

President's second term swearing-in



President Mahinda Rajapaksa arriving for the occasion

President Mahinda Rajapaksa took oaths for a second term in Office before Chief Justice Asoka de Silva opposite the Old Parliament building yesterday. Following the swearing-in the President addressed the Nation



The President greeting the crowd



Ministers Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, Maithripala Sirisena and Susil Premajayantha with foreign dignitaries



President Mahinda Rajapaksa, First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and sons Namal Rajapaksa MP, Yoshitha Rajapaksa and Rohitha Rajapaksa participating in religious observances.



Security Forces personnel



Navy march past



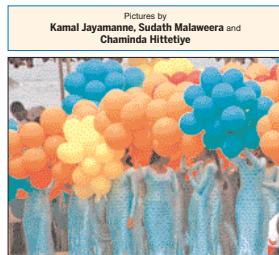
Ministers and other special guests



Kandyan dancers



A section of the gathering



Schoolgirls who formed part of the dancing troupe

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Actresses Malani Fonseka MP and Geetha Kumarasinghe



Uva Province Chief Minister Shasheendra Rajapaksa and other guests.

Carlton children wish President happy birthday



The drummers who added colour to the occasion



Students of the Carlton Preschool joined First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa in wishing President Mahinda Rajapaksa for his birthday on Thursday. Here President Mahinda Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa celebrating with students of the Carlton Preschool in Tangalle. Picture by Sudath Silva