was also used to combat terrorism when the LTTE was at its peak.

During the July riots in 1983, and afterwards, some political parties were banned from using the term terrorism. When Vijaya Kumaranatunga was a suspect for the Naxalite Movement which engaged in certain illegal activities it was unpopular.

There were so many arrests under PTA. The latest was of three university students

linked to the *Aragalaya* (The Struggle). In that case all the Ambassadors voiced their concerns saying that this is a violation of fundamental rights.

This Act was very useful during the Easter bomb attack. One unpopular thing existed in the 2022 amended act. The international community stopped our GSP Plus. The European Union refused to support us.

The 2022 amendment to the PTA 1978 section nine and ten was done. The 2022 PTA is not addressing any concession given by a suspect to a rank of a Police ASP and above can be used against that person.

Q: Was the PTA helpful to eradicate the LTTE?

A: If we did not have the 1979 Act number 48 of Prevention of Terrorism Temporary Provision Act this country would have definitely faced a situation like that of Haiti or Somalia. Due to this PTA brutal terrorists were arrested, kept in custody and questioned. Most of the attacks were stopped.

In 2005 in London, the House of Commons did not support the decision to keep the suspects of the attack for 90 days but only for 28 days. As a result of this, the Act was amended in 2015.

For any country this is the best means of preventing terrorism and to prevent finding terrorists. The UN has 193 member countries and all of them have a PTA. Be it the National Security Act, Prevention of Terrorism Act or the Anti-Terrorist Act, it is all the same.

Before 2001 the US was very critical of Sri Lanka regarding terrorism. After the New York World Trade Centre was attacked, they passed a resolution in the Security Council immediately. That is the 1373 resolution which was passed on September 28, 2001, and the reason for this immediate action was to stop terrorist acts. They also wanted to stop funding money and arms to terrorists.

Countries have come up with Counter Terrorism Acts and a Counter Terrorism Policy. Even in India Terrorist Acts emerged and they used these Acts to arrest and defend. Even in the Gulf they will give the maximum punishment to those who violate these Acts.

This Act should be used to stop, control and stop spreading terrorism.

Q: Why was only Sri Lanka mainly criticised by other countries even when suspects were tortured at Guantanamo Bay detention centre by US soldiers?

A: The issue in Sri Lanka is that when a person is arrested he can be kept under the criminal procedure code for 24 hours. Thereafter he should be produced before a magistrate. Even for 48 hours certain serious offences are there. If a person is seriously involved in terrorist activities, the intelligence cannot trace that within 24 hours. That is why they request to keep them for 72 hours but even that is not enough.

Terrorism is not like a robbery. Terrorism is not like other types of criminal offences. These are a channel of activities because terrorist organizations plan for years and years. Security Forces need more time to trace terrorists. During this time Sri Lanka spread this to Geneva for three reasons. The sessions occur in mid September. Most of the time Sri Lanka has released the ban of six LTTE diaspora organisations and some Muslim Fundamental organisations.

The present arrest comes under the amendment introduced on April 1, 2022. When a suspect is arrested within 48 hours you need to inform a magistrate to keep him. Under the 1996 Human Rights Act the Human Rights Commission can authorise any officer to go and see him. Monthly visits have to be done by the Magistrate. Lawyers and family members have access too. The most important thing is that if anything is done to the suspect, he can report it to the Magistrate. The Magistrate can give an order to change the detention camp of the suspect.

Monthly visits need to be done by the Magistrate. If cruel, inhuman, degrading punishments are given while in the detention centre, the Magistrate can order the GMO to investigate. Any officer who has given these punishments can be sued. Sri Lanka has signed the Torture Convention Act in 1994.

These are some of the benefits given to someone who is arrested under this Act. Judicial scrutiny needs to prevail. If so, fundamental rights may not be violated.

There should be strong evidence to punish a person arrested under this Act. Otherwise

he can be released and he can file a fundamental right action against it.

The *Aragalaya* regime didn't come up. Most of those who are involved have now revealed how the funding came. Everything is released to the media now and it is spreading everywhere. One of the leaders has admitted that the money came from the LTTE diaspora to overthrow the Government and send the leaders home. Confessions should not be taken during intimidation, caution and force. More changes came up in 2020 in the PTA 1979 Act number 48 even a bail can be granted.

Investigations should be expedited. A special court needs to be set up, investigators need to be given special training because even cyber terrorism can occur like in Estonia where the whole country was in a blackout when terrorists attacked.

Countries have come up with Counter Terrorism Acts and a Counter Terrorism Policy. Even in India terrorist Acts emerged and they used these Acts to arrest and defend. Even in the Gulf they will give the maximum punishment to those who violate these Acts. This Act should be used to stop, control and stop spreading terrorism.

Q: Government is planning to bring the Counter Terrorism Act. Is this a good time for that?

A: I believe what we really need at the moment is not amendments. One thing former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said in the Geneva sessions is that we are not arresting anyone under the 1979 PTA which was amended in 2022. However, some arrests came very recently. Until then, there needs to be some kind of law to stop these actions.

I cannot say whether these are counter terrorism acts or not. Sri Lankan law emerges with English Common Law. In the UK they have PTA 2006. Our 1979 Act is very old. It does not cover cyber terrorism and latest drone attacks. The Act should be initiated to counter modern terrorism. Even transnational terrorism is not included in it. How terror-

ists engage in new type of activities in the modern era is not covered in this.

The whole world is concerned that terrorism is spreading rapidly now. Even al-Qaeda Leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, was killed by a US drone strike. Therefore transnational terrorism is not addressed even in PTA 2020. Cyber terrorism too is not properly addressed. How to monitor findings for terrorism activities is not properly included. In 2018 Human Rights Council certain resolutions were passed to seize those accounts suspected to be running under terrorism. Also how to search a computer is not included in the Act. The latest cyber attacks and mafia attacks too are missing. We need a more modern Act to combat modern terrorism. We need to stop terrorism in the 21st era by becoming aware of the new technologies used by the terrorists. The new Act must look into judicial scrutiny of the suspect who has been arrested. For example, under 1979 Act a person arrested can be given a detention order for 18 months while the 2022 Act has reduced it to one year. A new Act can change those dates. We need to look specifically at the detention orders given by the UK under the 2006 Terrorism Act. Rather than 90 days we can look into getting a detention order for 14 days and extend it to another 14 days with the court. All these facts need to be presented to court and the court needs to monitor it under judicial scrutiny and review.

In 2021 Switzerland, which is considered to be a symbol of democracy, brought a law which is too broad regarding PTA. A lot of powers are given to the Security Forces to stop UN conflicts. The Swiss Government presented it to a referendum. Fifty seven percent of people said 'Swiss first' because one needs to protect one's country first.

If any Anti-Terrorism Act which is going to be introduced by a bill should be presented to referendum because of the sovereignty. We should follow the Swiss, Canadian and UK models. However, we have to train the Security Forces. Give them new methodologies to question them. Give full access to any person who is arrested. Then this becomes more transparent. Those things can be introduced to a National Security Act or Anti-Terrorism Act, this will be highly recognised by the country.

Why are these suspected Taliban, ISIS, and al-Qaeda individuals not in the US? They are sending them to places like South Cuba to be questioned. Though they are only suspects but are being tortured there to get information. Not a single human rights organisation is rallying against the USA in Geneva. My argument is that when a person is arrested he should have proper information, proper technology, and can be arrested with strong evidence. Keeping a suspect for 90 days in Sri Lanka has been questioned but protects their fundamental rights.



Ministry of Education
(Isurupaya Premises)

Invitation for Bids for Selection of a Service Provider for Cleaning Service 2022/2023

Contract No. : ED/07/101/16/CF/2022/S-03

- The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Secretary, Ministry of Education (Isurupaya Premises) now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Provision of Cleaning Service and Garbage clearing for the year 2022/2023.
- The intended service period is one year from the date of issuing Letter of Acceptance.
- Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- Interested bidders should have minimum of 05 years' experience of similar nature Services stipulated in Section III of the Bidding document. Further information could be obtained from the Procurement Division of the Ministry of Education (Isurupaya Premises) at the address given below from 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days.
- A Complete set of Bidding documents could be obtained from the Procurement Division of the Ministry of Education (Isurupaya Premises), upon payment of a Non-refundable fee of Rs.9,500.00 in cash to the Shroff, 4th Floor, Ministry of Education (Isurupaya Premises). Bids will be issued to the respective Bidders from 30th of August 2022 to 19th of September 2022.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure with Two Envelope System.
- A **Pre-Bid meeting** will be held on **07th September 2022** at 10.00 a.m. at Procurement Division, 05th Floor, of the Ministry of Education (Isurupaya Premises) on above Procurement.
- Bids shall be delivered to the address giving below at or before 11.00 a.m. on 20th of September 2022.
- Sealed Bids addressed to Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Ministry of Education (Isurupaya Premises) "Isurupaya" Battaramulla shall be deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Procurement Division, 5th Floor of this Ministry at or before **11 a.m. on 20th September 2022**. Late bids will be rejected unopened. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP)

**MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION
(National Competitive Bidding)**

IFB No: CRIWMP/PMU/PROC/2022/GOODS/13

SUPPLY, DELIVERY & INSTALLATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT (COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, LED SCREENS, SCANNERS ETC TO CRIWMP (COLOMBO & ANURADHAPURA), DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN DEVELOPMENT (DAD - CBO), DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY (DOM - CBO), DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY (DNCWS - CBO) & THIRTY SEVEN (37) RESPECTIVE AGRARIAN SERVICE CENTERS IN KURUNEGALA, PUTTALAM, ANURADHAPURA, VAVUNIYA, MANNAR, POLONNARUWA & TRINCOMALEE DISTRICTS.

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka with the accredited agency of UNDP has secured funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) towards the cost of Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project & part of this fund will be used for payments relevant to above supply.
- On behalf of Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, Project Director, Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the **Supply, Delivery & Installation of Information Technology Equipment (Computers, Printers, LED Screens, Scanners Etc to CRIWMP (Colombo & Anuradhapura), Department of Agrarian Development (Colombo), Department of Meteorology (Colombo), Department of National Community Water Supply (DNCWS - Colombo) & Thirty Seven (37) Respective Agrarian Service Centres in Kurunegala, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Mannar, Polonnaruwa & Trincomalee Districts as indicated below:**

IT Equipment Distribution (District Wise):

SRL NO	OFFICE & DISTRICT	COLOR PHOTOCOPY MACHINE /ALL-IN-ONE PRINTER /COLOR LASER PRINTER	LAPTOP COMPUTER	DESKTOP COMPUTER	LED SCREEN (INCLUDING INSTALLATION)	GRAPHICAL DRAWING TABLET WITH PEN	OVER-HEAD BOOK AND DOCUMENT SCANNER	EXTERNAL HARD DISK	OTHER IT EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES
1	CRIWMP - COLOMBO/ANP	03	15	04	NIL	NIL	NIL	04	NIL
2	DOM - COLOMBO	01	03	06	NIL	01	02	05	As per List
3	DAD - COLOMBO	01	NIL	01	01	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	DAD - KURUNEGALA	01	04	01	05	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	DAD - PUTTALAM	01	04	01	05	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
6	DAD - ANURADHAPURA	01	09	01	10	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
7	DAD - TRINCOMALEE	01	04	01	05	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	DAD - VAVUNIYA	01	04	01	05	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	DAD - MANNAR	01	04	01	05	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	DAD - POLONNARUWA	01	01	01	02	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	DNCWS - COLOMBO	NIL	10	15	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL		12	58	33	38	01	02	09	As per List

- Supply, Delivery & Installation of Information Technology Equipment (Computers, Printers, LED Screens, Scanners Etc to CRIWMP (Colombo & Anuradhapura), Department of Agrarian Development (Colombo), Department of Meteorology (Colombo), Department of National Community Water Supply (DNCWS - Colombo) & Thirty Seven (37) Respective Agrarian Service Centres in Kurunegala, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Mannar, Polonnaruwa & Trincomalee Districts should be completed **within Three (03) months from the date of award of tender.**
- Bids shall be first evaluated strictly according to the criteria and methodology specified in the bidding document and such evaluated Bids shall be compared to determine the substantially responsive evaluated lowest Bid.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, CRIWMP, Ministry of Irrigation, Contact No: 0112672223 and Email: tendercriwmp@gmail.com
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English language could be purchased during office hours (from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs) **from 30.08.2022 to 19.09.2022** from the office of CRIWMP, Ministry of Irrigation, **12th floor, No.500, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10** on submission of a written request on the supplier's business letterhead (original) addressed to the Project Director, CRIWMP along with a copy of business registration certificate and upon **payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 8000.00.**
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 60 days (Bid Guarantee valid period 88 days) after the date of bid opening. All Bids must be accompanied with a **Bid Guarantee for Rs 600,000.00** drawn in favour of Project Director, CRIWMP, Ministry of Irrigation. Bid Guarantee shall be an unconditional on demand guarantee issued by a commercial bank/Insurance Company (**except Co-operative Insurance Company Ltd**) registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka/Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka in accordance with the format provided in Bid Document.
- The bidder shall seal the original and the copy of the bid in two inner separate envelopes and one outer envelope to be clearly marked bid number on top of the left corner and duly marking the inner envelope as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY".
- Duly filled bids can be deposited in the tender box which is kept in the office of the Project Director or can be sent by registered post to reach office of Project Director **at or before 1400 hours on 20.09.2022**. Late submissions will be rejected and received bids shall be opened immediately after the closing time in the presence of the contractors' or their representatives at the address given in para 7.
- The Purchaser will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

**On behalf of Chairman,
Project Procurement Committee,
Project Director,
Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP),
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Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Agriculture

National Competitive Bidding

Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP)

Project No: P163742

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) - World Bank towards the cost of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project of the Ministry of Agriculture and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the Contracts given in the table below.
- The Chairman, Minor Project Procurement Committee (Uva Province) on behalf of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works described in the table below.

No.	Contract No.	Description of Work	CIDA Grade and Field or Speciality	Non-refundable Fee (LKR)	Bid Security Value in (LKR) and Validity Date
01	Contract No. LK-MOA-293149-CW-RFB/UP/DPDO/Rehb.T/(20)/2022/05	Rehabilitation of 18 Yaya Wewa, Galamuna Wewa at Athiluwewa GN Division, Ethiluwewa Cascade and Dingiri Ara Wewa at Andawelyaya GN Division, Dingiri Ara Wawe Cascade in Thelulla ASC, Wellawaya DSD, Monaragala District, Uva Province under WB funded CSIAP.	C4 and Above Irrigation and Drainage Canals	5000.00	700,000.00 13 th February 2023
02	Contract No. LK-MOA-293147-CW-RFB/UP/DPDO/Rehb.T/(22)/2022/06	Rehabilitation of Ara Passa Wewa and Dhiyagiriththa Wewa at Gonaganara GN Division in Parappoya Cascade, Buttala ASC, Buttala DSD, Monaragala District, Uva Province under World Bank Funded Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP)	C5 and Above Irrigation and Drainage Canals	5000.00	530,000.00 13 th February 2023
03	Contract No. LK-MOA-293145-CW-RFB/UP/DPDO/Rehb.T/(30)/2022/08	Rehabilitation of Galapitaya Wewa, PodiWawa, Pelassa Wewa at Gonaganara GN Division and Thiththawellara Wewa at Koonketiya GN Division in Parappoya Cascade, Buttala ASC, Buttala DSD, Monaragala District, Uva Province under WB funded CSIA Project	C4 and Above Irrigation and Drainage Canals	5000.00	720,000.00 13 th February 2023
04	Contract No. LK-MOA-265607-CW-RFB/UP/DPDO/Rehb.Anc/(62)/2022/10	Rehabilitation of Anicut No 05 and Anicut No. 06 Maha-aara ASC, Wellawaya Divisional Secretary's Division in Monaragala District, Uva Province under World Bank Funded Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project.	C4 and Above Irrigation and Drainage Canals	5000.00	615,000.00 13 th February 2023

- Bidding shall be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Deputy Project Director, Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project, Deputy Project Director's Office (Uva Province), No. 90, Haputale Road, Wellawaya. (TP No./ Fax No. 055-2280334), and inspect the bidding documents free of cost at the same place on working days from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs. (3.00 p.m)**
- To be eligible for Contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the requirements in Bidding Document. Further, the successful bidder shall have valid registration Grade in Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) as mentioned in above Table under the speciality of **Irrigation & Drainage Canals**. Bidders are free to bid for more than one Contract but selections will be made according to the financial and other capacity limits of the Contractors considering maximum financial advantage to the Government of Sri Lanka.
- Bidding Documents in English Language can be purchased by eligible bidders on the submission of a written application on original letter head to the **Deputy Project Director** at the address mentioned in **item 4** above, and paying a non-refundable fee (Please refer above table for the amount) in Cash only on Working days from **31st August 2022 to 20th September 2022 from 09:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs. (3.00 p.m)**
- Pre-bid meeting and subsequent Site Visit will be arranged on **08th September 2022 at 10.00 Hrs**, at the place mentioned in **item 4** above. Prospective bidders are requested to inspect the sites with the assistance of the relevant officers at their own cost.
- Bids must be accompanied by an Unconditional Bid Guarantee on prescribed format in the Bidding Document for the value and date mentioned in above table. Any Bid without a valid Bid Guarantee as indicated will be considered as non-responsive and rejected without any query.
- Bids shall submitted as the Original and the Duplicate. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed in separate sealed envelopes and marked as the "Original" and "Duplicate" respectively. Both envelopes shall be enclosed in a sealed single envelope, and write the Description of Work and Contract No. on top of left-hand corner of the envelope.
- Completed Bids shall either be deposited in the **Tender Box** kept for this purpose or sent under registered post addressed to **The Chairman, Minor Project Procurement Committee (Uva Province), Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project, Deputy Project Director's Office (Uva Province), No. 90, Haputale Road, Wellawaya** to reach at or before **14:00 Hrs. (2.00 p.m.) on 21st September 2022**.
- Receiving of Bids shall be closed at **14:00 Hrs. (2.00 p.m.) on 21st September 2022**. Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened immediately after closing in the presence of the bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

**Chairman,
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Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project,
Deputy Project Director's Office (Uva Province),
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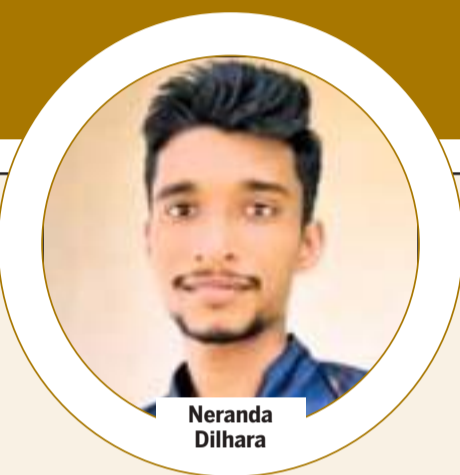
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TOP TEN OF ALL SIX SUBJECT STREAMS REPORTED FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

It is significant that top ten of all six subject streams are reported from all over the country even from rural areas, Examinations Commissioner General LMD Dharmasena said.

Accordingly top three performances of all six subject streams based on the results of Advanced Level Examination (2021) as follows.



Neranda Dilhara

Mathematics Stream

- S.R. Sahan Yasanta Samarakoon** - Royal College Colombo.
- Jayachandran Thuvarajesh** - Hindu College, Colombo 4.
- A.D.H. Ramith Elwela** - Bandarawela Maha Vidyalaya.



Sahan Yasanta

Biology Stream

- Tamilwannan Thuwarajesh** - St. Michael's College, Batticaloa.
- W.P.P. Amasha Nishamani Jayalath** - Ratnawali Balika Vidyalaya Gampaha.
- Disara Sithmaka Jayaratne** - Trinity College, Kandy



Tamilwannan Thuwarajesh

Commerce Stream

- D.P.I. Neha Amaratne** - Ratnavali Girls' College, Gampaha.
- R. Dulya Dias** - Sirimavo Bandaranaike College, Colombo 7.
- M.N. Mohammad Nishad** - St. Thomas College, Matara



Ishini Neha

Arts Stream

- H.H.M.I. Lakmal Hinkenda** - Kandagolla Maha Vidyalaya, Kandegolla.
- W. Jihan Sadaruwan** - Ananda College, Colombo.
- A.W. Sakunthala Sewandi** - Candrika Wewa Jayanthi Maha Vidyalaya, Padalanga.



Ishara Lakmal

Engineering Technology

- P.A.N. Dilhara Kumarasinghe** - Mayurapada Central College, Narammala.
- B.P.P.M. Bandara Rajapathirana** - Pothubowa Maha Vidyalaya, Mawathagama.
- G.S. Sandunika Govinna** - Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo 8.

Biosystems Technology

- I. Pabasara Lokupathira** - Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo 8.
- A.D. Nipun Ariyaratne** - Kabithigollewa Central College, Kebithigollewa
- L.M.V. Prabhasvara Lansakara** - Kuliapitiya Central College.

COMMENTS MADE BY STUDENTS WHO SECURED ISLAND'S FIRST PLACES AT THE G.C.E. A/L EXAMINATION 2021 (2022)

SITHARA SENANI, LAHIRU FERNANDO, PRASANNA PADMASIRI, Uva Province Group Corr.
MEVIRU DHANAN, Kuliapitiya
M.P. KUMARA, Kotadeniyawa Group Corr.

Following are the comments made by the students, who secured the island's first places at the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination 2021 (2022).

Neranda Dilhara Kumarasinghe of Mayurapada Central College in Narammala (Engineering Technology Stream)

Securing the first place in the Engineering Technology Stream completely changed my life. I was confident that I will be within the first ten places of the island rank. But, I never expected to top the list. I obtained my driving license at the earliest possible age. That was to accompany my father who is suffering from a nerve disease to get treatment. I did my studies, while looking after my father with the support of my mother and the brother. My family gave me good support to achieve this victory. My school gave me good support in this endeavour. I must thank the Principal, my school teachers, tutors and everyone who supported me. My teachers dedicated very well to teach us online during the pandemic. Also I made extensive use of social media for my studies. Therefore, I must say this is not a victory achieved by me alone. Finally, it is my expectation to become a Software Engineer. I will not leave my country to serve somewhere else.

Neranda's father P.A. Kumarasinghe said that he is very happy about the achievement by his son in the A/L examination. He did many extracurricular activities too. I am suffering from a disease. He looks after me also. We were confident that he would be within the top 10 ranks.

Ishara Lakmal Heenkenda of Kandagolla Maha Vidyalaya in Badulla (Arts Stream)

In order to achieve the highest results in examinations, what we needed is dedication. In addition to the school, teachers and the external society each student's personal dedication helps him/her to excel in examinations. My parents are engaged in agriculture for a living. I have also supported them since my childhood. As a student I followed many extracurricular activities such as cadetting, prefect and St. John Ambulance Service activities apart from my studies. I make this an opportunity to thank my parents, Principal, my teachers and everyone else who supported me. I am really happy about this victory.

Ishara's father H.M. Gunaratne said that he was happy to hear that his son topped the island rank list in the A/L Examination. We are farmers suffering from poverty. My son also engaged in farming to collect his tuition fees. My son has been very clever since his childhood. I thank and wish well all the teachers who taught my son.

Ishini Neha Amaratne of Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya, Gampaha (Commerce Stream)

I was able to achieve such a great victory as I did my studies properly and on time. My only focus was on studies. I did not pay much attention to other activities other than studies. I spent my leisure time by reading books or listening to music. Due to the pandemic we had to carry out our studies online. I chose Commerce Stream as it was my favourite stream. I have been able to make my parents and teachers satisfied. I am really happy about what I have earned. I will engage in further studies in order to become a useful citizen to my country.

Ishini's father is a retired Navy Officer and her mother is a house wife.

Sahan Yasanka Samarakoon of Royal College, Colombo (Physical Science Stream)

It is my future ambition to become an Engineer and serve my country. I studied at the Royal College from Grade 1 to 13. I was not

sure whether I would become the island's first in my stream, but I was sure that I would be within the top ten ranks. I earned this rank through hard work and dedication.

It is my advice to the brothers and sisters who will sit the A/L examination in the future that they should continue and complete what they begin, especially the studies. Also you need to sleep enough after doing studies. Plan what you plan to do. I love music. I represented both eastern and western music bands. I have achieved local and international awards for music. I was a member of the junior football team and also a prefect of my school. Finally, I thank my parents and teachers for supporting me in this endeavour.

Sahan's parents said their son was a bright student since his childhood. He is keen to complete any work given to him in a proper manner. As parents they only guided their child and he knew how to do his work. They also thanked the teachers who taught him at school and classes to achieve this success.

Tamilwannan Thuwaragesh of St. Michael's College, Batticaloa (Biological Science Stream)

I am happy to say that I was able to secure second place in the Grade Five Scholarship Exam in Tamil Medium. I obtained nine 'A's at the G.C.E. (O/L) examination also. I know this is a difficult period in my country due to the pandemic and the economic crisis. I know it is hard to study and perform in the examinations. But, if you try your best now, you can live a good life in the future.

His parents are Specialist doctors.

Isuri Pabasara Lokupathirage of Devi Balika Girls' College, Colombo (Bio System Technology Stream)

I did my studies-related day to day activities on time, while attending the tuition classes. My school also carried out academic activities even amidst the pandemic. I thank my parents and teachers for supporting me to achieve this victory.

Rashmi Nimesha comments on her achievement

DHARMAPRIYA LIYANAARACHCHI
Ratnapura Group Corr.

Rashmi Nimesha Gunawardena of Eheliyagoda National School obtained three 'A' passes at the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination 2021 (2022) securing the 156th place in the Ratnapura District.

Her result is outstanding as she is a differently-abled student, who has lost both her hands and a leg.

Rashmi sat for the exam from the Commerce Stream and wrote the exam with her foot.

Rashmi's father is an Agriculture Instructor and her mother is a teacher of Eheliyagoda National School.

Following are the comments made by her about this achievement in the examination.

"I do not worry about the loss of my hands and a leg. My parents,

teachers and friends never let me feel that I am a differently-abled person. I am really happy about my result. I think it is an excellent achievement. I will dedicate myself to achieve my goals and make those who supported me glad in the future. I have secured gold medals for ICT and several other awards for music. My future ambition is to join the Human Resources Management field and excel in that sector."

The Principal of the Eheliyagoda National School Hemali M. Rajaguru commenting on this student said Rashmi is a great example to the entire student community in this country. She sat for the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination representing our school. At that examination she obtained 'A' passes for all nine subjects. We are really proud of her.



Unbeaten Isipathana in line for grand rugby double

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

The reigning 'A' Division League champions Isipathana College have started their campaign for the President's Trophy Under-20 Knock-Out Rugby Tournament in a spectacular manner.

Last week, they produced another outstanding performance in their attempt to complete a grand double this season while outplaying Dharmaraja College 38-6 in the first quarter-final encounter played at Havelock Park.

The significant feature in Isipathana's success was that they were able to continue with the same momentum, which they displayed during the League phase and Super Round stage as they extended their winning streak to eight matches in the current season.

The other factor is that Isipathana always play to

their strength, and they proved it once again by running down six magnificent tries during a complete dominance of fast open rugby.

This time they even had some time to test their bench strength as they brought in some of their genuine replacements during the second half, which proved to be highly successful.

One of those replacements were the promising Mesanda Rashminda, who simply grabbed the opportunity with both hands to score Isipathana's last two tries during the final 20 minutes of the game.

S. Thomas' vs Vidyartha

S. Thomas' College cleared their initial hurdle in their attempt to regain the President's Trophy with

a morale boosting 35-19 victory over the giant killers Vidyartha College in their quarter-final encounter played at Havelock Park.

The Thomians have now extended their winning streak to four matches this season and they have certainly improved tremendously to emerge as one of the strong contenders for the knock-out title.

They were almost down and out at the beginning of the season after having suffered three successive morale shattering defeats at the hands of Trinity College (13-20), St. Joseph's College (28-30) and Royal College (8-20) respectively.

But the Thomians have bounced back in style and they have proved that they have the talent and the potential to make an impact at least during the latter part of the current season.



Action from the match between Wesley and Science College (Pic by Wasitha Patabandige)

Vidyarthartha, of course, came into this game at the background of some outstanding performances in the League Tournament where they were able to secure the third place while narrowly missing out the

chance of competing in the elusive Super Round stage. However, the Thomians simply proved their all-round superiority on this day and ran down three early tries during a dominant first half to put the

issue beyond doubt. The significant feature in this performance of S. Thomas' was the outstanding form displayed by all their key players with Yehan Bulathsinhala keeping his reputation as one of the

finest place kickers this season.

Wesley vs Science

The 2019 President's Trophy runners-up Wesley College went through some anxious moments before they found their touch during the second half to overcome the unpredictable Science College outfit 38-0 in their quarter-final fixture played at Havelock Park.

Even then, this game looked set for a thrilling end at one stage after Science College put in a tremendous performance to restrict their more fancied opponents to a solitary try in the first half and missed out two vital penalties.

However, the Wesleyites got their act together well in the second half and completely outplayed their opponents before cruising to a more convincing victory in the end.

St. Joseph's vs St. Anthony's

St. Joseph's College made another fine impact as they booked their semi-final spot with a convincing 34-14 victory over St. Anthony's College in their quarter-final encounter played at the Royal Sports Complex in Reid Avenue.

The 'A' Division League Tournament runners-up made their intentions quite clear from the kick-off and planted four tries during a scintillating first half to lay the platform for a rousing victory.

The Josephians were kept rather quiet and managed to score only a solitary try in the second half but that was good enough for them to maintain a clear lead over their opponents and reach the last four of the President's Trophy.

Vidyarthana Spikers make a clean sweep

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

The Horana Zonal schools volleyball tournament conducted by the Ministry of Education was held recently in Horana among

the schools of Horana, Bandaragama and Bulathsinhala electorates and altogether 54 schools participated.

Vidyarthana University College Horana recorded a good treble

when they clinched the under 16 under 18 and 20 Championships. The under 16 runner up was Don Pedick Vidyalaya Horana and the under 18 was Royal National School Horana while the under 20

runners up were Devarakshitha National School Millaniya and the Prefect of Games M. Ananda coach and MIC B. Sudarshana and Principal Labugama Naradha Thero was always supportive.



Vidyarthana University College under 16 Volleyball Team with the officials. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)



Vidyarthana University College under 18 Volleyball Team with the officials. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)



Vidyarthana University College under 20 Volleyball Team with the officials. (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

Battle of the Golden Lions

Sachintha and Thisara spin Dharmapala to a 72 run win

Text and pictures by PRIYAN DE SILVA

A six wicket haul by Sachintha Chamika and three wickets by Thisara Wickremasinghe helped Dharmapala College Pannipitiya register a 72 run win over Rahula College Matara in the 6th limited over encounter of the Battle of the Golden Lions played at Pannipitiya on Sunday. With this win Dharmapala extended their lead on the limited over series four wins to two.

The 6th limited over

encounter was played between players who were to represent their school first XI teams in 2021. The big matches were not played on 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID19 pandemic. After being postponed on several occasions the 2020 edition was played on the 9th of May at the Uyanwatta stadium but the 2021 edition which was to be played the following day had to be called off once again as curfew was imposed due to the mayhem that took



Sachintha Chamika place after protesters at Galle face were attacked. Invited to bat first on

their home ground Dharmapala were bowled out for 221 in 48.3 overs. Thisara Wickremasinghe topped the score card with a 53 ball 68 which included half a dozen boundaries and four sixes. Ovin Bopage and Janiru Wijewardena shared seven wickets.

Chasing a victory target of 222 the Rahula batsmen fell victim to the spin of Sachintha Chamika (6/42) and Thisara Wickremasinghe (3/16) to fall short by 72 runs.. Tharindu Raja-

paksa (30) and skipper Binara Sanketh (27) batted well.

Brief scores- Dharmapala 221 in 48.3 overs (Thisara Wickremasinghe 68, Uditha Sandaruwan 22, Rashmita Ewantha 41, Pasindu Dimuditha 21; Ovin Bopage 4/42, Janiru Wijewardena 3/38) Rahula 149 in 44.4 overs (Tharindu Rajapaksa 30, Binara Sanketh 27; Thisara Wickremasinghe 3/16, Sachintha Chamika 6/42)

Kandy District hockey league tourney in September



HAFIZ MARIKAR

Trials to select the Kandy District Hockey team, for the Senior Hockey Nationals will take place from 1st September at the Getambe Municipal play grounds from 3.30 pm;

The Kandy District Hockey Association (KDHA), President R. Maheswaran and secretary M. Ashroff with the committee are making arrangements to play the men's and women's league tournament in September. They are hoping to play at the Peradeniya Campus grounds or Digana ground. Later they will have the knockouts,evens and a six a side day and night domestic hockey tourney for both men and women.

The KDHA committee are now concentrating on improving the quality of domestic tournaments which will help the players in a big way. They are all-out to improve the game in all aspects. Commenting on the development, KDHA took decisions to give the best for the game,they have received excellent support from the committee to host the prestigious events.

A look back into Kandy hockey St. Anthony's College was perhaps the first to play the game in this Island as far back in 1907. It is said in 1907 during Fr. Philip Caspersz's pncipalship St.

Anthony's College was housed at the present St. Sylvester's College premises.

As years went on the game flourished in Kandy, and several schools in an around Kandy took to the game. It must be recalled that M.S.Jaiundeen as secretary of the Kandy District Hockey Association went all out to popularize the game in Kandy. Mention must be made of top players like Philip Bultjens, Bobby Jayaweera, Sam Elhart, E. Lionel Fernando, Robert Wright, P. Thangavelu, A.L. Perumal, G. Macky, Willie Marr, Peter Roberts, R.Harns, Freddie White the younger borthor of Duncan White the Olympic medalist, Freddie at his peak was the country's hockey goal keeper and was rated as Asia's best in that position, Derrick Harvie, M.N.I. Bin Ismail, A.J.M.Yusuf, M.E. Marikar, Roy de Silva, Paul Jayaraj were top players and promotion wise people like Rev. Fr. Robert M.Perera, SR Hammer, GH Robinson, K. de Lanerolle, Dr. VHL Anthonisz, George de Saram, Fr. Dom George, EL Fernando, P. Thangavelu, George Mant, Paul Jayaraj,Dr. A Samad Ismail, Dr.A.S. Athuraliya, Capt.R. Wijewardena, G. Ratnayake, Leslie Handunge, S.Rupasinghe, LM Anver, Roy de Silva, Rohan Wijenyake, Malcolm Perera,Lakshman Seneviratne (Rtd. DIG). M. Nadaraja, A.V.A.Pahitirane, Aroos Salimdeen, R. Maheswaran are some of the names which come to my mind.

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SL to make changes for Bangladesh match

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA
reporting from Dubai

Sri Lanka cricket team is expected to make few changes for the next Asia Cup Bangladesh game which scheduled to be held on September 1 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

After getting shock defeat from Afghanistan at the opening game Dasun Shanaka and his team is getting training here in Dubai while normally the temperature is very high about 40-42 C and all the players have adjusted to the condition in Dubai. Bangladesh and Afghanistan match is scheduled to be held today at the Sharjah Stadium while Afghanistan is ready to get this challenge to enter the super four round.

According to the senior official



Dhananjaya de Silva

of the SLC, Sri Lanka have enough time to prepare for the second Bangladesh match. Sri Lankans must win in this important game while Afghanistan has to defeat Bangladesh today.



Asitha Fernando

The batting failure is the key factor while fielders have to improve their skills to win this T 20 game. Kusal Mendis and Pathum Nissanka were the two openers while Dhanushka Guna-

tilleka came as number 4 at the last game. However team management never finalized the final eleven and it will be decided on August 31 after the training sessions held in Dubai.

Last two days Sri Lanka team is busy with their physical fitness while on schedule training sessions at the ICC cricket Academy grounds at Dubai Sports City. However players are keen to get their training on individual basis.

Sri Lanka team definitely make changers while Asitha Fernando has a good chance to enter the team as debutant and either Dilshan Madushanka or the Matheesha Pathirana could have dropped from the team. Meanwhile experienced Dhananjaya de Silva is likely to enter the team as

middle order batter while being a very useful off spinner.

The 12th man Ashen Bandara is the other option to get into the team to strengthen the side. Sri Lankan team had two run outs at the opening game.

Both Bangladesh and Afghanistan teams were involved their training sessions yesterday to focus today's match and Sri Lanka team will get practices today. Shakib Ul Hossain the Bangladesh skipper and his team ready to beat Afghanistan while their spin coach former Sri Lankan leg spinner Rangana Herath also has a big role today.

Mohammed Nabi the Afghanistan skipper said his team once again wanted to be in the super four round.

Arjuna shuts door on SLC officials' UAE joyride

CHRIS DHAMBARAGE

Chairman, National Sports Council (NSC), and former Minister Arjuna Ranatunga played another masterstroke when he prevented seven officials of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), from making a joyride for the Asia Cup T20 Cricket Tournament in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).



Arjuna Ranatunga

The 1996 World Cup winning Captain and former Chairman of SLC Interim Committee made these comments to the media after he had called on the Malwathu-Asgiri Chief Prelates in Kandy.

The scheduled trip by the seven officials from August 26 to September 12 would have cost SLC a huge amount as they had been allocated business class return air tickets, accommodation at five-star hotels in addition to a daily allowance of US \$650.

Adding more insult to this unauthorized trip by SLC officials was the pathetic performances by the national team as they suffered a most humiliating eight-wicket defeat at the hands of the minnows of Asian cricket Afghanistan in the Asia Cup opener on Saturday. Ranatunga said that he took over the role as Chairman of the NSC with a mission to eradicate corruption and would not hesitate to inquire about how many unnecessary officials have already made this trip.

Ranatunga further stressed there are several shortcomings in SLC's procedure when submitting national teams for ministry approval for foreign tours and that he is in discussion level with the authorities to change the present system.

Ranatunga believed that Sri Lanka lost its chances to host the ongoing Asia Cup T20 Tournament in Colombo due to the incompetence of SLC administration and a thorough investigation should be carried out related to this matter.

He also noted that unless the current voting system is changed, no honest or genuine person can come into power at future SLC elections.

Meanwhile, SLC in a media release yesterday informed that in this case, SLC has sought permission from the Ministry of Sports to send seven Executive Committee Members to engage in official matters during the ongoing Asia Cup.

"Any tours undertaken or planned to be undertaken by its Executive Committee Members are purely aimed at conducting 'official work' pertaining to the development of the game of cricket in Sri Lanka and nothing else," added the media release.

Unbeaten Colombo North emerge champions

Unbeaten Colombo North emerged champion of the Under 17 Youth League cricket tournament organized by Sri Lanka Cricket at Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket stadium yesterday.

Kandy won the toss and elected to field first. Colombo North scored 283 runs in 50 overs. Kavindu Amameth, skipper and left hand opener of Colombo North scored 82 runs in 100 balls with 7 boundaries and 3 sixes. Samindu Madhuranga scored 50 runs in 63 deliveries with 6 boundaries. Koojana Perera knocked 48 runs in 35 deliveries with 6 boundaries and a six.

Hiran Jayasundara (29), Praveen Maneeshan (18*), Sahana Dabare (14) and Thanuga Palihawadana (11) helped to build their inning. Kavindu Amameth and Samindu Madhuranga made 91 runs stand for their 5th wicket.

Sheshan Yashon claimed 4 wickets for 40 runs. Akila Wickramasinghe, Nisal Abeyratne and Manula Kularathne claimed 2 wickets each.

Kandy replied with 264 runs in 48.3 overs. Supun Waduge, left hand opener, scored 93 runs in 128 deliveries with 11 boundaries and a six. Thisara Ekanayake (37), Wathila Udara (32), Pulindu Perera (31), Jayavi Liyanaga-

ma (21) and Manula Kularathne (12*) helped to build their inning.

Supun Waduge and Thisara Ekanayake made 92 runs stand for their 4th wicket. Openers Supun Waduge and Pulindu Perera made 55 runs stand for their first wicket.

Praveen Maneeshan claimed 3 wickets for 38 runs. Lahiru Amarasekara, Tharusha Kodikara and Garuka Sanketh claimed 2 wickets each.

Colombo North: 283 (50) (Kavindu Amameth 82, Samindu Madhuranga 50, Koojana Perera 48, Hiran Jayasundara 29, Praveen

Maneeshana 18 n.o., Sahana Dabare 14, Thanuga Palihawadana 11, Sheshan Yashon 4/40, Akila Wickramasinghe 2/44, Nisal Abeyratne 2/50, Manula Kularathne 2/68)

Kandy: 264 (48.3) (Supun Waduge 93, Thisara Ekanayake 37, Wathila Udara 32, Pulindu Perera 31, Jayavi Liyanagama 21, Manula Kularathne 12 n.o., Praveen Maneeshan 3/38, Lahiru Amarasekara 2/33, Tharusha Kodikara 2/55, Garuka Sanketh 2/77). (JK)



Special awards:

Best batsman - Supun Waduge (Kandy), Best bowler - Garuka Sanketh (Colombo North), Man of the Final - Kavindu Amameth (Colombo North), Player of the Tournament - Dinura Kalupahana (Galle)

Pandya praises Indian team management

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA reporting from Dubai

Hardik Pandya is a dangerous finisher at the Indian cricket team and once again he proved his power which paved the way to beat Pakistan by 5 wickets at the second Asia Cup T 20 cricket match played at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

Hardik Pandya the excellent all rounder had ability to collect runs as a dashing stroke maker. He also is very useful paceman who can get wickets at the most wanted time. At the 15 over of the Pakistan game Pandya took two quick wickets including Mohammad Rizwan which was the turning point of the game.

His all round performance guided to get Man of the Match award. Pandya had a back injury which caused him to be out of cricket during the last T 20 World Cup. However today he is the most wanted all rounder for the Indian team especially at this white ball format. He is also a very active fielder of the team.

It has never been the case that I wouldn't want to show what I have, said Pandya after getting his Man of the Match award. But it is about being in a peaceful place and performing well.

Actually I have been in and out of the team, but to see the respect and value they have given me is incredible. That always helps me perform better. The kind of mindset we are coming from, the players are much more relaxed.

The gutsy all rounder slowly but steadily started the innings while all rounder Ravindra Jadeja did a good job from the other end to added 52 runs fourth wicket partnership.

Pandya's performance once again showed the Indian selectors and the team management is right. He was leading the Gujarat Titans to their first IPL title.

Hardik Pandya also said The players don't want to feel the pressure of playing for India. They just want to express themselves. All credit to the team management for making this Indian team much more secure than any team I have ever played in the past."

Hardik Pandya's mentor is none other than former Indian skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni and his blessings are always with this all rounder.



Indian all rounder Hardik Pandya who was adjudged the Man of the Match celebrating victory against Pakistan.

Madumali wins Nestomalt cycling challenge

Madumali Fernando of Sri Lanka Army won the Elite women's cycling race at the Nestomalt Cycling Challenge 2022 concluded successfully last Sunday (28). Madumali finished the race which consist of 28km clocking 51 minutes and 29 seconds followed by second place won by Sri Lanka Navy cyclist Anne Shensli with same time of 51.29 seconds.

Powering the ambitions of over 400 aspiring cyclists from around the country, organized by the Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka under the guidance of the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the second consecutive year, the event was sponsored by the 'Good food, Good life' company's flagship brand - Nestlé Nestomalt.

"For decades, Nestlé Nestomalt has energized Sri Lankan athletes to be 100% ready in body and mind. Staying true to our brand's purpose of powering progress, we are pleased to collaborate with the Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka yet again, to provide a platform for our talented cyclists to showcase their skills, paving the way to fast-track their profes-

sional cycling careers" said Ruwan Welikala, Vice President - Dairy, Nestlé Lanka.

The Nestomalt Cycling Challenge held for the first-time last year, helped revive sporting activities in the country which were on hold due to the pandemic.

Following its roaring success, the organizers have decided upon conducting the event annually to further strengthen professional cycling in Sri Lanka.

Seven races took place at Viharamahadevi Park, Colombo, amidst the cheer of enthusiastic spectators.

Results:

Elite Women-Distance 28 KM - (1) Madumali Fernando, 51.29 - Sri Lanka Army (2) Anne Shenali 51.29 - Sri Lanka Navy (3) Sulochana Panchali, 51.30 - Sri Lanka Air Force (4) Akasha Sandamini, 51.30 - Sri Lanka Army (5) Dinesha Dilrukshi, 51.30 - Sri Lanka Air Force. (D.R)



Winners with the presentation party: (back row from left): Sajeeva Wickramasinghe, Senior Manager - Sales Promotions, Nestle Lanka, Major General Palitha Fernando - President, Sri Lanka Athletics, Rtd. Air Vice Marshal Kithsiri Leelarathne, Radhini de Costa - Assistant Vice President-Communications, Nestle Lanka, Nalin Adhikaraarachchi, Secretary Sri Lanka Cycling Federation.

Dialog boost for Sri Lanka netball

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Dialog Axiata PLC, reaffirmed its commitment to support national sports by coming forward to extend its corporate backing to the Netball Federation of Sri Lanka (NFSL) till 2024.

Dialog support is really appreciated for Sri Lanka netball to go beyond the Asian level, said President of the Netball Federation of Sri Lanka (NFSL) Victoria Lakshmi at the simple ceremony to launch the Netball sponsorship recently.

The National Team has consistently performed well at the Asian Championship and at present are the reigning champions. Our National Netball team will be led by Gayanjali Amarawansa which will take part in the Asian Championship which will be held from September 3. Our team is fully geared under the guidance of Hays-cinth Wijesinghe to take on this challenge said Netball Chief.



Victoria Lakshmi the President of the Netball Federation (third from left) receiving Netball Sponsorship from Ashani Senaratne Head of Marketing Dialog Axiata. Vindana Dayatne the Secretary of NFSL (left) and Padmini Horanage the Treasurer of the NFSL (right) also present.

Dialog first entered into a partnership with NFSL in 2018, and over the years have continued their support to uplift the game and develop the champions of tomorrow by sponsoring the National Junior and Senior Netball.

Actually during the last Asian Netball Championship Dialog also associated with us. With their sponsorship and their continued support is a boost for us, said Victoria Lakshmi.

"In the last few years despite the challenges we

faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we conducted the national senior championship which would not have been possible without the corporate backing of our sponsor; hence, the National team is in a state of readiness to defend the Asian title.

I would like to thank Dialog Axiata for extending their partnership to support the sport of Netball in Sri Lanka," said Victoria Lakshmi.

"As a supporter enriching Sri Lanka sports and developing the champions of tomorrow, Dialog is pleased to continue the partnership with NFSL.

The national netball team has continuously performed in the Asian circuit and I'm confident the team would continue this momentum at other international tournaments as well," said Ashani Senaratne, Head of Marketing Dialog Axiata.

Harry and Matthew hit tons for England youth

Opener Harry Singh scored 104 in 304 balls with 6 fours while Matthew Hurst hit a fine knock of 116 in 189 balls with 16 fours as England under 19 team produced a total of 381 all out in their first innings.

Sri Lanka under 19 made 56 for 1 after 11 overs in the second day of the second four day game played at Darby, England yesterday.

Sri Lanka inform opener Asitha Wanninyake who scored back to back centuries in their previous two matches (three day practice game and first four day game) this time couldn't make good inings as he was out after scoring only boundary yesterday.

His prized wicket was taken by paceman Tom Lewis. Abhishek Liyanarachchi (24) and deputy skipper Shevon Daniel (20) were at the wicket when the page was sent to the print.

Chief scores
England under 19: 381 all out (Harry Singh 104, Matthew Hurst 116, James Sales 52, Duvindu Ranathunga 2/58, Sahana Mihira 2/75, Wanuja Sahana 2/67, Raveen de Silva 2/56)

Sri Lanka under 19: 56 for 1 in 11 overs (Abhishek Liyanarachchi 24*, Shevon Daniel 20*). (D.R)

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SRILANKAN AIRLINES, GROUND HANDLING & CATERING TO GO UNDER THE HAMMER

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE
 The debt ridden SriLankan Airlines will be restricted along with SriLankan Catering and SriLankan Airlines Ground Handling, said Minister of Aviation Nimal Siripala De Silva yesterday. He said that 49% stake of each SriLankan Catering and Ground Handling which are both making profits would be offered along with SriLankan Airlines for re-structuring as no investor would be keen only to takeover SriLankan. He said that this move was taken as the government does not have the financial ability to support the airline to repay the mortgages and loans it obtained as the airline operation was severely affected for the past few years due to dip in tourism and global C-19

pandemic, high aviation fuel prices and other overheads.

The fact that SriLankan has landing rights to 26 countries is a major plus point to market the airline. Restructuring of SriLankan Airlines and obtaining capital investments is critically vital and if such capital infusion does not happen, SriLankan Airlines will certainly collapse and the company will have to be closed down which will create a social distress to 6,370 local and foreign employees of SriLankan.

"What we are trying to do is a rescue operation. It is the responsibility of the Government to safeguard the employment opportunities of Sri Lankan Airlines and its subsidiaries without creating an environment for retrenchment



Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva and Chairman SriLankan Ashok Pathirage. Picture by Shirajiv Sirimane

and this was also pointed out to the unions which gave us positive sentiments."

Minister De Silva recalled that SriLankan was making profits when it

was operating on a joint venture with Emirates and was not a burden to the Government back then. SriLankan has to pay USD 1,002 million (around Rs. 401 bn) to local and foreign parties,

defaulting payments to Peoples Bank and Bank of Ceylon. Ceylon Petroleum Corporation which has compelled the Government to allocate tax payer's money. **TO PAGE 13**

Debt Payable for an International bond on a Government Guarantee	USD 175 mn
Loan taken from Bank of Ceylon mortgaging shares of Sri Lankan Catering	USD 80 mn
Debt Payable to BOC and People's Bank	USD 386 mn
Arrears Amount due to CPC, AASL and CAASL	USD 325 mn
Arrears Amount For Air craft Lessors	USD 80 mn
Total Debt Amount	USD 1046 mn (Rs Billion 401)

SriLankan Airlines overburdened with local and foreign loans

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COLOMBO-RUSSIA ROUTE HALTED DUE TO HIGH INSURANCE STAKE

SriLankan Chairman Ashok Pathirage said that they are unable to restart the Colombo Russia route due to high stake in the insurance. "Due to the Ukraine Russia war we have to bear a high insurance premium and adding this to the passenger ticket would not make this route profitable," he opined.

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT TO RESTART AFTER SLA WITH IMF

Minister of Aviation Nimal Siripala De Silva said that the airport development project that was stalled would commence after a staff level agreement (SLA) was reached with the IMF. He said that 6% of the project has been completed. It's not only the airport development project that is stopped but the Japanese government has stopped all their ongoing 12 development projects in Sri Lanka until the IMF deal materializes."

Local canned fish industry thrown into doldrums

FIZEL JABIR



CFMASL President Shiran Fernando addressing the media flanked by Association Secretary Kapila Balasoorya and Shevan Fernando, Director Special Projects TESS. Picture by Wimal Karunatilake

The Sri Lankan market is once again getting inundated with foreign canned fish flowing into the country and nearly 17 new unmonitored local canned fish manufacturers have sprouted recently following no proper regulatory requirements jeopardizing the established local canned fish industry which provides livelihood to over 1 million people, cautioned Canned Fish Manufacturing Association of Sri Lanka (CFMASL).

The association alleged that over 30 containers of canned fish to the tune of USD 90 million have been imported by 31 unregistered companies in the recent past according to various media reports. This is in the backdrop where

the association purchases over 100,000 kilos of fish per day from local fishermen and was producing the country's minimum daily requirement of 250,000 cans per day. The association also noted that canned fish has not been included in the 300 banned item list of imports.

The government must support and protect the local canned fish industry

which saves the country over USD 70 million annually and put an end to imports of canned fish from overseas without delay, CFMASL President Shiran Fernando told the media in Colombo. He said a kilo of *Linna* fish which was Rs 200 has now increased to Rs 700 and his association purchases fish from local fishermen for a price of Rs 700 to Rs

1,000. He therefore requested the government to subsidize the canned fish through Sathosa, so that Sathosa outlets can give them to the people for a cheaper rate. He said the cheapest source of protein those days was canned fish and at Rs 700, people were now unable to buy it which has resulted in a drop of sales and nutrition levels. He therefore requested the government to give subsidies to State institutions and cooperatives to buy canned fish from local producers instead of following tender procedures and importing canned fish from overseas.

"Every container that is imported is one container of unemployment for our country because the labour is foreign, label is foreign,

can and fish is foreign." He however said when compared to the locally manufactured can, every single part of it is manufactured in Sri Lanka. Fernando said they have written to the Ministry of Fisheries recently highlighting these serious issues and were expecting a quick response to protect the local industry its stakeholders, fishermen and their dependents.

CFMASL Secretary Kapila Balasoorya speaking at the briefing said the CESS on an imported canned fish was still around Rs 28 and this should at least be doubled to give the local manufacturer some sort of protection particularly after the appreciation of the dollar against the rupee.

Ceylinco Life take stake in Kings Hospital to enlarge footprint in healthcare sector



Ceylinco Life Chairman R. Renganathan and Kings Hospital Chairman Dr. Palitha Abeykoon exchange the agreement in the presence of directors and staff of the two institutions

Ceylinco Life has entered into an partnership with Kings Hospital (Private) Ltd, Naraheppita through a major equity investment, thereby significantly enlarging the Company's footprint in the healthcare sector and diversifying its investment portfolio.

The Company said this strategic investment has been made via a private placement with an option to further increase its holding in the 120-bed hospital. Ceylinco Life will take up proportionate representation in the Kings Hospital Board which will catalyse its next growth phase. Synergies between Ceylinco Life and Kings will

enhance value for all stakeholders, the Company said.

Ceylinco Life Chairman Rajkumar Renganathan said: "Globally, life insurers and healthcare providers have established strategic partnerships with each other to reap the inherent and complementary synergies. This strategic

investment capitalizes on synergies, thus creating additional value for all stakeholders including Ceylinco Life policyholders. Ceylinco Life is already a leader in cancer treatment, with major investments in infrastructure and equipment and an impeccable record of success. **TO PAGE 13**

GRI launches world's first and most earth-friendly Radial Agriculture Tyres

GRI has taken a major step forward in its green leadership by launching the GREEN XLR EARTH Series of radial agriculture tires which is one of the world's first sustainable tire series for the agriculture segment.

The GREEN XLR EARTH Series is now displayed at the Farm Progress Show in Iowa, United States. Developed with 37.5% sustainable materials, it is built to nurture and protect the environment, and deliver superior functional properties to drive high performance and productivity for tractors across global markets.



Dr. Mahesha Ranasoma, Chief Executive Officer of GRI with the new tyre

the tire's sustainable attributes and minimize its carbon footprint.

Prabhash Subasinghe, Managing Director of GRI said, "True to our vision to move humanity towards making a positive impact on the planet, we believe that this trailblazing launch of one of the world's first earth friendly tyres will open a new era of high-grade agriculture tires. It will set the stage for game changer innovations that focus on reducing carbon emissions and greenhouse gasses. The GREEN XLR EARTH Series will help sustain our earth for future generations, scaling new heights to positively impact climate change. It will also enable farmers to do what they do best - planting, harvesting, and providing food while nurturing the earth." **TO PAGE 13**

Amana Takaful Insurance posts Rs 1.6 bn 2Q GWP

Amana Takaful Insurance PLC posted robust and resilient financial performance figures for 2Q of 2022 witnessing sales revenue (Gross Written Premium) of Rs 1.6 billion and recording a remarkable 42% year-on-year growth for the period under review (Q2).

This puts Amana Takaful Insurance among the fastest growing insurance companies in Sri Lanka for the 6th consecutive quarter, since the company's rebranding, which occurred in January 2021. Cumulative revenue growth in Q2, measured across a 2-year period (2020 vs. 2022), stood at a staggering 69%, further attesting to the robust growth the business has enjoyed during



CEO Shehan Feisal and Managing Director Hassan Kassim

this period.

The Company's motor and non-motor insurance businesses have both grown faster than industry averages, with motor insurance in particular posting a

significantly higher than industry-average growth in 2Q. This reinforces Amana Takaful Insurance's message of being one of the best providers of motor insurance in Sri Lanka. The Company also recorded significant growth in the non-motor insurance sub-classes of marine and medical insurance. Managing Director at Amana Takaful Insurance Hassan Kassim, said, "Our strategic planning initiatives have continued to work in our favour. Our diligent market data gathering and analytics, revamped processes, and consumer outreach strategies have enabled us to position ourselves as a top choice for insurance in consumers' minds." **TO PAGE 13**

AIA EV Equity reaches US\$ 72.3 bn, 3% increase

AIA Group Limited has shown resilient performance in its financial results for the six months ended June 30, 2022.

AIA's Group Chief Executive and President, Lee Yuan Siang, said: "Sales momentum in the second quarter improved as the temporary disruption caused by the initial outbreak of the Omicron variant declined and we delivered positive VONB growth in June."

"The Group's financial position remained very strong with free surplus increasing to US\$20.6 billion and a Group LCSM cover ratio (2) of 277% despite the significant stress in capital markets. EV Equity was US\$72.3 billion, representing an increase of 3% in the first half before the return of US\$3 billion to shareholders through our share buy-back programme and payment of the 2021 final dividend."

"The Board has declared a 6% increase in the interim dividend to 40.28 Hong Kong Cents per share. This follows AIA's established prudent, sustainable and progressive dividend policy, allowing for future growth opportunities and the financial flexibility of the Group.

"AIA's wide adoption of technology, digital and analytics throughout the Group continues to enhance our business capabilities and resilience." Agency new business momentum increased month-on-month in the second quarter and we returned to VONB growth in June.

"Our strategic partnerships with leading banks delivered double-digit VONB growth in the first half, driven by very strong performances in Hong Kong, Malaysia and India. Overall, our partnership distribution business reported a positive increase in the first half and strong VONB growth in the second quarter, supported by double-digit growth in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines and a material contribution from our partnership with The Bank of East Asia, Limited (BEA).

"While sales activity in the second quarter for AIA China was substantially affected by stringent containment measures in Shanghai, Suzhou and Beijing, we achieved positive VONB growth across our other geographies. In the first half, VONB was lower due to the restrictions and following a record result in the



first half of 2021, which was driven by an exceptionally high level of traditional protection sales, as previously reported. In the first half of 2022, AIA Hong Kong delivered 3 per cent growth in VONB, supported by growth in both agency and partnership distribution channels. Sales momentum in our domestic customer segment rebounded from May as daily infections subsided."

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Growing concerns on temporary suspension of imported raw materials

To manufacture hygienic soft tissue paper products

The hygiene soft tissue paper industry is a well-established industry in Sri Lanka since 1982, with over 40 years of manufacturing essential hygienic soft tissue products such as toilet rolls, paper serviettes, hand paper napkins, facial tissues, paperhand towels, industrial towels and rolls and various other related products.

While the hygienic soft tissue manufacturing industry is relatively small compared to other major industries, its products contribute significantly to the country's overall personal hygiene and hospitality standards. Their "import substitution" production units, based in several

parts of the country and competing with global brands, saves considerably in foreign exchange. Some of the local manufacturers also export these products to many neighboring countries such as to the Maldives.

All tissue products are locally produced, by generating employment and income to well over 700 people and their families, directly and indirectly benefitting more than 5,000 families including all island distributors, their employees and families.

While it is understandable to a certain extent, the possible reasons behind the recent temporary suspension on imports of nearly 305 non-essential finished prod-

ucts as per Gazette 2294/30 dated 23/8, there is no valid reason to suspend the imports of crucial essential raw materials for manufacturing into finished products at the factories in Sri Lanka, with a value addition process.

The recent restriction is a major setback to the current factory owners and their employees and has caused a ripple effect, shocking many households that use such essential and hygiene soft tissue products for their everyday use. There is also a similar view among businesses in the hospitality and tourism, apparel and food industries, including hospitals and medical centres.

The Gazette indicates the

restriction of the only two HS codes in the Sri Lanka Customs Tariff that relate to hygienic soft tissue papers; raw material tissue paper reels and finished product under subheadings of the main HS code 4803.00 (no subheadings) and 48.18.00 with subheadings.

The first HS code number 4803.00 is a main Heading, strictly for the raw materials of large jumbo reels of tissue which is over 36 cm in reel width, used for the process of manufacture. These reels are not finished products, and finish products cannot be imported under this main heading. Thus, all imports under this main heading are a raw

material used for the manufacture of finished products.

The second HS code 4818.00 has many subheadings, of which, only one subheading, which is 4818.90.20 is related to raw materials of tissue, which are jumboreels above 15 cm to 36 cm reel width and are heavy reels of raw materials and not finished products.

All local soft tissue manufacturers are concerned that this restriction will soon cause their ongoing factories to shut down, resulting in a complete shortage and non availability of finish products to various institutions and with the general public and households.



The tourism industry at large, which is just experiencing a rebound, the private healthcare institutions as well as numerous manufacturers have a mandatory obligation in providing such sanitation standards and procedures to its hundreds and thousands of

workers, patients, clients, tourist guests.

The current level of raw materials is sufficient to last up to mid September, resulting in a lack of basic sanitary expectations one can find in their own homes, workplaces and public spaces.

UNDP launches humanitarian initiative with private sector

ASHRAFFA.SAMAD

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sri Lanka recently launched a facility to enable interested private sector organizations to partner and contribute towards procurement of urgent medical supplies and address food security needs with Hemas Holdings PLC, Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company, Brandix Apparel Limited and Daraz Sri Lanka coming on board to pledge their commitment.

The private sector in Sri Lanka has historically played a key role in providing support to humanitarian efforts; rebuilding from the devastating effects of the Indian Ocean Tsunami, seasonal floods, tackling the COVID-19 pandemic, and now, supporting socio-economic recovery for the most vulnerable communities in the country.

A meeting to encourage further collaboration, was held with the engagement of high-level representatives from the Private Sector that included Mahesh Amalean, Co-founder and Chairman, MAS Holdings; Ashok Pathirage, Chairman, Managing Director, Softlogic Holdings; Kasthuri Chellarajah Wilson,

Executive Director, Group CEO, Hemas Holdings; Mahesh Hirdaramani, Chairman, Hirdaramani Group of Companies, Shea Wickramasinghe, Group Managing Director, Ceylon Biscuits, Rathika de Silva, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact Network; Ravin Basnayake, Managing Director, Citi Country Officer, Country Head, Citi; Tyeab Akbarally, Managing Director, Akbar Brothers; Dilanka Jinadasa, Group CEO, Hela Apparel Holdings; Mark Surgenor, CEO, HSBC Sri Lanka; Fazly Marikar, Vice President – Strategy Management and Sustainability, Amana

Bank; Bingumal Thewarathanthri, CEO Sri Lanka, Head of CCIB Client Coverage, Standard Chartered Bank; Rakhil Fernando, Managing Director, Daraz (Alibaba Group); Nadija Tambiah, President, Executive Vice President, Head - Legal & Secretarial, John Keells Holdings; Naresha Supramaniam, Senior Vice President and Head of Asia Pacific, Virtusa; and Kishore Reddy, Managing Director, CEO, Platinum Realty Investments.

Co-chaired by Ashroff Omar, Group CEO, Brandix Apparel Limited, the meeting provided a platform for key private sector partners to share notes on the

present situation pertaining to food security and crisis support-related engagements, while encouraging collaboration with the Facility, to rally together to support Sri Lanka during this critical time. The meeting was co-chaired by Malin Herwig, Officer-in-Charge, UNDP in Sri Lanka.

The discussion also saw the engagement of Vimlendra Sharan, Representative for Sri Lanka and Maldives, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Fadhil Baker Markar, Policy Specialist and Team Leader – Policy and Engagement Team, UNDP in Sri Lanka.



SLID Webinar - Sri Lanka's Economy: 'The Next 6 Months' concludes

The Women Directors Forum of The Sri Lanka Institute of Directors (SLID) together with the Women Corporate Directors (WCD) Sri Lanka Chapter recently organized a webinar on Sri Lanka's Economy: 'The Next 6 Months' to understand what the next 6 months will hold for Sri Lanka under different political and debt scenarios.

Macro Economic Analyst Head of Sector Research and Lead Anshari Perera and Chayu Damsinghe Product Head Macroeconomic and Thematic Research of Frontier Research (Pvt) Ltd were the resource persons for the session.

Anshari Perera said that the near-term economic outlook is very ambiguous as it is tied to the political nuances in the country and that there can be a significant amount of volatility over the next few months depending on how the situation unfolds. She added that political situation and the negotiations with the IMF are two key factors that will have a significant impact on how Sri Lanka's economy will perform in the near-term as well as from a longer-term perspective.

"The IMF is important in bringing back confidence and improving the sentiment – particularly the foreign investor sentiment – towards Sri Lanka. From a political perspective, if we have a stable government that can continue throughout this period, it will immensely help with the IMF negotiations and the debt restructuring process. Anshari went ahead to comment that Sri Lanka is not unique in the situation it is in. Many other economies have undergone similar



Anshari Perera



Chayu Damsinghe

monetary and fiscal policy reforms such as interest rate increases and restructuring of taxes. An IMF programme will also support an inflation rate slow-down and stabilization of exchange rates" she said adding that while Sri Lanka can recover from this crisis and come out stronger like some of the other countries, the recovery will not be a "V" shaped fast recovery.

Chayu Damsinghe commented that the crisis that Sri Lanka is going through is not necessarily rare or uncommon. He mentioned that the recovery witnessed by other countries gives optimism even though the trajectory of recovery may be mid to long term. While some countries like Venezuela and Zimbabwe underwent a hyper-inflationary period, most countries recovered, some quite strongly, having undergone varying levels of pain.

"In 1991 India experienced its Gross Fiscal Deficit which was financed through increased borrowings. India saw its reserves falling from USD 3.11 billion at the end of August 1990 to USD 891 million by mid-January 1991 causing massive problems across India. The economic crisis fuelled a political upheaval too with India appointing four prime ministers from 1989 to 1991. It was PM Narasimha Rao's Government that was credited for having implemented the necessary reforms for India to come out of the crisis."

"Across this period, the currency depreciated quite heavily across a series of devaluations. Interest rates were also high although not as high as in Sri Lanka" he added.

experiences in the past 10-15 years."

"IMF's importance at this juncture can be understood by studying the experience other countries have had in similar currency and debt crises and how they have manoeuvred their economies back to health with the backing of the IMF. She mentioned that countries which have continued with the IMF programme for at least two years have seen spiralling inflation fall back to below 15% and cut back on money printing with tight

NIBM partners UNICEF, provides leadership opportunities for students

The National Institute of Business Management (NIBM) embarks on a new milestone as they establish a fruitful partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on July 6, to provide leadership opportunities for their students in diverse avenues of the development of children.

The partnership was signed in the presence of Christian Skoog Country Representative UNICEF, Bismarck Swangin Chief of Communication, Advocacy and Partnerships and Takaho Fukami Chief of Education UNICEF along with V.K. Choksy Chairman NIBM, Dr. D.M.A. Kulasooriya Director General NIBM, Kolitha Ranawaka Director School of Business, Dr. Sameera Wijayasiri Director School of Languages, Humanities and Design, Sivanjali Yokarajah Director Finance, Saman Rodrigo Director, HR and Administration and Dr. Buddhima Subasinghe Head, Student Life and Engagement of NIBM.

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The UNICEF, called the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, now officially United Nations Children's Fund, is an agency of the United Nations responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide. UNICEF works in the world's toughest places to reach the most disadvantaged children and adolescents and to protect the rights of every child, everywhere.

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Officials of UNICEF and NIBM exchange the partnership.

In addition, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, we launched our NIBM Digital Campus to support our students with distant learning programs that NIBM provides and also for International students to join with us & learn from us whilst also providing an opportunity to complete their degree programmes in the New Normal without any delays.

NIBM also works closely with the industry professionals focusing on developing a graduate who is a skilled professional in the

industry with the prime aim of motivating our undergraduates to become skill drive, insight driven and tech driven, while encouraging them to become job creators rather than job seekers.

As two bodies who are focusing largely on the development and nurturing lives of children, we are truly privileged to step into this important partnership that would certainly provide a large number of leadership opportunities to the youth of Sri Lanka.

AIMGSL to host 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship' today

The Association of International Marketing Graduates in Sri Lanka (AIMGSL) announced the dates for its second Professional Series for 2022, to be held on August 31, 2022, at Barnes, Jetwing Colombo 7. The event is aimed at providing Marketers based within Sri Lanka an opportunity to expand their knowledge and expertise via a look at 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship'.

The event is expected to welcome marketers from around Sri Lanka with the keynote speech being delivered by EFL Chief Digital Officer Ahmed Irfan. SLT-Mobitel Chief Corporate and Innovation Officer Prabhath Ambegoda is expected to delve into the topic of discussion as a guest speaker/panellist. Strategy Consultant, SME Mentor, Board Director and Associate Professor in Business Management - Dr. Nir-



SLT Chief Innovation Officer Prabhath Ambegoda



Dr. Nirmal De Silva



EFL Chief Digital Officer Ahmed Irfan

mal De Silva – is expected to moderate the session.

Commenting on the scheduled event, AIMGSL Chairman Sujith Silva stated: "The event is expected to welcome over 100 marketers from Sri Lanka's marketing industry. AIMGSL is known for its range of outstanding programmes and events that are organised with the strategically developed intent of providing marketers with opportunities to further develop their skills, leveraging the international exper-

tise and knowledge we have at our disposal. This event, in particular, will act as yet another segway to much-needed skills improvement, encouraging innovation from within the industry."

The event will focus on the overarching theme that Entrepreneurship is the vessel for bringing to life ideas and innovations.

The Association of International Marketing Graduates Sri Lanka (AIMGSL) was established in July 2020 by veterans of the marketing industry boast-

ing over 3 decades of expertise and experience, with its main focus to create a dynamic and professional association with international marketing qualifications, connecting young and senior members to create a platform for knowledge sharing via workshops, programmes and various other activities.

Its objective remains to aid Sri Lanka-based marketers to stay at the forefront of their professions and the market.

AIA Insurance wins 'Digital Insurance Initiative of the Year in Sri Lanka' award

AIA Insurance wins the 'Digital Insurance Initiative of the Year' for launching the integrated AIA MyPOS system.

AIA bagged this award for its pioneering effort in digital transformation to make the insurance business faster, easier, more precise and more efficient. This cutting-edge solution disrupted the way agents interact with customers and set a new and risen benchmark for the industry and simplified insurance disruption.

Recognising that digital innovation is the key to driving and improving customer experiences is vital in these unprecedented market conditions and that is what was understood well by AIA.

The Company's commitment to accelerate innova-

tion and drive digital adoption drove the inception of the integrated AIA MyPOS system that uses next generation platforms with human centric design principles and utilizes modern architecture and security requirements. AIA has delivered multiple success stories over the years by aligning to its Technology, Digital and Analytical (TDA) vision. The implementation of cloud strategy, mobile and web strategy, back-office automation and company's top attention on information security reinforces its position as the benchmark for customer excellence in the industry.

AIA's Chief Technology Officer, Umeshi De Fonseka said; "We are proud and humbled to be recognised among leading insurers from around the Asia Pacific region and win the 'Digital Insurance Initiative of the Year - Sri Lanka' award at



the prestigious Insurance Asia Awards. Our innovative tech-enabled solutions are at the center of our growth story, and it has helped us expand our customer base."

AIA's Chief Executive Officer, Chathuri Munaweera said, "We consider these awards to be important milestones in our continuing journey of providing excellent service to our customers. Digitalising our customer processes and providing seamless online accessibility towards our products and services takes a central place in our support structures moving forward. This award is yet another strong amplifier that we are on the right

track in terms of the unique strategic actions put in place by our dedicated and highly skilled team to develop the integrated AIA MyPOS system. This has been a journey of learning and we would like to thank our sales teams and our valued customers for their patience, trust and confidence."

The Insurance Asia Awards recognises the conscious efforts of the companies to put out solutions and deliver exceptional value to its stakeholders. It further goes on to honour insurance companies in the Asia Pacific region that rise to challenges. Nominations from across Asia-Pacific are reviewed by a prestigious panel of judges and experts from across the region to select the very best candidates for the awards.



Highlights of the Hyde Park branch opening.

People's Bank's Hyde Park Corner Branch relocates

People's Bank Hyde Park Corner 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 Parkland Building, Park Street, Colombo 02, with digital technology and featuring exclusive services. In addition, a Self-banking Unit was also installed here.

To grace the occasion, Colombo Municipal Council Commissioner Badrani Jayawardana, People's Bank Senior Deputy General Manager Payment, Digital, Process Management and Quality Assurance, K.B. Rajapakse, Deputy General Manager Channel Management, Mahinda Premanath, Assistant General Manager Channel Management, Rohini Madurawala, Assistant

General Manager Channel Management, T.M.W. Chandrakumara, Colombo South Regional Manager Madhawa Kanakka Hewage, Asst. Regional Managers K.A Udeni Dharmasiri, T. Suthagar, W.G.P. Damayanthi, Hyde Park Corner Branch Manager Lalith Hirimuthugoda, including Bank staff, Army and Police officers and customers were in participation.

FriMians Gaming Tournament concludes

FriMi, the fully-fledged digital banking experience powered by Nations Trust Bank, recently concluded an exclusive Gaming tournament for FriMians, with their partner IMI GAMES, a mobile gaming platform by Arimac.

The tournament which ran in the FriMi Lifestyle section in-app from the May 1 to June 15, featured the game 'Sakwala Sawariya', with the participants able to play the game multiple times, the

scores updated on a Game Leader board within the portal.

Players who came out on top of the leaderboard were rewarded with dinner vouchers and hotel stays by FriMi in association with Cinnamon Hotels and Resorts, the Official Rewards Partner.

Effortlessly accessible to FriMi users via the FriMi Lifestyle section in-app, IMI GAMES is Arimac's own gaming portal with a portfolio exceeding fifty games

under different genres that is modified to work on multiple platforms and technical ecosystems.

"FriMi is a product that always has been in the forefront of digital innovation, and is optimized to offer a branchless, digital and an over-all convenient lifestyle and banking experience. Bringing gaming to the in-App experience is yet another first by FriMi, presenting an even more enhanced lifestyle experience for FriMi-

ans. The exclusive FriMian subscription of IMI GAME Sunlocked the user to take part in multiple tournaments within the platform including the FriMi tournament, giving them even more value for money. The partnership with Arimac, Sri Lanka's premier end-to-end digital solutions provider fusing creativity and talent with industry-leading technology ensures that we work only with the best to give the best to our loyal customers," said Randil

Boteju, Senior Vice President, Acquisition and Digital Banking of Nations Trust Bank.

Hansi Udupola was at the pinnacle of the leaderboard the end of the tournament, walking away with a voucher for two to stay at Cinnamon Bentota Beach Hotel. Runner-up Madhuka Dias was rewarded with a dinner for two, from the Cinnamon Grand Hotel. W.G.D. Chamara Nissanka was placed third and received a



dinner voucher for 2 at 50% off to be utilized at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel.

IMI GAMES Chief Operating Officer Supun Jayasinghe stated; "IMI GAMES takes pride in taking the games medium to be a disruptive force in the digital landscape. Unlike audio and

video-based entertainment, games take constant feedback from users, making it a medium that thrives on active user engagement. Partnerships play an important role in bringing this experience as a form of advergaming (advertising & gaming) genre to help connect brands and games into one ecosystem."

FriMi the fully-fledged digital banking experience powered by Nations Trust Bank consists of ground-breaking products and services that are designed and developed to delight customers thus providing novel experiences.

Siyapatha Finance PLC

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 29(5) OF FINANCE BUSINESS ACT NO. 42 OF 2011

Key Financial Data for the period ended 30 June

	in Rupees Thousands	
	Current Period	Previous Period
	From 01.01.2022 to 30.06.2022 (Unaudited)	From 01.01.2021 to 30.06.2021 (Unaudited)
Interest Income	3,613,084	3,369,643
Interest Expenses	(2,039,618)	(1,414,652)
Net Interest Income	1,573,466	1,954,991
Other Income	708,557	593,666
Gains/(Losses) from Trading Activities	-	-
Operating Expenses (Excluding Impairment)	(993,178)	(861,979)
Impairment	(248,703)	(856,632)
Profit Before Tax	1,040,142	830,046
Taxes	(516,417)	(293,402)
Profit After Tax	523,725	536,644

Key Financial Data as at 30 June

	30-Jun-2022 (Unaudited)	30-Jun-2021 (Unaudited)
Assets		
Cash and Bank Balance	152,371	252,745
Due from Related Parties	3,152	4,611
Loans (Excluding Due from Related Parties)	41,783,396	38,727,613
Investment in Equity	56	56
Property, Plant & Equipment	2,368,581	1,558,642
Other Assets	1,155,318	1,154,777
Total Assets	45,462,874	41,698,644
Liabilities		
Due to Banks	6,280,963	7,613,082
Due to Related Parties	4,862,374	3,289,933
Deposits from Customers	17,476,445	16,854,532
Other Borrowings	7,640,336	6,184,147
Other Liabilities	2,903,000	2,111,279
Total Liabilities	39,165,118	36,032,973
Equity		
Stated Capital	2,674,439	2,346,095
Statutory Reserve Fund	240,000	185,000
Retained Earnings	3,258,813	3,010,072
Other Reserves	124,504	124,504
Total Equity	6,297,756	5,665,671
Total Liabilities and Equity	45,462,874	41,698,644
Net Assets Value Per Share (Rs.)	64.81	61.60

Selected Key Performance Indicators

Item	30-Jun-2022		30-Jun-2021	
	Required	Actual	Required	Actual
Regulatory Capital Adequacy (%)				
Tier 1 Capital Adequacy Ratio	7.00%	11.92%	6.50%	9.33%
Total Capital Adequacy Ratio	11.00%	17.71%	10.50%	13.54%
Capital Funds to Deposit Liabilities Ratio	10.00%	58.59%	10.00%	43.64%
Quality of Loan Portfolio (%) *				
Gross Non-Performing Loans Ratio		22.07%		16.64%
Net Non-Performing Loans Ratio		8.67%		4.76%
Net Non-Performing Loans to Core Capital Ratio		61.05%		38.99%
Provision Coverage Ratio		60.71%		53.63%
Profitability (%)				
Net Interest Margin		6.98%		9.45%
Return on Assets		4.61%		4.01%
Return on Equity		16.77%		18.10%
Cost to Income Ratio		43.52%		33.82%
Liquidity (%)				
Available Liquid Assets to Required Liquid Assets (Minimum 100%)		232.07%		152.42%
Liquid Assets to External Funds		14.21%		5.64%
Memorandum Information				
Number of Branches		40		40
External Credit Rating (Fitch Ratings)		A(Ika)/RWN		A(Ika)
Regulatory penalties imposed last 6 months				
Amount (Rs' Million)		-		-

*Quality of Loan Portfolio

The ratios for the current period have been calculated in accordance with the Finance Business Act, Direction No. 01 of 2020 whereas comparative ratios for previous period have been calculated in accordance with the Finance Companies (Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts) Direction No. 03 of 2006. Therefore, the comparative ratios for the previous period are not comparable to the ratios presented for the current period.

The Company has not had any regulatory restrictions on deposits, borrowings and lending during 2022 and 2021.

CERTIFICATION:

We, the undersigned, being the Managing Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Compliance of Siyapatha Finance PLC certify jointly that;

- (a) the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL);
- (b) the information contained in these statements have been extracted from the unaudited Financial Statements of Siyapatha Finance PLC unless indicated as audited.

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Ananda Seneviratne
Managing Director
26 July 2022

(Sgd)
Ruwan Wanniarachchi
Chief Financial Officer
26 July 2022

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Siyapatha Finance

ComBank ranked 'Market Leader' in SL by Euromoney

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon has been ranked as 'Market Leader' in Sri Lanka in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and SME Banking under the Euromoney Market Leaders 2022 Accreditation Programme launched by the prestigious publication this year.

Euromoney also accorded Commercial Bank a 'Highly Regarded' accreditation for its offerings in 'Investment Banking' and 'Digital Solutions.'

The Bank's success was recognised across these four categories at a national level at the inaugural accreditation programme that was introduced to complement the existing Euromoney and Asiamoney awards by providing a comprehensive global ranking of banking and finance brands across several key segments.

"An accreditation programme of this nature is very welcome because it goes beyond the format of the evaluation for awards with a grading methodology," Commercial Bank's Managing Director and CEO Sanath Manatunge said. "This allows multiple players to be graded in different aspects of performance, and motivates those with lower accreditation to strive to progress to the next level of recognition. We are



Sanath Manatunge

delighted to be ranked Market Leader in both CSR and SME banking, two high priority areas for Commercial Bank."

Commercial Bank received the 'Market Leader' ranking in CSR for completing over 600 projects under the categories of education, healthcare, community, culture and heritage and environment by the close of 2021.

Commercial Bank's efforts to uplift the local SME segment with facilities such as its 'Biz Loans' and 'Agri Gold Loans' schemes, capacity building initiatives for SMEs, support to women entrepreneurs in the country, continuous deployments of the 'Bank-on-Wheels' operation and disbursement of COVID-19 support loans contributed towards its Market Leader ranking in 'SME Banking.' In 2021, the Bank's SME

loans portfolio grew by 10% in value to Rs 210.967 billion.

The Ministry of Finance had declared Commercial Bank as the largest lender to Sri Lanka's SME sector among all state-owned, private and specialised banks in the country in 2020, accounting for more than a fifth of all loans in terms of value and number.

The Bank maintained this momentum in SME lending in 2021 too, during which it notably secured a US \$50 million loan from the CDC Group, the UK's development finance institution, to further facilitate lending to SMEs and support climate projects in Sri Lanka.

The Bank's key projects in investment banking included the arrangement of facilities to the value of Rs 10 billion for a leading listed company, structuring and arranging term financing to the value of Rs 2 billion for a customer in the healthcare industry, financing four ground-mounted solar projects and a mini hydro power project with capacities totaling 8MW which is expected to reduce GHG emissions by 9,730Co2e, and raising funds to the value of Rs 8.595 billion via a Commercial Bank debenture issue in 2021.

Union Assurance expands Lifestyle Ecosystem with Clicklife App



Incorporated with a host of innovative, new-age features, the Insurance App Clicklife launched by Union Assurance is transforming lifestyles across the country while enhancing the Insurance experience.

The Clicklife App, which was specifically created to offer unique benefits to empower customers, is part of the broader digital vision of Union Assurance to reimagine traditional Life Insurance.

The 'Clicklife ecosystem' provides a comprehensive lifestyle ecosystem to help users better manage their health and financial wellness. Through the Clicklife App, users have access to the ecosystem's latest feature Thyaga the largest multi-store gift voucher platform in Sri Lanka.

The totally digitized rewards system provides a truly seamless experience.

The loyalty points awarded for engaging with the Clicklife App's features can be collected and redeemed through newly-introduced digital vouchers. These digital vouchers can be used at over 85 partner merchants, including supermarkets, pharmacies, restaurants, and clothing stores. Customers will also receive special discounts and offers from the exclusive network of partners. Points can be collected by making premium payments via the App, completing the fitness goal of 150 active minutes a week recommended by WHO (which helps people live longer, sleep better and boost their mood), and participating in monthly challenges. Furthermore, special gifts are offered to celebrate milestones achieved by customers.

The partnership with Thyaga was established via the John Keells X

(JKX) open innovation programme launched by John Keells Group, the parent company of Union Assurance. Union Assurance is committed to supporting open innovation and contributing to build a thriving fintech ecosystem in Sri Lanka. Under the JKX open innovation programme, startups can leverage and benefit from the vast JKH ecosystem that includes Union Assurance. The aim is to build a global platform that will drive open innovation at scale.

The Clicklife App revolutionised the Insurance landscape by enabling customers to manage their Insurance via mobile phones, anytime and anywhere. With zero hassle and paperwork, it is the most comprehensive and easy-to-use self-service App for one's Insurance needs. Premiums can be paid, policy-related documents can

be downloaded, and policy details accessed with a simple click. Claims and policy documents can be submitted from the comfort of one's home. When it comes to medical treatment, the App facilitates everything from cashless hospitalisation to channeling physicians with utmost ease and convenience.

Another breakthrough feature of the Clicklife App is the 'Get fit' facility. It includes a dashboard to track one's physical activity and a calorie log to track daily food intake. The state-of-the-art calorie counter incorporates an AI-powered food image capture and recognition system that enables users to snap images of their meals and input their calorie intake. It has a database of over 900,000 food items, including numerous Sri Lankan foods.

Seylan Bank partners CCC, conducts workshop for SME

Seylan Bank, in partnership with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) Centre for SMEs and CIMA, conducted a workshop in Puttalam for owners of SME businesses from the area.

Over the years, Seylan Bank has taken up the role of mentor towards the SME sector in Sri Lanka, with the strong belief that it is the backbone of the country's economy and that the sector should be empowered through relevant financial solutions and knowledge sharing. It is under this vision that the Bank con-



Ranil Dissanayake

ducts a series of workshops across the country with the aim of developing the regional SME industry.

The workshop was facilitated by Channa Gunawardana, CEO of Dankotuwa Porcelain, covering key areas of Appropriate customer segmentation, Branding and its importance, Marketing and its challenges, Technology and the need for digitalization, Plan setting and acting on the plan and Financial solutions. This was the third workshop in the series, preceded by

similar workshops in Ratnapura and Anuradhapura.

"Through initiatives such as this workshop, Seylan Bank aims at opening avenues for further business opportunities to SMEs and thereby help unlock their potential. We believe that those with the right mindset to learn, adapt and challenge the status quo, will pave the way for the country's development during these turbulent times. We saw how important the SME sector is, especially during the past few years and therefore, have kept it as one of our core areas of focus. It's a published fact that Seylan was the third largest contributor amongst private banks in funding

SME sector activity in 2020 - and we have continued to support this sector," stated Ranil Dissanayake, Assistant General Manager, Branch Credit at Seylan Bank.

The regional workshops are organized by the CCC in collaboration with CIMA under the initiative 'Forward Together', with the objective of bridging the knowledge, skills and financial and technological awareness gaps amongst the local SMEs. 45% of employment in Sri Lanka rely on the effective functioning of SMEs. 'Forward Together' was launched to assure the sustainable impact on SMEs that largely impacts the national economy.

AMW CAPITAL LEASING AND FINANCE PLC

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Key Financial Data for the Six Months Period Ended 30th June 2022 (Unaudited)

In Rupees Million	Current Period 2022	Previous Period 2021
	From 01.01.2022 To 30.06.2022	From 01.01.2021 To 30.06.2021
Interest Income	787	683
Interest Expenses	(349)	(254)
Net Interest Income	438	428
Other Income	153	167
Operating Expenses (excluding impairment)	(280)	(237)
Impairment	(60)	(141)
Profit/(Loss) Before Tax	251	218
Taxes*	(111)	(123)
Profit/(Loss) After Tax	140	95

*Including indirect taxes (Such as VAT on Financial Services) and direct taxes (Corporate income tax)

Key Financial Data as at 30th June 2022 (Unaudited)

In Rupees Million	As at 30.06.2022	As at 30.06.2021
Assets		
Cash and Bank Balance	651	327
Government Securities	852	664
Loans (excluding due from related parties)	9,042	7,742
Investments in Equity	2	2
Property, Plant and Equipment	34	19
Other Assets	264	249
Total Assets	10,846	9,002
Liabilities		
Due to Banks	4,363	2,945
Deposits from Customers	2,163	2,152
Other Liabilities	855	855
Total Liabilities	7,381	5,952
Equity		
Stated Capital	200	200
Statutory Reserve Fund	165	147
Retained Earnings	3,098	2,702
Other Reserves	2	1
Total Equity	3,465	3,050
Total Equity and Liabilities	10,846	9,002
Net Assets Value Per Share	173	153

Note: Amounts stated are in net of impairment and depreciation.

Selected Key Performance Indicators

Item	As at 30.06.2022		As at 30.06.2021	
	Actual	Required	Actual	Required
Regulatory Capital Adequacy (%)				
Tier 1 Capital Adequacy Ratio	27.45%	7.00%	29.22%	7.00%
Total Capital Adequacy Ratio	27.45%	11.00%	31.25%	11.00%
Capital Funds to Deposit Liabilities Ratio	153.65%	10.00%	137.35%	10.00%
Quality of Loan Portfolio (%) *				
Gross Non-Performing Loans Ratio	11.99%		10.46%	
Net-Non-Performing Loans Ratio	6.27%		2.11%	
Net-Non-Performing Loans to Core Capital Ratio	18.90%		6.20%	
Provision Coverage Ratio	80.93%		91.18%	
Profitability (%)				
Net Interest Margin	9.57%		9.66%	
Return on Assets (Before Tax)	5.05%		4.59%	
Return on Equity (After Tax)	8.61%		6.50%	
Cost to Income Ratio	47%		40%	
Liquidity (%)				
Available Liquid Assets to Required Liquid Assets (Minimum 100%)	488%		648%	
Liquid Assets to External Funds	18%		16%	
Memorandum information				
Number of Branches	22		15	
Number of Service Centers	0		7	
External Credit Rating (Fitch Rating)	BBB+(lka) Rating		AA- (lka)	
	Watch Negative			

* Classification of credit facilities as Non-Performing Loans (from 180 days to 120 days) and regulatory provisioning requirements have been changed with effect from 01.04.2022 as per Finance Business Act Direction No 01 of 2020.

CERTIFICATION:

We, the undersigned, being the Chief Executive Officer, the General Manager-Finance and the Head of Compliance of AMW Capital Leasing and Finance PLC certify jointly that:

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Chamath Munasinghe (Sgd.)
Director/Chief Executive Officer
Date: 29.08.2022

Shanuka Jayarathna (Sgd.)
General Manager - Finance
Date: 29.08.2022

Rochelle Silva (Sgd.)
Head of Compliance
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NOTICE

Registration of Suppliers and Contractors of the North Central Provincial Council

Applications are invited for Registration of Suppliers and Contractors of the North Central Provincial Council for the Year 2023.

- Applications will be issued from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days from 30.08.2022 until 30.09.2022 and
• Applications will be accepted from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days from 30.08.2022 until 05.10.2022 at the Office of the Chief Secretary of the North Central Province.
> Further details could be obtained from the Website : www.cs.nc.gov.lk and on Telephone No. 025-2235471.

Chief Secretary
North Central Province

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2022. Table with columns for BANK LKR, BANK (AUDITED) LKR, GROUP (AUDITED) PKR for periods 30/06/2022, 31/12/2021, 30/06/2022, 31/12/2020. Includes Assets, Liabilities, and Equity sections.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022. Table with columns for BANK LKR, GROUP (AUDITED) PKR for periods 30/06/2022, 30/06/2021, 31/12/2021, 31/12/2020. Includes Interest income, Operating income, and Profit/loss sections.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022. Table with columns for BANK LKR, GROUP (AUDITED) PKR for periods 30/06/2022, 30/06/2021, 31/12/2021, 31/12/2020. Details share capital, reserves, and equity changes.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022. Table with columns for BANK LKR, GROUP (AUDITED) PKR for periods 30/06/2022, 30/06/2021, 31/12/2021, 31/12/2020. Shows comprehensive income components.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021. Table with columns for BANK LKR, GROUP (AUDITED) PKR for periods 31/12/2021, 31/12/2020, 31/12/2020, 31/12/2019. Details equity components.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022. Table with columns for Bank LKR, Group (Audited) PKR for periods 2022 LKR, 2021 LKR, 2021 PKR, 2020 PKR. Shows operating, investing, and financing activities.

SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (AS PER REGULATORY REPORTING) AS AT 30 JUNE 2022. Table comparing 2022 and 2021 metrics for Regulatory Capital Adequacy, Liquidity, and Assets Quality.

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(b) The information contained in these statements have been extracted from the audited financial statements of the bank unless indicated as self-declared
(c) Bank figures are reported in SLRs, while the Group figures are in Pak Rs. (US\$ 1 = Pak Rs. 178.2426 as at 31 December 2021)
(d) Habib Bank Limited was assigned rating of 'A+' 'A Plus' with a 'Stable' Outlook by ICRA Lanka
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