

Army help repair Madhu Church

Part of the beauty of Sri Lanka is that despite whatever temporary disagreements and conflicts there might be between different ethnic groups, there has always been a deep tolerance among these groups for each others' religions. Visit *Sri Pada* on any given

day and one is just as likely to meet a Hindu or a Muslim as one is to encounter a Buddhist.

The same is true of other famous places of worship. The great temples of God Vishnu and God Murugan in the South, or Munnesharam in Chilaw, draw as

many Buddhist worshippers as they do Hindu devotees.

Madhu Church has also been one of those special places that has been a magnet for devotees from among the Buddhists and Hindus, as well as Christians.

The liberation of the Madhu region, including the church, was therefore important for symbolic reasons, as it was for strategic ones.

The pictures show Army soldiers helping to get Madhu Church back into pristine condition.



Madhu Church



Inspecting repairs



Hard at work



Work in progress outside



Repairs inside church

