



The National Flag fluttering at the Parliament Complex premises signifying the re-unification of the country.

Ceremonial opening of the 4th session of Parliament



"There are no minorities in Sri Lanka. All are equal citizens" President addressing the nation.



Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayake being escorted to the Parliamentary Complex by Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara.



A bevy of school girls singing 'Jayamangala Gatha'.



President arriving in Parliament

The opening of the fourth session of Parliament by President Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday more than any previous openings of Parliament drew the attention of the country at large. The President's arrival at the parliamentary complex with First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, Speaker W.J.M.Lokubandara and the Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Kitulgoda, although a solemn occasion was significantly important since the LTTE terrorists that threatened the country's independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty had been defeated. These pictures speak of that important occasion.



SLMC leader Rauf Hakeem congratulates the President



President Mahinda Rajapaksa being greeted by Archbishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomis.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa with wife of late Minister Jeyaraj Fernandopulle who was assassinated by a LTTE human bomb.



Senior Presidential advisor Basil Rajapaksa MP greeting Army Commander Gen. Sarath Fonseka following the official statement by President.



'Tears of Relief' EPDP Leader and Minister Douglas Devananda wishing the President.



NFF Leaders at the ceremony

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A War Hero - Lance Corporal A.M.U.D. Bandara who lost his two limbs during the Puthukudiyiruppu battles.



With Chinese Ambassador Yang Xiuping



UNP Vice President Sajith Premadasa sharing the joy of liberating the country.