



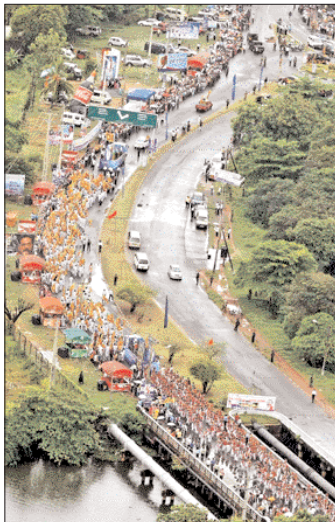
School children participating at the ceremony yesterday.

Thousands attend war heroes' commemoration

Thousands of people gathered at the Parliament grounds yesterday to participate in the national war heroes' commemoration event and rally. President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa, Ministers and MPs were among the large gathering at the ceremony. Pictures by Saman Sri Wedage, Kamal Jayamanne, Sudath Maitawero and Niseen Hewapathirana



President Mahinda Rajapaksa with Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa. Others in the picture are Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara and Ministers Malthreepala Sirisena and D. M. Jayaratne



Crowds on their way towards the Parliament grounds (above and right).



Ministers C. B. Rathnayake, Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena, Anura Priyadarshana Yapa, Achala Suranga Jagoda MP, and Ministers Bandula Gunawardena and Vinayagamoorthi Muralitharan at yesterday's function



Senior Presidential Advisor Basil Rajapaksa MP with Ministers Dr. Sarath Amunugama and John Seneviratne



Artists performing at yesterday's ceremony.



Religious dignitaries at the ceremony.



A dance performance.

