



Security Forces' courtesy to civilians in heat of battle and everyday life

In today's column we wish to showcase what has often been noted about our Armed Forces: their superlative courtesy and professionalism towards civilians. This courtesy and professionalism has never been a "put on," simply for the camera or a "photo-op." It has always been the essential character of our Forces. Three pictures show an ordinary welfare store managed by the Army in Jaffna, with civilians arriving to buy basic goods. Two pictures show evacuees from the battle-zone, with one a poignant scene of a child and her wounded father being helped by Air Force personnel after a night time evacuation. In all the pictures, as is clear, we see the same courtesy, the same simple caring and willing to help.

