



The Maha Sangha led by Kirivehera Viharadhipathi Ven. Aluthweve Soratha Nayaka Thera conducting an Adhishtana Pooja at the Kataramgama Kirivehera on July 5 to invoke blessings for the county's unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Ministers Dinesh Gunawardena, Geethanjana Gunawardena and Mahinda Amaraweera and MEP General Secretary Karanatilake Dissanayake and MEP Vice President Sonawera Chandrasiri participated. The Adhishtana Pooja was conducted by the MEP with the support of its youth and other organizations and the participation of other patriotic organizations.



A Replica of Sri Lanka with pictures of President Mahinda Rajapaksa and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Minister Felix Perera was presented to the Minister by the staff of Provincial Secretariat Ja-Ela. Here Secretary Vijitha Premathilake hands over the replica to the Minister. Gampaha District Development Coordinator L. Hewapanna is also present. Picture by W. Wilfred Silva, Ja-Ela Group Corr.



A special prayer was held by the Fort Jumrah Mosque Trustees for the victory and memory of Forces personnel who laid down their lives for the country. Here Commander K. J. Kularatne and senior officers with Vice Chairman Nilam Haji and M. K. M. Ramzi, M. Farook and Nail Nazim of the Special Board of Trustees.



The Chilaw Urban Council collected donations from the people in the area for IDPs at Menik Farm, Chettikulam on Fisheries Deputy Minister Neomal Perera's instructions. Here Chilaw Divisional Secretary Vasantha Fernando, Rev. Pastor Yogara, the Chief Pastor of the Bethlehem Church, Chilaw, Chilaw Urban Council Chairman Hilary Priscana Fernando with Major General A.C. Chandrasiri discuss about the goods the IDPs need.



Dr. Haris Deen from Doha, Qatar and Presidential Advisor Hafiz Nazer Ahmed laying the foundation stone for the new building of Kuliyathul Dhariul Uloom Arabic College, Eravur.



Water Supply Minister Mahinda Amaraweera presses a button to commission the Joalamulla rural electricity scheme in Angunakolapelessa recently. The project costing Rs. 5 million was completed with decentralised budget funds provided by Minister Amaraweera and Southern Provincial Council member H.W. Gunasena.



The Samadhi International Buddhist Centre at Kalaththewa, Anuradhapura was opened recently with the participation of Mahanayake of the Asgiri Chapter Ven. Udugama Sri Buddhharakkitha Thera at the invitation of Ven. Rambukwela Gnanasekha Thera. Here the Prelates and NCP Chief Minister Berty Premalal Dissanayake after the first Mal Pooja at the Budumadura. Picture by Chitrarathu Kaluarachchi - Hidagama Group



Employees of the Ceylon Electricity Board, Colombo City Office financially contributed to the Ranaviru Du Daru scholarship fund. The cheque for was handed over to Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa on behalf of Seva Vanitha Unit Chairperson Ioma Rajapaksa by CEB Chief Engineer Rohan Seneviratna at the Ministry.



Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva, Bandula Gunawardena and Rishard Bathiyuthen at the opening of a Salthosa sales centre at the Chettikulam welfare village zone 4 recently. Picture by T. Vivekara, Vavuniya special corr.



A free Ayurvedic mobile health camp was conducted by Ninthavur Rural Ayurvedic hospital for residents of Central Camp in Ampara district. Here Dr. K.L.M. Nakfer screening patients at a health camps. Picture by M.L.M. Ashar (Maligalkada group correspondent)



The 14th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Muslim Media Forum was held under the patronage of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services Minister Rishard Bathiyuthen at Hotel Ranmuthu. Here the Minister presents the special souvenir to ITN Director Board Member Hasim Omar, President N.M. Ameen, Secretary Shihar Aneez and Treasurer Meera Izadeen look on. Picture by A. Maduraveran



Western Provincial Council member and Kolonnawa SLFP Chief Organizer R. Duminda Silva who opened the completed first stage of a proposed two storey school building at the Kotuwala Gani Vidyalaya, Sedawatta on July 8, listening to a welcome song sung by a bevy of school girls on his arrival at the venue. Provincial Council member Asoka Lankatilleka and Principal J.A.P. Jayalal are also in the picture. Picture by A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Group Corr.



The annual prize giving of Carey College Colombo was held at the school hall with Prof. K.M. Nalin de Silva of the Department of Chemistry, Colombo University and Prof. Rohini M. de Silva as the chief guests recently. Here the chief guests listen to the school anthem sung by the audience. Deputy Director General of Education Nandasena Madawanaarachchi, Divisional Director of Education K.R.W. Rajapaksa and Principal E.W. Wijesinghe were also present. Picture by Sudath Nishantha



The research study area of his doctoral degree was Project Management. His first degree is a B.Sc. Eng. in Civil Engineering from the University of Peradeniya and, thereafter, he completed his postgraduate Degree in Construction Management at the



The Sri Lanka Muslim Women's Conference organised a felicitation ceremony for Jaziema Ismail and released a book about her at Ladies College Hall, Colombo 7 recently. Here Conference President Sikhamani Ameen Musthapha presenting a first copy of the book to Jaziema Ismail, Prof. Mahroof Ismail and members of the Conference look on. Picture by Razaik Farook



Southern Province Governor Kumari Balasuriya who was the chief guest at the annual prize-giving of St. Mary's Convent, Matara, being welcomed by the Convent Principal, Sister Sandamalie on arrival. Picture by D. C. de Silva, Kollawa special correspondent

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Engineer Mervyn Gunasekera was conferred a PhD in Business Administration at the 2009 Convocation of the Postgraduate Institute of Management of Sri Jayawardenapura held at the BMICH on June 16, 2009.
The research study area of his doctoral degree was Project Management. His first degree is a B.Sc. Eng. in Civil Engineering from the University of Peradeniya and, thereafter, he completed his postgraduate Degree in Construction Management at the Loughborough University in the UK. Dr. Gunasekera is a past President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, the Federation of Engineering Institutions of South & Central Asia and the Institute of Fire Engineers, Sri Lanka Branch.



Religious Ministry Coordinator

Bertram Fernando of Beruwala has been appointed a Coordinator in the Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry by the Presidential Secretariat.
He is an old boy of St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa.
He is the Secretary of the Kalutara District Catholic Society and also a member of the District Judges Association.

