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Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne writes on the importance of moving the shipping lanes south of Sri Lanka to ensure the safety of fishermen, whales and whale watching boats

**T**o the south of Sri Lanka, there is one of the best whale-watching areas in the world. The movement of ships takes place in two lanes, the transiting street and another lane in which is known as the Trinl Segregation Scheme (TSS). South of Dondra, this TSS runs at least as five nautical miles from the shore, so the ocean-jug garrows using the whaling lanes are travelling through an area densely frequented by much at fishing vessels.

As a result, a dangerous situation continues to grow in the mouth of Sri Lanka's south on a daily basis: planes fly low, boats fish at risk of being hit and killed by a large vessel going ship. As the popularity of Sri Lanka grows for whale-watching, the risk also increases of collision with a commercial ship and a whale ranch the boat carrying local and foreign tourists.

A brief search on the internet for recent collisions brought up three incidents in 2018 where fishing vessels sank after collision with commercial shipping south of Dorinda. In January 2018 and September 2018, fisherman Glad Nissey perished at the scene and stayed at a port in Sri Lanka and there is no requirement for the safety of ships that they should travel so close to shore.

In fact, the case is the opposite. The international shipping industry considers it safer for ships to be travelling further offshore, and a proposed shift further south of 15 nautical miles of the shipping lanes will result in a significant improvement in safety with only a tiny incremental addition to the total distance travelled for the ships.

Much of the controversy concerning the shipping industry has been about moving them to other wharves from dying, because whales are also found in high numbers in this area, and there are many recorded incidents of whales being hit by large ships and being killed. I would like to change the focus to one of improving safety for people and shipping, and to improve fishermen from dying. In this article, I also advocate that those charged with the responsibility to fix a lack of safety in the ocean should be the ones taking steps to shift the shipping lanes farther south and not leave the responsibility for saving the lead to a government industry tasked with environmental issues.

This article is in response to a talk I attended in April 2009 given to the Friends of Sri Lanka Association of the Lithuanian Society in London, followed by Susannah Goldsmith, a researcher working with the University of Bath in Sri Lanka. The information I have used in this article is from

the work by her and her colleagues. The U.S. flagged that no action had yet been taken in closing the shipping lanes but they from the coast. I suspect one reason why action has been delayed is because the fundamental issue of marine safety was never become conflated with that of environmental issues, so he drove by a government institution charged with environmental responsibility preoccupation with what's and trying to find the right version social agency to take this forward could leave the serious risk to people and shipping not being addressed.

these shallow waters, the currents including the topography of the oceanic floor, oceanic currents and rivers create an area of high productivity. The waters of La Mancha which are rich in nutrients and have high salinity are low. This rich food web is the basis of the food chain used for fishing. Unfortunately, before the richness of this area for marine life was fully understood, the waters of La Mancha were placed to rest through the sea. The diagram accompanying this article shows the position of fishing vessels in the waters of La Mancha. The survey was conducted in the north to south direction time survey supported by ship time. The diagram shows the position of the fishing vessels positioned too close to the shore, creating the risk of a collision for fishing vessels, which will create a risk to the safety of the fishing vessels. The fishing activity in the waters of La Mancha is a major source of income, the danger to fishermen and shipping in the waters of La Mancha is a major source of income.

The situation is already so dangerous, that 94% of the shipping traffic in 2017 (up from 20% in 2010) is now operating outside the official TSS. Ships are reluctant to travel further away from the coast to avoid hitting fishing vessels and whale-watching boats. Having a greater number of ships not following the official TSS presents its own challenges.

A letter dated April 2, 1991 highlights the dangers from the perspective of the shipping industry due to the presence of fishing vessels mis-identifying themselves as merchant ships. The letter is addressed to the Prime Minister and copied to the Ministers of Ports and Shipping, Directorate General of Maritime Affairs, Shipping, Chairman of the Sea-Land Ports Authority, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the High Commissioner in London. It was signed by senior officials from seven international shipping organizations. These are the Baltic and International Maritime Organization (BIMCO), Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), International Association of

— At the heart of these concerns is the presence of numerous small fishing craft in the traffic separation zone and surrounding area.

The International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Commission also presented the risk in a paper MPEP/Inf.163 dated 12th February 2004. Point 10 of the paper states the following: "...Because of surveys designed to investigate Blue Whale distribution in relation to shipping have suggested that shifting the current TSS to the south would substantially reduce the ship strike risk and improve mari-

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The risk to fishing craft is not a new one, as press reports have over the years documented deaths from collisions. However, it has taken the development of whale watching for the poor positioning of the TSS to prompt to reach a wider audience. Given the seriousness of the danger to fishermen and tourists and evidence by ships under 600 t of selecting to travel offside at the current TSS for reasons of safety, it is at best if timely action is taken to formally move the TSS further south.

In Sri Lanka, the Maritime Shipping Secretariat transfer to the Ministry of Ports is the local regulator and is empowered to issue a permit for the entry of the shipping lanes through the mechanism of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The Sri Lanka government has proposed to amend a ruling proposed in the PIDA system matter in Navigation.

Communications and Search and Rescue (SAR) this is a Safety Committee. The PIDA Secretariat has already offered to help Sri Lanka (including possible funding) with the technical details of a proposal, including the use of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lightkeepers Association (IALA). The international body that provides technical advice on the design of Traffic Separation Schemes.

I hope someone who reads this article and is sufficiently influential can get the whole machinery in government moving to improve maritime safety to protect Sri Lankan fishermen and the shipping industry.



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Kulasinghe's creation: The staircase (left) and the stupa, perched atop reinforced concrete arches. Pix by M.O. Kissanaka

## Soaring high as an engineering feat and beacon of spirituality

One of Colombo's least visited landmarks the Sri Sambodhi Viharaya in Fort, stands as a memorial to its creator, the great modern engineer Dr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe whose birth centenary fell on October 26

By Yomai Senenath-Yapa

**T**ime was when the tall, long for a glimpse of Ceylon's shoreline, would deliver a relieved "Land Ahoy!" as soon as he glimpsed a shadow of a mountain rising far away in the central uplands - a holy beacon venerated by all religions - Aden's Peak.

Today the metropolitan skyline (and all its vapours) have mostly blocked out that misty peak, about in size. The Buddhist benediction that has taken its place: flashing right near the Colombo harbour for the first time in a white bell of a stupa, housed skywards on light yellow arches - the central landmark of Colombo from a crow's eye view.

This sacred symbol, propelled skywards on futuristic reinforced concrete curves, is the city's memorial to its creator and great modern engineer Dr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe - whose birth centenary fell on October 26 this year. He is best remembered for inventing reinforced concrete - but was also a pioneer in areas such as ferry-convert boat building, applications of the Shell design theory in the construction and alternate low cost construction material.

He gifted to Colombo its Planetarium, and to the island in general the massive Kumbale Seya - the upcountry stupa that rises amidst green hillsides - the Polgolla Band and the State Engineering Corporation head office. The latter functional modern elegance he conceived out of simple geometrical patterns marks him for an artist - with a minimalist poetry that blends deftly with the environs.

When the idea for this stupa - the Sri Sambodhi - was mooted, there were several stipulations. Whatever Buddhist monument to adorn the metropolis, should not clash with a city ethos which, while it did not have an exactly "western" elegance - in this corner was still ruled by a new British colonial aura - with grand buildings hemmed by jalousies. Besides, new houses were being built - this was the last new of new - while the House of Commons was in the tropical bandages of the



Serene space: The interior of the stupa

west in Cinnamon Gardens. The new symbol would have to blend with the Fort's maritime militarism and the harbour - but it should, at the same time, exude that ancient aura of a spiritual sanctum - with the serene village Viharaya architecture replicated in all its calmness.

To ensure this, the stupa is simple without. Within, however, it manages to capture spiritual awe and the whole ethos of Sri Lankan Buddhism.

The idea was mooted by the Ven. Heripingandara Gnanasekera Thera in 1953 - in order to stamp the city with a Buddhist symbol in a confused building pot of denunciations of Christianity, vibrant Hinduism and Islam.

The plan took off in 1956 as the Buddha Jayanti year, when the world commemorated the 2500th anniversary of the passing away of Buddha (in 543 BC).

Today this modern hybrid stupa is hidden right in the heart of the city, hardly visited despite its splendid city and harbour views from the sacred pedestal that is 115 feet high.

The stupa measures 164 feet while the entire structure is 265 feet.

A wide road, extends parallel to the stupa. It has a lift too but the stupa is an adventure - as the tropical bandages were

climb - the skyscrapers, the great "Galle Road" lighthouse and magnificent vistas of a bustling harbour and ocean.

The elegant garters (bell) stupa is poised on a yellow slab upon the arches. This slab, wider than the stupa's base, is divided into four rooms - rooms for weary city dwellers to meditate.

Once you penetrate into the heart of the stupa, the silence of the great dome reverberates.

Sculpted panels and murals rise half-way up in the dome. There is something hypnotizing about the way the murals adorn the dome. The 11 murals above the classic arched windows depict the artist's take on the Buddhist world's chronicle - beginning from the birth of Prince Siddhartha to the 2500th day after year.

The murals were done in the mid 1960s by the Ven. Mahapala Vipulasara Thera and are a pictorial record of the Buddhist world from Lumbini to Colombo. Everything, including the enlightenment and the jungle chieftains of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa is depicted in serene watercolours. Standing in the very centre you get the curious sensation of being at the centre of the Buddhist world. The stupa was traditionally the symbol of the universe - and being with little white dome telegraphs a mystic message through

### An engineer who became a household name

Dr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe's significant contribution to this country, Senior Professor in Civil Engineering at the University of Kelaniya, Prof. Pravin Das, in an appreciation published in the newspaper about his mentor and colleague, following his demise in February 2006 wrote: "He is a household name in our country - a feat rarely achieved by engineers, whose indispensable contributions to society are almost always shrouded in anonymity. He demonstrated pioneering leadership and remarkable ingenuity in many fields of engineering, displaying a virtuosity that is hardly ever seen in these days of ultra specialisation."

Nonetheless, "he must have been heartbroken when Sri Lanka turned towards foreign technology for greenest concrete railway sleepers in the market, a technology he had home-grown in the twenties. In spite of this, he trod the lonely path of innovation and self-reliance."

That in fact is the very appropriate title of the Kulasinghe Felicitation Volume produced by the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, "Innovation and Self-Reliance". The era of engineering in Sri Lanka covered by the volume is also called the "Heroic Age". Innovation then was the other driving force in his career. It isn't well known that as greenest concrete is dedicated "To engineers who, rather than blindly following the codes of practice, seek to apply the laws of nature". ... One could very well have had the young Kulasinghe in mind.



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## Trincomalee Port to double capacity with night navigation, 24-hour operations

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development and rail connections, the port can emerge as important dry bulk and general cargo port. The establishment of a refinery and power stations would create an additional node in Sri Lanka's industrial development," he added.

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## Hambantota Port records notable growth in cargo and vehicle handling

■ Total cargo handling records 127% growth; vehicle handling grows 61%

■ Mattala airport lags behind; passenger movement drops 49%

The Hambantota Port has recorded a notable growth in terms of cargo and vehicle handling this year while Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) has seen fewer international aircraft and passengers.

According to the Central Bank's latest publication titled 'Recent Economic Developments: Highlights of 2019 and Prospects for 2020', during the first nine months of 2019, total cargo

handling at the Hambantota Port registered a growth of 127.1 percent to 797,672 mt, as against 351,202 mt recorded in the corresponding period, in 2018.

The number of vehicles handled by the Hambantota Port recorded a growth of 61.4 percent to 281,072, largely supported by increased transshipment vehicle handling, which registered an expansion of 146.4 percent to 254,722 during the first nine months of 2019.

Vehicle handling for domestic purposes at the Hambantota Port however declined sharply by 62.8 percent to 26,350 vehicles during the first nine months of 2019, from 70,782 vehicles recorded in the same period, in the previous year.

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The reduction in vehicle handling was primarily due to the policy measures taken by both the government and Central Bank to curtail the imports of motor vehicles in 2018.

Meanwhile, international flights handled by MRJA declined to 88 during the first six months of the year, from 247 in the same period in the preceding year.

Passenger movements at MRJA also decreased by 49.2 percent to 1,289 passengers while there was no cargo handling at MRJA during the first half of 2019.

The reduction in total passenger movement was mainly due to low international aircraft movements at MRJA and limited seating capacity of domestic aircraft that operated through MRJA.



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From left: Colombo Dockyard Legal Consultant/Company Secretary Manori Mallikarachchie, Chief Operating Officer K.B.P. Fernando, Chairman H. Tanaka, Managing Director/CEO D.V. Abeysinghe, HIPG Chief Operating Officer Tissa Wickremasinghe, General Manager – Port Related Industries Tim Xiao, Senior Manager – Commercial and Marketing Ranjith Withanawasm. Back Row: Colombo Dockyard Senior Engineer – Marketing and Estimating Amila Rukshan, Head of Marketing – Ship Repairs Darshana Chandrasekera, and HIPG Senior Manager – Commercial and Marketing Chandula Rambukwella

## Colombo Dockyard signs agreement to set up office at HIPG Maritime Center – Hambantota

COLOMBO Dockyard (CDPLC) inked an agreement with Hambantota International Port Group Ltd. (HIPG), to open an office at the HIPG 'Maritime Centre' on 1 November.

The strategic maritime location of Hambantota, in close proximity to the key maritime routes, will allow Colombo Dockyard to offer afloat repair services to a multitude of vessels calling for transshipment, bunkering and other operations and dedicated afloat repairs. HIPG port is a deep draft port with extensive berths that can handle vessels up to 17-meter draft, going up to VLCC.

Colombo Dockyard's recently launched the Rapid Response Afloat Repair Service (RRARS) with a clear focus to provide afloat repairs at all Sri Lankan ports, will play a crucial role in providing the required repair support to the vessels calling at Hambantota Port.

This capacity augmentation for afloat repairs in Sri

Lanka is expected to bring in much needed foreign exchange to the Sri Lankan economy. Thus expanding the ship repair footprint in Sri Lanka to the deep south of the island, continuing our odyssey of excellence.

Present for the signing of the agreement signing from HIPG Chief Operating Officer Tissa Wickremasinghe, General Manager – Port Related Industries Tim Xiao, COO Chandula Rambukwella, and Senior Manager – Commercial and Marketing Ranjith Withanawasm.

Representing the Colombo Dockyard team headed by Chairman H. Tanaka, Managing Director/CEO D.V. Abeysinghe, Chief Operating Officer K.B.P. Fernando, Head of Marketing – Ship Repairs Darshana Chandrasekera, Legal Consultant/Company Secretary Manori Mallikarachchie, and Senior Engineer – Marketing and Estimating Amila Rukshan.



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## China's Sinopec Oil invests in Sri Lanka

Establishes subsidiary for bunkering, intends to expand into oil refinery in H'tota

The Sinopec Group, the largest oil and petrochemical products supplier and the second-largest oil and gas producer in China, has incorporated a company in Sri Lanka, Sinopec Fuel Oil Lanka (Private) Ltd. for bunkering at the Hambantota Port.

The Company has already applied under Board of Investment Section 17 as a Hub Operation for the bunkering licence to carry out bunkering (marine fuels supply) business at Hambantota Port beginning Q4 2019.

The largest refining company and the third-largest chemical company in China also intends to invest in an Oil Refinery in Hambantota, Sinopec's Executive



Director, Li Zurong disclosed when he met Sri Lankan Ambassador in Beijing, Dr. Karunasena Kodituwakku, to discuss the company's investment in Sri Lanka.

Sinopec Fuel Oil Sales Co., Ltd. (SFO) is a Sinopec Group wholly-owned subsidiary that integrates fuel oil sales business. It headquarters in Beijing with eight branches and two subsidiaries in

China and Singapore. The SFO Company's total number of gas stations ranks second-place in the world. Sinopec Group ranked third on Fortune's Global 500 List in 2018.

Sri Lanka Ambassador, Dr. Karunasena Kodituwakku, Deputy Chief of Mission, K. Yogannathan and Minister Commercial, Alexi Gunasekera recently met with the Executive Director and other officials of Sinopec Fuel Oil in Beijing and proposed to start an Oil Refinery in Hambantota that will create more employment opportunities for Sri Lankans and also strengthen Sri Lanka's vision to become a logistics hub in South Asia. **(Colombopage)**

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## Colombo Dockyard begins construction of Ports Authority vessel



(L to R) Managing Director Colombo Dockyard D. V. Abeysinghe, Minister of Ports Sagala Ratnayaka and Colombo Dockyard employees at the launch.  
Picture by Sulochana Gamage

### DINESH PERERA

The Colombo Dockyard PLC laid the keel to commence shipbuilding work on the third boat for the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). The ceremony marked the commencement of the hull construction work of the 19 Meter Fast Pilot Boat. Minister of Ports and Shipping Sagala Ratnayaka was the chief guest at the event. The boat is expected on August 13, 2020.

President of Onomichi Dockyard Co. Ltd

of Japan (the parent company of Colombo Dockyard), T. Nakabe, and Chairman DOCK H. Tanaka were present at the event. The 19m boat is designed by MACDUFF of Scotland. The boat will serve to transport pilots from shore to ship. The boat can accommodate a total number of 8 persons including four crew members and four pilots and it can achieve a service speed around 22 knots.

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## Colombo Dockyard begins construction...

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The boat is designed to hold a high degree of stability and comfort in all weather conditions and will provide a stable platform during embarking and disembarking pilots.

By building the boat requirement in Sri Lanka, SLPA helps develop the economy of the country by developing the local shipbuilding industry. The local ventures such as the dockyard generate a large number of direct and indirect employment opportunities and develop the skills and technical know-how of the local workmen and help save on valuable foreign exchange.

The dockyard operates in collaboration with Onomichi Dockyard Company Limited of Japan who owns a stake of 51% at

Colombo Dockyard PLC while Sri Lankan Government institutions have a 35% shareholding at Colombo Dockyard.

Colombo Dockyard has proposed an 85 meter patrol vessel for the coast guard of Sri Lanka.

The said vessel will aid in the protection of Sri Lankan waters. As the leader of the Shipbuilding Industry in Sri Lanka, the Dockyard continuously proves its excellence by successfully securing shipbuilding projects both local and worldwide. The company is the front runner of Sri Lankan industrialization and is one of the main contributors to the Government's National Export Strategy from the Shipbuilding sector.



Newspaper – The Island Date – 07-11-2019

## China's Sinopec Oil invests in bunkering in Sri Lanka

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The Sinopec Group, the largest oil and petrochemical products supplier and the second largest oil and gas producer in China, has incorporated a company in Sri Lanka: Sinopec Fuel Oil Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. for bunkering at the Hambantota port.

The Company has already applied under Board of Investment section 17 as High Operation for the bunkering license to carry out bunkering (storage, supply) business at Hambantota Port beginning Q4 2019.

The largest refining company and the third largest chemical company in China



also intends to invest in an Oil Refinery in Hambantota. Sinopec's Executive Director Li Zhirong disclosed when he met with Sri Lankan Ambassador to Beijing Dr. Karunasena Kodituwakku to discuss the company's investment in Sri Lanka.

Sinopec Fuel Oil Sales Co., Ltd. (SFO)

Sri Lanka Ambassador Dr. Karunasena Kodituwakku and several other officials recently met with executive director and other officials of Sinopec Fuel Oil in Beijing.

is a Sinopec Group wholly owned subsidiary which integrates fuel oil sales business. It headquarters in Beijing with 8 branches and 2 subsidiaries in China and Singapore. The SFO Company's total number of gas stations ranks the second place in the world. Sinopec Group ranked the first on Fortune's Global 500 List in 2018.

Sri Lanka Ambassador Dr. Karunasena Kodituwakku, Deputy Chief of Mission K. Yogannathan and Minister Commercial Alexi Gnanasekera recently met with the Executive Director and other officials of Sinopec Fuel Oil in Beijing and proposed to start an Oil Refinery in Hambantota that will create more Employment Opportunities in Sri Lanka and also strengthen Sri Lanka's vision to achieve logistic Hub of South Asia.

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Newspaper – Sunday Observer    Date – 10-11-2019

## SriLankan Airlines Group reduces losses by US \$10 m - 1H, 2019

### ● Overall revenue declines by US\$ 43 m

Following the appointment of a new Board of Directors in April last year, SriLankan Airlines (SLA), began implementing a range of initiatives to curtail losses and improve the customer experience, despite many challenges including the impact on tourist arrivals from the Easter Sunday attacks, volatile fuel prices and depreciation of the rupee, a media release from the Airline stated.

Among the steps taken by the Board, were the restructuring of the management team, with proven experts in the aviation industry being inducted into key positions.

The management team rolled out multiple initiatives, introducing budgetary controls, inculcating a cost-conscious culture and driving financial acumen across the organisation. However, care was taken to ensure that the cost optimising did not adversely impact the product and services enjoyed by customers.

This has resulted in the financial performance for the six months ending September 30, 2019 showing an upward trend by reducing losses by over 50%, with a loss of USD 19 mn before interest and withholding tax against a loss of USD 39 mn for the corresponding period in the previous year.

After interest and withholding tax, the half yearly group loss was USD 76 mn, a USD 10 mn improvement over the USD 86 mn loss in the previous year.

This was achieved despite an overall decline in group revenue of USD 43 mn, 70% of which was due to a drop in passenger and cargo revenue. The reduction in ground handling and catering revenue also impacted the shortfall, as other airlines reduced their operations following the Easter Sunday attacks. However, in the second half of the year, Group revenue is projected to increase significantly.

The decline in income was offset by the reduction in operating expenditure amounting to USD 55 mn.

In the area of engineering and maintenance for the aircraft fleet a cost reduction of USD 8 mn was realised in 2018/19. There has also been a noteworthy improvement in fuel performance of the NEO aircraft fleet. The airline will expand its presence in the Australian market by commencing operations to Sydney next year and also launch services to Ahmadabad, India.

SriLankan also plans to stretch its wings in Southeast Asia with a service to Vietnam, while plans to return to Frankfurt, Paris and other earlier destinations continue to be under consideration.



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*Costa cruises luxurious vessel 'Costa Victoria'*

## 'Costa Victoria' opens cruise season

The passenger cruise season opened on Nov. 5 with the 'Costa Victoria', belonging to Italy's biggest tour operator Costa Cruises, docking in Colombo.

Aitken Spence Maritime initiated this call here by a luxury cruise liner carrying 1,739 passengers and 790 crew, a company news release said.

Costa Cruises offers cruise holidays to Europe, Mediterranean, Caribbean and Asian destinations, it said. "The Costa Victoria" was described as "a stunning combination of Italian and Swedish design", with a capacity to accommodate 2,394 passengers in 918 cabins and suits.

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Newspaper – Ceylon FT    Date – 11-11-2019

## Aitken Spence Maritime ushers in season's first cruise ship

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THE Hambantota International Port (HIP) organised a beach clean-up of the areas surrounding the Hambantota Fishery Harbour coinciding with the Company Day of China Merchants Group.

Both management and staff members of the port participated in the clean-up, joined by Manager Suail Shanika, and staff of the Fishery Harbour, the Coast Conservation Department as well as fishermen and villagers who wished to be a part of the project. The entire area was cleared of debris separating recyclable waste, and old fishnets and other garbage polluting the shallow waters were also removed.

China Merchants Group, the mother company of CNPact, HIP's global part-

## HIP works to keep Hambantota beaches clean

net, celebrates 147 years of sustainable operations this year. The Group which is involved in numerous projects to protect and sustain

the environment, spreads its sustainability mission across all its members, partners and associate organisations. CNPact has similar goals

and it is this mission that has inspired HIP to follow suit in taking on environmentally friendly projects to sustain the Hambantota District.

The beach clean-up under the theme 'Healing the Environment' was a step towards keeping the fishery harbour and surround-

ing beach healthy. The event included an awareness program conducted by officials of the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) who emphasised the importance of keeping surroundings free of pollution. In

line with this the port also installed clearly labelled garbage collection boxes in the fishery harbour.

The day ended with all participants receiving a plant to nurture and grow, as a memento to mark the day.



The HIP team at the beach clean-up event at the Hambantota Fishery Harbour



Debris being taken out of the waters of the Hambantota Fishery Harbour



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Newspaper - Daily FT Date - 13-11-2019

## Towards accelerated economic growth and development under new leadership: Low-hanging fruits

By LITHAN SIVARATNE

Sri Lanka is now heading for a Presidential Election to be followed in a few months down the line for a General Election. Therefore, it is safe to assume that there will be a new leadership with a new sense of direction with, hopefully, strong commitment for achieving much faster rate of economic growth than we have experienced since 2015.

The election manifestos of the leading candidates, of course, are a mix of prudent as well as not so prudent policies. Within the election manifestos, some candidates seem to be making promises of virtually free lunches and dinners which will be hard to deliver.

Nevertheless, I believe that the intelligent, realistic Sri Lankans are well aware that poor Sri Lanka with a heavy external and domestic debt burden, unsustainable budget deficit and stagnant economy, all these 'Free for All' election promises if implemented, will be just like dipping the nose of our economy.

When a new leadership is elected, bearing such dream promises aside, there will be urgency to implement series of programs and projects which will generate tangible benefits to the economy and people of Sri Lanka.

Seasoned politicians and their advisors should be well aware that within the 'honeymoon period' of a new Government, which is increasingly becoming shorter, should embark on development program with long, medium and short term initiatives and projects in which return on investment is faster and assured.

The voters who now gather around and cheering the leading candidates will have little patience to wait for at least the signs of speedy recovery of the business confidence, economy in general and increase in their standard of living.

In the above context the urgent requirement of any newly elected President, Prime Minister or Cabinet of Ministers is to identify projects with early return on investment. The investment here could be either public investment or local or foreign private investments.

For cash strapped Sri Lankan Government investing its own public funds for projects which has the potential to generate early returns is not a likely option. Therefore, immediate attention should be for the promoting and facilitating projects which has the potential to attract private investment and get off the ground in the short run.

Fortunately for newly elected leaders in the next few days and months, there are many commercially viable projects for which foreign and local investment have been already lined up. These commercial ventures have been in the drawing board for the past five to six years awaiting clearance from the government leaders as well as line ministries and institutions.

For these projects due to inadequacy at the highest levels or bureaucratic hurdles the essential conditions for implementation have not been fulfilled. Various committees have been formed, studies have been undertaken, environmental and other clearances have been obtained but most fundamental conditions for these projects to take off the ground are yet to be met.

Such 'indecision paralysis' on the part of the powers have resulted in the loss of opportunities of the country and have deprived Sri Lankans of



With the successful implementation of the Colombo Port City expected employment generation will be approximately 87,000. Most of these employment will be in the fields which require high culture and high skilled human resources -  
Pic by Urban Consultants

many opportunities. However, lost opportunity in the past will be an opportunity waiting for newly elected leaders. They will only have to incur minimum public investment. These projects which will have transformative impact on Sri Lanka's economic landscape can be taken off the ground simply by establishing necessary regulatory framework and incentives.

What are the projects awaiting Government action and providing necessary clearance, regulatory framework and incentives?

### 1. Colombo Port City project

This is the largest or at least one of the largest foreign (Chinese) direct investment project which has already performed a civil engineering marvel in this part of the world. This project is involved with the reclamation of Indian Ocean adjacent to the Galle Face.

This has added 250 hectares of new land to Sri Lanka changing the map of the country and creating a space for diverse secondary investments. The project envisages in the highest level of International Standard infrastructure such as modern convention and exhibition centres, hotels, commercial buildings, offices, serviced apartments, beach front villas and high-end residences.

Another interesting proposal is to promote a marina which can attract high end tourists to Sri Lanka. In addition to that it will create the first modern international shopping mall, making Sri Lanka one of the most internationally-oriented and stylish venues for leisure and shopping. In addition, schools, kindergartens, medical facilities, playgrounds, cultural centres and other attendant facilities have been made part of the plan for Colombo Port City.

The total envisaged investment of the secondary investment or enterprises to be established within the reclaimed land will exceed \$ 14 billion over period of 20 years.

With the successful implementation of the Colombo Port City expected employment generation will be approximately 87,000. Most of these employment will be in the fields which require high culture and high skilled human resources. Also associated with the Colombo Port City, there will be sustainable urban city space that adapts local climate, creates a comfortable micro-climate and make efficient use of energy resources.

“The voters who now gather around and cheering the leading candidates will have little patience to wait for at least the signs of speedy recovery of the business confidence, economy in general and increase in their standard of living”

### 2. Hambantota Economic Zone/Industrial Zone

While the Colombo Port City project will have a transformational impact on the Western Province and beyond, the Hambantota Logistic and Industrial Zone will have a similar impact on the Southern Province spreading over Matara, Hambantota and Monaragala Districts.

This project has been in pipeline for over four years awaiting clearance from the Government including a competitive incentive scheme for attracting Chinese and other foreign investors. This project is expected to generate approximately 100,000 employment opportunities while at full capacity foreign investment exceed \$ 5 billion.

Generation of employment of this magnitude in a relatively rural environment will bring in a considerable change to the local economy upgrading the living standards of ordinary people. Project implementation company as well as the Government will be well advised to implement programs to upgrade the technical skills of the youth of the Hambantota and adjacent districts to meet the requirements of the industries to be relocated in the Hambantota Logistic and Industrial Zone.

### 3. Colombo Port Expansion Project

Another business opportunity that has been neglected during the past years is the Colombo Port Expansion Project. According to the publicly available information, East Container Terminal of the Colombo Port consists of a quay wall with a length of 450 m. The maximum sized vessel that could be accommodated, after development to the capacity, is 18,000 TEU.

The Government and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority has once again the expression of interest from the international and local port builders and operators. We can safely

assume that if the project was implemented with international or local firm enterprises with proven track record, be more the project would have generated substantial revenue to the Government and many other benefits to the economy.

These include generation of employment and foreign exchange earnings while further strengthening such position of Colombo Port.

It is therefore mandatory for new leadership to end to the indecision, lethargy and lack of political will to embark upon the Colombo Port Expansion by building Colombo East Terminal. From the outset it appears that there are many options such as:

a. Development by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority provided it has the financial, technological and marketing expertise.

b. To offer the project to operators of adjoining terminals i.e. South Asia Gateway Terminal and/or China International Container Terminal.

c. Finalise negotiations with the Indian/Japanese partners to expedite the project implementation.

### Power and energy sector

The country's accelerated development initiatives will soon create a demand for power and energy, and if not addressed this process will be a constraint. Taking this into consideration immediate implementation of a few more large-scale power generation projects based on coal or LST or preferably renewable resources, can no longer be delayed.

Therefore, it is mandatory for new leadership to get the projects off the ground with foreign or local investment to meet the expected rise in the demand for power.

### Right policies, incentive framework and leadership

Prudent macroeconomic and structural policies, right incentives structures are essential requirement for the success of all projects and programs intended to accelerate the growth and development of the country.

However, as demonstrated in the history of almost all developing countries of the world, especially those in Asia the critically important factor is the leadership. A leadership that can lead the country, fix team that is capable of taking decisions without moving back and forward is a crucial factor that has not lacking in the past few years.



## Costa Victoria makes debut call at Colombo Port

COSTA Victoria, the Victoria class cruise ship operated by Italian Cruise company Costa Crociere, Europe's, which is a leading cruise company in Venice, Italy, called at Colombo Port on 5 November. It was given a warm welcome by the Tourist Information Centre officers of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB), where the visitors were able to gain a lot of important information on Sri Lanka and also the most exclusive places to travel, from the onboard tourist information counters set up at the vessel. They were also handed over brochures by the TIC officers of the SLTPB to go through and to get an idea of the beautiful island destination. The SLTPB also arranged a welcome dance before their departure for the excursions.

The vessel started its journey from Mumbai, India, and will continue its journey from the Maldives. The ship's itinerary covers, Male-Colombo-Goa-Mumbai-New Mangalore and Cochin. Costa has positioned this itinerary successfully from 2016 onwards; this is the fourth consecutive season, and with a bigger capacity of Victoria they are expecting more passengers this season to Colombo. Costa Victoria is scheduled to call at Colombo port for 9 calls between 2019 / 2020.

Carrying passengers from Germany, Italy, India and Maldives, it will have tourist excursions to the Pinnawala elephant Orphanage, Bentota beach, Colombo City and Negombo City tours. The Sri Lankan shipping line for this tour was Aitken Spence while the Ground handling was managed by Lotus Tours. This will be the first cruise liner to call at port after the 21/4 April attacks and highlights a good sign that tourism is regaining its former position and turning back to normal.

The tourists showed keen interest in getting to know more about the destination by inquiring more about



1 The majestic looking Costa Victoria



Getting ready for the tour excursions



Traditional Sri Lankan dance to entertain the visitors



SLTPB PR Director Madubhani Perera with some officials of the Carnival Corporation of Singapore

the popular tourist attractions of the island and the authentic food and culture, and most visitors have planned to come back to Sri Lanka next year for a round tour, for a more detailed experience.

The massive luxury liner which is 828m in length, with 2 decks has a capacity of carrying over 2300 passengers along with 790 crew members. It features a panoramic Concorde plaza, an indoor pool, complete with an ultra-modern spa, plus exclusive health and entertainment facilities. It has the ability to carry a 75166 tonnage, and the vessel was built in 1996.

The ship is positioned in the Indian Sub-Continent region for the season 2019-20 doing a 7-day itinerary from Male-Mumbai. The Sri Lankan High Commission in Singapore, together with the Economic Affairs Division



Considering Sri Lanka as their next travel destination

of the Foreign Ministry, assured the Carnival Corporation, which is responsible for the security management of the cruise ships arriving on the port of Colombo, with regard to security situation of the country.

Cruise tourism is an important product of Sri Lanka's tourism industry, since it could attract tour-

ists with a high spending capacity representing the elite crowd. Last year, Sri Lanka Tourism was able to bring in 47 passenger cruises including the Costa Neo Classica and MV Mein Schiff 3 of TUI Cruises. Up to April 2019, around 25 passenger cruises have arrived in the destination so far.



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බේරුවෙල දෙකක් උපයෝගී කරගෙන දසතුන් දෙසතුගෙන් යුත් කණ්ඩායමක් ප්‍රදීපාගාරය වෙත ගොස් මත්පැන් පානය කර විනෝදවීමේදී ඇති වූ ගිහිල්වත් වීමකින් අනතුරුව බෝතලකක් කඩා පතරවීමෙන් එක් තරුණයෙකු හා අනෙක් තැනැත්තාට බිලි කොත්තකින් ඇතිවීමෙන් තුවාල ලබා නාගොඩ රෝහලට ඇතුළත් කළ බවට පොලීසිය කියයි.

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බේරුවෙල පොලීසියේ ක්‍රියාකාරීත්වය පොලීසි පරීක්ෂක ජානක විතානගේ මහතා පරීක්ෂණ පවත්වයි.

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පහළොස්දෙනාගෙන් පමණ සමන්විත පිරිසක් මීට එක් වී ඇති අතර, ඔවුන් මත්පැන් පානය කිරීමෙන් පසුව ඇති වූ එවන හුවමාරුවක් දුරදිග යෑමෙන් පසු මෙම ගුවිකෘති සිදු වී ඇතැයි පොලිසිය කියයි.

මෙම සිද්ධියට අදාළව සැකපිට එම පිරිසේ සාමාජිකයන් සිටි දෙදෙනා බේරුවල පොලිසිය මගින් අත්අඩංගුවට ගෙන තිබේ.

කළුතර දිසාප්ත නියෝජ්‍ය පොලිස්පති නිමල් පෙරේරා, කළුතර ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ පොලිස් අධිකාරී උසුල් නිල්මිණි ආරියරත්න, සහකාර පොලිස් අධිකාරී කපිල ප්‍රේමදාස යන මහත්වරුන්ගේ උපදෙස් මත බේරුවල පොලිස් ස්ථානාධිපති ජනක විතානගේ මහතා වැඩිදුර පරීක්ෂණ පවත්වයි.

පුවත්පත - දිවයින දිනය - 2019-11-14

## හම්බන්තොට වරායෙන් තිස්සපුර කනිෂ්ඨ විදුහලට නව ගොඩනැගිල්ලක් සහ තවත් පහසුකම්

හම්බන්තොට ජාත්‍යන්තර වරාය විසින් විවිල පිහිටි තිස්සපුර කනිෂ්ඨ විදුහලට නව දෙමහල් ගොඩනැගිල්ලක් සහ සම්පූර්ණයෙන් ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කරන ලද පාසල් ගොඩනැගිලි සහ අනෙකුත් පහසුකම් නිල වශයෙන් සිසු දරුවන්ගේ අයිතියට පැවරීම උත්සවශ්‍රීයෙන් සිදුවිය.

උත්සවයේ ප්‍රධාන ආරාධිත අමුත්තා ලෙස සහභාගි වූ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ඒක භාෂාපති චේන්ගේ ක්ෂුට්‍යාන් මහතාගේ සුරතීන් සිසුන් 300 ක් සහ ගුරුවරුන් 24 දෙනෙකුගෙන් සමන්විත කනිටු පාසලේ මෙම භෞතික සම්පත් විවෘත කෙරුණි. උත්සව සභාව අමතමින් ඔහු කියා සිටියේ හම්බන්තොට ඉන්ටර්නැෂනල් පෝර්ට් ගෘප් සමාගම (HIPG) වැනි ඒක සමාගම ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ සංවර්ධනයට පමණක් නොව යාබද ප්‍රජාවන්ගේ දියුණුව සඳහා ද දායක වීම සතුටට කරුණක් වන බවයි. "ශ්‍රී ලංකාව හා චීනය අතර ඇති මිත්‍රත්වය දීර්ඝ ඉතිහාසයකට හිමිකම් කියන අතර, එයින් ඔර්වන්ටස් සමූහයේ සහාය ඇතිව (HIPG) විසින් ඉදිකරන ලද මෙම පාසල එම මිත්‍රත්වයට කදිම සාක්ෂියකි. චීනය අත්පත් නොව ගෙන ඇති සාර්ථක සංවර්ධනය ලෝකයේ අනෙකුත් ජාතීන් ද අත්හදා බැලිය යුතු යන අදහස මත ඒක ජනාධිපති ෂී ජින්ග් පින්ග් විසින් 'එක් භීරයක් - එක් මාවතක්' (BRI) වැඩසටහන යෝජනා කරන ලදී. මෙම වැඩපිළිවෙළ තුළින් ශ්‍රී ලංකාව වැනි රටවලට චීනය අඛණ්ඩව සහයෝගය දක්වන අතර, දෙරට ඒකාබද්ධව (BRI) වැඩසටහනේ ප්‍රතිලාභ ලබා ගැනීම වැදගත් බව භාෂාපතිවරයාගේ අදහසයි. චීනය ලෝක සාමය හා සංවර්ධනය සඳහා කැප වී සිටින බැවින් අපට ජාතීන් ගොඩනැගීමට අවශ්‍යය. තිස්සපුර කනිෂ්ඨ විදුහලය ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ ව්‍යාපෘතිය මෙන්ම ස්ව උත්සාහයෙන් සංවර්ධනය වීමට ජාතීන්ට සහාය දක්වීම අපගේ



# ප්‍රදීපාගාරය ඔලන්ත ආ ගැටව් රැහ ගුව්බැට හුවමාරුවක

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### කළුතර මධ්‍යම සමූහ මහනැන්ත සමූහ

බේරුවල ප්‍රදීපාගාරය  
තැරවීමට පැමිණි තරුණ  
පිරිසක් අතර ඇති වූ ගුව් බැට  
හුවමාරුවකින් පසුව තුවාල  
ලැබූ තරුණයන් දෙදෙනෙක්

තනු කළුතර නාගොඩ මහ  
රෝහලට ඇතුළත් කර ඇත.  
පහළොස් දෙනෙකුගෙන් පමණ  
සමන්විත පිරිසක් මීට එක්  
වී ඇති අතර මත්පැන් පානය  
කිරීමෙන් පසුව ඇතිවූ වචන  
හුවමාරුවක් දුරදිග යාමත් පසු  
මෙම ගුව්බැට හුවමාරුව සිදුවී

ඇතැයි පොලීසිය කියයි.  
මෙම සිද්ධියට අදාළව සැක-  
පිට එම පිරිසේම සාමාජිකයන්  
සිව් දෙනෙකු පොලීසිය මගින්  
අත්අඩංගුවට ගෙන තිබේ.  
කළුතර දිසාව හාර  
නියෝජ්‍ය පොලීස්පති නිමල්  
පෙරේරා, කළුතර ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ

පොලීස් අධිකාරී උපුල්  
නිල්මිණි ආරියරත්න, සහ-  
කාර පොලීස් අධිකාරී කපිල  
ප්‍රේමදාස යන මහත්වරුන්ගේ  
උපදෙස් මත බේරුවල පොලීස්  
ස්ථානාධිපති ජනක විතානගේ  
මහතා වැඩිදුර පරීක්ෂණ  
පවත්වයි.

පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ

දිනය - 2019-11-15



## ලොව බලවතුන් 100 අතරට ශ්‍රී ලාංකික කාන්තාවක්

**මහින්ද අගුණගෙදර**

ලෝකයේ විධාන් බලගතු පුද්ගලයන් සිය-  
දෙනා අතරට ශ්‍රී ලාංකික කාන්තාවක් නම් වී  
ඇත.

එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ සංවිධානයේ මහ  
ලේකම්වරයාගේ තරුණ කටයුතු නියෝ-  
ජිත ජයන්තා වික්‍රමනායක මහත්මිය මෙසේ  
නම්කර තිබේ.

කීර්තිමත් වධිමිස් සඟරාව ලෝකයේ  
මිලග බලගතු පුද්ගලයන් වේ යැයි අනාවැකි  
පළ කරන පුද්ගලයන් සිය දෙනා ලැබියතු  
ගතකර තිබෙන අතර ව්‍යාපාර, විනෝද-  
ස්වාදය, ක්‍රීඩා, දේශපාලන, සෞඛ්‍ය, විද්‍යාව  
සහ ක්‍රියාකාරකම් ඇතුළු තරුණ කීර්තිමත්  
සැලකිල්ලට ගෙන මේ ලැබියතුනු ප්‍රකාශයට  
පත්කර ඇත.

ඒ අනුව ජයන්තා මහත්මිය තරුණ ව්‍යව-  
සායන ලෙසින් ලැබියතුනු ගත වී ඇත. ජයන්තා  
වික්‍රමනායක මහත්මිය එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ  
සංවිධානයේ මහ ලේකම් අත්තෝනියෝ  
ගුවරස් මහතා තරුණ කටයුතු නියෝජිතව-  
ර්ෂ වශයෙන් පත්කළ අතර, ඇය මෙම තන-  
තුරට පත් කළේ ඒ දක්වා අදාළ තනතුර දුණේ  
යෝජිතයෙක් අනුමැති අල්ලාගත්විටයියේ නිල

කාලය අවසන් වීමත් සමගය.

එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ මහලේකම්වරයාගේ  
තරුණ කටයුතු පිළිබඳ නියෝජිතව-  
ර්ෂ ලෙස මෙවන විට කටයුතු කරන ලොව  
පුරා වෙසෙන තරුණ පිරිස් සමග සම්බන්ධ  
වෙමින් 2030 තරුණ කටයුතු පිළිබඳ තීර-  
යර සංවර්ධනය සඳහා වූ ප්‍රතිපත්ති සැකසීම  
වෙනුවෙන් ඉටුකළ මහත් කාර්ය භාරය  
වෙනුවෙන් ඇය මෙම ලැබියතුනු තේරී පත්  
වී ඇත.

වික්‍රමනායක මහත්මිය ශ්‍රී ලංකා පරිපා-  
ලන සේවයේ නිලධාරිකයක ලෙස ද කටයුතු  
කර තිබෙන අතර, ඇය මීට පෙර තරුණ  
කටයුතු හා නිපුණතා සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යා-  
ගයේ, එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ සංවිධානයේ නිල  
තරුණ නියෝජිතවරිය ලෙස ද (2012-  
2013) කටයුතු කර ඇත. නියෝජිත නුවර  
පිහිටි එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ සංවිධානයේ ශ්‍රී  
ලංකා නිත්‍ය නියෝජිත කාර්යාලයේ තෙවන  
ලේකම්වරිය ලෙස ද කෙටි කාලයක් (2014)  
සේවය කර ඇති ඇය ශ්‍රී ලංකා යොවුන්  
පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේ (2013-2015) මහ ලේක-  
ම්වරියක හා සෙනට් සභිකයකු ලෙස ද කට-  
යුතු කර තිබේ.

එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ සංවිධානයේ ප්‍රධාන  
ස්කූල 4ක් වන තීරසාර සංවර්ධනය, මානව  
හිමිකම්, සාමය හා ආරක්ෂාව මෙන්ම මානව  
හිමිකම් ක්‍රියාකාරකම් පිළිබඳ තරුණ ප්‍රජා-  
වගේ නියැලීම සහ ඒ වෙනුවෙන් පෙනී සිට  
කටයුතු කිරීම කටයුතුන් ප්‍රවර්ධන කිරීම  
වික්‍රමනායක මහත්මියට ලබා දී ඇති තව  
තනතුරෙන් බලාපොරොත්තුවන ගුණාංගයි.

එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ සංවිධානයේ මහ  
ලේකම්වරයාගේ, තරුණ ප්‍රජාව පිළිබඳ  
දක්ම යථාර්ථයක් බවට පත්කිරීම උදෙසා  
ප්‍රධාන කාර්යභාරයක් සිදු කිරීමට ඇයට  
සිදුවන අතර 1990 උපත ලබා ඇති වික්‍ර-  
මනායක මහත්මිය කොළඹ විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ  
විද්‍යාලපාඨධාරිකයක වන අතර එම විශ්වවි-  
ද්‍යාලයේම සංවර්ධන විෂයෙන් සඳහා වූ දර්ශ-  
නපති උපාධිය ද හිමිකරගෙන ඇත.

බෙන්තොට හමුදාගල ප්‍රදේශයේ දී 1990  
වසරේ දී උපත ලැබූ ජයන්තා වික්‍රමනායක  
සිය පාසල් අධ්‍යාපනය අලුත්ගම සංඝමිත්තා  
බාලිකා විද්‍යාලයෙන් සහ කොළඹ විශාල  
විද්‍යාලයෙන් ලබා ගෙන ඇත. ඉන්පසුව ඇය  
කොළඹ විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයෙන් විද්‍යාවේ උපාධි-  
යක් ද හිමි කර ගත්තාය.

## කන්කසන්තුර වරායේ පාරිසරික වාර්තාව මහජන ප්‍රදර්ශනයට

■ අලීක් අලුත්කෝන්

යාපනය කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණය කිරීමේ ව්‍යාපෘතිය සඳහාම පාරිසරික බලපෑම් ඇගයීමේ වාර්තාව මහජන ප්‍රදර්ශනයට නමා ඇත.

ඒ අනුව කොළඹ 10 , මාළිගාවත්තේ පිහිටි නව මහලේකම් කාර්යාලයේ හතරවැනි මහලේ වෙරළ සංරක්ෂණ සහ වෙරළ සම්පත් කළමනාකරණ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව, යාපනය

ලේකම් කාර්යාලය, යාපනය දිස්ත්‍රික් ලේකම් කාර්යාලය සහ එහි පිහිටි ධීවර හා ජලජ සම්පත් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව , කෙළිප්පලෙයි ප්‍රාදේශීය ලේකම් කාර්යාලය සහ බත්තරමුල්ල මධ්‍යම පරිසර අධිකාරියේ සති අන්ත සහ රජයේ නිවාඩු දිනවල හැර අනෙකුත් දිනවල පෙරවරු 8.30 සිට පස්වරු 4.15 දක්වා කන්කසන්තුරේ වරාය ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ ව්‍යාපෘතියේ පාරිසරික බලපෑම් ඇගයීමේ වාර්තාව

වලිකාමම්  
උතුර  
ප්‍රාදේශීය

## අදහස් යෝජනා දින තිහක් ඇතුළත

ප්‍රදර්ශනය කෙරේ. පසුගිය 11 වැනිදා සිට දින 30 ක කාලයක් මෙම වාර්තාව මහජන පරීක්ෂාවට නමා ඇත.

ඊට අමතරව වෙරළ සංරක්ෂණ සහ වෙරළ සම්පත් කළමනාකරණ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ නිල වෙබ් අඩවිය වන [www.coastal.gov.lk](http://www.coastal.gov.lk) මගින් මෙම වාර්තාව භාෂා තුනෙන්ම පරිශීලනය කළ හැකි බව ඒ වෙබ්වෙබ් අඩවියේ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල් ඩී. කේ. ප්‍රහාන් චන්ද්‍රසිරිති විසින් නිකුත් කළ අති විශේෂ ගැසට් නිවේදනයේ දැක්වේ.



# වරායෙන් යකඩ බව තොරෙන් පිටකිරීමට හැදූ සේවකයන් දෙදෙනා දැලේ

**බොරලැස්ගමුව සමූහ -  
සෙනෙවිරත්න කහවෙරිය**

කොළඹ වරාය පරිශ්‍රයේ තිබූ රුපියල් ලක්ෂ හතරකට අධික වටිනා යකඩ බව තොගයක් ලොරියකින් වරායෙන් පිටකිරීමට යන අවස්ථාවේ පොද්ගලික සමාගමකට අයත් සේවකයන් දෙදෙනා එම ලොරියද සමග 10 වන දින කොළඹ වරාය පොලිසිය මගින් අත්අඩංගුවට ගනු ලැබේ.

සැකකරුවන් මාලිගාවත්ත, වත්තල යන ප්‍රදේශවල පදිංචි වියය 20 - 50 පසු වන අය වේ.

මුහුදේ තිබූ විශාල යකඩ බව තොගය වරාය පරිශ්‍රයට රැගෙනවිත් තිබූ අතර, ඒවා වෙන්දිර මගින් වරාය අධිකාරිය විසින් අලෙවි කරනු ලැබ එය ලබාගත්

වෙන්දිරකරු එහි අඩංගු බවටලට අමතරව කපාගත් තවත් යකඩ බව තොගයක් ලොරියට කඩවා එව කිරීමට හුදකම වී ඇති අතර, ලද තොරතුරක් මත සිදුකළ වැටලීමේ නියමිත ප්‍රමාණයට වඩා බව තොගයක් ලොරියට පටවා තිබූ බවත් පොලිසිය කියයි.

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වැඩිදුර පරීක්ෂණ කටයුතු කොළඹ උතුර නගර පොලිස් අධිකාරී අනුරාධ තන්දසිරි මහතාගේ අධීක්ෂණය යටතේ කොළඹ වරාය ස්ථානාධිපති පොලිස් පරීක්ෂක කමල් සේනානායක කරගෙන යයි.

Newspaper – Sunday Morning    Date – 17-11-2019

The Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI) announced on Thursday (14) that it signed an agreement with a Singaporean company to invest approximately \$ 24 billion over a period of 60 months, which if realised would make it the largest foreign direct investment (FDI) project ever in Sri Lanka.

The investment proposal has been submitted by Hambantota Oil Refinery (Pvt) Ltd., an affiliate company to Sugih Energy International Pte. Ltd., which is a privately owned petroleum and coal trading company based in Singapore. The proposal is to set up a petroleum refinery in Hambantota with a capacity of 420,000 barrels per day for export markets.

The initial phase will involve the commissioning of the petroleum refinery with plans for the development of a petrochemical complex in subsequent phases. Export revenue envisaged by BOI

## BOI signs agreement for \$ 24 b FDI for petroleum refinery

upon commissioning the refinery is expected to be around \$ 8-9 billion annually.

Having approved the project in principle in July last year, the BOI has utilised the ensuing period to obtain concurrence and approvals of all relevant government agencies and organisations including the Cabinet of Ministers. With the BOI agreement now signed, the immediate next step is a comprehensive environmental impact assessment (EIA), compliant with the terms of reference already issued by the Central Environmental Authority (CEA) and other regulatory bodies, to be conducted prior to the implementation of the

project. This EIA will be augmented with a health and safety assessment, which, though not mandatory, will ensure the project is in line with industry best practices while ensuring the enhanced sustainability of the project.

The refinery has projected demand for employment ranging from medium to high-end skills levels (operators, technicians, graduates, engineers, chemists, etc.) with direct employment opportunities for almost 6,500 Sri Lankans while creating further indirect employment opportunities in support services.

"This project can be considered a catalytic investment which will boost liquid cargo shipments to the Port

of Hambantota, thereby resulting in added revenue in foreign currency for the inward outward movement of ships carrying crude oil and finished products. Additionally, the refinery will also enable the transformation of the Port of Hambantota as a marine bunker port, taking full advantage of its proximity to international maritime routes," the BOI press release stated.

Sri Lanka's geographical location advantage between Singapore and the Middle East and the availability of a new deepwater port in Hambantota make the island an optimum location for establishing export-oriented petroleum and other commodity processing facilities.



BOI Chairman Mangala Yapa and Sugih Energy International Pte. Ltd. Director Danny Lee after signing the agreement

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## H'tota oil refinery, largest FDI project - BOI

Hambantota Oil Refinery Pvt Ltd., an affiliate company of Sugih Energy International Pte Ltd, a privately-owned petroleum and coal trading company based in Singapore plans to set up a petroleum refinery in Hambantota.

The refinery, with a capacity of 420,000 barrels/day for export, is expected to bring in about US\$ 24 bn, over a period of 60 months, making it the largest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) project to date, a spokesman for the BOI said.

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## Hambantota Port's Rs. 179 bn debt falls into black hole

By Bandula Sirimanna

A high level investigation is to get underway into missing money amounting to billions of rupees from the massive Chinese loan obtained for the construction work of the Hambantota harbour, official sources said.

Out of the foreign loan obtained for the construction of the harbour, the loan balance amounting to Rs.179.55 billion credited in the accounts of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) had been removed from the financial statements of the Authority, a government audit query exposed.

This removal of the book entry was done on November 30, 2017 without the concurrence of the Treasury and without seeking approval of the cabinet of ministers. Under this circumstance, this loan balance money had not been credited in any government account.

According to the records of the Department of External Resources of the Treasury that loan balance was Rs.179.55 billion as at 31 December 2018.

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However, two parties, the Treasury and the SLPA have not come to a concurrence in connection with accounting of this loan even as at the end of the year 2018 under review.

A sum of Rs.31.54 billion was the foreign conversion exchange loss calculated as at November 30, 2017 with relevance to this loan which had been removed from the accounts of the SLPA.

The cabinet of ministers has decided on July 20, 2017 that the Treasury had taken responsibility to make payments on the Hambantota Port loans. But the debt had not been included in the financial statements of the government.

This discrepancy has become a mystery prompting the authorities to initiate an immediate inquiry into the missing money of the Chinese loan, a senior Treasury official said.

When a discrepancy occurs in an account that cannot be traced, it is usual to make what is called an un-documentable adjustment, or journal voucher, he said adding that this was not done so far.

According to the Finance Ministry data, the Hambantota Port project has a total loan of US\$ 1.35 billion. Out of that, \$900 million was drawn at a 2 per cent interest rate and the remainder is with an interest rate ranging from 6.3 to 7.65 per cent.

EXIM Bank of China provided the loan of \$307 million for the construction of the bunkering port in the southern part of the country. China EXIM Bank and Sri Lanka signed the 15-year loan agreement of Hambantota Port Phase I in October 2007.

The Hambantota Port was constructed by the Chinese companies China Harbour Engineering Company and Sinohydro Corporation; construction began on January 15, 2008.

While Phase I of the project cost was around \$505 million, the EXIM Bank had also provided about \$77 million loan for the bunkering terminal and \$809.35 million for Hambantota Port Development Project Phase II.

To remove this massive debt burden, the government leased Hambantota port, to China Merchant Port Holdings Ltd (CM Port) for 99 years for \$1.12 billion in 2017.

This project is largely the reason why Sri Lanka is widely cited as a clear example of getting trapped in Chinese debt and being forced to hand over assets with national and strategic importance to China.

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## Marina Square forges ahead into tomorrow's Colombo

Construction of the super structure of Marina Square project commenced last week, with the selection of China Harbour Engineering Company as the main contractor of the project.

CHEC has been actively involved in the development of Sri Lanka since 1998, executing massive construction projects, such as the Southern Highway, Outer Circular Highway, Hambantota Port, Mattala International Airport, Colombo South Container Terminal, Port City, Shangri-La, Havelock City and many other major infrastructure projects.

Addressing the gathering at the inauguration ceremony, the Chairman of Access Engineering PLC Sumal Perera said, "I would also like to thank our 2 multinational partners for their confidence in Sri Lanka and their trust to partner with Access Engineering in the Marina Square project."

"It's very seldom that part of a Fortune 500 enterprise such as China Harbour Engineering would partner a local company for a project of such magnitude. In this aspect we believe we have set the benchmark for other local companies whatever the industry they may be to encourage their foreign partners to invest with them in Sri Lanka."

"We will do everything in our purview to ensure that Marina Square achieves an unprecedented level of success and assure potential customers a rewarding return on their investments," Perera added.

The Marina Square Project is truly, a multinational real estate investment. Three industry giants from three countries have come together for the first time in Sri Lanka to jointly develop this unique project. Access Engineering of Sri Lanka, China Harbour Engineering Company of China and Mustafa of Singapore have come together to bring you this harbour front, ocean view residential development.

The Managing Director of China Harbour Engineering Company



Top officials of Access Engineering PLC and China Harbour Engineering Company LTD



From Left: Managing Director of China Harbour Engineering Company LTD (Sri Lanka) Zang Xiaoliang, Chairman of Access Engineering PLC Sumal Perera, Managing Director/CEO of Access Engineering PLC Christopher Joshua.

(CHEC), Zang Xiaoliang said, "We are very happy to be selected as the Main Contractor of the Marina Square Project. We believe that our vast experience in successfully completing many of Sri Lanka's mega projects helped us to be selected as

the main contractor of the Marina Square project."

"Most importantly it was CHEC's successful completion of Shangri-La Residences and our involvement in the development of Havelock City that gave us an edge over the

competition. We have agreed to retain the construction team that successfully completed the Shangri-La Residences to be assigned to build Marina Square."

Marina Square Uptown Colombo development embraces and amplifies the concept of Urban Luxury throughout the residential units and the common facilities made available to homeowners.

The expansive over two acres of landscaped walking / jogging tracks, garden spaces, nooks and corners to hang out with friends and family, adds to the experience of Urban Luxury.

The infinity pool, the club house, game room, unprecedented kids play area and the indoor and outdoor gyms are all designed with the discerning city dwellers in mind.

Even the commercial element situated within the complex is designed for the convenience of the residents of Marina Square epitomising the concept of Urban Luxury. The commercial area consisting of a food court, retail outlets, wellness services and selected office spaces are all there to supplement and complement the needs of the residents of Marina Square Uptown Colombo.

The construction of the project commenced in 2018 and is expected to be completed by 2022. The project is expected to start handing over the apartments to homeowners from the 4th quarter of 2022 through to the second quarter of 2023.

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කොළඹ වරායේ තැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේදී නැවකින් හාණිට ඉවත් කරමින් තිබූ දොඩකරයක දම්වැල කැඩී සේවකයකුගේ ගිසේ වැදීමෙන් පසු කොළඹ රාතික රෝහලේ හදිසි අනතුරු වාට්ටුවට ඇතුළත් කිරීමේදී මියගොස් තිබෙන්නේ කඩවත, ඇල්දෙතියේ පදිංචි 47 හැවිරිදි පුද්ගලයෙක් යැයි පොලීසිය දිනමිණට පැවසීය. 18 වැනි දින උදෑසන 9.30ට මෙම අනතුර සිදුවී ඇති බවත්, ඒ පිළිබඳ හදිසි මරණ පරීක්ෂණය පැවැත්වූ පොලීසිය වැඩිදුරටත් පැවසීය.



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නැවේ දොම්කරයේ සවිකර තිබෙන

දුම්වැලක් එක්වරම් කැඩී ගොස් හිසේ වැදී තුවාල සිදුවීමෙන් පසු ඔහු කොළඹ ජාතික රෝහලට රැගෙන ගොස් තිබේ. ඒ වනවිටත් ඔහු මියගොස් සිටි බැව් රෝහල් ප්‍රකාශකයෙක් පවසයි.

මහෙස්ත්‍රාත් පරීක්ෂණ 18ට සිදුකළ බවත් 19ට අධිකරණ වෛද්‍ය නිලධාරීන් පශ්චාත් මරණ පරීක්ෂණයෙන් පසු දේහය ළඟම ආශ්‍රිතව භාරදීමට නියමිතව තිබේ.

වාරය පොලීස් ස්ථානාධිපති ප්‍රධාන පොලීස් පරීක්ෂක කමිල් සේනානායක මහතාගේ උපදෙස් පරිදි අපරාධ අංශ ස්ථානාධිපති උප පොලීස් පරීක්ෂක මායාදත්තේ, කොස්තාපල්වරුන් වන මහින්ද (45222), විජිතානන්ද (58888) සිද්ධිය සම්බන්ධයෙන් පරීක්ෂණ පවත්වයි.



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A delegation comprising the Defence Attaché of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Sri Lanka, Colonel Denis I. Shkoda, and a group of officers from

the Sri Lanka Navy were present.

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## නැව් දොඹකරයේ දඹවැල කැඩී සේවකයෙක් මරා සමග යයි

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කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ නැවක දොඹකරයේ දඹවැල කැඩී බඩු බාමින් සිටි සේවකයකුගේ හිසේ වැදීමෙන් ඔහු බරපතළ තුවාල ලබා මියගොස් ඇතැයි වරාය පොලිසිය කියයි.

මෙසේ මියගොස් ඇත්තේ ඇල්දෙනිය, කඩවත ප්‍රදේශයේ පදිංචිව සිටි ගුරුඵපොත වාඩියගෙදර ප්‍රියන්ත ගුණතුංග නමැති 47 හැවිරිදි දෙදරු පියෙකි.

18 දා උදෑසන 9.30 ට පමණ යකඩ උණු කිරීමට යොදා ගන්නා යකඩ බාර් ඇතුළත් කන්ටේනර් පෙට්ටි සහිත නැවේ භාණ්ඩ හිස් කිරීමේ නියැලී සිටියදී අනතුර සිදුව තිබේ.

නැවේ දොඹකරයේ සවිකර තිබෙන දඹවැල එක්වරම කැඩීගොස් එහි තිබූ ලී කොටයක් හිසේ වැදී තුවාල සිදුවීමෙන් පසු ඔහු කොළඹ ජාතික රෝහලට රැගෙන ගොස් ඇති අතර ඒ වන විටත් මියගොස් සිටි බැව් රෝහල් ප්‍රකාශකයෙක් පැවසීය.

මහෙස්ත්‍රාත් පරීක්ෂණ 18 වැනිදා සිදුකෙරිණි. 19 දා අධිකරණ වෛද්‍ය නිලධාරීගේ පත්වෑන් මරණ පරීක්ෂණයෙන් පසු දේහය ළඟම ඥාතීන්ට භාරදීමට නියමිතව තිබුණි.

වරාය පොලිස් ස්ථානාධිපති ප්‍රධාන පොලිස් පරීක්ෂක කමිල් සේනානායක මහතාගේ උපදෙස් පරිදි අපරාධ අංශ ස්ථානාධිපති උප පොලිස් පරීක්ෂක මායාදුන්නේ, කොස්තාපල්වරුන් වන මහින්ද (45222), විජිතානන්ද (58888) යන මහත්වරු සිද්ධිය සම්බන්ධයෙන් පරීක්ෂණ පවත්වයි.



## Ministry of Ports and Shipping: A nation rich in maritime logistics

This series is based on business leader Dhammika Perera's recently revealed 'Economic Growth Strategy and Action Plan to increase GDP Per Capita from \$ 4,000 to \$ 12,000'. The document outlines goals and action plans for 23 ministries and today's column focuses on the Ministry of Ports and Shipping

“Develop and promote Sri Lanka as a premier global naval hub and an international maritime centre to advance and safeguard Sri Lanka's strategic maritime interests”

### Goals

- Increase total capacity of Colombo port to 21.1 million TEUs.
- Develop cruise destination hubs.
- Improve efficiency in the ports.

### Action plan

1. Colombo Port development  
The Port currently accommodates 7.5 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs).

- a. New South Port quay length is 4.8 km, with 1.3 km currently fully occupied by Colombo International Container Terminals (ICTD).
- b. Three terminals to be built in the remaining 3.5 km area within 3 years. As a result, an additional capacity of 7 million TEUs can be created.

- c. Breakwaters and two terminals of the proposed North Port, of quay length 3.3 km, will be built within 6 years. As a result, a capacity of 6.6 million TEUs can be created.
- d. As a result of these developments, the total capacity of Colombo Port can be increased to 21.1 million TEUs.

2. Hambantota Port development  
Awaiting the new proposal for the Hambantota Port development.
3. Charge 0% corporate tax and 0% dividend tax from international companies

who establish their head offices in the country.

### My View



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A developed nation**

By **Dhammika Perera**

4. Develop cruise destination hubs in Colombo, Galle, Hambantota and Trincomalee. Cruise routes are Colombo-Galle-Hambantota-Trincomalee-Kankesanthurai.
5. Develop a passenger terminal with adequate berthing space (where ships are anchored) including a modern building with sufficient passenger space. The preferred location for this development is on the Bandaranaike Quay (once the container freight station activities have been relocated to the South Harbour).

6. Establish a National Shipping Council to implement, monitor and review a unified shipping strategy which would incorporate the following:
  - a. Enhance Sri Lanka's attractiveness to shipping business.
  - b. Facilitate access to capital and financing.
  - c. Promote innovation and sustainable growth of ancillary maritime services. (Support activities: refuelling, resupplying with perishables, e.g. food, water, etc.)

7. Promote Sri Lankan shipbuilding engineering capabilities to other Government bodies and international buyers such as cruise operators.
8. Promote employment of Sri Lankan seafarers:
  - a. Fund apprenticeships, specialisations and seafarers' up-skilling.
  - b. Improve seafarer employment security, conditions and opportunities.
9. Develop a Maritime Education and Training blueprint.
10. Alleviate the current port-road congestion, by:
  - a. Optimising the gate process: automation of the gate process will substantially reduce waiting time for trucks. Additionally a flexible gate system, which enables most gates to function as entry or exit gates when substantial truck inflows or outflows occur, could further reduce waiting time for trucks.
  - b. Widening of the port access road: the port access road to be widened from 4 to 6 lanes to increase capacity. The section underneath the Aluthmawatha road crossover will be widened to a 6-lane road.
  - c. Signalling should improve the use of the six lanes, for example two lanes for the gates and one lane for inter-terminal traffic.
  - d. Ensuring sufficient space at gird in design that end near Port to land trucks.
  - e. Eliminating cross over traffic at ramps near Jigirukotte junction through an overpass.
11. Digitalise the following processes to improve efficiency in the Port:
  - a. Terminal handling at Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) Port Community Systems.
  - b. Gate processes.
  - c. Warehouse management.
  - d. Warehouse cargo clearing.
  - e. Cargo import and export.
12. Digitalise import duty payments to improve the flow of goods.
13. Introduce scanning facilities to inspect containers, to reduce physical inspections while maintaining an acceptable level of risk.
14. Increase the depth in the Prince Vijaya Quay (PVQ) basin to allow deeper draft grain and cement carriers, with a draft of up to 13 m.
15. Introduce a rail-track reservation at the Port of Colombo with extension to South Port to enable direct rail handling near the terminals, particularly to accommodate newly developed inland dry ports.

Existing capacity of the Colombo Port	7.5 million TEUs
Additional capacity of the remaining South Port	7 million TEUs
Capacity of the proposed North Port	6.6 million TEUs
Total capacity of the Colombo Port	21.1 million TEUs

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The Russian Navy training ship 'Perekop' at the Port of Hambantota

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## Port Worker killed in accident at Colombo harbour

A port worker was killed following an accident at the Colombo Harbour Eastern Terminal Monday, the police said.

The port worker was seriously injured when the chains of a crane unloading a cargo ship docked at the Eastern Terminal broke free and hit the worker's head. The accident happened around 9.30am on Monday.

The victim died on admission

to the Colombo National Hospital, Police said.

The deceased has been identified as 47-year-old Gurulupotha Wadiye Gedara Priyantha Gunatunga, a resident of Kadawatha, Eldeniya.

An autopsy has been performed and the body has been handed over to the relatives.

The Colombo Port Police are conducting further investigations. (LP)



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රුසියානු නාවික හමුදාවට අයත් පුහුණු නෞකාවක් වන 'පෙරේකෝප්' නෞකාව තෙදින සුහද සංචාරයක් සඳහා පසුගියදා (19 වැනිදා) හම්බන්තොට වරායට සේන්ද්‍ර විය. එහිදී ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාව විසින් නාවික සාම්ප්‍රදායානුකූලව එම නෞකාව පිළිගන්නා ලදී.

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අයි. ස්කොඩා ඇතුළු පිරිසක් මෙන්ම ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාව නියෝජනය කරමින් නිලධාරීන් පිරිසක්ද සහභාගි වූහ.

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තෙදින නිල සංචාරය නිම කරමින් 'පෙරේකෝප්' නෞකාව අද (21 වැනිදා) ලංකාවෙන් පිටත්ව යෑමට නියමිතය.

පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ

දිනය - 2019-11-21

## වරාය අධිකාරියේ තෙවැනි යාත්‍රාවේ ඉදිකිරීම් ඇරැඹෙයි



ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරිය සඳහා ඉදිකිරීම් කළ යුතු තුන්වැනි තෙවැනි යාත්‍රාව ඉදිකිරීම් සං-  
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Newspaper – Daily News    Date – 21-11-2019

## Chinese naval ship departs



**Sri Lanka Navy band bidding customary farewell at Colombo Port.**

People's Liberation Army Navy ship 'Zhu Ke Zhen' which arrived in Sri Lanka on November 14, departed the Colombo Port on Tuesday (19). The Sri Lanka Navy bade customary farewell to the departing ship in accordance with traditions.

The crew members of the ship who were on a six-day tour took

part in several programmes, including sports, cultural events and visits to interesting places of Sri Lanka, organized by the Navy.

The mutual cooperation between the Navies of Sri Lanka and China was enhanced by this goodwill visit while exchanging the professional experience.



Newspaper – The Island    Date – 21-11-2019

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**HIPG management team and the NAITA officials with the students who completed the training successfully.**

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Newspaper – Daily FT Date – 22-11-2019



## 'Mein Schiff 6' makes maiden call to Port of Colombo

THE Port of Colombo welcomed the 'Mein Schiff 6' last morning, on her maiden call in Sri Lanka. Having arrived at 0600 hrs. from Mumbai in India, the vessel sailed at 2300, heading for Port Kelang, her next port of call.

Operated by The TUI Cruises Fleet, the 'Mein Schiff 6' is a sister vessel of 'Mein Schiff 3' and 'Mein Schiff 5', which have both called Colombo in the past.

The vessel was built at The Meyer Turku Shipyard in Turku, Finland and was launched on 3rd January 2017. Her length overall is 295 m and her draft is 8.25 m.

She has a passenger capacity of 2534, supported by a crew of 1030.

The ship is equipped with 1250 staterooms on 15 decks, most of them with private balcony. A new feature are the diamond suites, large family staterooms and three several suite categories. All staterooms are designed very bright, friendly and modern.

The main onboard language is German. The atmosphere is relaxed - Similar to an upscale Club Hotel. During holidays many families are guests aboard. They appreciate the relaxed atmosphere, the possibility to do



sports and the large variety of fine dining options. Almost all food, beverages and gratuities are already included in the cruise price.

To commemorate her maiden call, a plaque exchange was carried out between The SL Ports Authority and the Vessel's Command.

The pictures show the 'Mein Schiff 6' berthed at The East Container Terminal, with Officials of The Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Capt. Simon Boettger and his Officers, and Port Agency personnel.

M/s Shipping Agency Services handled the vessel's



Port agency/husbanding services, whilst the ground

tours were handled by Aitken Spence Travels.



Newspaper – Sunday Observer Date – 24-11-2019

Former President and the leader of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Mahinda Rajapaksa was sworn in as new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on November 21. Fifteen Ministers were sworn in before him at the Presidential Secretariat on November 22 morning.

## Mahinda Rajapaksa

### Prime Minister

(Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Policy Development, Buddha Sasana, Cultural Affairs, Water Supply and Urban Development, Housing Facilities)

Former Executive President and Leader of Sri Lanka Freedom Party from 2005 to 2015  
Leader of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna.  
First elected to Parliament in 1970 and Prime Minister from 2004 until his victory in the 2005 Presidential Election.



## NEW CABINET MINISTERS

### Dinesh Gunawardene

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Skills Development, Employment & Labour Relations



Former Minister of Water Supply and Drainage  
Former Chief Government Whip  
Minister of Transport  
Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development  
Son of veteran Marxist politician Philip Gunawardena  
Leader of Mahajana Ekokath Peramuna  
Member of Parliament representing Colombo District

### Chamal Rajapaksa

Minister of Mahaweli Development, Agriculture & Trade



Former Speaker of Parliament  
Former Minister of Ports and Aviation  
Minister of Irrigation and Water Management  
Member of Parliament representing Hambantota District  
Hails from a well-known political family in the country  
Father D.A. Rajapaksa was a prominent Sri Lankan politician

### Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government



Former Minister of Lands and Land Development  
Member of Local Government and Provincial Councils  
Deputy Minister of Health  
Member of Parliament representing Matla District

### Mahinda Amaraweera

Minister of Passenger Transport, Power & Energy



Former Minister of Agriculture  
Minister of Disaster Management  
Minister of Water Supply  
Deputy Minister of Health  
Member of Parliament representing Hambantota District

### Dullas Alahapperuma

Minister of Education, Sports and Youth Affairs



Former Minister of Transport  
Youth Affairs and Skills Development  
Member of Parliament representing Matara District

### Prasanna Ranatunga

Minister of Industrial Exports & Investment Promotions, Tourism & Aviation



Former Chief Minister of Western Provincial Council  
Member of Parliament representing Gampaha district

### Nimal Siripala de Silva

Minister of Justice, Human Rights & Legal Reforms



Former Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation  
Leader of the Opposition  
Leader of the House  
Cabinet Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management  
Member of Parliament representing Badulla District

### Johnston Fernando

Minister of Roads & Highways, Ports & Shipping



Former Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade  
Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports  
Member of Parliament representing Kurunegala district

### Bandula Gunawardene

Minister of Information & Communications Technology, Higher Education, Technology & Innovations



Former Minister of Education  
Minister of Rural Economy  
Minister of Trade, Marketing Development and Consumer Affairs  
Member of Parliament representing Colombo district

### S.M. Chandrasena

Minister of Environment, Wildlife, Land & Land Development



Former Minister of Agriculture  
Non-Cabinet Minister of Nation Building  
Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management  
Member of Parliament representing Anuradhapura District

### Pavithra Wanniarachchi

Minister of Women & Child Affairs, Social Security, Health & Indigenous Medicine



Former Minister of Power / Energy  
Minister of Youth Affairs  
Minister of Technology / Research  
Minister of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation  
Minister of Cultural and National Heritage  
Member of Parliament representing Rathnapura district

### Douglas Devananda

Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources



Former Cabinet Minister  
Leader of Eelam People's Democratic Party  
Minister of Development, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of the North  
Minister of Agriculture, Marketing Development, Hindu Education Affairs, Tamil Language and Vocational Training in the North  
Former Minister of Social Service and Welfare, Member of Parliament representing Jaffna

### Wimal Weerawansa

Minister of Small Medium Enterprises (SME) & Enterprise Development, Industries & Supply Management



Former Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities  
Leader of National Freedom Front  
Member of Parliament representing Colombo District

### Arumugam Thondaman

Minister of Community Empowerment & Estate Infrastructure



Former Cabinet Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development  
Grandson of veteran trade unionist and politician Saumyanoorthis Thondaman  
Leader of Ceylon Workers' Congress  
A Member of Parliament representing Nuwara Eliya District

### Ramesh Pathirana

Minister of Plantations & Export Agriculture



Member of Parliament representing Galle district  
Son of late Education and Higher Education Minister Richard Pathirana



Newspaper – Sunday Observer    Date – 24-11-2019

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*Ray Jayawickrama CEO, HIP, and Abeywickrama, Assistant Director Provincial, NAITA handing over a certificate to a student*



Newspaper – Ceylon Today    Date – 25-11-2019



## Container volumes up 5.1% in September 2019

The Colombo Port has handled 604,400 containers in September 2019, up 5.1 per cent from a year earlier, with weak imports in both Sri Lanka and India in the wake of monetary instability in

2018. In the nine months to September Colombo handled 5.427 million twenty foot equivalent units (TEUs), up 3.9 per cent from a year earlier.

Domestic container

volumes were up 2.5 per cent 108,735.

Volumes in the first seven months were down 7.2 percent to 943,442 as Sri Lanka imports fell amid a credit collapse.

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### Container...

The Central Bank printed money in 2018 in a bid to keep rates down as the economy recovered from a previous currency crisis, triggering another collapse of the country's unstable soft-peg labeled a flexible exchange rate.

India has also seen similar problems after a steep fall of its currency.

Transshipment volumes were up 5.2 per cent to 483,240 TEUs in September and total volumes were up 5.5 percent to 4.366 million TEUs.

In September 2018 Colombo's transshipment volumes grew 12.8 per cent to 459,211 TEUs, and total volumes in the nine months were up 19.5 per cent amid double digit import and export growth in India.

*(Economynext)*



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නම්බන්කොට වරාය අවුරුදු අනූනාඩයක සිදුවූ විනයට ලක්වීම පසුගිය රජයේ අක්ෂරාලයක් ලෙස ප්‍රකාශයක් කරමින් පනපති මාධ්‍යට කියමින් සිටියේය.

**චීනය සමඟ සාකච්ඡා....**

ඉන්ද්‍රිය මාධ්‍යට කියමින් සිටියේය. නම්බන්කොට වරාය 99 වසරකට බදු දීම යනුවෙන් ප්‍රකාශයක් කරමින් පනපති මාධ්‍යට කියමින් සිටියේය.

පනපති මාධ්‍යට කියමින් සිටියේය. නම්බන්කොට වරාය 99 වසරකට බදු දීම යනුවෙන් ප්‍රකාශයක් කරමින් පනපති මාධ්‍යට කියමින් සිටියේය.

පනපති මාධ්‍යට කියමින් සිටියේය. නම්බන්කොට වරාය 99 වසරකට බදු දීම යනුවෙන් ප්‍රකාශයක් කරමින් පනපති මාධ්‍යට කියමින් සිටියේය.

## සමීප ඒ ගැන දැනගෙනත් සද්ද නැතිව තිටියා



මහාමාර්ග-වරාය සහ නාවික කටයුතු ඇමැති  
**ආන්තික ජයරත්න**

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අපේ රජයට ඕනෑම දේශපාලනික විකල්පයකට එරෙහිව ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ලද ප්‍රතිපත්තිවලට එරෙහිව ප්‍රතික්ෂේපයක් කිරීමට සූදානම්ව සිටිමු. එයට අදාළව කිසිදු ප්‍රතික්ෂේපයක් කිරීමට අපට අවකාශයක් තිබේ.

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## හම්බන්තොට වරාය වසර 99කට විනයට බදු දීම පසුගිය ආණ්ඩුව කළ වරදක්

ජනපති ඉන්දිය මාධ්‍ය හමුවේ පවසයි

[ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රකාශන]

මුහුදු රටක් වශයෙන් ඉන්දියාව සමඟ ඉදිරියේදී කටයුතු කරන බවත් එරට කැමැත්තට අනුරූපයක් වන ආකාරයේ කිසිදු ක්‍රියාමාර්ගයක් නොගන්නා බවත් ජනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ මහතා අවධාරණය කරයි.

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හම්බන්තොට වරාය...

ජනාධිපති පදවි ප්‍රාප්තියෙන් අනතුරුව සිය පළමු සාකච්ඡාවට ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය. සුපිරි බලවතුන් අතර වන බල අරගලයට ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට මැදිහත් වීමේ අවශ්‍යතාවක් නොමැති බවත් හම්බන්තොට වරාය ව්‍යවස්ථාපිත අවුරුදු 99ක් සඳහා බදු දීම පසුගිය රජය කළ වරදක් බවත් එම හේතුවෙන් යළි කනිකා කර ගත යුතු බවත් ජනාධිපතිවරයා එහිදී ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

ජනාධිපතිවරයා එම සාකච්ඡාවේදී මෙසේද පැවසීය.

"මගින්ද රාජපක්ෂ මහතාගේ කාලයේදී අපි විනය සමඟ සබඳතා පැවැත්වූයේ හුදෙක්ම වාණිජමය මුහුණුවරකින්. නමුත් ලෝක දේශපාලනය මේක ගැටලුවකට දැමීම. හම්බන්තොට වරාය පවා ඔවුන් ඒ ගැටලුවට ඇදා ගන්නා, ක්‍රමෝපායිත වශයෙන් වැදගත් වරායක් මේ ආකාරයෙන් විනයට ලබාදීම ගැන නැවත සිතන්න ඕන, එක් පර්යන්තයක් ලබාදීම වරදක් නෙමෙයි. වරායක් ලබාදීම කියන්නේ වෙන දෙයක්. ඒක මගේ මතයයි. අපි විනය සමඟ වැඩ කරන්න යුතුනම්, සුපිරි බලවතුන්ගේ බල අරගලයට මැදිහත් වෙන්න අපට උවමනා නැහැ. සියලු රටවල් සමඟ කටයුතු කරන්න අපට ඕනෑ. මම විනයගරුක නැතැත්තෙක්. එයින් කියවෙන්නේ නෑ මම ජාතිවාදියකු බව."



## කොළඹ වරාය කාර්යක්ෂම වරායක් බවට පත්කිරීම යුගයේ අවශ්‍යතාවක්

අමාත්‍ය ජෙනරාල් ප්‍රකාශන

කොළඹ වරාය නාවිකයන් විසින් අවට පරිසරයේ සුදුසු අවස්ථාවකට පත්කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය වන බවත්, එමඟින් ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය.

ආණ්ඩුවේ මේ වන විට ඉතාමත් ඉහළ මට්ටමකින් කටයුතු කරමින් සිටින බවත්, එමඟින් ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය.

"වරාය විකල්පයක් ලෙසට මෙම වරාය, විශාල ආදායමක් ලැබෙන වරායක් බවත්, එමඟින් ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය.

ආණ්ඩුවේ මේ වන විට ඉතාමත් ඉහළ මට්ටමකින් කටයුතු කරමින් සිටින බවත්, එමඟින් ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය.

"අපි කෙටිකාලීනවම මෙම වරායට විශාල ප්‍රමාණයෙන් කටයුතු කරමින් සිටින බවත්, එමඟින් ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය.

ආණ්ඩුවේ මේ වන විට ඉතාමත් ඉහළ මට්ටමකින් කටයුතු කරමින් සිටින බවත්, එමඟින් ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය.

කටයුතු කරමින් සිටින බවත්, එමඟින් ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය.

"කොළඹ වරායේ ප්‍රාදේශීය වරාය පාලන ආයතන මේ ව විකල්පයක් ලෙසට මෙම වරාය, විශාල ආදායමක් ලැබෙන වරායක් බවත්, එමඟින් ඉන්දියාවේ භාරත් ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) වෙබ් පුවත්පතේ ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ නීතින් ඒ. ගෝක්ලේ මහතා සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක් වෙමින් ජනාධිපතිවරයා මේ බව පැවසීය.





## කොළඹ වරායේ වැඩ කඩිනම් අවසන් කර රටේ වැඩිම ලාභ ලබන ආයතනය කරනවා

වරාය හා මහාමාර්ග ඇමති ජෝන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු ධුරයේ වැඩ අරඹමින් කියයි

විජයානි එදිරිසිංහ

කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙන-  
ගිර පර්යන්තයේ වැඩ කටයුතු  
ඉතාමත් කඩිනමින් අවසන් කර  
වරායේ කටයුතු කාර්යක්ෂම කර  
රටේ වැඩිම ලාභ ලබන ආයතන-  
යක් බවට ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය පත්ත-  
රන බව වරාය හා මහාමාර්ග  
ඇමති ජෝන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා  
ජයේ(25) සිය ධුරයේ වැඩ ආරම්භ  
කරමින් කිය.

නැගෙනගිර පර්යන්තය තවත්  
කිසිවකුටත් විකුණා දීමට ඉඩ  
නොතබමින් එහි ඉදිකිරීම් කටයුතු  
කඩිනමින් අවසන් කිරීමෙන් පසු  
ඒ හරහා රටට විශාල ආදායමක්  
උපයා ගැනීමට අවස්ථාව තිබේ.  
ඒ අතර වරායේ බොහෝ කටයු-  
තුවල ප්‍රමාදයක් ඇති අතර එම  
ප්‍රමාදයන්වලට පිළියමක් ලෙස  
සියලු දෙනාම එකට එකතු වී වරාය කට-  
යුතු කාර්යක්ෂම කිරීම ජනාධිපති ගෝඨා-  
භය රාජපක්ෂ මහතාගෙන් අගමැති මහින්ද  
රාජපක්ෂ මහතාගෙන් එකම අභිප්‍රාය බැවින්  
එම අරමුණ ඉෂ්ඨ කරමින් තමා වරාය ලාභ  
ලබන ආයතනයක් බවට පත් කරන බවද  
ඇමැති ජෝන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා පැවසීය.

කොළඹ වරාය කීයත්තේ අපේ හදවත  
වගේ බලා ගත යුතු දෙයක්. මෙහි විවිධ පරි-  
පාලන ගැටලු, ප්‍රශ්න ආදී යඳ සියලු දේ විසඳ  
කාර්යක්ෂම කිරීම විශේෂයෙන් සිදු විය  
යුතු දෙයක්. මේ ආයතනයේ විවිධ ගැටලු  
නිසිබි ගැනිමි. ඒ සෑම ගැටලුවක්ම සාකච්ඡා  
මාර්ගයෙන් විසඳ ගන්නට ඕනෑම අවස්ථා-  
වක මම සුදුසුමින් සිටිනවා. විවිධ වෘත්තීය  
සමිතී කීබෙනවා. එම සමිතීවල විවිධ ගැටලු  
නිසිබි ගැනිමි. ඒ සෑම දෙයක්ම අප එකට



එකතු වී සාකච්ඡා මාර්ගයෙන් විසඳ ගැනීම  
ඉතාමත් වැදගත් වන බවද අමාත්‍යවරයා  
මෙහිදී පෙන්වා දුන්නේය.

හම්බන්තොට වරාය අප රජය විසින්  
රැක බලා ගත් වස්තුවක්. එක්සත් ජාතික  
පක්ෂයේ මලින් සමරවික්‍රමගේ මුලිකන්ට-  
යෙන් ගැසු ගිවිසුමට සඳහන් ප්‍රේමදාස මහ-  
තාගේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් ඇති බවටත් අප සැක  
පහළ කරනවා. ඇමැති ජෝන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු  
මහතා එසේ පවසන්නේ සඳහන් ප්‍රේමදාස  
මහතා නියෝජනය කරන හම්බන්තොට  
පළාතේ මෙවැනි ගිවිසුමක් ගහන විට සඳහන්  
ප්‍රේමදාස මහතා ඒ සම්බන්ධයෙන් නොදැන  
සිටින්නට කිසියෙක් ඉඩ තැනි බවයි.

මේ අවස්ථාවේදී කොමිෂන් සභා සම්බ-  
න්ධයෙන් මාධ්‍ය අසන ලද ප්‍රශ්නයකට පිළි-  
තුරු දෙමින් අමාත්‍යවරයා පවසා සිටියේ

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හම්බන්තොට වරාය විනයට බදුදීම ඉකුත් රජය සලකුණු කරනු ලබන විනයට බදුදීම එම ගනුදෙනුව පිළිබඳ යළි විමසා බැලිය යුතු බවත් පනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ මහතා සඳහන් කරයි. ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ මහතා පනතේ දුර්වලතාව පත්වූ පසු පුරවි වසාට ඉන්දියාවේ බහාරාති ශක්ති (Bharatshakti) මාධ්‍ය ආයතනයේ ප්‍රධාන කාර්යාලීය ජීවිත් ඒ. ගොක්හාලේ (Nitin A. Gokhale) සමඟ සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකට එක්වෙමින් මේ බව සඳහන් කර තිබේ.

ඉකුත් රජයේ පනාධිපති මහින්ද රාජපක්ෂ මහතා හා විනය අතර පැවැති සම්බන්ධය සංවර්ධනය සඳහා පැවැති සබඳතාවය. අපි රටක් විධියට ලෝක බලවතුන්ගේ බල අරගලවලට මැදිහත් වෙන්න අවශ්‍ය නැ. භූගෝලීය පිහිටීම අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ පිහිටීම ඉතා වැදගත්. මනේ අතිප්‍රාය රට දියුණුව කරා ගෙන යාමයි. අපි රටක් විධියට ඉන්දියාව සමඟ සම්ප සබඳතා පවත්වනවා. ඉන්දියාවේ දායකත්වයට හානිකර දෙයක් කරන්න අපට අවශ්‍ය නැ.

අපේ රටේ විපක්ෂයට පුළුවන් මාව ඒකාධිපතියකු ලෙස පෙන්වන්න. නමුත් මම ඒකාධිපතියෙක්වත්, පාතිවාදියෙක්වත් නෙවෙයි. මේ රට ගොඩනගන්න දැවිලි, මුස්ලිම් අයටත් මා සමඟ එක්වන්නෙයි. මම ආරාධනා කර තිබෙනවා. මා ගැන වැරදි හැඟීමක් වැරදි වැටහීමක් තිබෙන අයට පුළුවන් මාව හමුවී මම කුමක්ද කරන්නෙ කියලා දැනගන්න. මාව හමුවීමෙන් පසුව මා කෙරෙහි ඇතිකර තිබෙන වැරදි වැටහීම හැඟී කරගන්න පුළුවන් වෙයි. මට අවශ්‍ය මේ රට දියුණු කරන්න. ඒ සඳහා හැමදෙනාගෙන්ම මම ඉල්ලන්නෙ මා සමඟ එකතු වෙන්න කියලයි. යැයිද පනාධිපතිවරයා ප්‍රකාශ කර තිබේ.



**මාර්ග, මහාමාර්ග, වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු  
අමාත්‍ය ජෝන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු**



වූ බවටද, අවමානවරයා පැවැතීම

ප්‍රකූල රජය එලෙස දේශපාලන ක්‍රියාවේ කිසිවිටි  
කටිප්පු කළද එවමින් රජය කිසිදු ලෙසකින් එවැනි  
ප්‍රතික්ෂේපීය කොන්දාස බවින් එයෙන් තිසා මිසා වරදක්  
කර ඇති පුද්ගලයන් වේ නම් ඔවුන් එවැනිව  
නිසි නීතියේ ක්‍රියාවලියෙන් මිසකින් අනිවාර්යයෙන්  
සැලකීමට ලක්විය යුතු බවට අපි තීරණය කරමු.

මූල්‍ය අංශයේ වර්ගීකරණ කොඩියකට (FCID) ප්‍රවේශයක් ලෙස වැරදි අනුමානවලට තදබසක් සෑදෙනු ඇත.

විකිපීඩියාවේ අදහස් දැක්වූ අමාත්‍යවරයා මෙසේද පැවසීය.

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## FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEDIA INTERVIEW:

# WE WANT TO WORK WITH INDIA VERY CLOSELY, AND ALSO WITH CHINA – PRESIDENT

### TELLS MAJOR INDIAN WEBSITE: 99-YEAR LEASE OF HAMBANTOTA WILL BE RENEGOTIATED



"We understand the importance of the Indian concerns, we can't specially act or engage in any activity which will threaten the security of India. That we know. We are in the region and India is a big power, is a big country." President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has said in his very first international media interview.

The President made the above remark in an hour-long extensive interview with Nitin A. Gokhale, Editor-in-Chief of 'ThaneShakti.in' and India's highly respected 'Strategic News International' journal, in Colombo.

The interview, which was his first solo media interview as President, comes a few days ahead of his first overseas visit which is to New Delhi scheduled for later this week.

The President also emphasised that "giving away the Hambantota port to China on a 99-year lease was a mistake by the previous government" adding the deal has to be renegotiated.

**Excerpts of the interview:**  
**Q:** When you spoke first after becoming President, you mentioned that we are an equidistant from almost every power in the region and you want to be neutral. If I am reading correctly, national security and national priorities are your first priorities, rather than looking at who you align with. But this question always crops up, is it China versus India or Sri Lanka? What is your view on this?

**A:** When I say neutral, we don't want to handpicking one country or get into a balancing act; we don't want that. That is why I said neutral. We are so small that we cannot survive if we get into this balancing act. We don't want to get in between the power struggles of superpowers or world powers so, basically, we are neutral.

## We want to work with India very closely, and also with China – President \*\*\* from page 01

We want to work with all the countries and we don't want to do anything which will harm any other country.

We understand the importance of the Indian concerns, we can't specially act or engage in any activity which will threaten the security of India, that we know. We are in the region and India is a big power, is a big country. Though we want to be an independent, sovereign nation but we don't want to get involved. We have to understand the point of view of other countries and act accordingly. But (what) everybody wants today, the most important thing, is economic development.

And to do that you cannot be a restricted soul. You have to open up while protecting your country, while protecting your industries, while protecting your business, still you have to open up. To get involved in the world's economy, for that we are ready. That is why we want to get assistance from India, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Japan, this is very important, but then you have to face the reality.

So, in our case, our involvement with China, the last few years especially during Mahinda Rajapaksa government period, it was purely commercial, but because from the very beginning, world analysts, the geo-political analysts put us also into the orbit. Even Hambantota harbour, they tried to show as part of the String of Pearls, which circles India. But in our (economic) things it was not so, the requirement was ours, we understood, we should never give the control of the port to China. So that was a mistake.

**Q:** Yeah, unfortunately the previous government....

**A:** Gave a lease for 99 years. And even though China is a good friend of ours and we need their assistance to develop, I'm not afraid to say that was a mistake. I will request them to renegotiate and come with a better (deal) to assist us. Today the people are not happy on that deal, we can think of one year, two years, five years, we have to think of the future, what will happen? So giving a small land for investment is a different thing. To develop a hotel or a commercial property is not a problem, that's not an issue. The strategically important, economically important harbour, giving that is not acceptable. That we should have control. We have to renegotiate. Giving a terminal for an operation is a different thing, giving some location to build a hotel is different, not the control over a very important place, it is not acceptable. So that is my position. We want to work with India very closely.

And we want to work with China as well. Diplomatic relations and economic relations are everywhere. India is working closely with China. I know Indian investment goes to China, Chinese investment comes to India. Like that, we want investments and help but we will not do anything, we don't want to get involved in military and geopolitical rivalry. The other thing that I want to tell the world powers like India, Singapore, Japan, Australia, is, you know, the reality is they are scared of Chinese involvement, that's a reality. But in our point of view it is commercial. We are a small country and we want foreign investment to improve our economy. So I invite India, Singapore, Japan and Australia to come and invest here. Don't allow only China to invest. These governments must encourage their private companies to come and invest, come and help us. Without leaving it to one country and then grumbling.

So I openly say this, because I want them to come and invest in this country. We are a small country, generally we don't want to get involved in these things. Please understand that. Rather than putting pressure on us, understand us and get involved in the economic development of this country. There are many ways I am not saying only money; take our products—we have tea, cinnamon, pepper, coconuts—you can assist in agriculture, there is education, invest in high-tech companies, there are lots of ways. Definitely, I want to cut red tape; I want to cut difficulties in old rules and regulations for the betterment of the country. I will create an investment-friendly environment.

**Q:** That's something that people should take note of. But you are going to India on your next overseas visit next week. What are three-four main points that you'll talk about?

**A:** I will reassure the Indian government that we will work with India as a friendly country. We will not do anything that will harm the security interests and I will request them to help us in investments in many fields and also help us in education, that's very important, and also the development of technology. I think the present Indian government, even Prime Minister Modi has changed how he approaches the neighbourhood.

**Q:** You mentioned it very clearly that you would have liked the Tamils and the Muslims to have voted for you but now you have been elected, you are also the President of the entire country. How do you take forward the reconciliation process with the minorities?

**A:** I believe development is the answer. For the last so many years, Tamil political leaders and also the Sinhalese leaders were talking



about things that were not practical, impossible, only to fool the people. We should focus on what we can do first, you know, give everyone a good opportunity to live as a Sri Lankan in this country, to get an education, for a better life, get a good job and live in dignity, so I will create that environment. Let other political things go on; you can discuss but you can't only focus on that, neglect the wellbeing of the population. What is important is to develop the countries, develop these areas, infrastructure development. We did what we can, we have continued with that. And push more private industries to these areas, to create more jobs and improve education, doesn't only mean general education but develop vocational education. For a long period, kids who didn't have the opportunity to go to school were fighting in jungles. Now give them some training so that they can improve their skills (and) they can get into certain jobs. Create these job opportunities. This is my focus, develop these areas so that they will get equal opportunities.

**Q:** There is this western narrative about you, especially that you are authoritarian or a racist Sinhalese leader and then the Muslims have a lot to lose from your coming to power; how will you reassure the Muslims?

**A:** I think it's the wrong perception that was created during the conflict period. True that I was in the army for 20 years; I was fighting as an army officer against terrorism, then I retired from the army and went ahead to live nearly for 12 years in the U.S. Then I came back as the secretary defence but then people recognised me only as the secretary defence, they know me as the sec-

retary defence so maybe because of that they think that this man is authoritarian. I am a disciplined person that doesn't mean (you have nothing against a community). I have persons in my actions that I'm not racist; I don't work only for one section of the society. That is why I limited the Tamils and Muslims and everybody to join me in developing the country, in bringing the country up. You know, the opposition can show me a dictator or authoritarian or whatever but I am not. People will see in my actions but I want to tell them to join me. At the same time, I want especially the media to not go by hearsay or rumours and don't propagate these things; understand me, speak to me, meet me and see how I am doing, how I work and give the correct picture. It's a small country, developing country; people should help us, not put obstacles in my way. That will not help anybody.

**Q:** These charges that were there against some of your officers, sometimes against you also, about human rights violations that have come up in the last phase.

**A:** See war is not a rose thing, whether you internally fight or whether the Americans come and fight in Iraq or Afghanistan or UK govt fights in Iraq or Afghanistan. Whether it is internal or outside, war is not a rose thing and everything doesn't go very smoothly but we are a poor country, we are a lesser power so our things are highlighted more. It's very unfair to do that because as a nation we are Buddhist, we are a very peaceful nation, our history goes back thousands and thousands of years and we have our values, our culture is rich.

**Q:** Existence is very precious in that sense.

**A:** Yes, so rather than just criticising and I would like to request the Tamil diaspora to forget these things, nobody is benefited; rather we must work together to develop our country, help the people in our country irrespective of their (community). I'm sure if the minority community understand this, if they do certain things which create suspicion in the minds of majority community only then the majority community will react. They have to understand that. Everybody is a Sri Lankan citizen if they are born in Sri Lanka. They have equal rights, everybody, but they should not do certain things. They have to understand the reality. However much the society (may) move forward (but) even in the so-called advanced societies, these problems are there.

**Q:** There will always be differences between communities.

**A:** We have to understand.



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Ports and Shipping Minister Johnston Fernando assuming duties. Picture by Ruwan De Silva.

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## President Gotabaya invites world powers to invest in SL

### Handing control of H'tota Port to China a mistake

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said, he invites the world powers to invest in Sri Lanka without leaving it all for another country and come grumbling later.

Speaking to Editor-in-Chief of BharatShakti.in and SNI, Nitin A. Gokhale, President Rajapaksa said Sri Lanka does not intend to get involved in any geopolitical rivalries.

He said that Sri Lanka will work with India as a friendly country and will not do anything that will harm India's interests.

He favoured Sri Lanka to be neutral as "we don't want to get in between the power struggles of superpowers. But we want to work with all countries".

He asserted that Sri Lanka's involvement with China during the Presidency of Mahinda Rajapaksa was 'purely commercial'.

President Rajapaksa said that handing over the control of the Hambantota Port to China on a 99-year lease was a mistake of the past regime and that he will be looking into renegotiating the deal.



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## President Gotabaya...

He pointed out that the reality is that the world powers such as India, Singapore, Japan, and Australia are scared of Chinese involvement in Sri Lanka.

"Therefore, these world powers are to welcome to invest in Sri Lanka instead of allowing only China to dominate investment in the country and then come grumbling later."

President Rajapaksa said he will create an investment-friendly environment in Sri Lanka.

Speaking on the reconciliation process with the minorities, he said that development is the answer to this.

He said that both Tamil and Sinhalese political leaders make promises that are not practical, to fool the people. "However, the focus should be on what we can do," he added.

President Rajapaksa said that he will give everyone an opportunity to live as a Sri Lankan to get an education, get a job, live a better life and live in dignity. While creating this environment, he will allow other political matters to go on, he said.

He said that his focus would be on developing these areas to give them equal opportunities in life.

Gokhale inquired from President Rajapaksa on the narrative of him being 'authoritarian' and 'racist' and queried how he will reassure the Muslims in the country.

President Rajapaksa said that it is a wrong perception and that it was created during the conflict period against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

"I am a disciplined person but that doesn't mean I am racist. I have nothing against the community. I have proved through my actions that I am not racist and that I don't work for only one section of society. That is why I invited all – Tamils and Muslims – to join me in developing the country."

He said that although the Opposition may paint him as a dictator or an authoritarian, people will be able to see that it is wrong by his actions.

He requested all international media not to go by the rumours.

"Understand me. Speak to me. Meet me. See how I work. Give the correct picture of me. We are a small country. People should help us and not put obstacles in my way. That will not help anybody."

Responding to a question on allegations against him, President Rajapaksa said, "War is not a rosy thing – whether you fight internally or whether Americans come to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan. Not everything goes smoothly. We are a poor country, a lesser power. So, our issues are highlighted more. Big powers can get away with a lot. It is very unfair to do that."

He said that he would like the Tamil Diaspora to forget about these things and that nobody will benefit from such things.

"The minority has to understand that the majority will react only if the minority will act in a way that creates suspicion. No matter how much advanced the society is, these suspicions and issues will prevail and these issues still exist in even much more advanced countries," he added. **(Agencies)**

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## President Rajapaksa says leasing H'tota Port was a 'mistake', calls for renegotiation with China

■ But committed to strong relations with China  
■ Says pre-2015 relations with China misunderstood, was only an economic partnership  
■ Wary of getting caught up in battles between powerful nations  
■ Assures will not do anything to undermine India's national security  
■ To seek Indian investment during maiden visit  
■ Wants Singapore, India, Japan, Australia to invest and not grumble about China relations

PRESIDENT Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday said he would renegotiate the Hambantota Port lease agreement, leasing it a "mistake" and calling on the Chinese company to be open to the move while assuring that he remained committed to strong relations with the global superpower.

Rajapaksa, giving his first interview since taking office,



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa told Indian Journalist and Defence Analyst Netin S. Gokhale that he remained committed to close ties with both China and India.

### President Rajapaksa...

In an hour-long interview aired on Gokhale's Strategic News International (SNI) web platform and on the defence website Barthelemy, President Rajapaksa stressed that Sri Lanka's close relations with China during his brother's 2005-2015 presidential tenure were misinterpreted by international analysts as a strategic military relationship, and claimed instead it was purely an economic partnership.

"We don't want to become a part of a big power rivalry," Rajapaksa stressed, pointing out that Sri Lanka would not do anything that would negatively impact India's national security. Rajapaksa stated that he would seek to reassure India that Sri Lanka would not do anything to harm India's security interests and would be seeking continued Indian investment to Sri Lanka during his upcoming visit to New Delhi.

"We were never to give control of the port (Hambantota) to China; that was a mistake," Rajapaksa opined, pointing out that the decision was made by the previous administration.

"The previous Government gave it on a 99-year lease, and even though China is a good friend of ours and we need their assistance for development, I am not afraid to say that was a mistake."

Rajapaksa stated that he would request the Chinese to renegotiate the joint venture. Rajapaksa highlighted that the public was unhappy with the deal and pointed out that while leasing land for commercial purposes or for property development was acceptable, giving control of a strategic 'economic' location like a port "was not."

President Rajapaksa called regional and international powers such as Singapore, Japan, India and Australia to invest in Sri Lanka, acknowledging that the said countries viewed Chinese investment in Sri Lanka with suspicion.

"...in our point of view, it is commercial," he said of Chinese investment. "These countries should encourage their private industries to come and invest in Sri Lanka, without leaving [it] to one country (China) and then grumbling."

The new President asked world powers to understand Sri Lanka without pressuring the country and to join in its economic development.

President Rajapaksa, responding to a question, stated that he would reduce red tape and sid

regulations which hinder investments, calling for foreign investment in high-tech industries, manufacturing and education.

"I will create an environment for investment," he added.

Commenting on reconciliation and the way forward, Rajapaksa opined that a necessary environment needed to be provided for all citizens to be able to find employment, benefit from the fruits of development and live in dignity.

"We have to continue to develop these areas, push private industries to set up there to create more jobs and improve general and vocational education," he asserted, alleging that minorities that lived in the North and East were hoodwinked by both Sinhalese and Tamil politicians in the past.

"My focus is to develop these areas so that everyone has equal opportunity," he affirmed, arguing that with development and reconciliation this would automatically happen.

President Rajapaksa also claimed that there was an inaccurate perception of him as an authoritarian and racist individual.

"I am a disciplined person, that doesn't mean I am authoritarian," he stated, pointing out that he had proved in action that he was not racist nor did he work for only one section of the population.

"That is why I invited the Tamils, the Muslims and everybody to join me to develop the country and build it up," he argued, pointing out that the Opposition could paint him out as a dictator but the public would see him for who he was through his actions.

He called on the international media not to believe or propagate rumours, but to come speak to him and understand his ways. Rajapaksa argued that war crimes allegations against the Sri Lankan military and him were unfairly blown out of proportion while the actions of superpowers in conflicts were not highlighted.

"War is not a rosy thing; things don't go smoothly always," he argued, pointing out that Sri Lanka was a peaceful nation and had a rich cultural history spanning thousands of years. He called on the Tamil diaspora to work together with Sri Lanka and develop the country.

"I like the Tamil diaspora to forget about these things, nobody benefits from these things [allegations]. Work with the country to benefit all communities," he suggested, pointing out that if minority communities acted in a manner that was suspicious, it would trigger a reaction from

the majority. Rajapaksa claimed that even in so-called advanced societies, divisions existed. Nevertheless, he declared that all Sri Lankan citizens were equal.

"There will always be differences between communities, but through understanding they can coexist and thrive," he added.

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Roads, Highways, Ports, and Shipping Minister Johnston Fernando assume duties

## ECT to be fast-tracked

- **New Ports Minister says talks to commence today**
- **Expanding ports sector with stakeholder engagement a priority of administration**

THE long- delayed East Container Terminal (ECT) of the Colombo Port will be fast-tracked under the new administration with talks to be held with relevant authorities today, according to newly-appointed Roads, Highways, Ports, and Shipping Minister Johnston Fernando.

The construction of the ECT will take place without further delay, he said, while assuming duties at the Ports and Shipping Ministry. "We have already held discussions with a number of people, including the business community. Their main concern is the delay in the construction of the terminal," Fernando explained.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa have given him clear instructions to start work on the Colombo Port as soon as possible, Fernando said, adding that he plans to make the Ministry a place of action rather than discussion.

"A port can be a large source of revenue and we plan on increasing the efficiency of the Colombo Port. In the past, we have seen how the operations of a port can be successfully carried out under State administration and I request trade unions to corporate with us," Fernando said.

"A port is similar to the heart of a country. Therefore as the port sector plays a crucial role in posting positive statistics for a country's economy. Our administration is primarily focused on improving efficiency to ensure expansion of the sector. I believe that

with the contribution of all the stakeholders of the institution we can accomplish the expected development goals."

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the Governments of Sri Lanka and India, Japan, and China in May. While the project will increase Colombo Port's container volume, SLPA in a statement issued in May said that under the MoC, SLPA will retain 100% ownership of ECT and the Japanese loan carried one of the best loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained. The Japanese are expected to provide a loan of \$ 500 million.

SLPA also said that Terminal Operations Company (TOC), which conducts all ECT operations, is jointly owned, with Sri Lanka retaining a 51% stake.

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## Govt plans to turn Port institutions, services more efficient - Johnston

The Port is similar to heart of the country. Regularly it contributes to state's total income in big numbers.

Therefore as the port sector is playing a crucial role in posting positive statistics for country's economy, the new administration is primarily to be focused on turning its institutions and services more efficient to ensure the accomplishment of expected

expansion in the sector, Roads & Highways, Ports and Shipping Johnston Fernando said after assuming duties at the port ministry yesterday.

"I invite all the trade unions of this institution to contribute in this process. I believe that with the contribution of all the stakeholders of the institution we can accomplish expected development goals," he said.



**Minister of Roads & Highways, Ports and Shipping Johnston Fernando assumes duties yesterday at the Ministry of Ports and Shipping, Colombo 01.**



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සියලු ප්‍රජා, ගැටලු සාකච්ඡා මාර්ගයෙන් විසඳීම තමාගේ උනන්දුවෙන් අරඹන බව ද වරාය ඉගාමත් ආදර්ශවත් කැනක් බවට පත් කිරීමට වෘත්තීය සම්බන්ධ හා සියලු දෙනාගේ සහාය ලබාදෙමින් යයි තමා විශ්වාස කරන බව ද පැවැසූ අමාත්‍ය ජොන්සන් මහතා වරාය කොනෝම් ද වැඩ කරනු ලබන කළු කියලා ඉතිහාසයේ අඩි දැමූ බැව් ද පැවැසීය.

කොළඹ වරායේ ජැටිය හැදීමේ පමාවක් සිදුවී තිබෙනවා යයි ද එය අඩි දත්තා කරුණක් බවත් පැවැසූ අමාත්‍යවරයා මේ සම්බන්ධව වරායට විශාල පිරිසක් සමාජ සාකච්ඡා කළ බව ද කොනෝම් බලාපොරොත්තුව නිලධාරීන් සමඟ

සාකච්ඡා කොට රටේ වැඩ කරනු ලබන ඉන්ජිනේරු ආරම්භ කිරීම බව ද කීය.

මෙහිදී මාර්ගවේදීන් ඇසු ප්‍රශ්නවලට පිළිතුරු දුන් අමාත්‍යවරයා පසුගිය රජය මෙන් දේශපාලන ද්වයමත් කරන්න අපේ බලාපොරොත්තුවක් නොමැති බවත් සාක්ෂි හඳුලා පැමිණිලි කරන තමන්ට ඉවහර එන්ඩ් අයිඩ් අයහනය නිර්මාණය කළ අතර එය නිකුත්කළ අයහනයක් නොවන බව ද පැවැසීය.

අමාත්‍ය ජොන්සන් ප්‍රකාශය මගින් වැඩිදුරටත් මෙසේ ද කීය.

කවුරු හරි නිලධාරියකු වරදක් කරලා සියයනවා නම් ඔහුට රටේ සිටිය අනුව අත්වරියයෙන්ම දඬුවම් දෙනවා, ඒ නිසා කමට පත්කරා පත්දිය දුන්නේ ඒ වෙනස ඇති වෙයි කියලා. වැඩ කරන රටක් බවට පත් කිරීමට පත්කරා පත්දිය දුන්නේ.

සිටිනු ඇතුළු මිලින් සමරවිකුම මහතා පිරිසුමක් මගින් නම්බන්ගොට වරාය බදු දන්නා, තමාගේ පත් ද කොට්ඨාසයේ සිටි වරාය බදු දීමේදී සිටිනු අමාත්‍ය සර්වෝදය මහතා නිහඩව සිටියා, වරාය බදු දෙන අවස්ථාවේ සර්ව මහතා නිහඩව සිටියේ මිලින්ට ලැබෙන විකල්ප කොමිස් මුදලින් කොටසක් සිහුටත් ලැබෙන්න ඇති කියලයි මම හිතන්නේ.

පාර්ලිමේන්තු මන්ත්‍රීවරුන් වන මහින්දානන්ද අලුත්ගමගේ, අරුන්දික ප්‍රනාන්දු, නාරාහාන් බස්නාහර, වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍යාංශයේ භල්කම් විශ්ව අද්මිරාල් සිරිමත් රජසිංහ යන මහත්මිය ද අමාත්‍යාංශය යටතේ පවතින ආයතනවල හා අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නිලධාරීන් ද මෙම අවස්ථාවට සහභාගී වූහ.

පුවත්පත - ලංකාදීප දිනය - 2019-11-26



## ගිවිසුම යළි සාකච්ඡා කළ යුතුයි: හම්බන්තොට වරාය චීනයට ඔදුදීම ගිය ආණ්ඩුව කළ වරදක්

නම්බන්තොට වරාය 99 අවුරුදුකට වසරකට වැඩි කාලයක් තිස්සේ ලංකාවේ වරායක් ලෙස සේවය කරමින් පවතින අතර එය ලෝකයේ විශිෂ්ටතම වරායවලින් එකක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

අදාළ ගිවිසුම අදාළ සාකච්ඡා කළ යුතු යැයි ද අධිකාරී මණ්ඩලයේ සභාපතිවරයා පවසා ඇත. එමෙන්ම ඒ සභාපතිවරයාගේ මතයට අනුව ආණ්ඩුවේ සේවය කරමින් පවතින වරායක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

එමෙන්ම ආණ්ඩුවේ සේවය කරමින් පවතින වරායක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

එමෙන්ම ආණ්ඩුවේ සේවය කරමින් පවතින වරායක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

නම්බන්තොට වරාය 99 අවුරුදුකට වසරකට වැඩි කාලයක් තිස්සේ ලංකාවේ වරායක් ලෙස සේවය කරමින් පවතින අතර එය ලෝකයේ විශිෂ්ටතම වරායවලින් එකක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

අදාළ ගිවිසුම අදාළ සාකච්ඡා කළ යුතු යැයි ද අධිකාරී මණ්ඩලයේ සභාපතිවරයා පවසා ඇත. එමෙන්ම ඒ සභාපතිවරයාගේ මතයට අනුව ආණ්ඩුවේ සේවය කරමින් පවතින වරායක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

එමෙන්ම ආණ්ඩුවේ සේවය කරමින් පවතින වරායක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

නම්බන්තොට වරාය 99 අවුරුදුකට වසරකට වැඩි කාලයක් තිස්සේ ලංකාවේ වරායක් ලෙස සේවය කරමින් පවතින අතර එය ලෝකයේ විශිෂ්ටතම වරායවලින් එකක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

අදාළ ගිවිසුම අදාළ සාකච්ඡා කළ යුතු යැයි ද අධිකාරී මණ්ඩලයේ සභාපතිවරයා පවසා ඇත. එමෙන්ම ඒ සභාපතිවරයාගේ මතයට අනුව ආණ්ඩුවේ සේවය කරමින් පවතින වරායක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.

එමෙන්ම ආණ්ඩුවේ සේවය කරමින් පවතින වරායක් ලෙස සලකනු ලබයි.



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## President says control of H'tota port should never have been given to China



**President**

Sri Lanka should never have given the control of Hambantota Port to China, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa told Nitin A. Gokhale, Editor-in-Chief of *BharatShakti.in*, in his first interview after his election. He said that although China had been a good friend of Sri Lanka, he would consider it a mistake to have leased the port for 99 years.

"I will request them to renegotiate and come with a better (deal) to assist us. Today, the people are not happy with that deal, we can think of one year, two years, five years, we have to think of the future, what will happen? So giving a small land for investment is a different thing. To develop a hotel or a commercial property is not a problem, that's not an issue. But strategically important,

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### President says...

economically important harbour, giving that is not acceptable. That we should have control. We have to renegotiate. Giving a terminal for an operation is a different thing, giving some location to build a hotel is different, not the control over a very important place, it is not acceptable. So that is my position. We want to work with India very closely."

Rajapaksa also urged India, Singapore, Japan and Australia to invest in Sri Lanka. The governments of those countries must encourage their private sector to invest in Sri Lanka and help the country develop economically, he added.

"These governments must encourage their private companies to come and invest, come and help us. Without leaving it to one country and then grumbling," he said.

Sri Lanka would work with India as a friendly country and not do anything that jeopardize harm India's interests, Rajapaksa added.

Rajapaksa said that Sri Lanka wanted to remain neutral in its foreign relations. "There are examples in the world. But, we know the Indian Ocean plays a very important role in present day geo-politics. So we are geographically situated in a very strategic location. All the sea lanes are passing close to Sri Lanka, from East to West. You know the importance of these sea lanes. Specially, when Asia is developing and their produce has to go to the world. And at the same time when you develop, you need energy. The

energy resource is still in the Middle East, it has to come. The minerals are in Africa, those things have to come. This is very important but the thing is these lanes must be free for the whole world, no country should control the sea lanes because that's very important."

The President said that Sri Lanka didn't want to bandwagon one country. Sri Lanka is a small country which wouldn't be able to survive if its got between the power struggles of super-powers or world powers.

"We understand the importance of the Indian concerns; we can't specially act or engage in any activity which will threaten the security of India that we know. We are in the region and India is a big power, is a big country. Though we want to be an independent, sovereign nation but we don't want to get involved. We have to understand the points of view of other countries and act accordingly. But (what) everybody wants today, the most important thing, is economic development."

"A country can't develop while isolating itself and Sri Lanka needs to open up while protecting the country, the industries and business. Sri Lanka needs the assistance from India, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China and Japan to achieve this objective."

"So, in our case, our involvement with China, the last few years especially during Mahinda Rajapaksa government period, it was purely commercial, but

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because from the very beginning, world analysts, the geo-political analysts put us also into the orbit. Even Hambantota harbour, they tried to show as part of the String of Pearls, which circles India. But in our (scheme of) things it was not so, the requirement was ours, we understood, we should never give the control of the port to China. So that was a mistake."

President Rajapaksa said that he believed that development was the way to push forward the reconciliation process with the minorities. In the past Sinhala and Tamil political leaders had continuously fooled people by making unrealistic promises, Rajapaksa said noting that Sri Lanka should focus on what it could do first and he would focus on giving people the opportunity to live with dignity by improving their living standard.

The also urged the minorities to join him in his campaign to develop the country and urged the media to report fairly. "Yes, so rather than just criticising and I would like to even request the Tamil diaspora to forget these things, nobody is benefitted; rather we must work together to develop our country, help the people in our country irrespective of their community. I'm sure if the minority communities understand this. Everybody is a Sri Lankan citizen if they are born in Sri Lanka. They have equal rights, everybody, but they should not do certain things. They have to understand the reality."



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Minister of Roads, Highways, Ports and Shipping, Johnston Fernando yesterday assumed duties at the Ministry. A number of MPs and officials took part in the event.  
*Pic by Saman Gamage.*

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## PREZ REQUESTS TAMIL DIASPORA TO COOPERATE IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS



- SAYS H'TOTA DEAL WAS A MISTAKE AND HAS TO BE RENEGOTIATED
- SAYS WON'T DO ANYTHING TO HARM INDIA'S INTERESTS

In an interview with Nitin A. Gokhale, Editor-in-Chief of Bharat Shakti.in and SNI, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has requested the Tamil diaspora to work together to develop the country and help people irrespective of their community.

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## PREZ REQUESTS TAMIL DIASPORA TO COOPERATE IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

- Says majority community will react only if minorities do things that create suspicion**

When the interviewer commented on peaceful coexistence, the President said, "Rather than just criticising, I would like to even request the Tamil diaspora to forget these things, nobody is benefitted; we must work together to develop our country, help the people in our country irrespective of their community. The majority community will react only if minorities do things that create suspicion. They have to understand that. Anyone born in Sri Lanka is a Sri Lankan citizen. They have equal rights, but they should not do certain things. They have to understand the reality. These problems are prevalent even in so-called advanced societies."

The President said he understood the importance of Indian concerns. "We can't act or engage in any activity that threatens the security of India. We are in the region and India is a major power. We have to understand the viewpoint of other countries and act accordingly. But what everybody wants today is economic development," he said.

Commenting on the leasing out of the Hambantota Port, he said the lease agreement was a mistake. "The previous government leased the Hambantota Port for 99 years. Although China is a good friend of ours and we need its assistance to develop, I'm not afraid to say it was a mistake. I will request them to renegotiate and strike a better deal to assist us. People are not happy with it," he said.

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## H'tota port deal was a mistake: President

- Says he will request the Chinese for a better deal
- Points out Lankan govt. should have control of such strategic asset
- Says looking forward to working closely with both India and China
- Stresses SL does not want to get involved in any military or geopolitical rivalry
- Invites India, Singapore, Japan and Australia to invest in SL



Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**N**ewly-elected President Gotabaya Rajapaksa says he wants to renegotiate the deal with the Chinese on the Hambantota Port, which is strategically located near one of the world's busiest shipping lanes with tens of thousands of ships passing by a year.

Rajapaksa said this during his first interview as President

with Nitin A. Gokhale, Editor-in-Chief of Bharat Shakti.in and SNI.

The previous government headed by President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe handed over the Hambantota Port and 15,000 acres of land around it for 99 years to Chinese in December 2017.

The then government justified the sale saying it couldn't service the loan taken from the Chinese to build the port by the

President Mahinda Rajapaksa's administration during 2010-2015.

"...even though China is a good friend of ours and we need their assistance to develop, I'm not afraid to say that was a mistake. I will request them to renegotiate and come with a better (deal) to assist us. Today the people are not happy on that deal, we can think of one year, two years, five years, we have to think of the future, what will happen?

So, giving a small land for

investment is a different thing. To develop a hotel or a commercial property is not a problem, that's not an issue. The strategically important, economically important harbour, giving that is not acceptable. That we should have control. We have to renegotiate. Giving a terminal for an operation is a different thing, giving some location to build a hotel is different, not the control over a very important place; it is not acceptable. So, that is my position," President Rajapaksa told Gokhale.

Rajapaksa also said he is looking forward to working closely with both China and India boosting diplomatic and economic relations but stressed that Sri Lanka does not want to get involved in any military or geopolitical rivalry.

"The other thing that I want to tell the world powers like India, Singapore, Japan, Australia, you know, the reality is they are scared of Chinese involvement, that's a reality. But in our point of view, it is commercial. We are a small country and we want foreign investment to improve our economy.

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### H'tota port...

So, I invite India, Singapore, Japan and Australia to come and invest here. Don't allow only China to invest. These governments must encourage their private companies to come and invest, come and help us. Without leaving it to one country and then grumbling," Rajapaksa said.

"So, I openly say this, because I want them to come and invest in this country. We are a small country; genuinely we don't want to get involved in these things. Please understand that. Rather than putting pressure on us, understand us and get involved in the economic development of this country," he added.



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## හම්බන්තොට වරාය විනයට බදු දීම පසුගිය රජයේ වරදක්



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හම්බන්තොට වරාය විනයට බදු පදනම මත ලබාදීම පසුගිය රජය මගින් සිදු කළ වරදක් බවත් එම බදු ගිවිසුම යළි සලකා බැලීමට කමිටු සූදානම් බවත් ජනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ මහතා ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

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අදාළ ගනුදෙනුව පිළිබඳව රටේ ජනතාව තුළ කැමැත්තක් නොමැති බවත් අවුරුදු කිහිපයක් ගැන නොසිතා අනාගතය ගැන සිතා ඉදිරියට කටයුතු කළ යුතු බවද ජනාධිපතිවරයා සඳහන් කළේය.

ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ මහතා ජනාධිපති වූයේ පක්ෂයෙන් අනතුරුව මුල්වරට විදේශ මාධ්‍යයට අදහස් දක්වමින් ඉන්දියාවේ Bharat Shakti'in මාධ්‍ය ආයතනය සමඟ පැවති සම්මුඛ සාකච්ඡාවකදී මේ බව ප්‍රකාශ කර සිටියේය.

එහිදී වැඩිදුරටත් අදහස් දැක්වූ ජනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ මහතා මෙසේද කීවේය.

හම්බන්තොට වරායේ පාලනය අපි කිසිදිනක විනයට දෙන්න ගිවිසේ නැහැ. තමුත් පසුගිය රජය 99 අවුරුද්දකට වරාය විනයට බදු දුන්නා. විනය අපේ නොඳු මිතුරෙක් වුණත් ඔවුන්ගේ උදව් සංවර්ධනයට අවශ්‍ය වුණත් මම බය වෙන්නෙ නැහැ කියන්න එය සිදුවූ වරදක් බව.

අපිට අවශ්‍ය මධ්‍යස්ථ රටක් බවට පත්වෙන්න. එය කළ හැකියි. ලෝකයේ එයට උදාහරණ කිහිපයක්. එවිටමානගේ ගෝලීය දේශපාලනය අතින් ඉන්දියන් සාගරයට විශේෂ ස්ථානයක් හිමිවෙනවා.

අපේ රටේ භූගෝලීය පිහිටීම උපායමාර්ගිකව ඉතාම වැදගත් කැනක තියෙන්නේ, සියලුම මුහුදු මාර්ග ශ්‍රී ලංකාව පහු කරමින් ගමන් කරන්නේ, මේ මුහුදු මාර්ග මුළු ලෝකයටම නිදහස් විය යුතුයි. එක රටකට මේ මාර්ග පාලනය කරන්න බැහැ. ඒ වගේම අපිට බලාගත රාජ්‍යවල බල අරගලයන්ට මැදි වෙන්න අවශ්‍ය නැහැ.

ඒ වගේම කිසිම රටකට හානිවන කිසිවක් අපි කරන්නෙත් නැහැ. ඉන්දියාවේ සැලකිල්ලට හාජනය වී ඇති කරුණුටල වැදගත්කම ගැන අපිට තේරෙනවා. ඒ නිසා ඉන්දියාවේ ආරක්ෂාවට තර්ජනයක් වන කිසිදු ක්‍රියාකාරකමක නිරතවෙන්න අපිට බැහැ. මහින්ද රාජපක්ෂ රජය සමයේ අපි විනය සමග එක්ව කටයුතු කළේ වාණිජමය වශයෙන් පමණිමයි.

ඉන්දියාව, සිංගප්පූරුව, ජපානය, ඔස්ට්‍රේලියාවට විශේෂ රටවලට මෙහි පැමිණ මේ රටේ ආයෝජනය කරන්න ඉදිරිපත්වෙන්න කියලා මම විවෘතව ආරාධනා කරනවා.

ඒ වගේම ශ්‍රී ලංකාව ඉන්දියාව සමඟ සෑම විටකම කීවිටු සම්බන්ධතාවයක් පවත්වන නිසා ඉන්දියාවේ රැවිකන්ට්ට හානිකර දෙයක් සිදුකිරීමට කමිටු බලාපොරොත්තු වෙන්නෙ නැහැයි ද ජනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ මහතා මෙහිදී වැඩිදුරටත් සඳහන් කර සිටියේය.

## ඉන්දියානු නාවික හමුදාවේ 'නිරික්ෂක' නැව ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරායට



[දිනුක මලික්ද තේරත්]

ඉන්දියානු නාවික හමුදාවට අයත් 'නිරික්ෂක' නොකාව පුහුණු සංචාරයක් සඳහා පෙරේදා (25) ත්‍රිකුණාමලය වරායට ළඟා විය.

එහිදී ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාව විසින් නාවික සම්ප්‍රදායානුකූලව එම නොකාව පිළිගන්නා ලදී. නොකාව වරායට පැමිණීමෙන් අනතුරුව නොකාවේ අණදෙන නිලධාරී කමාන්ඩර් බී.කේ. ප්‍රසාන්ත් මහතා

නැගෙනහිර නාවික විධානය ආඥාපති, රියර් අද්මිරාල් මේරිල් වික්‍රමසිංහද හමුවිය.

මෙහිදී ඔවුන් සුහද පිළිසඳරක නිරත වූ අතර එම අවස්ථාව සනිටුහන් කරමින් සමරු තිළිණ හුවමාරුවක්ද සිදු කෙරිණි. ඒ අනුව පුහුණු සංචාරය නිමා කිරීමෙන් අනතුරුව දෙසැම්බර් 03 වැනිදා එම නොකාව දිවයිනෙන් පිටත් වීමට නියමිතය.

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## ***TUI Mein Schiff 6 docks in Colombo Harbour***

The TUI Mein Schiff 6 based in Europe, was in Sri Lanka for the first time and was anchored at the Colombo Harbour last week. It had 2,500 holiday makers on board, with a crew of 500.

Most of the holiday makers went on cruise excursions organized by Aitken Spence Travels to Kandy, Galle, Ingiriya Tea Plantations, village tours, Tuk Tuk rides, walking tours and shopping.

Mein Schiff 6 is a cruise ship owned by TUI Cruises.



The ship entering the Colombo harbour and passengers at the Port. Pictures by Saliya Rupasinghe



## ඉන්දීය 'නිරීක්ෂණ' නෞකාව දින 7ක පුහුණු සංචාරයකට ත්‍රි'මල වරායට

(ත්‍රිකුණාමලය, අම්පේරු, අම්රට්ටි)

දින හතක පුහුණු සංචාරයක් සඳහා ඉන්දීය නාවික හමුදාවට අයත් 'නිරීක්ෂණ' නමැති නෞකාව පෙරේදා (25) ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරායට සේන්ද්‍ර විය.

වරායට සේන්ද්‍ර වූ නිරීක්ෂණ නෞකාව ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාව විසින් තුරිය වාදන මධ්‍යයේ නාවික සම්ප්‍රදායානුකූලව ත්‍රිකුණාමල වරායට අයත් අඡරොල් පැටියේදී පිළිගනු ලැබීය.

ලබන දෙසැම්බර් තුන්වෙනිදා දක්වා මෙරට රැදීසිටින ඉන්දීය නාවික හමුදාව පුහුණු සංචාර කිහිපයකට සහභාගිවීමට නියමිතය. වරායට සේන්ද්‍ර වූ නෞකාවේ අණදෙන නිලධාරී කොමාන්ඩර් ඩී.කේ. ප්‍රසාන්ත් මහතා නැගෙනහිර නාවික හමුදා මූලස්ථානයේදී නැගෙනහිර විධානකාර ආඥාපති රියර් අද්මිරාල්

මෙරිල් වික්‍රමසිංහ මහතා හමුවී අදහස් හුවමාරු කරගත්තේය. එම හමුව සිහිවීම පිනිස දෙපාර්ශවය කිලිස් හුවමාරුවක් කර ගැනීම සිදු විය.



නිරීක්ෂණ නෞකාව නාවික සම්ප්‍රදායානුකූලව පිළිගත් අයුරු

නිරීක්ෂණ නැවේ අණදෙන නිලධාරී කොමාන්ඩර් ඩී.කේ. ප්‍රසාන්ත් මහතා නැගෙනහිර නාවික ආඥාපති රියර් අද්මිරාල් මෙරිල් වික්‍රමසිංහ මහතා හමුවී සුභද පිළිසැරක යෙදවූ අයුරු.





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## රාජ්‍ය-භියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරු 38ක් දිවුරුම් දෙති



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**More Ministers**

The full list of appointments is given below:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ State Minister of Defence - Chamal Rajapaksa who is also Mahaweli Development, Agriculture and Trade Minister</li> <li>■ State Minister of Water Supply Facilities - Vasudeva Nanayakkara</li> <li>■ State Minister of Urban Development - Gamini Lokuge</li> <li>■ State Minister of Irrigation and Rural Development - Mahinda Yapa Abeywardene</li> <li>■ State Minister of Land and Land Development - S.B. Dissanayake</li> <li>■ State Minister of Economic and Policy Development - John Seneviratne</li> <li>■ State Minister of Public Administration and Internal Affairs - Mahinda Samarasinghe</li> <li>■ State Minister of Railway Services - C.B. Ratnayake</li> <li>■ State Minister of Information and Communication Technology - Lakshman Yapa Abeywardene</li> <li>■ State Minister of Small and Medium Entrepreneur Development - Susantha PUNCHINILAME</li> <li>■ State Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Welfare - Anura Priyadarshana Yapa</li> <li>■ State Minister of International Cooperation - Susil Premajayantha</li> <li>■ State Minister of Indigenous Medicine - Piyanika Jayaratne</li> <li>■ State Minister of Education Service - Ranjith Siyambalapitiya</li> <li>■ State Minister of Power - Mahindananda Aluthgamage</li> <li>■ State Minister of Youth Affairs - Duminda Dissanayake</li> <li>■ State Minister of Energy - Rohitha Abeygunawardene</li> <li>■ State Minister of Industries - Dayasiri Jayasekara</li> <li>■ State Minister of Public Management and Accounting - Lasantha Alagiyawanna</li> <li>■ State Minister of Investment Promotion - Keheliya Rambukwella</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ State Minister of Tourism Promotion - Arundika Fernando</li> <li>■ State Minister of Technology and Innovations - Thilanga Sumathipala</li> <li>■ State Minister of Human Rights and Legal Reforms - Mohan Priyadarshana de Silva</li> <li>■ State Minister of Women and Child Affairs - Vijitha Berugoda</li> <li>■ State Minister of Mahaweli Development - Roshan Ranasinghe</li> <li>■ State Minister of Export Agriculture - Janaka Wakkumbura</li> <li>■ State Minister of Agriculture - Vidura Wickremenayake</li> <li>■ State Minister of Development Banks and Loan Schemes - Shehan Semasinghe</li> <li>■ State Minister of Ports Development - Kanaka Herath</li> <li>■ State Minister of Transport Services Management - Dilum Amunugama</li> <li>■ State Minister of Roads Development - Lohan Ratwatte</li> <li>■ State Minister of Wildlife Resources - Wimalaweera Dissanayake</li> <li>■ State Minister of Environment - Jayantha Samaraweera</li> <li>■ State Minister of Fisheries and Freshwater Fishing Industry - Sanath Nishantha Perera</li> <li>■ State Minister of Social Security - Tharaka Balasuriya</li> <li>■ Deputy Minister of Community Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure Development - Nimal Lanza</li> <li>■ Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources - Kanchana Wijesekara</li> <li>■ Deputy Minister of Public Management, Internal Affairs, Provincial Council and Local Government - Indika Anuruddha</li> </ul>
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**State Ministers**

 <b>Chamal Rajapaksa</b> Defence	 <b>Kesheliya Rambukwella</b> Investment Promotions
 <b>S.B. Disanayake</b> Land & Land Development	 <b>Sanath Nishantha Perera</b> Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
 <b>Vidura Wickremesekera</b> Agriculture	
 <b>Ganesh Lokuge</b> Urban Development	 <b>Sudil Premajayantha</b> International Relations
 <b>Mahinda Samarasinghe</b> Public Administration and Internal Affairs	
 <b>John Senewiratne</b> Economic Affairs and Policy Development	 <b>Duminda Disanayake</b> Youth Affairs
 <b>Kanaka Herath</b> Ports Development Affairs	
 <b>Mohan Priyadarshana</b> Human Rights & Legal Reforms	 <b>Thilanga Sumathipala</b> Technology & Innovations
 <b>C.B. Ratnayake</b> Railway Services	
 <b>Vijitha Berugoda</b> Women and Child Affairs	 <b>Arundika Fernando</b> Tourism
 <b>Jayantha Samarasekera</b> Environment	
<b>Deputy Ministers</b>	
 <b>Nimal Lanza</b> Social Empowerment and Estate Infrastructure	 <b>Kanchana Wijesekera</b> Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
 <b>Indika Anuruddha</b> Public Management, Internal Affairs, Provincial Council and Local Government	

# කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තය ගැන ඇමැති ජොන්ස්ටන් වාර්තාවක් ඉල්ලයි

■ වාර්තා පළලේගෙදර

කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර බහලුම් පර්යන්තයේ කාර්යයන් ආරම්භ කිරීම සඳහා ඇතිව තිබෙන ප්‍රමාදයන් පිළිබඳව සහ කඩිනමින් වැඩ ආරම්භ කිරීම සඳහා ගත හැකි ක්‍රියාමාර්ගයන් පිළිබඳ වාර්තාවක් වහාම සකස් කර තමා වෙත ලබාදෙන ලෙසට වරාය නාවික කටයුතු, මාර්ග හා මහා මාර්ග සංවර්ධන ඇමැති ජොන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු සිය අමාත්‍යාංශ නිලධාරීන්ට නියෝග කර තිබේ.

අමාත්‍යාංශ ශ්‍රවණාගාරයේ පෙරේද (26 වැනිද) අමාත්‍යාංශ නිලධාරීන් සමග පැවැති සාකච්ඡාවේදී ඔහු මෙම නියෝග කර ඇත.

මෙතෙක් ප්‍රමාදව පැවැති නැගෙනහිර බහලුම් පර්යන්තයේ සංවර්ධනය වහාම ආරම්භ කළ යුතු බවත් එමගින් කොළඹ වරායේ මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාව නැංවිය යුතු බවත් ජොන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු එහිදී පැවසීය.

2015ට පෙර පැවැති රජය නැගෙනහිර බහලුම් පර්යන්තයේ වැඩ ආරම්භ කිරීම සඳහා සියලු කටයුතු සැලසුම් කර තිබුණද ආණ්ඩු වෙනස්වීමත් සමග ව්‍යාපෘති කටයුතු ඇනහිට ඇති බව අමාත්‍යාංශ නිලධාරීන් විසින් ඇමැතිවරයාට දන්වන ලදී. මෙලෙස ප්‍රමාදයට හේතුවී ඇති කරුණු නිරාකරණය කර වහාම වැඩ ආරම්භ කරන බවද ජොන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු වැඩිදුරටත් පැවසීය.



# ඇමැති ජාත්‍යන්තර කොළඹ වරායේ නැව්ගතවීර පර්යන්තයේ කටයුතු ගැන වාර්තාවක් කැඳවයි

## රාවන්ත නිකුල්ගේපීටිය

කොළඹ වරායේ නැව්ගතවීර පර්යන්තයේ කාර්යයන් ආරම්භ කිරීමේ ප්‍රමාද වීම සහ කඩිනමින් එම වැඩකටයුතු ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට ගනනැති ක්‍රියාමාර්ග පිළිබඳව වහාම වාර්තාවක් ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලෙස වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍ය ජෙනරාල් ජයරත්න මහතා අමාත්‍යවරයා නිලධාරීන්ට දන්වා ඇත.

හිටපු ජනාධිපති මහින්ද රාජපක්ෂ මහතාගේ ආණ්ඩු සමයේ නැව්ගතවීර බහලු පර්යන්තයේ වැඩ ආරම්භ කිරීමට සැලසුම් කර තිබුණද, 2015 වර්ෂයේ නව

රජයක් පත් වූ පසු තිත්දු තීරණ ගැනීමේ ප්‍රමාදයන් හේතුවෙන් ව්‍යාපෘතියේ ඉදිකිරීම් කටයුතු ඇතැම්ව ඇති බව නිලධාරීන් මෙහිදී අමාත්‍යවරයාට දන්වා තිබේ.

ඒ අනුව කොළඹ වරායේ මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාව වැඩිකිරීම වෙනුවෙන් නැව්ගතවීර බහලු පර්යන්තයේ වැඩගත්කම් පෙන්වා දුන් වරාය වෘත්තීය සමිති හා විවිධ පාර්ශ්වයන්ගේ ඉල්ලීම්ද සලකා බලමින් පර්යන්තයේ වැඩකටයුතු කඩිනමින් ආරම්භ කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය පියවර ගන්නා ලෙස අමාත්‍යවරයා නිලධාරීන්ට උපදෙස් ලබාදී ඇත.

## නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ වැඩ කඩිනම් කරන්න

**ආමැති පොන්සිටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු**

### නුවන් කොඩිකාර

කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තයේ කාර්යයන් ආරම්භ කිරීම සඳහා ඇතිව තිබෙන ප්‍රමාදයන් පිළිබඳ සහ කඩිනම් වූ ආරම්භ කිරීම සඳහා ගත යුතු ක්‍රියාමාර්ගයන් පිළිබඳ වාර්තාවක් වහාම සකස් කර කමා වෙත ලබාදෙන ලෙසට වරාය හා තාවික කටයුතු, මාර්ග හා මහා මාර්ග සංවර්ධන ඇමැති ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා වරාය හා තාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නිලධාරීන්ට නියෝග කර තිබේ.

මෙතෙක් ප්‍රමාදව පැවති නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තයේ සංවර්ධනය වහාම ආරම්භ කළ යුතු බවත් එමගින් කොළඹ වරායේ මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාව ඉහළ නැංවිය යුතු බවත් ඇමැතිවරයා පැවසීය.

වරාය හා තාවික කටයුතු, මාර්ග හා මහා මාර්ග සංවර්ධන ඇමැති ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා අමාත්‍යාංශ නිලධාරීන් සමග අමාත්‍යාංශ ශ්‍රවණාගාරයෙහි පවත්වන ලද සාකච්ඡාවේ දී මෙලෙස නියෝග කළේය.

2015 ට පෙර පැවති රජය නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තයේ වැඩ ආරම්භ කිරීම

සඳහා සියලු කටයුතු සැලසුම් කර තිබුණත් එහිදී රජය වෙනස්වීමත් සමග එන්දු තීරණ ගැනීමේ ප්‍රමාදයත් හේතුවෙන් ව්‍යාපෘතියේ කටයුතු ඇණහිට ඇති බව නිලධාරීහු ප්‍රකාශ කළහ.

මෙසේ ව්‍යාපෘතිය ප්‍රමාද වීම නිසා කොළඹ වරායට විශාල මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාවක් අහිමි වී ඇති බව ඇමැතිවරයා විසින් නිලධාරීන්ට පෙන්වා දුන් අතර ඒ අනුව ප්‍රමාදයට හේතු වී ඇති කරුණු නිරාකරණය කර වහාම වැඩ ආරම්භ කරන බව ඇමැතිවරයා කියාසිටියේය.

ප්‍රචක්ෂක - දිවයින      දිනය - 2019-11-28

## රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති 35ක් නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැති 3ක් දිවුරුම් දෙති

- වමල්ට ආරක්‍ෂක රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයත්
- වාසුච් ජල සම්පාදන • එස්.ඩී.ට් ඉඩම්

අනුර බාලසූරිය

අභිනව ආණ්ඩුවේ රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරු නිස්පඬු දෙනෙක් සහ නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරු නිදහසෙන් එයේ (27 දා) පෙරවරුවේ ජනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්‍ෂ මහතා ඉදිරියේ දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

04 - පිටුව

### රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ...

දිවුරුම්දීමේ උත්සවය ජනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්‍ෂ මහතාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් ජනාධිපති ලේකම් කාර්යාලයේදී පැවැත්වුණු අතර එම අවස්ථාවට අග්‍රාමාත්‍ය මහින්ද රාජපක්‍ෂ මහතාද එක්විය.

තව රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරු හා නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරු සාමූහික දිවුරුම්දීමෙන් අනතුරුව වෙන වෙනම ඒ ඒ රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරුන්ට හා නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරුන්ට අයත් අමාත්‍යාංශවල දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

මහවැලි කෘෂිකර්ම, වාරිමාර්ග, ග්‍රාමීය සංවර්ධන අභ්‍යන්තර වෙළෙඳ ආහාර සුරක්‍ෂිතතාව හා පාරිභෝගික සුඛ සාධන ඇමැති වමල් රාජපක්‍ෂ මහතා ඇමැතිධුරයට අමතරව රාජ්‍ය ආරක්‍ෂක රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයේද දිවුරුම් දුන්නේය.

වාසුච් නානායක්කාර මහතා ජල සම්පාදන පහසුකම් රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, හාමිණි ලොකුගේ මහතා නාගරික සංවර්ධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයෙන්, මහින්ද යාපා අභිවර්ධන මහතා වාරිමාර්ග ග්‍රාමීය සංවර්ධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිධුරයෙන්, එස්. ඩී. දිසානායක මහතා ඉඩම් හා ඉඩම් සංවර්ධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා ලෙසත් දිවුරුම් දුන් අතර, ජෝන් සෙනෙවිරත්න මහතා ආර්ථික හා ප්‍රතිපත්ති සංවර්ධන කැලසුම් රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ලෙස දිවුරුම් දුන්නේය.

මහින්ද සමරසිංහ මහතා රාජ්‍ය පරිපාලන හා ස්වදේශ කටයුතු රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, ඩී. ඩී. රත්නායක දුම්රිය සේවා රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද ලක්ෂ්මන් යාපා අභිවර්ධන මහතා තොරතුරු හා සන්නිවේදන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, සුසන්ත පුංචිතිලම මහතා කුඩා හා මධ්‍ය පරිමාණ ව්‍යවසාය සංවර්ධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, අනුර ප්‍රියදර්ශන යාපා මහතා අභ්‍යන්තර වෙළෙඳ හා පාරිභෝගික සුඛසාධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

ජාත්‍යන්තර සහයෝගිතා රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන් සුසිල් ප්‍රේමජයන්ත මහතාත් දේශීය වෙළෙඳ සේවා රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන් ප්‍රියංකර ජයරත්න මහතාත් දිවුරුම් දුන් අතර, රංජිත් සියඹලාපිටිය මහතා අධ්‍යාපන සේවා රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිධුරයෙන්, මහින්දානන්ද අසුන්මගේ මහතා විදුලිබල රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, දුමින්ද දිසානායක මහතා කරුණ කටයුතු රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයෙන් රෝගීත අමෙලාණවර්ධන මහතා ඔලංකති රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයෙන්, දයාසිරි ජයසේකර මහතා කර්මාන්ත රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයෙන්,

ලසන්ත අලංගිවත්ත මහතා රාජ්‍ය කළමනාකරණ, සහ ගිණුම් කටයුතු රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිධුරයෙන්, කෙතෙලිය රණ්ඩුවැල්ල මහතා ආයෝජන ප්‍රවර්ධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයෙන් දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

අරුන්දික ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා සංචාරක ප්‍රවර්ධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, නිලංග සුමතිපාල මහතා තාක්ෂණ සහ නවෝත්පාදන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, මොහාන් ඩී. ද සිල්වා මහතා මානව ශිෂ්කම් හා නීති ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද විජිත බේරුගොඩ මහතා කාන්තා හා ළමා කටයුතු රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිධුරයෙන්, රොහන් රණසිංහ මහතා මහවැලි සංවර්ධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිධුරයෙන්, ජානක වත්තුමුර මහතා අපනයන කෘෂිකර්ම රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, විදුර වික්‍රමනායක මහතා කෘෂිකර්ම රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති වශයෙන්ද, සෙනරත් සේමසිංහ මහතා සංවර්ධන බැංකු හා ණය යෝජනා රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

වරාය සංවර්ධන කටයුතු රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ලෙස කතක හේරත් මහතාද, දිලුම් අමුණුගම මහතා ප්‍රවාහන සේවා කළමනාකරණ රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද, ලොහාන් රත්වත්තේ මහාමාර්ග සංවර්ධන රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයෙන් විමලවීර දිසානායක මහතා වනජීවී සම්පත් රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද ජයන්ත සමරවීර මහතා පරිසර රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන්ද දිවුරුම් දුන් අතර සනත් නිශාන්ත පෙරේරා මහතා ධීවර හා මීරිදිය මත්ස්‍ය කර්මාන්ත රාජ්‍ය ඇමැති ලෙසත්, භාරත බාලසූරිය මහතා සමාජ ආරක්‍ෂණ රාජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා ලෙසත් දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

ප්‍රජා සවිබල ගැන්වීම් සහ වතු යටිතල පහසුකම් සංවර්ධන නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන් නිමල් ලක්සා දිවුරුම් දුන් අතර, කාංචන විජේසේකර මහතා ධීවර හා ජලජ සම්පත් නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැති ධුරයෙන්, ඉන්දික අනුරුද්ධ මහතා රාජ්‍ය පරිපාලන ස්වදේශ කටයුතු පළාත් සභා හා පළාත් පාලන නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන් දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

අගමැතිවරයා ඇතුළු දහසය දෙනෙකුගෙන් සමන්විත තව ඇමැති මණ්ඩලය පසුගිය 22 වැනිදා දිවුරුම් දුන්හ.

ඒ අනුව ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්‍ෂ මහතාගේ ආණ්ඩුව ඇමැති ඇතුළු කැබිනට් මණ්ඩලය 16 දෙනෙකුද, රාජ්‍ය සහ නියෝජ්‍ය ලෙස ඇමැතිවරුන් 38 දෙනෙකුද ඇතුළුව 54 දෙනෙකුගෙන් සමන්විත වේ.



# අමාත්‍යාංශ 20ක නව ලේකම්වරුන්ට පත්වීම්

**ධනුෂ්ක ගොඩකුඹුර සහ වමීර ඇල්ලදෙණිය**

නව අමාත්‍යාංශ 20ක් සඳහා පත් කෙරුණු ලේකම්වරු වෙත පත්වීම් ලිපි පිළිගැන්වීම ජනාධිපති ගෝඨාභය රාජපක්ෂ මහතා අතින් ජනාධිපති කාර්යාලයේ දී ඊයේ (27) සිදුකෙරිණි.

ඒ අනුව සංචාරක සහ ගුවන්සේවා අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස එස්.එම්. මොහොමඩ් මහත්මියද, මාර්ග සහ මහාමාර්ග අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ආර්.ඩබ්ලිව්.ආර්. ජෙමසිරි මහතා ද, අධිකරණ, මානව හිමිකම් හා නීති ප්‍රතිසංස්කරණ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ජේ.ජේ. රත්නසිරි මහතා ද වැවිලි කර්මාන්ත සහ අපනයන කාපිකර්ම අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස රවින්ද්‍ර හේවාචිතාරණ මහතාද, කර්මාන්ත හා සැපයුම් කළමනාකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ජේ.ඒ. රාජීත් මහතා ද පත්කර තිබේ.

උසස්අධ්‍යාපන, තාක්ෂණ හා තවරෝක්තාදාන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ඩී.එම්.ඒ.ආර්. බී. දිසානායක මහතා ද, මගී ප්‍රවාහන කළමනාකරණ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස එච්. එම්. ගාමිණී සෙනෙවිරත්න මහතා ද, තොරතුරු හා සන්නිවේදන තාක්ෂණ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ඩබ්ලිව්.ඒ. චූලානන්ද පෙරේරා මහතා, විදුලිබල හා බලශක්ති අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස වසන්තා පෙරේරා මහත්මිය

ද, වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු ඇමැති එම්.එම්. පී.කේ. මායාදුන්නේ මහතාද පත්කර ඇත.

රාජ්‍ය පරිපාලන, ස්වදේශකටයුතු, පළාත් සභා හා පළාත්පාලන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස එස්.හෙට්ටිආරච්චි මහතා ද, විදේශ සබඳතා අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ආර්.පී. ආරියසිංහ මහතා ද, කාන්තා හා ළමා කටයුතු සහ සමාර ආරක්ෂණ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ඒ.අස්.එම්.එස්. මහානාම මහත්මිය ද, පරිසර හා වනරිව සම්පත් අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ජේ.එම්.පී. ජයන්ති විජේතුංග මහත්මිය ද, ඉඩම් හා ඉඩම් සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ආර්.ඒ.ඒ.කේ. රණවක මහතා ද පත්කර තිබේ.

කාර්මික අපනයන සහ ආයෝජන ප්‍රවර්ධන අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස එම්.පී.ඩී. යූ.කේ. මාලා පතිරණ මහතා ද, ධීවර හා ජලජ සම්පත් අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ආර්. එම්.අයි. රත්නායක මහත්මිය ද, සෞඛ්‍ය සහ දේශීය වෛද්‍ය සේවා අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස පී.එස්.එම්. චාල්ස් මහත්මිය ද, කුඩා හා මධ්‍ය පරිමාණ ව්‍යාපාර සහ ව්‍යවසාය අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස එන්.බී. මොන්ට්රේන්-තුංග මහතා නාගරික සංවර්ධන, ජල සම්පාදන සහ නිවාස අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්වරයා ලෙස ආචාර්ය ප්‍රියන් බන්දු වික්‍රම මහතා ද පත්කර ඇත.

## Colombo Port to become nation's largest income earner

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Ports and Shipping, Roads and Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said the Colombo Port will be transformed into the country's largest income earner by expediting construction work on its Eastern Terminal and driving efficiency to it.

He was addressing Port employees

after assuming duties at the Ports and Shipping Ministry on Monday. He said a large income could be earned for the country by expediting construction work on the Eastern Terminal without selling it to an outside party.

Noting that there was a delay in many port activities, he said the objective of the President and the Prime

Minister was for all to get together and overcome these delays and transform the port into a major income earner.

Minister Fernando said all problems should be solved through dialogue and discussion. He said port unions too may have certain problems, but it was important for them to solve them through dialogue and discussions.

Minister Fernando said the Hambantota Port was a valuable national asset they always safeguarded. But the previous government sold it on a 99-year lease under an agreement engineered under the leadership of former Minister Malik Samarawickrama. Sajith Premadasa as a Member of Parliament representing the Hambantota district

could not disclaim knowledge of this deal.

Fielding questions raised by the media regarding various investigation commissions, Minister Fernando said that if any commission was found to be a mere waste of public funds not serving any real purpose it would be terminated.

He said the normal law would be applied to any public servant committing a wrong. The government as a whole would never seek political revenge from opponents. The quintessential thing for them to do was to forget the past and join hands with all to develop and uplift the country economically.

## Minister calls for immediate report on ECT development project

Minister of Roads & Highways, Ports and Shipping Johnston Fernando ordered relevant officials of the port ministry to submit a detailed report on decisions that should be made to expedite the next phase of the Eastern Container Terminal development project during a meeting held yesterday at the ministry auditorium to examine the progress of the ECT construction project.

The meeting was organized to look into the proposals made by almost all the trade unions of the port which had been forcing rulers to initiate operations at ECT with direct intervention of Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA).



Addressing the meeting Minister stressed the importance of completing ECT terminal soon as it is a rigid factor which can yield comprehensive hike in container throughputs. The Government ruled before 2015 had taken all the necessary steps to ini-

tiate operations at the ECT terminal. When the government was changed the decision taking procedure got stuck.

Minister who further expressed views at this occasion pointed out that the Colombo Port has been failing to integrate further container throughputs due to absence of ECT.

Accordingly following the facts presented by ministry officials' Minister noted all the necessary steps will be taken to fast track the ECT development project.

Secretary of the Ministry Sirimewan Ranasinghe and SLPA officials took part in that meeting.



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කොළඹ වරායේ භාණ්ඩ ගත බහාලුම් පරීක්ෂා කිරීමේ ස්කෑන් යන්ත්‍රයක් පෙරේද (26 වැනිදා) රාත්‍රි කාලයේ සිට ක්‍රියාවිරහිත වීම හේතුවෙන් බහාලුම් පරීක්ෂා කිරීමේ කටයුතු අඩාල වී ඇතැයි රේගු ආරංචි මාර්ග සඳහන් කරයි.

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## President appoints secretaries to 20 ministries

PRESIDENT Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday handed over appointment letters to Secretaries appointed to 20 new Ministries at the Presidential Secretariat this afternoon.

APPOINTED Ministry Secretaries:

01. S. M. Mohamed - Tourism & Aviation
02. R. W. R. Mr. Pemasiri - Roads and Highways
03. J. J. Ratnasiri - Justice, Human Rights and Law Reforms
04. Ravindra Hewavitharana - Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture
05. J. A. Ranjith - Industrial Supply Management
06. D. M. A. R. B. Dissanayake - Higher Education, Technology & Innovation
07. H. M. Gamini Seneviratne - Passenger Transport Management
08. W. A. Chulananda Perera - Information and Communication Technology
09. Mrs. Vasantha Perera - Power and Energy
10. M. M. P. K. Mayadunne - Ports and Shipping
11. S. Hettiarachchi - Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government
12. R. P. Aryasinha - Foreign Relations
13. A. S. M. S. Mahanama - Women and Child Affairs and Social Security
14. J. M. C. Jayanthi Wijetunge - Environment and Wildlife Resources
15. R. A. K. Ranawaka - Land and Land Development
16. P. D. S. Yu. K. Mapa Pathirana - Industrial Export & Investment Promotion
17. R. M. I. Ratnayake - Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
18. P. S. M. Charles - Health and Indigenous Medicine
19. N. B. Monty Ranatunga - Small and Medium Enterprises and Enterprise Development
20. Dr. Priyath Bandu Wickrama - Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing





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## වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නව ලේකම් වැඩ අරඹයි



වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නව ලේකම් එම්.එම්.පී.කේ මායාදත්තේ මහතා වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශ ලේකම් ධුරයේ වැඩ ආරම්භ කිරීම වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ දී ඊයේ (28) සිදු කළ අයුරු. වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාති ජොන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා සහ වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නීල-ධාරී මහත්ම මහත්මින් ඇතුළු සම්භාවනීය අමුත්තන් රැසක් එම අවස්ථාවට සහභාගි වූහ.



## නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තයේ සංවර්ධන කටයුතු කඩිනම් කරන්න

### 1 ඇමැති ජොන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු

#### නුවන් කොඩිකාර

නිශ්චිත ක්‍රමවේදයකින් තොරව මෙතෙක් ක්‍රියාත්මක වූ නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තයෙහි ඉදිරි සංවර්ධන කටයුතු කඩිනමින් සිදුකොට ඒ සඳහා විශාල නොකා සමාගම් ආකර්ෂණය කරගැනීමට කටයුතු කිරීම වැදගත් වන බව මාර්ග, මහාමාර්ග සහ වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු ඇමැති ජොන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා පැවැසීය.

ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ දැනට ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට යෝජිත ව්‍යාපෘති සම්බන්ධයෙන් ද අවධානය යොමු කළ ඇමැතිවරයා එහිදී නැගෙනහිර බහලු පර්යන්තය ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට හා එහි මෙහෙයුම් ආරම්භ කිරීමට ඇති බාධාවන් පිළිබඳ විමසීමක් කර අවශ්‍ය ක්‍රියා මාර්ග කඩිනමින් ගන්නැයි උපදෙස් ලබාදුන්නේය.

මාර්ග, මහාමාර්ග සහ වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු ඇමැති ජොන්ස්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා සහ නිලධාරීන් අතර වරාය හා නාවික අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ශ්‍රවණාගාරය පැවැති සාකච්ඡාවෙන් අනතුරුව ඇමැතිවරයා නිලධාරීන්ට එලෙස උපදෙස් ලබාදී ඇත.

මේ සඳහා දෙසැනැස් අරගෙන තැබූ 2015 දී සිදු වූ දේශපාලන වෙනස්වීම් සමග ඒක අවලංගු වුණි. ඉන්පසුව මෙහි රාජ්‍ය - පුද්ගලික හවුල්කාරිත්වය

යටතේ Public - Private Partnership එකකට යන්න තීරණය වුණි. ඉන්පසුව මේ සඳහා දෙසැනැස් ගෙනත් කෙසේ හෝ මෙහෙයුම් කරනවා කියා තීරණයකට ආවත් එය ක්‍රියාත්මක වූණේ නැහැ. මේ අනුව ඉන්දියාව හා ජපානය සමග සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුමක් අත්සන් කිරීම කලා 2019 මැයි මාසයේ දී ඒ අනුව දෙසැනැස් ගන්න මින ජපන් රජයේ ඔවුන්ගේ සැපයුම්කරුවෙක්ගෙන්. තමුත් ඒ සඳහා කමිටු පත්කළත් ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර ගැනීමට ගැනියාවක් ලැබුණේ නැහැ. සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුමට අනුව අපේ මුදල්වලින් දෙසැනැස් ගන්න ගැනියාවක් පැවතී නිසා කැබිනට් අනුමැතියකින් දෙසැනැස් මිලදීගන්න සූදානම් වුණි. තමුත් එයටත් ගැනියාවක් ලැබුණේ නැහැ මෙහිදී නිලධාරීන් පැවැසූ.

පළමු පියවර වශයෙන් කඩිනමින් දෙසැනැස් ඇණවුම් කිරීමත්, ඒ සඳහා වඩාත් ලාභදායී සමාගම තෝරාගැනීම වැදගත්. එමෙන්ම සහයෝගීතා ගිවිසුමෙන් තොරව මෙය සිදුකරගෙන යාමට තීරණය කළහොත් වරායට දෙසැනැස් මිලදීගැනීම සඳහා ප්‍රමාණවත් මුදල් ඇති බව පැවැසූ එම නිලධාරීන් දැනට මිටර් 440 ක් ව පවතින පර්යන්ත මුහුදු තාප්ප (Key Wall) මිටර් 600ක් දක්වා දිගු කිරීම අත්‍යවශ්‍ය හෙයින් ඒ අනුව ඉදිරියට මිටර් 160ක් දිගු කිරීමේ කටයුතු දේශීය කොන්ත්‍රාත්කරුවන් යොදාගනිමින් සිදුකළ හැකි බව ඇමැතිවරයාට දැනුවත් කළේය.

## විශාල නැව් සමාගම් ආකර්ෂණය කර ගැනීමට නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ සංවර්ධනය කඩිනම් කරනවා

මාර්ග, මහාමාර්ග, වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු ඇමැති  
ජොන් සිටින් ප්‍රනාන්දු



රටානය සමග සහයෝගීතා වීරිසුමක් අත්සන් කළා. 2019 ඔැටි මහලයේදී, ඒ අනුව දෙවැනිවත් අත්සන වීනා රටාන් රත්මේ ස්ථානයේ සැලසුම්කරුවන්ගෙන්. නමුත් ඒ සදහා කමිටු පත් කළත් ඒ අනුව කටයුතු කර ගැනීමට හැකියාවක් ලැබුණේ නැහැ. සහයෝගීතා වීරිසුමට අනුව, අපේ ක්‍රියාවලීන් දෙසකට නත්තා හැකියාවක් වැරදි වීයා පැමිණිව අනුමැතියකින් දෙසකට මිලදී ගත්තා සුදුසුම වුණා. කළින් රටාන් හැකියාවක් ලැබුණේ නැහැ.

මෙහිදී මිල රාශා වරාය අධිකාරියේ නිලධාරීන් මෙම ව්‍යාපෘතිය පිළිබඳව ඇමැතිවරයාට කතා කළා. පැහැදිලි කරමින් පැවසුවේ, රළු මිටර් වලටත් කඩිනමින් දෙසකට ඇමැති මිල නා ඒ සදහා වරායේ ලාභදාරී කමිටුවේ නොවන හැකියාව වැරදිවත් වන බවයි. සහයෝගීතා වීරිසුමෙන් කෙටිව මෙම පිළිකරුවෙකු සාමාජිකයෙකු කළහොත් වරායට දෙසකට මිලදී ගැනීම සදහා ප්‍රමාණවත් ක්‍රියා ඇති බවද සිදුකර ගැනීමට වැරදි.

දැනට මිටර් 440කට පමණික පවත්නා ක්‍රිකට් කාණ්ඩ (Key West) මිටර් 600 ක් දක්වා දිගු කිරීම අනවශ්‍ය වන බවද ඒ අනුව ඉදිරියට මිටර් 100ක් දිගු කිරීමේ කටයුතු දෙවියා කොන්ත්‍රාත්කරුවන් මොදා ගනිමින් පිළිසලා ගැනීම බවද සිදුකර වඩාත් ඇමැතිවරයාට දැනුවත් කරන ලදී.

සහයෝගී වරායේ නැගෙනහිර සහලු පර්යන්තයෙහි ඉදිරි සංවර්ධන කටයුතු කඩිනමින් පිළිකරුවා ඒ සදහා විශාල මහාකා සමාගම් අත්සන්ගෙන කර ගැනීමට කටයුතු කරන බව මාර්ග, මහාමාර්ග, වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු ඇමැති ජොන් සිටින් ප්‍රනාන්දු පැවසීය.

සහයෝගී මේ වරාය පැවසුවේ පසුගිය මේ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ඉවහලාවයේ පැවැති සාකච්ඡාවකට එක්වෙමිනි.

මෙහිදී ඇමැතිවරයා මෙසේද අදහස් දැක්වීය.

"මේ ව්‍යාපෘතිය සදහා දෙසකට අවමයන නැහැ. 2019දී

පිළිසලා දේශපාලන රෙහෙඩ්ම් සමග ඒක අවලංගු වුණා. ඉන්පසුව මෙහි රත්ම හා පොදුගැලික නිවැරදිකරවීමට පටන් ගත්තා (public - private partnership) එකකට යන්න මිලයක වුණා. ඉන්පසුව දෙසකට පෙනෙත් සහයෝගී මේ සහයෝගී කටයුතු වීයා මිලයකට පැවරී, එය ක්‍රියාත්මක වුණේ නැහැ. මේ අනුව ඉන්දියාව හා





## කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ වැඩ පමාවට වාර්තාවක් කැඳවයි

කොළඹ වරායේ නැගෙනහිර ඛණ්ඩයේ පර්යන්තයේ කාර්යයන් කඩිනමින් ආරම්භ කිරීමට ගත හැකි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග පිළිබඳ වාර්තාවක් කඩිනමින් සකස් කර ගමන් වෙත දෙන්නැයි වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු, මාර්ග හා මහාමාර්ග සංවර්ධන අමාත්‍ය ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහතා වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ නිලධාරීන්ට උපදෙස් දී තිබේ.

නැගෙනහිර ඛණ්ඩයේ පර්යන්තයේ කටයුතු ප්‍රමාද වීමට හේතු සොයා බලන්නැයි ද උපදෙස් දී ඇති අමාත්‍යවරයා එම පර්යන්තයේ

සංවර්ධනය වනාම ආරම්භ කළ යුතු බව ද සඳහන් කර තිබේ. එමගින් කොළඹ වරායේ මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාව තුනට නැංවිය යුතු යැයි ප්‍රකාශය මහතා පවසා ඇත.

ව්‍යාපෘතිය ප්‍රමාද වීම නිසා කොළඹ වරායට විශාල මෙහෙයුම් ධාරිතාවක් අහිමි වී ඇති බව ද අමාත්‍ය ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ ප්‍රකාශය නිලධාරීන්ට පෙන්වා දී ඇත.

2015 ට පෙර පැවැති ආණ්ඩුව නැගෙනහිර ඛණ්ඩයේ පර්යන්තයේ වැඩ ආරම්භ කිරීම සඳහා සියලු කටයුතු

සැලැස්වූ කර තිබූ බවත් ආණ්ඩුව වෙනත් විමත් සමග නිත්‍ය කිරණ ගැනීමේ ප්‍රමාදයක් නිසා ව්‍යාපෘතියේ කටයුතු ඇතැම් ඇති බව නිලධාරීන් එම සාකච්ඡාවේදී අමාත්‍යවරයාට දැනුම් දී තිබේ.

වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම් අද්මිරාල් සිරිමත්වත් රණසිංහ මහතා ඇතුළු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ සහ වරාය අධිකාරියේ නිලධාරී පිරිසක් මෙම සාකච්ඡාවට එක්ව සිටියහ.



පුවත්පත - දිනමිණ දිනය - 2019-11-30

## වරාය ඇමැති කොළඹ වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාරිකාවක



වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු, මාර්ග හා මහාමාර්ග සංවර්ධන ඇමැති ජෝන් ස්ටීවන් ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා පෙරේද (28) කොළඹ වරායේ නිරීක්ෂණ වාරිකාවක නිරත වූයේ ය. වරාය හා නාවික කටයුතු අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ඇමැතිවරයා වශයෙන් වැඩි භාරගැනීමෙන් අනතුරුව ජෝන් ස්ටීවන් ප්‍රනාන්දු මහතා කොළඹ වරායේ සංචාරය කරනු ලැබුවේ ප්‍රථම වතාවටය. නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තය හා ජය බහලුම් පර්යන්තය සංවර්ධනය කළයුතු ආකාරය පිළිබඳව මෙහිදී ඇමැතිවරයාගේ විශේෂ අවධානය යොමුවිය. නැගෙනහිර පර්යන්තයේ සහ ජය බහලුම් පර්යන්තයෙහි (V) වන අංගනයේ දෙමකර සවිකිරීමට යෝජිත ස්ථාන ඇමැතිවරයා නිරීක්ෂණ කරන ලදී. සේවයේ නිරත වී සිටි වරාය සේවකයන් සමඟ සුභද්‍ර පිළියෙරකට එක්වන්නට ද ජෝන් ස්ටීවන් ප්‍රනාන්දු ඇමැතිවරයා අමතක නොකළේය. ශ්‍රී ලංකා වරාය අධිකාරියේ කළමනාකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ කපිතාන් අතුල හේවාවිතාරණ මහතා ඇතුළු වරාය අධිකාරියේ විධායක නිලධාරීන් පිරිසක් ඇමැතිවරයා සමඟ මෙම නිරීක්ෂණ වාරිකාවට එක්වූහ.

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## Aitken Spence Maritime promotes a high season for cruises with AIDAvita and AIDAbella

Continuing the momentum in the cruise ship season, Aitken Spence Maritime brought in another two super luxury AIDA cruise vessels AIDAvita and AIDAbella on the 10th and 14th November. Over 1,100 passengers visited Sri Lanka on these two cruises and joined excursions to enjoy the Colombo city and other locations outside Colombo, such as Bentota, Beruwala, Akuressa, and Galle exploring the beaches, tea estates and places of historical importance.

The cruises commenced their voyage from India and Maldives to the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka and thereafter headed towards Port Kelang, Malaysia. These luxurious cruise ships are equipped with 1,000 cabins and suites; each ship with a capacity to accommodate 2,500 passengers.



AIDA cruises offer cruise holidays around Europe, Mediterranean, Caribbean and Asian destinations. Hosting the finest combination of cruising, wellness hol-

iday, city tours, breath-taking entertainment and experiencing nature whilst being one of the most modern and eco-friendly fleets in the world.

"As the local agents,

Aitken Spence Maritime was responsible for the wellbeing of all passengers and crew members onboard, and to ensure that they have a positive experience of Sri Lanka, taking back fond memories of our island," said Iqram Cuttilan, Managing Director of the Aitken Spence Maritime sector.

Aitken Spence Maritime is a pioneer in the industry and was the first Sri Lankan company to undertake port efficiency enhancement management overseas with its entry into the African continent and subsequently the South Pacific. The company handles all areas of maritime services – from shipping and cargo handling services, to liner agency, cruise vessel, port management and development, chartering services and maritime education.

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Hambantota Port project

## Based on 'equal footed consultation and win-win spirit' - China

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Days after Sri Lanka's new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa called the Hambantota Port lease agreement signed between the previous government and China, a 'mistake' and called for it to be re-negotiated, China has responded saying that the cooperation between Sri Lanka and China, including in the project of Hambantota Port, was based on equal-footed consultation and win-win spirit.



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Foreign Ministry said, "Our cooperation, including the project of Hambantota Port, are based on equal-footed consultation and win-win spirit. It aims to help Sri Lanka to leverage the country's own advantage for better development. China would like to work with Sri Lanka to build the Hambantota Port into a new shipping hub in the Indian Ocean, which will further boost local economic and social development."

Spokesperson from the Chinese Embassy in Colombo, Luo Chong told the Daily Mirror that the Hambantota Port was "totally owned and controlled" by Sri Lanka and any approvals and decisions regarding the port was to be taken by the Sri Lankan side. "It is a joint venture and any approvals including calling of ships at

the Hambantota Port, is entirely Sri Lanka's decision," Luo said.

President Rajapaksa, in his first interview since taking office, told Indian Journalist and Defence Analyst Nethin S. Gokhale earlier this week that while he remained committed to close ties with both China and India, he would re-negotiate the Hambantota Port lease agreement with China, terming it a "mistake" and calling on the Chinese company to be open to the move. The President stated he would request the Chinese to re-negotiate the joint venture, and come with a better deal to assist Sri Lanka.

In July 2017, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority entered into a partnership with China Merchants Port Holdings (CM Port) to develop and manage the port.





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